

MERRIWA NEWS

THE ARRIVAL OF OUR PLATYPUS!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Families,

I had a fantastic break, and it is also fantastic to be back to see all our happy children at Merriwa Primary. A big special thank you to Mrs Macri and Mrs Maunick-Sallie for the amazing job they have done while I've been away. Also a big thank you to our Administration team, Mrs Long, Mr Hoskins, Mrs Radich, Mrs Ebert, Mrs Zainudin, Mrs Avins and Mrs Bell, for all their wonderful work.

I am so proud of our school and everything we have achieved. Our school is a happy, engaging place, and the students are a credit to all of us.

Cross Country

We are so proud of all our Merriwa students! At both the recent Winter Carnival and the Interschool Cross Country, they demonstrated both their sporting talent and sense of fair play with many finishing in the top ten.

Thank you to Mr Allan and all staff members for training the teams and for your organisation. The feedback from families has been very positive, with many people commenting on the great atmosphere at both events.

Congratulations to Akita for winning the Term 2 faction points competition. They were rewarded with the Ice Cream Sundae Special.

Safe Parking

We thank all parents who park safely around our school. Just a reminder that the staff car park is not open to parents, except if you have a Disability Parking Permit. We need your help to keep our students and staff safe.

One Big Voice Concert at Perth Arena

Our wonderful school has been invited to perform again, as part of a massed choir at the One Big Voice Festival at Perth Arena on Friday 30th August. A total of 150 schools will be participating in two events on the day, with 2000 students singing in harmony together at this amazing performance. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketek, Mozart section.

Merriwa Primary School will be participating in the Matinee performance. Well done to Mrs Prior for all your amazing work.

NAIDOC Day

We are pleased to invite you to our NAIDOC day on Thursday 15th August. The whole day event has been strongly supported by our Aboriginal parents and extended families, Edith Cowan University, the school board and staff from the Primary and ESC. Please come along and celebrate with fun activities all day. This day will be combined with a visit from Sci Tech at a cost of \$3.50 per child.

Kind regards,
Mrs Sue Waterhouse
Principal



Every day from
8am



9th August
Room 17

Science Incurion
Scitech

And
NAIDOC DAY

Thursday 15th
August

Pizza Day
Monday 12th
August

P & C - Last call for
Entertainment
books.
Books will be
returned 1st
September

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



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www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au

for more information and
to
download the
FREE Phone app

Merriwa ESC News

Principal role

I have returned to my office this week and am truly grateful to Mrs Maunick-Sallie for the amazing work she did in her role as Principal. We both are also very thankful to Mrs Livingstone and Mrs Drew for their tireless efforts in assisting in a deputy principal role over the past few months. It is very gratifying to know that the ESC is in very good hands and our leadership team is strong and capable.

Car Park concerns

Many of you will have noticed that there are some serious concerns with the staff carpark and unauthorised parent access. We are trying to ensure that parents and carers with valid reason to use the ACROD bays are allowed entry while others are turned away in order to provide adequate safety for the students. Rangers will be onsite in the coming weeks to assist the school in managing this area of concern.

Please be advised that you will not be allowed access to the staff car park without a valid ACROD pass. You cannot use this area to pick up or drop off your child.

Showcase

Merriwa ESC will have the opportunity to showcase our programs at the WA Education Support conference next week.

Mrs Macri
Principal ESC

Year PP-2 HOME READING

**Junior Champion
Class Award**

Year 1/2
Room 7



**Best participation in
HOME READING PROGRAM**

Year 3 - 6

LITERACY PRO

**Merriwa Primary
School**
Total Words Read

7 740 815

**Senior Champion
Class Award**

887 168
Year 6 Room 18

**Senior Rising Stars
Award**

Year 3 Room 12

**Highest Scoring
Students**

884 270
Emma Kinnane
684 497
Ada Trueland
370 394
Avi Wayani
322 496
Elbra Shlaimoun



Merriwa Primary School

67 Baltimore road, Merriwa WA 6030 –

Early Childhood Education Block -Room 4

Triple P, Positive Parenting Program Seminar Series – Kindy to Year 5

Session

Seminar 1: The Power of Positive Parenting

Seminar 2: Raising Confident; Competent Children

Seminar 3: Raising Resilient Children

Dates and Time

Seminar 1: Monday 19th August 2019 – 9:00am - 11:00am

Seminar 2: Monday 26th August 2019 – 9:00am - 11:00am

Seminar 3: Monday 2nd September 2019 – 9:00am – 11:00am

Coffee and tea provided. Crèche available

Presented by School Psychologist: Nora Salah and School Nurse: Diana Evans.

For bookings please contact Merriwa Primary School on: **6206 2340** or at the **front office**. When booking, please inform the office staff if you need the crèche
RSVP for Seminar 1 by: **Friday 8th August, 2019 3:00pm**

KURLANGAS ABORIGINAL PLAYGROUP

Welcome to term 3!

*This term at playgroup we are learning about shapes and the colours **YELLOW, RED, GREEN** and **BLUE**. We will be reinforcing these colours through sensory play, various types of painting, craft activities, cooking and stories.*

We will also have activities and experiences that promote physical skills, socialisation skills and language skills.

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!

2020 Kindergarten enrolments are now open



If your child was born between
1st July 2015- 30th June 2016
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.

ROOM 11

At the end of Term 2, Room 11 and the other Year 2 classes went on an excursion to Cockman House in preparation for our history unit in Term 3 – Past and Present. We went back in time to learn the history of our local area (Wanneroo) and how through time, it changed into what we know today.

In groups, we explored the house and grounds using the letters of the alphabet as clues and discovered that so many things we know today were also known in the past, just in a different form. It was interesting and thought provoking to learn about our history.

We realised that we would not have liked to live in the time of the Cockman's because we didn't want to all have to share the same bath as the rest of our family, or share our bed with our 11 brothers and sisters, or take 8 hours to get into the city and finally, we didn't want to have to walk alllllllll the way down the garden path to empty our toilet bucket that sat under our beds.



NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read newsletter 11. Parent signature _____

Child's Name _____ Room No. _____

Congratulations to the winner Lucas Smith