

MERRIWA NEWS



Year 6 Camp

Breakfast Club
Every day from
8am



School
Briefings
Internal
Online

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

THANK YOU MERRIWA FAMILIES...

I thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to work together to provide your children with quality teaching and learning whilst taking action to respond to the changing environment and caseload levels of COVID-19.

Reflections on our journey:

- Masks are reducing the number of close contacts when we have a case at school.
- The Year 3—6 students are amazing in wearing their masks!
- If Kindy—Year 2 students want to wear them, they are very welcome.
- We have plenty of spare masks if your child breaks or loses their own mask.
- The COVID Cleaning Team who clean all hard surfaces at least twice every day are stars!
- If you have a case at home, let us know as soon as possible so we can contact trace immediately.
- If your child is identified as being a close contact at school, once they have had a negative PCR or RAT, they can come to school. They can't go out before and after school for 7 days and must have another PCR on Day 6 or RAT on Day 7.
- The rules are changing and we will always do our best to keep you up to date.
- You can find Health Department updates on <https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au>

We acknowledge every single family who is working together to get through these challenging times and to keep everyone safe. The feedback we have received is how much you appreciate our personal phone calls and the care our staff is showing. Merriwa PS is a special place to be.

YEAR 6 DAY CAMP

Last week the Year 6 students attended swimming lessons at Yanchep Lagoon and they all had a wonderful time at Latitude and Bowling in Joondalup. Due to uncertainty with COVID, the Swan Valley Adventure has been postponed until later in the year. Congratulations to the Year 6 students who represented our school so well. A big thank you to all the staff who made these events possible.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

These will go ahead as usual. The Years 3-6 students will wear their masks to the photo set, and quickly take them off and put them on again after their photograph has been taken. If parents come for family photos, then the same rules apply.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Sue Waterhouse,
Principal

EARLY
CLOSE
11.30 a.m.

Week 10
Wednesday
6th April

School Photos
Week 9
Monday 28th
March &
Wednesday 30th
March



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www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au
To see our
Website

Merriwa ESC

Dear Parents & Carers,

The Year 6 student day excursion to the Swan Valley has been postponed to Term 3, due to the uncertainty around Covid. We do not want the students to miss the excursion particularly after some missed days of swimming.

Despite the disruption we have experienced these past few weeks, the students are kept busy and entertained with fabulous programs. It has been wonderful to hear laughter from the delighted students who have been playing on the front lawn, experiencing various sensory play activities. I extend a huge thank you to Miss Jayde and Mrs Gore for their work in setting up Fun Friday activities and to all staff for ensuring equipment is ready for movement and sensory breaks throughout the day.

Updates and information is shared on Dojo and recently via email. Please do not hesitate to reach out to classroom teachers or the office if you need clarification on the latest Health Department guidelines.

School photos will be taken in week 9. A roster of class group photos will be shared once finalised.

As always, we appreciate that sick children are being kept at home to rest. This assists us all in maintaining healthy classrooms for all students and staff.

Stay well, stay calm and keep in touch.

Mrs Macri, Principal ESC



NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read newsletter 4 Parent signature _____

Child's Name _____

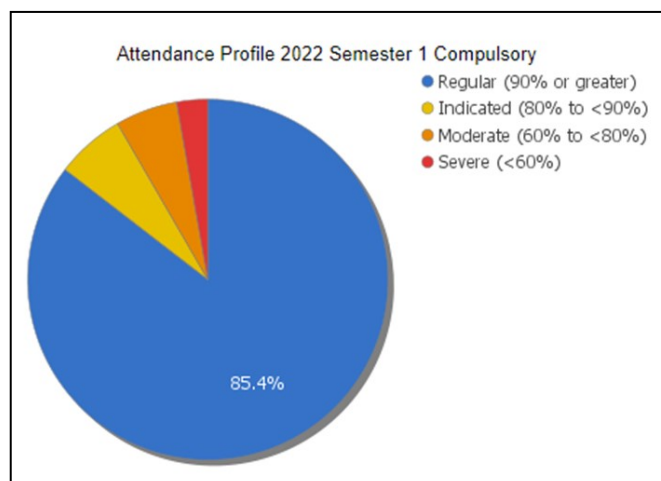
Room No. _____

Congratulations to last newsletter winner - La'Keysha Room 22

Attendance Term 1 Week 7 2022

Attendance breakdown by year level.

Breakdown	Attendance Rate %
KIN	96.5%
PPR	93.9%
Y01	95.3%
Y02	92.8%
Y03	92.1%
Y04	96.4%
Y05	93.3%
Y06	92.1%
Compulsory	93.7%



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow


What an amazing start to the year with our attendance starting at 93.7%. This beats the Australian average of 92%. We really want to focus on keeping this number above 93%.

Remember if your child is away for any reason to let the front office know so we can ensure our records are up to date.

"Remember every day counts"

Mr Fenn

Associate Principal

Year PP-2 HOME READING	Year 3 - 6 LITERACY PRO
Junior Champion Class Award PP Room 2	Merriwa Primary School Total Words Read 5 274 071
	Senior Champion Class Award 37 861 Year 5 Room 17
	Rising Stars Award Year 5 Room 18
Best participation in HOME READING PROGRAM	

Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN

The Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the online NAPLAN Tests from Monday 9th May to Friday 20th May 2022. A timetable of tests will be sent home closer to the test dates. Parents are welcome to look at the test and have a go at working through the them with their children using the Public Demonstration Site. This can be access by copying the link:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Children will be working through the practice tests with their teachers ensuring the children are comfortable with using the different features of the test. All the tests except the Year 3 writing will be done online. The Year 3 writing will be a pencil and paper test. Catch up tests will be held for those students who are away on the day.



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YEAR 6 BOWLING & LATITUDE

