

# MERRIWA NEWS



**Breakfast Club  
Every day**



**Dates to be  
announced**

**Clarkson Online  
Canteen  
Open  
Tuesdays,  
Thursdays and  
Fridays**

**Graduation  
Tuesday  
15th  
December**

**Book Awards  
Wednesday  
16th  
December**

**Kindy  
Registrations  
Are now open  
If your child is born  
between  
1st July 2016  
and  
30th June, 2017  
See website below for  
application forms**

**Christmas  
Concerts  
Friday  
11th December**

**VISIT  
[www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au](http://www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au)  
To see our  
Website**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

*Dear Parents and Families,*

### **Merriwa Primary wins Handicap Shield**

*Congratulations to Mr Allen and everyone who helped to make our interschool team so successful. This year we were promoted into A Division and the students faced some tough competition, as well as dealing with the 37 degree heat.*

*We are very proud of every student who chose to compete and particularly proud of Sophie, our champion Senior Girl and Donrichie, Runner Up Junior Boy.*

*Thank you to all students who participated to help achieve this incredible result.*

### **Dancing Lessons**

*The Years 5 and 6 students will soon be learning to dance with Humphrey's Dance Studio. This prepares the students for their final graduation dance in Year 6.*

*Where : In the undercover area.*

*When : From 23rd November, which will be held every day for ten days.*

*How Much : \$40 for ten lessons for Year 5's*

*\$60 for ten lessons for Year 6's (includes graduation)*

*What if I have three children? You only pay for two. Do my children need dancing shoes? No! They should wear sneakers and no high heels.*

### **Did you Know**

- Our Chaplain, Ash Smith, is running resilience workshops for our senior students. If you would like your child to be part of these, please contact their teacher.
- Our COVID-19 Cleaning Team is still cleaning our school three times per day, in addition to our usual school cleaners.
- Kindy places are filling fast - **enrol now!**
- Our year six students were congratulated by Clarkson Community College for their outstanding behaviour at the transition program.

**Kind regards**

**Sue Waterhouse  
Principal**



# Merriwa ESC

Dear Parents/Carers,

*This term is moving along so quickly; I hope everyone takes a breath to appreciate the wonderful opportunities that we have in WA and in our school.*

*With only five weeks remaining for the 2020 school year, we are all feeling the pressure to finish off our programs, completed the learning area assessment tasks and begin to write the student semester reports.*

*My head is already into 2021 as I am busy planning for new classrooms which includes purchasing resources and furniture, and the appointment of new staff. It is certainly a busy time of year.*

*We warmly welcome our very capable EAs in training, from North Metro Tafe who have joined us for the next few weeks. It is lovely to be able to offer our school to support people who are interested in working in the area of special needs.*

## Upcoming events:

- ESC assembly- November 20 at 8.35. I trust our families can come along to celebrate our kids as they perform for you.
- 2021 Kindy parents induction afternoon tea - November 25 at 1.30
- Year 5 and 6 Dance program
- Christmas Concert - December 11
- ESC Family Picnic - December 14
- Year 6 Graduation - December 15
- Whole school Book Awards assembly – December 16

*Kind regards*  
*Karen Macri*  
Principal



## NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read Newsletter 16

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ ROOM \_\_\_\_\_

**Congratulations to our last Newsletter winner - Emily Room 13**

## ***Congratulations to our winner of the Literacy Pro Millionaires Club***



## ***Bread Tags***

*We will be holding the final class collection and count for the bread tags on Wednesday 25th November.*

*At our collection on Friday 6th November we collected 2741 tags, giving us a total of 19 344.*

*It would be great to pass the 20 000 total. These will be donated and are used to make artificial limbs.*

*Well done to the following classes who have collect an enormous amounts of tags over the year.*

*Room 22 have collected 3160,  
Room 21 have collected 3977  
Room 18 have collected 2635.*



