

Assembly
Room 7
Friday 26th Sept

Merriwa
Faction Carnival
Friday 19th Sept

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P & C Sausage Sizzle
Friday 19th Sept

EFTPOS ONLY
AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

Book Character
Parade
Wednesday 24th Sept

Learning Journey
Wednesday 24th Sept

Opening Ceremony
Undercover 2pm

Classrooms Open
2.40pm - 5.00pm

Principals' Afternoon
Tea

Congratulations to the
students who will be
attending the Principals'
Afternoon Tea on
Thursday 25th
September hosted by
myself and Mrs
Waterhouse.

Last Day School
Friday 26th Sept

Students Return
Tuesday 14th Oct

Dear Parents & Families,

It has been a very busy few weeks to end the term. We have attended conferences, sports days, celebrated NAIDOC and RU OK? days and have been on community access visits.

Last week, we also received the wonderful news that Ms Natalie Jones has successfully been appointed the Principal of Roseworth ESC, beginning her new role next term. While Natalie will be sorely missed, I cannot deny that I feel very proud of her achievements and wish her all the very best in this new chapter. Ms Jones is embarking on very exciting changes as she is also getting married during the holiday break! All the best Nat!



Learning Journey & Book Character Parade

You are invited to attend our Learning Journey to have the opportunity to see your child's hard work and creativity in their classroom on Wednesday 24th September from 2.40pm - 5.00pm. A brief assembly will begin at 2pm in the undercover area (UCA). The school will be open for all families to wander through the various classrooms.

Our Book Character Parade is also on Wednesday 24th September at 8.45am between the UCA area and the flagpoles. All welcome and students can dress up as their favourite book character.

Conferences and Awards

At the recent WAESPAA Conference, Mrs Bonny Whitefoot was nominated for the Leadership in Teaching and Learning award. Ms Bonny and Ms Bree joined us for the awards dinner.

Last weekend three of our wonderful Lead Education Assistants, Tana Burton Erica Hanekom and Lisa Ashton, proudly represented Merriwa Education Support Centre at the WAATA Conference - an inspiring gathering of professionals dedicated to growth, connection and excellence in education. We are so proud of our team for their commitment and leadership. Their presence at events like this reflects the heart and strength of our school.

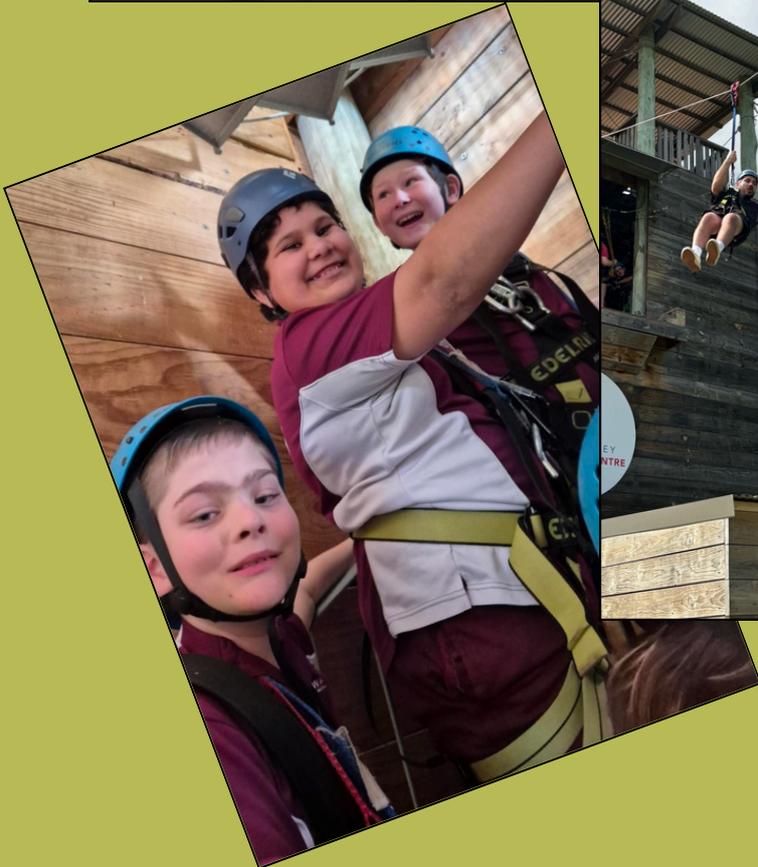
Recently, our Board Chair, Olive Lee nominated Merriwa ESC for the WA Education Awards in the category: Excellence in Disability and Inclusion. We are very proud to have been nominated and eagerly await the outcome which will be announced late next term.

