

# MERRIWA NEWS



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**National Simultaneous Storytime ...from space!**

**Give me some Space!**  
PHILIP BUNTING

Wednesday 19 May 2021 [www.alia.org.au/nss](http://www.alia.org.au/nss)

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Breakfast Club  
Every day from



Whole School  
Assembly  
Room 15

**Kindy Registrations**  
Are now open  
If your child is  
born between  
1st July 2017  
-  
30th June, 2018

See website below  
for  
Application Forms

**School  
Development  
Day  
Friday 4th  
June**

**WA Day  
Public Holiday  
Monday 7th  
June**

**Annual Cross  
Country  
Yrs. 3 - 6  
Wednesday 26th  
May  
11.40am — 1.25pm**

**VISIT  
[www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au](http://www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au)  
To see our  
Website**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...**  
**Dear Parents and Caregivers,**

**National Simultaneous Storytime .....from space**

Last week we had fun participating with the rest of Australia and reading the book "Give Me some Space Time" written and illustrated by Phillip Bunting. The children enjoyed listening to the astronaut reading to us from outer space.

**NAPLAN Tests**

The NAPLAN tests have been completed and we thank all parents for your support. Your children are to be congratulated in the sincere manner in which they have undertaken this National set of tests in reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation, writing and maths.

**Student Leadership Training**

We encourage our students to learn about leadership at Merriwa. This week the Student Councillors attended a GRIP leadership conference with over 2000 other students from across WA. We are very proud of our Merriwa leadership team.

**Did you know.....**

- We are working together with ECU and the WA Police Academy on a special project to create career pathways for our students.
- Our Chaplain, Ash is running resilience workshops to help our students to manage Anxiety and social and emotional worries.
- Merriwa Primary School has been selected to work with the Department of Education on a statewide initiative about preparing students for life.
- Our COVID cleaners are still cleaning all the playgrounds and every high contact surface everyday.
- The Junior Playground shade shelters are being replaced.
- The City of Wanneroo is sharing with us a new bore to improve our water supply for grounds and gardens.
- Mrs Long is back from leave !

**Kind regards**  
**Sue Waterhouse**  
**Principal**

# Merriwa ESC

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Teachers have been busy these past weeks with our assessment and reporting process. Even though our students do not participate in the NAPLAN testing we do have a whole school approach to collecting assessment data. I have had the pleasure of attending classes to observe your children working on their learning goals and seeing amazing programs. The classrooms have a wonderful atmosphere of activity and enthusiasm. Well done to all the staff and to the students for their hard work towards achieving goals. I look forward to reading the Semester Reports which will be finalised at the end of term.

We welcome new students to our school Karter and Braxton are brothers and have recently joined their new classmates. We trust that they will settle in quickly.

Congratulations and welcome to our newly appointed EAs who have joined the Merriwa ESC team, we look forward to working with you.

This week we have also welcomed students from North Metro Tafe who are completing their EA course with us. MESC is always keen to support new educators and to share our expertise with them while they are learning.

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

As indicated in previous messages, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June is a pupil free day for the primary school only. The ESC students will attend school on that day. Also there is a public holiday on Monday 7 June for WA Day.

Take care of yourselves and your families.

**Warm regards**

**Karen Macri**

**Principal**



## Newsletter Raffle

I have read Newsletter 7

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Congratulations to last weeks winner - Krystal Room 12**

## Attendance

Our attendance for last fortnight is 88.4% which is down from the beginning of the term. It is also below our goal of 93%. Hopefully we can see an increase over the next two weeks.

