



### *From the Principal....Merriwa ESC...*

Several staff and their families worked on our **Outdoor Learning Area** in a Busy Bee last weekend and the results are fabulous! The staff and students extend a huge thank you for the wonderful support. We look forward to the next stage which will further enhance the ESC facilities.

Our **Hydrotherapy program** has begun. Students are enjoying the freedom and therapy that water play provides. We cannot run this program without the dedication and support of our fabulous EAs who ensure that the children can actively participate. Thank you to the staff who have agreed to get into the water with the children.

**Swimming:** Don't forget to get your swimming forms and \$50 fee in to ensure a place in the program. Selected students will attend lessons during weeks 7 and 8.

**Upcoming events** for your diary:

- \* Hydrotherapy sessions each Wednesday to the end of term for selected students
- \* Swimming lessons for selected students from 31st August to 11th September
- \* ESC Interschool Carnival—combined education support schools athletics—Tuesday 8th September
- \* Merriwa PS Faction Athletics Carnival—Thursday 17th September
- \* AQWA excursion Tuesday 22nd September
- \* Learning Journey—come and see the work your child has been doing this term—Wednesday 23rd September

**ESC Sports Carnival:** This big event is on again in 2 weeks time. There is an opportunity to order a special lunch for the day, please look out for the order form with the information package coming to you soon.

**AQWA:** All students in the ESC will be invited to the Aquarium in Hillarys at the end of term. Information and permission notes will be sent home in the coming weeks.

*Congratulations to all certificate winners at this week's assembly!*

*Mrs Karen Macri*

*Principal  
ESC*



Yr	Rm	Student	Yr	Rm	Student
PP	1	Santino Kernutt-Howard, Nephran Whittaker	2	13	Tyson Pansini, Ajok Maker
PP	2	Tuhoe Lingman	6	15	Elija Mackedy, Nathaniel Harding
1	6	William Vokes, Samuel Baraka, Auguston-Leshay Waaka	6	17	Maddison Edge, Sheila Mogridge
1	7	Charlotte Hutchins, Rocco Sabbioni	4/5	18	Charlee Taylor, Liam Griffiths
1	9	Tyler Verbakel, Nathan Hamon	4	19	Leighton Matthew, Ruhullah Akbari
3	10	Lateisha Hodgkinson, Toby Monaghan	3	21	Sophiea Van de Niewenhuyzen, Alex Stevens
2	11	Sunday Manuer, Verrell Martines-Dasilva	3/4	22	Godfrey Niyibhigira, Alex Stevens
2	12	Ciaralee Lingman, Abbie Reynolds	ESC		Josiah Pieteron, Thomas Gleeson, Jacobe Muscara, Jasmine Fernando



## PROMOTING EARLY COMMUNICATION

Free parent workshop

For parents with children aged 0-3 years

**This workshop is delivered by a Speech Pathologist and is a great opportunity for you to learn:**

- ☐ how you can support your child's language and communication development
- ☐ about the role you play in your child's development

**Get the most out of the workshop by writing down at home and bringing along:**

- ☐ some of the things that your child enjoys doing with you
- ☐ some of the things that your child does or says when they are communicating with you

**This is an interactive workshop with the opportunity to ask questions**

**For parents with children aged 0-3 years**

**Facilitator:** Catherine French – School Health Speech Pathologist

**Date:** Wednesday 26 August 2015

**Time:** 9.30am to 11.30am

**Location:** Child and Parent Centre – Neerabup,  
14 Viridian Drive, Banksia Grove

**Bookings essential**

**Contact 9367 0964 or email [neerabup@ngala.com.au](mailto:neerabup@ngala.com.au)**

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Year 1, Room 9 read Uno's Garden by Graeme Base and learned how the environment can be changed by our actions. We loved the weird and wonderful animals and created and wrote about our own crazy creatures.

## Education Support at Butler Hydrotherapy Session

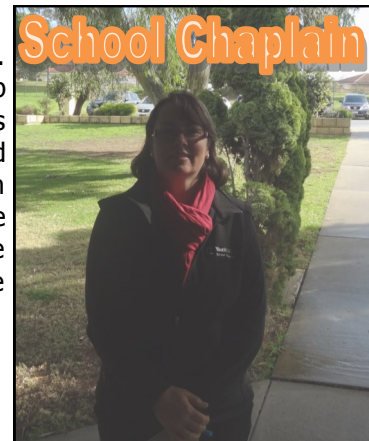


Hi there, Kate the School Chaplain here.

