**From the Principal's Desk...**

**Dear Parents and Caregivers**

**Athletics Carnival Field Events**

We congratulate all our competitors in this year's long jumps and throws which were held on Tuesday 15 September. All the children put in a great effort and for some it was the first time they had attempted these events. These Year 3 children were very proud of their achievement, and the good sportsmanship we saw between all competitors was a credit to everyone. The carnival is a highlight of the year.

**Faction Carnival Results**

1st Baltimore 444, 2nd Akita 434, 3rd Palermo 397, 4th Calabar 379

**Principals’ Morning Tea**

Congratulations to the students who will be attending the Principals’ Morning Tea hosted by myself and Mrs Maunick-Sallie. These children have continually displayed the school expectations, I Am Respectful, I Am Positive, I Achieve. We will all enjoy a morning tea together as a special reward.

**Learning Journey**

You are invited to our Learning Journey on Wednesday 23rd September from 2.40 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. This is a great chance to see your child’s work and to have a look around the classrooms. There will be a sausage sizzle, face painting, robotics and other stalls in the undercover area. Please note that if you need a long consultation with your child’s teacher, please make an appointment at another time so that we can preserve your child’s privacy. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Kind Regards**

Mrs Sue Waterhouse
Principal
From the Principal…Merriwa ESC…

Congratulations to our amazing swimmers who worked hard towards passing their levels. It was a difficult two weeks but staff worked hard to ensure minimal disruption to learning programs. Swimming is a vital skill and I thank our families for ensuring that students attended with their mainstream peers. Our hydrotherapy program is also proving to be successful for students who require this more intensive intervention to assist with water awareness.

The ESC staff and students attended an education support interschool carnival last week which was wonderfully inclusive. We were blessed with gorgeous weather and have enjoyed being involved in the Merriwa carnival this week. Staff have made it possible for our students to participate and I am grateful for their dedication.

Our students will have an outing to AQWA next week to reinforce the integrated studies theme for this term. Thank you for returning permission notes and updated medical forms to ensure all children can attend.

Please make time to attend the Learning Journey from 2.40 to 5.00pm next Wednesday. Our centre will be open for anyone who may be interested in walking through. We look forward to showcasing our updated learning areas.

I am still in the process of clearing my long service leave and will therefore be handing over to Mrs Christina Maunick-Sallie as of Friday 18th September and thank her for her ongoing support. I look forward to returning to start term 4.

There are some big events planned for next term including a book parade, lapathon, ESC Assembly item, Yr 6 day camp activities and graduation. As usual, it will be a busy and fast paced term.

Please note that Term 4 starts for staff and students on Monday 12th October

Mrs Karen Macri,
Principal ESC

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As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps.

Thanks again for all your support!

Smith Family Saver Plus Program

Would $500 assist you with education costs? Would you like to improve your money management skills?

Last year three Merriwa families were given $500 for completing this program.

Join Saver Plus and have your savings matched dollar for dollar, up to $500, for education costs including school uniforms and text books, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition!

To be eligible you must:
- have a child at school or starting next year; AND
- have a Centrelink Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card; AND
- have some form of household income, for example, you or your partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

For more info, contact Meagan at The Smith Family. Ph: 9440 4147

Learning Journey

Wednesday 23rd September from 2.40pm—5pm is our very important Learning Journey evening and we look forward to sharing the evening with you. Please take the opportunity to have a walk through the ESC. There will be a Sausage Sizzle available for $2.50, soft drinks and water for $1.50, face painting, robotics, OSH cupcakes, a police display and ask about our passport prize. We hope to see you there.