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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



EARLY CLOSE

Parents are reminded that school closes at 2.30pm on Wednesdays.

For every other day school finishes at 3.00pm.

P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2018

EVERY TUESDAY
 10:30AM - 3:30PM

P & C AGM
 12 FEBRUARY 2018
 6.00PM—LIBRARY

Merredin College needs your support!

A school is only as strong as it's parent community.

DONATION OF SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

Parents/carers who have Merredin College uniforms which they no longer require are encouraged to donate them to the school.

Primary: Drop into the Primary office

Secondary: Uniforms can be left at Student Services

IMPORTANCE OF YOUR CHILD ATTENDING IN THE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF TERM 1, 2018

As the school is funded according to the number of students we have enrolled and attending, we are pleading with parents/carers to ensure that their child/ren have been enrolled and have attended before 16 February 2018. Students who are enrolled but have not attended cannot be counted in our census and hence we do not receive any allocation for them. If you know that your child will be attending Merredin College in 2018 but cannot attend before 16 February, please contact Sandi Lee (School Officer) so that she can enter this information on our system. If there is a confirmed start date during Term 1 and we have this entered on our system before 16 February we may be able to count these students and hence receive funding for them.

SCHOOL BOARD

The first School Board meeting for the year will occur on Thursday 15 February at 5.30pm in the secondary staffroom.

P&C AGM—12 FEBRUARY 2018 6PM

All parents and carers are strongly encouraged to attend the AGM of the P&C this coming Monday at 6 pm in the library. All positions are vacant. Without the P&C, we would not be able to run the canteen or the uniform shop. Extra funds provided by the P&C for activities like the Choir Camp are considered essential.

THE NEW SCHOOL RULES

As part of the Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) initiative Merredin College now has 4 expectations/rules to guide the behaviour of staff and students.

These are:

Our Values



MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

Follow us at: <https://www.facebook.com/Merredin-College-256760021333175/> or scan the QR code

ABORIGINAL PARENT/CARERS BREAKFAST AND MEETING— TUESDAY 14 MARCH AT 8.00AM

Aboriginal parents and carers are invited to come along and meet their child's teacher and the education assistants who support them in the classroom. This will be in the form of a breakfast in the undercover area beginning at 8.00 am. This will be followed by a Parent/Carer meeting at 9.00 am in the secondary staffroom to plan the year ahead. For enquires contact Jeni Hayden, Chrissi Smith or Tanya Garlett.

STUDENTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Breakfast Club commences at 8.15am so no student should be at school before 8.15am. Unless attending Breakfast Club or arriving by school bus which may drop students here early, children should not be at school before 8.30am on school days. The school grounds are out of bounds after hours and on weekends. Parents/carers are asked to remind their children about this and be aware that it should not be used as a short cut to get to the top end of town. Police complete periodic "walk throughs" in order to monitor trespassers.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents are advised that the new blue polo is only an addition to the school uniform. It is in limited supply. The blue button up shirt is available and part of the uniform. Students who are not wearing school uniform because they state that they cannot buy a shirt should contact the Uniform Shop for a blue button up shirt.

MEDICAL STUDENT IMMERSION PROGRAM

On 14 and 15 March, 46 medical students from Notre Dame and Curtin University will visit Merredin College as part of their visit to Merredin and Westonia to experience rural life. They will conduct activities with primary students and use the opportunity to have small group discussion with some of our staff and secondary students. Our younger primary students may be required to bring teddy bears, dolls etc. for a thorough health check! More information will be provided later .

CAMP KULIN-EASTERN WHEATBELT EDUCATION NETWORK (EWEN) LEADERSHIP CAMP

Our Year 6-10 student leaders will attend a two day Leadership Camp at Camp Kulin on 20-21 February. They will be accompanied by student leaders from Bruce Rock DHS, Moorine Rock PS, Nungarin PS, Mukinbudin DHS and Southern Cross DHS. The camp has been fully funded by EWEN. Next week, more information will be provided to the students who will be attending.

EASTER TUESDAY

Easter Tuesday falls within the school term this year. Easter Tuesday is on 3 April and schools are not required to open on this day.

SECONDARY *Link*

YEAR 7 BIG DAY OUT

This Year 7 Orientation Day is being held this Friday 9 February. Students have been provided with information regarding this. If you have any questions, please contact Mr David O'Neill (Year 7 Coordinator) .

