

MERRIWA NEWS



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Welcome back to Term 2. I am very grateful to Mrs Macri who fulfilled the role of Principal whilst I was away last term, and to Mrs Maunicke- Sallie who was Principal in the ESC during this time. We are all ready for a great new term.

Merriwa Schools have a new phone system and new numbers. The old number can still be used during the changeover period, but we encourage you to put the new one into your mobiles.

Primary School
Education Support Centre

6206 2340
6206 2330

We love our school uniform and encourage all students to wear it with pride. As the weather becomes cooler, we ask students to wear jumpers and windcheaters in the school colours. Uniforms are available at Lowes in Ocean Keys, and jumpers can be purchased without the logo, at local retail stores. We also ask you to check your child's hat! After a few years of constant use they do need replacing, and can also be purchased at Lowes. The new bucket hat is popular with senior students.

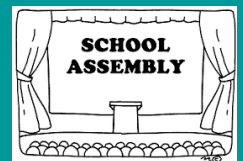
TERM 2 EVENTS

- Online NAPLAN testing 15– 25 May
- Monday 4 June WA Day Public Holiday
- Thursday 14 June NAIDOC Day
- Thursday 7 June Board Meeting
- Homework Club—to start later in the term. We are looking for parent volunteers

Have a fantastic term,

MRS WATERHOUSE, PRINCIPAL

Room 16



FRIDAY 11th May



Every day from 8am
Fundraise With Tea



Order forms due
back Friday 18th
May

VISIT

www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au to check out the website and to download the FREE Phone App

New Phone
Numbers
PMS 6206 2340
MESC 6206 2330

Merriwa ESC News

Welcome back

I trust all of our families were able to recharge over the break. It seems that your children are well rested and ready to be back in class with their peers. After a relatively long term 1 this term is sure to feel like it is over before we know it.

Thank you again to Mrs Maunick-Sallie who did an amazing job in managing the ESC while I stepped in for Mrs Waterhouse during her leave last term. It is wonderful to know the ESC is in good hands and that the staff have a great respect for each other to ensure smooth transitions. It is a joy to be 'back'

P&C News

Throughout term 2 we will have a 5c fundraising challenge to support the good work of your P&C. If you can spare 5c coins over the coming weeks, please send them to class with your child. The ESC has a shared collection tin as do all other blocks within the school.

Cooler weather

We have certainly experienced some cold mornings with the start of May and would appreciate student jumpers being labelled clearly with your child's name to avoid lost property ending up in a pile at the office.

Also with winter approaching we expect there will be some exposure to cold and flu viruses that wreak havoc in schools. Please be sure to keep sick children at home and be mindful of others to reduce the likelihood of passing on illness in classrooms.

It is very important that the school is contacted if your child is away. A phone call or a note in the communication book allows us to comply with the Department requirements. I appreciate that children get sick and will need to stay at home until they are no longer contagious, a medical certificate is required if children are absent for more than 2 days. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring your child is well when attending school.

Karen Macri –Principal ESC



ANZAC Day Service

We would like to thank members of the Australian Defence Forces, parents and carers, staff members and children of the Merriwa Primary School and Educational Support Centre for the respectful participation in our ANZAC Day service.

Congratulations to Jane and Riley who were presented with the ANZAC Medallion. All our student presenters, Charlie and Toby for hosting, Carlos and Beatrice for reading the poem, William, Frankee, Monic, Aiden and Kobe for laying the wreaths. Congratulations to Ciare for reading the Ode, Marcus for welcome to country and Bradly, Sharntae and Kalena-Maree for raising the flags. Finally Mrs Prior and the choir need to be applauded.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Ansley family and their florist business, Blooms of Ellenbrook, for again supporting our school and preparing and donating the wreaths that were laid during the service.



Jeff Hoskins



Cookie is hanging out with Dante and Jeremiah during DI Reading

Newsletter Raffle!

I have read the newsletter dated 4th May. Parents signature _____

Childs Name _____ Room No. _____

STRENGTH



SESSION 5: WHAT MAKES A MAN



SESSION 1: SIGNIFICANCE



FOOD AND FUN



SESSION 4: BEYOND YR 6

Congratulations to our group of year 6 boys for completing the 'Strength' program throughout Term 1. 'Strength' equips boys with the knowledge & skills to discover who they are & the person they want to become by focusing on character, resilience, goal setting, relationships & much more. We look forward to seeing the benefits of this program outworked in the lives of these great boys. - Miss Christy - Chaplain



FINAL SESSION: GRADUATION!

NAPLAN

NAPLAN starts on Tuesday 15 May. Over a million Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across the country will participate in the annual literacy and numeracy assessments, with some taking NAPLAN online for the first time. Our students will be taking the tests on line for all subjects except the year 3 writing test which will be completed as using pencil and paper. As we are completing the tests online the test program will run for two weeks concluding on Friday 25 May. Please note our timeline for completing the tests. Even though we will endeavor to hold catch up sessions if your child is absent on a testing date, if they miss multiple test sessions we may not be able to.

Testing timeline

Tuesday:	15 May Writing.
Wednesday:	16 May: Catch up writing.
Thursday 17 May:	Reading.
Friday 18 May:	Catch up day.
Monday 21 May:	Conventions of Language.
Tuesday 22 May:	Catch up day.
Wednesday 23 May:	Numeracy
Thursday 24 May:	Catch up day.
Friday 25 May:	Administration

Parents can view sample tests by looking at the public demonstration site: <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

The following link for parents: <http://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/FAQ> provides answers to frequently asked questions about NAPLAN online.



0 - 3 year olds

Come along to Merriwa Playgroup every Friday

**8.45am to 11am
Where : Room 4**

Please bring some fruit or morning tea for us to share.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES

\$40.00	1 Child
\$80.00	2 Children
\$120.00	3 Children

These can be paid at the front office or by direct debit BSB: 016 246 Account No: 360918248
Schedule of Voluntary Contributions is as follows:

\$10.00	Direct Instruction
\$10.00	Reading Books
\$10.00	Maths Resources
\$10.00	Library Books



Term Two Planner 2018

	WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
APR/ MAY	1	30 School Development Day	1	2 AEDI Data Collection	3 Newsletter	4 School Briefing Earth Day
	2	7 Derbal Yeerigan Ear Checks	8	9 Yr 5/6- Scribbles	10	11 ASSEMBLY Rm 16
NAPLAN	3	14	15	16 Staff Meeting	17 Newsletter Rm 18	18 School Briefing
NAPLAN	4	21	22	23	24	25 ASSEMBLY Rm 10
	5	28	29	30 National Simultaneous Storytime	31 Newsletter Rm 15	1 School Briefing
JUNE	6	4 Western Australia Day	5	6 Staff Meeting	7 Board meeting	8 ASSEMBLY Rm 17
	7	11	12	13	14 Newsletter Rm 10 NAIDOC DAY	15 School Briefing
	8	18	19 Block Reward	20	21	22 ASSEMBLY Rm 21
	9	25	26	27 Staff Meeting Reports Handed Out	28 Newsletter Rm 21 Principals A/ Tea	29 School Briefing