I have been working at the school since Easter and I am feeling very at home here. This is a very special school community and your kids are gorgeous. Breakfast Club is up and running again and it is going really well. We have had some generous donations from St Mary's Outreach and Merriwa IGA, Merriwa Bakers Delight and Foodbank help us each week. We need more volunteers though so we can run Breakfast Club every week day. My main role so far has been pastoral care to the children but I am here for the staff and school community too. If there is anyone who wants to catch up you can call the front office, leave a message and I will give you a call. I work every Monday, Thursday and Friday.

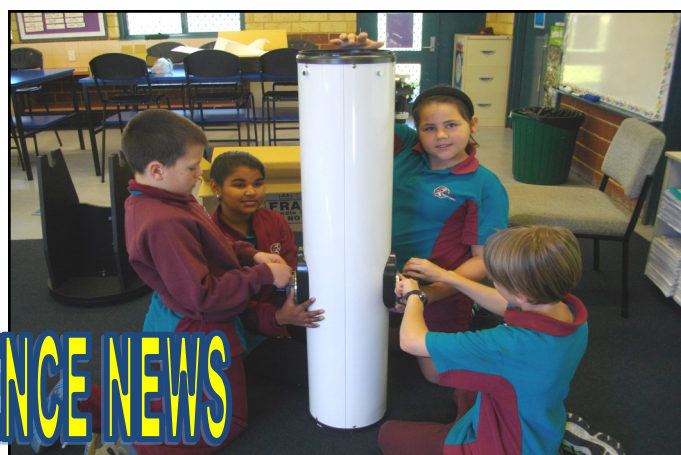
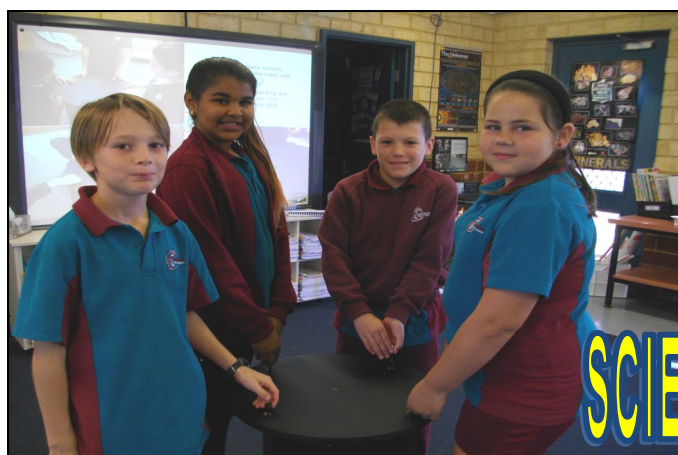
Kind Regards

Kate Raynor



**Congratulations to Karen Macri who has been nominated for the WA Primary School Leader of the Year Award**

*On Tuesday morning Violet, Mackayla, Riley and Brennan helped Mrs. Ebert to build the telescope. We were able to work as a team and got it built quite quickly. We are now looking forward to using it to view the sky!*



### **Kurlangas Aboriginal Playgroup**

This term at playgroup we will be learning about the colours **red**, **green**, **blue** and **yellow**. To help the children learn and recognise these colours we will be doing a variety of fun activities and art and craft experiences such as red cellophane windows, green caterpillars, blue toy car painting, and yellow sand gluing, coloured play dough, just to name a few!

For our babies, there will be tummy time (to strengthen their back and neck muscles), push and pull toys, some wonderful books to look at and songs to sing.

Playgroup is **FREE**, and held every Tuesday at Merriwa Primary School during term times between 10.00-1.00pm, for Aboriginal children up to 5yrs of age and their carers. Between 12 and 1pm, there will be an adult art table set up, where the adults can do painting and craft work.

A morning tea of fresh fruit is provided for the children, and tea, coffee and biscuits for the adults. You do not need to have a child attending this school to attend.

Hope to see you there!

ABORIGINAL EARLY YEARS TEAM.

### **NAPLAN REPORTS**

The year 3 and year 5 NAPLAN reports for 2015 have been sent home today with this newsletter.

Please make an appointment with your child's teacher if you would like to discuss your child's progress.

## **Parking Around Schools**

Schools are notoriously bad for parking during the peak drop off and pick up times, morning and afternoon. Our school is no different. Recently concerns have been raised about parents using the Kiss and Drop zone on Greyhound Drive. Some parents are using it as parking bay while they walk their child/ren into class. This causes congestion and parents forced to double park to drop their children off. The safety of our children is the number one priority when deciding where to park. Please consider the safety of all children when deciding where to park. Included in the Newsletter is a School Parking Guide from the City of Wanneroo.