YEAR 11 AND 12 ATAR PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

There will be a meeting for parents and students currently enrolled in the ATAR pathway on Tuesday 13 February at 5.30pm in the WAHLSTEN Library. This meeting will provide important information on the expectations and demands of your child's courses and how the school can work with you to cope with these expectations and demands to maximize results.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club will be commencing on Tuesday 13 February. It will be running Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3.00-4.00pm. Students are encouraged to come along for support and assistance to complete homework or assignments. Teachers will be there to help students as they 'strive to succeed' and get on top of your studies.

UNIVERSITY VISITS

Several of the universities will be visiting Merredin College on Thursday 15 March during Period 1. Year 11/12 ATAR students and Year 10 students who are possibly university bound will be invited to take part. For more information contact Mr Mike Gibbon (Academic Performance Coordinator).

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CHILD'S STUDIES—JOIN CONNECT— YEAR 11/12 ATAR AND YEAR 10s

Connect is an online environment provided free for staff, parents and students. It enables parents to login to find out a huge range of information about their child's schooling including:

- Classes
- Assessment outlines and the assessments your child is required to complete
- Notices generated from your child's classes

To register, please contact Sandi Lee in the front office. Further information can be found in last week's MC Link.

YEAR 7-11 STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Ms John's Year 10 class have been coordinating the election of our 2018 Middle School Councillors. Each year group will vote for the 2 students who will represent them as leaders. This will occur in the library on 8 and 9 February.

EXTRA TUITION FOR YEAR 12 ATAR STUDENTS

In order to provide our ATAR students with the best possible opportunity to complete a successful ATAR in Year 12, Merredin College is providing extra tuition at set times (before the regular school day commences) in a number of subjects.

The sessions have been organised to coincide with regular Period 1 timetabled lessons for the same subject. Students will be able to remain in the same room for the entire time. The sessions will commence at 8.30am to coincide with the arrival of most students



to school, including those arriving by bus.

Before school tuition has started in the following subjects:

Methods Mathematics (Mr Gibbon) Rm 24 Tuesday 8.30am
Application Mathematics (Mr Gardiner) Rm23 Tuesday 8.30am
Human Biology (Miss Rogerson)Rm27 Friday 8.30am
English (Mr Baltovich) Rm15 Thursday 8.40am
Any queries contact Mr Gibbon.

SPECIALIST VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM

On the back of our students' success at the State Volleyball Championships, Mr Dave Pirovich is introducing a specialist Volleyball program for students who show interest and ability in this sport. Letters will be sent home to some students in the near future and a Volleyball Program selection day will be held on Friday 2 March. Students who join the program will be expected to train outside of school hours. For more information please contact Mr Pirovich.

YEAR 12 LEAVERS' JACKETS

Students who wish to order a leavers' jacket must have the order form and \$79 submitted to Student Services by tomorrow, Friday 9 February. Please direct any queries to Miss Natalie Beale or Ms Rebecca Ryan.

YEAR 10-12 ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL BALL

Please refer to the attached information for student eligibility requirements for the 2018 School Ball.

PRIMARY *link*

PRIMARY OFFICE 2018

The Primary Office will be manned by a school officer from 8.30am to 9.30am each day. The contact for the Primary School in 2018 will be the main Merredin College phone number: 9041 0900. To guarantee messages get passed on to students before the end of the day they will need to be received by the office by 2.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and by 2pm on Wednesday (Early Close).

If parents need to collect their child during the day, they can sign them out in the Primary Office, where they will receive a green slip to give to the classroom teacher, before collecting them from class. Students cannot be released from class without a green slip.

Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)

SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 3 – 6 students will continue their In-term Swimming Lessons during Week 3. Students need to remember their bathers, towel, plastic bag and underwear each day.

Got a question about this? Mrs Barbara Smith (Deputy Principal)

PRIMARY HOMEWORK CLASSES

Homework classes will be held on Tuesdays from 3:15 to 4:00pm. Students are able to use this time to complete homework tasks or to work on learning areas that they have difficulty in. Sessions will be supervised by a teacher who will be supported by the Primary Student leaders. Students to meet in the Block 4 Wet area. A healthy afternoon snack will be provided.

