



What's On ?

Breakfast Club
everyday day from
8am in the
undercover area

Assembly
13th February

Year 6 Day "Camp"
6th March - Bounce
13th March -
Bowling

Student
half day
Friday 27th February
for
Parent Meeting

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

School Board meeting
26th February

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

Merriwa Education Support Centre

Dear Parents & Families

A 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.

Thank you to our families for your efforts in preparing your child by using the social stories over the break. Our classes are running smoothly and students have settled quickly into the rhythm and routines of the day.

Our school has grown with 108 enrolled students occupying 13 classes this year, supported by additional staff to meet the diverse learning needs of our students. Over the holidays, a new transportable building was installed to accommodate our growing numbers.

I am looking forward to a productive year of collaborative learning with a focus on student wellbeing and individualised progress.

Swimming, Stationery, and Fees and Charges

Interm Swimming for Pre Primary to Year 6 students are in Week 6 and 7. Please check your child's bag for notes which are coming home soon.

Thank you to all the families who have already paid their stationery fee and the school contributions. We appreciate that funds are tight, please contact the office if you wish to negotiate and payment plan.

Teacher Parent Meetings, "Time to Talk"

We have additional student free days this year. These dates align with the Minister of Education's End of Year 2025 Communique, which outlined increased time for meaningful teacher/parent/carer discussions ("Time to Talk").

These days will be:

- Friday 27 February (week 4, Term 1) half day, students finish at 11.30
- Monday 29 June (week 11, Term 2) full day allocated for meetings
- Thursday 24 September (week 10, Term 3) half day, students finish at 11.30

Notes have gone home and further details regarding individual meeting times will be provided by your classroom teacher closer to the date.

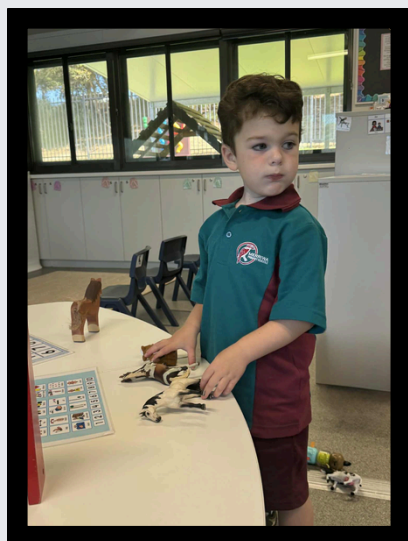
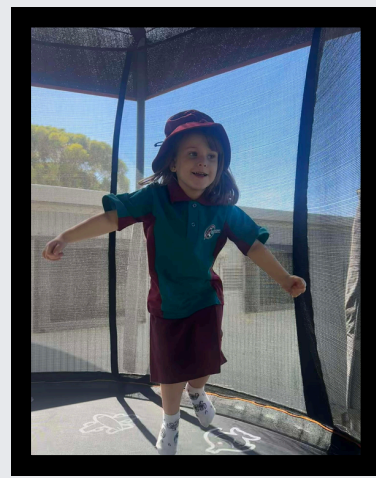
Front Gates

Thank you for your patience as we wait for repairs to the front gates, on Baltimore Parade. Temporary fencing will be installed in the meantime.

Kind regards

Karen Macri
Principal

Welcome to MESC Kindy class of 2026!
The students have enjoyed their first week of school...



Parent Meetings & Staff Development Days

Our additional "Time to Talk" days will be:

Friday 27 February (Week 4, Term 1) Half day
Monday 29 June (Week 11, Term 2) Full day
Thursday 24 September (Week 10, Term 3) Half day

Half-Day Attendance & Meeting Schedule:

On our upcoming half day dates

27 February and 24 September, students will attend school from 8:20am to 11:30am. Following student departure, teachers will be available for parent/carers discussions by appointment between 11:30am to 3:30pm.

What you can expect:

These days are dedicated opportunities for families to meet with teachers to discuss your child's learning progress, and support needs. Outlined below is a summary of the topics that will be discussed:

Friday 27 February: Meetings will focus on IEP discussions, therapy planning, and any additional support required for your child.

Monday 29 June: Full day allocated for meetings to discuss student progress reports and plan Semester 2 IEP.

Thursday 24 September: Discuss student progress.

2026 Staff Development Days & Time to Talk Dates:

Thursday 29 January - Staff Development Day

Friday 30 January - Staff Development Day

Friday 27 February (Half day for students) - Time to Talk: Parent/Carer & Teacher Meetings

Monday 20 April - Staff Development Day

Monday 29 June - Time to Talk: Parent/Carer & Teacher Meetings

Monday 20 July - Staff Development Day

Thursday 24 September (Half day for students) - Time to Talk: Parent/Carer & Teacher Meetings

Monday 12 October - Staff Development Day

Friday 18 December - Staff Development Day

2026 Classes

Room 23 - Year 2

Teachers: Jess Murray & Sharon Hogan
Education Assistants: Tana Burton,
Jedidah Cherotich, Somnang Matteo &
Elisha Key

Room 24 - Year 1 & 2

Teachers: Catherine Pinakas & Sharon
Hogan
Education Assistants: Zsa Zsa Nugroho,
Erika Hanekom, Charli Larmont &
Mandy Brooks

Room 25 - Year 1 & 2

Teachers: Bree Edmiston-Weber &
Sharon Hogan
Education Assistants: Tahlia Shephard,
Megan Nolan, Suzi Bayliss &
Agnes Washer

Room 26 - Year 2, 3 & 4

Teachers: Matt Darbyshire & Caitlin
Pomery
Education Assistants: Rachel Cook,
Beth DeCosta, Janette Rudd &
Jody Rippingale

Room 27 - Year 3 & 4

Teachers: Gemma Hill & Caitlin Pomery
Education Assistants: Annette Pezzano,
Deanne Seckold, Lisa Ashton,
Yasmine Saman & Adeline Rickman

Room 29 - Year 4, 5 & 6

Teachers: Ella Bennett & Kim Keenan
Education Assistants: Duncan Taylor,
Louise Armstrong, Sarah Fox,
Sarah Wilson & Lucy Malins

Room 30 - Year 4, 5 & 6

Teachers: Daniel Giraldo & Kim Keenan
Education Assistants: Kerrie Harris,
Nicole Kristiansen, Mandie Lomard &
Jemma McCullough

Room 31 - Year PP & 1

Teachers: Peta Drew & Mel Yeoman
Education Assistants: Alison Tilbury,
Nicole Pieterse & Alex O'Connor

Room 32 - Year 1 & 2

Teacher: Emma Algie & Serena Sun
Education Assistants: Sue Herbert,
Elise Scarlett, Nuria Harris &
Elisha Key

Room 33 - Kindy

Teacher: Amy McInerney
Education Assistants: Janice
Blignaut, Amy Tubig, Mandy Brooks &
Jenny Dy

Room 34 - Year PP

Teachers: Olivia Barrington & Nicola
Manship
Education Assistants: Natalie, Sheree
Volner, Sue Maxfield

Room 35 - Year 4

Teacher: Georgie Cook & Caitlin Pomery
Education Assistants: Ashlea Smith,
Dellas Lee-Rushworth, Storm Matchett
& Kayla Pezzano

Room 36 - Year 5 & 6

Teachers: Michael Chandler & Kim
Keenan
1. Education Assistants: Karen Tate,
Bianca Geddes, Cody Keenan & Kayla
Pezzano