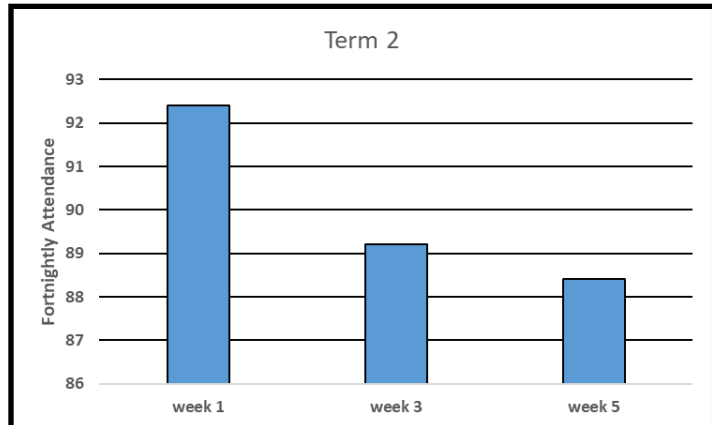
We want all of our students to be successful which means they need to be here everyday.

### Everyday counts

Mrs Ebert

## Fortnightly Attendance

| Week 1 | Week 3 | Week 5 | Week 7 | Week 9 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 92.4   | 89.2   | 88.4   |        |        |



## Year PP-2 HOME READING

Junior Champion  
Class Award

Year 2  
Room 11



Best participation in  
HOME READING PROGRAM

## Year 3 - 6

## LITERACY PRO

Merriwa  
Primary School  
Total Words Read

13 527 028

Senior Champion  
Class Award

27 058  
Year 6 Room 15

Rising Stars Class  
Award

Year 4 Room 21

## School Reports - Let's Get Connected

This term your child's report will be available through CONNECT. If you have not accessed our online CONNECT page, please contact the office with your email address and we can send you an invitation.

## Mothers Day Raffle

A big thank you to our P & C for organising our Mothers Day Raffle.

Congratulations to our winners, Autumn Room 2, Brooklyn Room 28, Jaxson Room 30, Adam Room 25 and Neyla Room 7. We raised over \$600.00

## 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!

# Merriwa Cross Country

Our annual Cross Country will be run on Wednesday 26th of May. The Year 3's will run 1km and the Years 4-6 will run 1.5 km. The students have been practising some long distance running during their PE lessons this term to prepare. It will take place between lunch and recess from 11.40 - 1.25pm. Parents are welcome to come and watch from the main oval or help out at check points on the day. Please let Mr Allan know if you would like to help out. Students who wear their faction shirt will get an extra point for their faction. The race times are as follows:

Year 6's - 11.45am

Year 5's - 12.10pm

Year 4's - 12.35pm

Year 3's - 1.00pm

*These times are approximate only.*

All placegetters from 1st to 6th in Years 4-6 will represent Merriwa PS at the Interschool Cross Country at Butler PS in Term 3, Week 2 (30th July).

Looking forward to a great day.

Mr Allan PE Teacher

## Red lid swap

Leave your  
green lid bin  
out on bin day  
**6am-6pm**  
even if empty

Visit [wanneroo.wa.gov.au/lidswap](http://wanneroo.wa.gov.au/lidswap) for details



## ROOM 15

Room 15 students have enjoyed working collaboratively, in small groups, during maths and literacy lessons. During maths, their small groups have used portable whiteboards to solve challenging tasks, through discussion, investigation and reasoning. This helps them to develop deeper understanding of mathematical concepts, as they work together to try different strategies to problem-solve. They have been eagerly engaged during these lessons, showing many of The Creative Habits of Mind we encourage in our Merriwa learners, including collaboration, inquisitiveness, persistence and discipline.

We have also used these whiteboards for small group work in Talk for Writing. The children used language features to describe weather changes, to create suspenseful settings. This week, some of their efforts in Talk for Writing have been displayed in the office; we were very proud of them.

You will notice from our pictures, that many of our Year 6s are wearing their new graduation shirts, which arrived early last week. They were very excited about this; we think they look very smart.

Ask your children how they are enjoying using the whiteboards while working as a group to problem-solve and demonstrate their learning. We have certainly enjoyed watching their efforts.



Mrs Perkins and Mrs Pledge  
Classroom Teachers