Term 1 Week 9

3rd April, 2025





Merriwa Education Support Centre

Dear Parents & Families

The term is quickly drawing to an end and Easter craft activities have begun. Please note that students return for term 2 on **Tuesday 29th April**, as we have a pupil free day on Monday 28th April.

Year 6 Leaders Camp

Our Year 6 Leaders embarked on an adventure to an overnight leadership camp at Keith Maine Centre last week! They were accompanied by other Education Support Centre student leaders from our northern network, to formulate bonds and strengthen their leadership skills in challenges and new tasks. On day one, they conquered their fears by completing a flying fox, brainstormed and communicated to balance and pour buckets of pingpong balls, then relaxed with a Grill'd dinner.

The following day, the students enjoyed mini golf and ended their adventures by cooling off Whiteman Park's Splash Zone and enjoyed a BBQ lunch!

Our Leaders were so proud of their efforts and were so confident describing their experience with their peers once they returned. We are also very proud of our students for their courage to stay overnight, some of them experienced this for the first time at this camp.

ANZAC Assembly

On Friday 11th April, Merriwa Primary Schools will host a combined ANZAC service. Parents and families are welcome to attend from 8.30am

Early Close

On Wednesday 9th April, the school will close from 11.30am to allow for parent / teacher meetings to be managed for interim reporting of student progress. Please make arrangements with your child's teacher to book a suitable appointment time.

> Kind regards Karen Macri, Principal

Breakfast Club everyday day from 8am in the undercover area



School Photos 8th & 10th April

Early Close at 11.30 Wednesday 9th April

Last Day of Term I Friday 11th April

First Day of Term 2 TUESDAY 29 APRIL The middle PLC students have done an amazing job adjusting back into the normal classroom routines after swimming lessons. They have thoroughly enjoyed our STEM rotations, being able to mix with other students from their year levels and engage in hands on learning. Our content this term involves plant/animal life cycles and a sensory rotation. It is great to see students interacting with each other and participating in the activities with such interest. Well done to the middle PLC!



On Monday, 24th March, Karen & Natalie had the pleasure of attending an evening presentation titled "Fostering Resilience: Giving Children the Foundation They Need to Soar," organized through Ngala.

The presentation focused on the importance of building resilience in children, a crucial skill that helps them navigate life's challenges with confidence and strength. The speaker emphasized the role of parents and educators in fostering a supportive environment where children can thrive emotionally and academically.

Key insights from the presentation included:

- Connection and Empathy: Understanding children's behaviour through their developmental needs and emotional states.
- Discipline Without Damage: Guiding children with kindness and firmness, setting boundaries without causing emotional harm.
- Resilience Building: Allowing children to take risks, make mistakes, and learn from their experiences to develop resilience.

