



MERRIWA NEWS



Head Boy & Head Girl 2020

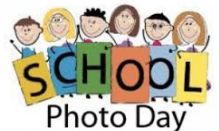
Breakfast Club
Every day from
8am



Friday
28th February
ROOM 12

**SAVE THE
DATE**

One Big Voice at
the Perth Arena
on 28th August
as a matinee
event



Monday 9th
Tuesday 10th &
Wednesday
11th March

**Public Holiday
Labour Day**

Monday 2nd
March

VISIT
www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au
to check out the
website and to
download the
FREE Phone App

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations to our Student leaders for 2020. These students were voted to lead our school by the senior students, after nominating and presenting their speeches at a special ceremony. All students who nominated spoke well and are also to be congratulated on their high standards and sincerity.



STUDENT COUNCILLORS

Holly Smith, Zuleika
Zavazal, Christopher Vaz,
Sophia Delaforce, Sophie
Williams, Brendan Nguyen,
Angela Harp, Beau Stevens

FACTION CAPTAINS

Nathan Hamon, Connor
Robertson, Christopher Vaz,
Rylee Cole, Casey Ansley,
Angela Harp, Elbra Shlaimoun,
Isabella Kernutt-Howard

FACTION VICE -CAPTAINS

Lily Maitland, Mya Denver,
Narteisha Winmar, Daniel
Briffa, Tyson O'brien, Cora
Coombe, Jeremiah Kori,
Boston Hill

Head Boy - Rocco Sabbioni Head Girl - Mareikura Mackie

Kind Regards
Sue Waterhouse
Principal

Merriwa ESC

We have had a very positive start to the 2020 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

The ESC student leaders received their badges at last week's assembly. Congratulations to Beau and Holly on their selection for student council. The students will be mentored by the primary school student councillors throughout the year. The student councillors will attend a leadership training day in coming weeks. They are very proud and excited to represent the ESC.

Teacher and Parent/Carer meetings

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.

Parent Group

I trust the small group of parents who have come together to form a networking committee enjoyed their first gathering this afternoon. I look forward to seeing this group grow and become involved in school initiatives.

Hydrotherapy

Hydrotherapy sessions for Term 1 will begin shortly for a small group of students. All other students will have an opportunity to join the whole school interm swimming program. Yr. 6 students in weeks 5 and 6 this term, PP to Yr. 5 students will have lessons in weeks 9 and 10 of Term 3

Yr 6 Day Camp Activities

On Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March our year 6 students will join their primary school peers for day camp activities. Information will be sent home with these students in coming weeks. I am very pleased that we are able to offer a much reduced fee of \$120 as we are combining swimming lessons and day activities to reduce bus costs. Payment plans can be arranged. with Kylie.

Karen Macri
Principal, ESC

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS



NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read newsletter 2 Parent signature _____

Child's Name _____ Room No. _____

Congratulations to last week's winner— Paris Warwick

ROOM 18

Room 18 had their assembly last Friday. They performed a play, song and dance about maths. If you look around you will see that maths is everywhere!



Year 6 Icy poles

Last year the year 6's sold icy poles on Friday's to raise money for their day camps and graduation. Over the year they raised \$1492.50. Thank you to all the families that supported our fundraising efforts. This year we are selling icy poles again from the canteen each Friday at lunchtime for \$1.00.



We look forward to your continued support. Mrs Ebert

Year PP-2 HOME READING

Junior Champion
Class Award

Year 1
Room 6



Best participation in
HOME READING PROGRAM

Year 3 - 6

LITERACY PRO

Merriwa Primary
School
Total Words
Read

1 353 142

Senior Champion
Class Award

507 289
Year 5 Room 17

High Scoring
Student

Cora Coombe
170282

MUSIC NEWS

Welcome back! We are already preparing for our future assemblies and concerts. The students in Year 3 to 6 are very welcome to join the choir. **Choir sessions are Tuesday at 8.05 am to 8.30 am and again at lunch times on Tuesday, 1.00pm.** Only students who attend will be permitted to perform at choir events.

Save the date for the very entertaining **One Big Voice at the Perth Arena on 28th August** as a matinee event. The Choir students will be bringing home lyric booklets once our school has been allocated a choir position.

The **Year 5 and 6 flute/guitar** students are very eager to begin and have started their practice sessions already. They are welcome to come into the Music room at 8.05 am on Mondays and Wednesdays, they are also welcome to come in at lunch times on these days.



Would \$500 assist you with education costs?

Would you like to build on your money management skills?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings dollar for dollar, up to \$500, for education costs including school uniforms and text books, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition. Gain some new skills too.

To be eligible you must:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card AND
- have some form of income from work, for example, you or your partner may have casual, part-time or seasonal employment.

Call or SMS Meagan your local Saver Plus Coordinator at The Smith Family on 9338 4802 or 0438 518 603.

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.

2019 NAPLAN

All year 3 and 5 students will be taking part in this year's NAPLAN between the 12th May—22nd May 2020. 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.