

Merriwa ESC News...

Last week was quite eventful with some well organised events enjoyed by our students. The Performance Arts day at Butler College was an amazing opportunity for our kids to perform for an audience of peers. We enjoyed watching other Schools and Centres perform too. It was really wonderful to take advantage of the convenience of having public transport just outside the school gates and to be delivered right outside the venue. All in all a terrific day for everyone involved. We hope to make this a regular event and will be looking for a venue that may also accommodate parents/carers to come and see their kids perform.

The NAIDOC day activities were very well organised. Staff and students were very engaged in the day. I look forward to seeing the final result of clay made leaves when they are used to create an art display within the school.

Don't forget to make an appointment to see your class teacher during week 10 – from 26th June to discuss your child's semester report.

Sick Children: We like to keep your child safe and healthy and do our best to ensure that the classrooms are kept clean and germ free. It is so important that sick kids are kept at home to rest and recover, particularly when they are contagious. Your assistance is much appreciated in containing the spread of viruses.

Grill'd Clarkson: Merriwa ESC has once again been nominated as a prize recipient at Grill'd. The top prize is \$300 and will be given to the organisation with the most tokens at the end of June. If you are looking for somewhere to eat with your family please consider Grill'd and drop your token into our 'bucket' as a show of your support. We are fundraising for our 'bike safe' program.

Disabled Children's Foundation Raffle: The ESC office has 50 raffle books to sell by July. If you are able to support us by selling 10 tickets to family and friends, please call into the office to collect a raffle book. The **first prize is \$20 000** and proceeds will go to this worthy organisation. The ESC will benefit from a donation to the school by the Disabled Children's Foundation for every ticket purchased.

Please help us out if you can.

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.

Enjoy the holidays with your kids. I trust you find time to recharge, rest and recuperate.

ESC students return to school on Tuesday 18th July after their 2 week winter break.

*Karen Macri
Principal*



TALK FOR WRITING



Talk for Writing is an innovative program that improves students' enjoyment and enthusiasm for writing. This term we are looking at persuasive text and our topic is It's Easy to be Green. Visits from Kermit the frog are helping us care for our school environment. Ask your child what they are doing in class! We have heard from parents that children are practising at home.

CHICKEN POX

We have had a number of confirmed cases of chicken pox at the school. Chicken pox is a common, acute, viral infection. Symptoms include fever, fatigue, and a generalised rash characterised by small vesicles (blisters) that rupture to form crusts. This disease is transmitted through the air and by direct contact with fluid from the sores of an infected person.

The infectious period is two days before the rash appears and until the blisters have formed crusts. Students must be excluded from school for at least five days after the rash appears and until the blisters have formed crusts. An antiviral treatment is available from the doctor.

We would appreciate your assistance in helping us to prevent the spread of this infectious disease by being vigilant in checking your child every few days for the symptoms that have been described above and letting us know if you are affected.



Honour Certificate Winners

YR		RM	STUDENT	YR		RM	STUDENT
PP	1		Roazel Smith	3	12		Evie Vorpapel, Charlotte Hutchins, Loft Ali Akbari, Tyler Verbakel
PP	2		Levi Connery	2	13		Scarlett Harris, August Oldham,
PP	3		Anahera Eiao-Walker, Johnathan Patullo	4/5	15		Kalena-Maree Waaka, Francesco Sabbioni
1	6		Anok Maker, Diesel Tilbrook	5/6	16		Beatrice Arjon, Cooper Corrigan
1/2	7		Linkon Hart, Kiara Polmeartagami	5/6	17		The whole of Room 17
3	9		Ngor Makuei, Riley Cox	5/6	18		Sophiea Van de Niewenhuyzen, Daugles Flomo, August Seumanutafa
1	10		Karicia Batista, Azaria Santos	4	22		Elisha Pickett, Abbie Reynolds
2	11		Lily Maitland, Bailey Murnane	Kind Kids			Shade Castle-Nepia, Alex McIntosh

A note from the Chaplain

CHANGE.

Just like the weather, life is full of changes. Some big, some small. Some that we like, some that we don't like. Sometimes change can be very hard and it is important to know that any worries or feelings you have towards change matters. *Here are some things we can all do to help during times of change*

1. PREPARE

In the same way we need to be prepared for changes in the weather, it is helpful to be prepared for changes in life. When we expect that change is going to happen, it can make things much easier when it does.

Some helpful ways to prepare and cope with change is to take care of ourselves. A few practical ways we can do this is to make sure we are eating well, exercising & getting enough sleep.

2. TALK

It is important to find someone safe to talk to when we are experiencing change, and to ask any questions we may have. Asking questions and talking about our feelings is a powerful way to help process change.

3. WRITE

Write down how you feel and keep a diary. Writing down our worries not only helps us to process change, but it also helps us look back and see how we have gradually come to feel better

4. GIVE IT TIME

When things change, it can often feel worse when it first happens. But, hold on and give it time. The rain never lasts forever and the sun will always shine brightly again!

Christie McAnally

Chaplain

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Scholastic Book Club Online

Unfortunately, we are no longer able to accept cash orders for Scholastic Book Club, instead, **LOOP** is Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents. If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, LOOP makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

[Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time

Select your school and your child's class

Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)

Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue

You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school. All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date. There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

Every book you buy helps goes towards receiving up-to-date books at a much cheaper price for your child's library.

School Banking

Our coordinator is in the school Library every Wednesday morning from 8.00 until 8.30 to assist your children with their school banking needs. Parents please bring along your Driver's Licence as a form of ID to assist in opening new accounts for your children.



BUSY BEE



Please come along & support
Merriwa Primary School.
We are bringing the garden back to life!

Saturday 1 July 10am - 1pm