

MERRIWA NEWS



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK... Dear Parents and Caregivers

I am so glad to see all our students back at school and we also welcome our new families.

We still have restrictions on assemblies and bringing large groups of staff and students together. We do, however continue to recognise student effort and present merit certificates on a fortnightly basis to your child's classroom. Congratulations to Cathy Tribunali Room 22 and Elias Falkenberg Room 11, winners of the reading raffle.

Thank you

A big thank you to our dedicated band of cleaners for keeping us all safe, cleaning surfaces, computers, ipad's, railings and playgrounds all day long.

Students who are unwell

Just a reminder to please keep your children home if they are unwell and are showing signs of cold or flu-like symptoms. If your child becomes unwell during the day, we will call you to come and collect them.

School Uniform

It has been fantastic to see so many of our students consistently wearing their school uniform. As we move into winter, we have noticed that some students are not wearing the school uniform and would like to remind everyone about wearing our school colours.

School Banking

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people remains our highest priority. Therefore the School Banking program will remain on hold. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates.

Reports

A modified report is being written for your child this semester. It will not contain any grades but will tell you about your child's effort and behaviour. Reports will be sent home on Wednesday 1st July, 2020.

Kind Regards

Mrs Sue Waterhouse Principal Breakfast Club Every day 8.00am



Clarkson Online Canteen Open Again Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

> STUDENT HOLIDAYS

Staff
Development
Day
Friday 29 May

WA Day Monday 1st June

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to see our website

Merriwa ESC

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing co-operation with the drop off and pick arrangements and with supporting the staff to manage the gates each morning and afternoon. Your assistance has been very much appreciated particularly this week with the unfavourable weather conditions.

Beginning next week, we will adjust the morning drop off so that all children are at school by 8.40am

Thank you also for supporting us by keeping sick children at home to help minimise the spread of common cold and flu. Sick children will be sent home to minimise infection and to protect all students and staff.

As indicated in previous messages, **Friday 29th May is a pupil free day**. As there is a public holiday on Monday for WA Day families will enjoy an extra long weekend.

Karen Macri Principal ESC



NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read Newsletter 6

Parent signature_____

Child's Name _____ ROOM _____

Congratulations to last week's winner Elsie McDonald

ITALIAN FUN

In Italian, students have been learning new vocabulary through songs, dance and games. These activities enable students the opportunity to practise their listening and speaking skills. We have played tombola (bingo) to help with our word recognition and have used songs and related movements to reinforce the language. Mrs Zoccali





LIBRARY NEWS

Our library is open and operational with all books wiped down and cleaned after each session, ready to be quarantined.



Library Open

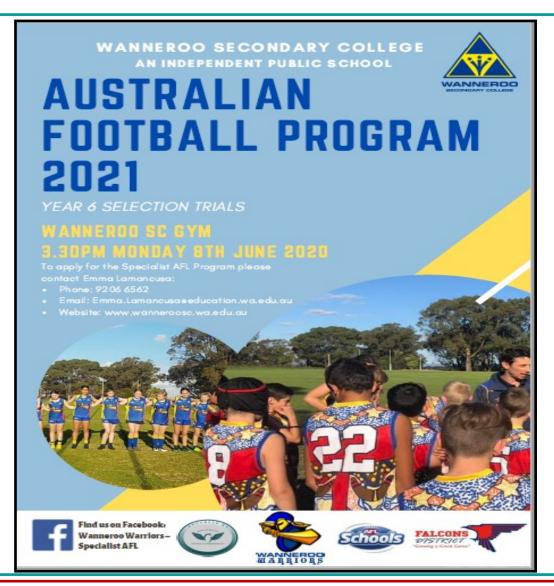
Our school library is open additional times for Lexile book borrowing:

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
8.00am-	8.00am-	8.00am-	8.00am-
8.20am	8.20am	8.20am	8.20am
2.40pm-	2.40pm-	2.40pm-	2.40pm-
4.00pm	4.00pm	4.00pm	4.00pm

DROP OFF LUNCHES & OTHER ITEMS

Due to all gates being locked, a staff member will be at the back gate everyday at 12.30pm to collect lunches and other items that need to be dropped off at school.





What is Connect?

By now you have probably heard others in our school community talking about the introduction of the online environment called Connect.

Connect is a secure online environment developed by the Department of Education for staff, students and parents in public schools. It will give our teachers a tool to deliver content to the students via an online classroom. This means your children will

be able to share with you what they are learning about. For you, Connect provides easy access to information relevant to your child's classes and their learning.

Schools can use Connect to keep you updated with important information. Things like up-coming events, excursions, classroom activities, photos and stories can be sent to you via a push notification on your phone. Connect is not to be used for contacting teachers.

The Connect Now app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

You will have received your login details via the email address we have on file for you. If you have recently changed your email address, please let us know by emailing merriwaps@education.wa.edu.au so we can update our details.

How do you find out more?

• Check out the short video clip on Connect at https://vimeo.com/connectwa/welcome