Got a question about this? Miss Amanda Lockyer (Year 4/5 Classroom Teacher)

SAVE THE DATES

The Merredin College Primary Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 23 February and the Interschool Carnival on Wednesday 7 March. We will be advertising for parent helpers over the next few weeks. Please save the dates to help us out and/or come along to support your child on the day.

Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)

NO HAT!! NO PLAY!!

Merredin College has a STRICT 'No hat–No play Policy'. All children need a hat to participate in our recess, lunch and physical education programs. Hats are available from the Uniform shop and the primary office for \$12.

Got a question about this? Mrs Barbara Smith (Deputy Principal)

SCHOOL SPEED ZONE

To ensure that our children are safe, we request that members of the general public observe the 40 km/hour speed limit on all roads around the school perimeter.

Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)

CRUNCH & SIP

"Crunch&Sip" has become a common catchphrase in WA schools over recent years. It is the name given to the break where students eat a piece of fruit or a vegetable snack and drink water in the classroom.

It's a great opportunity for students to have a healthy snack and rehydrate with water. Only fruit, veg and water are allowed. Thanks to these breaks, the piece of fruit in your child's lunchbox always gets eaten – it doesn't come back home again looking worse for wear!

Crunch&Sip Budget Tip: Pack fruit or veg in season for a healthy snack that's cheap!

For Crunch&Sip ideas go to:

<http://www.crunchandsip.com.au/>

Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)

SCHOOL SITE – AFTER HOURS

The school site is out of bounds outside of school hours. Parents/carers are asked to remind their children about this and be aware that it should not be used as a short cut to get to the top end of town.

Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)

HEALTH CARE PLANS

Student health care plan updates went home with students last week. Please complete them and return them through the classroom teacher as soon as possible to ensure your child's health concerns are managed appropriately by school staff.

Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)

PARENT CONTACTS

Parent update sheets will come home over the next week. Please check through them and make any changes necessary and return them to school as soon as possible.

Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)

WHOLE SCHOOL SPORT

Whole school sport has changed to Tuesdays for 2018 to fit in with specialist Physical Education teacher rosters. Students are encouraged to wear their faction t-shirts on Tuesdays this year.

Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)

SEESAW LEARNING PORTFOLIOS (K-6)

Seesaw is a simple way for teachers and students to record and share what's happening in the classroom. Seesaw gives students a place to document their learning, be creative and learn how to use technology.

Each student gets their own journal and will add things to it, like photos, videos, drawings, or notes. When there are new Seesaw posts, families can be notified via app notification, email or SMS. Parents are only notified about their own child's work, and all data is safe and secure.

Teachers have started sending out invitations for parents to access their child's electronic learning portfolio. Check out the video for further information here: <https://youtu.be/pzlrDR84KY>

Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly will be hosted by the Year 2 classes and will be on Thursday 1 March at 9am in the primary covered assembly area. We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate our students achievements.

Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)

CoMmuNiTy NoticEs

AFL—FEMALE FOOTY

NOW is the time to register your interest to be involved with the AVON Youth Girls Competition in 2018.....

We are calling all Players, Coaches, Volunteers, Officials who would like to register their interest in this competition.

All you have to do is click on the link below and it will take 5 minutes to complete: (this link will remain open until 31 March 2018)
<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=75116>

PLAYERS NOTE (Girls as of 2018 must be in Year 7 to Year 12)

There is an option to select what club the PLAYER would like to play for either with Northam, York, Bindoon and Kellerberrin/Cunderdin listed as the options. If a player is from another town not listed all the player has to do is click on one of the teams to register your name.

All players must register as a child on the first page of the link. (Child = under 18 years of age)

Slow down to 40km/h in school zones

Riding their bike to school, make sure they wear their helmet

Riding the bus to school, make sure they follow bus driver rules. Discuss safe paths to cross road at bus stops

Discuss walking routes to school & home – safe road crossing paths

BACK TO SCHOOL

31ST JANUARY 2018

School 40km/h Zones

We would like to remind the community that schools resume on Wednesday 31st January 2018, and school 40km/h zones will apply. Help us keep the children safe by slowing down and not being distracted while driving.

New Passing Distance Law – 1m under 60km/h

The State Government has announced new minimum passing distance laws to protect cyclists. From 30th November 2017, a driver of a motor vehicle must pass a bicycle travelling in the same direction at a safe distance, being:

- 1 metre on roads where the posted speed limit is 60km/h or less;
- 1.5 metres on road where the posted speed limit is more than 60km/h

The penalty for contravening the law is \$400 and 4 demerit points.

