

# Merriwa Education Support Centre Newsletter

## Principal's Message

### Dear Parents and Families,

#### Happy Mother's Day

To all of our Mums, Grandmothers and women who care for the students at Merriwa, we wish you a Happy Mother's Day for next week. I know that several classes have been focussing on how important you are.

Our P & C Mother's Day Stall is on Tuesday 7th May with gifts ranging from \$3 to \$10. Mother's Day Raffle tickets have gone home today and will be drawn on Friday 10th May.

#### Swimming

Plans are underway for the interm swimming program. ESC students from Pre-Primary to Year 5 will attend 10 lessons from Monday 17th June to Friday 28th June. Please check your child's bag for notes which are coming home soon. Be sure to send in permission slips and the \$60 fee (for the bus) to classroom teachers as soon as possible, so that we can ensure adequate student supervision at the pool and back at school.

#### ANZAC Service

Congratulations to Mrs Prior-Longmuir for coordinating a wonderful commemoration at our ANZAC Assembly.

Thank you to our special guests and parents who were able to attend, I hope you also enjoyed the service.



#### Off The Bat Cricket Program

Some of our Merriwa Education Support students are enjoying a funded cricket program that runs for four weeks this term.

This program provides support and opportunities for children with disabilities to engage in inclusive cricket programs. The development of this program is to ensure all children who take part in the program are encouraged to participate and are supported in a manner that helps them build the confidence to grow their skills on their own accord.

Congratulations to last week's Merit Award Winners.

Nelson Room 30  
Finley Room 32  
Room 19 students

Kind Regards,

**Karen Macri, Principal**

## What's On

*Breakfast Club  
everyday day from 8am  
in the undercover area*

## Swimming

*Preprimary to Year 5  
Week 10 & 11*



*Mothers Day  
Stall  
Tuesday 7th  
May*



*School Online Canteen  
ordering system.*

*Visit:*

*www.quickcliq.com.au  
to sign up and register  
Available Mondays  
Tuesdays and Fridays*



ANZAC  
DAY



## OFF THE BAT CRICKET PROGRAM

This week our Year 3-6 students participated in their first cricket lesson with the 'Off Their Own Bat' program. It was great to see how engaged and enthusiastic the students were while practicing their bowling skills and participating in the fun games. They are excited for their next cricket lesson and eager to have a proper game and verse their peers!



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## LEARN NOONGAR

LANGUAGE WITH TAMARA!

**STARTING IN APRIL!**

CONTACT US TODAY TO REGISTER!

- LIMITED PLACES
- \$15 PER CLASS
- WEDNESDAY'S 6-7PM

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**MORE INFORMATION**

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## Receive up to \$500 from ANZ for your 2025 back to school costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Terms and conditions apply.

saverplus.org.au

## star kick

all abilities footballers

# join in the fun

*If you want to play, we'll find a way.*

Starkick is a multi award winning all-abilities football program that caters for children and young adults between the ages of 5 to 17. Children who, by circumstance or choice, may be unable or unwilling to participate in a mainstream sporting team are supported by a team of Starkick volunteers.

Join in the fun at

Quinns Districts Bulls JFC

Starkick.com.au follow us

01 Oct 2023 – 30 Sep 2024

### Ages

5 - 18 Years Old  
Age is calculated as at 30/06/2024

### Pricing information

Registrations are now open for the 2024 Starkick season!

This Starkick Centres total price is \$171.50  
If you are using a Kidsport voucher, please make sure you have your code when registering.

### Additional information

QDJFC Starkick Centre will run on: Saturday mornings at 10am for 1 hour at Anthony Waring Oval, Victorsen Parade, Clarkson

QDJFC Starkick Coordinator is Mark Clayton and can be contacted on [starkick@quinnsbulls.com](mailto:starkick@quinnsbulls.com) or 0400043165

## The 2024 Australian Early Development Census

# Every school counts

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is a national census that builds a picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

Every school has a vital role to play in helping our nation collect the information it needs to better understand and respond to the needs of children and their families.

Since 2009, communities, schools and governments across Australia have used AEDC results to help provide services, resources and supports that give our kids the best start in life.

From May 2024, teachers will complete the census for children in their first year of full-time school.

AEDC results for individual children are not reported and individual children cannot be identified.

With the support of parents/carers and schools, we can build a more complete picture of early childhood development in Australia. If parents/carers consent to the collection of their child's information they do not need to do anything. Parents/carers only need to contact the school if they do not consent to the collection of their child's information.

To find out more about the AEDC and how schools, communities and governments are using the data to help children and families, visit [www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au).

