

# MERRIWA NEWS

Newsletter 2

19th February 2026

Breakfast Club  
is open Monday  
every day from 8am

27th February  
Room 22 Assembly

Yr 6 Swimming and  
Day Camps  
6th March – 13<sup>th</sup> March

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

COMPASS  
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## GOVERNOR OF WA AND MRS DAWSON VISIT MERRIWA PRIMARY SCHOOL

His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM Governor of Western Australia and his wife, Mrs Dawson, were special guests at the Student Leadership Award Ceremony last Friday 14 February 2025.

The Governor and Mrs Dawson presented the Governor's Sparks of the Future badges to Jasmine Wilson and Haniya Akbari, all leadership badges, and a special tree in commemoration of the event.

Carter O'Connor and Kaidance Garlett, Senior Aboriginal Student's, presented Acknowledgement of Country and the whole school sang the National Anthem in Australian English and Noongar.



We are so very proud that our school is one of three in WA to be selected by Government House for this special honour and to be part of the Governor's Sparks of the Future program for the fourth year.

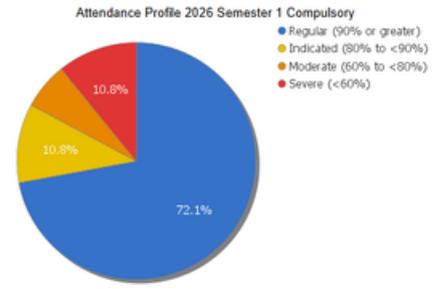
We proudly support the students in their leadership journey, along with the leadership opportunities that this program provides for our Merriwa students.



Mrs Sue Waterhouse and Kristopher Fenn  
Principal

## Attendance 2026 Week 2

Breakdown	Attendance Rate %	Regular	At Risk Indicated	At Risk Moderate	At Risk Severe	Auth. %	Unauth. %
K/N	91.4%	36	4	4	3	86%	14%
PPR	91.6%	28	4	2	4	39%	62%
Y01	89.3%	41	1	1	7	26%	74%
Y02	89.2%	31	2	3	4	42%	59%
Y03	90.7%	41	6	3	4	71%	29%
Y04	88.1%	27	5	4	4	64%	36%
Y05	85.1%	33	10	5	6	51%	49%
Y06	84.3%	26	6	2	5	66%	34%
<b>Compulsory</b>	<b>88.3%</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>48%</b>



Welcome back to school for 2026!

We are very pleased with the attendance rates so far but we know we can do even better! Hoot the Helper is collecting lots of names for the end of term prize draw so make sure that you are coming to school every day! 90% attendance is recommended by the Department of Education to ensure that you don't develop gaps in your learning.

We look forward to seeing you every day in Term 1.



## Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN

The Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN tests from Wednesday 11th March until Monday 23rd March.

Parent information should have already be sent home but if you haven't received yours or have any questions please feel free to reach out to your child's classroom teacher. Parents are welcome to look at the public demonstration tests and have go at working through these with your child. These practice tests can be found at:

<https://nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site>

In the lead up to NAPLAN students will be working through practice tests in their classes so that they will be comfortable with the test format. All tests are done on the computer except for the Year 3 writing test which will be pencil and paper.

Mr Fenn

### DENTAL CLINIC

The dental clinic is again operating on the Merriwa Primary School site. If your child has an appointment, please arrive at the gate on Greyhound Drive and put the code on the padlock that the dentist has given you. You can collect your child from the front office. If your child has an appointment, please create an attendance note on Compass.

### Icy Pole Fridays

Year 6s are selling icy poles to raise money for their graduation.

On sale every Friday for \$1



### Get up to \$500 for education costs.

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500.



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**Saver Plus gives you down-to-earth money talk - and a \$500 incentive to build your savings!**

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- Lessons and activities
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- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry St Yooralla. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

## 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.



# Where's Cookie?



## 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.

## Newsletter Raffle - Where is Cookie?

I have read Newsletter 2. 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 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN
	7	16 NAPLAN	17 NAPLAN	18 NAPLAN	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 Summer Carnival  MSP Photography	1	2 Newsletter  Principals Afternoon Tea	3 GOOD FRIDAY