

# MERRIWA NEWS



**Breakfast Club**  
Every day from  
8am

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...**

*Dear Parents and Caregivers,*



**2023 NAPLAN** will be held from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. It is an important time for our school, and it is important that every child comes to school during this week. Those children who are sick and need to take a day off, will be given the tests upon their return, so please don't worry that they will miss out. Thank you to Good360 for providing sets of Lego to students to help them have some fun between tests.

**Early Close** Please note the school will be closing early in Week 10, on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am for interim reporting. If you can please make arrangements for your child to be collected at this time. You can make your appointment booking to see your child's teacher between 12.00 and 4.50 p.m. online. The link for bookings is [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) All appointments are for 15 minutes, so if you need an extended appointment, please contact your class teacher to make a time. If you are unable to pick up your child at 11.30, supervision will be provided until the end of the day.

*Kind  
Regards  
Mrs Sue  
Waterhouse  
Principal*



**Assembly**  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup>  
March  
Room 12

**NAPLAN**  
Yrs 3 & 5  
Weeks 7- 9



**Week 10**  
Early Close  
11.30am

**Wednesday**  
5<sup>th</sup> April

**VISIT**  
[www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au](http://www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au)

**To see our  
Website**



**School Photos**  
Week 9

## *Education Support Centre News*

***Dear Parents and Carers,***

The term is quickly drawing to an end, with the Easter break looming. I have noticed some Easter craft activities have begun and am sure there will be more in the coming weeks.

**Please note that students and staff return for term 2 on Monday 24 April.**

We do not have a pupil free day at the beginning of term. Also be aware that Tuesday 25 is the ANZAC Day holiday.

It will be wise to add to your calendar the term 2 pupil free day which is Monday 22 May. All staff will be offsite for an Education Support network conference.

### *School Photos*

The annual school photo is being organised for week 9. A roster is being drafted and your classroom teacher will let you know via Dojo which day your child's photo has been scheduled. Families will receive information soon on how to order school photos.

### *Early Close*

We have been given approval from the School Board and Regional Office to close the school early on Wednesday 5 April for the purpose of meeting with our parents and carers to discuss student progress. Please make an appointment to meet with your classroom teacher and look out for information on Dojo. Students will need to be collected at 11.30, the school bus will not be available for after school pick up on this day. Please get in touch with the office if you have any concerns with an 11.30 pick up so that we can make alternative arrangements.

### *Welcome*

Three new students have joined the Merriwa ESC community in the past few weeks. We welcome our new families and trust that they feel welcome.

### *Illness*

Thank you to all families who have been patient while we have managed staff absences and finding relief staff to cover for a wave of illness over the past few weeks. Many students have also been off sick, and we appreciate your support in keeping sick children home to recover.

Be well, and take care of each other.

### *Warm Regards*

*Karen Macri., Principal ESC*

### **NEWSLETTER RAFFLE**

I have read newsletter 4 Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

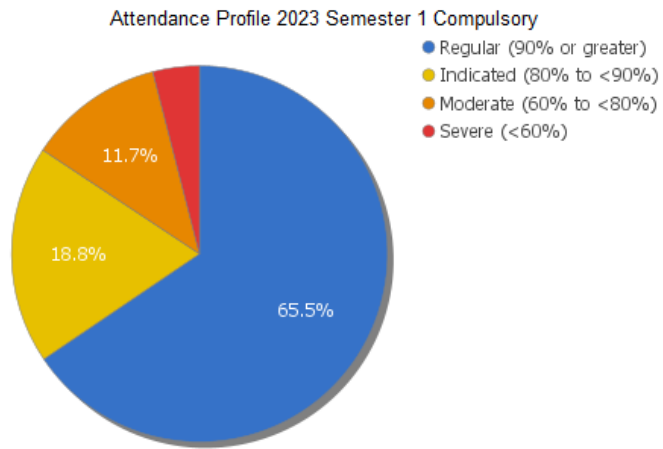
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## Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

