

# MERRIWA NEWS



KINDY  
FIRST  
DAY  
2019



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK... Welcome Back! Here are the classes for 2019

Position	Teachers	Location
Kindergarten	Mrs Avins – Mrs Allan	Room 4
Pre-Primary	Mrs Thompson – Miss Ortlepp	Room 1
	Mrs Hollie – Mrs Dorney	Room 2
Year 1	Mrs Duffill	Room 6
Year 1	Mrs Rogers	Room 10
Year 1/2	Miss Purcell	Room 7
Year 2	Ms Galbraith	Room 11
Year 2	Ms Liddlow	Room 13
Year 3	Mrs Barr	Room 12
Year 3	Mrs Radich - Mrs Hogan	Room 9
Year 3/4	Mrs Rock—Mrs Morgan	Room 21
Year 4	Mrs Zainudin	Room 19
Year 4/5	Ms Hay	Room 22
Year 5	Mr Collins	Room 16
Year 5	Mrs McKenzie	Room 17
Year 6	Mrs Carroll—Mrs Perkins	Room 15
Year 6	Mrs Ebert	Room 18
Science	Ms Leonard	Room 14
Music	Mrs Prior	Music Rm
Phys Ed	Mr Allan	
Italian	Mrs Zoccali	Room 20
Computing	Mr Bownes	Computer Lab

Kind Regards Sue Waterhouse Principal



Every day from 8am



**Banking**  
Monday morning  
between 8am-8.30am

Year 6 Swimming  
Yanchep National Lagoon  
Beach  
Swimming Lessons during Week  
5 & 6

Pre Primary - Year 5  
Swimming  
Monday 18th March -  
Friday 29th March  
excluding Thursday 21st &  
Friday 22nd

Year 6  
Day  
Camp



Tuesday 12th March  
Wednesday 13th March  
Thursday 14th March

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[www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au](http://www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au)  
to check out the  
website and to  
download the FREE  
Phone App

## Merriwa ESC News

Thank you to our families for your efforts in preparing your child for a fantastic start to the school year. Our classes are running smoothly and students have settled quickly into the rhythm and routines of the day. It is wonderful to see happy faces and proud students as I walk through the Centre.

Here is an outline of the MESC staff:

EIP- PrePrimary, Room 6a- Teacher: Mrs Sharon Hogan  
Education Assistants: Mrs Erika Hanekom, Miss Monique Pieterse and Miss Kirsty Pow

Kindy Class, Room 29- Teacher: Mrs Rachael Livingstone  
Education Assistants: Mrs Katrina Sebastian, Ms Lisa Ashton and Mrs Kris Irving

Early Childhood PrePrimary, Room 26- Teacher: Miss Amy McInerney  
Education Assistants: Mrs Karen Tate, Mrs Trilby Hartley and Mrs Tonia Edwards

Early Childhood Year 1 to Year 2, Room 27- Teacher: Mrs Beth Reiger  
Education Assistants: Mrs Nicola Brennan, Ms Ros Coutts, Ms Agnes Wozniak

Early Childhood Year 2 to Year 3, Room 23- Teacher: Mrs Elke Mohle  
Education Assistants: Mrs Annette Pezzano, Mrs Rhonda Jennings and Miss Jess Wood

Senior Class Year 5 to Year 6, Room 25- Teacher: Ms Bonny Carroll  
Education Assistants: Mrs Tana Burton, Mrs Alison Tilbury and Kristen Disley

Senior Class Year 6, Room 24- Teacher: Ms Caity Hawker  
Education Assistants: Mrs Janette Rudd, Ms Ash Whittle

Mrs Peta Tait works on Tuesday and Wednesday in a support teacher role.

Mrs Gill Gore will run the Readiness Program again on Thursday and Friday and support the Early Childhood classes with fundamental movement programs.

Mrs Jayde Hahnel will continue to manage our Sensory Program and Engine Room.

Our focus continues to be on the development of emergent literacy and numeracy, effective communication and to support our students with self-management while developing independence. Staff have designed programs and learning activities to foster these areas and I look forward to seeing the results over the course of the year.

You will be given an opportunity to meet with the classroom teacher this term to discuss your goals for your child and to have an input into their education plan. Please take advantage of this opportunity so that we can continue to work closely with you.

Our Year 6 students have delivered their speech to peers in the hope of being elected to join the primary school student councillors for 2019. Our ESC student leaders will be announced at next week's assembly. Congratulations to the students who took the time to prepare their speech.

