

MERRIWA NEWS



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Every day from
8am



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Afternoon Tea
Thursday 2nd
April*



*Early Close for
Parent
Interviews
Week 10
Wednesday
8th April*

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Coronavirus Update

Advice as at 16 March 2020

The Prime Minister has introduced measures placed on international arrivals into Australia. This means a mandatory 14 day self-isolation requirement will be placed on all international arrivals into Australia. This applies to staff, students and families.

Students or staff who have been tested for COVID-19 should follow the advice of the WA Department of Health and stay away from school whilst awaiting results.

Students or staff also need to self-quarantine if they have been informed by public health authorities that they have been in close contact with a **confirmed** case of coronavirus. They must isolate themselves for 14 days after the date of last contact with the confirmed case.

Assemblies at Merriwa

The Australian Government has announced that all organised, non-essential mass gatherings attended by more than 100 people must be cancelled from Monday 16 March 2020. Therefore we will not be holding assemblies until further notice.

Department advice on school closures.

If a WA school has to close due to a confirmed case, it will be on advice from the WA Health Department's Chief Health Officer. The Chief Health Officer will, if there has been a positive COVID-19 test result in our school, close our school temporarily while assessment and tracing of exposure is conducted. A thorough school clean will then be carried out to make the school safe for the return of students and staff.

In this situation the principal will receive direct advice and support regarding the closure process and communication materials from the Department of Education's Coronavirus support team.

Upon the school being notified, all families will be immediately contacted and provided with the relevant information. This contact may be during the school day, or before or after school. It is therefore important that we have up-to-date contact details for your children, please notify the front office if these have changed. For the latest health information and health related enquiries please visit [WA Department of Health](http://www.health.wa.gov.au) or access the helpline 1800 020 080.

School Banking

The Health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority, therefore our school banking has been temporarily paused from 20 March, 2020 until the start of Term 2. Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence.

We appreciate your ongoing support, and as always, will keep you fully informed of any further information and changes that are made as soon as we can.

Kind Regards
Mrs Sue Waterhouse
Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Merriwa ESC

Virus Management

We will continue to inform our school community of updates as they are provided from the Departments of Health and Education. The advice is to keep up with personal hygiene to avoid the spread of any cold and flu virus, including the current concern with COVID 19. Anyone who presents with symptoms and meets the risk category is advised to self-isolate. While the Department of Health advises that the risk of transmission in Western Australia remains low; they are monitoring the situation and we are acting on their advice to take any necessary precautions for schools and our staff. Please keep informed by following the link: <https://www.health.wa.gov.au/coronavirus>

Yr 6 students

Our Year 6 students are back into their rhythm of the school day after a successful 2 weeks of swimming and the 3 day camp outings. The feedback from the students has been very positive.

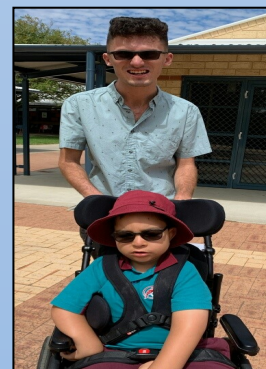
Student Visitors

We have welcomed several students from ECU and NMTafe into our school this term. It is wonderful to share our successful programs and activities with young adults who are keen to learn about education support facilities. I wish these students all the best with their studies and trust they enjoy the experience while visiting Merriwa ESC. The feedback from those who have already completed their placement has been very positive.

Volunteer

We are thrilled to welcome Dylan to our school to complete some work placement and to build some workplace skills. Dylan is an ex-student of Merriwa ESC and has been a lovely addition to our school.

It is very important that the school is contacted if your child is away. A phone call or a note in the communication book allows us to comply with the Department requirements. I appreciate that children get sick and will need to stay at home until they are no longer contagious, medical certificate is required if children are absent for more than 2 days. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring your child is well when attending school. **Karen Macri—Principal ESC**



HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read newsletter 4

Parent signature _____

Child's Name _____ Room No. _____

Congratulations to last week's winner Neyla Warwick

WORLD MATHS DAY

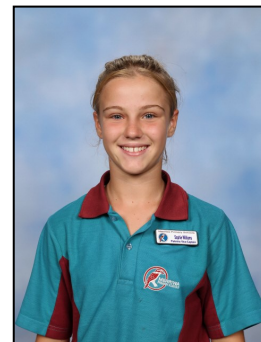
On the 4th March the students from Kindergarten to year 6 celebrated World Maths Day, participating in a variety of mathematical activities.

The students had an awesome time building tables out of paper, towers with spaghetti, pop stick catapults and creating shapes with tangrams.



WA ATHLETE OF THE MONTH CONGRATULATIONS

Sophie has excelled at all events since joining Ridgewood LAC as an under 6 in 2014/15 and has held club records in every age group.



Library Open

Our school library is open additional times for Lexile book borrowing:

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
8.00am-8.20am	8.00am-8.20am	8.00am-8.20am	8.00am-8.20am
2.40pm-4.00pm	2.40pm-4.00pm	2.40pm-4.00pm	2.40pm-4.00pm

Breakfast Reading Club



Bring your home reading folder and breakfast. Our volunteers will listen to you read before school each day and you can have an extra night of reading signed.

WHERE: JARRAH BLOCK
WHEN: 8.00 - 8.15

Year PP-2 HOME READING

Junior Champion Class Award

Year 1
Room 6
AGAIN!!!