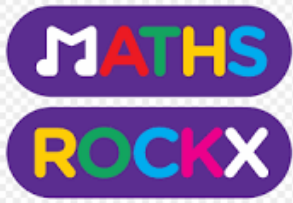
### Attendance 2023

#### Attendance breakdown by year level.

Breakdown	Attendance Rate %
KIN	93.0%
PPR	91.0%
Y01	90.3%
Y02	89.1%
Y03	90.8%
Y04	88.0%
Y05	88.5%
Y06	89.6%
<b>Compulsory</b>	<b>89.6%</b>



*Mr Fenn*  
*Associate Principal*

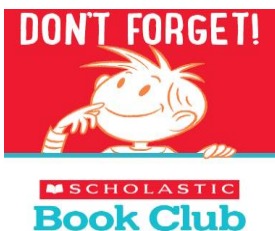


Maths RockX is on every Tuesday morning in the computer room from 8 o'clock. If there are any students wanting to learn their times tables in a fun and positive way, feel free to stop by and see Mrs Sherlock. All age groups are welcome.

#### MERIT CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Room 1	Grayson	Room 16	Samuel and Anameja
Room 2	John and Alina	Room 17	La'Keysha and Noah
Room 6	Mae and Dennis	Room 18	Chloe and Lucy
Room 7	Violet and Briella	Room 21	Jared and Jaleah
Room 9	Kyran and Paris	Room 22	Mogol and Mia
Room 11	Zion and Parker	Room 26	Talia and Dwayne
Room 12	Eli and Haniya	Room 27	Michael
Room 13	Jalen and Olivia	Room 28	Charlie
Room 15	Aydan and Emily	Room 29	Aliyah
Room 30	Caleb and Reece		

#### LIBRARY NEWS



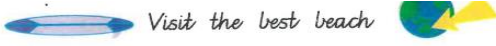
**Issue 2**

**Orders Close: Mon 20 March**

## News from Room 12

We have been busy getting used to attempting NAPLAN practice test. Students have been using headphones, keyboard for typing out answers and using the ikons on the help bar to navigate through the questions. This week, Wednesday students will attempt their writing assessment. This test requires students to attempt writing out either a persuasive text or a narrative. They do not use a computer for this.

Here is an example of a persuasive text that we have revised as a class.



### Visit the best beach

*I think my beach is the best beach in the world. I would like to invite tourists from all over the world to visit my beach. You are guaranteed to have a great time.*

*There are lots of reasons why you will have the best time at my beach. To start with, my beach is only five minutes away from an international airport so you won't have to wait long to get there.*

*Next, you can relax in magnificent luxury or save money happily because there's a huge variety of accommodation available, from five-star hotels to budget backpackers.*

*Finally, the beach itself is wonderful with sparkling waves and pristine, white, sand, fringed by shady palm trees. You can watch whales and dolphins play, surf, swim, sunbake, sail, paddle canoes, windsurf, jetski, snorkel, dive, play volleyball or just laze around.*

*My beach has a huge variety of things to do and places to stay. It's beautiful and easy to reach. See you there soon!!*

**★ Persuasion TIPS:**

State your position (point of view).

Include your best arguments and evidence.

Sum up and restate your position.

New paragraph for each point.

**Word focus:**

- emotive words
- words that link arguments

**Tense:**

- simple present

**Style:**

- Persuasive
- Logical



### A note from the School Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Sally Steffanoni and I am the School Health Nurse who visits your school.

School Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Additionally, the nurse can be contacted at any time throughout primary school if you have concerns about your child's health, development or wellbeing.

School Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. They also work in partnership with schools to support teachers in health related curriculum and can assist in the development of health care plans for students with complex and chronic health needs.

The services provided are free and confidential.

Please contact me on [Sally.Steffanoni@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:Sally.Steffanoni@health.wa.gov.au)

I work Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

### Merriwa Primary School

#### Before School Reading Club

Monday-Friday 8:00 – 8.15am  
Jarrah Block Alcove

Come along and our staff can listen to you read and sign your classroom reading journal.

You will also get a ticket for a chance to win a book in the fortnightly Book Draw!



#### ICY POLES



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

On sale every Friday at lunchtime for \$1