

Merriwa ESC News...

It has been a fantastic start to the year. Our classes are running smoothly and students have settled 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:

Mrs Christina Maunick-Sallie will continue in an administrative role as senior teacher.

Early Intensive Intervention Program, Room 6a- Teacher: Mrs Lanae Vella
Education Assistants: Ms Ros Coutts, Mrs Erika Hanekom and Miss Monique Pieterse

Kindy Class, Room 27- Teacher: Mrs Rachael Livingstone
Education Assistants: Ms Dee Gee, Mrs Katrina Sebastian and Miss Jess Wood

Early Childhood PrePrimary to Year 2, Room 26- Teacher: Miss Amy McInerney
Education Assistants: Mrs Annette Pezzano, Miss Kirsty Pow, Mrs Karen Tate

Early Childhood PrePrimary to Year 3, Room 23- Teacher: Mrs Beth Reiger
Education Assistants: Ms Lisa Ashton, Mrs Nicola Brennan, Mrs Tana Burton, Mrs Paris Patullo

Senior Class Year 4 to Year 6, Room 24- Teacher: Ms Caity Hawker
Education Assistants: Mrs Tonia Edwards, Ms Kerrie Harris, Mrs Trilby Hartley

Senior Class Year 4 to Year 6, Room 25- Teacher: Ms Bonny Carroll
Education Assistants: Mrs Rhonda Jennings, Mrs Janette Rudd, Mrs Alison Tilbury

Mrs Peta Tait works on Tuesdays in a support teacher role.

Mrs Gill Gore will run the Readiness Program again on Thursdays 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.

The ESC has elected student leaders from our Year 6 student group who will join the primary school student councillors. Congratulations to Aiden and Kobe on their leadership role.

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.

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.

Staff and students will have their school photo taken in week 4. I look forward to seeing the outcome of our ESC group photo. Packages can be purchased online using a login that you will receive in the coming weeks.

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.

Karen Macri
Principal

ACADEMY OF SCIENCE CHOOSES MERRIWA FOR SCIENCE TRIAL

We have been chosen by the Australian Academy of Science in Canberra to trial a science program with our pre-primary students.

Ms Leonard will be teaching science this year, and Mr Allan will be taking Physical Education. Ms Leonard will be working with the Pre Primary Teachers to try out the science program and let the academy know what we think of it!

A permission note has been sent home with all Pre- Primary students with this newsletter.

We have also been acknowledged by the Department of Education by awarding our school a complete refit of the science room to the value of \$20 000.

We are proud of our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) programs at Merriwa.

Ask your children what they have been learning in science!



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Thursday 15th Feb
9.00am to 4.00pm

The Salvation Army
Merriwa Corps
26 Nolan Way,
Merriwa, 6030

Enquiries and bookings phone 1800 337 082

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the parent 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—\$40.00
Two Children \$80.00
Three or more children—\$120.00

Pay your Voluntary Contributions before the end of term and go into the draw for two people to win a \$30.00 Lowes Voucher

Naplan Testing 2018

The school has been identified to complete this year's tests as online computer based tests. All the year 3 and 5 students will participate in the tests during the fortnight 15 to 25 May. The year 3 students will complete the writing test as a pen and paper test. Further information will be sent home later in the term.

Parents and carers are able to access the sites and try the demonstration test by logging into the following website.

www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site

Exemptions. These are available to children with significant disabilities or students with a language background other than English and have arrived from overseas less than one year before the test.

Withdrawal. These are available to parents and carers to exercise their right on philosophical grounds. Children who have been withdrawn do not receive a test score.

Both exemptions and withdrawals must be endorsed by the principal. Please discuss this with your child's teacher if you have any concerns. These close on Friday 13 April 2018.

MERRIWA PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

0 - 3 year olds

Come along to Merriwa Playgroup every Friday between 8.45am and 11am

Where : Room 30

Please bring some fruit or morning tea for us to share.

Look forward to seeing you there.

STARTING FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY





MERRIWA
PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Term One Planner 2018

MTH	W K	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY Ana b.kids	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JAN				24 Office Open	25 Admin starts	26 AUSTRALIA DAY
FEB	1	29 School Development Day	30 School Development Day	31	1 Newsletter	2 School Briefing
	2	5	6	7	8	9 ASSEMBLY
	3	12	13 P & C Meeting 1.30pm	14	15 Newsletter	16 School Briefing
	4	19	20	21 School Photos	22 School Photos	23 School Photos ASSEMBLY Rm 15/18
MAR	5	26	27 Camp Yr 6	28 Camp Yr 6	1 Camp Yr 6 Newsletter	2 School Briefing
	6	5 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	6	7	8	9 ASSEMBLY Rm 12
	7	12	13 P & C Meeting 1.30pm	14	15 Newsletter	16 School Briefing
	8	19	20 GRIP Leadership Yr 6	21	22	23 ASSEMBLY Rm 9
	9	26	27	28	29 Newsletter	30 GOOD FRIDAY
APR	10	2 EASTER MONDAY	3 EASTER TUESDAY	4	5	6 Constable Care School Briefing
	11	9	10 Block Reward	11 Interm Reports Early Close	12 Principals A/ Tea Newsletter	13 ANZAC DAY SERVICE