

MERRIWA NEWS

Merriwa's SUPER Scarecrow



The Scarecrow Skeleton



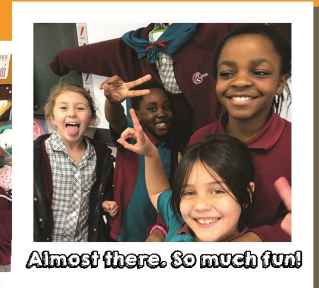
Time to dress him up



Which hair will we choose?



Let's make our own!



Almost there. So much fun!

A big thank you to all who donated to Merriwa's Super Scarecrow and to the Green Thumbs & Homework Club students who helped design & build him. We have had lots of fun on this project!! He's almost ready to be submitted into a Royal Show Competition (wish us luck) and then will stand proudly in our garden.
- Miss Christy, Mrs Carroll & The Gardening Club

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A huge thank you to our amazing P and C

This hardworking group of parents has raised over \$10 000 and has purchased picnic table settings for the senior students. Thank you also to Mrs Macri, Principal of the ESC, for supplementing the funding for us.

P & C meetings are held at 2.00pm on Tuesdays of Weeks 3 and 7 every term and you are all welcome to come and have a say about how we can fundraise for our school.

Merriwa Features in Cancer Council Crunch'N'Sip

We have been selected by the Cancer Council to be part of their new advertising campaign for Crunch'N'Sip. Children from Room 9 and selected Faction Captains and Councillors will be interviewed on film this Friday. We are proud to share our positive programs with WA.

Farewell

It is with sadness that we need to say goodbye to our Chaplain, Miss Christy. She has been given a promotion within Youthcare and will be working across the state. Miss Christy finishes here at Merriwa on 17 August. We wish her every happiness and sincerely thank her for her contribution to our school. We will keep you informed about who will be filling her position.



Kind Regards Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal

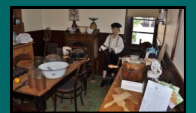


Every day from 8am

6th August

Butler College
Transition Day
Year 6
3.30-4.30

15th August
Kalamunda History
Museum Year 3



17th August

One Big Voice



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www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au to check out the website and to download the FREE Phone App

Merriwa ESC News

Congratulations to all of the students who successfully achieved their swimming levels and for managing the wet days last week. We are all so very proud of you.

The students of Merriwa ESC were amazing on Wednesday when they performed in the Butler College Performance Arts Theatre for other students from our Education Support network. We had a wonderful afternoon concert and the children were respectful audience members and performers.

I am equally proud of their resilience in taking public transport in the stormy weather. All-in-all we had a very successful day. Our next big day out will be in September when we compete with our network schools in an interschool carnival for children with special needs.

Upcoming Events this term

- MPS and MESC Athletics Carnival – Friday 31 August
- ESC Interschool Sports day - Tuesday 4 September
- ESC Assembly item – Friday 7 September
- Learning Journey – Wednesday 19 September

P&C News

Merriwa Cookbook: Please consider contributing your favourite recipe towards this publication. Submit your recipe online. See the link in this newsletter.

Wet weather

It has been very difficult for many families to manage the drop off and pick up during these past few weeks with wet weather. Please be mindful that the staff car park is not to be used unless you require the ACROD parking bay for children with disabilities. The safety of our children is vital and the car park can be dangerous during the rush hour.

Illness

Thank you to our families who are very considerate in keeping sick children at home to avoid the spread of cold and flu virus. Sick children need to recover at home. Please contact the office when your child is absent.

Karen Macri—Principal

The Merriwa Primary Schools' Chess Club

The Merriwa Primary Schools' Chess Club is on every Wednesday at lunch time. We have over 20 members ranging from Year 2 to Year 6. In Term 1, members learnt the names and functions of each of the pieces, as well as how to set up the board. We spent a lot of time talking about how each chess piece had a role to play in the game and how this was the case at school and in life, we also talked about the importance of our 'moves' in both chess and life. In Term 2, students began to have friendly matches which lead to the chess finals at the start of this term. Congratulations to the Junior finalists, Tamati Mackie and Kevin Ung, also to the Senior finalists Malakai Chavez and Izayah Chavez.



BOTTLES OF WATER FOR SALE!