*Together, this equals a lot of bread.*

## ***End of Year Student Reports. (PP to Year 6 students)***

*For the first time the school will be delivering the end of year reports electronically via our Connect notification system. Kindy reports will continue as paper reports. This method provides the following advantages:*

- 1. Timely delivery of reports to parents and guardians.*
- 2. Parents are able to retain a digital record of students achievement.*
- 3. An ability to easily provide copies of reports to each parent or guardian where dictated by family circumstances.*
- 4. Savings to the school in printing and collation of reports.*

*Parents will be able to request a paper copy. If you would like a paper copy please complete the attached and return it to the school office by Friday 4 December 2020.*

*To access digital reports parents must have accessed the school's Connect community. Currently approximately 50% of parents have accessed their child/ren's Connect page. Parents have trouble doing this please contact the school office on 6206 2340 for assistance.*

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### ***Semester 2 2020 Student Report paper copy request.***

*I \_\_\_\_\_, request a paper copy of the 2020 report for my child/ren,*

*Child's name, \_\_\_\_\_, Room, \_\_\_\_\_ .*

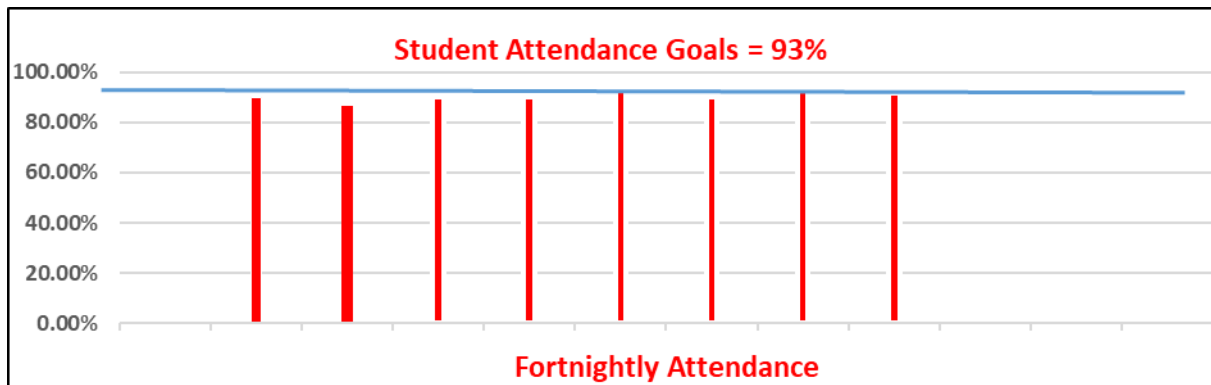
*Child's name, \_\_\_\_\_, Room, \_\_\_\_\_ .*


*Child's name, \_\_\_\_\_, Room, \_\_\_\_\_ .*

## Attendance trends across the schooling years

Attendance numbers vary across the years of schooling. The biggest drops occur between Years 7 to 10, where there is 3.7% point drop in the national average from 92.5% to 88.8%. The best indicator as to how well your child will transition into secondary school is to have regular attendance in year 6. For this reason we want to see our year 6 students maintaining regular attendance to the last day.

The last fortnight we had 91.8% of our students attending regularly, above 90% of the days. This is just below the national primary school average of 92%. Our target is 93%.



Year PP-2 HOME READING	Year 3 - 6 LITERACY PRO
<b>Junior Champion Class Award</b>	<b>Merriwa Primary School</b> Total Words Read
Year 1 Room 6	<b>30 292 079</b>
	<b>Senior Champion Class Award</b>
	Year 5 Room 16 <b>AGAIN!!</b>
	<b>High Scoring Student</b>
<b>Best participation in HOME READING PROGRAM</b>	Rocco Sabbioni <b>731 417</b>

### CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO MERRIWA 2021

If your child is **NOT** returning to Merriwa Primary in 2021, please complete and return this form to the office as soon as possible. It is very important for planning 2021. If you have a special 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: \_\_\_\_\_