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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2018

EVERY TUESDAY
10:30AM - 3:30PM

Our Values



EARLY CLOSE

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

For every other day school finishes at 3.00pm.

MONDAY HOLIDAY

Students and their families are reminded that Monday 5 March is a holiday - Labour Day. We wish everyone a great long weekend.

SCHOOL EVACUATION PROCESS

Parents/vistors to the school site during an Evacuation must evacuate along with staff and students to the Evacuation Point (generally the oval).

NAPLAN EXEMPTIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be undertaking NAPLAN Online in Term 2 between the 15 and 25 May. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is an important tool used by teachers to measure student progress.

Students with a significant intellectual disability and/or those with significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests may be exempted from sitting the tests.

Students who have been attending school in Australia for less than a year before the tests may also be eligible for exemption. Exemptions should be discussed with your child's classroom teacher

Parents or carers may withdraw their child from the tests to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. It is recommended that withdrawal be considered in consultation with your child's teacher.

All requests for exemption from testing or withdrawal from testing must be received by the school by Friday 6 April. Exemption and Withdrawal Forms can be collected from primary administration or the main office.

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

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 7 and Yr 8 Student Photos

Class Photos/Portraits

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.



MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

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

- 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.

SECONDARY *Link*

ONLA WRITING

OLNA Writing for Year 10, 11 and 12 students who are required to sit this assessment will take place in Room 4 on Tuesday 7 March during Periods 1 to 3. Students will be directed by their teacher at their allocated time. Any student away on Tuesday will be required to sit the assessment on Friday.

HALOGEN NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

On Thursday 8 March our Year 12 Student Councillors and Year 7 to Year 11 Middle Councillors are off to the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre where they will attend a series of workshop sessions which are designed to develop their leadership potential. This year's speakers include John Coutis who will deliver his amazing story of overcoming diversity without the lower part of his body, Andrew Embley who is a former West Coast Eagles Premiership Player, Rick Ardon, Channel 7 news presenter and Michelle Cowan who is the inaugural Senior Coach of Fremantle Dockers AFL Women's Team

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.

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.

FUTURE MOVE WORKSHOPS

As advertised last week, Year 8, 9 and 10 students will take part in Future Move Workshops on 6 and 7 March in the library as indicated below. For any enquiries, please contact Mrs Sutherland.

Term1 -	Tuesday 6 March	Wednesday 7 March
Week 6	Period 1	Period 1 10-3 Eng Mr Dawson
	Period 2 1 0-2 Eng Miss Warnock	Period 2 8-1 HASS Miss Johns
	Period 3 9-1 HASS Ms Johns	Period 3 8-3 HASS Mr Eggleston
	Period 4 9-2 Sci Miss Cuthbertson	Period 4 9-1 Eng Mr Baltovich
	Period 5 0-1 Sci Miss Rogerson	

SECONDARY INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL: WYALKATCHEM

The House swimming carnival was run yesterday with some great times being swum. The Interschool team will now be selected to represent Merredin College at Wyalkatchem on Friday 9 March 2018 at the East Avon Sporting Association Swimming Carnival. Students will be notified today and handed permission notes.

Champions:

- Year 7 Male & Female R/Up:*
Harry Farson & Caitlin Squire
- Year 7 Male & Female Champion:*
Codan Daddow & Chloe Lane
- Year 8 Male & Female R/Up: J*
Jacob White & Emma Irving
- Year 8 Male & Female Champion:*
Xavier Rajagopalan & Siena Shelton
- Year 9 Male & Female R/Up:*
Campbell Woodfield & Georgina Squire
- Year 9 Male & Female Champion:*
Arlo Adams, Blake Jones & Jasmin Griffiths
- Year 10 Male & Female R/Up:*
Darcy Dixon & Jelara Daddow
- Year 10 Male & Female Champion:*
Trent Caplan & Charlee Brooker
- Upper School Male & Female R/Up:*
Tyren Stones & Febe Irving
- Upper School Male & Female Champion:*
Alexander Rajagopalan & Lana Drakeford

House Results:

1. Kelly 276
2. Mitchell 258
3. Law 224
4. Growden 204



YEAR 11 WAITRESSING

The Year 11 Hospitality class will be assisting Hayley Billing with waitressing at the International Women's Luncheon held at Cummins Theatre on Friday 9 March. Permission notes will be sent home tomorrow.

