

MERRIWA NEWS



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Families,

We are so proud of the performance by the Merriwa Primary School Choir at One Big Voice, Perth Arena this year. They performed with 2000 students to an audience of over 3000 with beautiful singing, movement and harmony.

We are grateful to Mrs Prior for her dedication to promoting this event and for making it possible for our students to feature in such a positive way.

Thank you also, to the staff and families who came along to the concert.

BUILDING UPGRADES

Merriwa Primary has been awarded an upgrade to the science lab, and an additional funding of \$25 000 for equipment. The tender on the upgrade closes on 5 September, and work will commence shortly after. Science lessons will be enhanced by this generous grant from the Department of Education. Ms Leonard and the students are excited to see our new lab!

LEARNING JOURNEY

You are invited to come to our annual Learning Journey on Wednesday 19 September. As usual, our classes are open and there will be many stalls and displays from local high schools and community agencies. The P and C will be running a sausage sizzle, and you are welcome to our opening event straight after school finishes, in the undercover area, where our students will be performing. We close at 4.45 p.m. with a raffle draw for completed *Learning Journey Passports* and a performance by the drumming group. Please note, that children must be accompanied by an adult. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Kind Regards

Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal



Every day from 8am

5 September

P&C Pizza day



6 September

The Great Veggie Crunch @12.30pm



14 September

Book Character Parade
Find your treasure



VISIT

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

Merriwa ESC News

With the upcoming athletic carnival days, there is a lot of energy around the centre. Staff are busy organising for successful events and to ensure all of our students can participate for as long as possible.

We are particularly looking forward to our Education Support Interschool sports day on Tuesday, one of the highlights of my year!

Please also keep in mind our ESC assembly next week, Friday 7 September. Parents are welcome to join us for a morning tea following the assembly.

MESC is pleased to welcome EA students from Joondalup Tafe, who will join us from next week for their work placement.

Upcoming Events this term

- MPS and MESC Athletics Carnival – Friday 31 August
- ESC Interschool Sports day - Tuesday 4 September
- Sensory Workshop for parents/carers – Wednesday 5 September
- ESC Assembly item – Friday 7 September
- Australian Animal visit – Monday 10 September
- Dress Up – Character book parade “Find Your Treasure” – Friday 14 September
- Learning Journey – Wednesday 19 September

Communication

At Merriwa we provide families with various forms of communication to ensure that you are well informed about upcoming events and information. Have you downloaded the Dojo app to keep in touch with your class teacher and with the MESC? We also use the website to share information, load the newsletters and inform our community of the latest news. Through the website you may have also found the app ‘Update-ed’ to be useful in receiving quick updates through the office. Please be sure to contact the office or your classroom teacher to get more information on how you can be kept up to date.

Year 6 students transition

Well done to our parents who have visited Butler College to begin the enrolment process. If you have not yet had the opportunity to visit the college please do so before September 21. There is a family get together organised in week 9 at the college to provide you with more information

Illness

Thank you to our families who are very considerate in keeping sick children at home to avoid the spread of cold and flu virus. Sick children need to recover at home. Please contact the office when your child is absent.

Karen Macri—Principal ESC

MUSIC NEWS



The Merriwa Primary School Choir entertained us with their wonderful performance at The Perth Arena on Friday 17th August. The choir performed with the 2000 other students from the Perth and country areas.

A special mention goes out to the AUSLAN students; Chantelee Hanekom, Abbie Reynolds and Emma Kinnane who beautifully displayed Advanced Australia Fair in Sign language. Chantelee also performed this individually in the evening show. Emma worked hard to perform The Skyboat song on the flute, having to memorise the music. Emma has only been playing the flute for seven months.

Merriwa also had several rap performers, Ciara Helion, Monica Deng and Samuel Baraka who danced with great rhythm too. I would like to give a thank you to the choir students and their families for supporting the event.

