



From the Principal....Merriwa ESC...

Term 1 Week 5

We have been working towards setting up our specialist classrooms and will be receiving our new furniture very soon. The Centre is beginning to take shape and look engaging to motivate our students.

I trust you have taken the opportunity to meet with the classroom teachers to discuss your goals for your child and have had an input into their education plan. Towards the end of term you will have another opportunity to meet during an open afternoon to hear about your child's progress during term one.

Several students from ECU have requested an opportunity to volunteer in our Centre as part of their teaching studies. We welcome them and appreciate their support and positive feedback!

Students who have displayed positive behaviours will be invited to a water play activity next week. Notes will be sent home with more information.

Please continue to use the communication book for daily contact with your child's class. This has proven to be a quite efficient method to communicate, particularly if you are not able to meet with the teacher regularly.

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.

Congratulations also to the students who were awarded merit certificates at last week's assembly .

Karen Macri
Principal
ESC

Desiree Dance Academy
Unit 3 / 61 Key Largo Drive, Clarkson
0425556065

Special Needs Dance class for children with any form of special needs.

Sparkle and Shine
16 Balliol Elbow, Kinross
Brianna—0401 791 325
Gail—0413 608 507



Yr	Rm	Student	Yr	Rm	Student
PP	1	Dexter Davis, Haleigh Joyce	2	13	Emma Kinnane, Tyren Hinton
PP	2	Lucas Hesketh, Maria Van De Nieuwenhdyzen	6	15	Aurora Hesketh, Shaneka Shea
PP	3	Clair Hedland, Summer Fuller	6	16	Kyle Warr, Tameeka Grundy
1	6	Maddison Weeks, Xavier Harris	4/5	18	Brennan Jackson, Apen Ater
1	7	Riley Cox, Jessica Sovann	5	17	Shakira Kennedy, Tyler Winsor
1	9	Anyang Manyang	4	19	Annekia Tanner, Tima Mackie
3	10	Kaleena-Maree Waaka, Dylan Pyke	3	21	Domenik Wynne, Faith Datson
2	11	Alisa Dubovitchya Shepeleva, Mason Wilkinson	3/4	22	Nevanda Adamson Acari, Cara Innerd
2	12	Abbie Reynolds. Tenneson Cook	ESC		Teejay Bennett, Marshall Frankis, Jonathan Howlett, Amelia Mackie

Room 11

The students in Room 11 have had a great start to the year. They have been busy completing lots of reading and writing and are working hard to develop independence and organisation skills. In the computer lab they have looked at our school, suburb, city, state and country. Here are some fabulous stories the students have written about where they live.

Where I Live

I live in a red and yellow house. I live with my mum, brother, uncle, grandad and grandma. I have a hallway, 2 toilets, PS3 and an Xbox 360. I have Foxtel, a small house, a pool, a brown lounge, a small kitchen and a mustang remote control Lamborghini.

By Harry.

I live in a brick house. My room has a white wall. I have thousands of toys and they are all cute and fluffy! My room is messy. I live in Merriwa. I have a big house and I have 4 pets.

By Olivia.

I live in Merriwa. I have my own bedroom. I keep my toys in my bedroom. I have a pool in my back garden and I have a dog and a cat. I love my home.

By Tracy.

I live in Merriwa and my room is small and my room's walls are green. I have a PS4 and I have a playroom. I have a baby brother and three TVs.

By Nathan.



I live next to Merriwa. At home I have a cat, a bird and a chicken. I like to play games and watch movies. Sometimes my sister does not want to do homework, only play and watch movies. I play with my baby sister in my backyard.

By Alisa

I live in a brick house in Merriwa, just up the road. I have a lamp in my bedroom. I have a cat called Leo, a fish called fantail and I have a pool. In my house there are 3 bedrooms. Sometimes I have a pompom panda and I have a pony named Tinkerbelle.

By Ebonie

Cyber Bullying

At Merriwa Primary School we are committed to providing a safe, healthy and inclusive teaching and learning environment. We are proud of the positive gains we have made at Merriwa through our Positive Behaviour in Schools Program and our committed staff.

From time to time we are asked by parents for help with how to manage the impact of cyber bullying or inappropriate material that arrives in your home through cyber space, such as on Twitter, Facebook, You Tube or Instagram. This is not always related to our school or to students enrolled here, and may involve other members of your family. We enclose the following information to assist you. The links can be accessed easily through our webpage, where all newsletters are posted.

