

Time	Performance	Yr
8.30am	Getting to School A fun blend of acting and puppetry, this exciting performance for children in Kindergarten to Year 3 takes students on a wild ride in Professor Tells-You-Stuff's time machine to explore the ways we can travel to school safely all in one morning!	K/PP
9.30am	Fun-Scary Through puppetry and song, this performance for children in Kindergarten to Year 3 teaches students the difference between scary things that are fun (like rollercoasters) and those scary secrets that we need to tell a trusted adult about. This performance is an ideal way to present the key concepts of protective behaviours to young students in an engaging and non-threatening way.	1/2
10.50am	Making the right call Who do you call when you need some help? This fun puppet show teaches children in Years 1 to 3 how to identify an emergency, the right phone numbers to use in a range of situations, and how they can play an active role in keeping their friends, family and community safe.	3
12.00	Screen Name When does online fun turn into real danger? When the cute boy you meet online turns out to be not who you expected and you've told him where you live. This energetic two-actor performance uses the world of online gaming as the backdrop for this timely reminder for students in Years 4 to 6 about making sure they stay safe on the Internet.	4
1.30pm	Catch Aaron throws a ball at Nildra, a girl at school from a cultural background different to his. He hits her in the back and this sparks an aggressive game of catch. As the ball moves, Aaron and Nildra begin to share their opinions, upbringings, conceptions and misconceptions and they realise they have far more in common than first thought. Could they have been influenced by their parents own pre-conceptions? This intense drama encourages children to challenge the pre-conceptions that may be present in their own lives.	5/6

Merriwa ESC News...

IEP'S & Priority Goals

By now you would have had an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher about IEP goals and priority goals for this semester. Although these documents have been signed they are working documents and teachers will adjust them to suit the needs of your child accordingly. Please let your child's class teacher know if you would like a goal reviewed or added.

Class Dojo

It is great to see so many of our families signed up to Class Dojo. It is our way of giving you the 'classroom experience.' Please let your child's class teacher know if you are having any issues accessing the Whole School Dojo and the Class' Dojo. We look forward to sharing photos, events and messages with you.

Thank you,
Christina Maunick-Sallie
Principal



HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS



Kurlanga's Aboriginal Playgroup

Welcome to term 1. This term in playgroup our theme is "All about me". We will be finding and naming body parts, making paper faces, hand and feet painting, learning to recognise their name and sing songs that have actions. 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 and songs to sing. Please remember to bring a hat and drink bottle for your child.



Playgroup is FREE, and held every Tuesday at Merriwa Primary School during term times between 9.30-11.30am, 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!

-Community Culture Corner-

What is your first memory that your parents shared with you about your ancestors history. (eg my grandfather and his sisters came to Australia from England by boat it took 3 months.)

ANSWER: _____

Childs Name _____ Room No. _____

Please drop slip to the front office

ROOM 12

The Children in room 12 have been learning to write a persuasive text by analysing one that was already written about dinosaurs. It was called "Meat Eaters are the Best Dinosaurs." The children were asked to include the title, rhetorical questions, state opinion, use connectives to explain reasons, use modal verbs, emotive language and use of alliteration. The theme song for our assembly was "We are the Dinosaurs"



On behalf of Merriwa Primary Schools we would like to thank Oxford Street Books for their donation of games and books which were kindly organised by Caroline Bishop, Chair of our School Board. Your donation is greatly appreciated by our staff and students.

Thank you to all the parents/students/community members who helped contribute to collecting and submitting their Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. We used the points to buy resources for our students.



Newsletter Raffle!

I have read the newsletter dated 16th March. Parents signature _____

Childs Name _____ Room No. _____

-A Note from the Chaplain- Determination

Recently our year 6's went on a week of adventure! BUT, there was more to it than you might know. They also had a week of facing some things that were pretty scary. They;

- climbed big heights
- navigated being lost in a maze
- and were even trapped in a prison cell!

Not all of those things are easy and they all showed a great determination and seeing them through to the end! We are very proud of them for that. and, I believe there is a lesson to be learnt by us all in how the year 6's approached this week.

While the year 6s were facing obstacles like climbing big walls and navigating mazes, you each face many of your own obstacles every day! *Math, reading, science, music and art, phys ed, team work, standing up for yourself, getting along with others, listening* – Some of these things might come easily for you and some of them might require a lot of work! **But, it's important to know that great success is not always about being the smartest, the strongest or the most talented. Success comes from following things through to the end.** That is determination, and determination simply means not giving up.

I want to finish by telling you a story;

There was a boy who LOVED playing basketball. The first thing he would think about when he woke up and the last thing he would think about when he went to sleep was basketball. He would practice playing every single day with the DREAM of playing professionally. He played all through primary school and when in high school he finally had the opportunity to try out for team that would start the journey of chasing his dreams. Try outs came and he gave his very best. He ran and sweated and left nothing behind. Then, he had to wait for the results. The waiting was hard, he was both excited and nervous. Finally, the day came for his results and a moment he would remember forever. They called out his name and they said the words "you are not good enough to make the team." As you can imagine those words would have been devastating to hear! Have you ever felt this way? or had someone tell you, you aren't good enough? It can be very hard to feel that way. However, just like everyone else, he had a choice to make in this moment. He could choose to believe those words, OR, he could choose to not give up. So Instead of giving up, He worked very hard, and despite what people told him or how many times he felt he had failed, he was DETERMINED to keep chasing his dream.

Now, I want to tell you the name of this boy. Because I think some of you may have heard of him. This boy was, Michael Jordan!! Michael Jordan is one of the most famous/successful basketball players in the world. He didn't believe what others were saying about him. He wasn't afraid of failing and most importantly, he was determined to reach his dream! And he did!!

I hope this story, and everything you have heard the year 6s do this week inspires you and shows you that **you can do it!** If ever you're feeling discouraged, I want you to say to yourself "I can do hard things." Not because you *have* to be smart, not because you *have* to be strong, not because you *have* to be the best. But because you can **CHOOSE** to be determined.



Christy McAnally

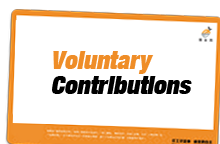
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES

\$40.00 1 Child
\$80.00 2 Children
\$120.00 3 Children

These can be paid at the front office or by direct debit BSB: 016 246 Account No: 360918248

Schedule of Voluntary Contributions is as follows:

\$10.00 Direct Instruction
\$10.00 Reading Books
\$10.00 Maths Resources
\$10.00 Library Books



EASTER DONATIONS

The P & C are having their annual Easter Raffle which will be drawn after assembly on Thursday 29th March at 1.40pm.

Could parents & caregivers please help with Easter donations for the Raffle prize. All donations can be dropped off at the front office.

Kind regards

Merriwa Primary Schools P & C

