

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic first term. I am proud of how well our students have settled into their new classes and routines.

IEP meetings

I would like to thank all the parents and carers that have attended IEP meetings this term. Your ongoing feedback and support is appreciated and valued.

Wednesday Clubs

Since week 4 of this term we have been running Wednesday Clubs at lunch time that our students can choose to attend. Students have enjoyed being creative at Art club and have made beautiful Easter marble paintings. They have built high towers at Construction Club and have indulged in manicures at Dress Up Club. We look forward to continuing our clubs next term.

Chick Hatching Programme

In the last 2 weeks of term, our Centre has had the pleasure of being involved in the 'U Hatch Us' Chick Hatching Education Programme. The children have thoroughly enjoyed watching the baby chicks hatch and grow. They have also had the opportunity to hold and feed the chicks.

On behalf of everyone at Merriwa Education Support Centre I would like to wish you a Happy Easter. We look forward to seeing you in Term 2 Tuesday 21st April 2015.

Christina Maunick-Sallie
Principal
ESC



| Yr | Rm | Student | Yr | Rm | Student |
|----|----|--|-----|----|---|
| PP | 1 | Joua Heta, Narteisha Winmar | 6 | 15 | Hayley Capper, Omeed Yezderi |
| PP | 2 | Bailey Murnane, Khalid Alikhil | 6 | 16 | Shonola Kennedy, Justin Sovann |
| PP | 3 | Isabelle Taylor, Liam Kinnane | 5 | 17 | James Wilkes, Shakira Pansini, Jasmine Wilson |
| 1 | 6 | Mia Charlton, Kya Smith | 4/5 | 18 | Makayla Liddiard, Christopher Parr |
| 1 | 7 | Dakoda Kennedy, Alexandra Osorio | 4 | 19 | Caitlyn Capper, Blake Roselt |
| 1 | 9 | Kato Mackie | 3 | 21 | Bradley Wells, Francesco Sabbioni |
| 3 | 10 | Beatrice Arjon, Korbin Mynard, Maggie Corley, Myeisha Slater | 3/4 | 22 | Gypsy Dover, Jane Paul |
| 2 | 11 | Andrew Giles, Tristan Jackson | ESC | | Shaun Marciel, Tyron Brooks, Charles Taylor, Deegan Buytels |
| 2 | 12 | Jaida Baines, Brooklyn Hill | | | |

Early and Late Arrivals

Children must not arrive at school before 8.00am unless going to the OSH Club or being supervised by parents/carers. Children arriving between 8.00 and 8.20 (first siren time) must wait in the undercover area or playground area near the flag poles. The school does not provide teacher supervision before 8.00am and duty of care cannot be guaranteed.

Late arrivals, children arriving after the second siren at 8.30am must report to the office before continuing on to their class. These children are marked late.



Review of the children's crossing on Baltimore Parade

The school has been advised by the Children's Crossing and Road Safety Committee that the school crossing will be reviewed in the near future. The review will be two morning and two afternoon surveys. The school encourages all pedestrians, children on scooters, bikes or skate-boards to use the crossings so the committee get a true picture of the school community's needs.

Please note that all Children's Crossings are being reviewed, so please make sure we use it, so that we don't lose it!



PAYMENT FOR INCURSIONS/EXCURSIONS

We are now using a new money envelope system for the collection of incursion and excursion charges. Please note that the permission slip and envelope are to be handed to the classroom teacher. The student full name and class number should be written clearly on the envelope and the correct money needs to be placed in the envelope as change will not be given.

Thank you

MERRIWA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student.....
Room Number..... Date.....
Payment for.....

AMOUNT \$ CASH CHEQUE PASSPORT PROGRAM (✓ Please tick)
(please enclose tokens)

DIRECT DEBIT - Reference Number.....

Direct Debit Details: BSB - 016 246 Account Number - 340918248

PLEASE ENCLOSE THE CORRECT MONEY - NO CHANGE CAN BE GIVEN

Return payment and permission form to the class teacher

EAT RIGHT - STAY STRONG - HEALTHY BONES

Drinks - what should children drink?

Drinking plenty of water is essential for people of all ages. When your child is thirsty, encourage her/him to drink plain water.

It is recommended that

children aged 5 – 8 years drink 1000ml per day (4 big cups).

children aged 9 – 12 years drink 1500ml per day (6 big cups).

Young people aged 13+ years drink 2000ml per day (8 big cups).

Drinking milk is also important, as it provides children with the calcium they need for growing bones and teeth. Children should have three serves of dairy each day. If your child doesn't drink milk, try yoghurt, cheese or calcium-fortified soy milk.

Limit your child's intake of 'treat drinks' such as cordials, soft drinks and fruit juices. The sugar in these drinks may contribute to tooth decay and unhealthy weight. Filling up on these drinks can take away the child's appetite for more nutritious food.

Fruit juice contains important vitamins but it does not have as much fibre as fresh fruit. Children should not drink more than one small glass of juice each day. A piece of fruit is much better than a glass of juice.

Energy drinks and artificially sweetened drinks are not suitable for children.

For more information go to www.heartfoundation.org.au

Community Health Nurse
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Child and Adolescent Community Health

ROOM 13

Room 13 have been learning new sounds this term. Here we are practising our letters and sounds during spelling group time.



MUSIC NEWS

Last Wednesday the Choir students were requested to perform at Bunning's Clarkson. The students did a wonderful performance and The Subih Brothers also entertained the crowd. Bunning's rewarded the performers with not only a sausage sizzle but also a craft section, petting farm, fairy floss, face painting and so much more. A huge thank you to Bunning's for their support to the choir and to our school but also the choir students and their families.

Rose Prior
Music teacher

