From the Principal’s Desk….

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are proud of the programs we provide at Merriwa Primary. Last Thursday our Interschool Sports Teams competed against Clarkson, Somerly and Mindarie Primary Schools in speedball, T-Ball, cricket and basketball.

All teams were a credit to our school and showed great determination, sportsmanship and endeavour.

A special thank you to all staff and parents who trained our teams and supported them on the day. It was a great team effort.

Also a special well done to the Basketball A and B, who won the trophy in both divisions. We look forward to competing in the Winter Carnival next term.

Basketball B Team Champions

New P & C

We sincerely thank our outgoing P & C Executive - Louise Mc Cann, Carol O’Donnell and Lynda Schofield. They have been an amazing team to work with and have done a fantastic job in ensuring that our P & C continues to move from strength to strength. We are so grateful for their hard work and loyalty to our school. They now join with me in welcoming our new executive:

Erika Hanekom - President
Sherryn Reynolds - Treasurer
Karlene Spencer - Secretary

We look forward to working together in 2014.

Have a safe and happy holiday and see you in Term 2.

Kind Regards
Sue Waterhouse
Principal
Year 6 and 7 Day Camp
Please note that Year 6 and 7 students are required to be at school by 8.00 am on Monday and will need to be picked up when they return to school at 3.30pm. Students who are usually on the school bus service will need to make alternative arrangements next week. It is really wonderful to see so many of our students accepting the invitation to attend the 3 day activity camp being organised by the Primary School. I extend my sincere thanks to Ms MacFarlane and Mr Forde, and PS teachers Mrs McKenzie, Mrs Ebert and Ms Winter for ensuring that our students will be given every opportunity to participate to the best of their ability. If parents are experiencing difficulty with the cost of various activities please do not hesitate to contact the office to make alternative arrangements.

ANZAC Service
As ANZAC day is in the holidays, the school will be having a commemorative service next week on Friday 11th at 9.00 am. Parents are welcome to attend.

Caversham Wildlife Park
The 4 junior classes went out Monday on a wonderful excursion to provide real opportunities for students to make links with this term’s learning program. Congratulations to all students on their outstanding behaviour. I extend a big thank you to my teaching staff for their thorough planning to ensure students’ needs were met and risk management plans were considered carefully.

School Holiday Program
The Friends of Autism group are providing activity programs throughout the holidays for students with special needs. Please see the attached brochure for details.

Student Banking - Tuesday mornings
Don’t forget our school banking day and encourage your child to start saving their pocket money and learn some tips on money management.

THANK YOU Good Guys
Recently the ESC was gifted a washing machine from Denley at the Good Guys, Clarkson to replace an old machine which has become inefficient. Merriwa ESC is extremely grateful for this donation which will be very useful in assisting staff when caring for students with high support needs.

Absences
Thank you to all parents who have kept sick children at home these past few weeks. Several students and staff have been away with various illnesses. I hope the holiday break gives everyone the opportunity to build up their health.

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.

Congratulations to the students who were awarded certificates at last week’s assembly
The assembly presentation for year 2 room 12 was about promoting the key expectations of our school. This was their friendship poem:

Come and join us
In the circle
For a fun and happy time
We will learn and play together
In our circle yours and mine
Listen carefully and look closely
Have good manners and be kind
We will learn and play together
In our circle yours and mine.

STUDENTS LAST DAY OF TERM ONE IS FRIDAY 11TH APRIL AND RETURN FOR TERM TWO ON TUESDAY 29TH APRIL.
Next Week's Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0434 517166
Coordinator: Wayne Finlen
Assistants: Vanja Popovic
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au and all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

Specialist Secondary Course 2015
Woodvale Secondary College

Woodvale Secondary College is offering places in their specialist programmes in Basketball, Soccer and Music. These are approved programmes that allow your child to turn their talent into a dream career.

Application forms, for the soccer program as well as cross boundary application form are available from our office. Enrolment forms for the basketball and music programmes are available from the Woodvale College (9309 0808).

Music - Monday 5 May 2014.

Mr Jeff Hoskins
Associate Principal

IMPORTANT

Breakfast Club will not be open last week of term 1 or first week of term 2.

DISABLED PARKING

We have had a number of parents/carers parking in the disabled bays without authorisation. Please be aware the City Of Wanneroo will be monitoring the area and fines will be applicable.