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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS TERM 2

Wednesdays: 9.30am-1.30pm

Thursdays: 3-4pm

CANTEEN SPECIALS

Friday 2 June 2017

Primary Students

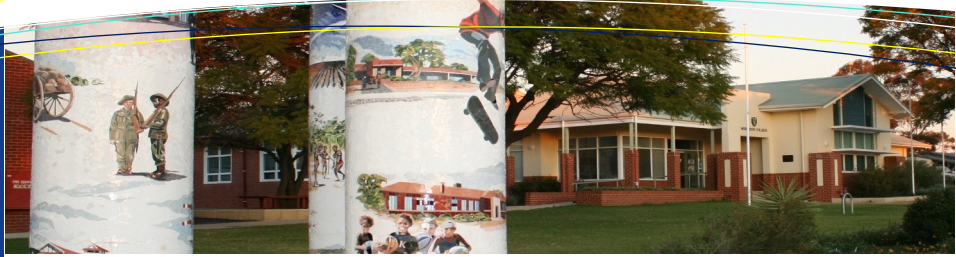
Spaghetti Bolognese
\$4.50

Secondary Students & Staff

Chicken Curry
\$6.00

BOOKCLUB

Orders are due back on Wednesday
June 7 2017



WA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY—MONDAY 5 JUNE 2017 AND SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY—TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2017

Next Monday 5 June is WA Day. The following day, Tuesday 6 June is a student-free day as staff will be engaged in a School Development Day. This day promises to be an interesting one which should address the needs of most of our teachers and education assistants. We have teachers and education assistants attending from all of the schools in the Eastern Wheatbelt Education Network.

We wish all staff, students and their families an enjoyable long weekend and remind everyone that all students should be back at school on Wednesday 7 June.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

At Merredin College we expect the highest standard of behaviour from our students towards staff and one another. Equally, we expect that our interactions with parents, carers and the wider community will be respectful. Violent, threatening behaviour will not be tolerated and nor should it be.

Fortunately the majority of our students are outstanding young people and conduct themselves well. This article therefore applies to a minority of students.

Every member of our staff has the right to work in a safe environment that is free from aggressive behaviour, threats and violence. To this end, violence of any type is not tolerated at Merredin College. Workplace violence can be defined as 'any action or incident that physically or psychologically harms another person. It includes situations where staff and other people are threatened, attacked and/or physically assaulted at work. It may include damage to property and may occur on or off school site.'

An increasing number of secondary students seem to think that non-compliance with a reasonable instruction from a staff member is okay. Some respond with abuse or threats when asked to comply with a school rule which can be as simple as being asked to sit in a specific seat in the class or to put their phone away. This is simply not acceptable. At the extreme end, when threats or intimidation are used, this constitutes violence and has a negative impact on the mental well-being of staff. In some cases, when parents are contacted, they support their child or blame the school. For ongoing offenders, I find this lack of support hard to accept. Regardless of what sort of day a student has had, there is no excuse for this type of conduct and it is in the best interests of parents and carers to work with the school to change this behaviour.

To curb this aggressive behaviour, Merredin College will be reviewing Individual Behaviour Management Plans. Parents/carers will be requested to attend to provide an opportunity for input. Whether or not this offer is taken up, the plan will be implemented.

Due to the effect on the safety and health of employees and others at the workplace, violence and aggression are unlawful under the Occupational Safety



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and Health Act 1984 (the Act). Under the law, school staff have the same rights as any other public officer. When workplace violence or aggression involves physical assault or threat of assault the incident becomes a police matter and is dealt with under the criminal code.

I am sure all agree that we need to look after our fantastic staff who hold the keys to our future, education.

P&C CATERING—6 JUNE—SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

If you can help on the above day or provide donations of food, please contact Rochelle Willis via email: rochelle.willis@education.wa.edu.au

P&C SCHOOL UNIFORM SURVEY

A survey should have arrived in your email inbox. This has been designed to gather information regarding your thoughts and opinions on the current school uniform, in particular the blue button up shirt. This is being done in conjunction with gathering information from other parties with a vested interest - staff, students and the community. It is important to note no changes have been planned at this stage.

If you wish your views to be included, please complete the survey by 9 June 2017. If you have already responded to a similar survey via a Facebook link, you are asked to complete **this survey** as the previous survey has been modified and only the responses from this survey will be included. The results will be presented at the next P&C meeting on 12 June 2017 at 3.15pm in the Block 1 Wet Area. Your email address is required to verify only one response per Merredin College student household and will not be distributed or recorded as part of the data collection.

If you are aware of parents/carers who do not have access to email, please ask them to request a hard copy of the survey from the front office - Susan Coomber (School Officer).

