

From the Principal....Merriwa ESC...

Welcome Back, I trust your break was most enjoyable and that you managed to spend some quality time together. It's incredible to realise that it is October already and the year is almost over! The term will be very busy and full of wonderful activities and events. Please take some time to enjoy the many special moments planned.

Over the break some gorgeous ground markings were installed in the ESC outdoor learning space and near the junior playground. The students are already enjoying the novelty of new items. Some fundraising will begin soon in order to also supply the K-PP playground with some interactive floor markings.

Our Hydrotherapy program will recommence in week 3. We plan to introduce the students to yoga and teach calming techniques over several weeks. These activities have been funded through a grant allocation and allow students to participate at minimal cost to families.

Book Week and Character Dress-up—This year the theme is on Superheroes and Comic Book characters. Start thinking about a costume to have ready for Friday 30th October.

Thank you to all of the visitors who walked through the ESC on the Learning Journey evening. It was lovely to have the opportunity to showcase our Centre and share our learning programs with the community. Thank you too, Mrs Maunick-Sallie for organising the prizes and stalls to engage our community at this event.

Mrs Gill Gore has taken long service leave and has been replaced by Mrs Amy McInerney for the remainder of this term. We welcome Amy to the team.

Sadly, there were some unwanted visitors to our school over the weekend and our large trampoline has been destroyed. At this stage, we do not intend to replace the equipment. It is such a shame that vandals do not consider the impact of their actions on our children.

Please remember to let the office know if your child will be absent from school. It is a legal requirement to attend school regularly and to notify the school of any valid absences.

Mrs Karen Macri,

Principal ESC



Kurlangas Aboriginal Playgroup

We have a fun filled term 4 planned for playgroup! The first half of the term we will be looking at our natural environment, with activities including nature collages, sand and water play and leaf rubbing.

The second half of the term we will be getting ready for Christmas, making salt dough ornaments, glitter stars, paper chains, card stamping and Christmas decorations.

Playgroup is FREE, and held every Tuesday at Merriwa Primary School during term times between 10.00am-1.00pm for Aboriginal children up to 5 years of age and their carers. Between 12pm and 1pm, there will be an adult art table set up, where the adults can do painting and craft work.

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

Room 10

The students in Room 10 have been reading 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. Mr and Mrs Twit were not very nice people and mistreated their pets. As part of our Technology and Enterprise unit, we created new enclosures for the monkeys that Mr and Mrs Twit kept. We included interesting and exciting objects to entertain them such as swings, comfortable beds and toys. Some of our models even had waterfalls.



The Learning Journey was a great success and we thank you all for coming. The first prize winner of the Merriwa Passport was Holden Lampert.



Athletics Carnival



VacSwim Holiday Programs

Please find VacSwim enrolments for December/January swimming program with this newsletter.

Term Planner

Please find the Term 4 Planner with this newsletter.

A big thank you to Caltex Butler for their kind donation of footy and



CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO MERRIWA 2016

If your child is **NOT** returning to Merriwa Primary in 2016, please complete and return this form to the office as soon as possible. It is very important for planning 2016. If you have a class request for next year, please put this in writing to Mrs Waterhouse, marked confidential.

Child's Name: _____

Year/Room No.: _____

New School: _____