

Merriwa Education Support Centre

Newsletter

TERM 1, WEEK 3

15TH FEBRUARY, 2024

Dear Parents and Families

We have had a very positive start to the school year. I have had the pleasure of attending classrooms and engaging with the students. Our kindy kids are settling into routines and are very at ease, new students look happy and settled in their classes and learning programs are running smoothly. Together with teaching staff, I have decided that it will be too disruptive to create a new class and we will continue to manage the term with 11 classes of up to 9 students. Once the new building has been installed for Semester 2, we may look at redistributing class groups if we feel it is necessary.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

I am very excited and proud to announce our student leaders for 2024. Congratulations to Levi and Zavier, our ESC student councillors who will be working closely with the primary school student leadership team to represent the ESC and to Tama and Darseet who have been elected ESC student mentors. These students will be presented with their badges at a special assembly on Monday morning, 19th February.

YEAR 6 SWIMMING

Year 6 swimming lessons and Day Camp Activities Beach swimming lessons for year 6 students begins on Monday 26th February 2024 for two weeks. Students will attend Yanchep Lagoon for their lessons.

On Thursday 7th March and Friday 8th March our year 6 students will join their primary school peers for day camp activities. I am very pleased that we are able to offer a much reduced fee of \$130 as we are combining swimming lessons and day activities to reduce bus costs.

DOJO COMMUNICATION

Thank you to all parents and carers who are using Dojo to effectively communicate with classroom teachers. Please be mindful that staff check their phones during their break times and may miss an important message while they are teaching. If you have not received a response to an urgent message, please call Reception so that your call can be directed to the classroom. The Department of Education has made it very clear that all staff need to switch off from work at a reasonable hour to spend quality time with their own families, and are therefore not required to reply to a message after hours. Staff will respond to your messages as soon as practicable and appreciate your ongoing support and collaboration towards your child's education and well-being.

ABSENTEES

It is very important that the school is contacted if your child is away. We have recently experienced increased absences as students present with flu like symptoms and positive Covid results. Current symptoms have included nausea, vomiting and headache. A phone call or a message on Dojo allows us to comply with the Department requirements. I appreciate that children get sick and will need to stay at home until they are no longer contagious, a medical certificate is required if children are absent for more than 2 days. Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring your child is well when attending school.

Warm regards,

Karen Macri, Principal

WHATS ON

Breakfast Club

Each day from 8am
in the undercover area

Public Holiday

Labour Day

4th March

School Photos

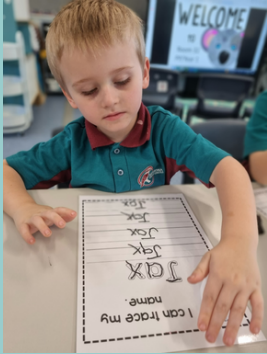
Week 10



ROOM 32 NEWS



The Pre-Primary and Year 1 students in Room 32 have had a great start to the year. They have been exploring the theme Space, practicing their name writing and getting to know their new friends and teachers. They have also been enjoying bike riding and water play activities outside, as well as the Sensory room, particularly in the hot weather.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW KINDY STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

The children have all enjoyed their new learning environment.



ROOM 32

In Room 31 the students have been exploring sound and numbers through play based activities.