For more information please visit the Road Safety Commission website: <https://www.rsc.wa.gov.au/files/let-Enables-Browse-Cyclists>

Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre

MERREDIN REGIONAL COMMUNITY AND LEISURE CENTRE

MERREDIN SOCCER CLINIC & HAVE A GO DAY

NEW EXPERIENCED COACH | STARTS 4PM

MONDAY 12TH, FEBRUARY

WITH A GOLD COIN DONATION | AGES 4 - 25

REGISTER INTEREST WITH ESTELLE MADAFFARI ON 0495 707 779 OR ESTELLEMADAFFARI@HOTMAIL.COM OR THE FRIENDLY STAFF AT MRCLC ON 90412023 VISIT OUR FACE BOOK PAGE "SOCCER MERREDIN"

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Save the Date:

6-16 February 2018
Yr 3-6 Swim Lessons

9 February 2018
Yr 7 Big Day Out
(Orientation Day)

12 February 2018
P&C AGM - 6.00pm
School Library

13 February 2018
Aboriginal Breakfast 'Meet
the Teachers' - 8.00am

13 February 2018
Aboriginal Parent
Meeting 9.00am

13 February 2018
Yr11/12 ATAR Parent
Information Night

15 February 2018
School Board Meeting
5.30pm

Term 1 2018 Planner:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT
3	12 Yr3-6 Swim Lessons K-6 Classroom Parent Mtgs (All Week) P&C AGM Meeting (Library) 6pm	13 Yr3-6 Swim Lessons Aboriginal Breakfast 'Meet the Teachers' Aboriginal Parent Meeting Yr11-12 ATAR Info Night (Parents/students)	14 Yr3-6 Swim Lessons <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	15 Yr3-6 Swim Lessons School Board 5.30pm	16 Yr3-6 Swim Lessons	17
4	19	20 Yr6-10 Students Leaders Camp-Kulin	21 Yr6-10 Students Leaders Camp-Kulin <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	22	23 Primary Swim Carnival	24
5	26	27 Yr7-12 Interim Report Night 4-6pm	28 Sec. Swim Carnival <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	1 MARCH Primary Assembly 9am	2 Volleyball Program Selection (Rec Centre)	3
6	5 Labour Day	6 OLNA (All Week)	7 Primary Interschool Swim Carnival <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	8 Halogen Young Leader- ship Conference- Secondary	9 Halogen Young Leader- ship Conference-Primary Secondary Interschool Swim Carnival(Wylie)	10
7	12 SCHOOL PHOTOS *OLNA	13 SCHOOL PHOTOS OLNA Yr7-9 Parent Evening 5- 6pm-'Preparing for Uni Pathway'	14 SCHOOL PHOTOS OLNA Wheatbelt Medical Stu- dents Immersion Pgm <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	15 OLNA Wheatbelt Medical Stu- dents Immersion Pgm University Visit-P.1(Yr10 -12)	16 OLNA Yr7-12 Assembly- P.1 (Middle School Council announced)	17 Merre- din Show
8	19 OLNA P&C Meeting 3.15pm	20 YR 6 CAMP OLNA YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	21 YR 6 CAMP OLNA <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	22 YR 6 CAMP OLNA	23 YR 6 CAMP OLNA	24 YR 6 CAMP
9	26	27	28 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	29 Primary Assembly 9am Primary Assembly 9am Primary Loved Ones Day	30 Good Friday	31
10	2 Easter Monday	3 Easter Tuesday (no school)	4 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	5	6	7 School Ball
11	9	10 Commonwealth Games Fun Run (Primary) P-Yr6 Glass of Class Lunch	11 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	12	13 Last Day Term 1 Primary ANZAC Assembly -P.1 Yr7-12 ANZAC Ceremony & Assembly P.2	14

MERREDIN COLLEGE
Attendance at 2018 School Ball

The criteria required for attendance at the Ball were established to encourage students to make the right choices. Currently there are four main ways by which students can lose Good Standing:

- Behaviour (Suspensions)
- Work completion
- Attendance
- Mobile Phone use and Uniform

Behaviour (Suspensions): If students lose their Good Standing for Behaviour (in or out of school suspensions) at any stage from Semester 2 2017 then they lose their right to attend the Ball (**without exception**).

