

## MERRIWA SCHOOLS' CAMPUS 67 BALTIMORE PARADE MERRIWA WA 6030

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

19th & 20th

February

Notes to go home

soon!!!

#### Breakfast Club



Mon, Wed Thurs & Fri

## AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS STARTS WEEK 4

STARTS WEEK 4
'NOTES TO GO
HOME

## Merriwa Primary and ESC Website

www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au/

SCHOOL BANKING EVERY TUESDAY 8AM 0 8.45AM ROOM 8



School Uniforms are available at <u>LOWES</u> situated at Ocean Keys Shopping Centre.

## From the Principal....

Welcome back to Merriwa Primary School for 2014. Thank you for sending your children so well prepared! They all look fantastic in their uniforms and are excited about being back at school.

#### What has been happening at Merriwa?

- ♦ We have all been working hard during the holidays to prepare the school and programs for your children. The Kindy and Pre Primary staff and their families, in particular, have been very generous in giving up their time to paint and redecorate their classrooms, which look so bright and colourful. All staff have given up many hours to make a good start for the new year. We are very lucky to have such dedicated staff at Merriwa.
- ◆ This year we will be continuing with the basics....good solid teaching in phonics, spelling, maths, reading and writing. Our results last year show the progress we have made and we have now been officially cleared of the adverse findings in previous ERG reports. We will also take time to enjoy our participation in
- interschool sports, massed choir, new rock bands and other
- exciting programs.
- Merriwa Primary and ESC are working together closely and will continue to expand our integrated, inclusive model. Staff and children will be working together according to the needs of the children from both the school and the centre, and will also continue with Direct Instruction reading, spelling and phonics. We are proud to continue this strong partnership.
- ◆ The opening of our 4th class in the Kindy has been very successful and we now have 73 Kindy children enrolled here, with space for just 7 more.



## Staffing

We are pleased to welcome back our staff from last year and also extend a warm welcome to our new teacher, Mr Hodgson in Year 5.

## Year 6 /7 Transition to High School

The Year 6 and 7 students will all be moving to high school at the end of the year. To make sure that the Year 6 students have every opportunity for school leadership and end of year activities, the students will be voting for both a Year 6 and Year 7 Head Boy and Head Girl, and both Year 6 and Year 7 Student Councillors. They will all have Graduation Shirts, which will also be voted upon by the students. All Year 6 and 7 students will attend Day Camps at the end of Term 1 and we will also be holding separate Graduation Ceremonies in December. We look forward to making this a special year for all our senior students.

#### Canteen

The canteen will be open next week. We will be using the on-line order system again, so if you have credit, you can still use it. The new menu will be sent home soon.

## Breakfast Club

This opens again next week too. All volunteers are welcome. If you would like to make a donation of margarine to the Breakfast Club, this would be much appreciated.

#### School Banking

Have you signed up for school banking yet? Come along to the demountable behind the kindy every Tuesday morning before school to register. There are great prizes and great incentives to save. Thank you to Leah Frankis, a parent from the ESC, who donates her time and energy to our school banking.

## School Passport Program

We have been invited into the School Passport Program where you can earn money for the time you give to our school. More details to follow!

## School Contributions Now Due

These are due now. You can pay at the office or on line:

MERRIWA PRIMARY SCHOOL BSB NUMBER: 016 246 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 340918248

\$40.00 per child (\$10.00 per term) and the 4th or more children are free. There is still \$8 220 outstanding from last year! Please help us to provide much needed Maths, Reading and Library books for your children.

Kind Regards Sue Waterhouse Principal

## From the Principal....Merriwa ESC...

## Welcome back!

A warm welcome to all our families and a special welcome to our new families. I trust you have all had a restful summer holiday.

Our enrolments have grown and we are pleased to announce the following new staff, Gillian Gore, Rachael Livingstone and Susan MacFarlane who have joined our ESC team for 2014.

Students have settled very nicely in their first week and look very smart in their uniform. We have several exciting programs planned for the year and staff are feeling motivated and positive for the 2014 year.

