

MERRIWA NEWS



Every day from
8am



Room 6
7th June

WA Day

Monday 3rd June

P & C Meeting

All Welcome
11th June
1.30pm

MUSIC NEWS

Choir before school
every Tuesday at
8.05am

School Banking
Wednesday
morning between
8am-8.30am
in the Library
with Danise



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

MERRIWA SHINES ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

Our science program, *Old Ways New Ways*, which is presented by Caroline Bishop, our Board Chair, and Jason Barrow from the Kurungkurl Katijin Centre at Edith Cowan University, will take the international stage next week. Our program, which teaches the students about traditional Aboriginal science, and modern forensic science, will be presented at the Primary Science Education Conference in Edinburgh Scotland, next week. We are very excited to know that Merriwa Primary will be presented to science teachers from all over the world as an example of excellent practice.

STUDENT ABSENCE

At Merriwa we want all children to do their very best. To get the best education, they need to go to school every day unless there is a significant reason. A reason that prevents your child from getting to school could include:

- when your child is sick or unwell
- to attend cultural or religious observances such as sorry time and funerals
- an unavoidable medical appointment

It is not OK to miss school if your child:

- is celebrating a birthday
- is going on a family holiday, unless this has been approved by the principal
- has slept in
- has appointments such as haircuts or other minor check ups.

Please ring, text or let us know in writing why your child has been away. The Department of Education requires us to check up on all attendances, particularly those that are under 90%. Make every day count!

NAPLAN

I am proud of our Merriwa students. The national NAPLAN online system had many technical problems this year, and the intermittent nature of them meant that it was difficult to predict who would be affected and for how long. Our students coped so well with the interruptions, and did their very best to show us what they could do in all the tests.

I greatly appreciate the work of Mr Hoskins and Mr Bownes, our computer teacher, who worked tirelessly to make sure that the disruptions for the students were minimised. The resilience of our Merriwa students is something to celebrate.

PRINCIPAL ON LEAVE

I will be taking leave from Friday 12th June and will be back in Week 3 of next term.

I am very grateful to Mrs Karen Macri who has agreed to fulfil the Principal role while I am away. We know that you will all be in safe hands! Mrs Christina Maunick—Sallie will be Principal of the ESC during this time. I wish you all well for the remainder of the term, and look forward to seeing you all again in term three.

Kind regards
Mrs Sue Waterhouse
Principal

Merriwa ESC News

AQWA

The students, and staff, had an amazing outing to AQWA last week. They returned to school with exciting stories to share and looked like they needed a good night's sleep. Well done to all the students for their success and to the staff for ensuring their involvement and their safety throughout the day.

I hope you enjoy the photos.

Principal role

Mrs Sue Waterhouse will be taking some long service leave from June 12 and I have agreed to step into her role while she is away. Mrs Christina Maunick-Sallie will be the Principal of the ESC for the 6 weeks which will provide an opportunity for Mrs Rachael Livingstone and Mrs Peta Drew to explore a leadership role for a few weeks each.

Minimal disruption to classes has been carefully considered.

Karen Macri
Principal, ESC



Merriwa Primary School Total Words Read		2517200	
Champion Class Award Most Words Read	574376 Words Read Year 4/5 Room 22	Rising Stars Award Biggest Increase In Words Read	Room 17 Year 5
Highest Scoring Student	1129578 Words Read Abbie Reynolds Year 6	1000 + Lexile club	Hayden Jackson Room 15 Rocco Sabbioni Room 16 David Ekpe Room 22

MUSICAL CULTURAL INCURSION

The students were thoroughly entertained by the talented duo from Little Miss Squeeze Box. They explored music from different cultures including Italian music and dancing. The students were wowed by Antonietta's classical opera voice and Nikki's performance using the piano accordion.



HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

MESC CUPCAKE STALL

**Yummy cupcakes, biscuits,
muffins and slices for SALE**

50c — \$2.00

Where: Canteen

When: Thursday 13th of June

Time: Lunchtime

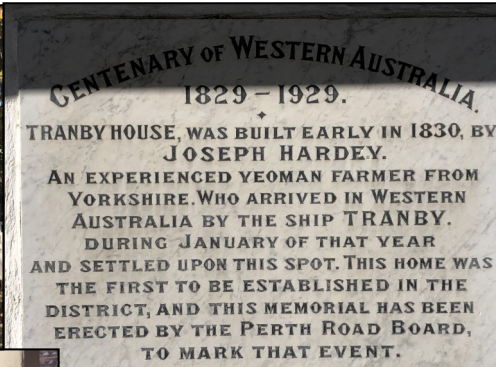
All funds go to the Sensory Program!



Peninsular Farm and East Perth Cemetery Excursion

Yesterday Room's 16 and 17 visited Peninsular Farm. We learned how the early settlers lived without electricity or shops. We had to weigh out the rations that all indentured servants, including children, had to be given daily. We all agreed that we would be hungry most of the time.

We then visited East Perth Cemetery, which was the first cemetery in Perth. We noticed lots of surnames on the graves which streets and roads are named after. We also learned how to read the number system in graveyards. It was interesting. We noticed how many young people died in the old days.



NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read newsletter 7. Parent signature _____

Child's Name _____

Room No. _____

Congratulations to last week's winners — Carla Wicks