



MERRIWA NEWS



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have been so impressed by the resilience and independence shown by your children during these COVID-19 times. Your children are excited about both coming to school and seeing you at the end of the day. We have also enjoyed seeing their happy faces at the gates.

Feedback from parents has been positive.

We have seen:

- Your children are happily carrying their bags and water bottles and setting themselves up for the day.
- They are noticeably more confident.
- They are less likely to be late.
- Classes are beginning on time with minimal disruption.
- Older siblings are looking after the little ones.
- Children in the ESC are feeling calm and safe.

We thank you for your support of our drop off and pick up arrangements.

Meanwhile we are having fun at school! Incredibly, even with all the disruptions, your children have read more than **9 million words** so far this term! Also ask your children about :

THE AFRICAN ART PROJECT ESCAPE FROM THE JUNGLE GOOD STANDING EVENT

Bounce Back Programme

We have designed a resilience programme with our Chaplain, Ash Smith to help children to bounce back from difficult situations. Invitations for this program were sent home with selected Year 5 and 6 students yesterday and workshops will begin this week.

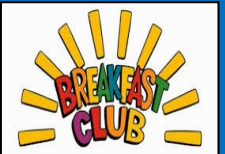
Reports

In accordance with direction from the Department of Education, reports this semester will be slightly different. Teachers will report on your child's effort, behaviour and attitude, and will tell you the topics that have been taught in class, online and in work packs. There will be no grades in this report.

Kind regards and keep safe,

Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal

Breakfast Club
Every day
8.00am



**Clarkson
Online
Canteen Open
Again
Tuesdays,
Thursdays and
Fridays**

**Kindy
Registrations**
*Are now open
if your child is born
between*

1st July 2016

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30th June, 2017*

*See website below
for
Application Forms*

VISIT
www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au

to see our website

Merriwa ESC

Dear Parents/Carers,

We seem to have settled into a rhythm this term. The children are coping exceptionally well with the changes to their daily routine of school drop off and pick ups at the gate. We are so proud of them for building independence and confidence.

Thank you also for supporting us by keeping sick children at home to help minimise the spread of the common cold and flu. Sick children will be sent home to minimise infection and to protect all students and staff.

Teachers have been working on the modified semester report which will be sent home in the final week of term. We will comment on Literacy and Numeracy progress but have not indicated levels of achievement in this report. It is our intention to roll over the IEP with additional goals, where relevant for next semester. I imagine the final report in December will be very comprehensive.

Please add a note to your calendar that the first day back in Term 3 is a Pupil Free Day for the ESC students only. Students who attend the Primary School return on the Monday.

Take care of yourselves and your families.

Karen Macri
Principal
ESC

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS



NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read Newsletter 7

Parent signature _____

Child's Name _____ ROOM _____

Congratulations to last week's winner Manu Parkes

KINDY ENROLMENTS 2021

If your child is born between **1st July, 2016 - 30th June, 2017** registrations are now open.

Please see the link below for application forms and return by post or email to merriwa.ps@education.wa.edu.au with copies of birth certificate and proof of address.

<https://www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au/page/172/Enrolment>

If you are unable to download the form, please call the office on 6206 2340 and we will arrange for forms to be posted.



KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

We thank all those parents who are not parking in the Kiss 'n' Drive.

This ensures that the ESC bus and parents can get through first and keep the traffic flowing.

Mrs Waterhouse & Mrs Macri

Library Open

Our school library is open additional times for Lexile book borrowing:

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
8.00am-8.20am	8.00am-8.20am	8.00am-8.20am	8.00am-8.20am
2.40pm-3.00pm	2.40pm-3.00pm	2.40pm-3.00pm	2.40pm-3.00pm

Year PP-2

HOME READING

Year 3 - 6

LITERACY PRO

Junior Champion Class Award

Pre-Primary Room 2

**Merriwa Primary School
Total Words Read**

9 862 986



Senior Champion Class Award

**42 725 WORDS
Year 5 Room 17**

Highest Scoring Student

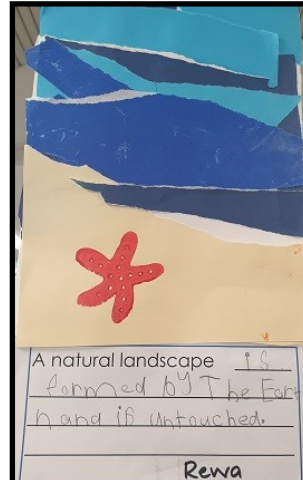
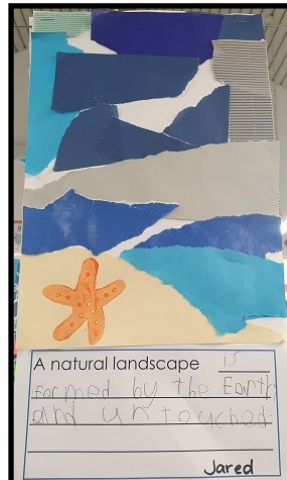
**Cathy Tribunali
522 000 WORDS**

Best participation in HOME READING PROGRAM

ROOM 6

Room 6 have been learning how to identify natural, managed and constructed environments and how they compare to each other and change over time. We will be learning about how to care for these environments in the coming weeks. We are also learning about optimism and how we can turn our thinking around when we are in a negative frame of mind and how this helps us to have a happier life!

Mrs Duffill, Teacher



MUSIC NEWS

The instrumental music students are working hard and students such as Rocco Sabbioni and Max Tanner are often heard practicing in the music room.

This amazing, free program offers 5 guitar places and 5 flute places through the School of Instrumental Music.

The Year 4 students will audition for the 2021 intake next term.

We now have restrictions lifted on choirs, and practice will resume on Tuesday mornings at 8.05 in the music room.

Thank you parents and carers for your continuing support.

Mrs Prior, Music Teacher



I'm a Merriwa Kid get me out of here.....



To celebrate mathematics in our school, during weeks 9 and 10 of this term the students from Year 1 - 6 will participate in an Escape from the Jungle themed activity.

The Library will be transformed into a jungle where the students will break mathematical codes to secure their release.

Mrs Radich, Teacher

GOOD STANDING EVENT

The whole school good standing event will be held during week 10. Invited children will be watching a movie in the undercover area on the new big screen. Thank-you to the P&C for purchasing the screen and projector for us. Children will receive an individually wrapped bag of popcorn at intermission. The movie will be played between recess and lunch, so children will not need crunch and sip on that day.

Screening days are:

Year Group	
K and PP	Monday 29 June
Year 1 & 2	Tuesday 30 June
Merriwa ESC	Wednesday 1 July
Year 3 & 4	Thursday 2 July
Year 5 & 6	Friday 3 July

Children can bring a pillow, cushion or sleeping bag to make themselves more comfortable. Invitations to attend will be sent home shortly.

Mr Hoskins, Associate Principal