

MERRIWA SCHOOLS' CAMPUS 67 BALTIMORE PARADE MERRIWA WA 6030

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SCHOOL PHOTOS 18th 19th 20th **FEBRUARY** Notes to go home soon

Breakfast Club



Not available at the moment. Notes to home soon

SCHOOL BANKING EVERY TUESDAY 8.00AM - 8.30AM LIBRARY



ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 13TH **FEBRUARY**

MUSIC & ITALIAN

Merriwa Primary and **ESC** Website

www.**merriwa**ps.wa.edu.au

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

available at LOWES situated at Ocean **Keys Shopping** Centre.



From the Principal's Desk.....

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back! We look forward to another great year at Merriwa. We are excited to be back and our staff have been working hard over the holidays to plan and prepare the programs for your children.

This year we will continue to provide quality teaching and learning to ensure that your children have the very best education. At Merriwa we:

- Expect and achieve high standards of behaviour
- Have an integrated inclusive model with the ESC
- Teach phonics and spelling through Direct Instruction
- Teach maths through explicit instruction
- Provide quality after school care programs
- Enjoy coming to work!

Staffing

We have had minimal changes to staffing this year, and you are encouraged to meet with your child's teachers. Parent meetings will be arranged soon.

Homework Club

Curtin University is running a trial homework club at Merriwa this term. The program starts straight after school and runs until 5.30p.m. It is \$15 per day and \$12 if you book up for a whole week and is supervised by qualified teachers. Please see the attached flyer for more information. The club will be starting on 16th February in the computer room.

Joint Schools'Council - Are you Interested in Nominating?

The ESC and Primary School has recently been given authorisation by the Minister of Education to combine our School Council into one. There are two parent vacancies this year. Would you like to join? If you are interested in nominating for a position, could you please complete the form in this newsletter and return to the office, marked attention: Sue Waterhouse, Principal, Confidential.

Kind regards

Mrs Sue Waterhouse

Principal

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

Welcome back to a new school year. It has been a very encouraging week with students settling very quickly and staff establishing their routines, ensuring a positive start for all concerned.

I extend a warm welcome to Merriwa ESC to our new families and trust that you will feel settled over the coming weeks. I hope you will try to engage yourself in the various activities and committees in our school community over the year.

We currently have 35 students enrolled, a decline in numbers due to the loss of Year 7 students who now attend high school. This year we have created 5 classes, including the Early Intervention program, with Miss Lenae Erickson and have welcomed four new teachers who join our team. Mrs Beth Reiger is managing the senior class Yrs 4 to 6, Mrs Amanda Lyon and Mrs Jacquie Rigby will work in partnership with Yrs 2 to 4, Ms Bonny Carroll has the other class of students in Yrs 2 to 4. Mrs Christina Maunick-Sallie and Mrs Rachael Livingstone are working in partnership with the iunior class K to Yr 2

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the staff who have worked hard to ensure that our centre was ready for the children's first day. We have had the opportunity to establish the ESC within Karri Block and have been able to create specialist learning areas which will be of great benefit for all children. New furniture will arrive this month as we continue to create an attractive learning environment for our students.

Thank you to all our families for ensuring that students were ready for the school year, your assistance is appreciated and allows for a smooth start. It is also wonderful to see the students in uniform each day.

My staff and I look forward to working with you towards positive outcomes for your child.

Warm regards

Karen Macri **Principal**

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Are you interested in joining and having a say in our schools?
We have two parent vacancies for our joint ESC and Primary School Council. We meet usually once per term. The function of the council is to take part in :
Establishing and reviewing our objectives, priorities and policy directions;
Planning the finances so that we can achieve this;
□ Evaluating how well we do it; and
☐ Helping us to design the uniform code for students at Merriwa.
If you would like to nominate yourself as a parent representative, please fill in the form below, with an endorsement from another parent, and send it to the office marked School Council Nomination: Confidential. If there are more than two nominations, we will conduct a vote. Thank you for your support.
I(Print name) nominate for the School Council.
I(Print name and sign) Endorse this nomination.
Date

Parents of Year 6 students

Please note,

Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance
Programs:

Applications close Monday 9 February.

Parents of students starting Year 6 - applications for Gifted and Talented programs close on Monday 9 February.

Information on these programs plus links to materials to help Inform parents of the application process and deadline can be found online.

Old Trucks and Cars

To help develop socially accepted play behaviour we are planning to set up more outdoor play activities for our Year 1 to 3 students next year. To assist we are looking for donations of second hand, good condition trucks, Cars and driving mats. If

you are able to help please contact Mr Hoskins or drop them at the school office.

Jeff Hoskins Associate Principal

CONGRATULATIONS

To Stacy Dunbar on your award as WA Local Hero and finalist in the Australian Local Hero Awards 2015.

The Merriwa Community supports you in your pledge for Nate.



MERRIWA PRIMARY SCHOOL 2015 TEACHER LIST

YEAR	ROOM	TEACHER			
Kindy	4	Mrs Avins and Mrs Hogan			
Kindy 5		Miss Avins			
		Mrs Thompson and Miss Avins			
		Mrs Hollie and Mrs Dorney			
Pre Primary	Pre Primary3Mrs Liddelow and Miss DonaldsonYear 16Miss Fitzsimons				
Year 1					
Year 1 7 Miss Purcell		Miss Purcell			
Year 1	9	Miss Reale			
Year 2	11	Mrs Zainudin			
Year 2 12 Mrs Barr		Mrs Barr			
Year 2	2 13 Ms Hill and Mrs Carroll				
Year 3	10	Miss Rogers			
Year 3	21	Mrs Mair and Miss Donaldson			
Year 3/4	22	Ms Hay			
Year 4	19	Mrs Winter			
Year 5	17	Ms McKenzie			
Year 4/5	18	Mrs Radich and Mrs Fraser			
Year 6	15	Mr Hodgson			
Year 6	16	Mr Collins			
Science	14	Mrs Ebert			
Lote	20	Mrs Zoccali			



Term One Parent Planner 2015

	MARY SCI		THEODAY	WEDNECDAY	THUDODAY	EDIDAY		
M H	WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SA T	S U N
		26 Australia Day Public Holiday	27 Admin Begin	28	29 School Development Day	30 School Development Day	31	1
F E B	1	2	3	4	5 Newsletter	Mini Assembly Councillor Elections	8	8
	2		10	11	12	Assembly Music/ Italian	14	15
	3	On Entry Assessment Begins (PP-2)	17	Staff Meeting School Photos	Newsletter School Photos	Mini Assembly School Photos	21	22
	4	23	24	25	26	Assembly Student Councillors	28	1
M A R	5	LABOUR DAY	PBS Meeting 3	4	5 Newsletter	Mini Assembly 6	7	8
	6	9	10	Staff Meeting	12	Assembly Rm 12	14	15
	7	16	17	18	Newsletter 19	Mini Assembly 20	21	22
	8	23	24	25	26	Assembly Rm 19 27	28	29
A P R	9	30	31	Staff Meeting	Newsletter END OF TERM ONE	GOOD FRIDAY		