Warm regards

Rose Prior

Music teacher 🎵🎵🎵

BEAN BALLS



- Preparation time:** 15 mins
- Cook time:** 15 mins
- Makes:** 12-15 balls
- $\frac{1}{2}$ serve vegetables per ball

Ingredients

- 400g can no-added salt chickpeas, drained
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup frozen peas, defrosted
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup grated vegetables e.g. carrot, zucchini, pumpkin
- $\frac{1}{2}$ onion, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons wholemeal plain flour
- 1 tablespoon sweet chilli sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin (optional)
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander (optional)
- 1 tablespoon canola oil

Serving suggestion: use in a sandwich or wrap with salad and sweet chilli sauce.

Storage: Individually wrap in cling wrap and freeze for up to 3 months and place in lunchboxes still frozen. They will be defrosted by recess time.



Method

1. Mash the chickpeas and peas together in a large bowl with a fork or potato masher.
2. With your hands, squeeze as much moisture as you can out of the grated vegetables and add them to the bowl.
3. Add all the other ingredients (except the oil) and mix well.
4. Take a big spoonful of the mixture and roll into a ball with your hands.
5. Flatten the ball and place on a plate. Repeat with the rest of the mixture.
6. Heat half the oil in a large, non-stick frying pan. Add about half the balls, being careful not to overcrowd the pan. Cook for 2-3 minutes, until golden brown, then flip over and cook for another 2-3 minutes. Place them on paper towel while you cook the rest of the balls.

Note: If you have a food processor or stick blender with a bowl attachment, add all the ingredients (except the oil) to the food processor and blitz until you get a chunky but sticky texture. Then continue from step 4.

Why not try this easy, healthy receipt—Di Evans School Nurse

-COOKIE'S CAPERS-

Cookie has been busy around the school welcoming new people and caring for those who are not feeling so well. He loves attending the assemblies and last week when Aryelle stood to be acknowledged for her cross country achievements he quickly jumped into her chair. Aryelle ended up sharing her chair with Cookie.



BUTLER COLLEGE SPECIALIST PROGRAM

Butler College has a High Performance Cricket Program that runs in Years 7 & 8 in 2018. The program will continue in 2019. Year 6 students are invited to register their interest in the program by the end of term 3. They simply need to email their name, parent contact and school to luke.edwards@education.wa.edu.au. This program is only offered to students who live in the Butler College intake area. Registered students will be contacted and informed of the trial date to be held early Term 4.

Jeff Hoskins—Associate Principal
Jeff Hoskins



HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

BOTTLES OF WATER FOR SALE!

IGA Quinns and David Rapley from Metcash have generously donated bottles of water to Merriwa Primary and ESC.

We are selling them for \$5 for a pack of 24. All proceeds will go straight to the P & C.

You can order packs from the office. Please fill in the slip below, with the correct money and send it to the office. We will contact you so you can collect your pack. Thank you for supporting the P & C.

CHILD'S NAME _____ ROOM _____

NUMBER OF PACKS ORDERED _____ TOTAL MONEY ENCLOSED _____

Academic Extension Program for Year 7 2019

Applications are now open for Butler College's Academic Extension program for Year 7 students in 2019.

The Program brings like-minded students together in a highly engaging and challenging learning program delivered by experienced teachers.

If you would like your child to be considered for entry into this program or for more information, go to the Butler College website at <https://www.butlercollege.wa.edu.au/programs/academic-extension-program> to download the information letter and application form.

If you have any enquires please contact Deputy Principal, Matthew Paton on 9561 4200 or email Matthew.Paton@education.wa.edu.au.

Kalamunda History Village

On Wednesday the 15th August the Year Three students went on an excursion to Kalamunda History Village. The children explored the village and were given opportunities to experience what life was like in the early 1900's. The students had a wonderful time hearing stories about life and how families lived and worked in the olden days.



Newsletter Raffle!

I have read newsletter 13. Parents signature _____

Childs Name _____ Room No. _____