

Merriwa ESC News....

Term 1 Week 3

It has been a fantastic start to the year. Our classes are running smoothly and students have settled into the rhythm and routines of the day. It is wonderful to see happy faces and proud students as I walk through the Centre.

It was wonderful to meet with the families who attended our School Readiness program this week. A big thank you to Mrs Gill Gore for her thorough preparation and making it a successful morning. I look forward to seeing these little ones regularly over the year. Welcome to Merriwa ESC.

Staff and students have had their school photo taken this week. I look forward to seeing the outcome of our ESC group photo and thank the staff for ensuring that our students were able to participate. Packages can be purchased online. Please see the ladies in the office if you have misplaced your login details.

Our focus continues to be on the development of emergent literacy and numeracy, and to support our students with self management while developing independence. Staff have designed programs and learning activities to foster these areas and I look forward to seeing the results over the course of the year.

Over these next two weeks you will be given an opportunity to meet with the classroom teacher to discuss your goals for your child and to have an input into their education plan. Please take advantage of this opportunity so that we can continue to work closely with you.

The ESC has elected student leaders from our Year 6 student group who will join the primary school student councillors. Congratulations to Shaun and Danika on their leadership role.

Thank you for using the communication book 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.

You will have received a letter inviting you to join Class Dojo. We also have an ESC group for whole school news. Please download the app and join our group. See your classroom teacher for more information.

It is very important that the school is contacted if your child is away. A phone call or a note in the communication book 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.

Congratulations also to the students who were awarded merit certificates at last week's assembly :)

Warm Regards, Karen Macri—Principal



Yr	Rm	Student	Yr	Rm	Student
1	6	Romey Acton, Faris Abdrabu	4/5	15	Kydan Herrick, Rosha Sim-Sabahi
1	7	Kael Velosso-Myers, Keren Mbafumoja	5/6	16	Carlos Batista, Brooke Fuller
3	9	Alice Cooper, Samuel Baraka	5/6	18	William Trueland, Nitika Pawar
1	10	Haylee Carter, Tamati Mackey	5/6	19	Jaida Baines
2	11	Michael Fernando, Holden lampert	3	21	Marlee Hatton, Chayce Hilton-Barber
3	12	Shanae Delavale, Sharnnah Putupai	4	22	Ashley Marshall, Emma Kinnane
2	13	Ebony Yarran, Dakota McLellan		ESC	Charles Taylor, Rm 25 All Students.

Mr Richard Kelleher.

We are very sad at the passing of Mr Kelleher (Mr K). He was one of our most loyal volunteers, who always looked forward to helping out at Merriwa Primary School. It made him so proud to see the children progress. He helped with the home reading program for the students in room seven and the progress the children achieved was outstanding! He will be greatly missed. Our sincerely condolences to his family and loved ones.



P & C SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Dear Parents/Caregivers
P & C need helpers for the election day Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 11th March between 7.30am and 12.30 pm.

Please see Neve and Alison in the office to put your name down on the roster.

Thank you
P & C



DENTAL NEWS FREE CLINIC



Dear Parents
Enclosed with this newsletter are dental forms. Please fill them out and return to the front office as soon as possible. This is a free service provided by the government for PP—17yrs old.

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Drop off and pick up times are always extremely busy around schools. To ensure the safety of our children entering and leaving the school grounds it essential parents observe the following procedures while dropping off or picking up their children.

- The staff car park must not be used for general drop off and pick up unless you have been issued with a permit from the school.
- Do not park and walk children into the school using the kiss and drive drop off and pick up points. This causes extra congestion and increases the likelihood of accidents.
- The kiss and drop off/pick up point is a single flow traffic area. Don't reverse out.
- Observe the no parking signs around the school. The City of Wanneroo rangers have been patrolling the local school.
- Be mindful of young children on bikes, skateboards and scooters and expect that they will do the wrong thing.
- If you are able to park and walk a short distance this helps relieve the congestion around our school.
- Think about the benefits of swapping your car for a bike ride or walk.

If we are all aware of the dangers around our school at drop off and pick up times we greatly reduce the potential of serious accidents.

Mr Jeff Hoskins

Associate Principal

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 child at school AND
- 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, full-time or seasonal employment.

Call or SMS Meagan your local Saver Plus Coordinator at The Smith Family on 9440 4147 or 0438 518 603



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**
Child and Adolescent Health Service

FREE POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

You are invited to attend a Group Triple P - Positive Parenting course. Triple P teaches positive, practical and effective ways to manage common issues which most parents will face.

Parents will learn effective parenting strategies such as ways to encourage behaviour you like, how to promote your child's development and how to prevent or manage common child behaviour problems.

The next **FREE** 7 week Group is held:

When: Starting 14th February 2017
Location: Joondalup
RSVP: Bookings are essential and places are limited.

Register via: <https://www.trybooking.com/OFFU>
or call 9400 9551 for more information.



eSafety



WORKSHOP



About

An eSafety expert from the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner will be delivering a FREE workshop on how you can help keep young people safe online.

For more information visit esafety.gov.au.



Learn how

* young people are using social media and technology

* to make a complaint about child cyberbullying

* we can help remove serious cyberbullying material.



When

Tuesday 21st February

10am - 11:30am

Wanneroo Library and Cultural Centre, Rocca Way, Wanneroo

RSVP: jess.thompson@wanneroo.wa.gov.au



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Room 1

Room 1 children have settled into the new year really well and are starting to learn letters and sounds. Here they are at work!



OCEAN KEYS SHOPPING CENTRE 'SCHOOL REWARDS'

This February Ocean Keys Shopping Centre is giving away \$8000 in cash to local Primary Schools. For the chance to win a share in this great prize we need all parents and staff to participate.

Visit the information desk and submit your receipts from purchases made at Ocean Keys Shopping Centre to help Merriwa Primary School win a share of \$8000.

One lucky shopper will win a \$250 Ocean Keys Gift Card.

Promotion ends 5pm 28 February, 2017.

