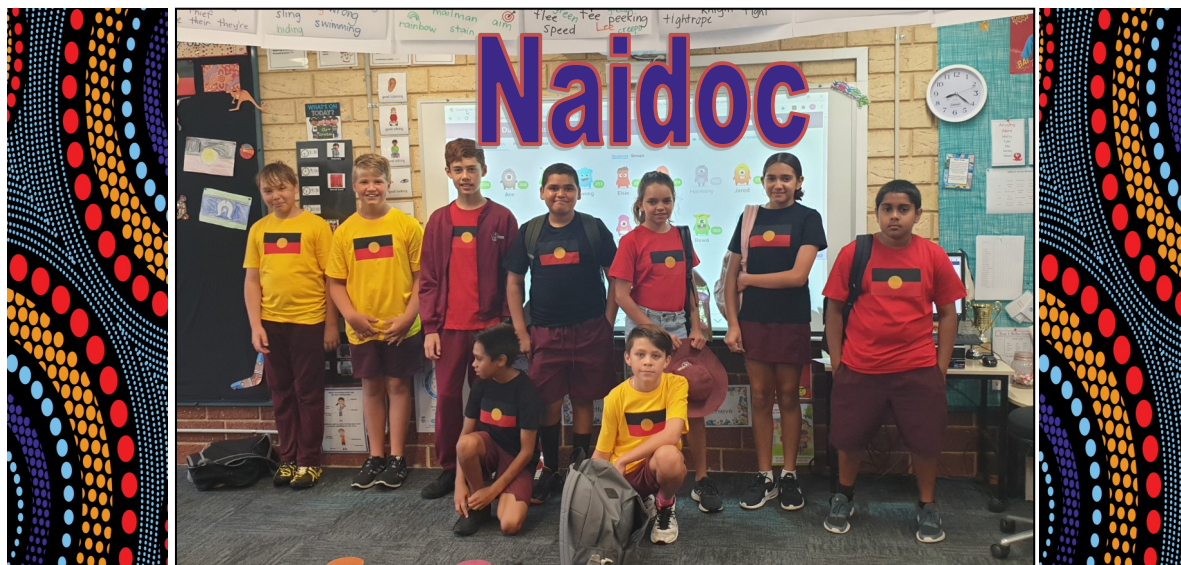


MERRIWA NEWS



Breakfast Club
Every day



Dates to be
announced

Clarkson Online
Canteen
Open
Tuesdays,
Thursdays and
Fridays

Graduation
Tuesday
15th
December

Book Awards
Wednesday
16th
December

Kindy
Registrations
Are now open
If your child is born
between
1st July 2016
and
30th June, 2017
See website below for
application forms

Christmas
Concerts
Friday
11th December

VISIT
www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au
To see our
Website

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Families,

A huge thank you to Mrs Duffill for an amazing NAIDOC Day. It was so respectful and the feedback from the students has been very positive. The senior students looked so proud in their t-shirts and were treated like rock stars in the Kindy / Pre Primary playground! We were proud to celebrate: *Always was, Always will be.*

Well done to everyone for helping to make the day such a success.

What's Happening ...

DATE	EVENT
23rd November - 4th December	Year 5 and 6 Humphrey's Dance Lessons
7th December	Year 6 Transition, Butler College, Free Science Incursion
11th December	Christmas Concert—8.40am Juniors and ESC Christmas Concert—10.15am Seniors
14th December	Councillor Breakfast & Good Standing Event
15th December	Graduation and Student Reports on CONNECT
16th December	Book Awards and Principal's Afternoon Tea
17th December	Last Day of School

School Reports - Lets 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 invite.

You can also request a paper copy of your child's report by filling out the slip on page three of this newsletter.

Swimming Lesson Refunds

We have families who still have credits on their accounts due to swimming lessons being cancelled this year. With all the upcoming events, please note that you can utilise this credit to pay for Year 5 Dancing Lessons and any other events this year and next year.

Please complete the permission forms and make a note on the envelope of your intentions to use your credit and return to your classroom teacher.

Kind regards

Sue Waterhouse Principal

Merriwa ESC

Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations, again to all our students and to the staff for their amazing efforts at assembly last week. It was wonderful to have so many family and friends in the audience to support the children as they bravely performed their items and spoke into the microphone. It is wonderful to use the assembly as an opportunity to showcase our school and to share the achievements of our students. I had a very proud 'mummy' moment as I am sure so many of you did.

There is so much happening in our school at the moment as we prepare for the end of the year and start thinking about planning for 2021.

