From the Principal’s Desk…

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2, 2014. We are looking forward to another busy term and we have attached a Term Planner for your fridge. Make a note of these coming events!

- Term 1 Winning Faction Pizza Lunch this Friday 2 May. Congratulations to Akita.
- P & C Meeting Tuesday 6 May at 1.30 p.m. in the staff room. All welcome.
- Year 2 History Excursions to Buckingham House
  - Room 11 Friday 2 May
  - Room 12 Friday 9 May
  - Room 13 Friday 16 May
  - Room 10 Friday 23 May

All children to wear Pioneer Dress!

- NAPLAN Testing for Years 3, 5 and 7 from 12 May
- Pre Primary Excursion to Dinosaur Discovery Exhibition Tuesday 3 June
- Parent Tour of Clarkson Community High School Wed 6 June
- Interschool Winter Carnival 19 June
- Reports go home Friday 30 June

Kind Regards
Mrs Sue Waterhouse,
Principal
Welcome back to school for Term 2. I trust all our families enjoyed the Easter and ANZAC weekends and managed to share some quality time with their children over the break.

**Dance Program**

Very soon information will be coming home explaining the details of our Friday afternoon dance program. All students in the ESC are invited to participate in dance classes run by local dance teachers who have vast experience in working with children with special needs. Please keep an eye out for the notes coming home with your child.

**Cooler Weather**

We have certainly begun to experience colder nights and mornings, a welcome change after such a long hot summer. During this season we generally collect a lot of lost property as students tend to remove jackets and jumpers during the day. Please ensure you have clearly labelled your child’s clothing so that it can be returned if necessary.

**Student Banking - Tuesday mornings**

Don’t forget our school banking day and encourage your child to start saving their pocket money and learn some tips on money management.

**Absences**

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.

Karen Macri
Principal
ESC

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We were privileged to hold our ANZAC Ceremony on Friday 11 April 2014. Representatives from the Campbell Barracks SAS and Mr John Avery from the local RSL Association attended and laid wreaths, and presented a plaque to the school and special commemorative medals to Kiara Harp and Deng Manyang. Our choir, speakers and all students were a credit to our school.
Program Update

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone. Don’t forget OSHClub is here to help with any Before and/or After School Care needs you may have. For more information, or to make an enrolment, please go to our website www.oshclub.com.au, or come up and see us in Room 20.

We do hope everyone had a safe and fun, school holiday break, and we are really looking forward to this term. There will be plenty of activities and games for the children to participate in.

If anyone has any old games or toys that are in good condition, and they no longer need, and would like to donate them to our program, we would really appreciate any offerings.

We would like to wish all the children and families of Merriwa Primary School a very productive Term 2.

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0434 517166
Coordinator: Wayne Finlen
Assistants: Vanja Popovic
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 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.

Specialist Secondary Course 2015
Woodvale Secondary College

Woodvale Secondary College is offering places in their specialist programmes in Basketball, Soccer and Music. These are approved programmes that allow your child to turn their talent into a dream career.

Application forms, for the soccer program as well as cross boundary application form are available from our office. Enrolment forms for the basketball and music programmes are available from the Woodvale College (9309 0808).

Applications close: Basketball – Friday 30 May 2014.
Soccer – Friday 23 May 2014.
Music - Monday 5 May 2014.

Mr. Jeff Hoskins

Are you Going on Holiday?

The Department of Education requires that if you take your children on holiday during school time, then you need to discuss this with the school principal before you go.

Just ring or write a letter and we can then organise some school work for your child while they are away.

Thank you to the parents who have already discussed this with the principal.

Please keep your children at home if they are sick so that we are not spreading those nasty bugs around the school. See the letter on the back of the school planner.