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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2018

EVERY TUESDAY
 10:30AM - 3:30PM

MISSING SCHOOL DOES MATTER

- 90% Attendance rate** - If your child misses 1 day per fortnight that equals 1 month per year and adds up to missing nearly 1 1/2 years of school. In Year 12, they have only received the education of someone half way through Year 11.
- 80% Attendance rate** - If your child misses 1 day per week that equals 2 months per year and adds up to missing nearly 2 1/2 years of school. In Year 12, they have only received the education of someone half way through Year 10.
- 60% Attendance rate** - If your child misses 2 days per week that equals 4 months of the year and adds up to missing nearly 5 years of school. In Year 12, they have only received the education of someone in Year 7.
- 40% Attendance rate** - If your child misses 3 days per week that equals 6 months per year and adds up to nearly 8 years of school. In Year 12, they have only received the education of someone in Year 4.

Is this fair to them?

If you miss	This equals	From PP-Yr 12 adds up to	Which is equivalent to finishing school:
1 day per fortnight	1 month per year	nearly 1 ½ years	part-way through year 11
1 day per week	2 months per year	over 2 ½ years	part-way through year 10
2 days per week	4 months per year	over 5 years	the end of year 7
3 days per week	6 months per year	nearly 8 years	the end of year 4

Please support your child/ren to attend school every day.

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 must be dressed in uniform.

CANTEEN

Please be advised that Canteen services have now been resumed.

Our Values



EARLY CLOSE

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

For every other day school finishes at 3.00pm.



MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

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2018 SCHOOL PHOTO INFORMATION

Our School Photos will be taken on:

Monday 12 March 2018

Family Photos (Surnames A-H) in Library from 8.20-8.45am
Year 9, 10 11 and 12 Student Photos + Primary & Secondary
School Leader Group Photos

Tuesday 13 March 2018

Family Photos (Surnames I-N) in Library from 8.20-8.45am
K1/PP, PP-Yr 6 Student Photos, Primary Choir Group Photo,
Primary Leaders Group Photos

Wednesday 14 March 2018

Family Photos (Surnames O-Z) in Library from 8.20-8.45am
K3, K2/PP Student Photos, Year 8 and Yr 9 Student Photos

Class Photos/Portraits

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.
- Your child will be given a personalised pre-paid envelope by the class Teacher.
- Please ensure that your child returns the pre-paid envelope with enclosed payment to school on photo day if you wish to purchase photos.
- Please note: The Photographers are not permitted to open the envelopes and cannot provide change.

Family Photos

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration.
- Family photos are being taken each morning before school.
- Please bring your children in on the days listed above via your child's surname to avoid long queues.
- Please ensure that your family envelope with enclosed payment is handed to the Photographers on photo day.

Special/Sports Group Photos

- If your child is in a Special/Sports photo you will receive a link and password to the online gallery after photo day, where you can view and order these photos if required. These photos will be packed and delivered with the school's bulk order.

Photo envelopes will be distributed to primary students via their class teachers this Friday and secondary students envelopes will be distributed through Form classes on Monday.

SECONDARY *Link*

YEAR 7-12 INTERIM REPORT NIGHT

This will be held next Tuesday 27 February from 4-6pm in the College Gym. Interim Reports will be handed out on arrival. Teachers will be available for 5 minute interviews. Any reports not collected on the night will be handed to students on Wednesday afternoon.

YEAR 7-12 TENNIS CLASSIC—CUNDERDIN

On Tuesday 27 February, a selected group of students from years 7-10 will compete against neighbouring wheatbelt schools in the annual Country Tennis Classic competition held in Cunderdin. In the previous two years, Merredin College students have won their preliminary games and earned the right to challenge schools from across the state in the finals held in Perth. We wish our teams good luck in the upcoming competition.

SECONDARY HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Secondary House Swimming carnival will be held next Wednesday 28 February. This is a student nomination carnival and only those students who have elected to swim will attend the carnival. Parents are invited to come and support their child or children on the day. Parents are also reminded that they can be kept up to date with the carnival results by using sportstrackerapp.com. All students were issued logons to the site through their student email accounts. Parents can logon through their child's accounts.

YEAR 10-12 EXCURSION CLEARANCE FORM

Students in Years 10-12 who wish to attend excursions (including the School Ball and Country Week) must take the above form to all of their teachers who will sign off regarding any outstanding work. If there is outstanding work students will not be able to attend.

CAREERS INFORMATION FOR YEAR 8-10 STUDENTS

In Term 1 and 2, students from Years 8, 9 and 10 will be attending Future Moves workshops presented by Vikki Sinagra, a Career Developments officer from Directions Workforce Solutions.

Future Moves Workshops

Year 8 Let's Get Real

Workshop 1: Realistic job roles
Workshop 2: Social media and careers

Year 9 Taking Action

Workshop 1: Why do I go to school?
Workshop 2: Career profiling

Year 10 Workforce 101 Series

Workshop 1: Career pathways and the local job market
Workshop 2: Employer expectations and core skills for work

Permission slips to attend these workshops will be sent home in the next few weeks, please sign and return to Mrs Morris as soon as possible.

YEAR 11 AND 12 VET STUDENTS WORKPLACE LEARNING

Year 11 and 12 students completing a VET course have the opportunity to attend workplacement in the last week of Term 2, 25-29 June. **All VET students not attending Country Week are encouraged to find a placement related to their VET course.**

Applications have been handed out and the return deadline is Week 4, Term 2, 25 May. It is the responsibility of the student along with help from parents to find a placement.



