

# MERRIWA SCHOOLS' CAMPUS 67 BALTIMORE PARADE MERRIWA WA 6030

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MPORTANT DATES	From the Principal's Desk   Dear Parents and Caregivers,	
ASSEMBLY	Welcome back to Merriwa Primary School for Term 3. As usual, we have lots of exciting events planned for your children and we have enclosed a parent Term Planner for your fridge. We hope to see you around the school.	
Room 10 29th July	EVENT	DATE
SCHOOL	Faction Reward Pizza Lunch	Friday 22 July
Our new Website &	Australian Maths Competition for Extension Students	Thursday 28 July
Phone App are now live.	Primary School and ESC apply for Independent School Status	Tuesday 2 August
Please visit	One Big Voice Concert Perth Arena	Friday 12 August
www.merriwaps. wa.edu.au	First Aid Training for Years 1—6	Week beginning 15 August
	Positive Behaviour Block Reward Event	Monday 22 August
Fairy Tale Dress Up Parade	Literacy Week—Fairy Tale Dress Up Parade	Thursday 25 August
Thursday 25 August	Numeracy Week—BIG BANG BINGO	Wednesday 31 August
	Athletics Carnival—Jumps and Throws only	Tuesday 06 September
School Banking	Faction Athletics Carnival	Thursday 8 September
Every Wednesday 8.00 a.m. in the	Learning Journey 2.40—5.00 p.m.	Wednesday 21 September
Library	Lapathon We have sent home the Lapathon Sponsor Sheet with this newsletter. We are fundraising for shade sails across the playground equipment in the senior block, so hope that you can help us. Come along and walk with your child and stay for pizza lunch!	
Merriwa School Bags for Sale Senior \$30.00 Junior \$25.00 Library Bag \$10.00 Pencil Case—\$5.00	One Big Voice Concert at Perth Arena Tickets are now available from Mrs Prior. Make sure you don't miss out on seeing our students performing with a choir of over 4000 primary school children. It should be a fantastic night. Kind Regards Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal	

### Merriwa ESC News....

Welcome back, I trust you enjoyed the winter break and managed to keep warm during those cold mornings. It is lovely to see the children back into their routine and engaged in their learning. We have some new families joining us this semester and welcome them to Merriwa. I am sure the children will settle quickly into their new school environment and enjoy their time here.

#### Events Coming Up:

- Our Annual **Lapathon** will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Sponsor forms and information are being sent home this week. The P&C will organise a pizza lunch on the day, families are encouraged to participate in the fun run and then have lunch with their children following the event
- On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August the students and staff of the ESC will travel to **Yanchep** for cultural activities relevant to NAIDOC. This activity was postponed from last term due to the weather.
- Literacy Week begins on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August with a **Fairy Tale Dress Up day** on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>. Start thinking about your child's costume for the book parade.
- **ESC interschool carnival day** 30th August. Our combined education support school event is always a great day. Details will be coming home soon.

**Independent Public School** Thank you to all our parents who responded to our survey last term, your response has helped to inform our submission for independent status. On Tuesday 2nd August Sue and I will present our application to a panel. We will know in Term 4 whether we have been successful.

Ms Erickson, our teacher in the Early Intervention program, is heading 'home' to Canada for her wedding and will return as Mrs Valla. We all wish her well for a lovely trip and wedding day. Ms Ria Oosthuizen will be filling the position for the 3 weeks that Ms Erickson is away.

Our office manager, Mrs Maxine Russ has taken 6 months long service leave. We welcome Mrs Kylie Rimmer to the office role for this semester.

Due to the need for whole school practise in preparation for the Merriwa Athletics carnival at the end of term, our yoga session has been shifted to Wednesday afternoons.

Please call the office if your child is not attending school due to illness or medical appointments. It is a legal requirement of the Education Department to attend school regularly.

I wish you all the best for a productive term, please do not hesitate to call to make an appointment to speak with teachers or myself at any time.

### Karen Macri—Principal ESC



During Term 2 Room 15 studied bees as part of our cross curricular sustainability project. We designed persuasive posters, and wrote reports on the importance of bees in our environment. We constructed 3D models of bees and used mathematical concepts for enlarging to produce a bee's perspective of a sunflower.

