

Term 1 Week 5



## Merriwa Education Support Centre

### Dear Parents & Families

Last week, our first "Time to Talk" meetings were held, giving families the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss students' learning progress and support needs. Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to meet with our classroom teachers. Working together we can achieve the best outcomes for your child.

### School Board

Our first Board Meeting for the year was held today. We deeply appreciate the important role our Board members play in ensuring our school's resources are used efficiently and that community expectations and school priorities continue to reflect the needs of our students. We are very grateful for the time and expertise they volunteer in support of our school community.

### Interm Swimming - Weeks 6 & 7

Interm Swimming for all Pre-primary to Year 6 students will take place across Weeks 6 and 7. Please remember to check your child's bag for the information notes that have been sent home. These include important details about swimming enrolment, bus departure times, medical requirements and permission forms.

### Neurodiversity Celebration Week 7

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a special time when we learn about and celebrate the many different ways people's brains can work and other ways of thinking and learning that make them unique.

It's also Harmony Week in week 7. Our staff are working together to plan special events to acknowledge both of these celebrations. This is a great opportunity for our school community to learn together, show kindness, and celebrate what makes each of us unique!

Kind Regards  
Karen Macri  
Principal

5<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

# What's On ?

Breakfast Club  
everyday day from  
8am in the  
undercover area

Pre-primary -  
Year 6 Swimming  
9th - 20th March



Neurodiversity  
Awareness  
Week 7



Harmony Week  
Celebrations  
Week 7



School Photos  
31st March,  
1st & 2nd April





## *Hello families*

*I'm so excited to introduce myself as the Merriwa ESC school chaplain!*

*My name is Sam, and I feel so grateful to be part of this wonderful community.*

*As chaplain, my role is all about supporting the wellbeing of our students, families, and staff. I'm passionate about school being a safe, inclusive community not just for our students, but also for our families. As a special needs parent myself, I understand some of the complexities our families face, and I know how powerful a supportive school community can be. If you haven't met me yet, please come and say hi and have a chat! I love getting to know our families and am here as a support for you and can be a listening ear when you need.*

*A little about me outside of school: I love camping and baking, and more recently have started Tennis lessons (it's never too late, right?). I'm happiest when I'm spending time with my husband and our two girls (8 and 6 years old). On weekends I volunteer in a special needs children's program, and I love getting out in the sunshine and in nature.*

*I'm really looking forward to getting to know more of our amazing families this year.*

*I'm here Wednesdays and Fridays and would love to meet you.*

*Samantha Crouch  
YouthCARE Chaplain*

## *From our School Nurse Andrea*

### *Role of the Community Health Nurse in Education Support Schools.*

*Community Health Nurses work in Education Support Schools to provide services to children with physical and intellectual disabilities and their families*

*What do Community Health Nurses do in Education Support Schools?*

*Provide advice and support to develop health care plans*

*Provide support for a wide range of family and child health needs*

*Assist schools to plan systems for first aid and emergency health care*

*Support school staff to meet students' basic needs, so students can fully participate in learning activities*

*Support school based immunisation programs*

*Community Health Nurses support families to support their children.*

*If you are concerned about something affecting your child's health and wellbeing (at home or school) contact Andrea Zulch at [andrea.zulch@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:andrea.zulch@health.wa.gov.au) to arrange a suitable time to talk or meet with the Nurse.*

The students in Room 25 have been busy getting used to our daily schedule and how literacy and maths sessions run. Educators continue to build strong relationships with the children and are getting to know them and their interests to best support their needs. This term our Talk for Writing text is 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and are exploring the characters and events through hands-on props.



# COMMUNITY



**DISABILITY EXPO**  
17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

**MIDLAND COMMUNITY**

Friday, 17th April 2026

10:00am to 1:00pm

Midland Sports Complex,  
45 Patterson Drive,  
Middle Swan WA 6056

Book Your Ticket

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**DISABILITY EXPO**  
15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

**KWINANA COMMUNITY**

Wednesday 15th April 2026

10:00am to 1:00pm

Ken Jackman Hall  
2 Robbos Way,  
Kwinana Town Centre WA 6167.

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**DISABILITY EXPO**  
10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026

**GOSNELLS COMMUNITY**

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

10:00am to 1:00pm

Mills Park Centre Function Room,  
Brixton Street, Beckenham  
WA 6107

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**DISABILITY EXPO**  
8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2026

**ARMADALE COMMUNITY**

8th October 2026

10:00am to 1:00pm

Kelmscott Community Hall,  
60 River Road, Kelmscott  
WA 6111

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**FREE EVENT!**

**CAHOOTS FESTIVAL OF FUN**

**SATURDAY 2 MAY 2026**  
10AM - 2PM

Ropes course • Face painting • Sensory play  
Live performances • Chill out zone • Food trucks  
and so much more!

**FREE family festival for all  
ages and all abilities!**

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	Animal Health Checks		Justice of the Peace		Cupcakes
	Sausage Sizzle		Non-Perishables		

**LOCATION**  
GLOBAL HEART CHURCH  
10 Winton Rd, Joondalup

**TIME:**  
5:30pm - 7:00pm

**DATES 2026:**  
JANUARY 22  
FEBRUARY 19  
MARCH 19  
APRIL 23  
MAY 21  
JUNE 18  
JULY 23  
AUGUST 20  
SEPTEMBER 17  
OCTOBER 22  
NOVEMBER 19

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