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## Merriwa ESC News...

It was very exciting to welcome our new School Board members last week and to walk through the training session with them. It is wonderful to have community members representing and supporting the ESC. I would like to thank Mr John Ward, Mrs Christina Maunick-Sallie, Ms Janice Griffiths, Ms Natascha Muehlberg and Ms Natalie West for their ongoing support of our school.

A huge thank you to Mrs Gore who has kept us posted through Dojo on the success of Our School Readiness program on Thursday mornings. The 2 and 3 year olds are engaged in varied activities which will assist them once they transition to formal schooling. Mrs Gore has also posted some useful links from time to time which may be of interest for all our families.

It is wonderful to see so many parents and carers accessing the Class DoJo for communication of school events. Please download the app if you have not already done so. Your classroom teacher has more information about this.

The students (and staff) are enjoying the Recreation Program and are becoming very confident with their bowling skills. Thank you for remembering to ensure the kids have socks each Friday so that they can wear the appropriate bowling shoes.

We are very grateful to the sponsors that allowed our kids to attend the Razzamatazz performance free of charge this week. What a tremendous outing and experience for our students. Their behaviour on public transport and in the theatre was amazing and worthy of our praise. Thank you to the staff for their diligence in ensuring our students' safety throughout the day.

### Coming up:

- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May- ESC Assembly performance followed by morning tea in ESC block
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May- Storytelling and Pyjama day
- **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June- Pupil Free Day for ESC students**
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Yr 6 'Day Camp' activities
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June- ESC Performance Arts showcase at Butler College
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – NAIDOC Day activities

Please note that Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June is a pupil free day for ESC students. They will not be attending school. All MESC staff will be attending an Education Support Network Conference in the city on this day. This coincides with a long weekend as Monday 5<sup>th</sup> is WA Day. The Primary School does not have a pupil free day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> but will have two days at the beginning of term 3 when we will only have one.

The ESC is pleased to welcome visitors to our school from various universities and NM TAFE to complete their practise in our classrooms this term.

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*

Principal

## CHAPLAIN NEWS

Hello! My name is Christy McAnally and I am very happy to be the new Chaplain here at Merriwa! My role is to provide support to students, staff and parent/carers and I am here to help. Should you need me please do not hesitate to ask! You can get in touch with me by contacting the school office, by finding me on school grounds or in Rm 30. I am in on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays so please be sure to come and say "hi", I would love to meet you!



## Developing a National Guideline for Autism Diagnosis in Australia

### VIEWPOINT SURVEY

We are seeking input from:

- **Adolescents and Adults** on the autism spectrum
- **Carers or family members** of **anyone of any age** on the autism spectrum

View the study here:

<http://www.autismcrc.com.au/developing-national-guideline-autism-spectrum-disorder-diagnosis-australia-viewpoint-study>

Or email [Emily.Darcy@telethonkids.org.au](mailto:Emily.Darcy@telethonkids.org.au) for more information



Use a QR scanner for more information

# Regular Attendance Draw

## Congratulations to the following students:

Jack Allan, Dakota McLellan, Narteisha Winmar, Connor Ferguson, Jayden Pearce, Jamarah Walley, Glodi Mbafumoja, Judy Paul, Sharmeerah Putupai and Thida Chau on being selected as winners of our regular attendance draw. The draw is made at the start of each term for students who have had regular attendance during the previous term. Children coming to school every day is one of the most important ways of ensuring children receive the best possible education.

*Jeff Hoskins*

*Associate Principal*



## Honour Certificate Winners

YR			RM			STUDENT			YR			RM			STUDENT		
PP	1					Cianna Winmar-Taylor, Axel Shepherd			3	12					Saint Seumanutafa, Jeremiah Kori		
PP	2					Paige Challis, Holly Winsor			2	13					Lily Connery, Dexter Davis		
PP	3					Heath Leonard, Austin Mynard			4/5	15					Jacob Planner, Kiara Whitworth		
1	6					Lawzayn Thompson, Eloise Norman-Evans			5/6	16					Apen Ater, Kalan Teleiai, Shaun Hammond		
1	7					Anthony Marshall, Tye Barwick Price			5/6	17					Bradley Wells, Cory Authers, Riley Vorpapel-Morgan		
3	9					Kya Smith, Traci-Lee Harding			5/6	18					Jaxon Waind, Ruhullah Akbari		
1	10					Kevin Ung, Adior Jok			4	19					Lilia McIntosh, Adrien Uwadia		
2	11					Evelyn Paul, Kailea Rodgers			3	21					Chelsea Walker, Caleb McIntosh		
	ESC					Jethro Ghergori, Danika Davies			4	22					Chantelee Hanekom		



As part of our commitment to the wellbeing of our students, their families and our staff, we invite the families and caregivers of our students to join our regular Thursday morning fitness session as we walk, run or jog laps of the oval. We would love to see you there!



## Merriwa Primary Schools Community Walk

Families and Caregivers,

You are invited to join our whole  
school fitness oval walk on  
Thursday mornings at 8:30am.

## Merriwa Primary School P&C is selling the Entertainment Book this year.

The book or digital membership is \$70 and gives you over \$20,000 worth of vouchers and special offers to use up until 31 May 2018. Did you know that if you go out for dinner 2 or 3 times using your vouchers, you have already earned back the money spent on the whole book? The vouchers range from fancy restaurants all the way down to take out locations, entertainment including discounted movie tickets, theatre tickets, boat rides, and much more. There is truly something for everyone in the entertainment book. The display book is in the front office if you would like to have a look at it. By ordering your Entertainment Membership from us we receive \$14 from every entertainment book or digital membership sold. Order your book or membership online - <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/86101a> Thank you for your support.



Room 19 has been learning about area and perimeter in Maths. We talked about area being the amount of space INSIDE a flat shape and perimeter is the distance around the OUTSIDE of a shape. We measured the area and perimeter of our classroom using metre rulers. Our classroom's area is 72 metres squared and the perimeter is 34 metres. We used trundle wheels to measure the basketball court. The area of the basketball court is 450 metres squared and the perimeter is 90 metres. Come and see our display in the office about the unique characteristics of our students.



## National Simultaneous Story Telling and Pyjama Day

The whole school will be again participating in this event. It will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. Your classroom teachers will show the video of the story, The Cow Tripped over the Moon. Students and staff are encouraged to wear pyjamas to school on this day to celebrate the event!

Mrs Hill

