

MERRIWA NEWS



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Caregivers, 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 and Zone Bowling 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.

CHICKEN POX AND HEAD LICE ALERT

Thank you to all parents and families who are watching out for these conditions. Hopefully this will clear over the holidays.

PRINCIPALS' 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 1st April. This is a celebration of our expectations of being respectful, positive, friendly and achieving. Children will be given invitations soon.

P & C AGM MONDAY 3rd MAY 1.30PM

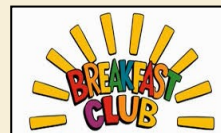
Our P & C has raised funds for our shade sails, picnic tables, Graduation and Book Awards. They now need your help for future projects. Please come along to the AGM to see how you can make a difference for your child.

END OF TERM THURSDAY 1st APRIL

The last day of school for term one is Thursday 1st April, and children will return to school on Monday 19th April. Please be safe over the Easter holiday and enjoy some well-earned family time. I trust you will all be back safe and sound to begin term 2. **School resumes for the children on Monday 19th April.**

Kind regards
Mrs Sue Waterhouse
Principal

Breakfast Club
Every day from
8am



**Alternating
Junior and
Senior**

SAVE THE DATE
One Big Voice

RAC Arena
Friday 20th
August

12 00pm

School Photos
Week 9
Monday 29th
&
Wednesday 31st

Early Close
Meet your
child's teacher
Tuesday 30th
March
11.30am

Online bookings can
be made on
[https://](https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/)
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Booking Code:
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Bring your child!

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Merriwa ESC

Dear Parents/Carers,

The changes in weather have had an impact on our school with many students and staff being unwell over the past week. I trust the impending Easter break will have a positive effect on our wellbeing as we recharge, rest and relax in preparation for a long term 2.

Our kids were treated with a visit from the Police this week. They were allowed to sit in the car and try on the police vest. Thanks to room 23 staff for organising this visit.

Upcoming Events for the end of term:

Early Close for Interim Reporting

School will be closed early on Tuesday 30th March with students being sent home at 11.30. If your child uses the school bus, you will also need to collect them at 11.30 on Tuesday. Parents/Carers are encouraged to book a meeting time directly with the teacher to follow up on progress, celebrations and concerns. Meetings will begin at 12noon.

School Photos

Our students and staff will have their photos taken on Monday 29 March. Individual photos can also be taken on Wednesday 31 March if necessary. Details have been sent home. You can go online to make your order or complete the details on the envelope and return this on Monday.

P&C Easter Raffle

Your child will have brought home raffle tickets attached to a flyer. Please return your tickets with child's name and room number along with \$5 to have the opportunity to win some amazing Easter prizes. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term- Thursday 1 April

It is very important that the school is contacted if your child is away. A phone call or a message on Dojo 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.

Just a reminder that we are keeping our eye out for children who may develop symptoms for Chicken Pox. The incubation period for previous confirmed cases is still likely.

Also we have students who are regularly checked and treated for head lice, please keep checking over the school break to help us manage these pesky critters.

