Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Merriwa Primary for Term 4 2014. We have a busy term ahead and look forward to working with your children.

Sensory Playground Opens

This week we were proud to open our new Junior Sensory Playground. Everyone has been taking a turn on the equipment, including the staff! We will be installing shade sails next and saving for shade sails on the old equipment.

Thank You!

Our Learning Journey last term had a record number of parent and family visitors. Thank you for coming along and sharing your child’s achievements with them. The feedback from parents was very positive and your children were proud to show you around our school.

Playgroup is Back

Playgroup opens in week 3! Mrs Hollie has now had to close bookings due to a huge interest from families. It will be held in the library every Friday morning from 8.45 to 11.00 and has been supported by our local Principal network who are funding it.

Limited Places Left for Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons begin in Week 3 and places are filling fast. Due to number restrictions by the Arena Pool, we can only take 330 children altogether, so make sure you book your place and send along your payment to the class teacher, along with your enrolment forms.

P & C

The P &C is meeting next Tuesday at 1.30 p.m. Come along and see how you can raise money for the facilities at your school.

Merriwa Staff Rewarded for Work on Child Behaviour

On Monday the staff attended a workshop which was provided free for Merriwa Primary and ESC by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg in recognition of our good work in child behaviour. Dr Carr-Gregg is a high profile, national child and adolescent psychologist who works for Channel 7 and Sunrise. We invited other staff from our local schools along and had a fantastic morning at Butler College. Watch out for future newsletters where we will be sharing his thoughts on how sleep, the cyber world, parenting styles and nutrition affect your child.

Kind Regards

Mrs Sue Waterhouse
Principal
Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 4, I trust that everyone has had a safe and enjoyable break. It has been lovely to see the students settling back into their routines and enthusiastic about their learning. Term 4 promises to be an exciting term with excursions and special events, such as the ECU Joondalup Inclusive Sports Day, swimming and graduation.

A big thank you to Mrs Sarah Bond for teaching Room 30 last term and we welcome back Mr. Steve McMahon this term. We also look forward to Mrs. Karen Macri’s return next Thursday.

Swimming and Hydrotherapy Pool

Please return the required paperwork and money to your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible. If you have any difficulty with the payment please contact me to organise a payment scheme.

Free Anti-Bullying and Mental Health Seminar

Heath Black’s workshops are specifically designed to encompass a number of important life topics such as what is bullying and mental health, knowing when something is “up”, how to ask for help, the “ripple” effect and choices and consequences. Each session will run for 60-75 minutes including discussion time. Please note: if you are a parent wishing to attend with your child please register yourself for an additional ticket in the appropriate session. Tickets: Free of charge, please note you must register each attendee online via www.antibullyingwa.info and obtain a ticket to have access to this event.

Where: The Lakes Theatre, Catalina Drive, Lakelands WA
When: 28th & 29th of October 2014

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Christina Maunick-Sallie
Acting Principal
Our school finished 3rd at last TERMS carnival. The final results were:

1st Mindarie on 341
2nd Clarkson on 258
3rd Merriwa on 238
4th Somerly on 234
While the handicap shield was:

1st Clarkson
2nd Somerly
3rd Merriwa
4th Mindarie

Congratulations to Daruka, Year 4 Champion Girl and Elijah, Year 5 Champion Boy. Also to Blayke, Runner up Year 6 Champion boy, Mickayla, Runner up Year 6 Champion girl and Hyporte, Runner up Year 7 Champion boy.

Well done to all our competitors. The results were very close between 2nd and 4th all day with Clarkson just getting in front during the final relays.

Thanks to Mrs McKenzie and Mr Hodgson for training our team and to Mrs Ebert and Mrs McKenzie who supported the team.

Jeff Hoskins
Associate Principal
Merriwa Primary school choir presented an amazing performance at the Massed Choir Festival at U.W.A. The choir sang in the evening at Winthrop Hall on Wednesday 3rd September. They sang 11 very technical songs and have spent many hours of hard work learning the right time and notes to sing. The Merriwa Senior Choir sang along with 7 other schools and presented a wonderful evening of entertainment.

The school choir is now working towards the next performance at the Joondalup Arena. The students from years 3 to 7 will be part of the Westcoast Songfest on Friday 7th November. They will begin the awesome entertainment at 12.30 to 1.45pm and tickets are available from the music room at $10 each. Don’t forget to mark this next exciting date into your calendar.

Thank you once again to all the parents and carers who support the music program.

Mrs Prior
Music Specialist

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten 2015 at Merriwa Primary School. If your child is born between 1st July 2010 - 30th June 2011 he/she is due to commence Kindy in 2015.

Please contact the office to complete an Application for Enrolment with copies of birth certificate, immunisation records and proof of address.

Attendance Draw
Each term children with 90% or above attendance for the term go into the regular attendance draw. Congratulations go to Hayden Thompson, Cody Lach, Bradley Highet, Anyang Manyang, Greta Colbung, Blake Weller, Connor Morel and Maria Van De Nieuwenhuyzen you were drawn out for regular term 3 attendance. Regular attendance is a vital key to ensuring your child reaches their potential.

Reminder Swimming Lesson payment due by Monday 20th October, 2014 Commences Monday 27th October, 2014

CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO MERRIWA 2015
If your child is NOT returning to Merriwa Primary in 2015, please complete and return this form to the office as soon as possible. It is very important for planning 2015.

Child’s Name: ____________________________________________
Year/Room No.: __________________________________________
New School: _____________________________________________