

# MERRIWA NEWS



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK ...

### **Swimming Lessons**

*The Year 6 swimming lessons are off to a great start at Yanchep Lagoon. Students are enjoying the challenge of the ocean conditions, practicing their swimming with the waves, sand and being outside in the fresh air.*

*Swimming lessons for Pre primary to Year 5 start Week 7 Monday 18th March - Friday 29th March excluding 21st & 22nd March. Limited places are available, so please return forms and money to the office by 13th March to secure your place.*

### **P & C Invitation**

*We need your help! Please come along to the AGM on Tuesday 19th March @1.30pm in the Staff Room. All members, new and existing need to reapply for membership, along with \$1 membership fee, the P & C has an important role in our school. They are responsible for fundraising to help the school purchase items that we cannot cover with the regular school funding budgets. So far they have provided our picnic tables, most of the shade sails and funding for graduation and end of year book prizes. Come and join them !*

### **NAPLAN**

*During week three and four in Term 2 our Year 3 and 5 students will complete NAPLAN tests and our Year 4 students will do practice tests. This is online and our students report that this is a much better way to do the tests.*

*Kind Regards  
Mrs Sue Waterhouse,  
Principal*

Every day from  
8am



**School Banking**  
**Wednesday**  
**morning between**  
**8am-8.30am**  
**in the Library**  
*with Danise*

### SAVE THE DATE

The choir at Merriwa Primary has once again been invited to perform with the One Big Voice at the Perth Arena. They will be performing at approximately 12.30pm on Friday 30th

### MUSIC NEWS

Choir before school  
every Tuesday at  
8.05am

### Year 6 Day Camp

Tuesday 12  
Wednesday 13  
Thursday 14



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[www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au](http://www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au)  
to check out the  
website and to  
download the FREE  
Phone app

## Merriwa ESC News

Last week the ESC hosted a Director and the Principal of Malibu School for our Public School Review. We were given the opportunity to share our school's successful practice. It was a wonderful experience which has confirmed our success is the result of strong principles and high expectations for our students. Staff are celebrating our high rating as an effective school for children with disabilities and additional learning needs. I would like to extend my thanks to the wonderful parents and carers who shared their thoughts and experiences during the review process.

### Swimming

Yr 6 students have been attending their lessons at Yanchep Lagoon, I hope the weather improves for them next week.

Students in PP to Yr 5 will attend their swimming program at the HBF Arena in Joondalup during weeks 7 and 8. There will be 8 lessons in total from 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**Please return permission slips promptly and arrange a payment plan in the coming weeks. There is the option of bank transfer, details can be provided at the office.**

### Yr 6 Day Camp Activities

Next week on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March our year 6 students will join their primary school peers for day camp activities. Information has been sent home with these students. I am very pleased that we are able to offer a much reduced fee of **\$110** as we are combining swimming lessons and day activities to reduce bus costs.

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 appreciate that children get sick and will need to stay at home until they are no longer contagious, a medical certificate is required if children are absent for more than 2 days. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring your child is well when attending school.

*Mrs Karen Macri,  
Principal*



## KURLANGAS ABORIGINAL PLAYGROUP

Welcome to term 1!

This term at playgroup our theme is "All about me". We will be making paper plate faces, hand and foot print painting and life size cut outs. We will also have our regular activities of easel painting, collage gluing, playdough and our mat sessions of a story and songs.

For our babies, there will be tummy time (to strengthen their back and neck muscles), push and pull toys, some wonderful books to look at, finger rhymes and songs to sing.

Playgroup is **FREE** and held every Tuesday at Merriwa Primary school during term times between 9.00-11.00am, for Aboriginal children up to 5yrs of age and their carers.

A morning tea of fresh fruit is provided for the children, and tea, coffee and biscuits for the adults. You do not need to have a child attending this school to attend.

Hope to see you there!

ABORIGINAL EARLY YEARS TEAM.

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the parents who have already paid their Voluntary Contributions. Voluntary Contributions can be paid at the school office or direct deposit.

Merriwa Primary School  
BSB Number—016 246  
Account Number—340918248

Kindy—Year 6	\$40
One child	\$40
Two Children	\$80
Three or more children	\$120

## NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read newsletter 2. Parents signature \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Congratulations to last week's winner — Meleni Waiyani**

### Keep Your Children Safe

The school has 2 disabled parking bays located in the main carpark. To support parents needing to use the bays it is appreciated if these bays are not used when people are visiting the school. Parents are not to use the main car park as a pick up and drop off location. This is to reduce the amount of traffic in the car park and to help with safety around the school. There is a drop off point in Greyhound Drive and the back car park often has bays available for parents to use.

