

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 5th 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 9th 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 22nd August with a **Fairy Tale Dress Up day** on Thursday 25th. 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—5.00pm

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
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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 [Trouble Shooting Guide](#). 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.

LITERACY WEEK

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**

WA EDUCATION AWARDS 2016

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 Year
- 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