IGA Quinns and David Rapley from Metcash have generously donated bottles of water to Merriwa Primary and ESC.

We are selling them for \$5 for a pack of 24. All proceeds will go straight to the P & C.

You can order packs from the office. Please fill in the slip below, with the correct money and send to the office. We will contact you so you can collect your pack. Thank you for supporting the P & C.



CHILD'S NAME _____ ROOM _____

NUMBER OF PACKS ORDERED _____ TOTAL MONEY ENCLOSED _____

P & C Notes

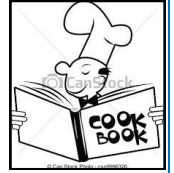
Some coming events and fundraisers

Entertainments Books : Are available for just \$70.

To order your Book or your Digital Membership online visit www.entbook.com.au/86101a. Alternatively, please contact the office.



Merriwa Cookbook: We are looking for your favourite recipes. Please help by posting your family recipes to www.PublishedAuthors.com.au and fill out the quick and easy template. We will publish them into the Merriwa Cookbook. A great Christmas present! Recipes are due by 5 pm on Friday 31 August.



Father's Day Stall: Our Father's Day stall is planned for the week commencing August 27th. Items for sale will range from \$3—\$7. Further details will be available once we have confirmed the class rosters.



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle: The P & C Bunnings Sausage sizzle on Sunday was amazing making a profit of \$1395.00. A big thank you to all who volunteered on the day.

KINDY WINS THE P&C BUBBLE PARTY!

Congratulations and Thank You For Raising—\$471



Faction Competition

Congratulations to Calabar Faction on winning the term 2 faction competition. This year the prize is to make an ice-cream Sunday.

Each term a new faction competition starts, so all factions start back at zero points. The final term 4 reward is for the faction with the most points for the year. Good luck to all the factions on the term 3 competition. The winner will receive their prize on the first Friday in term 4.

Jeff Hoskins



Cookies Capers



Cookie delivered some newspapers this week as part of our whole school writing program. The students are learning to write a newspaper report. The Kindy and Pre-Primary classes had to investigate why Cookie was digging in their sandpit and they found a dinosaur bone!! The students are learning how to write a newspaper report.

VacSwim 2018

With swimming pools and beaches a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is essential.

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and December/January school holidays.

VacSwim is for all children - from beginners to more advanced swimmers and young people doing their Bronze Medallion. Your children can start as young as five years old.

Your children can join in the fun of learning to swim at pools and open water venues across the State.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/swimming



2019 Kindergarten enrolments are now open



**If your child was born between
1st July 2014 - 30th June 2015
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.**



WADJAK
Northside Aboriginal
Community Group

COMMUNITY SCIENCE EXCHANGE
SATURDAY, 25 AUGUST 2018, 10AM-3PM

WADJAK NORTHSIDE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CENTRE
2 FINCHLEY CRESCENT, BALGA

Celebrating Aboriginal and contemporary sciences through a range of hands-on activities.

- Boomerang making and throwing
- Bush Tucker
- Nyoongar Tool Making
- Basket Weaving
- Nyoongar cultural activities
- Using Microscopes ←
- Amazing Polymorph ←
- Making slime ←
- Fun with Dry Ice ←
- Much, much more ←

FREE event
Suitable for ALL ages
Sausage sizzle

For further information please contact Caroline - Phone: 63046771, c.bishop@ecu.edu.au

Swimming - Room 19

On Wednesday 18th July a special event was happening. Merriwa Primary School went swimming. I was in level 3 and my swimming teacher's name was Noilen. On our first day we learnt the rules. Such as do not put your head under the water unless your teacher said to.



On the second day we did our frog kick. On the other days we did our freestyle and frog kick. On the last day I passed level 3.

Sophia

Year 6 Butler College Transition Afternoon

This is a reminder to all our year 6 students who are going to attend Butler College next year. Your first transition day is on Monday 6 August, meeting at 3.30pm. The session will be finished by 4.30pm. Students must attend in their Merriwa School uniform. All information is in the handouts that have been sent home with your children. Alternatively contact Merriwa Primary School and a new pack can be sent home.

Jeff Hoskins
Associate Principal

Newsletter Raffle!

I have read newsletter 11. Parents signature _____

Childs Name _____ Room No. _____

Congratulations to last terms winner — Roezel Smit