From the Principal’s Desk……

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

PLANNING FOR 2016

We are planning for next year and know that you will be too. Staffing our school depends directly upon our student numbers and the families that our children come from. If you are moving on at the end of the year, we wish you well in your new circumstances.

You can help us to plan by:

- Letting us know that you are moving on in 2016; and
- Writing to us if you would like special considerations for your child’s placement next year.

As usual we cannot guarantee placement with any particular teacher, as the Department of Education is yet to finalise our staffing for next year, but we can consider your requests, especially if your child has special social, emotional or academic needs. Write to us and tell us!

LAPATHON

Our annual lapathon takes place this Friday at 9.15 a.m. on the oval. We have changed the time due to the weather forecast of warm weather. You are all welcome to come along and walk, run, hop, jog, wheel or dance with your children and we are anticipating that it will finish at 10.15 a.m. Icy poles will be on sale!

Pizza lunch is still on! It will be at the usual lunchtime of 12.50 and you are also welcome to come.

This is our major fundraising event for the year, so we hope you can support us. We are fundraising for the shade sails for the second junior playground.

Kind Regards
Mrs Sue Waterhouse
Principal
From the Principal…Merriwa ESC…

Our ESC Super Heroes had a great day during our Book Week celebrations. Thank you to the families who took the time to ensure that our kids were able to participate in the school parade. The staff should also be congratulated for dressing up and joining in the fun.

Year 6 students are looking forward to the exciting activities planned for Day Camp next week. I look forward to hearing about their adventures on the Waterslides, Rock-climbing and Flying Fox. Parents/Carers please ensure the students are well prepared and on time each day so that they do not miss the bus. Check the camp information package for further details.

Do not miss the ESC Assembly item on Friday 20th November. The students have been working hard at rehearsal and look forward to entertaining you.

Lapathon contributions are due to the office by Friday 20th November. All students who return their card with donations will have the opportunity to win a prize. There is also a prize for the most money raised. Thank you to the P&C for their support.

On Monday 16th November, students will have the opportunity to enjoy the Silver Threads Brass Band performance. Please remember to send a gold coin.

Upcoming events include: an outing to the zoo, senior school students outing to the city, Class Book Award assembly, Yr 5 / 6 dance lessons, Yr 6 Graduation, ESC Christmas lunch and Merriwa Christmas Concert.

It is not too late to pay the annual fees and contributions for the year. Some families are yet to pay the $40 fee. Your contribution will assist with budgeting for 2016. May thanks for those who pay the fee early in the year.

Look after yourselves during this hectic time of year and don’t forget to contact the office if your child is absent due to ill health.

Mrs Karen Macri,  
Principal ESC

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Going to school every day is the single important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day. Missing school puts them behind. Why it’s important. We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the years to come. There is no safe numbers of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and literacy. Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your child’s classroom teacher as early as possible.

The school has been allocated lessons from Wednesday 30 March to Friday 8 April 2016. This is an eight lesson block. The cost will be approximately $40 per child for the eight lessons. Please mark these dates on your 2016 calendar.

MAYOR’S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2015
Each year the City of Wanneroo conducts the Mayor’s Christmas Appeal to assist members of our community who are facing hardship. Merriwa Primary School will be taking part by having a collection box in the front office. If you would like to make a donation please donate non-perishable food items. Appeal closes Friday 20 November 2015.

- Christmas puddings/cakes
- Fruit mince pies
- Cakes, cake mixes and biscuits
- Nuts, crackers and chips
- Pasta and sauce
- Tinned foods
- Jams and spreads
- Tea, coffee and sugar
- Cereals
- Rice and noodles
- Chocolates
- Muesli bars

Saver Plus
Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- School uniforms and text books
- Computers, laptops and tablets
- Excursions and camps
- Sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- Music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are a least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself. Last year 2 families received a $500 bonus for their children. Join now!
Contact Meagan Parry, your local Saver Plus Worker
9440 4147 / 0438 518 603 or Meagan.parry@thesmithfamily.com.au

CLASS BOOK AWARDS ASSEMBLY
Friday 11th December 8:30am
Undercover area

Year 5/6
DANCING LESSONS
With Humphreys Dance Studio
WEEKS 8 - 9
(Nov 30 – Dec 11)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
All classes will perform!
Thursday 17th December
8:30am
Don’t forget to enter our Christmas raffle!

Year 6 Events
Day Camps!
Monday 16th November – Em Haliday
Tuesday 17th November – Great Escape
Wed 18th November – Darklight + Rock Climbing
Cost $100 inclusive, including bush entry

Butler Transition
Thursday 19th November

Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday 15th December 10am - 1:30pm
Church of Latter Day Saints
Hughie Edwards Drive, Merriwa
Light lunch, dancing and celebration of child's primary years

NUTS & CRACKERS
CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO MERRIWA 2016

If your child is NOT returning to Merriwa Primary in 2016, please complete and return this form to the office as soon as possible. It is very important for planning 2016. If you have a SPECIFIC request for next year, please put this in writing to Mrs Waterhouse, marked confidential.

Child’s Name: _______________________________________________________

Year/Room No.: _____________________________________________________

New School: _________________________________________________________