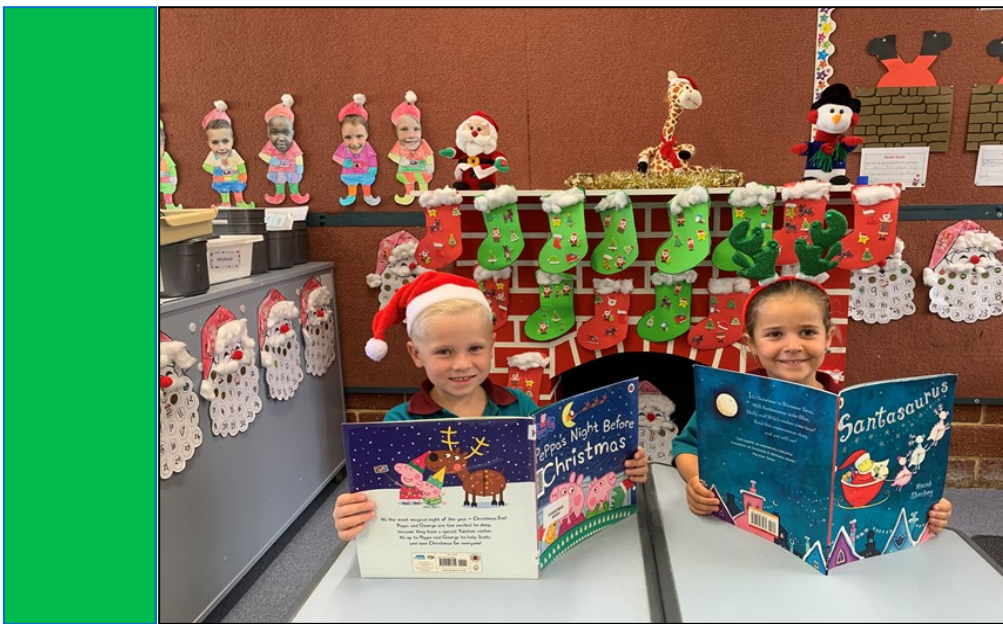


MERRIWA NEWS



**Christmas
Concerts
Friday
10th
December
In undercover
Area at 8.40**

School returns

**Term 1
Monday
31st January
2022**

**Graduation
Tuesday
14th
December
10.00am -
2.00pm**

**Book Awards
Wednesday
15th
December
in undercover
Area at 8.40am**

**Kindy
Registrations
are now open
If your child is
born between
1st July 2017
-
30th June, 2018
See website
below for
Application
forms**

**VISIT
www.merriwaps.
wa.edu.au**

**To see our
Website**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for another great year at Merriwa Primary.

Despite the uncertainty of another year with COVID-19 at our doorstep, this year we have achieved the highest NAPLAN results in over 6 years. This is due to the dedication, commitment and support of both our wonderful staff and you, our parents and families. We are very proud of our Merriwa students.

Class Lists

Class lists will be put on notice boards in front of the undercover area from Friday 28th January at 11.00am, prior to school starting on Monday 31st January, 2022. Given that families come and go over the holidays, the lists will not be finalised until the new year.

Farewell Mrs Phillips

After over forty years of service to public schools, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Phillips who will be retiring at the end of this year.

We wish her health and happiness and know that she will enjoy this time. On behalf of everyone, we thank Mrs Phillips for her contribution to education.

Dates to Note

- *Christmas Concert - Friday 10th December 8.40am . All Welcome.*
- *Councillor Breakfast - Monday 13th December.*
- *Year 6 Graduation - Tuesday 14th December 10.00am - 2.00pm.*
- *Book Awards - Wednesday 15th December 8.40am. All welcome.*
- *Reports sent home on CONNECT - Wednesday 15th December.*
- *Good Standing Events - Wednesday 15th December.*
- *Principals' Afternoon Tea - Thursday 9th December*
- *Last Day of school - Thursday 16th December.*
- *School returns Term 1 - Monday 31st January, 2022*

We wish you a safe and happy Christmas holiday.

Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal



Merriwa ESC

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of all the staff at Merriwa ESC, we wish all of our families a wonderful summer holiday and trust you enjoy the opportunity to relax.

I know my staff are looking forward to a well-earned break after a very busy, but fabulous year. It has been my absolute pleasure to read your child's report and to witness so many positive achievements this year. Your children have brought us so much joy. The staff are so very proud of them all.

Keep an eye on your child's bag on Wednesday for their Semester Report and the social story which you can read in January to prepare them to return to school.

Next week:

*Year 6 Graduation on Tuesday at Irene McCormack Catholic College
Book Awards assembly on Wednesday in the assembly area from 8.30am
Reports will be sent home on Wednesday afternoon.*

Leaving us this year to start a family are Mrs Hannah Poulter and Ms Jess Wood. We wish them all the very best as they begin this new chapter of their lives. We look forward to welcoming them back in the future.

We wish you a very happy Christmas and all the very best for the new year. Take care.

Students return on Monday 31st January.

Warm regards
Karen Macri
Principal



Newsletter Raffle

Congratulations to our last newsletter winner - Hannah, Room 21

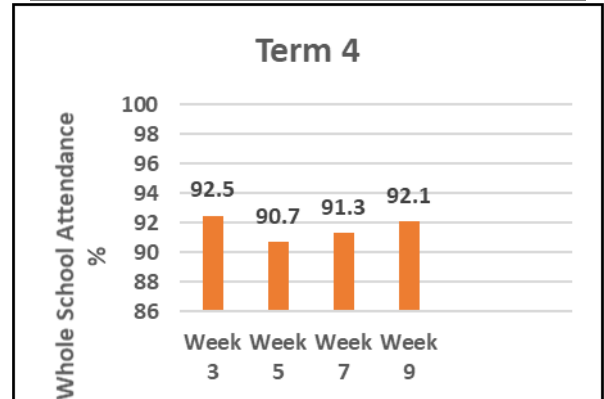
Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our average attendance for last fortnight was 92.1% which is getting closer to our goal of 93%.

Our average attendance for the year was 89.3%. Hopefully next year we will be able to achieve our goal of 93% Remember...

Every day Matters!
Mrs Ebert

Term 4 Attendance Goals = 93%			
Week 3	Week 5	Week 7	Week 9
92.5	90.7	91.3	92.1
Fortnightly Attendance			



Year PP - 2

HOME READING

Junior Champion
Class Award

Year 2
Room 11



BEST PARTICIPATION IN HOME READING PROGRAM

Year 3 - 6

LITERACY PRO

Merriwa Primary
School
Total Words Read

41 070 212

Senior
Champion Class
Award

23 317
Year 6 Room 17

Rising Stars Class
Award

Year 6 Room 15

CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO MERRIWA 2022

If your child is **NOT** returning to Merriwa Primary in 2022, please complete and return this form to the office as soon as possible. It is very important for planning 2022. If you have a special request for next year, please put this in writing to Mrs. Waterhouse, marked confidential. As usual we cannot guarantee placements, but will always consider your request.

Child's Name:

Year/Room No:

New School:

ROOM 7

In room 7 the students have been learning about algorithms. An algorithm is a precise set of instructions that must be given in the correct order.

We learned how to program people before we created programs for the Bee Bots. This ability helped the children to learn dance steps for the Song Wombat Wobble. It was a lot of fun!!

*Miss Purcell
Classroom Teacher*



COVID -19 Update from Department of Education

All school staff will be fully vaccinated before the start of the 2022 school year.

Parents/carers can visit healthywa.wa.gov.au to book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment for their child if they:

- haven't yet received a COVID-19 vaccination; or
- were unable to receive their second dose COVID-19 vaccination.

Please note that a second dose Pfizer vaccine should be delivered 3 to 6 weeks after the first dose. For further information on COVID-19 vaccination, visit [Roll Up For WA.](#)

Further information will be provided to families as soon as it becomes available.