

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 junior 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
Pre Primary	1	Mrs Thompson and Miss Avins
Pre Primary	2	Mrs Hollie and Mrs Dorney
Pre Primary	3	Mrs Liddelow and Miss Donaldson
Year 1	6	Miss Fitzsimons
Year 1	7	Miss Purcell
Year 1	9	Miss Reale
Year 2	11	Mrs Zainudin
Year 2	12	Mrs Barr
Year 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

M T H	WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
		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	6 Mini Assembly Councillor Elections	8	8
	2	9	10	11	12	13 Assembly Music/ Italian	14	15
	3	16 On Entry Assessment Begins (PP-2) Ju	17	18 Staff Meeting School Photos	19 Newsletter School Photos	20 Mini Assembly School Photos	21	22
	4	23	24	25	26	27 Assembly Student Councillors	28	1
M A R	5	2 LABOUR DAY	3 PBS Meeting	4	5 Newsletter	6 Mini Assembly	7	8
	6	9	10	11 Staff Meeting	12	13 Assembly Rm 12	14	15
	7	16	17	18	19 Newsletter	20 Mini Assembly	21	22
	8	23	24	25	26	27 Assembly Rm 19	28	29
A P R	9	30	31	1 Staff Meeting	2 Newsletter END OF TERM ONE	3 GOOD FRIDAY		