Upcoming events:

Yr 5 and 6 students dance lessons have begun

Various excursions in community access program

Christmas Concert

ESC family picnic

Book awards

Yr 6 Graduation

I have the onerous task of planning class groups and allocating staff for next year and will let families know through your child's social story of their class allocation. This will be sent home with the end of year report. I can share that our dedicated and passionate kindy teacher, Rachael Livingstone is leaving MESC next year. Rachael has won a teaching position at the Language Development Centre. We know that her expertise will be appreciated at the LDC and that she will be sorely missed by our Merriwa school community. We wish Rachael all the very best on this exciting new adventure in her career.

I welcome Brittany Jarvis to the team. Brittany has been coming in for relief this term and getting to know our students and the running of the ESC. I look forward to working with her next year.

*Kind regards
Karen Macri
Principal*



HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read Newsletter 17

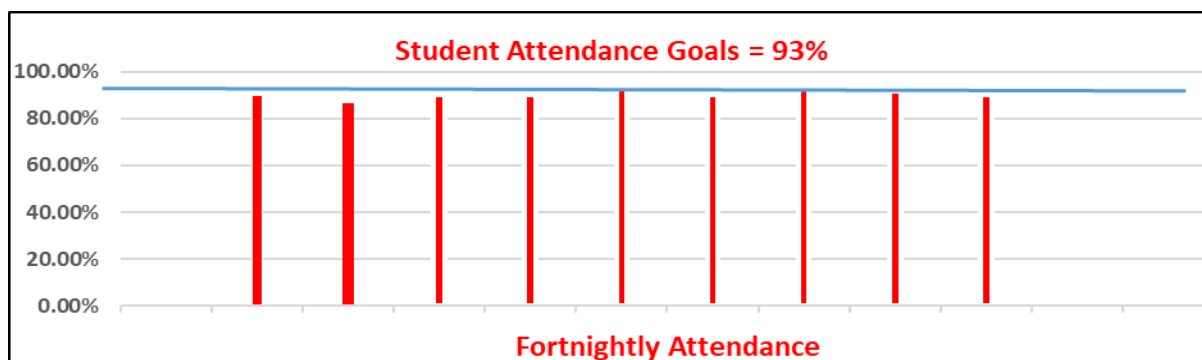
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Child's Name _____ ROOM _____

Congratulations to our last Newsletter winner - April Room 7

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Attendance

One of the Federal Governments Closing the Gap targets is to improve the gap between our Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. In 2018, the overall national Aboriginal attendance rate was 82.3% compared to 92.5% for our non-Aboriginal students. The attendance rate for our Aboriginal students at Merriwa is 85.6%, which is above the National attendance. We are very proud of these results and continue to work hard to improve.



Have you changed your
Lexile Book?



Lexile Borrowing Library Times

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	8.00- 8.30am	8.00- 8.30am	8.00- 8.25am	8.00- 8.20am	8.00- 8.30am
8.30-10.30	8.30- 10.30am	8.30- 10.30am	Closed	9.00-10.30am	8.30- 10.30am
Recess	Closed	Closed		Closed	Closed
10.50-12.50	Class Borrowing	Class Borrowing		Class Borrowing	Class Borrowing
Lunch Time	Closed	Closed	1.00- 1.30pm	Closed	Closed
1.30-3.30	1.30-3.30pm	1.30-3.30pm	Closed	1.30-3.30pm	1.30-3.30pm

Semester 2 2020 Student Report paper copy request.

I _____, request a paper copy of the 2020 report for my child/ren,

Child's name, _____, Room, _____.

Child's name, _____, Room, _____.

NAIDOC Celebrations

NAIDOC Day 2020 was held on Friday 13th November. Our opening ceremony was led by our senior Aboriginal students who also helped in the garden and in junior classrooms throughout the day. Each classroom planted bush tucker plants, herbs and native flowers in our NAIDOC garden beds. Students participated in NAIDOC activities in their classrooms such as rock painting, listening to Dreamtime stories and craft activities.



Year PP-2 HOME READING

Junior Champion
Class Award

Pre-Primary
Room 2



Best participation in
HOME READING PROGRAM

Year 3 - 6

LITERACY PRO

Merriwa Primary
School
Total Words
Read

32 414 079

Senior
Champion
Class Award

23 307
(per student)
Year 5 Room 16
AGAIN!!

High Scoring
Student

David Ekpe
771 594

SPECIAL REQUESTS AND CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO MERRIWA 2021

If your child is **NOT** returning to Merriwa Primary in 2021, please complete and return this form to the office as soon as possible. It is very important for planning 2021. If you have a special request for next year, please put this in writing to Mrs. Waterhouse, marked confidential. As usual we cannot guarantee placements, but will always consider your request.

Child's Name: _____

Year/Room No: _____

New School: _____