



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

Our **Hydrotherapy program** will recommence next week as we have just received confirmation from Butler College that we can access their therapy pool for the next 7 weeks. This was such a successful program last year and we are grateful to the College for accommodating our students again. Notes have been sent home to parents of participating students.

**Swimming:** Several students have been invited to integrate with the primary school for their swimming program, please return permission notes to secure your place. A payment plan can be arranged to assist with the \$50 cost.

In recent weeks we have utilised our loyal relief staff as many EAs and teachers have been away due to illness or planned leave. Thank you for keeping sick children at home and for your support during these unsettled weeks. Please be sure to let the office know if your child will be absent.

#### **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

**Sensory Learning areas:** The staff have been working creatively to create learning areas to provide our students with sensory experiences. This is an ongoing project which we hope will be ready for use this term.

*Mrs Karen Macri*

*Principal  
ESC*



Yr	Rm	Student	Yr	Rm	Student
PP	1	Lachlan Pike	2	13	Chloe Liddiard
PP	2	Shaylee Mitchell-Armitage	6	15	Maleki Vorpapel, Emmanuel Okot
1	6	Jack Allen, Xavier Harris	6	16	Nathan Thompson, Lily Fox
1	7	Rubi Coster, Marlee Hatton	5	17	Danikel Jabbar
1	9	Anyang Manyang,	4/5	18	Shemika Pickett, Olivia Rowlands
3	10	Blesha Mackedy, Mrugesh Vyas	4	19	Kai Dunbar, Michael Mibira
2	11	Olivia Williams, Ada Trueland	3	21	Jubai Wattanachaisrisakul, Tia Cox
2	12	Samuel Hepcal, Honatana Heta	3/4	22	Gypsy Dover, Taj Timu-Bailey, Tayah Whitworth
ESC		David Pasca	Kind Kids		Roue Turner, Shakira Pansini



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before Care Activities</b>	Colour In's	Charades	Operation Challenge	Dress up	You draw- I draw
<b>After Care Activities</b>	Penne pasta necklaces Soccer Skills Circuit	Sewing with felt Egg and Spoon race	Make your own playdough Bug catching	Make your own dream catcher Playground Fun	Aboriginal Dot Painting Tennis

### Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0434 517166

Coordinator: Hannah Pollard

Assistants: Caitlin Crawford, Sarah Marshall

OSH Club Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program. Remember this is free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au)

All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator directly at the program.



After a unit of work on persuasive writing, Room 15 broke up into teams and debated some hot topics. The class showed confidence presenting to others, attempting eye contact and speaking with expression. A fun time arguing by all!



**Congratulations to the students selected to participate in the Australian Maths Competition. This is an internationally recognised competition with more than 40 countries participating. Good luck to our students.**



The final selected students to participate in the AMC on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Aug.**

#### Year 6:

Matei Hepcal,  
Kyle Warr,  
Lily Fox  
Bianca Hammond  
Jaden Winsor  
Francis Arjon

#### Year 4:

Alexander McIntosh  
Kai Dunbar  
Pheonix Hansen  
Mariam Aizeidan  
Nitika Pawar  
Shauntai Pickett

#### Year 5:

Tawa Reedy  
Pia Broadhurst  
Hayley Tilbury  
Bailey Sadler  
Neve Vanier

#### Year 3:

Kase Monaghan  
Charlie Williams  
Luke Denver

## CELEBRATING NUMERACY WEEK ...

All students participated in our annual simultaneous **BIG BANG BINGO**. It was great fun!



# Road Safety

Children riding bikes, scooters and skateboards need to be reminded of the rules for safely using paths. Children are allowed to and it is recommended that they do use footpaths and shared paths when using roller-skates, skateboards, scooters or bikes. When using paths and shared paths they must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Cyclists must wear a helmet and other users are encouraged to do so. Children under 10 years of age should ride with adult supervision. All users of paths must be aware of drive ways and the danger that reversing cars can have to path users.

Parents regularly discussing these safety tips with their children helps develop positive road safety attitudes and behaviours in young children. We also appreciate your safe driving around our school.

Thanks again.

*Jeff Hoskins*

*Associate Principal*

## Music Newsletter

This term is a very busy one for our Senior Choir. Throughout the year they have been working on songs for the 2015 WA Primary Schools' Massed Choir Festival. It is a fantastic night of entertainment and a great experience for our students. I would like to extend an invitation to you to attend our performance as part of the annual WA PRIMARY SCHOOLS' MASSED CHOIR FESTIVAL; Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 7.30pm to 9 pm at the University of W.A. The tickets are \$20 each and they are available from the music room. The Senior Choir will be going to their first rehearsal on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August and we look forward to entertaining everyone. In class, the students have also been exploring vinyl records and how they were played. They have laughed at the size of the records and how challenging it was to play them.

*Rose Prior*

*Music teacher 🎵.*



## It is important to be at school every day

To get the most out of a good education, children need to go to school every day. School attendance patterns start as early as the Kindergarten year. During the transition from primary to high school parents need to be clear with their child to attend every day.

### What Can You Do To Support School Attendance?

- Expect that your child will come to school every day
- Talk positively about attending school and learning
- Help your child get into a routine for getting ready to go to school stress-free
- Help your child get ready for school in the morning
- Talk about the positive social parts of the school environment – friends, favourite classes, favourite teachers

### For teenagers

- Talk with your teenagers about their long term goals and dreams and how school can help them achieve their dreams

## Regular Attendance

Congratulations to Chloe Davis, Manyang Yout, Emma Kinnane, Clair Hedland, Man Jok, Rylee Cole, Kiara Baines, Paige Cole, Riley Ballantyne-Hunt and Matilda De Laine. These students were drawn as the winners of the regular attendance draw for term 2. Children learning to come to school also are learning about how we show up at sport, at work, to meet friends. The more you come to school, the easier it is...

*Jeff Hoskins*

*Associate Principal*

