

# MERRIWA NEWS



Every day from  
8am



Room 16

PIZZA LUNCH

Thursday 23rd  
May

Orders now closed



MUSIC NEWS

Choir before school  
every Tuesday at  
8.05am

School Banking  
Wednesday  
morning between  
8am-8.30am  
in the Library  
with Danise



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### **NAPLAN**

You will have heard that the National NAPLAN online system has had some technical issues and this has affected the access to tests. Hopefully these problems are now mainly resolved. We have completed one week of NAPLAN testing and have one week to go.

We are so proud of your children, who are trying so hard and we are pleased that they are doing their best.

### **Summer Sports Carnival**

Last Friday Merriwa Primary Schools competed in the Summer Carnival. Congratulations to our girls basketball team and volleyball teams who were runner up champions.

The North Coast Ball Club have commended us on our exceptional behaviour, sportsperson ship and leadership displayed by our school and should be exceptionally proud of not only our teaching staff, but the attitude and efforts of all our students. We were also congratulated on our inclusivity, with many students from the ESC contributing to our team effort.

### **Icy Pole Fundraising**

The Year 6 are selling icy poles every Friday in the canteen for \$1 to help fundraise for graduation and reduce costs. Please support them!

### **Acknowledging Positive Behaviour**

We are proud to recognise all students who consistently follow our expectations of being positive, friendly, respectful and who achieve. We acknowledge this by inviting them to the BLOCK REWARD, which was held in week 10 of last term. Congratulations to all students who were invited.

### **We Need Your Help!**

We have a sausage sizzle on Election Day, here at the school on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May and we need volunteers. All Year 6 students are welcome, as funding goes towards reducing costs of graduation. If you are able to help, please contact the office on 6206 2340.

MRS SUE WATERHOUSE  
PRINCIPAL

# Merriwa ESC News

## ***Parent / Carers AAC Workshop***

It was wonderful to see the community come together to hear the presentation from speech therapist, Tania Dos Santos this week. I trust all those that participated came away with a greater understanding of AAC and have some tips to support successful communication. Our classes embed various communication systems across the school and believe that every child has the right to be understood.

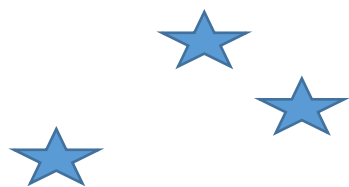
## ***AQWA***

All students and staff at MESC will be heading to the WA aquarium next week to support the learning program and themes from Term 1. Ms Hawker has done an amazing job planning this excursion and all classes are looking forward to the outing. Parents and carers are reminded to send in the permission notes to classroom teachers by Tuesday.

## ***Election Day Sausage Sizzle***

The P&C need support on Saturday 18th May to help manage the sausage sizzle. If you can spare an hour, please pop in and see the ladies at the office or just volunteer on the day.

Karen Macri  
Principal, ESC



<b>Merriwa Primary School Total Words Read</b>		<b>1,687,260</b>	
<b>Champion Class Award</b> Most Words Read	<b>322,108</b> Words Read Year 4 Room 19	<b>Rising Stars Award</b> Biggest Increase In Words Read	Room 18 Year 6
<b>Highest Scoring Student</b>	<b>108,622</b> Words Read Anthony Marshall Year 3	<b>1000 + Lexile club</b>	Hayden Jackson Room 15 Rooco Sabbioni Room 16 David Ekpe Room 22

## KURLANGAS ABORIGINAL PLAYGROUP

Welcome to term 2!

This term at playgroup we are learning about animals. The first two weeks of term we will be making Mother's Day cards and then we will make cotton wool sheep, feather ducks, animal stamp painting and collage gluing.

We will also have activities and experiences that promote and extend physical skills, socialisation skills and language skills.

For our babies, there will be tummy time (to strengthen their back and neck muscles), push and pull toys, some wonderful books to look at, finger rhymes and songs to sing.

Playgroup is **FREE** and held every Tuesday at Merriwa Primary school during term times between 9.00-11.00am, for Aboriginal children up to 5yrs of age and their carers.

A morning tea of fresh fruit is provided for the children and tea, coffee and biscuits for the adults. You do not need to have a child attending this school to attend.

Hope to see you there!

ABORIGINAL EARLY YEARS TEAM.

## Everyday Counts!

Our school promotes the Everyday Counts approach to learning. Research carried out by the University of WA and the Telethon Institute showed that every day a child misses school it has a negative affect on their learning as measured by their year 3, 5, 7 and 9 NAPLAN result.

If your child is absent through either being sick or having an important cultural or religious event parents need to notify the school either by replying to the text message, ringing the school and either writing or speaking to your child's teacher.

We want to lift the number of students attending regularly, as well as decreasing the number of unexplained absences, where parents do not inform the school when their child is absent.

Parent and carer support in improving our attendance is vital.

At the start of terms 2, 3 and 4 we hold a regular attendance draw for the children who have had regular attendance for the previous term.

### Congratulations to the following winners for Term 1.

Levi Couper, Ellie Oldham, Emmanuel Baraka, Georgia Hewitt, Harley Lloyd, Laila Hewitt, Chayse Miller, Tanika Trappel, Cianna Winmar Taylor and Jaleayah Stack.

## The Importance of Sleep

Children need enough sleep each night so they are more settled, happy and ready for school. This enables them to be able to play, learn and concentrate.

Good quality sleep helps children's bodies grow, strengthens the immune system, and reduces the risk of infection and illness. Poor sleep affects a child's ability to learn and grow.

### Recommended sleep each night:

- 3-5yrs 11-13 hours
- 5-8yrs 10-11hours
- 9-11yrs 9-11hours



### Establish a routine with your child so they know what to expect when it is time for bed.

- Turn off computers, tablets and TV one hour before bedtime.
- This should be a quiet time where your child can unwind and relax.
- Read a book with your child .
- When it is bed time ensure the room is dimly lit and quiet.
- It is recommended that no electronic devices be in a child's room.
- It is also good to establish a rule where all electronic devices are left in the family room. This removes temptation from the child. If they wake up, they are unable to play on their devices.

These strategies help create an environment that will encourage good quality sleep.

A good night's sleep will help your child to focus at school, have better behaviour, and enjoy playing and learning.





## Blessing of the Roads

On Thursday 11th April Emma and Seth, as Head Girl and Boy, represented our school at the City of Wanneroo's Blessing of the Roads. This year the ceremony was held at Greenfields Park in Hocking. It is held each year to remind people of road safety particularly during the Easter period. Guest speakers talked about the importance of being safe on the roads and students from schools in the Wanneroo area placed white crosses in the ground to pay respect to victims of road fatalities.



## Summer Carnival

Merriwa Primary was represented at our Summer Sports Carnival in five sports this year; cricket, basketball, T-Ball, volleyball and speedball. The students trained hard for the last few weeks of Term 1 in preparation for the day and performed exceptionally well in basketball and volleyball with both teams coming runner up overall. The feedback from staff and other schools about our students was very positive as they showed a lot of persistence, team work and great sportsmanship over the course of the day to earn this high praise. The Winter carnival will be held in week eight of this term and we have already started training during senior sport every Friday afternoon. We will be represented in football, netball and soccer. Our school cross country will be held in week 9 and the Interschool Cross Country in early Term 3 at Quinns Beach PS. Our running club has started training this week and will be working hard to improve their fitness and endurance in the hope of performing well at these events.

Mr ALLAN  
Physical Education Teacher



## NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read newsletter 6. Parent signature\_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Room No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Congratulations to last week's winners — Logan Jose Hansen, Tuhoe Lingman and Diesel Tilbrook**