Jeff Hoskins—Associate Principal

### U12 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019  
FROM 10.30AM AT PHS  
OPEN TO ANYONE BORN IN 2007 / 2008  
\$299 FOR 15 HOURS OF CONTENT  
COACH : ATHLETE RATIO OF 1:12 MAXIMUM

PREPARE FOR SSWA U12 TRIALS / 2019 SEASON  
SKILL DEVELOPMENT  
PHYSICAL LITERACY FOR LONG TERM HEALTH  
GAME SENSE AND SMALL SIDED GAMES  
ATHLETE WORKSHOPS WITH ELITE PRESENTERS

FOR MORE INFORMATION / TO REGISTER GO TO:  
<http://www.hockeywa.org.au/High-Performance/Academy/U12DevProgram>



### YEAR 4 ROOM 19 NEWS

The students in room 19 had a relaxing long weekend because Monday 4<sup>th</sup> was a public holiday for Labour Day. Many years ago, during the late 1800's people worked very long hours. In 1856 the stonemasons marched to parliament house to push for an eight hour working day. An agreement was eventually reached and a victory march was held on 12th May. Workers then had 8 hours WORK, 8 hours REST and 8 hours RECREATION.

On Monday, Labour day, I was in Perth city to play state tee ball and it was the last day of tee ball too. We got to take our t-shirts home. I still play normal tee ball. We only won once but we still got a trophy for our team. The presentation took 2 hours. (Shaylee)

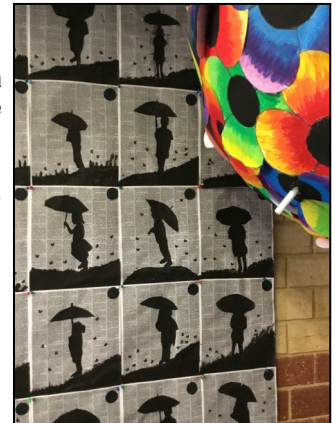
On Labour Day my family and I went to Scarborough Skate Park on our scooters and I saw one of my friends that I played football with last year. Then we had triple choc caramel coated ice-cream. (Bailey)

I went to the beach with my cousins Ruben, Eli and Chantel. We went on the rocks and we caught a tiny fish and a black crab. (Jayden)

CLASSROOM NEWS: Please take a look at our wonderful art in the office. We used a photo of us holding an umbrella to create our silhouettes. Hanging above our pictures is our colourful umbrella and soon the whole school will create an amazing art display of umbrellas in the library. Keep an eye out for it!! We have had a great start to YEAR 4!!

Mrs Zainudin

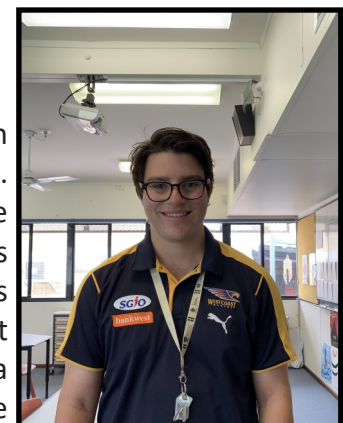
Class Teacher



### CHAPLAIN NEWS

Hi, my name is Ashley Smith and I am the recently appointed Chaplain of Merriwa Primary School and Merriwa Education Support Centre. Since the beginning of my first day at Merriwa, it has been an absolute pleasure getting to know all the staff, students and parents of this fantastic community and I am very privileged to be a part of what is happening in Merriwa Primary School and Merriwa Education Support Centre. My role is broad, however to put it simply, I endeavour to be a positive presence in the School and to provide holistic support and care for all students, staff and parents who are in need. I hope that throughout 2019 I can have a positive impact on Merriwa and be a great support for everyone in the school community.

Ashley Smith  
Chaplain



## OVAL UPGRADE

### NOTIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION - OVAL EXTENSION AND FLOODLIGHTING AT ADDISON PARK - MERRIWA

The City of Wanneroo, as part of its approved Capital Works Program, is proceeding with the construction of an oval extension and floodlighting at Addison Park in Merriwa. The works will comprise:

- \* Construction of Oval Extension to the South West of the AFL oval – March to June 2019. These are the main works.
  - \* Construction of floodlighting and poles for the newly extended AFL oval – June to November 2019. These are minor works.
- Works are scheduled to commence on 15th March 2019 with completion in November 2019 pending weather constraints.

During construction:

- \* Temporary fencing may be in place to direct the public around the worksite and will remain in place for the duration of the works.
- \* The works will be conducted from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- \* Whilst we are seeking to minimise imposition, construction will require some bays of the West carpark. These will be fenced for safety.
- \* A portion of the oval will always be available for school and public use.

Whilst it is inevitable that works of this nature will cause some inconvenience, every endeavour will be made to ensure that this is kept to a minimum. The City considers that this project will be of significant benefit to Merriwa Primary School and the local community;

