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P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS TERM 2

Wednesdays: 9.30am-1.30pm
Thursdays: 3-4pm

CANTEEN SPECIALS

Friday 9 June 2017

Secondary Students & Staff

Chicken Vegetable Soup
and Bread Roll
\$3.50

The Importance of Parents/Carers as Partners in the Education Process

As a follow up on the article which appeared in last week's MC Link which addressed the issue of poor student conduct, I would like to expand on the hugely important role which parents or carers play in the behaviour of children at school.

Students who behave poorly at school rob themselves and their peers of educational time. As a school we have processes in place to address poor behaviour by students. Whilst suspension provides a short term solution, it does not stop the behaviour when there is an underlying issue. As staff we become less effective if parents or carers refuse to work with the school to address the issue. We need to find out what the causes are before we can provide the necessary support. As parents, you know your children better than anyone.

I encourage you to work in partnership with the school to ensure your children are given the best support possible.

Staff Leave - Who To Contact

Primary

Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal) is on long service leave until the end of Term 2. For any enquiries related to primary, please contact Mrs Leah Boehme or Mrs Judy Middleton who have taken on the Primary Deputy Principal roles for the remainder of Term 2.

Secondary

Mr Gerard Rennie (Deputy Principal) is also currently on leave and should return on 19 June. Please direct any of the enquiries normally directed to Mr Rennie to Tracey Sutherland (acting Deputy Principal) or Bev Stanes (Principal).

School Development Day – Tuesday 6 June

The P&C catered for the School Development Day earlier this week raising approximately \$2500 for your children. This was quite well supported in terms of donations, thank you. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the two P&C members who assisted on the day. Our office staff fortunately made themselves available to assist the P&C in catering for the 140 people from surrounding schools who attended.

Community Notice

POSITION VACANT

Merredin College is currently advertising for a Home Economics Education Assistant position through the Jobs Online website. This position is for 10 hours per week, working on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. If interested you can apply via Jobs Online <https://jobs.wa.gov.au/>
Please note: Application can only be received through the Jobs Online website. Please contact Thelma Motzel, Manager Corporate Services for any queries.



MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK

P&C SCHOOL UNIFORM SURVEY

The closing date for the P&C Uniform Survey is this Friday 9th June. Please contact the school for the link or a hard copy of the survey.

SECONDARY *Link*

COUNTRY WEEK AND WORKPLACE LEARNING TERM 2 (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

INFORMATION ABOUT EXTERNALLY SET TASKS (ESTS) AND GRADES

YEAR 11 & 12

YEAR 11 ESTs

In Year 11 ESTs do not have to be used in the final assessment. Year 11 ESTs are really a practice for the real thing in Year 12. Some teachers may decide to use the EST as part of the overall assessment. Unlike in Year 12, they do not have to allocate 15% to the EST. Please check with your child's teacher if you wish to find out what individual teachers decide regarding this.

YEAR 11 COURSES AND GRADES

Year 11 paired courses can be taught separately or concurrently. General and Foundation courses [G1/F1] are taught separately so the grade awarded at the end of Semester 1 is the final grade for those courses.

ATAR courses –

For those taught separately [A1] the grade awarded at the end of S1 is the final grade for that course.

For those taught concurrently [AE], the grade at the end of S1 is only an interim [progress/proposed] grade. The grade at the end of Semester 2 will be the final grade for both courses [A1 & A2].

YEAR 12 ESTs

Year 12 ESTs do have to be used in the final assessment. The EST is allocated a weighting of 15% over the whole year [for the pair of courses].

YEAR 12 COURSES AND GRADES

In Year 12 all pairs of courses, ATAR, General & Foundation are taught concurrently [AT, GT & FT].

The grade awarded in Semester 1 is only a progress grade for both courses.

The final grade for both courses is the one awarded at the end of Semester 2.

STUDENT UNIFORM SURVEY

Mr James is meeting with the secondary student leaders to design a suitable uniform survey. Once this has been done our secondary students will have an opportunity to express their views.

YEAR 10 STUDENTS—REWARD ACTIVITY

Ms Natalie Beale is organising a special reward for students who have maintained their Good Standing this term and have an average of 90% attendance or greater. Letters have been sent to parents outlining the details and inviting students to attend this team building rewards afternoon. This will occur on Friday 16 June during Periods 4 and 5.

YEAR 12 PARENTS—IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Next week all Year 12 students will be required to complete an online Student Declaration and Permission for the **School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA)**.

Student Declaration

All Year 12 students will need to declare that they are aware of the requirements to achieve the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) and for sitting the ATAR course examination. These requirements are listed in the Year 12 Information Handbook which is available on the Authority website at <http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/publications/year-12-information>.

The Authority is seeking permission from students to

- (a) Release their name should they win an award
 - (b) Use of school work for creating support materials
- The Authority is seeking permission for the use of school work produced during 2017, e.g. assignments, projects, portfolios, tests, school-based exam responses
- (c) Use of examination responses (written and practical)

For further information go to The Authority website at:

<http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/the-wace/student-declaration>

PRIMARY *Link*

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? Mrs Leah Boehme (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 have been sent home**. 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 Thursday

Got a question about this? Mrs Judy Middleton (Deputy Principal)



DISNEY DAY CHANGE OF DATE

There has been a change of date for the advertised Disney Day.

On Friday June 16 we will be having a Disney Free Dress Day. This will be a day to dress up as anything related to Disney. It will be for a gold coin donation and funds will go to Perth Children's Hospital.

BEHAVIOUR

In Week 6 of Term 2, 27 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)

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:

9 June

Bruce Rock
Cross Country

12 June

P&C Meeting
3.15pm

14 June

Aboriginal Parent Meeting
9.30am

15 June

Primary Assembly
9.00am

16 June

Year 12 Gingin
Excursion

21 June

Year 10 Careers
Excursion

22 June

Primary Spelling Bee

26—30 June

Country Week

Term 2 Planner:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	12 P&C Mtg 3.15pm	13	14 Aboriginal Parent Mtg 9.30am-Staffroom Early Close 2.30pm	15 Primary Assembly 9am	16 *Gingin Excursion Yr12
9	19	20 YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	21 Yr10 Careers Excursion Early Close 2.30pm	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 Early Close 2.30pm	29	30 Last Day Students Newsletter



Baby Boot Camp



A fast paced and fun event for 0 - 5 year olds to enjoy with their parents or grandparents.

Fun activities and active games, obstacle course includes balls, steps, races, ropes, building blocks, and balance equipment.

**For more information contact
Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre:**

9041 3033 or merredin@belgravialeisure.com.au

Thur 29 June • 10 am - 12 noon • Free

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