

Merriwa ESC News...

Here we are at the half way point of the term. It has been my pleasure to see the children engaged in their learning and managing well considering the wet weather. I particularly enjoyed watching students participate in a cooking session last week. Staff feedback around the weekly trips to Atlantis continues to be positive and the children look forward to the outing.

Next week I will attend the Education Support Educators Conference at the Hilton in Perth and look forward to showcasing our school at the event. Thank you to the parents/carers who responded to my request to use photos.

Bike Safety Program

Now that our shed has been installed I am able to take donations of bikes that you may no longer require. We will happily accept bikes that need some minor repairs. In particular the ESC is looking for bikes that would suit children from year 3 to year 6. If you are able to donate an unused bike please call the office to make arrangements: 9305 9897.

Coming Up this term

- ✦ Merriwa ESC Showcase at the Education Support Educators Conference: Thursday 24th August
- ✦ Book Parade – Mystical Creatures: Friday 1st September
- ✦ P&C Disco on Friday 1st September
- ✦ ESC Interschool athletics at Beldon: Thursday 7th September
- ✦ Merriwa Carnival: Thursday 14th September

Merriwa Campus Learning Expo: Wednesday 20th September

Enrolments for 2018

Expressions of interest for enrolment into the ESC and the Early Intervention program are being accepted at the ESC office. There has been a lot of interest for kindy enrolments for next year

School Readiness Program

Our playgroup program is well attended each week. If you know of a family who has a 2 - 3 year old with a disability or learning delay please let them know to call the office for more information.

Parking

This continues to be an issue in our school. Please be considerate of our children's safety and do not park in the staff car park. Only ACROD permit holders are able to access the reserved parking bays.

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. 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.

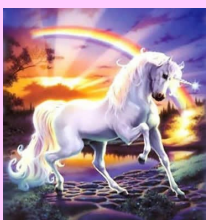
Karen Macri

Principal

Father's Day Raffle

**The P & C Fundraising Committee is holding a Father's Day Raffle
Drawn on Friday 1st September 2017 at the School Briefing
Tickets have been sent home with your child
Please return tickets by Wednesday 30th August**

In Italian, students have been learning new vocabulary through songs, dance and games. These activities give students opportunities to practise their listening and speaking skills. We have played tombola (bingo) to help with our word recognition and have used songs and related movements to reinforce the language.



**Mythical Creatures Disco
We will be having our school disco on the 1st September 2017.**

Tickets have been sent home with your child.

Cost \$5.00 per child.

Kindy- Year 2 4.30pm—5.30pm

Year 3-6 6.00pm—7.30pm

We need some help on the night, so if you are able to assist please call the office 9305.9011.

Thank You

Merriwa Primary Schools P & C

SECOND HAND DESKS AND FILING CABINET

The school has approximately 10 student desk that are available to parents for a gold coin donation. Please see the front office if you are interested in obtaining one of these items or phone 9305 9011.

Thanks you
Merriwa PS



SCHOOL PICK UP

The front office is unable to pass messages onto students regarding parent pickup arrangements. If you require alternative pickup arrangements for you child please supply a note for the teacher in the morning. All children have been informed to come to the front office if there is no one there to collect them.



**PLAYGROUP
MERRIWA PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

**0 - 3 year olds
Come along to Merriwa
Playgroup every Friday
between 8.45am and
11am**

**Where : Room 5
Please bring some fruit or
morning tea for us to
share.**



YR		RM	STUDENT	YR		RM	STUDENT
PP	2		Nakita Samuel	2	13		Donrichie Tribunali, Phoenix Castle –Nepia
PP	3		Taylah Edwards, Chace Mckinnel	4/5	15		Dante Palmer, Logan Robertson
1	6		Nevaeh Toki, Room 6, Lathan Harding	5/6	16		Shemika Pickett
1/2	7		Issak Hamilton, Chelsea Fawcett	5/6	17		Shameerah Putupai, Dana Khoh
3	9		Mayual Maker, Nathan Hamon	5/6	18		Scott Morel, Elizabeth Niyibhigira
1	10		Anthony King, Lachlan Pickett	4	19		Ebonie Dunning, Cooper Davidson
2	11		Jayden Pearce, Chantel Hart	3	21		Samuel Deng
3	12		Casey Ansley, Jeramiah Pickett	4	22		Tyson Pansini
ESC			Dylan Lee	4	22		

2018 Kindergarten enrolments are now open



**If your child was born between
1st July 2013 - 30th June 2014
registrations are now open to enrol in kindy.**

**Please see the front office for
application forms and return completed forms to the office with copies of Birth
Certificate, Immunisation records, Proof of Address and \$40.00 for Voluntary Contributions.**

GIFTED AND TALENTED: Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) ASSESSMENT OF YEAR 4 STUDENTS FOR THE PEAC PROGRAM

This week Merriwa Primary School Year 4 students completed an assessment task to identify students who qualify for the PEAC Program.

The PEAC Program provides part time extension and enrichment for exceptionally able students in Years 5 and 6.

PEAC offers a range of courses that provide the most able students with work that is intellectually challenging.

All students in Year 4 will have the opportunity to be assessed for suitability for the PEAC Program.

Students who are performing well at school are possible candidates for the program.

There are some students in Year 4 whose potential is not so easily recognised. There may be students who are underachieving at school and there are some students who demonstrate certain skills and abilities more at home than at school.

Together, we can ensure that all students who have the potential for high academic performance are identified.

Testing at Merriwa Primary took place on Wednesday 16th August 2017.

The tests measure the student's ability to recognise patterns and to predict with speed and accuracy and measure each child's ability to apply their knowledge and learning.

The scores from the test will be used in the selection of students for PEAC courses and extension programs conducted in 2018 and 2019 and also to inform educational provision in schools.

Yours sincerely

Louise Carroll

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

MERRIWA PRIMARY



Merriwa Thrift Shop
44 Baltimore Parade, Merriwa
Ph: 9305 2898

Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm
Saturday 10am to 2pm



Doorways

- Friday 9am-2pm at Merriwa Salvos
- Tea, coffee with toasted sandwiches in the lounge.
- Bread, fruit & vegetables available
- Doorways appointment is required for ER assistance
- Food, limited bill, furniture and clothing assistance
- ID required. Limit of 4 visits per year.

**Earn & Learn is on again
26th July to 19th September**

Anyone can help our school earn amazing resources:

- Earn one sticker for every \$10 spent at Woolworths
- Complete Sticker Sheet
- Drop Sheets in a Collection Box for our school at Woolworths and Front office of Merriwa PS

