

MERRIWA NEWS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Congratulations to our elected student leaders for 2019



Head Girl

Emma Kinnane

Head Boy

Seth Drummond-Hay

Councillors

Olivia Collister

Erfan Firoz

Chantelee Hanekom

Shari O'Brien

Olivia Spencer

Ada-Rae Trueland

Keely Verbakel

Baoyi Wang

Olivia Williams

ESC Student Leaders

Jorden Bingham

Vijay Cowley-Cooper

Dylan Pawlow

Josiah Pietersen



Akita

Baltimore

Calabar

Palermo

Faction Captains

Noriar Thichiot
Brooklyn Hill

Kydan Herrick
Tayla Hyam

Seth Drummond-Hay
Thida Chau

Aguk Makuei
Olivia Williams

Vice Captains

Auguston Waaka
Peach Brinkworth

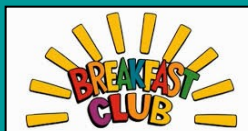
Jeramiah Pickett
Ebonie Dunning

Tyson Pansini
Judy Paul

Casey Ansley
Sophie Williams

Kind Regards
Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal

**Every day from
8am**



School Banking
Wednesday
morning between
8am-8.30am
in the Library
with Danise

Swimming

Year 6

Yanchep National
Lagoon Beach
Tuesday 5 March to
Friday 15 March

Pre Primary -Year 5
HBF Arena Joondalup
Monday 18 March
to
Friday 29 March
excluding Thursday
21st & Friday 22nd

Year 6 Day Camp

Tuesday 12
Wednesday 13
Thursday 14
March



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website and to
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Merriwa ESC News

We have had a very positive start to the 2019 school year. I had the pleasure of attending all classrooms this week to observe the teaching and learning programs in progress. Our kindy kids are settling into routines and are very at ease, new students look happy and settled in their classes and learning programs are running smoothly. It is wonderful to see happy, proud students sharing their achievements as I walk through the Centre. Congratulations to all our families, the students and staff for a smooth and positive start to term 1.

The ESC student leaders received their badges at last week's assembly. Congratulations to Erfan, Olivia and Ada-Rae on their selection for student council. The students will be mentored by the primary school student councillors throughout the year. Also selected for ESC student leadership roles are Jorden, Vijay, Dylan and Josiah! They will be given many opportunities to develop as student leaders for our school.

Communication

Thank you to the Parents and carers who have taken advantage of the opportunity to meet with class teachers to discuss individual education plans (IEPs) so that we can continue to work closely with you for the best outcomes for your child.

Please use your communication book or class Dojo for daily contact with your child's class. This has proven to be a quite efficient method to communicate, particularly if you are not able to meet with the teacher regularly.

Hydrotherapy and Swimming

We have made a decision to postpone the Hydrotherapy sessions for term 1 as many students are participating in the school swimming program.

- Yr 6 students in weeks 5 and 6
- PP to Yr 5 in weeks 7 and 8

Notes for swimming have been sent home. Please return permission slips promptly and arrange a payment plan in the coming weeks.

Yr 6 Day Camp Activities

On Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th March our year 6 students will join their primary school peers for day camp activities. Information has been sent home with these students. I am very pleased that we are able to offer a much reduced fee of **\$110** as we are combining swimming lessons and day activities to reduce bus costs.

Mrs Karen Macri, Principal



Keep Your Children Safe

The school has 2 disabled bays located in the main carpark. To support parents needing to use the bays it is appreciated if these bays are not used when people are visiting the school.

Parents are not to use the main car park as a pick up and drop off location. This is to reduce the amount of traffic in the car park and to help with safety around the school. There is a drop off point in Greyhound Drive and the back car park often has bays available for parents to use.

Jeff Hoskins—Associate Principal

NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read newsletter 2.

Parents signature_____

Child's Name _____

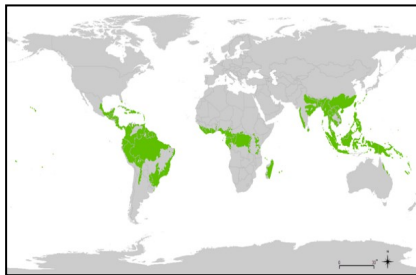
Room No. _____

Congratulations to last week's winner — Alicia Cooper

Year 4/5 Room 22

This term we are learning about rainforests and their natural ecosystems. These incredible places cover only 2% of the Earth's surface but yet contain more than half of the world's animal and plant species. Rainforests are often called the lungs of the planet for their role in absorbing carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, and producing oxygen, upon which all animals depend for survival. Rainforests also stabilize climate, house incredible amounts of plants and wildlife, and produce nourishing rainfall all around the planet. We are also learning about the importance of environments to animals and people and how you can protect them.

Come and see our amazing art work in the front office!



Ms Hay, Class Teacher

2019 NAPLAN

All year 3 and 5 students will be taking part in this year's NAPLAN between the 14th and 24th May. Again our students will complete the test on-line, except for the Year 3 writing. Parents are able to view the demonstration site to view the practice tests that can be completed with your children. Teachers will be thoroughly preparing all children to assess the site and complete the tests to the best of their ability prior to the tests. The web address for the platform is:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>.

Further information about parents wishing to withdraw and exempt their children will be updated in future newsletters.

Physical Education

The students have had a great start to the year and are working hard in their lessons, focusing on fitness, striking and ball skills. With changes to the fitness program this year, we have introduced a Junior (Monday) and Senior (Friday) Sport program in the afternoons so the students can get in their 2 hours of physical activity each week. Some of the sports include Tennis, T-Ball, Bocci, Basketball, Dance, Gymnastics, Yoga, Lacrosse and Cricket. The students are rotating each week so they can have a go at every activity.

They are encouraged to wear their faction shirts on these days and try and win points for their team.

Some dates to remember for the 5/6's for the first semester are:

- Butler Cricket Carnival – Friday, March 22nd (Term 1, Week 7)
- Dockers Cup (Girls Football) – Thursday, March 28th (Term 1, Week 8)
- Summer Carnival – Friday, May 3rd (Term 2, Week 1)

Please keep encouraging the students to wear good running shoes and bring a school hat and a water bottle to each PE lesson.

Mr Allan, PE Teacher

