



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 **	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



FURNITURE

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

FOR SALE
Available from the
School Office



MERRIWA P.S. CLASSES 2014

Kindy A	Miss Janelle Avins and Mrs Rose Prior– Longmuir
Kindy B	Miss Janelle Avins and Mrs Rose Prior– Longmuir
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	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