HOMWORK CLUB

Homework Club has commenced and will be running on 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 their studies.

CANBERRA CAMP

Year 9 students who have their name on the list for the Canberra Camp in August are reminded that they must earn the right to attend by displaying the College values of caring, respect, responsibility and striving to succeed. This translates into behaving appropriately both in and out of class, displaying respect for peers and teachers, completing all set work and attending school regularly. Canberra is definitely one of the highlights on the Year 9 calendar and we do hope that all students 'do the right thing' to ensure they can attend.

Year 8 students who would like to attend the Canberra Camp in 2019 are reminded that their behaviour and attendance this year will determine whether or not they are offered a place.

YEAR 10-12 ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL BALL

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

PRIMARY *link*

MORNINGS

Students should not arrive at school before 8.30am unless they are attending Breakfast club which starts at 8.25am. Teachers open classrooms at 8.30 and all students should head directly to class when they arrive to ensure adequate supervision. All classrooms run morning activities focussed on getting students ready for the day.

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)

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)

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Merredin College Primary Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow, Friday 23 February. We send a huge thank you to all the parents that have volunteered to help out on the day. We look forward to seeing our parents there on the day to support their swimmers.

Got a question about this? Ms Kylie Bryant (Specialist PE Teacher)

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)

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. We are starting a new tradition this year with classes reperforming their items at the seniors care facility, Moorditj Mia, in the week following the assembly. Excursion notes will come home soon for the Year 2 classes.

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

TARGETING MATHS BOOKS

Student booklists for 2018 included a student workbook for Mathematics, 'Targeting Maths'. **This book is an integral part of all student's numeracy learning program in Pre-primary to Year 6 and an absolute necessity.** Reminder letters were sent home this week as we have 1 or 2 children in each class without a book. The school has copies of the workbooks available from Primary Administration at a cost of \$18.95. Books can be paid for by EFTPOS through the main office or with cash at the Primary office. Payment plans can be arranged with primary administration where families are having difficulties paying for the books.

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

Save the Date:

23 February 2018
Primary Swimming Carnival

27 February 2018
Yr 7-12 Tennis Classic-
Cunderdin

27 February 2018
Yr 7-12 Interim Report Night
4.00pm -6.00pm

28 February 2018
Secondary Swim Carnival

1 March 2018
Primary Assembly 9.00am

Term 1 2018 Planner:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT
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 Tennis Classic- Cunderdin *Yr7-12 Interim Report Night 4-6pm	28 *Sec. House 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) *Yr8-10 Future Moves Workshop <i>Youthcare Mtg 5.30pm</i>	7 *Primary Interschool Swim Carnival *Yr8-10 Future Moves Workshop <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	8 *Halogen Young Leader- ship Conference- Secondary	9 *Yr11 Waitressing-IWD P.2-5 *Halogen Young Leader- ship Conference-Primary *Secondary Interschool Swim Carnival(Wylie)	10
7	12 SCHOOL PHOTOS *OLNA (All Week)	13 SCHOOL PHOTOS *Yr7-9 Parent Evening 5-6pm-'Preparing for Uni Pathway'	14 SCHOOL PHOTOS Wheatbelt Medical Students Immersion Pgm <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	15 Wheatbelt Medical Stu- dents Immersion Pgm *University Visit (8.50- 9.50) Yr11/12ATAR Yr10 ATAR *Yr2 Moorditji Mia Excursion 1.10pm <i>School Board 5.30pm</i>	16 *Yr7-12 Assembly- P.1 (Middle School Council announced)	17 Merredin Show
8	19 *OLNA (All Week) P&C Meeting 3.15pm	20 *YR 6 CAMP *Black Dog Institute Visit P.1-4	21 *YR 6 CAMP <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	22 *YR 6 CAMP	23 *YR 6 CAMP	24 *YR 6 CAMP
9	26	27	28 *Aboriginal Parent Meeting 9am <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	29 *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 *Yr 12 Councillors set up for Ball	7 School Ball
11	9	10 *P-Yr6 Glass of Class Lunch	11 *Commonwealth Games Fun Run (Primary) <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	12	13 Last Day Term 1 *Primary ANZAC Assem- bly-P.1 *Yr7-12 ANZAC Ceremo- ny & 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: Students 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 not wearing the correct 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.





FOOTBALL: the fun game for all! BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4-9

Club/Organisation: Merredin Soccer BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME
Over at Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre

Venue: Over at Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre

Start date: Have a go day (ALL AGES): 12th February-Apr then Mini Roos Program from 18th February at 4pm

Price: Program 8 weeks for \$80 (includes insurance and registration). Your club will receive a welcome pack!

Contact: Enails Macfarlan (080070777) or Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre



Participant Pack includes:
Ball, Boot Bag,
Shin Pads, Water Bottle
& Sticker Sheet

Register at minirosos.com.au






STORY TIME FOR TODDLERS AND PRESCHOOLERS

Where: Merredin Public Library
Time: 10:30am - 11:15am
When: Tuesday mornings during term time

27/02/18: we will be reading about frogs and doing frog craft
6/03/18: we will be reading about colours

Small changes,
big differences.





Come to our FREE Parenting information session to gain some positive parenting tips for Dealing with Disobedience.

Open for all parents and care givers with children aged between 3-8 years.

DATE : Wednesday 7th March
TIME : 9am – 11am
VENUE : Merredin College
RSVP TO: Jessica Della Bosca - 90491321 or Jessica.dellabosca@health.wa.gov.au or Merredin Community Health on 90410444 by 1st March 2018

www.triplep-parenting.net



