

MERRIWA NEWS



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

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, Gravity Discovery Centre and Latitude in Joondalup. 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.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

This term we were fortunate to have a whole school incursion with a Life Education Van. Life Education is a non-government organisation working with schools to deliver a curriculum-based program that empowers children to make safe and healthy lifestyle choices. The fees were sponsored by the St George Group and so costs to parents were heavily reduced.

Again we received positive feedback about the good manners and respectful behaviour that our children display when visitors are here.



ANZAC SERVICE ON FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

Merriwa Schools will host an ANZAC service. Parents and families are welcome to attend. Once the defence forces have confirmed their attendance, we can let you know of the starting time.

PRINCIPAL'S AFTERNOON TEA

We are proud to acknowledge those students who always do the right thing! Class teachers have chosen four students from each class to attend the Principals' Afternoon Tea, which will be held on Thursday afternoon on 7th April. This is a celebration of our expectations of being respectful, positive, friendly and achieving. Children will be given invitations soon.

P & C AGM TUESDAY 26TH MARCH 1.30PM

Our P & C has raised over \$30,000 over the last three years for shade sails, picnic tables, Graduation and Book Awards. They now need your help. Please come along to the AGM to see how you can make a difference for your child.

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

AGM CHANGE OF DATE

TUESDAY 26TH
MARCH
@ 1.30PM
IN THE STAFF
ROOM

VISIT

www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au
to check out the
website and to
download the FREE
Phone app

Merriwa ESC News

SWIMMING

Students in PP to Yr. 5 have begun their swimming program at the HBF Arena in Joondalup. The excitement has been obvious around the school and the children have been wonderfully behaved. I trust they are all successful in achieving their swimming goals.

YEAR 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.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

On Saturday several MESC staff attended a workshop in the city. It is wonderful to know that the staff are dedicated and work collaboratively to support your children. I received a photo of the staff sitting on the train together!

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, a 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.

Mrs Karen Macri,
Principal

KURLANGAS ABORIGINAL PLAYGROUP

Welcome to term 1!

This term at playgroup our theme is "All about me". We will be making paper plate faces, hand and foot print painting and life size cut outs. We will also have our regular activities of easel painting, collage gluing, playdough and our mat sessions of a story and songs.

For our babies, there will be tummy time (to strengthen their back and neck muscles), push and pull toys, some wonderful books to look at, finger rhymes and songs to sing.

Playgroup is **FREE** and held every Tuesday at Merriwa Primary school during term times between 9.00-11.00am, for Aboriginal children up to 5yrs of age and their carers.

A morning tea of fresh fruit is provided for the children, and tea, coffee and biscuits for the adults. You do not need to have a child attending this school to attend.

Hope to see you there!

ABORIGINAL EARLY YEARS TEAM.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the parents who have already paid their voluntary contributions. Voluntary contributions can be paid at the school office or direct deposit.

Merriwa Primary School
BSB Number—016 246
Account Number—340918248

Kindy—Year 6	\$40
One child	\$40
Two Children	\$80
Three or more children	\$120

NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read newsletter 4. Parents signature_____

Child's Name _____ Room No._____

Congratulations to last week's winner — Marcus Couper

Year 6 Day Camp

It has been a busy and fun two weeks for Year Six students with swimming lessons at Yanchep Lagoon and three awesome days of camp activities. Adventure and adrenaline were on the menu for the first day camp at Yanchep Tree Adventures. Students climbed high into the tree tops and zip lined through the national park, having fun and facing fears. Day Two was a day of discovery and science at Gingin Observatory. Students walked up the 45 metre leaning tower to test Galileo's theory of gravity and learnt about our solar system. The students then bounced into their final day camp at Latitude. This was an afternoon filled with fun and energy. Students jumped, climbed and sky-walked before enjoying lunch together and returning to school. Altogether a fabulous series of days to strengthen relationships, try new things, test fears, learn and most of all have fun!



An Opportunity for Compassion

After reading about a character showing compassion for others, Room 15's Year 6 students recently took up an opportunity to do the same by filling shoeboxes for the *Operation Christmas Child Project*. This project sends a shoebox filled with items including something to wear, play with, use for school, love and for personal hygiene.



Students took care and really enjoyed selecting items that would suit the age and gender of the child they were packing for. Many wrote special messages to go into the shoebox in addition to what was required.

Afterwards, students reflected on how great it felt to be doing something for someone else.

