

MERRIWA NEWS

Newsletter 8

29th May 2025

**FRIDAY 30TH MAY
PUPIL FREE DAY**

**MONDAY 2ND JUNE
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**YEAR 6 WINTER
SPORTS CARNIVAL
FRIDAY 20TH JUNE**

**MONDAY JUNE 30TH
LAST DANCE CLASS,
PARENTS WELCOME**

**COMPASS
MAKE SURE THE OFFICE
HAS YOUR EMAIL
ADDRESS**

**OUR WEBSITE IS:
WWW.MERRIWAPS.WA.EDU.AU**

**OUR EMAIL IS:
MERRIWA.PS@EDUCATION.WA.EDU.AU**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

COMPASS

We are live on COMPASS. Compass is our exciting new way to communicate with families. Through the compass app we are sharing updates about what we are doing in our classrooms and our school. We will also use this to communicate student attendance, and you can also use the app to share with us when your child is away from school. You will also get notifications about all the positive behaviours which, this will include merit certificates.

Things to do to get you started.

Go to the app store or google play store and download the compass app.

We have emailed you your log in details.

Once you log in you should be able to reset your password.

Further help and support with the different tasks can be found on our school website. There are some step by step guides on how to log attendance and utilise the app. Additionally the contact teacher function on the app sends communications to an unmonitored email so the best way to get in contact with your child's teacher is through the merriwa.ps@education.wa.edu.au email or through the schools phone number on 6206 2340.

The WA Student Assistance Payment (WASAP) is open!

It closes on 4 July 2025.

Payments for each child include:

·\$150 for kindergarten and primary school students

·\$250 for secondary school students

Download the Service WA app to apply. Your child's student number has been sent home with them.

School Board Meeting

Wednesday 28 May

We look forward to meeting.

Current issues include the proposed crossing at Connolly Drive and a refresh of uniforms.

Mrs Waterhouse on Long Service Leave

I will be taking 2 weeks leave from 9-20 June. Thank you to Mr Fenn who will be stepping into the Principal role, and Mrs Avins who will be Associate Principal. Room 9 will be taught by Ms McAteer during that time.

See you all in week 9!

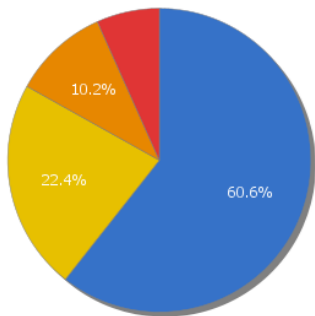
**MRS SUE WATERHOUSE
PRINCIPAL**

Attendance 2025 Week 4



Attendance Profile 2025 Semester 1 Compulsory

- Regular (90% or greater)
- Indicated (80% to <90%)
- Moderate (60% to <80%)
- Severe (<60%)



Breakdown	Attendance Rate %	Regular	At Risk Indicated	At Risk Moderate	At Risk Severe	Auth. %	Unauth. %
KIN	90.0%	19	9	4	1	57%	43%
PPR	87.4%	35	11	6	6	43%	57%
Y01	90.0%	32	3	6	2	43%	57%
Y02	92.3%	35	11	3		68%	32%
Y03	87.9%	28	10	7	5	60%	40%
Y04	87.2%	24	15	4	4	52%	48%
Y05	82.8%	17	15	7	5	45%	55%
Y06	92.2%	37	12	2	1	65%	35%
Compulsory	88.6%	208	77	35	23	52%	48%

Dear Parents and Families,

We are getting closer towards the end of semester 1. Our attendance rate as a school has fallen below 90%. Remember everyday matters! Well done to Kindy, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 6 who are above 90% attendance for the year. Remember to install the compass app to ensure you are getting all the new communications that go out.



We would like to say a massive **THANKYOU** to the Kershaw family who has very kindly donated a large amount of snacks and extra goodies for our classrooms.

We sometimes have children who come to school without food, and we always provide them with lunch and snacks.

We are also very fortunate also to have St James Anglican School who donate sandwiches each term for our students which we are very grateful for.

It takes a village!

THANK YOU!

Lunchtime Clubs

Lunchtime Clubs will be in the library every day from 10.55am until 11.20am

Monday - Puzzles

Tuesday - LEGO

Wednesday - Colouring and Drawing

Thursday - LEGO

Friday - Chess and Uno

We look forward to seeing you there!



Government House Visit

Just recently our Governor Sparks, Christina and Antoni, again visited Government House for a very special reason. After some special interview training from members of the Government House team, they had the great honour of interviewing Dr Andrew Davies who was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in 2023.

Dr Davies is the founder, medical director and CEO of Homeless Healthcare and started the service in 2008 by running two clinics a week out of the back of his car. From humble beginnings, Homeless Healthcare has grown into a multi-disciplinary organisation that provides homeless-specific healthcare across hospital and community settings, and employs over 65 clinical and non-clinical staff.



Kindergarten Enrolments 2026



If your child is born between:
1st July 2021 - 30th June 2022.

Registrations are now open for the 2026 school year.

Please check our website for more information.

www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au



Can you find Cookie at Rottnest?



Merit Certificate Winners



Congratulations to our most recent Merit

Certificate winners

Rm 1 - Rory, Charlie	Rm 13 - Blessing, Kalaya
Rm 2 - Ripley, Brayson	Rm 15 - Sunny, Rhys
Rm 6 - Isla, Keanu	Rm 16 - Katelin, Leya-Jae
Rm 7 -	Rm 17 -
Rm 9- Ava, Cailee	Rm 21 - Evie, Zion
Rm 11- Skyler, Lola, Lylah	Rm 22 - Leslie
Rm 12 - Baasim, Lya	Rm 35- Samuel, Knox



Dates to Remember

Every Monday Dancing

Friday 30th May Pupil Free Day

Thursday 29th May is Mismatch Day.

Monday 2nd June WA Day - Public Holiday

Thursday 12th June Yr 6 Fundraiser -
Cake Stall.

Monday 30th June is the last dance lesson.
parents are invited to come and watch

Newsletter Raffle - Where is Cookie?

I have read newsletter 8. Parent Signature: _____

Child's name: _____ Room No: _____

Cookie is _____

Last week's winner was Lacy

Pre Primary Football Clinic



Year 1 celebrating 100 Pages of Maths with a dance party.