Please use your communication book for daily contact with your child's class. This has proven to be a quite efficient method to communicate, particularly if you are not able to meet with the teacher regularly. Our other effective communication tool is Class Dojo. Many of you will have joined Class Dojo and we also have an ESC group for whole school news. Please download the app and join our group if you have not already done so. See your classroom teacher for more information

It is very important that the school is contacted if your child is away. A phone call or a note in the communication book 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.



I urge parents and carers to adhere to the parking rules around the school. Unless you possess an ACROD parking permit, the staff car park is not to be used for drop off and pick up. Please consider the safety of all students.

Karen Macri  
Principal  
ESC

## Keep Your Children Safe

*The school has 2 disabled bays located in the main carpark. To support parents needing to use the bays it is appreciated if these bays are not used when people are visiting the school. Parents are not to use the main car park as a pick up and drop off location. This is to reduce the amount of traffic in the car park and to help with safety around the school. There is a drop off point in Greyhound Drive and the back car park often has bays available for parents to use.*

*Jeff Hoskins—Associate Principal*

## NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read newsletter 1. Parents signature \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room No. \_\_\_\_\_

## 2019 NAPLAN

All year 3 and 5 students will be taking part in this year's NAPLAN between the 14th and 24th May. Again our students will complete the test on-line, except for the Year 3 writing. Parents are able to view the demonstration site to view the practice tests that can be completed with your children. Teachers will be thoroughly preparing all children to assess the site and complete the tests to the best of their ability prior to the tests. The web address for the platform is:

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

Further information about parents wishing to withdraw and exempt their children will be updated in future newsletters.



### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the parents who have already paid their Voluntary Contributions. Voluntary Contributions can be paid at the school office.

Merriwa Primary School  
BSB Number—016 246  
Account Number—340918248

Kindy—Year 6	\$40
One child	\$40
Two Children	\$80
Three or more children	\$120

### SCHOOL PHOTO'S

Monday 11th March  
Tuesday 12th March  
Wednesday 13th March



### SUNSMART

Help to keep your children SUNSMART, please make sure you apply sunscreen to your children before sending them to school as the days are becoming very hot and it is vital that they are protected. Staff will remind children to reapply their sunscreen during the school day. Sunscreen is listed on the school booklist so please ensure that you send it in to the classroom where it will be kept.



## Swimming

This year we are introducing beach swimming for our year 6 students at Yanchep Lagoon Beach. The PP to year 5 students will continue swimming at the HBF Arena.

- PP to Year 5 - Monday 18th March to Friday 29th March  
(excluding Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd) cost \$40.00
- Year 6—Tuesday 5th March to 15th March
- Cost to be included in Camp fees—All students will attend
- PP—Year 5 forms have been sent home with this newsletter.



There are 3 sessions, each with a limit of 110, so it will be first in first served. If you need help in paying, please contact the office as soon as possible

Mr Hoskins—Associate Principal

### Thoughts from our Year 6 students....

Dear future staff,

Today is my first day of year 6.

- I am very excited to see how the year goes—Rhianna
- I am feeling happy because it has been a long holiday—Abbie
- I am feeling happy because I can communicate with my friends and learn—Baoyi
- I am going to be a good friend and classmate this year by giving friends the help they need—Cooper
- I am going to be the best student I can be by stopping talking and doing my work! - Kyra
- I am going to work my hardest—Jaxon
- I am going to achieve my goals by listening, practising, being good and achieving—Elijah



# Term One Planner 2019

<b>MTH</b>	<b>W K</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>JAN/ FEB</b>		28	29	30	31 School Development Day	1 School Development Day
	1	4	5	6	7 Newsletter	8 School Briefing
	2	11	12	13	14	15 Assembly Rm 18
	3	18	19 P&C Meeting	20	21 Newsletter	22 School Briefing
	4	25 Life Education Van starts	26 ESC IPS review	27	28	1 Assembly Rm 12
<b>MAR</b>	5	4 Labour Day	5 Yr 6 Yanchep Lagoon Swimming Lessons	6	7 Newsletter	8 School Briefing Life Education Van ends
	6	11 School Photos	12 School Photos Yr 6 Yanchep National Park	13 School Photos Yr 6 Gravity Discovery Centre	14 Yr 6 Latitude Rock Climbing	15 Assembly Rm 9 Swimming ends
	7	18 PP-Yr 5 Swimming Lessons	19 P&C Meeting	20	21 Newsletter No swimming Harmony Day	22 School Briefing School Board meeting 12.30 No swimming
	8	25 PP-Yr 5 Swimming Lessons	26	27 Councillor training course Yr 6	28	29 Assembly Student Council Swimming ends
	9	1	2	3	4 Newsletter	5 School Briefing
<b>APR</b>	10	8	9	10 Early Close Parent Interviews	11	12 Anzac Day Service