Kind Regards

Karen Macri, Principal



During Week 7 the Year 6 students and teaching staff set on a day of action to the Swan Valley Adventure Park. They embarked in team drills that upskilled the communication, collaboration and tested their confidence. They showed companionship as they praised not only their achievements but also their fellow peers. The highlight of the day for many was challenging their fears on the flying fox. It was a great day celebrating the hard work the Year 6 cohort have applied this year.



This term Early Childhood students have enjoyed a range of extra activities at play time, ranging from obstacle courses, small world play, construction, drawing and painting with chalk, sensory play and dancing.

The photos show students enjoying "swing painting process art". It was so much fun!

The playground in the Kindy/Pre Primary area has also had some awesome new additions!! Students have loved exploring and playing in this fantastic playground.



COMMUNITY NEWS



School Holiday Group Program



Hi,

As the holidays approach, we're thrilled to offer an enriching and fun-filled opportunity for the child you support to learn, grow, and make new friends. Our **specially curated holiday program** is designed to engage school-age children in a variety of creative and developmental activities. Our **playful and engaging** group therapy services are all about **making learning and growing fun** and meaningful for kids.

Joondalup

Age	Group	Dates/Times
Pre-primary - Year 2	SOS for Picky Eaters	Mon, 6 Oct, Tue, 7 Oct, Thu, 9 Oct 10:00 - 11:30 am
Pre-primary - Year 6	Girls Craft	Wed, 1 Oct, Thu, 2 Oct, Fri, 3 Oct 9:30 - 11:00 am
Years 1-3	Little Writers (Motor)	Tue, 7 Oct, Wed, 8 Oct, Thu, 9 Oct 9:30 - 11:00 am

To reserve a place, please contact us on;

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VacSwim

From beginners to strong swimmers, we have a program to suit your child's needs.

October program

Wed 1 Oct to
Fri 10 Oct 2025

Number of days: 8 days
Duration: 45 minutes
Enrolments close:
Tue 26 Aug 2025

October short program

Mon 6 Oct to
Fri 10 Oct 2025

Number of days: 5 days
Duration: 35 minutes
Enrolments close:
Wed 26 Aug 2025

Country early start program 1

Fri 19 Dec to
Tue 23 Dec 2025

Number of days: 5 days
Duration: 50 minutes
Enrolments close:
Wed 15 Oct 2025

January program 1

Tue 6 Jan to
Fri 16 Jan 2026

Number of days: 9 days
Duration: 40 minutes
Enrolments close:
Wed 15 Oct 2025

January short program

Mon 12 Jan to
Fri 16 Jan 2026

Number of days: 5 days
Duration: 35 minutes
Enrolments close:
Wed 15 Oct 2025

January program 2

Mon 19 Jan to
Thu 29 Jan 2026

No lesson 26 Jan 2026
Number of days: 8 days
Duration: 45 minutes
Enrolments close:
Wed 15 Oct 2025

Find a location near you and enrol.
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*Concessions available. A family enrolment includes 3 or more children from the same address. Prices do not include pool entry fees. One child is limited to enrol in one October program and one summer program only. Information on the website is available in languages other than English. If you require an interpreter or need assistance completing an enrolment form, contact us at VacSwim on 9402 6412.

