

# MERRIWA NEWS



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Families,

### PARENTS SUPPORT MERRIWA PRIMARY

We are thrilled with the results of the latest survey. Our parents have given us high ratings.

92% say they would recommend our school to others

88% say they are satisfied with the overall academic achievement here

96% say that our teachers are good teachers

96% say their child feels safe at Merriwa

More detailed results will be posted on our website...but meanwhile...thank you!

### LAPATHON NEWS....WELL DONE MERRIWA

The P & C is proud to announce that together we raised \$2800 for our school. Your fundraising helps to pay for the senior outdoor table and chairs, book awards and graduation cake. We are so grateful to our wonderful P & C for their support. You are invited to our last P & C meeting for 2018 on Tuesday 20th November 2.00pm in the staffroom. See you there!

### DANCING LESSONS

The Years 4, 5 and 6 students will soon be learning to dance with Humphrey's Dance Studio. This prepares the students for their final graduation dance in Year 6.

Where : In the undercover area.

When : From 26th November until 7th December, 2018

How Much : \$40 for ten lessons.

What if I have three children? You only pay for two.

Do my children need dancing shoes? No! They should wear sneakers.

The Years 4 and 5 students have had a letter sent home with a permission slip.

### SAVE THE DATE

Year 6 Graduation Tuesday 11th December 10.00 a.m. onwards at Church of Latter Day Saints Hall, Hughie Edwards Drive Merriwa.

Kind Regards

Mrs Sue Waterhouse

Principal



Every day from 8am



Monday morning  
between 8am-8.30am  
in the Library

Christmas Concert  
7th December



Year 6 Graduation  
11th December

Book Awards  
12th December

VISIT  
[www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au](http://www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au)  
to check out the  
website and to  
download the FREE  
Phone App

# Merriwa ESC News

## Term 4 Week 3

It was wonderful to see our children participating in the Lap-a-thon and showing great enjoyment. The event has raised \$2800, thank you to all our families for your support. I hope to see some of our students at the disco on Friday night.

## Upcoming Events this term

Hydrotherapy each Friday @ 11.15

P&C Disco Friday 26 October

Senior classes excursion to Lakeside Joondalup 26 October, 9 and 16 November

Junior classes excursion to Lakeside Joondalup 6 and 20 November

Senior students dance lessons in weeks 8 and 9

## Year 6 Students Transition to High School

Year 6 students will have the opportunity to transition to Butler College on Thursdays in week 3, 6 and 9 this term. More information will be provided through the class teachers.

## ESC Community Survey

Thank you to our families who took the time to complete our community survey. Your input is much appreciated.

## School Promotion Kiosk – Ocean Keys

The ESC has secured a kiosk at Ocean Keys from Monday to Friday next week to promote our Centre and the learning programs we provide for our students. Please drop in and lend your support if you are out and about. Our kiosk will be near to the food hall and Coles between 9am and 4pm each day.

Karen Macri  
Principal  
ESC

## MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2018

*Each year the City of Wanneroo conducts the Mayor's Christmas Appeal to assist members of our Community who are facing hardship.*

*Donations Bins will be in the front office for all non-perishable food items with all donations received distributed to those less fortunate.*

*Examples of non-perishable food items for your to include:*

- Christmas puddings/cakes
- Fruit mince pies
- Cakes, cake mixes and biscuits
- Pasta & Sauce
- Tinned foods
- Jams & Spreads
- Tea, Coffee & Sugar
- Cereals
- Rice & Noodles
- Chocolates



## Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Programs

The Department of Education offers places for children in academic, arts and languages programs for children entering secondary school in 2020. These programs are designed to challenge, inspire and empower children to excel. If your child is in Year 5 this year and is interested in applying for these programs parents can apply online at [education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented](http://education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented). There are 20 selective schools throughout the state and Merriwa Students have been successful in applying.

## WAAPA Summer School 2018/2019

This summer WAAPA at ECU, Mt Lawley, is offering an exciting performing arts program for students from Years 1 to 12. The Summer School includes classes in RAP, Acting, Dance, Drama, Screen Performance, Music Theatre and of course, how to perform Shakespeare. For information about the fantastic courses on offer please visit [WAAPA Summer School](http://WAAPA Summer School) or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at [g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au](mailto:g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au)



## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

Thursday  
1 November  
2018

### PREPARE TO BE AMAZED

Spending time playing and learning outdoors is essential for a happy childhood and helps children learn important skills for the future. That's why we're celebrating Outdoor Classroom Day! Join the movement at: [www.outdoorclassroomday.com.au](http://www.outdoorclassroomday.com.au)

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are excited to announce that next Thursday, 1st November, Merriwa Primary School will be taking part in the 2018 National Outdoor Classroom Day.

