From the Principal's Desk….

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

AKITA FACTION CHAMPIONS

Thank you for supporting our 2014 sports carnival. We have had some very positive feedback and were so pleased with the behaviour and participation of the students.

Every child is valued at Merriwa, and the way in which all children participated together, regardless of ability, was outstanding. We loved seeing all the families and friends cheering for the children. We now invite you to the ESC Interschool Sports Day on 10 September and the Primary Interschool Carnival on 18 September.

MASSED CHOIR

Our School Choir performed brilliantly at the University of WA last night. The Minister of Education commented on how well rehearsed they were, and the Director General said that the standard was very high. We are very proud of them all.

A huge thank you to Mrs Prior, Mrs Tilbury, Mrs May, Mrs Zoccali and all parents and family for supporting our children. We look forward to the next performance at the Joondalup Arena. Dates and times will be released soon.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL APPLICATION

Unfortunately our joint application for Independent School Status has not been successful in this round. We continue to work hard for this community and look forward to creating positive opportunities for your children to both enjoy being at school and achieving the very best results they can.

LEARNING JOURNEY

Please come along to the school Learning Journey on Wednesday 24 September after school. Classrooms will be open from 3.00—5.00 p.m. and your children are invited to show you their work. This is a time for celebrating your child’s achievements and to see the areas that might need attention. If you need to talk in more depth to your child’s teacher, could you please make an appointment to talk at a later date. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards
Mrs Sue Waterhouse
Principal
**ESC Assembly Item**

Congratulations to the students and staff for all the work they have put into their assembly item. It was lovely to see so many of our students fully engaged and confident in their performance. Well done to the staff for ensuring that all students had the opportunity to participate. As usual our assembly was very well received by the school community and it is wonderful to see so many of our parents and carers attending the assembly to see their child perform. I am so proud of the inclusive culture at Merriwa and feel confident that it will continue to improve.

**Athletics Carnival**

After such a successful day with the Faction Carnival last week, our students and staff are now preparing for our Annual ESC interschool carnival held at Beldon ESC. Next Wednesday 10th September we will travel by charter bus to Beldon. Please ensure that you have completed the necessary forms giving your child permission to attend. I encourage parents and carers to come along and be a part of the atmosphere.

**Swimming**

Senior students from rooms 15, 23 and 30 will have received an information package to attend swimming lessons with the primary school early next term. Please ensure the notes have been signed and returned as soon as possible as there are limited places available.

**Learning Journey**

The Merriwa campus will be opening the classrooms on Wednesday 24th September for a ‘Learning Journey’ from 3pm to 5pm. The community is welcome to come and walk through the classrooms to see student’s work on display.

**Long Service Leave**

I will be taking some time off to travel in order to clear some accrued leave. Mrs Christina Maunick-Sallie will step into the role of Principal while I am away. Christina’s replacement in the classroom is Mrs Yolande Rass who has been a regular relief in that classroom. 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. I will be sending notes home regularly for students whose absence is unexplained.

Karen Macri
Principal
ESC

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The weather was perfect for this year’s carnival.

Congratulations to Akita faction who were the winners of the carnival. The results were close all day with Akita showing their strength in the senior team games and relays.

The final scores were:

**Akita 527 points**  
**Baltimore 436 points**  
**Palermo 409 points**  
**Calabar 364 points.**

Championship and Runner up winners were:

**Year 4 Girl** – Daruka Deng (Akita) 18 points, champion  
Bailey Sadler (Calabar) 9 points, runner up

**Year 4 Boy** – Man Jok (Calabar) champion  
Makanaka Mudzengi (Palermo) 10 points, runner up

**Year 5 Girl** – Shanika Shea (Akita) 16 points, champion  
Shonola Kennedy (Akita) 11 points, runner up  
Lily Fox (Calabar) 11 points runner up

**Year 5 Boy** – Elija Mackedy (Baltimore) 18 points, champion  
Justin Sovann (Palermo) 10 points, runner up

**Year 6 Girl** – Mickayla Love (Akita) 15 points, champion  
Grace Winmar (Calabar) 12 points, runner up

**Year 6 Boy** – Blayke Southee (Calabar) 12 points, champion  
Deng Manwang (Palermo) 10 points runner up

**Year 7 Girl** – Gertrude Flomo (Calabar) 15 points, champion  
Lianna Wang (Palermo) 7 points runner up

**Year 7 Boy** – Hyporte Ng (Akita) 12 points, champion  
Kai Wright (Palermo) 11 points runner up

Thanks to all parents who were able to attend and support their children and the school community for the way children were dressed in faction colours. This certainly added to the spectacle of the day. The canteen and parent helpers for their support with canteen sales and lunch. 

To the pre-service student teachers from ECU, some of who travelled many kilometres to help. Finally a special mention to the staff of both schools on the Merriwa site for the fabulous work they put into the preparation before the carnival and the hard work at the carnival. We need to also thank our team of relief teachers who covered for many teachers on leave.

Jeff Hoskins  
Associate Principal

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**MATHLETIC AWARDS**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**GOLD AWARDS**
Hayley Tilbury

**SILVER AWARDS**
Zephanie McIvor  
Shayla Nguyen  
Bryce Davis  
Samuel Hepcal  
Matai Hepcal

**BRONZE AWARDS**
Monica Deng  
Selvina Marimuthu  
Yuneaque Wrathall-Pompey  
Bradley Wells  
Ella Hawley  
Dylan Schmid  
Steven Hinaki  
Bianca Hammond  
Jubilee Castle Nepia  
Leighton Matthews

**Cooper Corrigan**  
**Caden Phillips**  
**Hayley Moroney**  
**Blair Crawford**  
**Pheonix Hansen**
BOOK CHARACTER PARADE