

Lapathon

It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and family members joining their child for the fun run last week. It was warm but thankfully there was a breeze and the children had an awesome time. The P&C are now accepting the donations and hope to raise some much needed funds for the various projects needed around the school. Students who send in their donations will have their card entered into a draw for a lucky dip prize. There is also a prize for two students who raise the highest amount.

Swimming and Hydrotherapy

Selected students are attending Hydrotherapy sessions beginning this week, at Butler College. I am very grateful to the staff who ensure that the therapy programs are possible. All other students have been given the opportunity to join their primary school peers for interm swimming lessons which begin on Monday 6th November. Please ensure your child has bathers, towel and a change of clothes in a plastic bag each session. Please get in touch with Kylie or Max in the office if you require assistance with a payment plan.

Enrolments for 2018

Expressions of interest for enrolment into the ESC are being accepted at the ESC office. There has been a lot of interest for kindy enrolments for next year. New parents enrolling for kindy next year will be invited to an afternoon tea/information session towards the end of November.

Cyber Safety

Please add Friday 3rd November to your calendar. Senior students will be involved in a workshop around keeping safe on social media and internet sites. A parent/carer community workshop will also be presented from 1.30 in the school library.

Congratulations

I am thrilled to congratulate the Early Intervention team for their nomination for an Excellence Award in Early Childhood Intervention. I wish them well as they attend the award night this week.

Community Petition

Last weekend many of you were concerned about a petition circulating in the community to 'save room 30'. I would like to assure our community that the students of the ESC will not be affected by the pending removal of this transportable building. Our fabulous programs can still be accommodated in the Centre utilising the buildings we already occupy.

Attendance

It is very important that the school is contacted if your child is away. A phone call or a note in the communication book allows us to comply with the Department requirements. It is essential to provide proof of absence if your child is not at school for more than two days.

[Karen Macri](#)

Limericks written by Room 16

The Girl Who Loved Art

There once was a girl, who loved art.
But when she was drawing where would she start?
Every time she sought help,
She went to her mum who was always so busy
But her dad was the one who would help

By Med

The Jogging Dog

There once was a dog
Who went for a jog
He would play with the ball
Even when it would fall
This person gave him a toy to keep
And now after jogging he goes straight to sleep

By Med and Jacqueline

The Sad Dodo Bird

There once was a Dodo bird
Whose voice could never be heard.
He tried day and night
To make it alright
But he still was the soundless bird.

By Beatrice

The Sleeping Kitten

There once was a cat
Who sat on the mat
Next to its older brother
When they got tired they both fell asleep
And dreamed of their caring mother.

By Beatrice
Mr Carroll

**City of Wanneroo
Mayor's Christmas Appeal**

Mayor Tracey Roberts invites you to donate and help everyone in our community enjoy a merry Christmas

Non-perishable food items and toys are welcome.

Please bring into Merriwa Primary School Admin Office.



Gifted and Talented Selective Secondary Placement for 2019.

Parents of children in year 5 have an information sheet, with their child's newsletter, outlining the year 7 selective program that runs in identified secondary schools and colleges, commencing in 2019. Please note application close on Sunday 11 February 2018.

**Mr Jeff Hoskins
Associate Principal**

Needs a picture please or Aboriginal Art Work

Kurlangas Aboriginal Playgroup

Welcome to term 4. This term in playgroup our theme is shapes and continuing to learn our colours. We are making shape collages, painting different shapes, using shape sorters and playdough cutter shapes.

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.

As the weather is warming up please remember to bring a hat and drink bottle for your child.

Playgroup is **FREE**, and held every Tuesday at Merriwa Primary School during term times between 10.00-12pm, 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!

Cyberbullying Prevention for Parents

This is a free event not to be missed.

Delivered by a professional speaker on the topic of digital compliance and internet safety. You will be presented with engaging and powerful information in a way that will bring to life possible online dangers and responsibilities which are a part of your child's digital world. Strategies of protection and prevention will empower you to reduce online risks

within your home. You will be amazed how simple this can be.

Where: Merriwa Primary School - Library

When Friday 3rd November 2017

Time 1.30pm to 2.30pm



Honour Certificate Winners

2018 Kindergarten enrolments are now open



**If your child was born between
1st July 2013 - 30th June 2014
registrations are now open to enrol in kindy.
Please see the front office for
application forms and return completed forms to the office with copies of Birth
Certificate, Immunisation Records, Proof of Address and \$40.00 for Voluntary Contributions.**

A note from the Chaplain; Priorities

Well, here we are at the very last Term of the year and as some of you may remember, we have talked about doing our very best to finish it well. With many things going on this term I understand that it may be a little overwhelming to think about how to do that, so I want to give you a little tip that has personally helped me when it comes to prioritising.

Sometimes we can easily spend all our time, energy and focus on the little things; perhaps this is playing video games or watching movies (whatever it is you like to do) – which are not bad things, I love doing these things too! But, they aren't the most important things in my life and I have noticed they can easily take up all my time if I'm not careful. But, here is my tip-I have noticed that if you spend your time, energy and focus on the big things first!! Perhaps that's;

School. Doing your very best, trying to be a good student and get good grades.

Friends and Family. Being kind and treating others well.

Health. Understanding that you're important and looking after yourself matters then there is still so much space for the little things too!!! **But that's only because you put the most important things first!** (I hope you remember the jar I filled up that showed how this works so well)

Christie McNally—Chaplain

YANCHEP SECONDARY SCHOOL (PLANNING NAME) OPENING BEGINNING 2018

As you may be aware, a new secondary school is currently being built to cater for the growing number of families in the Yanchep area with children in secondary school.

The Hon Sue Ellery MLC, Minister for Education and Training, has recently announced that this school will open its doors to students in Years 7 to 11 one year ahead of schedule, at the start of the 2018 school year. Year 12 students will be accepted from 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Kent on 9285 3600 or email at James.Kent1@education.wa.edu.au.

Term 3 regular attendance rewards

Congratulations to the following children who were the winners of the regular attendance draw; Tyren Hinton, Elijah Harding, Aidan Anstey, Monica Deng, Isabella Datson, Rocco Sabbioni, Deegan Buytels, Christian Janscak, Holden Lampert and Poppy Briffa.

The Department of Education stress the importance of regular attendance with the saying "Every Day Counts". This is based on research carried out in WA through the Telethon Institute showing every day a child misses from school has a small effect on their overall learning. At Merriwa we encourage all children to attend regularly, the exceptions being through sickness, very important familiar occasions or significant cultural or religious events.

Jeff Hoskins
Associate Principal

CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO MERRIWA 2018

If your child is NOT returning to Merriwa Primary in 2018, please complete and return this form to the office as soon as possible. It is very important for planning 2018. If you have a class 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: _____