From the Principal’s Desk……

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we reach the end of the year, it is time to celebrate the achievements of your children. As a School Wide Positive Behaviour School we recognize those children who:

- Are respectful
- Are positive
- Are friendly and
- Who consistently achieve good results.

We reward our children with the Principals’ Morning Tea, prizes at the Book Awards Ceremony and the Faction Winner Pizza Lunch.

Students who achieved their 200 Nights Reading enjoyed the Magic Show at the Perth Convention Centre and then lunch at the Bell Tower.

We also reward them with the opportunity to shine at concerts such as the Salvation Army Carols by Candlelight Concert and the Christmas Concert.

We hope that you will join us at these events, and celebrate the achievements of your children and our primary school.

Have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in 2015.

Kind regards

Mrs Sue Waterhouse   Principal

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**SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS HAMPER**

If you would like to donate to our annual Christmas Hamper, we are taking collections now in the front office. We will present the hamper to the Salvation Army at our Carols by Candlelight Event on 12 December. Your generosity is appreciated.
Congratulations to our award winners who were presented with their prize at this week’s book award assembly. We have so many worthy recipients for our class awards and I trust that all our students feel very proud of their achievements this year.

Parents and carers will receive the student semester report next Wednesday in a package which also contains the booklist and other information. If you child is not at school next Wednesday the package will be posted home.

**Coming Events**

**School Christmas Concert** – Monday 16th December @ 8.45 am
I hope our parents and carers are able to attend the concert on the front lawn of the school grounds. The ESC will be performing at the concert as a collective group.

**ESC Fun Day** – Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December
Mrs Collins has prepared a terrific two days of fun activities for the students. In order to release staff to attend the Year 6 and the Year 7 graduation ceremonies, we will combine classes and rotate around the activities over the two days.

**Graduation Ceremonies**
Our Year 6 students graduate on Tuesday 16th and our Year 7 students on Wednesday 17th December. It has been a remarkable year as we say goodbye to two year levels and send them on their way to High School. These ceremonies are bound to be an emotional time.

**Farewell**
A few of our staff will be leaving us this year so I will take this opportunity to thank them and wish them all the very best for the future. We farewell Mr Trevor Forde who is moving to Butler College, Mrs Kelsey Collins who is moving to Beilridge SHS ESC and Ms Stacey Mansfield who is moving to Karratha. Ms Sue Macfarlane will also be leaving. I thank these teachers for their dedication to the students and an outstanding contribution to Merriwa ESC. Some amazing Education Assistants are moving on for 2015: Mrs Marie Dunne, Mrs Jane Goff, Ms Sarah Raykos and Mrs Denise Lawless are moving to Butler College. Mrs Dianne Keed is taking some long service leave before her retirement. Many thanks to Mrs Karen Farrell, Mrs Ashley O’Rourke, Miss Ashlee Wilson-Cowan and Mrs Katrina Sebastian who took up contracts this year. Our school officer, Mrs Shari Smith is working at Pearsall PS and will be leaving us to increase her time there.

We wish all of these staff members all the very best and thank them for their commitment to the students and their dedication to their role at Merriwa ESC.

I wish you all a very safe holiday break and trust that you will enjoy the festivities of the Christmas season.

**Students return on Monday 2nd February 2015**

Warm regards

Karen Macri
Principal
ESC

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**Parent Information**

OSH program phone:
Coordinator:
Assistants:
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](http://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.

**Music News**

Just a quick reminder to parents and carers of the wonderful Carols by Candlelight at 6pm on the school oval on Friday. The choir will be performing along with the flute students who have all been working hard. Andrie Subih and his brothers Shaheen and Manuel will perform Ava Maria. The Salvation Army band will also be performing so brush up your singing voices. The School Christmas concert will be on Monday at 8.30am at the front of the school. We look forward to your company and wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

Thank you for your support.
Second Hand Uniforms
If you child is leaving Merriwa PS at the end of this year and you have good condition uniforms that will no longer be required, the school is happy to recycle these. We are often looking for good condition uniforms to assist in emergency situations. Unwanted uniforms can be dropped off at the school office.

Old Trucks and Cars
To help develop socially accepted play behaviour we are planning to set up more outdoor play activities for our Year 1 to 3 students next year. To assist we are looking for donations of second hand, good condition trucks, cars and driving mats. If you are able to help please contact Mr Hoskins or drop them at the school office.

Jeff Hoskins
Associate Principal