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MERRY **CHRISTMAS** FROM THE STAFF AT MERRIWA PRIMARY **SCHOOLS**



Breakfast Club Now Open Every Day From 8.00 a.m



Students Returne 2018 Wednesday 31 **January**

Merriwa Primary Schools' FREE **Phone App and** Website are live. Please visit www.merriwaps.wa. edu.au

School Banking **Every** Wednesday 8.00 a.m. in the Library

Year 6 Graduation 12th December



From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for another great year at Merriwa Primary School.

Our family friendly school continues to be committed to making a difference for your children.

It is wonderful to see all the happy, smiling faces enjoying the end of year activities around the school.

We thank you for your support and we wish you a safe and happy Christmas holiday.



Thank you P and C

Our dedicated P and C led by Erika Hanekom, Danise Gluskie and Danielle Woods has again made a significant contribution to our school.

They have funded the graduation cake, all books and prizes for graduation and the class awards, and will be contributing to our new multimedia projector in the undercover area. On behalf of the children of Merriwa, we thank you.

Kind regards Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal



EVENTS

Friday 8 Dec 6.00—8.30 p.m. Christmas Carols on the oval—Choir performing.

Monday 11 Dec Yr 4 and 5 Dance Social Free Dress All families welcome

Butler Cheerleaders 1.00 p.m. on oval

Tuesday 12 Dec 10am - 2pm Yr 6 Graduation

Wednesday 13 Dec 9 - 10.30 am **Book Awards assembly**

Student Semester Reports sent home

Thursday 14 Dec Students last day

Wednesday 31 Jan 2018 Students return

FAREWELL MRS HILL...

After 43 years of service to public schools, and 14 years at Merriwa Primary, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Hill, who will be retiring at the end of this year.

We wish her health and happiness and know that she will enjoy this time with her family.

On behalf of everyone, we thank Mrs Hill for her contribution to education.

Merriwa ESC News...

I have been making quite an effort to get out of my office these past few weeks in order to enjoy the classroom activities and festive feeling across the school. There is so much to do at the end of the year and I hope that you are also looking after yourself during this manic time of year. Try to stop and enjoy the moment.

Dancing Lessons

Our students have participated with enthusiasm in dance lessons and look forward to the social event next week. On Monday the children in Yr 4 and 5 will have the opportunity to dress up and dance for their parents and carers from 11.50. If you are free, please come along to this event.

Graduation

Next Tuesday from 10 am our year 6 students will have their official send off and have been rehearsing all week. They will have their opportunity to share their dance skills as part of their graduation day. I wish all of our graduating students the very best for high school and thank them for their amazing contribution to Merriwa ESC.

Coming Up

We have had a very busy end to the year. Here are some events for next week:

Tuesday 12 Dec 10am - 2pm Yr 6 Graduation
Wednesday 13 Dec 9 - 10.30 am Book Awards assembly

Wednesday 13 Dec Student Semester Reports sent home
Thursday 14 Dec Students last day – ESC Christmas lunch

Student Reports

All students will receive their semester report on Wednesday 13 December. Within the report package you will find a social story to prepare your child for next year, the booklist for 2018, some information in school flyers, our end of year publication and a usb containing photos. I hope you find the package useful.

I wish you all a very safe holiday and trust that you will enjoy the break over Christmas with your families. I look forward to seeing you next year.

School returns for students on Wednesday 31 January, 201

Karen Macrí Príncípal

> Come and join us at the Book Awards Assembly on Wednesday 13th December.





Date: Tuesday 12th December, 2017 Time: 10.00—1.30pm Venue: The Church of Latter Day Saints Hall



Ristorante Italiano - Year 3 Assembly Item

In Year 3 the children begin Italian lessons, something that all the children in Room 21 have really enjoyed. For this reason we combined Italian with our poetry learning for our class assembly on Friday 1st December. The children did a fabulous job pronouncing many Italian words and phrases, and looked great in their green, red and white costumes. Family members then joined the children for an Italian morning tea in our classroom, where they were served meatballs, pizza and panettone! It was a fantastico Vernedi (fantastic Friday)! Well done Room 21.





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Free Triple P - Discussion Groups

You are invited to attend a Triple P Discussion Group/s. This is a short 2 hour session that will focus on some of the commonly experienced behaviours that parents can struggle with eg: disobedience, fighting and aggression.

The next **FREE** Discussion Groups are being held at: West Stirling Neighbourhood House 228 Hancock Street Doubleview

Topic	Date
Dealing with disobedience	20 February 2018
Managing fighting and aggression	6 March 2018
Dealing with disobedience	20 March 2018

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am (all sessions)

RSVP: Bookings are essential and places are limited.

Please register via: www.trybooking.com/TDVW or phone 1300 749 869 for more information.

Please contact WSNH direct to reserve a crèche spot.

To find other available programs please visit our website

www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Triple P



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, Proof of Address and \$40.00 for Voluntary Contributions.



MERRIWA PRIMARY SCHOOL

0 - 3 year olds

Come along to Merriwa Playgroup every Friday between 8.45am and 11am Where: Room 30

Please bring some fruit or morning tea for us to share.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Last session: 1st December 2017

INTERNET

Safe Education

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Communicate with you kids
Set clear rules and boundaries
Stay up to date with aps and programs
Consider and use parental controls
Be the one who makes the final decisions
For actionable tools and information

Join our community by visiting the website: www.internetsafeeducation.com



SCHOOL PICKUP

If you require alternative pickup arrangements for your child please supply a note for the teacher in the morning. All children have been informed to come to the front office if there is no one there to collect them at the end of the school day. Due to the high number of telephone calls we cannot pass messages to children during school time.

CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO MERRIWA 2018

If your child is NOT returning to Merriwa Primary in 2018, please complete and return this form to the office as soon as possible. It is very important for planning 2018. If you have a class 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: