





## *Merriwa ESC News...*

### **Atlantis**

Our weekly visits to Atlantis as part of our Recreation Program has been a wonderful success. The students are accessing public transport and enjoying the experience. A big thank you to our senior students who are showing some leadership skills and supporting their younger peers.

### **Bike Safety Program**

Now that our shed has been installed I am able to take donations of bikes that you may no longer require. We will happily accept bikes that need some minor repairs. In particular the ESC is looking for bikes that would suit children from year 3 to year 6. If you are able to donate an unused bike please call the office to make arrangements: 9305 9897.

### **Coming Up this term**

- ★ Merriwa ESC Showcase at the Education Support Conference: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August
- ★ Book Parade – Mystical Creatures: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September
- ★ P&C Disco on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September
- ★ ESC Interschool athletics at Beldon: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September
- ★ Merriwa Carnival: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September
- ★ Merriwa Campus Learning Expo: Wednesday 20th September

### **Enrolments for 2018**

Expressions of interest for enrolment into the ESC and the Early Intervention program are being accepted at the ESC office. There has been a lot of interest for kindy enrolments for next year.

### **School Readiness Program**

Our playgroup program is well attended each week. If you know of a family who has a 2 - 3 year old with a disability or learning delay please let them know to call the office for more information.

### **Parking**

This continues to be an issue in our school. Please be considerate of our children's safety and do not park in the staff car park. Only ACROD permit holders are able to access the reserved parking bays.

### **Sick Children**

We like to keep your child safe and healthy and do our best to ensure that the classrooms are kept clean and germ free. It is so important that sick kids are kept at home to rest and recover, particularly when they are contagious. Your assistance is much appreciated in containing the spread of viruses.

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. It is essential to provide proof of absence if your child is not at school for more than two days.

*Karen Macri Principal ESC*





## NAPLAN ONLINE - TRIAL OF THE NEW ONLINE ASSESSMENT PLATFORM

You may have heard that NAPLAN online is being introduced from 2018, with an aim for all schools to be administering NAPLAN online by 2020.

NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. Your child's results will be returned to you faster, within a few weeks rather than a couple of months.

Our school has volunteered to undertake a trial to enable us to assess our technical readiness to implement the new online assessments. This trial gives us a chance to try out the new national online assessment platform in a real-life classroom environment. This trial is called the School Readiness Test (SRT).

During August 2017, some of our students in Years 3 will participate in a trial of the assessment platform, by undertaking one online readiness test that include examples of the new NAPLAN online questions. This test will take about 45 minutes to complete.

Participating in this trial is important as it will help us ensure we have adequate internet connectivity, and whether students have access to sufficient number of devices for NAPLAN Online testing. During the trial, our teachers will have the opportunity to practice managing the classroom logistics for an online assessment and the new test administration processes.

Feedback from schools participating in the trial will inform transition to the online assessment as well as provide valuable feedback to shape the final development of the NAPLAN online platform and administration processes.

The readiness test has not been constructed to assess curriculum knowledge, but rather to provide students with an opportunity to experience the *types* of questions that will be included in the new online assessments. As such, reports will not be provided.

Participation in this trial is a key step to ensuring a successful NAPLAN online experience.

Jeff Hoskins

Deputy



YR RM STUDENT			YR RM STUDENT		
PP	1	Oskar Kneebone	3	12	Christopher Vaz, William Vokes
PP	2	Cayden Ferguson, Preston Penning	2	13	Ryan Allen, Tyler Phillips
PP	3	Bailey Buxton, Idylla Zavazal	4/5	15	Kydan Herrick, Tara Aitken
1	6	Eli Gleeson, Cody Bennett	5/6	16	Gypsy Dover
1/2	7	Scott Miller, Tyson O'Brien	5/6	17	Nevada Adamson-Akari, Blair Crawford
3	9	Kya Smith, Angela Harp	5/6	18	Dara Yim, Marco Sabbioni
1	10	Sam Shipway, Harmony Lockyer	4	19	Rogue Turner, Shari O'Brien
2	11	Rebecca Blee, Nephran Whittaker	3	21	Paul Miller, Luke Roberts
ESC		Amelia Mackie, Deegan Buytels	4	22	Ciaralee Lingman

## 2018 Kindergarten enrolments are now open



**If your child was born between  
1st July 2013 - 30th June 2014  
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 and Proof of Address and \$40.00 for Voluntary Contributions.**

### **Merriwa Primary School P&C is selling the Entertainment Book this year.**

The book or digital membership is \$70 and gives you over \$20,000 worth of vouchers and special offers to use up until 31 May 2018. Did you know that if you go out for dinner 2 or 3 times using your vouchers, you have already earned back the money spent on the whole book? The vouchers range from fancy restaurants all the way down to take out locations, entertainment including discounted movie tickets, theatre tickets, boat rides, and much more. There is truly something for everyone in the entertainment book. The display book is in the front office if you would like to have a look at it. By ordering your Entertainment Membership from us we receive \$14 from every entertainment book or digital membership sold. Order your book or membership online -

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/86101a>

Thank you for your support.



### **MUSIC NEWS**

**OUR SCHOOL CHOIR IS PERFORMING AS  
ONE BIG VOICE  
AT THE PERTH ARENA  
FRIDAY 18 AUGUST 2017  
PRE-CONCERT ENTERTAINMENT 6-6.30PM,  
CONCERT 6.30-8.30**

#### **BOOK NOW!**

#### **TICKETS THROUGH TICKETEK**

\$33.00 per ticket plus booking fee \$6.95

\$110 per 4 tickets plus one booking fee \$6.95

\$30 per ticket when purchased in groups of 10, -one  
booking fee \$6.95. Available by phoning

1300 364 001



### **Earn & Learn is on again**

**26th July to 19th September**

**Anyone can help our school earn amazing resources:**

- Earn one sticker for every \$10 spent at Woolworths
- Complete Sticker Sheet
- Drop Sheets in a Collection Box for our school at Woolworths and Front office of Merriwa PS

**At the end of the promotion we will swap the stickers for great new equipment and resources.**

