



5th December, 2024

## Merriwa Education Support Centre

### Dear Parents & Families,

We have had a very busy time these final weeks. The students have been to the Koala Centre, Outback Splash, Scitech, Tots Town and visited Santa at Ocean Keys. They have coped very well considering the disruptions to their routines.

Next week is our final week for the year. **The children finish school on Thursday 12th December and return on Wednesday 5th February 2025.**

### Upcoming Events

- School Christmas Concert Friday 6th December
- Year 6 Graduation Tuesday 10th December
- Book Awards Wednesday 11th December

### Reports - Let's Get Connected

Report will be available on CONNECT by Wednesday 11th December. If you require a hard copy, please contact the office. Please note that there have been some changes to the report format as per the instructions from the Department of Education.

You will find a Social Story in the package received today. These will assist your child over the holidays and prepare them for their new class next year.

### Switching from Dojo to Compass in 2025

Please keep an eye out for an email and text message at the end of January which will provide you instructions to set up our new communication platform for 2025. We will not be using Dojo next year.

### Farewell Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank staff who will be leaving us this year.

- Anya Daniel, Jessica Murray and Sheridan Crooke are all expecting babies. They will be taking time off to enjoy their new additions and we wish them all the best for the amazing time ahead.
- Emily Hall is taking twelve months off to further her teaching experience, and we say goodbye and thank you to Carolyn Gerrans.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very safe holiday break and trust you will enjoy the festivities of the Christmas season. On behalf of all of the staff, we thank you for your continued support this year.

Kind Regards

Karen Macri, Principal

### What's On ?

Christmas Concert

Friday 6th  
December



Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 10th  
December  
10.30am - 2.00pm

Book Awards  
Semester Reports  
Wednesday  
11th December

Last Day of Term  
Thursday 12th  
December

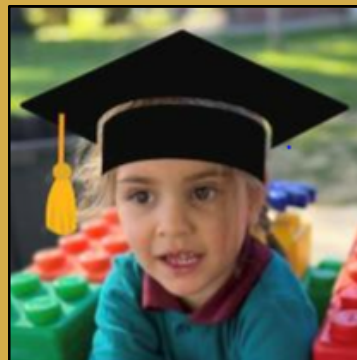
Merit Certificate Recipients from week 6  
Congratulations



Adam - Room 19  
Rayana - Room 29  
Ace - Room 29  
Charles - Room 30  
Gerard - Room 32  
Jax - Room 32

## Congratulations

*Room 33 students on completing your first year of school at MESCI!  
We are so proud of you all!*



# ROOM 32 TOTS TOWN



# ROOM 23 TOTS TOWN

The children were so engaged in the pretend play. It was wonderful watching them explore the different areas, dress up and try out all the amazing toys and resources.



Rotary Club of West Perth are proud to host International Entertainment Australia's...

## 2024 World Festival of Magic

A dynamic and inclusive live theatre show featuring exciting acrobatics, quick-witted comedy, and mesmerising circus and magic acts.

The World Festival of Magic is a FREE EVENT for children and young adults with diverse and disadvantaged abilities and backgrounds, their families, carers and peers.

Scan the QR Code to watch highlights from past shows...



Enjoy an accessible and flexible environment with a relaxed attitude to audience noise and movement, where you can be yourself without restriction or judgement.

Featuring moving, flashing lights, upbeat and sometimes dramatic music. Showtime is approx. 1 hour with no interval. Suitable for all ages.

### VENUE

### DATES

### SHOWTIMES

Astor Theatre Perth, Mount Lawley	Sunday, 8th December	11.30am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm
Astor Theatre Perth, Mount Lawley	Monday, 9th December	10am and 12pm

To book complimentary tickets, please email your ticket order and contact details to [meredithnewman@showintent.com.au](mailto:meredithnewman@showintent.com.au) or text/call 0404-367-782

\*Bookings are essential - Bulk and individual ticket orders from schools, organisations, families, carers/support workers etc. are all welcome...

Please include the following information when booking:

\*Your Name and Email Address.

\*Preferred Date/s and Showtime/s.

\*Number of Tickets (one per person required).



## Merriwa Education Support Centre

### School Term Dates

2025

An Independent Public School  
'LEARNING FOR LIFE'

Dedicated and passionate staff providing learning programs for children with disability

### School Term Dates

Term 1	Wednesday 5 Feb - Friday 11 April
Term 2	Monday 28 April - Friday 4 July
Term 3	Monday 21 July - Friday 26 September
Term 4	Tuesday 14 October - Thursday 18 December

### Pupil Free/Staff Development Days

Term 2	Monday 28 April
Term 3	Monday 21 July
Term 4	Monday 13 October

### Public Holidays (During School Term)

Labour Day	Monday 3 March
West Aust Day	Monday 2 June

### School Bell Times

Lessons Commence	8.30am
Lunch Play	10.55am - 11.20am
Lunch (eating)	11.20am - 11.35am
Afternoon Recess	1.25pm - 1.45pm
Close of Day	2.40pm

## From our Nurse Sally

### Dehydration

Children with physical and intellectual disabilities are at risk of poor hydration during the summer months. Signs to watch for are; dark smelly urine, less wet nappies, dry lips, constipation and poor skin turgor (the skin on the back of the hand is slow to return to its normal position when pulled up slightly).

#### Risk Factors

- Rides in hot vehicles
- Being unable to ask for a drink.
- Unable to communicate thirst
- Being PEG fed

If you notice your child has any of the above signs or you have any concerns contact the Community Health Nurse Sally at [Sally.Steffanoni@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:Sally.Steffanoni@health.wa.gov.au) to discuss increasing the amount of water your child is given at school with their feeds / or at meal times.