

# MERRIWA NEWS

## Term 2 Dates

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Pupil Free Day – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

Public Holiday – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Welcome to a New Term!



**Breakfast Club**  
Every day from 8am



**ANZAC Day Service**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April



**Assembly Room 15**  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May



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

To see our Website

**Swimming Lessons**  
PP – Yr 5  
Term 2, Week 5



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

### Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2 at Merriwa. We hope you have enjoyed your break and we look forward to another busy and productive term.

### Harmony Day

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, our school celebrated Harmony Day. We started with an opening ceremony led by Year 6 students, Zac, Aydan and Rose. Thank you for your support.

At the end of the day, the whole school gathered on the oval for an aerial photograph standing in the shape of a peace sign!



### Basketball Court Upgrade

We are proud to show you our new basketball court.

### Speech Therapist

We are happy to inform you that we have employed a speech therapist. Jessica Clarke will be working at Merriwa Primary School every Thursday and will focus on our Early Childhood classes. More details to follow.

### Associate Principals on Long Service Leave

Mrs Long is on leave for 4 weeks and Mr Fenn will be away in Weeks 6 and 7. We thank Mrs Avins and Mrs Duffill for stepping into their roles while they are away.

### IGA Donation

Thank you to IGA Merriwa who donated \$500 to our school. This will be put towards food for our Breakfast Club.

### ANZAC Day Ceremony

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am we will be holding our ANZAC Assembly. We look forward to seeing you there, as we acknowledge our service men and women and thank them for their service for our country.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal



## Education Support Centre News

Welcome back for Term 2. We had an interesting start this week which clearly confused some families, but it was lovely to see so many students in attendance from Wednesday. The weather also provided a challenge after sunny days at the end of the holidays. We hope all our families had a wonderful break.

Please ensure your child has their name on their uniform, particularly their jumper/windcheater so that we can easily find the owner when items are taken off and left on the playground.

Graduation

### Kindy Building

The newly installed Kindy classroom will be ready in coming weeks and the students will be able to relocate once we have the Interactive Whiteboard and some blinds installed. Furniture arrived this week so the staff are looking forward to setting up their classroom. Parents/Carers will be notified of plans to move to Room 33 in coming weeks.



### Leadership Camp

Our four Year 6 leaders were invited to attend an interschool, overnight camp to Keith Maine Centre in Whiteman Park. They joined student leaders from other Education Support Centres for some leadership activities and social interaction. Thank you to Miss Ella and Miss Georgie who attended the camp to assist with supervision and mentoring.

### Swimming

Plans are underway for the interm swimming program. ESC students from Pre-Primary to Year 5 will attend 9 lessons from Tuesday 23 May to Friday 2 June. Please check your child's bag for notes which are coming home in the next few days. Be sure to send in permission slips and the \$60 fee (for the bus) to classroom teachers asap so that we can ensure adequate student supervision at the pool and back at school.

\*\* Please add **Monday 22 May** to your calendar. Students will not attend on this day as all ESC staff will be at an Education Support conference in the city.

We are looking forward to working with you to ensure the students achieve their individual goals this Semester. Please do not hesitate to contact teachers via Dojo with any concerns or updates.

Kind Regards,  
Karen Macri, Principal MESC

### NEWSLETTER RAFFLE - Did you find Cookie in Newsletter 6?

Where is Cookie hiding? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

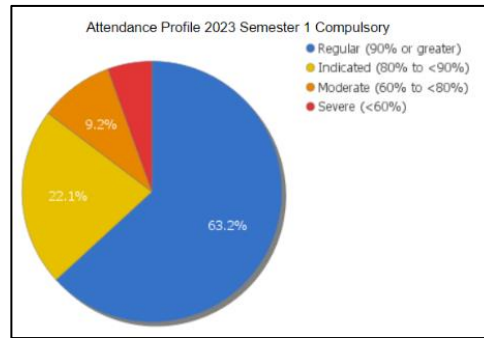
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## Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

### Attendance 2023

#### Attendance breakdown by year level as of 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Breakdown	Attendance Rate %
KIN	91.3%
PPR	90.2%
Y01	88.8%
Y02	85.6%
Y03	90.1%
Y04	87.6%
Y05	88.0%
Y06	88.4%
<b>Compulsory</b>	<b>88.3%</b>



Welcome back for another amazing term at our wonderful school. We are looking to make a positive start with attendance this term. Please endeavour to get your child/children to school every day. Please let us know if you need any support, we are happy to help.

Remember everyday matters.

*Mr Kristopher Fenn*

### Save the Date...

Our school choir is participating in the One Big Voice Festival, held at the RAC Arena on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023. This will commence at Noon with Young talent followed by the One Big Voice Choir at 12.30pm. Parents, Carers, Grandparents, and friends are invited to attend this festival.

Please save the date in your calendar, you will want to attend this wonderful event. We will let you know when tickets will go on sale.

Thank you for your support, Mrs Prior.



### Talk For Writing Hook

Mr Fenn visited our Year 1 and 2 classes this week to tell them about a strange adventure involving his dog, Harley. Harley was at the park with Mr Fenn when he disappeared for a whole hour. When he returned, he was wearing a new animal print bandana and was carrying a backpack full of birthday party items. Our students helped Mr Fenn with ideas about where Harley may have gone while he was missing.

Mr Fenn's visit was organised as part of a Talk for Writing Hook to engage our students before their new writing unit, using the model text "Max's Jungle Adventures".



### Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to the parents who have already paid their Voluntary Contributions. Voluntary Contributions can be paid online, or cash payment can be made in the school office.

K – Yr. 6	\$40
1 Child	\$40
2 Children	\$80
3 or more children	\$120

Merriwa Primary School  
BSB Number 016 246  
Account Number 340918248

## Interschool Basketball & Tee Ball



Last term our Basketballers went to HBF stadium, and both the boys and girls played extremely competitive games, winning half of the games. Sportsmanship shown was fantastic and these students represented our school proudly.

Tee Ball was held at Alkimos Beach PS. Weather was quite windy with a bit of rain about, but the students showed great resilience. The girls improved in every game and learnt a lot about the strategies needed to work well as a team. The boys won nearly all of their games and just missed out on making the Grand Final. They loved the opportunity and a few of them are hoping to join a club next summer and play outside of school.

Thanks to all the teachers and parents that came to spectate on the day.

Mr Allan, PE Specialist.

### 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!



### Maths RockX

All students are welcome to learn their times tables every Tuesday morning from 8am in the computer room.



### ICY POLES



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

On sale every Friday at lunchtime for \$1