

MERRIWA NEWS

Newsletter 19

7th December, 2023



Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday 12
December
Irene McCormack
Catholic College

Book Awards
Wednesday 13th
December
Undercover area
at 8.30am
All welcome

School Reports –
Let's Get
Connected
Wednesday 13th
December

Christmas Concert
Thursday 14th
December
Undercover area
at 8.30am
All welcome

Last Day of School
Thursday
14th December

From the Principal

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

I would like to thank you for your support for another great year at Merriwa Primary. It is wonderful to see all the happy, smiling faces enjoying the end of year activities around the school and I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas holiday.

Colour Run

Last Friday our amazing P & C organised our colour run for our students. Thank you to all families for your support and fundraising, special thank you to our parents who volunteered and to all our staff. Everyone had a great time and raised funds for our schools.

Farewell Mrs Thompson

After many years of service to public schools, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Thompson, who will be retiring at the end of this year. We wish her health and happiness and know that she will enjoy this time. On behalf of everyone, we thank her for the contribution to early childhood education and Merriwa Primary School.

Principals' Afternoon Tea

We are proud to acknowledge those students who always do the right thing! Class teachers have chosen four students from each class to attend the Principals' Afternoon Tea, which will be held on Thursday 14th December. This is a celebration of our expectations of being respectful, positive, friendly and achieving.

School Reports – Let's Get Connected

Your child's report will be available through CONNECT on Wednesday 13th December. If you have not accessed our online CONNECT page, please contact the office with your email address and we can send you an invitation.

Class Lists

Class lists will be put on notice boards in front of the undercover area from 11am on Tuesday 30th January 2024. Given that families come and go over the holidays, the lists will not be finalised until the new year.

Last Day of School

The last day of school is Thursday 14th December and students return on Wednesday 31st January.

Mrs Sue Waterhouse,
Principal



COLOUR RUN



Newsletter Raffle

Did you find Cookie in Newsletter 19

Where is Cookie hiding _____

Childs Name: _____

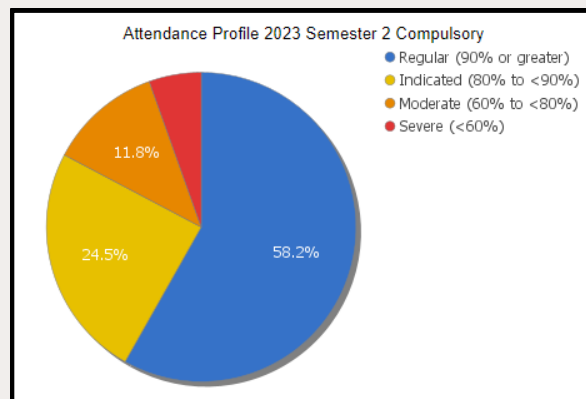
Year/Room No: _____

Congratulations to our last newsletter winner – Jasmine Room 13

Attendance 2023

Breakdown by year level as of 7th December, 2023

Breakdown	Attendance Rate %
KIN	84.4%
PPR	92.4%
Y01	86.8%
Y02	87.3%
Y03	88.1%
Y04	86.4%
Y05	87.0%
Y06	90.8%
Compulsory	88.4%



What a wonderful year at Merriwa! We have loved having your students at school every day to continue on their schooling journey. Thank you for all your support with letting us know about your students attendance. We are looking forward to an amazing 2024!

School Name and Uniform Survey

Thank you to all parents and staff who voted on whether or not to change our school name and uniform.
The results and comments will be posted on the school WEBSITE by the end of next week.

**SCHOOL
SURVEY**

Congratulations to our Student Leadership for 2024

Student Leaders

Sabrina Umurerwa
Alec Culbertson

Student Councillors

Noah Allen
Ellie Oldham
La'Keysha Ryan
Brock Valentine
Wendea Tucker
Emily Stewart
Levi Patterson ESC
Zavier Walton ESC

ESC Student Mentor

Darseet Strestha
Tama Hislop

Media Technicians

Jabir Ihsan
Harley Burns

Akita Faction Captains

Lachlan Ross
Tina Nguyen

Baltimore Faction Captains

Carter Brady
Regan Clement

Palermo Faction Captains

Rayan Adhikari
Charlotte Dowson

Calabar Faction Captains

Millie Harris
Johnathon Smith-Ince

NOT RETURNING TO MERRIWA NEXT YEAR

If your child is NOT returning to Merriwa Primary in 2024, please complete and return this form to the office as soon as possible. It is very important for planning 2024. If you have a special request for next year, please put this in writing to Mrs. Waterhouse, marked confidential. As usual we cannot guarantee placements but will always consider your request.

Child's Name: _____

Year/Room No: _____

New School: _____

HOLLIE THOMPSON PLAYGROUND

We acknowledge the contribution of Mrs Hollie and Mrs Thompson to Early Childhood. We have named our nature playground in their honour.



Sad farewell

We are sorry to let you know that Mrs Thompson, Ms Purcell, Mrs Murray and Ms Stewart–Hill will not be returning to Merriwa Primary School next year.

I am sure you will join with me in wishing them health and happiness in their adventures in 2024. They will be missed.

Mrs Sue Waterhouse

Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners



Room 1 Scovia

Room 2 Noah

Room 6 Olivia & Dennis

Room 7 Harmony & Elena

Room 9 James & Ella

Room 11 Grace & Justyce

Room 12 Kenzi & Zarlina

Room 13 Patience

Room 15 Emily & Zac

Room 16 Jamain & Ava

Room 17 La'Keysha & Tina

Room 18 Caleb

Room 22 Sebastian & Shayana

Room 24 Noah & Riley

Room 26 Logan & Jamie

Room 28 George & Charlie

Room 30 Xavier & Jethro