



# Merriwa ESC

## Newsletter

JANUARY 31, 2024

TERM 1, WEEK 1

### WHATS ON

Breakfast Club

Each day from  
8am in the  
undercover area

## EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE NEWS

### Dear Parents & Families,

The huge welcome back to everyone and a warm welcome to the students and their families who have joined us at Merriwa Education Support Centre this year.

It was wonderful to see the children this week and to share their excitement on being back at school. I am sure many are tired from their long day, and with the added impact of the heat wave we are experiencing.

Many thanks must go to our staff who worked tirelessly over the school holidays to ensure all students access quality education within an inclusive, positive, safe and supportive environment. The students are all engaged and have settled in well.

Please use the Dojo app for daily contact with your child's class. This has proven to be a quite efficient method to communicate, particularly if you are not able to meet with the teacher regularly. Many of you will have joined Class Dojo and we also have an ESC group for whole school news. Please download the app and join our group if you have not already done so. See your classroom teacher for more information.

It is very important that the school is contacted if your child is away. A phone call or Dojo Message allows us to comply with the Department requirements. We thank you for your patience, care and consideration at school drop off and pick up each day. It can be quite congested at the gates, and we value your support to ensure our kids are safe at these busy times.

Our school continues to grow with 88 enrolled students occupying 11 classes this year, with additional staff to support their learning needs. Two transportable buildings will be installed sometime this semester. Our Year 6 class is temporarily settled in Room 19 while they await their new classroom.

We look forward to a busy and productive year.

Warm regards,  
Karen Macri, Principal

# 2024 Classes

## Room 23

Teacher: Sharon Hogan  
Education Assistants:  
Elisha Key, Deanne Steckhold  
& Elise Scarlett

## Room 24

Teacher: Elley Mackenzie  
Education Assistants:  
Kelsey Harris, Annalise Berez,  
Mandy Lombard & Sarah Taylor

## Room 25

Teacher: Bonny Whitefoot & Bree  
Edmiston- Weber  
Education Assistants:  
Kirstie Hunt, Katrina Sebastian,  
Tahlia Shepherd & Alison Tilbury

## Room 26

Teacher: Matt Darbyshire  
Education Assistants:  
Erika Hanekom, Annette Pezzano &  
Yasmine Saman

## Room 27

Teachers: Emily Hall & Michael Chandler  
Education Assistants:  
Janette Rudd, Louise Armstrong &  
Lucy Mains

## Room 29

Teacher: Ella Bennett  
Education Assistants:  
Karen Tate, Dellas Lee-Rushworth  
& Kayla Pezzano

## Room 30

Teacher: Jess Murray  
Education Assistants:  
Tana Burton, Bianca Geddes & Sarah Fox

## Room 31

Teacher: Peta Drew & Sarah Skelly  
Education Assistants:  
Lisa Ashton, Monique Pieterse,  
Somnang Matteo & Szasza Nugroho

## Room 32

Teacher: Emma Algie &  
Carolyn Gerrans  
Education Assistants:  
Susan Herbert, Sherree Volner  
& Agnes Wozniak

## Room 33

Teacher: Amy McInerney  
Education Assistants:  
Natasha Mule, Janice Blignaut &  
Amy Tubig

## Room 19

Teacher: Georgie Cook  
Education Assistants:  
Kerrie Harris, Nuria Harris  
& Nicole Kristiansen

# 2024 Booklist Items

Please be advised that Merriwa Education Support Centre has new bank details:

Commonwealth Bank of Australia  
Account name: Merriwa Education Support  
Centre  
BSB: 066 040  
Account Number: 1990 7283

As discussed, and agreed upon at the School Board meeting, MESCC will provide student's stationery/booklist items for 2024 at a fee of \$60 per student.

This fee, along with the voluntary contribution of \$40, totals to \$100 for the year.

We are happy to set up a payment plan of \$25 per term which equates to \$2.50 per week.  
Please contact our office early in the year to make arrangements.