SECONDARY *Link*

CROSS COUNTRY

Tomorrow (Friday 2 June) we will be running our whole school cross country. The primary will be beginning theirs in the morning and the secondary will begin in Period 3 (11.30 am). This event is only for students who have nominated to participate. Please direct any questions to Zane Walker (primary) or David Pirovich (secondary)

YEAR 10 EXAMS

Examinations are being completed tomorrow for Year 10 HASS. Exams are in the library and on as follows:

Day	Subject	Time
Friday 2 June Periods 1 & 2	HASS	Reading: 10 Mins Working: 1 1/2 Hrs

COUNTRY WEEK AND WORKPLACE LEARNING TERM2 (YEAR 11 AND 12)

Monday 26 – Friday 30 June (last week of term)

Year 11 & 12 Timetable is suspended

Year 11 & 12 students should be –

*at Country Week

*on Workplace Learning (ADWPL)

*at home studying, completing assignments/ tasks, etc

RURAL AND REGIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships will support 1200 regional and remote students to undertake STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) studies. Rural and regional students can apply for scholarships for vocational education, undergraduate and postgraduate studies (Certificate IV to PhD) valued at up to \$18,000 each. Follow this link: <https://www.education.gov.au/rural-and-regional-enterprise-scholarships>

2018 PREMIER'S ANZAC STUDENT TOUR COMPETITION IS NOW OPEN!

This commemorative study tour is open to WA secondary students from Years 8-11, and invites passionate young ambassadors to represent WA on a history and commemorative study tour of Vietnam from 16-26 April 2018. Interested students and teachers are invited to download the relevant entry package at <http://www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/anzac/detcms/portal/>

For further enquiries please contact Ms Rebecca Ryan (History teacher)

PRIMARY *Link*

PRIMARY ADMINISTRATION

Ms Herbert will be on leave for the remainder of the term starting next week. Please direct all primary enquiries to Mrs Leah Boehme and Mrs Judy Middleton in primary admin.

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

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is on Wednesday mornings in the wet area of the Early Childhood Block. School Banking is available between 8.30am-8.50am. Forms can be collected at this time if you would like to set up an account for your child.

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

FUNDRAISING – SPELLING BEE

Merredin College primary will be running a Spelling Bee Fundraiser later in the term and **sponsorship notes and spelling lists went out last week**. All money raised will go toward special projects in primary including creating and

resourcing a MakerSpace for students where K-6 students are able to be creative, invent, explore and tinker in a collaborative environment while accessing a range of materials, tools and technologies from low tech items like collaborative weaving looms and cardboard to hi tech items like 3D printers and green screen technologies. This space would be utilised for delivery of our design and digital technologies curriculum and form an integral part of STEAM (Science – Technology – Engineering – Arts – Maths) Curriculum.

The Spelling Bee will be run in classes on Thurs.day

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

BEHAVIOUR

In Week 5 of Term 2, 31 commendations were given for demonstrating outstanding behaviour, attitude, achievement or respect. Our Glass of Class winners were: Mikayla Palmer and Adam Townrow.

Got a question about this? Mrs Leah Boehme (Deputy Principal)

PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country for primary students will be held this Friday 2 June on the school Oval. Students have been training during morning fitness and PE lessons. Our champions from this event will be invited to join our interschool team who will head off to Bruce Rock the following Friday – 9 June – for the Interschool Cross Country and may represent the College later in the year at the Meckering Cross Country Event.

AGE GROUP	RACE	RACE DISTANCE
6Yrs & Under Girls	9:00am	1km
6Yrs & Under Boys	9:15am	1km
8Yrs & Under Girls	9:30am	1km
8Yrs & Under Boys	9:45am	1km
10Yrs & Under Girls	10:00am	1.5km
10Yrs & Under Boys	10:15am	1.5km
12Yrs & Under Girls	10:30am	2km
12Yrs & Under Boys	10:45am	2km

PLEASE NOTE: The start times to all events are approximations and may change on the day, it is always best to arrive earlier than the estimated start times, to avoid disappointment.

Got a question about this? Mrs Zane Walker (PE Teacher)

FIDGET SPINNERS

Last week we had a few issues with fidget spinners at school. Parents are reminded that children should not be bringing toys to school unless it is a news item.

Got a question about this? Mrs Leah Boehme (Deputy Principal)

Save the Date:

2 June

Primary & Secondary
Cross Country

5 June

WA Day
Public Holiday

6 June

School Development
Day

9 June

Bruce Rock
Cross Country

Term 2 Planner:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	5 WA Day Public Holiday	6 School Development Day	7 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	8	9 Bruce Rock Cross Country
8	12 P&C Mtg 3.15pm	13	14 Aboriginal Parent Mtg 9.30am-Staffroom <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	15 Primary Assembly 9am	16 *Gingin Excursion Yr12
9	19	20 YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	21 Yr10 Careers Excursion <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	22 Primary Spelling Bee	23 Prim. Winter Carnival Yr 7-12 Assembly P.1 NEWSLETTER
10	26 Yr10/11/12 Country Wk Yr11/12 ADWPL Try-A-Trade Excursion	27 P-Yr2 Glass of Class Lunch	28 Yr3-6 Glass of Class Lunch <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	29	30 Last Day Students Newsletter →