Karen Macri
Principal
ESC



Newsletter Raffle

I have read Newsletter 4

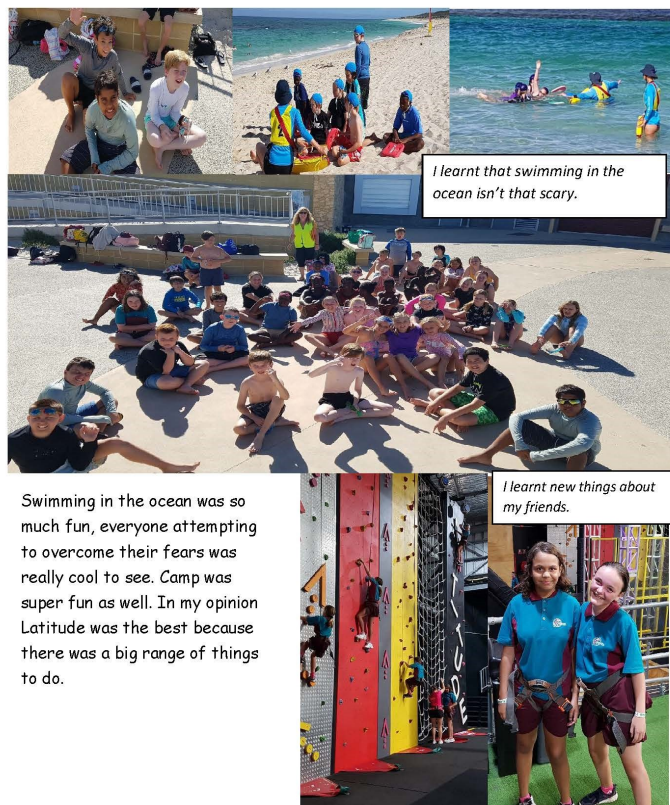
Parent signature _____

Child's Name _____ ROOM _____

Congratulations to last weeks winner— Tyler Room 9

Year 6 Swimming Lessons and Day Camps

This year, for the day camps, the Year 6s went to Yanchep Treetop Adventures, Latitude and Zone Bowling. It was awesome! Students helped each other to complete the course at the treetop adventure.



I learnt that swimming in the ocean isn't that scary.

I learnt new things about my friends.

Swimming in the ocean was so much fun, everyone attempting to overcome their fears was really cool to see. Camp was super fun as well. In my opinion Latitude was the best because there was a big range of things to do.



I feel more brave from the treetops and latitude.

The most challenging part was going on the zip lines.

I learnt that patience is the key.

At camp we talked to people in our year that we wouldn't normally talk to and we challenged ourselves at the treetops, latitude and bowling.

ROOM 12 - WHOLE SCHOOL ART PROJECT

This term the students were required to design a shirt. They had to follow a set of instructions that required embedding maths concepts for the problem-solving exercise. Room 12 students were required to come up with a pattern using two strips of cut up card. They had to place a number on the shirt and explain why that number was of significant importance to them e.g. favourite sports hero 'Guernsey' number.

They also had to verbally tell the teacher the shapes they could see on the shirt.

Here is a sample of their work.

Mrs Barr, Classroom Teacher



MUSIC NEWS

The I.M.S.S. program is a wonderful opportunity for students to be selected and gain free music tuition throughout their school years.

Congratulations to the wonderful flute students Maisy, Reiltin, Elouna and Hadia. Congratulations also to Kevin, Kael, Bella, Dannii and Anthony.

The Music room is open every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning for extra practise.

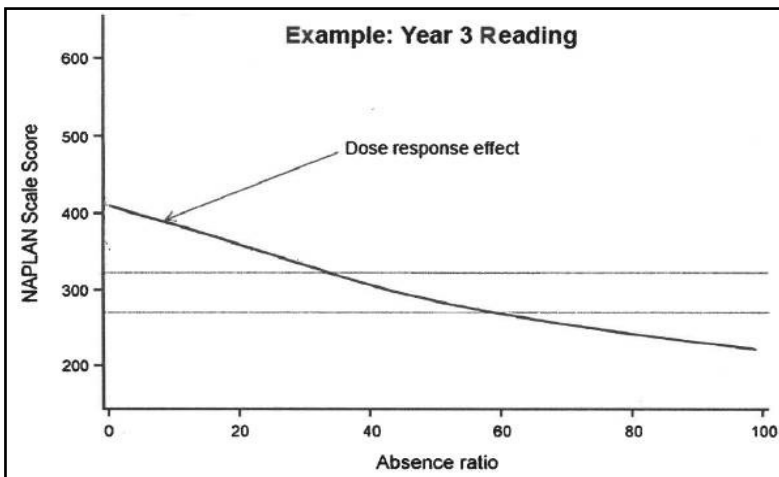
We look forward to these students performing with the talented year 6 students at the Christmas concert.

Rose Prior Music teacher



ATTENDANCE

Our attendance rate for the last fortnight was 93.4%. This is above our targeted rate of 93%. In our last newsletter we explained the affect missing a day has on your child's NAPLAN results. The attached graph shows this effect on the Year 3 Reading test.




The authorised absent rate was 73% while we had 27% of absences as unauthorised. We are targeting reducing the unauthorised absences to 20% for this semester.

If you child is absent contact the school. The easiest way is to reply to the text message sent each morning.

Remember every day counts.

Jeff Hoskins

Year PP-2	HOME READING	Year 3 - 6	LITERACY PRO
Junior Champion Class Award	Pre-Primary Room 2	Merriwa Primary School Total Words Read	7 103 280
		Senior Champion Class Award	24 133 Year 5 Room 18
Best participation in HOME READING PROGRAM		Rising Stars Class Award	Year 4 Room 21

