

# MERRIWA NEWS



Breakfast Club  
Every day from  
8am



**School  
Briefing**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### ***Congratulations to our Student Leaders***

I am delighted to present to you our student leaders for 2022.

They have been 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.

Congratulations to our student leadership team.



### **Head Boy & Head Girl**

Ruby Mader & Kevin Ung

### **Student Councillors**

Elouna Shlaimoun, Peyton Graham,  
Kael Veloso-Myers Anthony King,  
Naman Pankania

Kind

### **Faction Captains**

Enrick Niyibhigira, Achok Deng,  
Cathy Tribunali, Lachlan Pickett,  
Paige Harris, Harley Valentine,  
Haylee Carter, Billy Mayen

Regards

Mrs Sue Waterhouse  
Principal



### **Media Technicians**

Haylee Carter & Sarah  
Van De Nieuwenhuyzen

Year 6  
Swimming  
Week 5 & 6

Bowling  
10th March

Latitude  
11th March

Swan Valley  
14th March

**School Photos  
Week 9**



Public Holiday  
Labour Day  
Monday 7th  
March

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[www.merriwaps.  
wa.edu.au](http://www.merriwaps.wa.edu.au)  
To see our  
Website

# Merriwa ESC

## Dear Parents & Carers,

*What a week we have had! It has been wonderful to see the teachers using creating ways to keep the children cool and entertained this week.*

*The ESC is following the recommendations from our Department in ensuring that classrooms are well ventilated with an optimal learning atmosphere. We continue to ensure that students follow healthy hygiene practices and encourage our parents to keep students who are unwell at home to recover. Thank you to all our families who are wearing masks onsite as an added safety precaution, we appreciate your support.*

*Hopefully many of our parents have had a phone meeting with the teacher to discuss the individual education plans (IEP) and we are working with therapists to prepare them to start programs with students, at school.*

*We welcome our new families to our school and trust they have a positive start and the children settle into the routines soon.*

*Keep communicating through Dojo and look out for updates to stay informed about issues as they arise.*

*Stay safe and keep cool.*

*Warm regards*

***Our Pre Primary and Year 1 students have been enjoying cooling off with water play on hot days***



## ROOM 31



***Karen Macri***  
**Principal ESC**

## NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read newsletter 2 Parent signature\_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Room No. \_\_\_\_\_

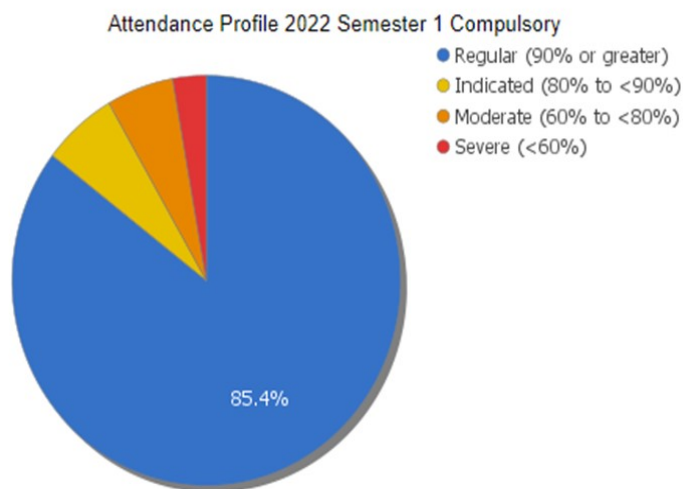
***Congratulations to last newsletter winner - Jett Room 29***



## Attendance Term 1 Week 3 2022

### Attendance breakdown by year level.

Breakdown	Attendance Rate %
KIN	96.5%
PPR	93.9%
Y01	95.3%
Y02	92.8%
Y03	92.1%
Y04	96.4%
Y05	93.3%
Y06	92.1%
Compulsory	93.7%



### Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

What an amazing start to the year with our attendance starting at 93.7%. This beats the Australian average of 92%. We really want to focus on keeping this number above 93%.

Remember if your child is away for any reason to let the front office know so we can ensure our records are up to date.

**“Remember every day counts”**

Mr Fenn

## COVID-19 Update

I have been advised by our Director General, Lisa Rodgers, to write to you to let you know of some changes to gatherings at school sites we will be making to minimise the number of students and staff impacted by the presence of a person in our school community who unknowingly may be COVID positive.

The Chief Health Officer has advised that schools should limit in-school gatherings of students and staff to class groups or small groups within a year level. This is to minimise the number of students or staff impacted by the presence of a positive case. We continue to meet and drop off your children at the gates and request that all visitors and parents on the school grounds wear a mask.

We are following the ventilation protocols as directed by the Department of Education and also ensuring the children follow usual Health and Safety procedures.

At this stage, it is not necessary for us to postpone or cancel infrequent special events, such as swimming lessons, day camps and interschool carnivals. As previously announced, further public health measures may be stepped up in line with high caseloads in the community which WA is not yet experiencing.

We will be postponing our open assemblies for this term, and will continue to have regular in-school ZOOM presentations by our councillors.

Our school starting and finishing times remain the same at this stage, and after school care arrangements continue as usual. Please help us by updating your contact details such as mobile numbers and email addresses, so we can contact you if circumstances change.

If you have any questions in relation to our site management, please do not hesitate to contact me on 6206 2340.

We will continue to provide your child with quality teaching and learning as we take sensible and proportionate actions to respond to the changing environment we are living in with COVID-19.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Sue Waterhouse,  
Principal

# THANK YOU

*This term we had the amazing privilege of receiving an incredible donation from IGA Merriwa.*

*Through this donation, we purchase food items for our breakfast club that operates every morning from 8.00am in the undercover area.*

*We are extremely grateful for the generosity of the people in our local community and in particular, the staff at IGA Merriwa*



## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

*Thank you to the parents who have already paid their Voluntary Contributions. Voluntary Contributions can be paid at the school office.*

*Merriwa Primary School  
BSB Number—016 246  
Account Number—340918248*

Kindy—Year 6	\$40
One child	\$40
Two Children	\$80
Three or more children	\$120

## CANCELLED PARENT TEACHER CLASS MEETINGS

*Due to updates of COVID precautions, we are required to postpone our parent and teacher meetings.*

*Our Behaviour Management Policy and class information will be sent home this week.*

*If you would like to talk to your child's teacher, please contact the front office or send a note in with your child.*

*We will phone you back as soon as possible.*

*Thank you for your understanding.*

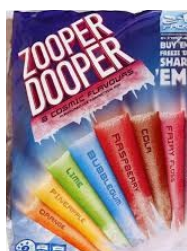
## YEAR 6 ICY POLES EVERY FRIDAY P & C ICY POLES EVERY WEDNESDAY

*Last year the Year 6's sold icy poles on Fridays to raise money for their day camps and graduation. 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.*

*The P & C are also selling them every **Wednesday** lunchtime.*

*All profits go towards the Year 6 Graduation.*



## Sunsmart & Water Safety

*Help to keep your children SUNSMART, please make sure you apply sunscreen to your children before sending them to school as the days are becoming very hot and it is vital that they are protected.*

*Staff will remind children to reapply their sunscreen during the school day.*

*We ask that your child brings a water bottle to school to refill at the water fountains. We are currently not drinking straight from the water fountains.*

*Thank you*