Work Completion: If students lose their Good Standing due to not completing work to a satisfactory standard in Semester 2 2017, they can restore Good Standing by submitting all assigned tasks before the end of the year. As a result they are able to attend an appeal meeting with a Deputy Principal to plead their case.

If students don't complete all their work in Semester 1 2018, then they are ineligible to attend the Ball.

Good Standing for work completion is not automatically restored after a set time period but rather only once the set tasks have been submitted. (Even if the relevant teacher decides to award a 0% score for the task).

Class Preparedness: Student who are unprepared for class on 5 occasions will lose Good Standing. This includes students who fail to purchase and bring the required text books for Year 11 and 12.

Attendance: The attendance average from Semester 2 2017 until the time of the Ball needs to be at least 90%. Attendance that is less than 90% needs to be explained in a review meeting with a Deputy Principal.

Mobile Phone/Uniform: If students lose their Good Standing for uniform or mobile phone use in Semester 2 2017 then they will need to attend an appeal meeting with a Deputy Principal to plead their case in order to be considered to attend the Ball. Attendance at the Ball is still at the Deputy Principal's discretion.

Students who lose Good Standing in 2018 for any reason are unable to earn back their right to attend without exception.

MERREDIN COLLEGE P&C UNIFORM SHOP

NEW POLOS –General information and update on stock arrival

We have been overwhelmed with orders for the new polos, (an addition to the current College uniform), since returning back to school this year. Our distributor LW Reid, has also been caught by surprise! The polos are a new item which they introduced in early October 2017 and as such, only had a base stock supply on hand. They supply Australia wide and did not anticipate the popularity of these items.

Unbeknown to us, we were already on the 'back foot' from the time the new polos were approved by our College Board to taking our first orders in early November. Blue is a popular school uniform colour! Other influencing factors which have added processing time for our shirts so far are; initial student orders were low so our stock ordering has not met demand, LW Reid and their manufacturers both close at different times over January and LW Reid do not send out shirts over the holidays. Adding the embroidered logo which is required as stated in our Uniform Policy is been another complicating factor.

All orders received via email, left at administration or orders through the Uniform Shop as of close of business 6 February, have been entered into our system. We need approximately 300 shirts to cover all orders (including students who are still waiting on one or two more shirts to finalise their order). An order for 300 shirts was placed on 31 January to our distributor (covering the quantity needed at that time, plus extras) and as such will cover the current student orders when they eventually arrive.

We are expecting eighty more polos to arrive next week and another seventy in a future shipment on 2 April. This order was placed in late November 2017 and has been allocated to the polo orders still waiting from 2017 and some that were placed in January 2018. More details are below.

Over the next couple of months, new orders which are placed after 6 January and orders which still have not received any polos will receive priority. You can order as many as you like, although at this stage a maximum of two polos per student will be distributed, in some cases, it may be only one (size dependant). We are trying to be fair across the board so everyone will receive at least one new polo when they arrive and until we reach a status quo. We sincerely ask everyone to be patient and apologise to those who had the foresight to order at the end of last year.

Please make sure you have ordered the correct size. You can return items but you will be placed in the queue again to receive a replacement, which has not been allowed for.

Stock arrival dates - LW Reid usually wait until the total order is ready to post. We have asked that they send us any sizes which are ready. Information below is for those who have not yet received a polo shirt and is current as of 6 February. Please allow us time to process and notify/distribute.

Size 12 – Expected arrival to College 14 February. One per student for orders up to and including 29 January 2018

Size 14 – After April

Size 16 – Expected arrival to College 14 February. Up to two per student- orders placed in 2017. One per student for orders up to and inclusive 30 January. Future shipment 2 April – one per student for orders placed 1- 6 February

Small – Future shipment date 2 April – One per student (possibly two if two ordered in early November 2017) – orders up to and inclusive 6 February 2018

Medium – Expected arrival to College 14 February – Two per student if ordered 2017. One per student order up to and including 28 January



Merredin College P&C Uniforms

Facebook is the quickest way for us to inform you. This is for general information purposes only – comments will not be responded to individually. Previous posts may answer your question. Please email for specific enquiries

merredincollegeuniforms@mail.com

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