

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

IEP Meetings

By now you would have received an invitation from your child's teacher to meet in order to discuss individual learning plans. Please make this meeting a priority as it is our genuine intention to work in partnership with you towards better outcomes for your child. To those parents who have already met with the teacher, thank you. I hope you found the experience to be worthwhile.

Passport Program

Merriwa PS and ESC launched a passport program last week. If you are able to support our school through volunteering your time, participating in P&C meetings or generally supporting in various events you can earn points towards discounts for excursions, uniforms and voluntary fees and charges. Please see Estelle, our school Chaplain or the ladies in the office for more information.

P&C

If you are free on Thursday 13th March at 5.30pm we would love to see you attend your P&C meeting in the staffroom. This is a great opportunity to find out what is happening in your school and to support the initiatives of the parent group who work towards helping the students and the school community.

Trampoline

As part of our priority to build up a sensory playground and therapy space, the ESC has purchased 2 trampolines which were set up at our Busy Bee on Saturday morning. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Farrell men- husband and sons of one of our dedicated EAs. These volunteers were responsible for erecting these trampolines for us.

For safety reasons it is vital that students do not use the trampoline without strict supervision.

Community Access Program

Several of our classes are now accessing local shopping centres and public transport facilities as part of their community access and life skills programs. This is a valuable initiative in preparing our students for life outside of school. Thank you to the parents who support us with the provision of smartrider cards and ensure that permission notes are returned to teachers.

Student Banking

Please consider setting up a school banking account for your child and encouraging them to bank their pocket money each Tuesday morning at the school. The Commonwealth Bank will provide the ESC with a financial bonus for every child who opens an account. This is an easy fundraising initiative for the school while your child learns valuable skills for saving money towards their personal goals. Thank you Ms Frankis and Ms Muscara for your continued support to ensure this initiative is successful.

Thank you for using 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 to the students who were awarded certificates at last week's assembly .

Karen Macri
Principal



Yr	Rm	Student	Yr	Rm	Student
1	6	Chantelee Hanekom, Tyson Pansini	4	19	Christopher Hayton, Daruka Deng
1	7	Andrew Tran, Chloe Liddiard	3	21	Hayley Moroney, Nitika Pawar
1	9	Layla Mackie, Dylan Schmid	4	22	John Dunne, Blake Davis
3	10	Dana Khoh, Tima Mackie	5	24	Kara Stokes, Emily Moroney
2	11	William Tilbury, Blesha Mackedy	ESC		Charles Taylor, Dylan Pottinger
2	12	Kiara Whitworth, Luke Denver			Pheobe Cregan, Jozaiah Marshall
2	13	Brooke Fuller, Jane Paul			Jacqueline Podlich, Tyron Brookes
6/7	17	Monica Michael, George Daws			Adrien Uwadia, Teejay Bennett
6/7	18	Summer Sullivan, Matthew Jabbar			Jacob Muscara

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Snakes in the Grass

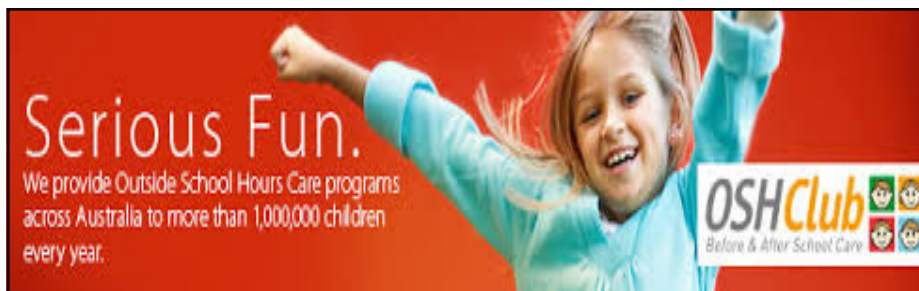


Snakes in the Grass.....guessing competition.

As many of you are aware, it is that time of year again and we are planning our annual Year 6/7 Camp. We are asking for your support in raising funds towards our camp.

We encourage you and your children to have a go at guessing the amounts of snakes in the grass. The cost will be \$0.50 per guess.

Tickets will be available from Room 15 at recess and lunch. The jar will be kept in the library where staff, students and parents can view it.
Ms MacFarlane



Program Update

Here at OSHClub, in Room 20, the children have been enjoying themselves doing a variety of fun, safe activities in before and after school care. Recently we have been encouraging the children to participate in physical, outdoor experiences, although the really hot weather has not helped.

Some of the weekly themes coming up later this term include Nature, Cooking, Science and the Ocean, as suggested by the children.

Don't forget we are here if you need us, and if you are interested, please come and see Wayne and Vanja. There will always be a choice of activities, crafts and games, for your children.

We look forward to meeting more of the Merriwa Primary School Community.

Next Week's Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	Water cycle scramble	Water cycle poster	Underwater art	Stand up cars	Make scrolls
After Care Activities	Ocean mobile	Ocean diorama	Create a sea scene	Seahorse bookmark	Ocean quiz

Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0434 517166

Coordinator: Wayne Finlen

Assistants: Vanja Popovic

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

School Banking Day Reminder

Don't forget that Tuesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Merriwa.

Dollarmites School Visit Cred is visiting Merriwa!



Cred is coming to our school on Friday 2nd May, 2014 to talk to us about the exciting Commonwealth Bank School Banking program.

Through the program, primary school kids can bank at school, giving them hands-on banking experience in a fun and interactive environment.

The School Banking program includes an exciting and exclusive Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once they have individually collected 10 tokens they can be redeemed for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool items.

EARN \$500 TOWARDS EDUCATION COSTS!

Would you like to earn \$500 to help you to pay for your child's education?
Would you like money to pay for dancing lessons or a lap top for your child?

To be eligible you need to:

- ◆ Have a Centerlink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession.
- ◆ Have a child at school or starting next year
- ◆ Have some form of household income such as casual, part-time or seasonal employment.
- ◆ Be prepared to attend workshops on \$ management.

All you have to do is call Megan from the Smith Family on 9440 4147 or 0438 518 603



In room 16, we have been learning about the schools' expectations of :

- ◆ I Am Friendly
- ◆ I Am Respectful
- ◆ I Am Positive
- ◆ I Achieve.

We wrote some acrostic poems about these at assembly and sang a song called "The Merriwa Family" which was all about these expectations.

Good Behaviour Activity Water Slide

Parents are reminded that the good behaviour activity is on this Friday, 14 March. Children will need to bring bathers and towel to change into. Permission notes were sent out earlier and need to be returned by Thursday 13 March, not April as indicated on the permission note.

Mr Jeff Hoskins

