

# MERRIWA NEWS



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

### Dear Parents and Caregivers, **Faction Carnival**

Our 2020 faction carnival was a great success. We are very grateful to you all for making this a COVID -19 safe event. It was a day of celebration for Merriwa and we were proud of the way that our students all joined in, encouraged each other and did their best. Thank you to all our staff for working so hard at the carnival and to everyone who set up and packed up at the end of the day. A special thank you to Mr Allan, our PE teacher, who organised the event. Congratulations to the winning faction, Calabar!

### Final Scores

**Calabar** 896 **Palermo** 870 **Baltimore** 812 **Akita** 696

Congratulations to our medallion winners for 2020.

Year 3	Runner Up Boy Champion Boy Runner Up Girl Champion Girl	Malachi Martin Preston Penning Cianna Winmar and Rose Akello Emily Smith
Year 4	Runner Up Boy Champion Boy Runner Up Girl Champion Girl	Jaxon Hampton Billy Mayen Achok Deng Joewen Nooroo
Year 5	Runner Up Boy Champion Boy Runner Up Girl Champion Girl	Jayden Pearce Donrichi Tribunali Jade Winsor Keren Mbafumoja
Year 6	Runner Up Boy Champion Boy Runner Up Girl Champion Girl	Jeremiah Kori Connor Robertson McKenzie Stephens Sophie Williams

### **Early Close for Reporting —We Met With 258 Parents!**

Thank you for meeting with our teachers last week. It was so great to see you all. The discussions about your child, their progress and how to lift their grades was valued, particularly as we were directed by the Department of Education not to put grades in the Semester I report. We hope you enjoyed seeing your child's work and the colourful classrooms.

Have a safe and happy holiday. The first two days of Term 4 are staff planning days, so we look forward to seeing all students on **WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER.**

**Kind regards Mrs Sue Waterhouse Principal**

**Breakfast Club**  
Every day  
8.00am



Dates to be  
announced

**Clarkson Online**  
**Canteen**  
**Open**  
Tuesdays,  
Thursdays and  
Fridays

### **Scholastic** **Book Fair**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>  
September  
(Week 10).

Monday – Thursday:  
8am - 8.30am  
2pm - 3pm

**Kindy**  
**Registrations**  
Are now open  
If your child is born  
between  
1st July 2016  
and  
30th June, 2017  
See website below for  
application forms

**Book Week**  
**Character**  
**Parade**

**CURIOUS**  
**CREATURES, WILD**  
**MINDS**

Thursday 22nd  
October at  
8.30am

# Merriwa ESC

Dear Parents/Carers,

*We are all looking forward to the warmer weather after the few days of sunshine we have experienced this week. Please remember to ensure your child's jumper has their name written on the tag so that it doesn't find its way to lost property when they get hot and remove it. Next week we will have a good standing reward event for the children who have consistently met the school expectations and have earned enough reward points to participate. Staff are also planning a fun day Friday with a picnic for their classes to end the term. More details will be provided via Dojo so please keep an eye out for that.*

*It is with some sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Whitefoot this week as she goes out on an adventure for the next 12 months. We do expect that Bonny will return to Merriwa towards the end of next year. Miss Rosie O'Garr has been working in Room 25 throughout the semester and has been officially appointed to MESC during Bonny's absence. Welcome to the team Rosie!*

*We all trust that your family enjoys a restful term break. Please note that Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October is a Professional Learning (PL) day for the staff. **Students begin Term 4 on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.***

*Warm regards*

*Karen Macri*  
Principal

## HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS



### NEWSLETTER RAFFLE

I have read Newsletter 13

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Congratulations to last week's winner - Olivia Chen**





## ROOM 13 & 21 ASSEMBLY



Last week Rooms 13 and 21 hosted the assembly.

They performed 'From Little Things Big Things Grow' by Paul Kelly and Kev Carmody after following our unit of work on the history of Australia's first nations people in term two.

We were so impressed with how well they spoke and their fantastic costumes.

Mrs Rock & Mr Sanders  
Mrs Morgan & Mrs Dorney



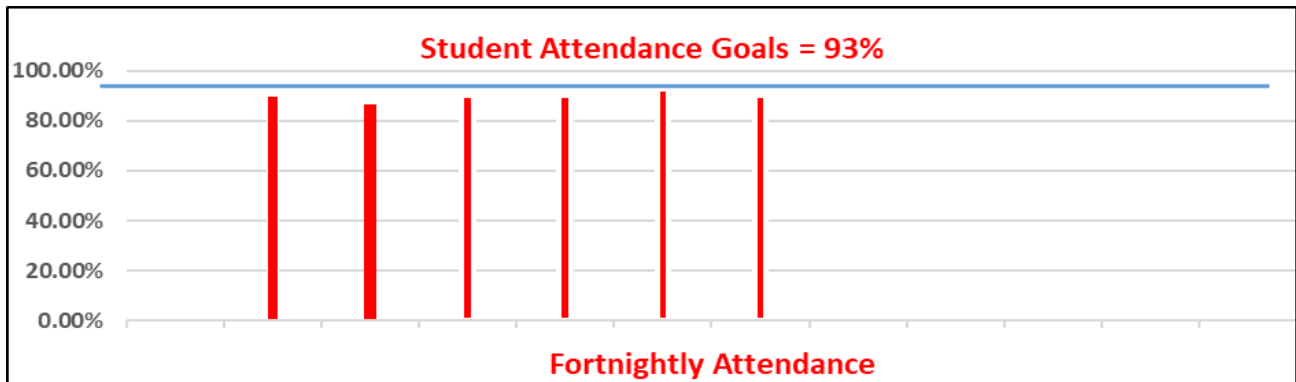
## ***Attendance Draw***

We will be holding the next regular attendance draw at the first briefing next term, 16 October 2020. To go into the draw your child needs to have been at school 90% of the days for third term. We will draw 10 names who get to select a regular attendance prize.

*Research findings from the past decade unequivocally agree that the first years of life are a critical period of intense learning for children; these years provide the foundation for later academic and social success.*

Findings from both US and Australian studies highlight the importance of setting positive attendance habits early in a child's schooling. This includes attending early childhood education programs and early schooling. In an Australian study, researchers demonstrated that children who had regular attendance in the kindy and pre-primary achieved up to 20 points higher across NAPLAN domains in Year 3, compared with students who did not attend regularly.

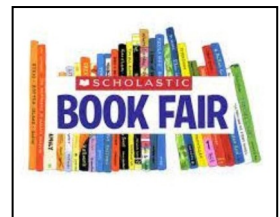
**Remember: Every day Counts.**



## ***SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR***

We will be holding our annual Merriwa Primary Scholastic Book Fair from

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of September (Week 10).**



It will be held in our school library and will be open at the times below:

**Monday - Thursday**

**8am - 8.30am**

**2pm - 3pm**

Parents are welcome to purchase items during these times. Due to COVID—19 social distancing, there is a maximum of 20 adults permitted in our school library at any one time.

### **Year PP-2 HOME READING**

**Junior Champion  
Class Award**

**Pre-Primary  
Room 2**



**Best participation in  
HOME READING PROGRAM**

### **Year 3 - 6**

### **LITERACY PRO**

Merriwa Primary  
School  
Total Words Read

**23 568 123**

**Senior Champion  
Class Award**

**27 395  
(per student)  
Year 5 Room 16  
AGAIN!!**

**High Scoring  
Student**

**Kael Veloso-Myers**

**905 570**