

# MERRIWA NEWS

Newsletter 1

5th February 2026

Breakfast Club  
is open every day  
from 8am

1st Assembly  
Governor and Mrs  
Dawson  
Friday 13th February

NAPLAN 11<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
March

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Make sure the office  
has your email  
address

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[merriwaps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:merriwaps@education.wa.edu.au)

Our website is  
[www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au](http://www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au)

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back!

We are so pleased to see all the Merriwa students back at school for the new year.

I am pleased to inform you that Mr Kristopher Fenn will continue to job share as Principal this year and Mrs Naydene Duffill will be working as Associate Principal. Mrs Long will also be reducing her hours.

Mr Fenn and I are delighted to share the Principal role and believe strongly that this structure brings significant advantages for students, staff, and families.

By combining our strengths, experience, and perspectives, we are able to provide consistent leadership while also ensuring that the demands of the role are met with energy and a shared purpose in providing the very best for our students.

Here are the arrangements:

LEADERSHIP ROLE	NAME	DAYS
Principal	Mr Fenn	Monday - Wednesday
Principal	Mrs Waterhouse	Thursday - Friday
Associate Principal	Mrs Long	Monday – Thursday
Associate Principal	Mrs Duffill	Monday – Friday

Keep an eye out for these notes!

- ICT Permission forms so your child can use ipads, laptops, computers and the internet.
- Merriwa Primary Behaviour Plan
- NAPLAN Parent Information Years 3 and 5
- Year 6 Swimming and camp notes

## Governor of WA and Mrs Dawson Visits Merriwa Primary School

We are proud to announce that His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM and his wife, Mrs Darrilyn Dawson, will be attending a special assembly Friday 13th February at 8.40am in the undercover area to present the badges to the Governor's Sparks, Student Councillors, Faction Captains and Media Technicians.



You are all invited to attend.

We look forward to seeing you all and wish you a happy term.

Mrs Sue Waterhouse and Kristopher Fenn

Principals

## GATE BROKEN



The automatic gate on Baltimore Parade is not working and is currently under repair.

There will be no access via this gate until further notice.  
Please read below regarding drop off and pick up.



### Drop Off and Pick Up

We will continue our drop off and pick up students from the back gate. The safety of every child is always our priority and the increase in their independent behaviour has been an unexpected bonus!

#### DROP OFF

Gates open at 8.00am.

Kindy and Pre Primary students are supervised in the undercover area.

Years 1-6 students and families wait in the flagpole area.

First siren is at 8.20am. Students go to class, Kindy and Pre Primary go with staff.

Second siren 8.30am and classes begin. Students arriving after this time are late.

Gates close at 8.40am.

#### PICK UP

2.30pm Kindy and Pre Primary students are brought to the oval gate by staff for handover to parents.

2.40pm Years 1-2 Students are brought by staff to the carpark gate for handover to parents.

Years 3-6 students leave via carpark gate.

### 2026 Classroom Allocations

Year	Teachers	Location
Kindergarten	Mrs Liddelow and Ms Purcell (Thurs)	Room 3
Pre-Primary	Mrs Devlin	Room 1
Pre-Primary	Mrs Morgan and Mrs Cooper (Fri)	Room 2
Year 1	Miss McAteer	Room 6
Year 1	Mrs Ellyard	Room 7
Year 2	Mrs Avins and Mrs Barr (Thur-Fri)	Room 9
Year 2	Mrs Dorney	Room 11
Year 3	Miss Winter	Room 12
Year 3	Mrs Hawkins	Room 13
Year 4	Mrs Zainudin	Room 21
Year 4	Mrs Ebert and Mr Kuipers (Thurs)	Room 22
Year 5/6	Mrs Perkins / Ms Sullivan / Mr Allan (Mon)	Room 15
Year 5/6	Mrs Maher	Room 16
Year 5/6	Mrs Pledge	Room 17
Science	Ms Purcell	Science Room
Music	Mrs Prior	Music Room
Phys Ed	Mr Allan	Phys Ed
LOTE	Mrs Zoccali	Room 19
Technologies	Mr Kuipers	Room 20



## Order school lunches with QuickCliQ

Our ordering days are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays through

[www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)

We thank Clarkson Community High School for offering this service to our school.



### Library News

A warm welcome to everyone. We are excited our first Book Club (Issue 1) for this year is underway.

You can start ordering straight away. Please note online orders close Tuesday 17 February 2026.

Payment is online as per below (the school does not take payment or cash).

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/issue-preview/>



If you are new to Book Club, please find listed here, some simple information to assist with ordering.

Order online via Scholastic Australia LOOP website or app

Log in, or create a new account at <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/issue-preview/>

If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile.

3. Click the ORDER tab and select your school and child's class

Add your child's full name

Enter the product item number shown in the catalogue

Make Credit Card Payment



The books will be delivered to your child's classroom. If you are purchasing gifts however, you can select 'GIFTS' and they will be held in the Library for your collection.

Thank you for supporting your school. Merriwa Primary School earns valuable 'Reward Points' for every purchase which we then use to acquire some fabulous new resources for our school!



### Newsletter Raffle - Where is Cookie?

I have read Newsletter 1. Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Room No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cookie is \_\_\_\_\_

## Term One Parent Planner 2026

MTH	WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Feb	1	2	3	4	5 Newsletter	6
	2	9	10	11	12	13 Assembly- GG Governor and Mrs Dawson presenting badges
	3	16	17	18	19  Newsletter	20
	4	23	24	25	26	27
Mar	5	2 Labour Day	3	4	5 Newsletter	6 Assembly Rm 22
	6	9  Yanchep Lagoon Swimming	10	11	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN
	7	16 NAPLAN	17 NAPLAN	18	19 NAPLAN Newsletter  Safety School Excursion Yr 1	20 NAPLAN Assembly Rm 9
	8	23 NAPLAN	24	25	26	27  Constable Care K-6
Mar/Apr	9	30	31  MSP Photography	1	2 Newsletter  Principals Afternoon Tea	3 GOOD FRIDAY