This will involve all classrooms within the school, conducting one of our regular hour lessons outside of the classroom at some point during the day.

Lessons learnt outdoors, whether maths, science or language, often stay with us for life. Being outdoors helps children focus, boosts creativity and imagination, and can simply be more fun.

We are looking forward to taking part in this exciting initiative.



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OutdoorClassDayAU

Nature Play

It is good

Outdoor Classroom Day is a global campaign to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. On Outdoor Classroom Day, schools around the world take lessons outside and prioritise playtime.



## KURLANGAS ABORIGINAL PLAYGROUP

Welcome to term 4! This term in playgroup, we are learning to recognise the colours **yellow, red, green and blue**, as well as triangle, square, circle and rectangle shapes. Our older children will be continuing their scissor and pencil skills.

Our activities will include colour collages, cellophane windows, easel painting, shape stencilling, colour sorting, shape painting and sticker pictures, cutting and tracing.

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 and songs to sing.

We will also be having some Aboriginal Dreamtime stories and Aboriginal dances provided to us by Boorloo Cultural Experiences.

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.

## MESC CUPCAKE STALL

**Yummy cupcakes, biscuits,  
muffins and slices for SALE**

**50c — \$2.00**

**Where: Canteen**

**When: Thursday 8th November**

**Time: Lunchtime**

**All funds go to the Sensory Program!**



**HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS**



## Merriwa Chosen for National Maths and Science Testing Year 4

Mrs Hay's Year 4 class has been selected to take part in the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS0). TIMSS is an important educational research project investigating student achievement in mathematics and science. More than 60 countries, including Australia, are participating in this study. TIMSS is an important activity to keep us, as parents and citizens, informed about how our students in Australia are performing in comparison to their peers in other countries and to compare programs of study and teaching practices. We will be able to obtain current national and international information which will help improve the teaching and learning of mathematics and science in our country.

Students from Room 22 will do an assessment in mathematics and science and complete a questionnaire about their experiences at home and school. There is no need for students to study specifically for the assessment as it will not affect individual students' grades or progress in school. All data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual student or school will be identified in published data or reports.

Mr Hoskins—Associate Principal

## Regular Attendance

Congratulations to all our children who attended regularly during term 3. Regular attendance equals at least 90% per term. During term 3 we had 286 children who attended at least 9 days per fortnight, which is 90%, and 119 who didn't attend regularly. We are having a major push to lift our academic standards and for this to happen children must attend regularly. There are times children need to miss school, usually for sickness or other significant religious or cultural events. It is expected that children are at school on all other school days. At the start of each term we have a draw, where those children who attend regularly, have the chance to win.

Here are the winners of the Term 3 regular attendance draw. Congratulations to Cookie the Therapy Dog for his great attendance too.

Mr Hoskins—Associate Principal



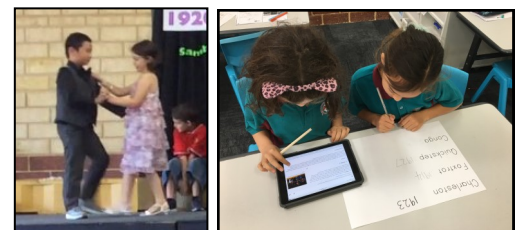
## ROOM 13 NEWS

*At the beginning of this term, we did lots of practice for our assembly.*

*We remembered our parts and practiced speaking in a loud, clear voice.*

*We researched dances using the i-Pads and found out when they first became popular, then we created a timeline of decades and placed the dances along the timeline. We had great fun!*

*Now that our assembly is done we are working hard on reading and writing narratives, learning about fractions and finding out about things that will keep us healthy and happy.*



## CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO MERRIWA 2019

If your child is NOT returning to Merriwa Primary in 2019, please complete and return this form to the office as soon as possible. It is very important for planning 2019. 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/Rooms No: \_\_\_\_\_

New School: \_\_\_\_\_

## Newsletter Raffle!

I have read newsletter 16. Parents signature \_\_\_\_\_

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Congratulations to last week's winner— Taylor Jolly**