These are some of the amazing bee facts our class discovered

- There are three types of Honey bees Queen, Drone and Worker bee.
- Queen bees are the largest. They lay about 1000 eggs a day. There is only one bee per hive and a newly hatched queen will kill the old queen.
- Drone bees are all males. They only mate with the queen. They do not collect pollen and do not have stingers.
- Worker bees are all female. They are the smallest bee. They collect pollen and protect the hive. They have stingers and die when they use their sting. The stinger has a poison sac.
- Bees communicate where food is located through a waggle dance.
- Offspring are fed Royal Jelly.
- Hives are formed with a tessellation of hexagons.
- Bees maintain the temperature of the hive by placing droplets of water in the hive and fanning their wings to keep it cool in summer.
- Most importantly bees are very important in sustaining our environment and agriculture.

Mrs Nelson and Mrs Carroll

Class Teachers



## REGISTRATION DAYS SATURDAY 30TH July from 3.00pm—5.pm

Gumblossom Hall, Tapping Rd Quinns And Saturday 6th August from 12.00pm—4.00pm

Ocean Keys Shopping Centre Remember to bring along a copy of your child's birth certificate or passport

TeeBall \$85.00, Little League Baseball \$160.00, Junior Baseball U15 \$210.00, Colts Baseball \$260.00,

Senior Baseball \$310.00, softball Junior \$200.00 and Senior \$250.00

We offer Tee Ball from Ages 5 – 12 for Boys and Girls Little League Baseball from Ages 8 – 12 for Boys and Girls Junior 13+ & Senior Baseball for Males and Females Junior 13+ & Senior Softball for Females NB Birth Date restrictions apply on all of the above

OUR SCHOOL CHOIR IS PERFORMING AS ONE BIG VOICE AT PERTH ARENA FRIDAY AUGUST 12, 2016 PRE-CONCERT ENTERTAINMENT 6-6-30PM, CONCERT 6.30-8.30PM

BOOK NOW! TICKETS THROUGH TICKETEK \$30.00\* PER TICKET \$100.00\* 4 TICKET OFFER \*transaction fees and credit card fees will apply

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## KINDY ENROLMENTS 2017

If your child is born between 1st July 2012 - 30th June 2013 registrations are now open. Please see the front office for application forms, with copies of Birth Certificate, Immunisation records and Proof of Address.

# **Merriwa Primary Schools' new Phone** App and Website is now live. Please visit

www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au



We're very pleased to inform you that our school has implemented a phone app called **Updat-ed** that will make connecting with you so much more convenient.

To download the app just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Android's. Search for Updat-ed and from the menu select our school. We'll receive your registration request and will need to approve you before your app is up and running.



So what will the app do?



The app's great for sending out alerts and reminders with one of its best features being the ability to save events directly into your phone's calendar

If you are experiencing difficulty with your app please take a look at our <u>Trouble Shooting Guide</u> This guide can be found on the sponsor-ed website: www.sponsor-ed.com.au under SUPPORT. Any further queries should be directed to: helpdesk@sponsor-ed.com.au

Please state the following in your email to helpdesk:

- Your school
- Name and email address Model phone/tablet
  - Software version

We hope you enjoy being Updat-ed



**GET YOUR COSTUMES READY FOR OUR ANNUAL EVENT** 

#### THE THEME THIS YEAR IS FAIRY TALES

#### DATE: 25 AUGUST



What if I want to pick up my child early

In the interest of student safety we ask that you come to the office to pick up an early release form.

The office ladies will then arrange for your child to meet you at the office.

We thank you for helping to keep our school safe.





2016 LAPATHON FOR SHADE SAILS! SPONSOR SHEETS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME DATE: FRIDAY 5 AUGUST TIME: 11.30-12.30 EVERYONE IS WELCOME **PIZZA LUNCH** PRIZES FOR HIGHEST FUNDRAISERS

Celebrate our schools and the inspirational people who work in them by nominating them for a WA Education

- WA Premier's Primary Teacher of the Year
- WA Premier's Secondary Teacher of the Yea
- WA Premier's Excellence in Aboriginal Education Award
- WA Primary Principal of the Year
- WA Secondary Principal of the Year
- WA Beginning Teacher of the Year
- WA Education Assistant of the Year
- WA School Services Staff Member of the Year
- WA Primary School of the Year
- WA Secondary School of the Year

Find out more about the new nomination process for principal and school award categories! W: education.wa.edu.au