

MERRIWA NEWS



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Yanchep Lagoon Swimming Lessons

The Year 6 students are having a wonderful time at Yanchep Lagoon, learning how to swim at the beach. They are looking forward to going to bowling and Bounce (formerly known as Latitude) next week. A huge thank you to all families who have supported this program. You are much appreciated.

Permission to Use Apps and Programs

We have been instructed by the Department of Education to ensure every child has signed permission to access the apps and programs that we use at Merriwa. This includes our Chrome Books and Literacy Pro readers. Just log onto our website Third Party Services information for Parents, to read the terms and conditions and return the signed permission slip to your class teacher. We have forms in the front office or you can download them from the website.

Assemblies

We are pleased to invite you all back to our assemblies again this year. We have some minor works planned for the undercover area, so we may need to hold the first assembly this year for Year 4, Room 22, outside. We will let you know!

Early Close – Save the Date

We are planning an Early Close on Wednesday 5 April for interim reports. Pending approval from the Board, we will close at 11.30 a.m. and be available for appointments between 12.00 and 5.00 p.m. If you are unable to collect your child at 11.30 a.m., full supervision will be provided at school.

Canteen

The Clarkson canteen is now open for lunch orders. Online orders can be made on Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays and are delivered to Merriwa PS. Go to <https://app.quickcliq.com.au> to order. We thank Clarkson Community High School for their great service!

Vacations During School Time

We are required by the Department of Education to authorise vacations during school time. Just contact the front office to make an appointment to have this approved.

Kind Regards

Mrs Sue Waterhouse Principal



Breakfast Club
Every day from
8am



Friday 24th
February
Room 22

NAPLAN
Yrs 3 & 5
Weeks 7- 9

KINDY
ENROLMENTS
2023

If your child is
born between
1st July 2018
-
30th June 2019
registrations
are now open

VISIT
www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au

To see our
Website



School Photos

Week 9

Education Support Centre News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have responded to teacher requests to provide information that will assist staff to build a learning profile and establish the IEP for your child. I cannot stress enough the importance of working together to ensure positive outcomes for the children.

Beach Swimming

It is lovely to see that our Year 6 students are enjoying their swimming lessons at Yanchep Lagoon. Thank you to the staff who are supporting them in and out of the water.



Thank You

I also want to thank Mr Danny Tate and his son Bradley for helping out our school this week. They volunteered their time to build our gazebos in the early childhood play space to provide much needed shade for our students.

Also, a huge thank you to the P&C for contributing the funds to purchase these shade structures. We appreciate your ongoing support.

Donations

The ESC recently received donations to the school from the Good Sammies in Butler. We are regularly considered when appropriate items find their way to the store and have received donations which assist with our various programs.

Outgrown Uniforms

Has your child outgrown their school uniform? The ESC will gratefully accept these. Please leave unwanted items with the lovely ladies in the ESC Reception building near the Greyhound Drive gate.

P&C Committee members needed

Are interested in joining the combined schools P&C? Let us know and I will forward your details to the President who will let you know the details for the next meeting.

School Buses

School Bus Services currently has spaces available for ESC students to access the bus to and from school. You can apply online: www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au If you need assistance with your application call our Reception on 6206 2330.

Warm Regards

Karen Macri., Principal ESC

NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read newsletter 1 Parent signature _____

Child's Name _____

Room No. _____

News from Room 22

This year Room 22 will be collecting and counting the bread tags. Students will collect the bread tags each fortnight on Wednesday afternoon. The total will be announced at the briefing. Last year we collected 17 463 we are hoping to beat this but need your help!

At the end of the year we will take the bread tags to Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs. If you would like more information about this organisation the website address is:

ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/

Thank you for supporting this great cause.

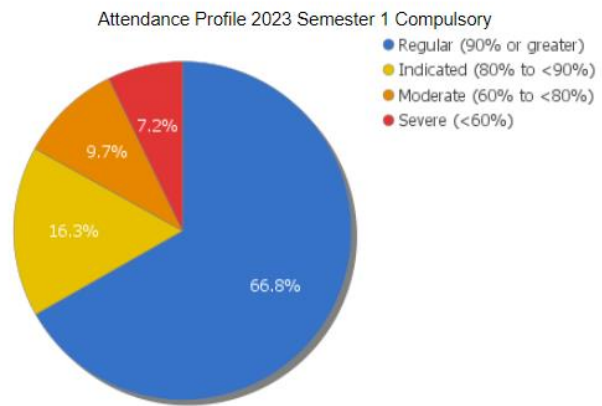
Mrs A Ebert

Attendance 2023

Week 2

Attendance breakdown by year level.

| Breakdown | Attendance Rate % |
|------------|-------------------|
| K/I/N | 93.0% |
| PPR | 89.9% |
| Y01 | 93.7% |
| Y02 | 88.9% |
| Y03 | 92.7% |
| Y04 | 87.2% |
| Y05 | 89.0% |
| Y06 | 90.5% |
| Compulsory | 90.2% |



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

A strong start to the year with the school average being over 90%.

Mr Fenn

Associate Principal

HI AWESOME PARENTS OF MERRIWA PRIMARY SCHOOL,

WE ARE OFF TO A GREAT START IN 2023 AND HAVE SOME GREAT THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS YEAR. AS A SCHOOL, THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE STUDENTS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A BIG PRIORITY, SO IN 2023 WE WILL BE LAUNCHING A RESILIENCE PROGRAM FOR OUR SENIOR STUDENTS CALLED "GRIT".

THIS PROGRAM IS INTERACTIVE, FUN AND ENGAGING AND IS AIMED TO HELP THE STUDENTS BECOME MORE RESILIENT IN THEIR DAY-TO-DAY LIVES. THROUGH FUN CHALLENGES AND DISCUSSION TIME, OUR HOPE IS THAT THE STUDENTS WHO TAKE PART, GROW IN THEIR GRIT, DETERMINATION AND RESILIENCE AND CAN APPLY IT TO THEIR SCHOOLING LIFE AND BEYOND. WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE THE POSITIVE IMPACT THIS PROGRAM WILL HAVE ON THE SCHOOL AND WE WILL BE KICKING OFF THE PROGRAM IN TERM 1 WITH OUR YEAR 5 STUDENTS.

TAKE CARE!

-ASH (SCHOOL CHAPLAIN)



Term One Parent Planner 2023

| MTH | WK | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-------------|----|---|---------|--|---|--|
| JAN/ FEB | | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | 1 | | | First day of school | Newsletter | 8 |
| FEB | | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| | 2 | Parent Class Teacher Meetings Weeks 2 - 3 | | PBS | | |
| | | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| | 3 | Year 6 Swimming Lessons Start | | Staff Meeting | Newsletter | |
| | | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | 4 | | | | Year 6 Day Camp 1 Zone Bowling | Assembly Rm 22 Year 6 Swimming Lessons Finish Year 6 Day Camp2 Bounce |
| FEB/MAR | | 27 | 28 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | 5 | | | | Newsletter Rm 9 | Briefing |
| MAR | | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| | 6 | LABOUR DAY | | Staff Meeting | Board Meeting | Assembly Rm 9 |
| | | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| | 7 | | | NAPLAN Begins Years 3 and 5 | Newsletter Rm 12 | Briefing |
| | | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | 8 | | | GRIP Leadership Training for Councillors | | Assembly Rm 12 |
| MAR/APR | | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| | 9 | School Photos | | School Photos Staff Meeting | Newsletter Interschool Summer Carnival | Briefing Harmony Day |
| | | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | 10 | Autism Awareness Week | | Early Close Interim Reports TBC | Last Day School | Good Friday |