Best participation in
HOME READING PROGRAM

Year 3 - 6

LITERACY PRO

Merriwa Primary
School
Total Words
Read

2 962 564

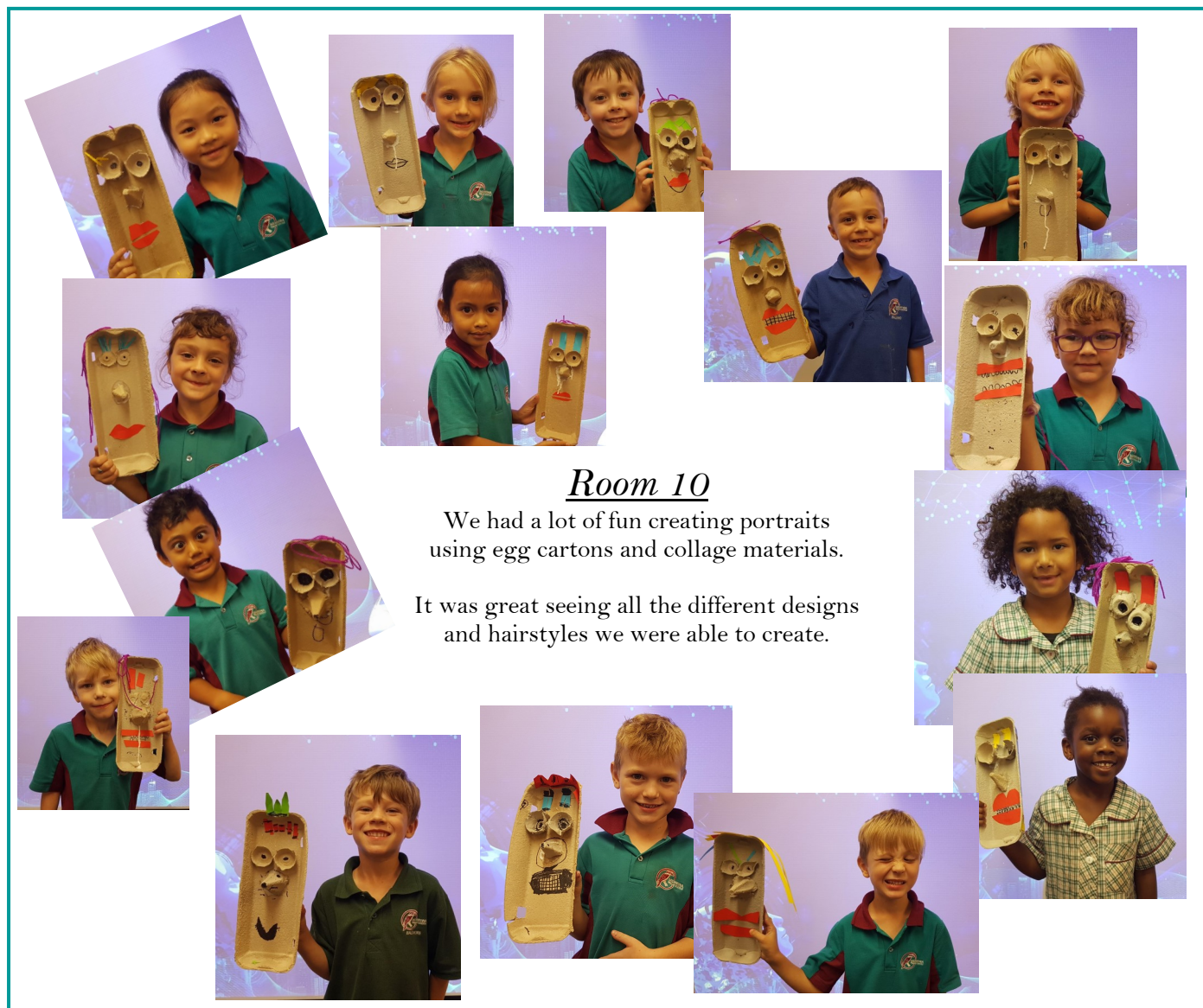
Senior Champion
Class Award

1 063 092

Year 5 Room 17

High Scoring
Student

Enrick
Niyibhigira
174 571



Room 10

We had a lot of fun creating portraits using egg cartons and collage materials.

It was great seeing all the different designs and hairstyles we were able to create.

YEAR 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Once again, this year we will be completing our tests online except for the Year 3 writing test which will be a pencil and paper test.

During week 8 of this term all children in Years 3 and 5 will complete practice tests;

- Monday 23.03.2020 - Rooms 18 and 20.
- Tuesday 24.03.2020 - Rooms 12 and 16
- Wednesday 25.03.2020 - Room 21.

The Naplan test period commences on Tuesday 12 May and runs until Friday 22 May 2020.

See the information sheet already sent home for more details. A timetable of test dates will be sent home later.

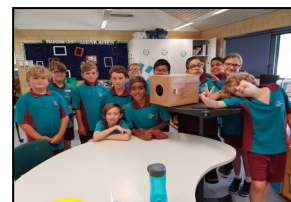
Hand Tools Workshop

The year 6 boys from the Hand Tools Workshop donated the first of several sensory boxes to the students in the ESC.

The workshop is held each Friday for students who stand to benefit from hands-on activities. In order to participate, they must demonstrate the Merriwa Expectations.

The materials have been donated by Bunnings Mindarie and Unirack in O'Connor.

Mr Don Sanders, Teacher



YEAR 6 CAMP

Last week the Year 6 students attended three days of camp and In-term Swimming at Yanchep Lagoon. Activities included the Trees Adventure, Yanchep Park, Latitude, Joondalup and Ice Skating in Malaga. The students had a wonderful time and learned how to work together to face challenges and increase their resilience.

We have received amazing feedback from the organisers at the different venues who told us how well behaved and respectful the Merriwa students are. They also commented on how inclusive we are of everyone, regardless of ability. We are very proud of our Merriwa students. Well done and thank you to all staff and parents who made this possible.