From the Principal’s Desk......
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Reports
Your child’s report has been sent home this week. We are proud of our students’ progress and we encourage you to read the report together with your child, so that you can talk about how they are going and how they can continue to grow next term. Please make an appointment with the class teacher if you have any concerns. Whilst great care has been taken to ensure the reports have been correctly printed, if there are any errors, could you please let the office know.

End of Term Events
At Merriwa we celebrate our cultural diversity and excellence. Look at the events this week!

We played African Drums with amazing African performers
We celebrated NAIDOC Day with history lessons, food tasting, dancing, music and painting
We invited the most consistently well behaved students from each class to morning tea with the principals
We performed in a guitar ensemble concert

Staffing Changes
Mrs Carroll will be the Associate Principal whilst Mrs Long is away on Long Service Leave for the first four weeks of term. Mrs Winter will also be in the office every Thursday and Mrs Nelson will take Mrs Winter’s class on that day. Mrs Nelson will also teach Mrs Hill’s room every Friday.
We also welcome Mrs Hanratty, who will be taking Miss Reale’s class. We wish Miss Reale every happiness as she moves up into the Kimberley.

Thank you for your warm welcome upon my return to Merriwa. I really appreciate your cards and flowers. It is good to be back.

Kind Regards
Mrs Sue Waterhouse
Principal
From the Principal… Merriwa ESC

Thank you
Thank you to the Taylor family for their kindness. Tammy, Maggie, Danielle, Sam, Charlee, Barbara, Kenneth and Charles baked and sold cupcakes. They raised $296.70 for the ESC. We appreciate their donation, we plan to use the funds to get new fencing for our trampoline area.

Swimming
Parents/carers are welcome to make a payment plan for swimming with the office.

Reports
I would like to congratulate all of our students for their efforts and hard work this semester. It was a pleasure to read all of the reports and see their progress.

Holidays
Thank you for your support and cooperation this term, I would like to wish you all a safe and restful break. We look forward to seeing the students back on Wednesday, 22nd July, 2015.

School Banking Every Tuesday in the Library Has your child opened an account? Its an easy way to encourage your children to save and they can also win prizes for banking regularly. To enter the Prize Portal: simply make three or more School Banking deposits during term 3 and you’ll automatically be entered into the competition. More details at the office. Every new account earns money for the ESC. Please support us!

Christina Maunick-Sallie
Principal
ESC

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In Week 9 students from Kindergarten to Year 1 participated in an interactive incursion where they were visited by the animals from WestOz Wildlife. They had the opportunity to meet and pat Dexter the koala, Yappa the dingo, Honey and Rambo the snakes and Lizzie the blue tongue lizard. The children learned facts about the animals including where they lived and what they ate. They all had a fabulous time and loved being able to observe the animals up close and handle them if they wished. Some were even very brave and held the snakes around their neck!
On the 3rd of June, children from rooms 17 & 18 went to the East Perth Cemetery and the Peninsula Farm. Firstly both classes lined up as our teachers decided on groups, then we started to make our way down to the buses. Each class went on a different bus so that whilst our class was at the cemetery the other class would be at the Peninsula Farm, during separate times. Then we climbed aboard. Secondly once we made it to East Perth Cemetery we lined up at a big black, wide gate. Then a lady named Chantelle came as our host, and opened the gates as we started to walk over to an elderly, antique church. She started to give us a quick introduction. We placed our hats and school bags on the floor and made our way to sit on the pews. After that she gave us a short tour and she told us some important people who were buried there and showed us their headstones. Later on we had a 10 minute recess and then we had to pick a theme to research. My group was Kiara, Mickaya, Elizabeth and I. We chose to research accidental death.

When we left, we all made our way to the bus. When we arrived at Peninsula Farm, we were divided into two groups and my group first went in the Hardy Family’s house as a tour. There were 9 people living there altogether, 2 parents, 6 girls and 1 boy Richard. They only got a bath about once a week, and the first person to get in was the eldest. Then all the way to the youngest. After the tour, we looked at the well, weighed food and drew some sketches. Then it was time to leave. On the bus back to school I sat next to Kiara and we had a fun time. Once we were back at school we were dismissed. I really enjoyed it and hope to do it again or recommend it for other classes.

By Pia Broadhurst Room 18

At Merriwa we are investigating litter and the impact on the environment. We hope to change our littering behaviours at school. Room 17 conducted a litter survey and the results are shocking. From the basketball courts, bag racks, garden and undercover area we collected 481 pieces of rubbish! 376 pieces were wrappers from snack food. As a result of our finding we are trying to reduce the plastic rubbish in our school, From the start of next term we are introducing “Waste Free Wednesdays”. Every Wednesday we are encouraging students to bring their lunch and recess to school in reusable containers. Each student that has a waste free lunch box will earn a stamp in their Good Behaviour Book and go into a draw to win a prize at assembly. We value your support and will be keeping you up to date with information.

Mrs McKenzie
Conservation Committee