

MERRIWA NEWS



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

PRE-PRIMARY TO YEAR 5 SWIMMING LESSONS

Last week the Pre-Primary to Year five students had in-term swimming lessons at the HBF Arena. Thank you to parents and carers for having your child ready to swim!

I was proud to see how excited the children were and how they enjoyed this opportunity to develop vital swimming and water safety skills. The pool staff congratulated our school on our outstanding behaviour.

TEACHER / PARENT INTERVIEWS AND EARLY CLOSE ON 10TH APRIL

Wednesday 10th April - half day closing for parent interviews from 11.30 a.m. Please book an interview time between 12.00pm - 5.00pm through the office and come and talk with your child's teacher about their progress so far this year.

If you have specific concerns about your child, or would like to discuss anything of a private matter, you are encouraged to make a double appointment or an appointment at another time. If you cannot pick up your children, please send a note to your child's teacher and supervision will be provided.

P & C BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE ON 13TH APRIL

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Can you sizzle a sausage? Do you want to help raise money for our school? Are you free on the Saturday 13th April? If you are, please contact Neve or Alison at the front office and leave your details. Even one hour of volunteering will make all the difference.

ANZAC SERVICE ON FRIDAY 12TH APRIL - PICKING UP CHILDREN EARLY

The commencement time for the ANZAC ceremony will be confirmed once the Defence Forces have informed us of their availability.

We request that parents send a written note on the day if you wish to change your child's pick up arrangements, or collect them early.

END OF TERM FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

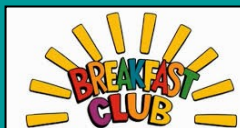
The last day of school for term one is Friday 12th April, and children will return to school on Tuesday 30th April. This is due to the staff professional development day.

Please be safe over the Easter holiday and enjoy some well-earned family time. I trust you will all be back safe and sound to begin term 2.

School resumes for the children on Tuesday 30th April

Kind Regards
Mrs Sue Waterhouse,
Principal

Every day from
8am



School Banking
Wednesday
morning between
8am-8.30am
in the Library
with Danise

SAVE THE DATE

The choir at Merriwa Primary has once again been invited to perform with the One Big Voice at the Perth Arena. They will be performing at approximately 12.30pm on Friday 30th August.

MUSIC NEWS

Choir before school
every Tuesday at
8.05am

12th April

ANZAC service



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Merriwa ESC News

EARLY CLOSE

A reminder that the school will be closing at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday 10 April so that teachers can meet individually with you to discuss your child's progress so far this year.

Appointments should be made with your child's class teacher and can be made from 12.00 until 4.45 p.m. If you are unable to collect your child at 11.30 a.m., please put this in writing prior to Wednesday 10th April so that supervision arrangements can be made at the school until 2.40 p.m. If you are unable to attend for a personal interview, the class teacher can organise a phone call with you during this time for a quick catch up.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Last Tuesday, staff from Bethany Home in Malaysia, a facility for individuals with special needs came to our school for a tour and discussion. Each year, staff from the facility are hosted by St Stephens and they are provided with the opportunity to visit schools to gain ideas around best practice. During their visit, they met with both Karen Macri and Sue Waterhouse. I spoke with them about the programs that we run at MESC including literacy, AAC, numeracy, sensory, life skills, integration specialist programs, swimming, recreational programs and the School Readiness Program. This is the second year that these special guests have chosen to visit us and they have expressed that they will be back next year. Special thanks to Board Member, John Ward for joining in, your contribution to the discussion was greatly appreciated by all.



LEAVE & BREAK

Karen Macri is currently on long service leave and I am currently in her role until she returns on Wednesday 10th April.

Friday 12th April is the last day of term for staff and students. On behalf of all of the staff at Merriwa Education Support Centre, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy break. We look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday 30th April.

Mrs Christina Maunick-Sallie

Literacy Pro Stars: Lexile

Our students have commenced using the Literacy Pro Program to support their independent reading skills. We have a running tally of how many words we are reading. Below we have listed our high flying students and class of the fortnight. Congratulations to our star readers!



| Merriwa Primary School Total Words Read in Term One | | | ★ 692 254 ★ | | |
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| ★ Highest Scoring Class | 214129 Words Read Year 5 Room 16 | Highest Lexiled Students | Pippa Spencer Room 22 | Abbie Reynolds Room 18 | Hayden Jackson Room 15 |
| ★ Highest Scoring Student | 73954 Words Read Cristopher Vaz Year 5 | Samuel Baraka Room 16 | Baoyi Wang Room 18 | David Ekpe Room 22 | Emma Kinnane Room 18 |

ROOM 12

The children in room 12 have been learning about Australian history. As part of their art project students had to create a collage representative of the Australian outback. The scenery had to include native Australian animals, plants and trees. They had to use the skills of the line, shape and colour and use different mediums for effectiveness. Most children chose a sunset scene. Here is an example of their work.

Mrs Barr - Class Teacher



Butler Cricket and Dockers Cup Football Carnivals

Recently our students competed in both our cricket and girls football carnivals for Term 1. Both were extremely successful days in which the students of Merriwa had fun, competed strongly, played to their potential and showed terrific sportsmanship to represent our school proudly.

Cricket was held at Butler College and it was a chance for the Year 6's to not only get a glimpse of the school and see what it might be like for the future, but to express interest and display their skills for the High Performance Cricket Program that is run at the school. A few of our students caught their eye with their batting and bowling potential and were offered a chance to try out at an up and coming trial for the cricket program for next year. Good luck to those who were chosen and well done to all of our students who played the games. We were the only school to send a larger squad with Year 5 and 6 boys and girls mixed together which was great for all of them to gain exposure in this kind of competition. At the end of the day we finished 3rd after coming back and tying the final in a very exciting game. Best players – Tyson, Cristopher, Andrew, Olivia, Seth and Zack.

Twenty Year 5/6 girls travelled to McDonald Reserve in Padbury to take part in a footy carnival in Week eight against nine other schools. They played six games altogether and won three and lost three. They learnt a lot about the rules of football and also had to contend with tough conditions, kicking into a very strong wind at times. The girls displayed a tremendous attitude and resilience and had a lot of fun as a group. There were a few girls who had never played football before and by the end of the day they well and truly had the hang of it and grew in confidence. Best players – Ciaralee, Elisha, Peach, Sophie, Sharnnah and Brooklyn.

Mr Allan, PE Teacher



Year PP - 5 Swimming



GRIP Leadership Conference

On Wednesday 27th March the Student Councillors and Media Technicians attended the GRIP Leadership Conference in the city. There were 1500 primary school students in attendance and they participated in a variety of activities which involved talking to students from other schools. The students learned the traits of a good leader and how they can make a difference to their school and community. The students had an enjoyable day and represented Merriwa Primary Schools respectfully.