HOMEWORK 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.

LOST PROPERTY

Student Services has a large amount of lost property. Items include; wallets, watches, jewellery, thumb drives, glasses and other items. Please check that these items are not yours.

YOUNG ENDEAVOUR YOUTH SCHEME

The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme is pleased to announce that applications are always taken for young Australians aged 16-23 to join a voyage in the national sail training ship *Young Endeavour*.

Twenty four youth from across Australia will join each eleven day voyage during the 2018 program. As members of the crew they will keep watch and take the helm, handle lines on deck, cook in the galley, navigate using the ship's charts, and climb the 30 metre mast to set and furl the sails.

While at sea, they will be encouraged to pursue personal and team goals and challenges. By the end of each voyage they will have the skills and confidence to elect a leadership team and take command of the 44 metre brigantine, sailing *Young Endeavour* along the Australian coast.

Applications are open at www.youngendeavour.gov.au. Voyage fees and conditions will apply to successful applicants, who must be aged 16-23 year on the day of departure of their selected voyage/s. Potential applicants should apply now for the best chance of being drawn for a voyage.

PRIMARY *link*

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)

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)

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:

2 March

Volleyball Program

7 March

Primary Interschool Swim
Carnival

5 March

Labour Day Holiday

8 March

Halogen Young Leadership
Conference-Secondary

6 March

Yr8-10 Future Moves
Workshop

7 March

Yr8-10 Future Moves
Workshop

Term 1 2018 Planner:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT
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 <i>Wheatbelt Medical Students Immersion Pgm</i> <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	15 <i>Wheatbelt Medical Stu- dents Immersion Pgm</i> *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) <i>P&C Meeting 3.15pm</i>	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.



*STORY TIME FOR
TODDLERS AND
PRESCHOOLERS*

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

6/03/18: we will be reading about colours
and making a rainbow.



Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service

Meningococcal vaccine for 1-4 year olds

A FREE vaccination to protect against meningococcal strains ACWY is being offered to all children aged 12 months to less than five years.



Meningococcal disease is an uncommon, but sometimes life-threatening illness. At any one time, about 10 per cent of healthy people carry meningococcal bacteria harmlessly in their nose or throat and do not become ill. To reduce the incidence of meningococcal disease among this vulnerable age group, a free vaccine will be available throughout 2018.

Contact your local GP or Child Health Clinic to schedule an appointment for your child/children to receive the vaccine.

For more information:
www.health.wa.gov.au

Eastern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service - Merredin Phone: 9041 0444 E-mail: easternwheatbelt.phs@health.wa.gov.au	Wheatbelt Public Health Unit - Northam Phone: 9622 4320 E-mail: wheatbelt.phu@health.wa.gov.au
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A CLINIC WILL BE HELD AT: Primary Health Eastern

DATE: 9th March 2018 TIME: 0830 - 1030

FOR APPOINTMENTS, CONTACT: 90 410 444 to register

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





Wheatbelt Country Supplies proudly sponsoring the

Merredin District Lawn Tennis Club

2018 Open Day

Sunday 11 March 2018
Start time not before 10am

Mens and Ladies Doubles A, B and C Grades \$25 per player
Merredin Recreation Centre

Lunch and afternoon tea provided
Dinner available



Nominations to club captains by Wednesday 7 March
Jacinta 0400 653 531
Grant 0400 937 293

Enquiries to mdlcc@hotmail.com.au