If your child sees illegal or inappropriate online content please report this to [ACMA's online content complaint form](#). If you suspect an adult has engaged in inappropriate activity involving a child, call the police immediately on Triple Zero 000 (if it is an emergency) or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

If you are being bullied or harassed or have seen abusive or inappropriate content on social media, you can report this to the relevant social media provider. The process for doing this is slightly different for each site:

Facebook – You can report abusive content on Facebook by using the Report link that appears near the content itself. Facebook's [How to Report Things](#) page has instructions on how to report abusive content for the different features.

Twitter – You can file a report that someone is posting abusive messages by going to [Twitter's forms page](#). More information on Twitter's policy on abusive behaviour is available at the [How to Report Abusive Behaviour](#) page.

LinkedIn – You can report inappropriate content that violates LinkedIn's [Community Guidelines](#) or [User Agreement](#) by flagging it directly from the site. Your identity will not be shared if you flag an item. You can also report spam, phishing and other suspicious messages. After reviewing reported items, LinkedIn will take them down if necessary.

YouTube – You can report content that violates YouTube's [Community Guidelines](#) by flagging it. Flagging videos does not take them down straight away, but sends a report back to YouTube staff to review the flagged video. More Information on flagging videos is available at YouTube's [Community Guidelines Violations](#) page. To report a case of harassment, privacy or bullying, you can visit [YouTube's Help and Safety Tool](#) page.

Instagram – You can report inappropriate photos, comments, or users that are in violation of [Instagram's Community Guidelines](#) or directly to Instagram with the built-in flagging feature.

Early Parenting Groups

Just had a baby?

Ngala provides early parenting groups over a series of 5 sessions for parents with babies 0 to 12 weeks of age.

This is a free service that provides parents with information about your new baby and an opportunity to meet and connect with other new parents in your local area.



Web bookings
now available

Sessions in your area:

Merriwa

Thursday 1.30—3.30 pm
Friday 1.30—3.30 pm

Jenolan Way Community Centre
16 Jenolan Way, Merriwa

To book, please register online at www.ngala.com.au,
complete a registration form available from your child health nurse
or call 9367 0925

Message from P & C

* The P&C want to start up a second hand uniform shop. Donations of clean unwanted uniforms can be left at the office.

* Tuesday 17 March is green free dress day for St Patricks Day. Gold coin donation.

* Tuesday 17 March is the next P&C meeting, with the AGM beforehand. 1.30pm in the staff room.

* Entertainment books are on sale again this year, please put your name down at the office if you wish to order this year's Entertainment Book

Pay your Voluntary Contributions before the end of term and go into the draw for a \$50.00 Lowes Voucher

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

Kindy—Year 6—\$40
One Child—\$40.00
Two Children \$80.00
Three or more children—\$120.00

STUDENT UP DATE FORMS

Please remember to return your child's update forms to the class teacher or the office as soon as possible. It is very important that emergency contact information is current.



Merriwa Primary School is offering you a wonderful opportunity to be part of a parenting discussion group. **Triple P Seminar Series** is a free program that will be run in 3 sessions in Term 1. The goal is to help you learn from and talk to others about parenting. Each session has a different focus, such as managing misbehaviours or encouraging behaviours that you like. The program is offered to parents with primary school aged children (targeted at 3 to 8 years).

All sessions will take place on a Monday morning from 8.45am-10.15am in the school library.

Dates: March 16 (Week 7) March 23 (Week 8) March 30 (Week 9).

Morning tea and free tip sheets will be provided.

A crèche facility will also be available.

Why do it?

Triple P will help you learn parenting skills for issues such as tantrums, defiance and attention-seeking behaviours.

You will get ideas on how to solve problems that you come across as parents.

The facilitators will be there to offer support and encouragement.

How Do I Register?

You can sign up at the Front Office Sign Up Sheet. Please sign up as soon as possible!

MERRIWA SCHOOL BAGS FOR SALE

SENIOR SIZE	\$30.00
JUNIOR SIZE	\$25.00
LIBRARY BAG	\$10.00
PENCIL CASE	\$ 5.00

PLAYGROUP MERRIWA PRIMARY SCHOOL

0 - 3 year olds



TERM 1

ROOM 5

8.45AM—11.00AM

Please register your interest at the office.

Give your child the advantage before they start school!