

I AM RESPECTFUL

## MERRIWA SCHOOLS' CAMPUS **67 BALTIMORE PARADE MERRIWA WA 6030**

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**NEWSLETTER No 8** 

I AM POSITIVE

**DATE: 26TH MAY 2017** 

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Assembly Room 19 2nd June



Breakfast Club Now Open Every Day From 8.00 a.m

> Volunteers are needed on Wednesdays.

PACPIZZA LUNCH

16th June week 8

Year 6 CAMP 6th-8th June Payments are Due Now!

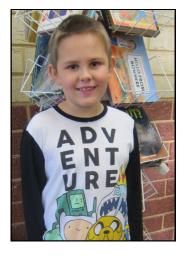
School Banking **Every** Wednesday 8.00 a.m. in the Library

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From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,







This week we had fun joining with the rest of Australia and reading the same book at the same time. Together we all read The Cow Tripped over the Moon by Tony Wilson and Laura Wood, and enjoyed listening to stories and reading while wearing our pyjamas to school. Keep an eye out for the Community Newspapers for an article about our school.

We continue to focus on quality teaching at Merriwa. One area that we excel in is spelling, through the use of Direct Instruction Spelling Mastery. We have been recognised for our success and this Friday we will be hosting a visitor from Singapore who is coming to observe our programs. We are very proud of our commitment to explicit teaching here.

Many of our families and staff are affected by cancer and we thank you for supporting the Biggest Morning Tea next Wednesday. Could you please send donated cakes and cookies to your child's teacher, and we will sell them at recess. All items will be 50c. We will also hold a morning tea for staff so that we can contribute too. Thank you.

Kind regards

Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal

#### Merriwa ESC News....

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our assembly last week and to chat with you at the morning tea that followed. I am thrilled with your children and their ability to stand up in front of the school to perform and speak so confidently. I look forward to seeing the progress of the younger children over time and to give them the opportunity to present at our assemblies in the coming years.

The children will have another opportunity to perform for other education support schools on June 14 at Butler College. We intend to perform the same items. Details of this event will be provided soon.

Our Year 6 students are preparing for the day activities 'camp' in the coming weeks. It will be wonderful for them to have the opportunity to interact socially with their peers and challenge themselves a little.

#### Coming up:

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June- Pupil Free Day for ESC students
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June Yr 6 'Day Camp' activities
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June- ESC Performance Arts showcase at Butler College
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June NAIDOC Day activities

<u>Please note that Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June is a pupil free day for ESC students. They will not be attending school.</u> All MESC staff will be attending an Education Support Network Conference in the city on this day. This coincides with a long weekend as Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June is WA Day. The Primary School does not have a pupil free day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June but will have two days at the beginning of term 3 when we will only have one.

The ESC is pleased to welcome visitors to our school from various universities and NM tafe to complete their practise in our classrooms this term.

It is very important that the school is contacted if your child is away. A phone call or a note in the communication book allows us to comply with the Department requirements. It is essential to provide proof of absence if your child is not at school for more than two days.

Karen Macri Principal



# R00M 7

The students from room 7 have been learning about how to take care of yourself and others when you are sick with a cold. We read the online story Suki's Cold and drew self portraits to help remind us what to do when we cough or sneeze - Catch it! Bin it! Wash it!

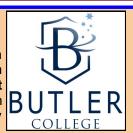
Miss Purcell Classroom Teacher



#### **BUTLER COLLEGE—YEAR 6 TRANSITION**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

To minimise disruption to both current and future students, Butler College have decided again this year to run our transition program from the hours of 3.30pm-4.30pm for year 6 students, on Monday 31st July 2017. To complete the students' transition we will also be holding a **parent evening** for incoming year 7 students on Wednesday 28th June 2017 from 6pm-7pm. This is an opportunity for parents to ask any questions they may have about Butler College. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call Mark Humphries on 9561 4200



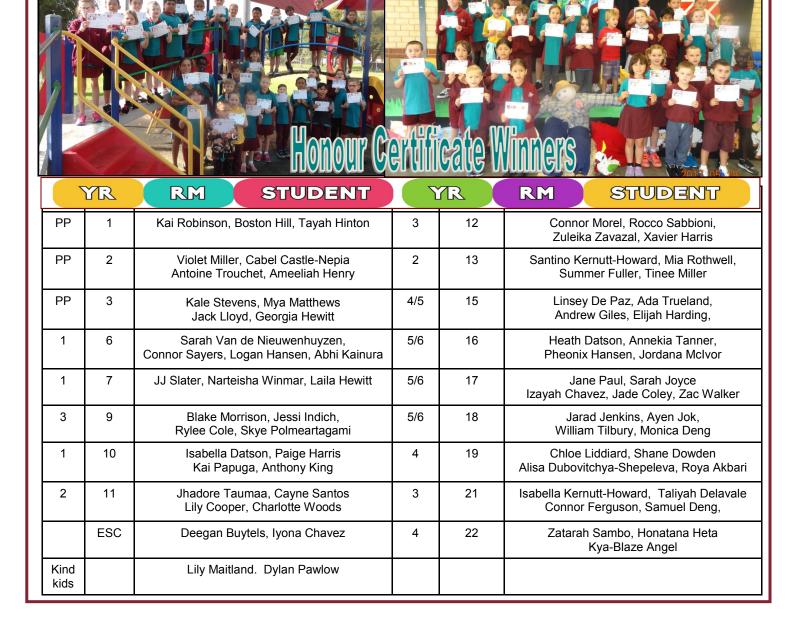
## Kindergarten Attendance

Attending Kindergarten each day develops the habit of regular attendance and establishes an attendance career for young children to take into compulsory schooling. Your child's teachers play an important role in encouraging attendance, through providing a caring and safe learning environment. We welcome young children and their families into our school community and hope you are bringing along younger brothers and sisters to our playgroup on Friday mornings. We also have access to the Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) for families who are keen to participate in this program, which help with managing your child's behaviour at home.

# **Primary Attendance**

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance please speak to your child's teacher. Mrs Carroll and Mr Hoskins are also available to discuss with parents or carers of all school aged children with any attendance concerns. If you have received absence letters please complete and sign then return to class teacher or front office as soon as possible.

Jeff Hoskins



#### KURLANGAS ABORIGINAL PLAYGROUP

This half of the term our theme is "Animals". Some of our activities will include cotton wool sheep, feather ducks, animal stamping and dog marble painting. There will also be playdough, water play, woodwork, cooking, stories and songs.

Playgroup is FREE, and held every Tuesday at Merriwa Primary School during term times between 10.00-12.00pm, for Aboriginal children up to 5yrs of age and their carers.

A morning tea of fresh fruit is provided for the children, and tea, coffee and biscuits for the adults. You do not need to have a child attending this school to attend

Hope to see you there!

Aboriginal Early Years Team





# Music News

The choir students are all working hard towards their performance at the Perth Arena on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August. They will be ready to entertain you. The flute and guitar students have been working hard in the music room and with their SIMS teacher. These students come in before school on Tuesdays, Thursdays and are making great progress.

Mrs Prior

Music teacher

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On Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th May our Kindergarten held their annual Mother's Day pampering afternoons for each Kindergarten group. Our wonderful mums (plus a few lovely Nannas and sisters) were treated to singing, nail painting, shoulder and hand massages, stories, special photo opportunities and necklace making while enjoying some light refreshments which included our student made cookies. We look forward to seeing you again at events that are planned for later in the year.

Mrs Avins

