Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have a busy and exciting term ahead, with swimming lessons, choir performances, and planning for the end of year events. At our last staff meeting the staff worked on our new whole school phonics, spelling and reading program, Letters and Sounds, which we are introducing next year. We are committed to getting back to basics, and together with Direct Instruction Phonics and Spelling, and explicit teaching in maths, we are working hard to lift student grades.

Thank you to the P and C who have donated nearly $5000 towards the shade for our new playground, graduation and book awards. We appreciate your support.

Double Passport Points for November and December
If you can help the P and C with any events or fundraising, we are offering double Passport points for P and C work during November and December. Just contact the office or our P and C members if you would like to get double points! Here’s how you can help….

**Summer Days Disco**  Friday 5 December  
4.30 – 6.00 p.m.  Junior Disco  
6.30 – 8.00 p.m.  Senior Disco  
Canteen, security backup,  ticket sales and collection, setting up, decorating, packing away.  

**Christmas Raffle**
Ticket Sales,  wrapping prizes.  

**Salvation Army  Merriwa Primary School  Carols Night  Friday 12 December**
Sales  

**Christmas Concert Monday 15 December**
Sales  

Don’t forget the Photo Family Portraits this Saturday – last minute bookings available – a great Christmas gift for the family.  

Have you ordered your Christmas Cookie Dough yet?  Don’t miss out…

**Class Requests for 2015**
If you would like special consideration for your child / children regarding class placement for next year, please put your request in writing to the front office addressed to Mrs Waterhouse and marked Confidential. Due to staffing limitations we cannot guarantee placements, but every effort will be made to address your requests.

If you are planning to move over the school holidays, could you let your child’s teacher know via the form at the back of this newsletter.

Kind Regards  
Mrs Sue Waterhouse  
Principal
From the Principal… Merriwa ESC…

I extend my thanks to Mrs Christina Maunick-Sallie for her support in stepping into the Principal role while I was on leave recently. I have returned at a very busy time and am currently working on the enrolment and staffing process for next year. Please let the office know if your child is not returning to Merriwa ESC in 2015.

Coming Events
Keep an eye out for the many events planned this term.
P&C Disco with a Summer theme, Book Award and Graduation assemblies, Carols by Candlelight and a Christmas concert. It will be a very busy term.

Swimming
Many of our students have begun their lessons in partnership with the Primary School and are enjoying the opportunity. I believe we will see some progress into the next level for a few students. It is also very pleasing to note that the hydrotherapy sessions for our junior students are proving to be beneficial. We appreciate the generosity of Butler College staff and thank them for supporting this initiative to build community links. Thanks to Mrs Gore and Mrs Maunick-Sallie for their thorough planning towards these water based excursions and to all staff for ensuring your child’s safety.

Graduation Ceremonies
This year we will have two ceremonies to acknowledge our students who are leaving primary school for the exciting high school phase of their lives. Our year 6 students graduate on Tuesday 16th December and our Year 7 students graduate on Wednesday 17th December. The ceremony will be held during the day. Please save the date.

Karen Macri
Principal
ESC

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In Italian, we have been looking at Italian culture and famous Italians and landmarks. On display is some of the work we have completed on the incursion La Massima Torta del Mondo, our work on The Leaning Tower of Pisa and Enzo Ferrari.

### Next Week’s Activities

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### Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0434517166  
Coordinator: Vanja Popovic  
Assistants: Tayla Scott, Ben Clark  
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000  
All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Enrollments are now open for Kindergarten 2015 at Merriwa Primary School. If your child is born between 1st July 2010 - 30th June 2011 he/she is due to commence Kindy in 2015.

Please contact the office to complete an Application for Enrolment with copies of birth certificate, immunisation records and proof of address.

Enrolment for Phase 5 is closing
Join Saver Plus before 31st December to match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500.

You may be eligible if you have:
- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- some regular income from work (you or your partner)
- a child at school or study yourself

Contact Meagan Parry, your local Saver Plus Worker:
08 9440 4147 or 0438 518 603
meagan.parry@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Minoppers and surrounding districts by Brotherhood of St Laurence.
Saver Plus is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

The choir is getting ready for their wonderful performance with the Westcoast Songfest on Friday 7th November. The event is being held at the Joondalup Arena from 12.30 to 1.45pm.
Tickets are $10 each and selling fast, please be quick to buy your tickets for this wonderful choral event. Only a limited number of tickets are available for safety regulations. Tickets are available from the music room.

The whole school is also preparing for the Christmas concert on Monday 15th December so please remember to keep this date free. This is a great performance by everyone and we welcome parents to join in.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support in the music program.

Rose Prior
Music teacher ♫ ♪ ♫ ♪

MERRIWA SCHOOL BAGS FOR SALE

- SENIOR SIZE $30.00
- JUNIOR SIZE $25.00
- LIBRARY BAG $10.00
- PENCIL CASE $5.00

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CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO MERRIWA 2015

If your child is NOT returning to Merriwa Primary in 2015, please complete and return this form to the office as soon as possible. It is very important for planning 2015.

Child’s Name: ____________________________________________
Year/Room No.: __________________________________________
New School: _____________________________________________

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