Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a pleasure to take on the role of Principal for the Primary School these past two weeks and I have appreciated the warm welcome and support from the Merriwa community.

P & C News

If you would like to join the P&C please let the ladies in the office know of your interest and they will provide you with more information on how you can become more involved in the school community. The P&C meets on a Tuesday afternoon, during school hours, in week 3 and week 7 of each term. We would love to see some new faces if you can afford the time.

Celebrations:

Well done to Mrs Rose Prior-Longmuir and her choir for their performance at Bunnings last week. The students love to perform and had a lovely evening. It is wonderful to see them participating in community events while representing Merriwa Schools.

The Mayor of Wanneroo invited Kahjanah Wynne to perform Welcome To Country at a Blessing of The Roads ceremony this week. The Mayor’s message is clear: be careful on our roads over the break. Well done on your courage and confident speaking Kahjanah, you represented our school admirably.

Students in Years 4 and 5 participated in an Earth Day at ECU Joondalup last week and are to be congratulated on their behaviour and attitude. The feedback from the staff at ECU was very positive; they love to have Merriwa students at their special events. Well done to all students for your respectful representation of our school.

Coming Events:

Wednesday 22 April - ANZAC Service. The Merriwa Schools will host an ANZAC service at 9am on the first week back after the Easter break. Parents are welcome to attend. The students have been learning about the ANZACs and understand that this is a sombre occasion. I am sure it will be a lovely service to acknowledge the 100 years since our soldiers fought for our countries.

Canteen News

In our previous newsletter you were informed that Di will be closing her Canteen business. We will miss her and Jack. Arrangements have been made with Clarkson Community College and the Online Canteen. You will be able to make lunch orders through the online ordering system and lunches will be delivered to your child’s classroom.

Welcome New Chaplain

We welcome Kate Raynor, our new Chaplain, who will be here every Monday, Thursday and Friday. She will be restarting the breakfast club next term, so look out for her down in the canteen.

Easter Break

Congratulations to all the students who won Easter prizes at today’s raffle draw! Thank you to all the families who donated eggs and baskets to the P&C to enable so many prizes to be won.

Please be safe over the Easter holiday and enjoy some well-earned family time. I trust you will all be back safe and sound on Tuesday 21st April to begin Term 2.

To the families who will not be returning, due to moving house, good luck and best wishes. We trust you have enjoyed your time at Merriwa.

Kind regards

Mrs Karen Macri
Principal
Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic first term. I am proud of how well our students have settled into their new classes and routines.

IEP meetings
I would like to thank all the parents and carers that have attended IEP meetings this term. Your ongoing feedback and support is appreciated and valued.

Wednesday Clubs
Since week 4 of this term we have been running Wednesday Clubs at lunch time that our students can choose to attend. Students have enjoyed being creative at Art club and have made beautiful Easter marble paintings. They have built high towers at Construction Club and have indulged in manicures at Dress Up Club. We look forward to continuing our clubs next term.

Chick Hatching Programme
In the last 2 weeks of term, our Centre has had the pleasure of being involved in the ‘U Hatch Us’ Chick Hatching Education Programme. The children have thoroughly enjoyed watching the baby chicks hatch and grow. They have also had the opportunity to hold and feed the chicks.

On behalf of everyone at Merriwa Education Support Centre I would like to wish you a Happy Easter. We look forward to seeing you in Term 2 Tuesday 21st April 2015.

Christina Maunick-Sallie
Principal
ESC

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Early and Late Arrivals
Children must not arrive at school before 8.00am unless going to the OSH Club or being supervised by parents/carers. Children arriving between 8.00 and 8.20 (first siren time) must wait in the undercover area or playground area near the flag poles. The school does not provide teacher supervision before 8.00am and duty of care cannot be guaranteed. Late arrivals, children arriving after the second siren at 8.30am must report to the office before continuing on to their class. These children are marked late.

Review of the children’s crossing on Baltimore Parade
The school has been advised by the Children’s Crossing and Road Safety Committee that the school crossing will be reviewed in the near future. The review will be two morning and two afternoon surveys. The school encourages all pedestrians, children on scooters, bikes or skate-boards to use the crossings so the committee get a true picture of the school community’s needs.

Please note that all Children’s Crossings are being reviewed, so please make sure we use it, so that we don’t lose it!

PAYMENT FOR INCURSIONS/EXCURSIONS
We are now using a new money envelope system for the collection of incursion and excursion charges. Please note that the permission slip and envelope are to be handed to the classroom teacher. The student full name and class number should be written clearly on the envelope and the correct money needs to be placed in the envelope as change will not be given.

Thank you

EAT RIGHT - STAY STRONG - HEALTHY BONES

Drinks - what should children drink?
Drinking plenty of water is essential for people of all ages. When your child is thirsty, encourage her/him to drink plain water. It is recommended that

- children aged 5 – 8 years drink 1000ml per day (4 big cups).
- children aged 9 – 12 years drink 1500ml per day (6 big cups).
- Young people aged 13+ years drink 2000ml per day (8 big cups).

Drinking milk is also important, as it provides children with the calcium they need for growing bones and teeth. Children should have three serves of dairy each day. If your child doesn’t drink milk, try yoghurt, cheese or calcium-fortified soy milk.

Limit your child’s intake of ‘treat drinks’ such as cordials, soft drinks and fruit juices. The sugar in these drinks may contribute to tooth decay and unhealthy weight. Filling up on these drinks can take away the child’s appetite for more nutritious food.

Fruit juice contains important vitamins but it does not have as much fibre as fresh fruit. Children should not drink more than one small glass of juice each day. A piece of fruit is much better than a glass of juice.

Energy drinks and artificially sweetened drinks are not suitable for children.

For more information go to www.heartfoundation.org.au

Community Health Nurse
North Coastal Zone
Child and Adolescent Community Health
Room 13 have been learning new sounds this term. Here we are practising our letters and sounds during spelling group time.

Last Wednesday the Choir students were requested to perform at Bunning's Clarkson. The students did a wonderful performance and The Subih Brothers also entertained the crowd. Bunning's rewarded the performers with not only a sausage sizzle but also a craft section, petting farm, fairy floss, face painting and so much more.

A huge thank you to Bunning's for their support to the choir and to our school but also the choir students and their families.

Rose Prior
Music teacher