Warm regards

Karen Macri Principal, ESC



#### After School Care

From Term 1, 2014, we have opened a brand new Before and After School Care Program at Merriwa PS.

OSH Club programs are great fun as there is so much to do, heaps of things to play with and they are staffed with wonderful, experienced and trained people.

Both permanent and casual or last minute bookings are available. Book as much or a little as you need, whenever you need it.

#### The program will be open as follows:

 Fee
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 Opening Hours

 Before School Care
 \$4.51 to \$18.50
 7:00am - 8:20am

 After School Care
 \$7.11 to \$25.50
 2:40pm - 6:00pm

 Pupil Free Days
 \$6.36 to \$50.00
 7:00am - 6:00pm

A late booking fee of \$3 applies to all BSC/ASC bookings made within 24 hours of the session. Fees are subject to change.

#### **Program Update**

Welcome back to Merriwa Primary School for 2014 everyone. Here at OSHClub we would like to let you know that we are providing Before and After School Care right here on the Merriwa PS grounds. We are located in room 20, so if you are interested in us providing care for your children, please come and see us.

Each day there will be a variety of activities, crafts and games, so we are sure we can keep your children interested. Being Term 1 don't forget to ensure your child has a hat for any outdoor play.

Have a wonderful 2014 school year.

#### Next Week's Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	Self Portrait	Anime	Back to front names	Shadow drawings	You draw – I draw
After Care Activities	Lego building	Colours Game	Rice jar objects	Act it out	Hama bead tower



## FURNITUR:

We have some old junior desks and chairs available. If you are interested in picking some up for a gold coin donation, please contact the office on 9305 9011.



### EARN \$500 TOWARDS EDUCATION COSTS!

To be eligible you need to:

- Have a Centerlink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession.
- Have a child at school or starting next year
- Have some form of household income such as casual, part-time
- or seasonal employment.
- All you have to do is call Megan from the Smith Family on
- 9440 4147 or 0438 518 603



# **MERRIWA P.S. CLASSES 2014**

Kindy A	Miss Janelle Avins and Mrs Rose		
Timey 71	Prior- Longmuir		
Kindy B	Miss Janelle Avins and Mrs Rose		
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Kindy C	Mrs Kristie Avins and Mrs Teneale Hogan		
Kindy D	Mrs Kristie Avins and Mrs Teneale Hogan		
PP	Mrs Andrea Hollie and Mrs Jo White		
PP	Mrs Charon Thompson and Mrs Anne McKimmie		
PP	Mrs Terri Liddelow and Mrs Gemma Donaldson		
Year 1	Miss Erin Purcell		
Year 1	Miss Siobhan Fitzsimons		
Year 1	Miss Tammy Reale		
Year 2	Mrs Phillipa Hill (Monday to Thursday) and Mrs Louise Carroll (Friday)		
Year 2	Mrs Sue Zainudin		
Year 2	Mrs Ahidan Barr		
Year 3	Mrs Judy Lestar		
Year 3	Mrs Jane Lang		
Year 4	Ms Renee Rogers		
Year 4	Mrs Lynda Radich (Monday, Tuesday) and Mrs Lynne Pontikos (Wednesday to Friday)		
Year 5	Ms Cathy Hay		
Year 5	Mr Joe Hodgson		
Year 6 / 7	Mrs Allison Ebert		
Year 6 / 7	Mrs Angela Winter		
Year 6 / 7	Mrs Shonagh McKenzie (Tuesday to Friday from 24 February) and Mrs Louise Carroll (Monday)		
Literacy Specialist	Mrs Nicole Fraser		
Numeracy Specialist	Mrs Louise Carroll		
Music	Mrs Rose Prior-Longmuir		
Art  Physical Education	Mrs Gemma Donaldson		
Physical Education	Ms Christine Leonard		
LOTE ( Italian)	Mrs Melissa Zoccali		
AIEO	Mr Wesley Sibosado		
School Nurse	Mrs Dianne Evans		
Chaplain	Mrs Estelle Van Niekerk		
School Psychologist	Mr Nigel Boundy		
Computer Consultant	Andrew Bownes		