

## Early Lunch

This year there have been some changes to the structure of the school day and they are outlined below.

The changes have been implemented for a variety of reasons:

- To make the most of teaching and learning during the morning.
- To avoid a long playtime during the hottest part of the day.
- To let the children play before they eat— they are often too busy to eat and want to play, and so they bring their food home.



Children are encouraged to bring along lots of Crunch 'n 'Sip, which they can have during the morning session in class.

The lunch time drop off time at the back gate has now been changed to 10.30am.

A staff member will be at the back gate at 10.30am each day to collect lunches and any other forgotten items.

## SCHOOL TIMES 2021

8.30–10.55am	Lesson time (Crunch and Sip will take place in this block of teaching)
10.55–11.20am	Students Play
11.20–11.35am	Students eat their lunch
11.35–1.25pm	Lesson time
1.25–1.45pm	Students eat their recess then play
1.45–2.40pm	Lesson time

The children have responded really well to the changes and we thank you for your support.

## Key Dates for this year

Labour Day	Monday 1st March
Year 6 Swimming	Monday 8th March until Friday 19th March
Year 6 Camp	Tuesday 16th March Wednesday 17th March & Thursday 18th March
School Photo's	Monday 29th March & Wednesday 31st March
Last Day of Term 1	Thursday 1st April

## Merriwa Education Support Centre

Merriwa Education Support Centre has a few desks available to go to a good home. Height is adjustable and the wheel can lock.

Please contact Kylie on 6206 2330 if you are interested.



## Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN

The Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the online NAPLAN Tests from Tuesday 11 May to Friday 21 May 2021. 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.