Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have had a busy week with lots of exciting events and visitors. It is Book and Maths Week!

We invite you all to come to the school assembly tomorrow to see the children and staff dressed in their favourite book characters.

On Tuesday we had PJ day, where everyone wore their PJs to school and read stories and poems together. A highlight was a visit from West Coast Eagle Jeremy McGovern who read to the Year 2 and Year 5 children.

The Junior Playground works have started! The earthworks have been done and the concrete footings will go in next. We will have to wait for a month for this to set and then the equipment will be installed. We have also been given a grant for $10,000 to install shade over one of the playgrounds and we also thank the P&C for all your fundraising towards this and to all parents for your support. We will continue to fundraise to install shade on the old equipment and to extend the new playground.

The faction carnival is next Wednesday 27 August. Due to parent requests we have brought all children, both junior and senior, back together in one carnival. The events are listed on page 3.

You are invited to come! There are special lunch orders through the canteen, ice-creams for sale and a coffee van. We look forward to seeing you around the school.

Kind Regards

Mrs Sue Waterhouse
Principal
From the Principal… Merriwa ESC…

Literacy and Numeracy Week

It was terrific to see so many of our students dressed up for our various events. Well done also to staff who got into the spirit of Literacy Week and came to work in pyjamas and book character costume.

Athletics Carnival

Don’t forget the Merriwa Schools Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 27th August. The junior classes, K to Yr 3 will run their races from 9am, Yr 4-7 students from 9.30am.

Our Annual ESC interschool carnival will be held at Beldon ESC on Wednesday 10th September. More information about the ESC interschool carnival will be sent home next week. All students will participate in these events. Please save these dates on your calendar.

Swimming

I recently sent a letter home outlining our plans for school swimming lessons. I have received some feedback from parents/carers. Thank you for sending back your preference. Swimming lessons with the primary school will be available for students who are capable. Therapy sessions will be provided for students with higher needs.

Student Banking - Tuesday mornings

Please see the office if you are keen to open a school banking account for your child. Students can bank their pocket money each Tuesday morning.

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. I will be sending notes home regularly for students whose absence is unexplained.

Karen Macri
Principal
ESC

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**FOOTBALL (SOCCER) SPECIALIST PROGRAM**

Years 7 and 8 Enrolments for 2015 are NOW OPEN

Choose Soccer as a full time subject in high school

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

Students will be notified of trial events early Term 3

Applications accepted from Years 6 and 7 students living within the Clarkson Community High School Boundary

Previous soccer experience is not required

For further information or to obtain an application form please contact (enquiries.clarkson.chs@education.wa.edu.au)

OR

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Clarkson Community High School

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Closing date for applications: 25th July 2014

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**Swimming Lessons**

A note has gone home with information regarding the term 4 swimming lessons. Please read the information carefully and return the permission note, In-term Swimming Enrolment Form, Student Health Form with the $50.00 before Monday 20th October.

Lessons commence on Monday 27th October and run for two weeks.

You can use your Passport points to pay for swimming, so make sure you have joined !

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**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL INVITATION**

This year the carnival will be on Monday 25 August and Wednesday 27 August.

Monday’s events are for year 4 to 7 students, and will be the long jump and tee ball throw in the morning. This is for students selected from the faction trials that have been taking place. The list of competitors will be posted on the sports notice board in the undercover area later in the week. Then in the afternoon the children will compete in the 400m race. This is open to all students.

Wednesday is the main carnival. The following is an outline with approximate times.

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<td>PRE-PRIMARY - YEAR 3 YEAR 4 - 7 Continue with tabloid activities</td>
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<td>PRE-PRIMARY - YEAR 3 Return to class for afternoon program.</td>
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<td>PRESENTATIONS All children to attend</td>
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The canteen will be operating a special lunch. Please look out for details and order forms. They will also be selling food at recess and lunch.

Students are welcome to wear faction colours, must wear shoes and are reminded not to bring coloured hair spray to school. Hair can be sprayed at home if you choose.

All parents are welcome to come along and support their children. Children will be able to join their parents for lunch on the oval.

**DOUBLE PASSPORT POINTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR HELPERS!!**

Mr Jeff Hoskins Associate Principal
On Tuesday we had “Bedtime Story Day” and all students dressed in their pyjamas and enjoyed reading stories together. The staff also came in their PJs and read their favourite stories and poems to the children. It was a great day.