



*From the Principal....Merriwa ESC...*

**Swimming:** The students are enjoying their swimming lessons and have made a great start towards achieving their goals. Thank you to the families who are preparing the children each day with bathers and towel. The staff are to be congratulated for their efforts with supervision and in pool support. Thank you for allowing this program to be successful. Parents who are still to pay the fee can do so at the office in instalments.

**Upcoming events** for your diary:

- \* Hydrotherapy sessions each Wednesday to the end of term for selected students
- \* Swimming lessons for selected students from 31st August to 11th September
- \* ESC Interschool Carnival—combined education support schools athletics—Tuesday 8th September
- \* Merriwa PS Faction Athletics Carnival—Thursday 17th September
- \* AQWA excursion Tuesday 22nd September
- \* Learning Journey—come and see the work your child has been doing this term—Wednesday 23rd September

**ESC Sports Carnival:** This big event is on next week. Students who missed the opportunity to order their special lunch will need to bring a disposable lunch bag or can still order a sausage sizzle on the day. Families are welcome to meet us at Beldon PS oval on Tuesday 8th after 10am.

**Merriwa Faction Carnival:** Keep Thursday 17th September available so that you can come down to our school oval and enjoy the atmosphere of this annual event. All students will participate in some capacity on the day.

**AQWA:** Please return permission notes to the classroom teacher with your child’s lunch order preference. The ESC has been able to secure some funding towards bus costs and has heavily subsidised this outing to keep costs manageable for families. This outing will be a wonderful end of term reward and links with the Integrated Studies program that classes have been working on this term.

**Learning Journey:** The school will be open from 2.40 to 5.00 pm on Wednesday 23rd September for families to come and see student displays and walk through the various classrooms. Come and see what is going on at school and join in the various activities that are available throughout the afternoon.

*Mrs Karen Macri, Principal ESC*



Yr	Rm	Student	Yr	Rm	Student
PP	1	Jacob Ireland, Jamie Kneale	6	15	Milad Safari
PP	2	Jamie Zerafa-Collis, Hannah Hill	6	16	Paige Cole, Kai Matthews
1	6	Riana Debnath, Jasmine Bradshaw	4/5	18	Wyett Cox, Melba Wallam
1	7	Jeramiah Pickett,	4	19	Heath Datsun, Hayda Wilson-Houia
1	9	Rylee Cole, Angela Harp	3/4	22	Greta Colbung-Hill, Tyson Webb Jeisman
3	10	Myeisha Slater, Peta Fielding	ESC		Hannah Miller, Pheobe Cregan
2	11	Olivia Williams, Judi Paul			Kassandra Loyd, Zac Rennie
2	12	Adrien Uwadia, Tyler Orr			Shaun Marcial, Amelia Mackie
2	13	Ty-rees Bolton			



# MASSED CHOIR

*The Merriwa Primary Senior Choir did an amazing performance at the WA Massed Choir Festival on Monday night, entertaining the audience at Winthrop Hall, U.W.A. The students from years 4 to 6 performed with 9 other schools singing a variety of songs with a live band. We were so proud of them! They performed professionally on the stage in front of the Governor General, the Minister of Education, the Director General of Education and their parents, families and friends. The students learnt eleven songs and although some were rather challenging the students sang these with great confidence. They have been working hard on this performance since April and I am sure lots of parents would have been able to sing along too. I would like to say a big thank you to all staff, parents and carers for your support.*

*The Year 3 to 6 students will now be working on performing at the Westcoast Songfest at the Joondalup Arena on Thursday 5th November. All students at Merriwa will be learning traditional Christmas carols for the end of year concert. Please let the office know in writing if you do not wish your child to participate in Christmas activities.*

*Mrs Prior*

## Managing baby and toddler

For parents and carers of children 0 to 4 years

This workshop will look at the common challenges families experience with the addition of another child into the family unit.

We will explore:

- The impact of another child from a toddlers perspective
- why siblings can struggle developmentally
- practical strategies to move forward as a family.



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Bookings essential

Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

When: Monday 7 September 2015

Where: Child and Parent Centre – Neerabup  
14 Viridian Drive, Banksia Grove

Bookings essential.

Telephone 9367 0964 or email [neerabup@ngala.com.au](mailto:neerabup@ngala.com.au).

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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

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# BOOMERANG THROWING



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## Our Class Recount Year 3-4 Room 22

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August Ms. Hay's year three and four students had their class reward. We learnt boomerang throwing because we voted for it as a reward. We had to achieve fifty points by listening, following instructions, working hard and behaving sensibly. We recorded the points on our rocket chart.

We were feeling excited! We learnt how to throw a boomerang by Mr Sibosado. He told us to hold the boomerang in a pistol grip, turn it towards our face, point our shoulder to the ground and to flick our wrist." "Do plastic boomerangs really fly?" asked Ms. Hay. "You bet!" replied Mr. Sibosado.

We formed seven groups of three people. We lined up on the cricket pitch. One person from each team walked out to have a turn. Mr. Sibosado shouted "Remember to flick your wrist as you throw!" A lot of us did fantastic throws! Mr. Sibosado yelled out "Watch everybody!" The boomerangs soared high up into the sky, spinning and turning until they dropped and hit the ground. "Wow! You're very good girls and boys!" exclaimed Mr. Sibosado.

We had one last throw, then started to head back as it was nearly time for lunch. We felt happy. It had been a fantastic experience! Our class had a brilliant time on the oval. We loved the boomerang throwing class reward event!



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