

MERRIWA NEWS



WA Female Football Academy

Breakfast Club
Every day from
8am



Alternating
Junior and Senior

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Swimming Lessons and Day Camps

The Year 6 swimming lessons are at Yanchep Lagoon in weeks six and seven this term. They will also be attending the Day camps on

- Tuesday 16th March to Treetop Adventures, Yanchep National Park,
- Wednesday 17th March to Latitude Joondalup
- Thursday 18th March to Zone Bowling Joondalup

Swimming lessons for Pre-primary to Year 5 are in Term 3 Weeks 3 and 4.

Early Close

We are pleased to invite you to meet with your child's teacher on Tuesday 30th March, to discuss the Term 1 Interim Report.

We will be closing the school at 11.30am and appointments will be available online from 12.00pm—5.00pm. You are welcome to bring your child with you to the meeting.

If you are unable to pick your child up at 11.30am, supervision will be provided.

Online bookings can be made on <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> Booking Code: g8f36

We look forward to seeing you.

Girls Football Clinic

This term selected Years three to six girls have been offered the opportunity to take part in a football Clinic organised by two ex West Coast Eagles players, Ryan Turnball and Chad Morrison.

We are one of two schools trialling WAFFA (West Australian Female Football Academy) for the first time. At the end of the term the girls will have the opportunity to play a game, test their skills and also may have the chance to visit either Optus Stadium or Mineral Resources Park where the West Coast Eagles train. We are proud to be selected for this program.

Kind regards
Sue Waterhouse
Principal

Year 6

Swimming
Yanchep National
Lagoon Beach
Swimming Lessons
during Term 1
Weeks 6 & 7

Pre Primary to
Year 5
Term 3
Weeks 3 & 4

School Photos Week 9



Public Holiday
Labour Day
Monday 1st
March

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www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au
To see our
Website

Merriwa ESC

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very positive start to the school year. I have had the pleasure of attending classrooms and engaging with the students. 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.

Teacher and Parent/Carer meetings

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

Yr 6 swimming lessons and Day Camp Activities

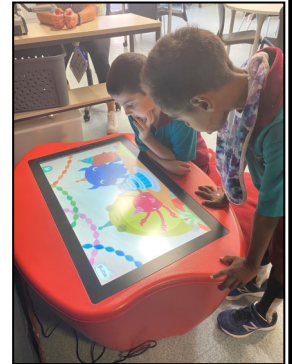
Beach swimming lessons for year 6 students begins on March 8 for two weeks. Students will attend Yanchep Lagoon for their lessons. On Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th March our year 6 students will join their primary school peers for day camp activities. Information will be sent home with these students in coming weeks. I am very pleased that we are able to offer a much reduced fee of \$130 as we are combining swimming lessons and day activities to reduce bus costs. Payment plans can be arranged with the office.

School Photos

A photographer has been booked for the beginning of week 9. More details will be provided soon.

It is very important that the school is contacted if your child is away. A phone call or a message on Dojo allows us to comply with the Department requirements. I appreciate that children get sick and will need to stay at home until they are no longer contagious, a medical certificate is required if children are absent for more than 2 days. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring your child is well when attending school.

Karen Macri
Principal ESC
ESC



News from Room 18

This year Room 18 will be collecting the bread tags and keeping a record of how many we have.

Students will collect the bread tags each fortnight on Tuesday afternoon. The total will be announced at the briefing. Last year we collected 29,127 we are hoping to beat this but need your help!

At the end of the year we will take the bread tags to Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs. If you would like more information about this organisation the website address is:

ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/



NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read Newsletter 2

Parent signature _____

Child's Name _____ ROOM _____

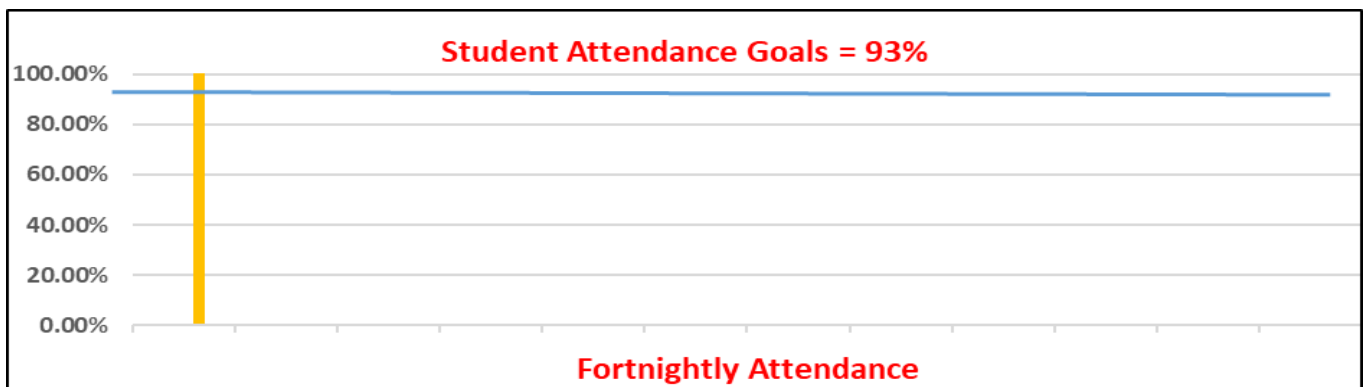
Congratulations to our last Newsletter winner - Elissa Room 12

