Welcome back to Term 3 2014. I hope you have all had a peaceful and enjoyable holiday and the children are ready for the busy term ahead. The staff has been working hard to ensure a smooth start, and we also have welcomed 15 new students to our school.

What’s Happening at Merriwa?

- The Minister of Education, the Honourable Peter Collier, MLC, is coming to our school to launch Passport Funding from Lottery West. There will be an assembly on Thursday 31 July at 2.00 p.m. We are proud that he has chosen our school to showcase this important project.
- The Kindy and Pre Primary classes have new, amazing furniture. Pop in and see!
- The staff toilets have had a makeover. Thank you Lynn our cleaner, who donated paint and her time to our school.
- The installation of the new junior playground has been delayed, but work should commence soon.
- The P & C Lapathon and Cake Stall raised $3,004!
- Come and help plant trees and shrubs with Bunnings and the Pre Primary children at 9.00 a.m. Tuesday 29 July. Passport Dollars!
- There is a free Royal Show Incursion Tuesday 29 July for PP to Year 5.
- We have been granted $4500 to assist us in paying for the Direct Instruction spelling books. Well done Mrs Macri.
- NAIDOC Day is on Friday 8 August. Everyone is welcome.
- Bookweek PJ Day is Tuesday 19 August—wear your PJs!
- Bookweek Character Dress Up Day—Thursday 21 August.
- Faction Carnival Jumps and Throws - Monday 25 August;
- Whole School Faction Carnival K to Year 7 - Wednesday 27 August.

Kind Regards
Mrs Sue Waterhouse
Principal

Merriwa Primary and ESC Website
www.merriwaps.wa.edu
Welcome back from the mid year break. I trust the children have had time to recover from the various viruses that affected so many at the end of last term. It is lovely to see the children looking refreshed and happy to be back. They have settled back into the routines of their classroom.

I trust that you continue to be happy with the program we provide at Merriwa ESC and that your child's report was helpful in providing you with a greater understanding of the progress made and areas where more improvement is required. Please be sure to discuss any concerns with the classroom teacher or give me a call if necessary.

**Staff News**

We have new staff joining us this semester. Mrs Sarah Bond has joined the team for term 3 in Room 30 while Steve takes some long service leave to enjoy his baby son. Amanda Montagnon and Ashley O'Rourke have returned to Merriwa. We welcome them to our school.

**Donation**

Bunnings, Mindarie has once again generously donated items to our school. We gratefully accept their ongoing support for the Merriwa schools.

**Circus Quirkus**

Once again, I have been given tickets for our ESC students and staff to attend a Circus performance on Tuesday 5th August at the Perth Convention Centre. These tickets have been donated by PCYC and various sponsors. Over the next week you will be required to sign a permission note allowing your child to attend.

**Literacy and Numeracy Week**

Several events are planned during Week 5 which includes a Pyjama Day on Tuesday 19th August and a Book Character parade on Thursday 21st August. Keep your eyes open for more information on these events.

**Athletics Carnival**

We have two special sports days organised for this term. The Merriwa PS and ESC will be training each Friday towards the big day planned for Wednesday 27th August.

Our Annual ESC interschool carnival will be held at Beldon ESC on Wednesday 10th September.

All students will participate in these events. Please save these dates on your calendar.

**Student Banking - Tuesday mornings**

I encourage students to get involved in school banking. It is lovely to see some families have recognised the value in school banking and do so regularly. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you are interested in setting up an account for your child. Students can bank their coins on Tuesday mornings. The ESC benefits from each account opened.

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.

Karen Macri
Principal
ESC

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FOOTBALL (SOCCER)
SPECIALIST PROGRAM
Years 7 and 8 Enrolments for 2015 are NOW OPEN
Choose Soccer as a full time subject in high school
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED
Students will be notified of trial events early Term 3
Applications accepted from Years 6 and 7 students living within the Clarkson Community High School Boundary
Previous soccer experience is not required
For further information or to obtain an application form please contact enquiries.clarkson.chs@education.wa.edu.au OR Gary Kalaher (Head Soccer Coach) Clarkson Community High School 16 Walyunga Boulevard CLARKSON WA 6030 T: (08) 9400 1777 F: (08) 9400 1778 Email: gary.kalaher@education.wa.edu.au Closing date for applications: 25th July 2014

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The 2014 athletics carnival will be held on:
Monday 25 August for the Year 4 to 7 long jump, tee ball throw and 400m race.
Wednesday 27 August for the age races, year PP to 3 tabloid events and the Year 4 to 7 team games and relays.
These dates may change if the weather forecast is for rain.
More information will be made available closer to the event.
Jeff Hoskins
Associate Principal

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EatPlayThrive
Butler Community Centre
55 Kingsbridge Blvd, Butler
Monday’s @ 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Session 1: 4th August 2014
Session 2: 11th August 2014
Session 3: 18th August 2014
‘A joint Australian, State and Territory Government Initiative’
FREE
Creche available
Book early, places are limited
A free workshop for parents and caregivers of children 1-12
Are meal times becoming a challenge?
Kids having too much screen time?
Want to stretch your food dollar further?
EatPlayThrive is an exciting and hands-on healthy lifestyle program for families.
Register with Alina Artie
Tel: 94053951
Alina.artie@wanneroo.wa.gov.au

DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE
Due to a new policy of informed consent with the School Dental Service, appointments will be posted home for a parent to attend dental appointments with their children and the children will no longer be taken from class.
Please inform us if you have moved address on 9305 1272. Thanks, Linda, Diane & Ann
Poems

Together we stand tall but its not the colour of our skin. Not where we come from.
Its time to be caring and help others who are left out.
We can stand strong together and fight intolerant people.
We are one mob
Acceptance is what we do together. It’s one love it’s all we’ve got.
One love
All people
We care for others
We are one mob.

Derek Davey
Room 18 Year 7

Poems

Stay true to me stay true to you
We’re friends. We fight. We make mistakes too!
I have a heart, you have one too
So what’s the great difference between me between you?
I have a pair of eyes to seek and to find
My true and only friends and ones that I despise
I accept your wrong doings as I hope you do too
I’ve only been human just as have you
My head says more than my heart sometimes
Forgive me for hurting
Forgive me for my lies
I hope we find peace from heart not from head
I shall be loving to others till they lay dead
I hope you stay true to me and to you we all have a heart,
we all feel pain too.

Jaylon Eades
Room 18 Year 7