

# MERRIWA NEWS



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Families,

We are so proud of all our Merriwa students! At both the recent faction carnival and the interschool carnival, they demonstrated both their sporting talent and sense of fair play.

Thank you to Mr Allan and all staff members for training the teams and for your organisation. The feedback from families has been very positive, with many people commenting on the great atmosphere at both events.

Congratulations to Calabar on winning the carnival and to Sophie and Charlie Williams for achieving district champion status at the interschool carnival.

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

| DATE                                    | EVENT  |
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| Friday 14th September                   | Book Character Parade—the theme is Find Your Hidden Treasure. All welcome 8.40 a.m.                    |
| Monday 17 September                     | Block Reward for consistently positive behaviour—Jarrah and Banksia Blocks                             |
| Tuesday 18 September                    | Block Reward for consistently positive behaviour—<br>Tuart and Tingle Blocks                           |
| Wednesday 19 September                  | Learning Journey 2.40—5.00 p.m All welcome.  |
| Friday 21 September<br>LAST DAY OF TERM | PJ Reading Day. Wear your PJs and bring a gold coin donation for the victims of the Lombok Earthquake. |
| Tuesday 9 October                       | FIRST DAY BACK TERM 4 FOR ESC STUDENTS   |
| Wednesday 10 October                    | FIRST DAY BACK TERM 4 FOR PRMARY STUDENTS  |

Kind Regards Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal



Every day from 8am

**Book Week** 



Character Parade Find Your Treasure Friday 14 September

Pyjama Day!

Friday 21 September Gold coin donation For Lombok Earthquake victims.



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# Merriwa ESC News

It was lovely to see so many of our parents and carers at the assembly and morning tea last week. How wonderful it was to see our students have a voice while co-ordinating the assembly.



#### **Upcoming Events**

- Dress Up Character book parade "Find Your Treasure" Friday 14 September
- Learning Journey Wednesday 19 September
- Story time Friday 21 September (Children are invited to wear their dressing gown)
- Lap-a-thon—Friday 12 October at 9.30

#### **Community Survey**

Each year we are required to seek feedback through a survey so that we can be well informed to provide meaningful programs and stimulating learning programs for all students. A survey has been sent home with each child this week and a link has been provided on Dojo for those of you who would prefer to complete the survey online. Please find 10 minutes to complete the questions before the end of term to help with our review and decision making processes.

#### Year 6 students transition

Parents and carers of Year 6 ESC students will have received information this week. I trust that you have all made plans to attend the BBQ at Butler College.

#### Term 4

Please add to your calendar the first day back next term: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of October is a training day for staff. <u>ESC students return on Tuesday 9 October.</u>

#### Lap-a-thon

Students will have brought home their red card this week with information about our upcoming Lapathon/Fun Run. Parents and carers are invited to join in on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30. Students are encouraged to ask family and friends for donations per lap run.

#### Illness

Thank you to our families who are very considerate in keeping sick children at home to avoid the spread of cold and flu virus. Sick children need to recover at home. Please contact the office when your child is absent.

## Karen Macri Principal



## **ROOM 11 REPORT**

Room 11 have been working hard using a number of strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. These students are working alongside each other using physical materials to solve their questions. It is great listening to the conversation and explanations of how they are working out the answers.

At the beginning of the term, we participated in swimming lessons. We enjoyed being beach babies whilst we ate our crunch and sip before getting on the bus. Some of us are very flexible beach babies.



To help us with improving our reading, we have been engaging in partner reading this term. This has seen significant improvements with our reading and our confidence. We have also been developing our skills to help others with their reading. At the end of the session we have been acknowledging through compliments what our partner has done well. It has been a very beneficial experience.

Mrs Galbraith—Class Teacher

# **BOOK WEEK**

### CHARACTER PARADE



Theme:
Find Your Treasure
Friday 14th September
Dress up to win best costume prizes.

# Pyjama Day!



Friday 21st September 2018 at Merriwa PS Wear your PJs And enjoy listening to storytelling



Gold coin donation for Lombok Earthquake Victims



# -COOKIE'S CAPERS-

It was Cookie's first sports carnival this year and he was very excited. He loved being out on the oval all day and seeing all of the children having the best time. He has never run in a relay before so would have been very nervous. He started off so well and was running really fast down the track but in all of the excitement and the loud cheering he looked away from the end of the track and lost sight of Mrs Long who he was running to. After a while he found her again and continued to run. Thanks to Mrs Carroll for helping him compete in his first race. Cookie had the best

day ever and was very tired when he got home. Mrs Long





# **School Parking Ranger Patrols**

As we are all aware the start and end of the school day can be very busy around schools. Parking is always in demand and hopefully as the weather warms up more children will walk or use bikes and scooters. Parents can also opt to either walk with your children, or park away from the school and walk the last part. This will alleviate some of the parking problems.

For the safety of all children parents must observe the correct parking regulations and signage. The City of Wanneroo has mobile cameras that pass by the school taking photos of car's incorrectly parked and then issue parking fines. For everyone's safety please adhere to the correct parking bays.

Thank you Jeff Hoskins Associate Principal



#### **Annual Board Meeting**

Notice is given that the
Merriwa Primary School
and
Merriwa Education Support Centre
Annual Public Board meeting
will be held at
Merriwa Primary School
67 Baltimore Parade
Merriwa WA
on Friday, 19th October 2018
at 12.30pm.

#### PERTH ROYAL SHOW ENTRY

Look at our amazing scarecrow!

The gardening homework club has made this scarecrow for our veggie garden.

We are entering him into the Royal Show Scarecrow Competition.

His name is Uliwa, which means Look Out! Beware! In Noongar.

Thank you to our School Board and Michelle Allen for making this possible.



# **FACTION CARNIVAL & INTERSCHOOL CARNIVAL**

#### **Faction Carnival**

The 2018 carnival was a great success! With limited time to practice due to swimming lessons and the bad weather, the students all did an unbelievable job at competing in so many events and showed great sportsmanship as well. The weather looked after us and at the start of the day it looked like Palermo was the team to beat, leading by 50 points after the Cross Country and Jumps/Throws points were totalled. However, Calabar managed to claim victory by 29 points in the end thanks to a strong finish in the races and relays. The team games were a great spectacle and the students had a lot of fun in the 3 legged races and testing their strength at Tug of War. There was a great turn out from all the parents who cheered loudly and the teachers did a fantastic job on the day with the running of all the events and setting up and packing up all of the equipment.

Final scores: Calabar - 906 Palermo - 877 Baltimore - 830 Akita - 696

#### **Interschool Carnival**

We had a week to turn around from the faction carnival and be ready to take on 7 other schools at the Interschool Carnival held at Mindarie. The students represented our school tremendously and can be very proud of their efforts at learning some new games and adapting to some new rules. Our running events and relay races were very strong and got us into 5th place on the day, which was an outstanding effort considering how strong the competition was. Next year, with some more familiarity and time to practice we will be ready to compete for a place in the top 3. Well done to all the teachers that helped on the day and a special mention to Mr and Mrs Carter for all their assistance and support over the course of the day.



|  | Newsletter Raffle! |
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| l have read newsletter 13. Parents siç | gnature            |
| Childs Name                            | _Room No           |
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Congratulations to last week's winner—Hayley Woods