Attendance

What a great start to the year we have had with our attendance. Our average attendance for the first fortnight was 95.2%. With the disruptions to the start of the year, this is the attendance for week 2 only. This is well above our targeted rate of 93%. Each year we set improvement targets based on our attendance figures. This year as well as trying to improve our overall attendance rate we are also looking at decreasing the number of unexplained absences. Last year we had 28% of our absences which were unexplained. If your child is absent from school parents and carers can inform the school of the child/ren's absence and the reason for the absence in many ways. These include a telephone call to the school, responding to the text message sent home each morning or writing a note to the teacher. Teachers will follow up all unexplained absences or if your child is absent for three consecutive days without being informed.

With attendance; every day counts, because:

If your child misses...	that equals...	or...	From Kindy to year 12 that adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until:	Attendance rate
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	nearly 1 ½ years	part-way through year 11	90%
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	over 2 ½ years	part-way through year 10	80%
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	over 5 years	the end of year 7	60%
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	nearly 8 years	the end of year 4	40%



Year PP-2 HOME READING

Junior Champion Class Award Will be awarded Week 5



Best participation in HOME READING PROGRAM

Year 3 - 6

LITERACY PRO

Merriwa Primary School
Total Words Read

1 609 598

Senior Champion Class Award

16 322
Year 5 Room 16

Highest Word Count

- Year 3 Room 12 - Krystal
- Year 3 Room 13 - Jarod
- Year 4 Room 21 - Hannah
- Year 4 Room 22 - Deborah
- Year 5 Room 16 - Cathy
- Year 5 Room 18 - Maisy
- Year 6 Room 15 - Ella
- Year 6 Room 17 - Keren

Merriwa Dental Clinic Relocated to Quinns Beach.

To ensure continued access to School Dental Services, the Merriwa Dental Therapy Centre (DTC) staff are relocating to the Quinns Beach DTC until further notice. For all enquiries and appointments please contact the Merriwa DTC staff on the usual Merriwa DTC phone number (08 9305 1272) during the normal clinic hours of 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

The address for Quinns Beach DTC is-
Quinns Beach Dental Therapy Centre
c/- Quinns Beach Primary School
James Cook Avenue Quinns Rocks WA 6030

Contacting your teacher

If you wish to email your child's teacher please use the school email address as staff are unable to respond to their personal school email addresses. The school email address is merriwa.ps@education.wa.edu.au, and it is a monitored email.

If you wish to notify your child's teacher about an upcoming appointment or a change in drop off or pick up arrangements you must provide at least 24 hours notice to ensure that we can safely follow through on your request.

Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN

All children are expected to sit the Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN tests, during term 2. However, parents are able to apply to either exempt or withdraw their child/ren from either some of or all the tests.

Students may be exempt due to having a language background other than English, who have arrived from overseas and have been attending school in Australia for less than a year, before the test. And students having an intellectual disability and/or students with significant coexisting conditions that severely limit their capacity to sit the test can also apply for an exemption. Exemptions are decided after consultation with either Mrs Warehouse or Mrs Long.

Students can also be withdrawn from the test/s. Again, parents must discuss the reasons for wanting to withdraw their child/ren from the test/s with either Mrs Waterhouse or Mrs Long. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs or philosophical objections to testing.

If you wish to apply for either an exemption or withdrawal please complete the attached slip and the appropriate form will be sent home to be completed and returned to school. Mrs Waterhouse or Mrs Long will contact you to discuss the application.

Reports for children who have been exempt: Your child was exempt from this test and is considered not to have achieved the national minimum standard. If your child has been exempt from all tests a report may not be issued.

Reports for children who have been withdrawn: Your child was withdrawn from this test on their report. If the child has been withdrawn from all tests a report may not be issued.

Application for Exemption or Withdrawal from the 2021 NAPLAN Test Program

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I wish to apply for an Exemption / Withdrawal (circle one only) from the 2021 NAPLAN tests. The test/s I wish to either exempt or withdraw my

Child; _____ in Room number _____ from is/are ;

All Tests,
Writing,
Reading,
Conventions of Language,
Numeracy. (Circle the test or tests to be exempt or withdrawn)

Submissions close on Monday, 3 May 2021, but the first window closes on Friday 5 March 2021. Applications made before this date will not have printed books issued.