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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS TERM 2

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

TERM 3

**Monday July 17: School Development
Day**

Tuesday July 18: Students Commence

HAPPY HOLIDAY

As this is the last MC Link for Term 2, we wish all students and their families a safe and happy holiday.

STUDENT SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Year 10, 11 and 12 reports have been emailed to parents. Parents/carers who would also like a hard copy of the report can request this by calling the school on 9041 0900 and then collect the report from the main Administration Office this week. Parents/carers who do not have an email address were provided with a hard copy via their child.

K-9 reports will be emailed on Thursday 29 June.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY—TERM 3

Parents/carers are reminded that the first Monday of Term 3 (July 17) is a student free day. Students commence on Tuesday July 18.

MERREDIN COLLEGE COMMUNITY UNIFORM SURVEY

Members of the community are encouraged to respond to our Uniform survey which is available on the Shire website and Facebook page. The closing date for responses is Monday 24 July.

YEAR 12 ATAR STUDENTS

We wish the Year 12 ATAR students all the best as they spend these holidays studying for the final exams in November

SECONDARY *Link*



YEAR 7-12 ASSEMBLY

The first assembly for Term 3 will occur in Week 2 on Tuesday 25 July at 2.00pm (Period 5).

Highest Achievers for Semester 1, VET Scholarship recipients and 100% attendees for Semester 1 will be acknowledged. Country Week results will also be announced. All families are welcome to attend. This assembly will occur prior to the Year 7-12 Parent/Teacher Interview Night (Tuesday 25 July at 4.00pm).

HIGHEST ACHIEVERS—STUDENT MORNING TEA/LUNCH

The highest achieving students in each year group will be invited to a morning tea on Friday 4 August. More information will be provided later.



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SECONDARY *Link Cont'd*

YEAR 7-12 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW NIGHT

Parents/carers are invited to discuss their child/ren's progress at the Parent/Teacher Interview Night in Week 2 next term. This will be held in the library on Tuesday July 25 (4-6pm). Any issues raised as a result of your child's report can be discussed at this time.

Please contact Mr Gerard Rennie if you have a question regarding this.

BIBBULMUN TREK (BOYS)

Thanks to Mr Gardiner and Mr Tibbits, the Bibbulmun Trek for Year 9 and 10 boys will take place from 24-27 August (Week 6).

STAFFING TERM 3

Miss Isobelle Sirianni's Home Economics' position will be shared by Mrs Kylie Ritchie and Mrs Nicole Newton commencing in Term 3.

YEAR COORDINATORS AND TEACHER-IN-CHARGE

We welcome Ms Sarah Johns back from leave. She will resume her role as Year 8 coordinator. Mr Tom James has taken on the position of Year 9 Coordinator for the remainder of Semester 2. Miss Natalie Beale will take on the position of Teacher in Charge – T&E/The Arts for the rest of 2017.

SCHOOL UNIFORM/ATTENDANCE AND GOOD STANDING AND THE RIGHT TO ATTEND EXTRA CURRICULAR EVENTS

There are many opportunities for students to attend extracurricular activities at Merredin College. It is not a student's right to attend. Extracurricular activities are privileges which must be earned. Please refer to the table shown on the next page for the criteria which must be met before students can attend the main extracurricular activities. These commence in Semester 2, 2017. Parents/carers are asked to remind their children.

AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

The Australian Maths Competition will be held on Thursday July 27 and is open to Years 3-12. More details will be provided later.

TALENT CAMP COMING TO WA

The Australian Film Television & Radio School (AFTRS) in partnership with Screen Australia and ScreenWest is running a camp for emerging creative talent in Western Australia.

The workshop is free for successful applicants. People from diverse backgrounds (cultural background, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, geographic disadvantage and socio-economic status) are encouraged to apply if they have produced creative work, are passionate about storytelling and are interested in exploring a career in screen media.

Applications close 10 July, and the workshops will take place in Perth in mid-September. The project will provide travel and accommodation costs for those living outside of Perth.

For more details and application details;

<http://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-courses/talent-camp>

<http://screenwest.wa.gov.au/news-events/2017/05/aftrs-screen-australia-screenwest-announce-talent-camp-wa/>

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PRIMARY *link*

TERM 3 DATES

Term 3 will commence for students on Tuesday 18 July and will conclude on Friday 22 September. Merredin College staff will be attending a Staff Development Day on Monday 17 July. Thank you to all families for your effort and contributions this term and we wish all students and their families a very enjoyable and safe holiday break.

SPELLING BEE FUNDRAISER

A fantastic result was achieved by all; from the funds raised Merredin College has gained \$4100.00! THANK YOU so much for such excellent efforts. Please check our school newsletter for all our Super Spellers who earned themselves the title of Champion Speller in their respective classes.

CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Year 1 to Year 3 students will begin Christian Religious Education lessons in Term 3. If you don't wish for your child to participate, please contact the Primary Office.

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

FIDGET SPINNERS

It is unfortunate that the school needs to address again the presence of fidget spinners at school. This item is banned from our school. All students, including bus students, are not permitted to bring fidget spinners to school. Due to this request being continually ignored by students, if any more fidget spinners are brought to school they will be confiscated and kept at the Primary Office and are to be retrieved by parents not students. I thank you all in anticipation of your cooperation with this matter.

Got a question about this? Mrs Leah Boehme or Mrs Judy Middleton (Deputy Principals)

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)



BEHAVIOUR

In Week 9 of Term 2, 31 commendations were given for demonstrating outstanding behaviour, attitude, achievement or respect. Glass of Class winners this week: Aubrey Wallam, Kaitlyn Kittyea, Logan Cervantes and Angus McGrath. This week, we had our Glass of Class luncheons; PP- 2 students enjoyed a scrumptious lunch with Mr Ritchie and Mrs Boehme on Tuesday and Year 3 to Year 6 also enjoyed a scrumptious lunch with Mrs Stanes and Mrs Middleton, on Wednesday. A big thank you to Mrs Zane Walker for coordinating the catering and the parents who contributed to making Glass of Class a very enjoyable experience.

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

FRIDAY 21 JULY IS AN IMPORTANT DATE IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

Families need to apply to enrol their children in a public school for 2018 if they are:

- starting Kindergarten – 4 years old by 30 June 2018
- starting Pre-primary (first year of compulsory school) – 5 years old by 30 June 2018
- starting Year 7 (first year of secondary school)
- changing schools.

All children from Pre-primary to Year 12 are guaranteed a place at their local public school.

To apply to enrol your child, visit your local school by Friday 21 July 2017.

For more information or to find your local school visit education.wa.edu.au.

Year Group	School Uniform	Attendance*	Good Standing (GS)	Penalty
All student leaders (Middle School Councillors and Year 11 Student Councillors)	Should be in school uniform as they are our role models	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	Loss of badge
2017 Year 9 Canberra students	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May be withdrawn from Canberra Camp
2018 Year 9 Canberra students (current Year 8's)	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May not be offered a place on the 2018 Canberra Camp
2017 Year 9-11	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	If lose GS, in S2 2017 student must earn back by the end of 2017. Cannot lose GS in 2018.	May not be allowed to attend the School Ball in 2018
2017 Year 12	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS in S2. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May not be allowed to attend the Year 12 Awards Night

* An explanation for student absences MUST be given to mark their attendance accordingly. A note saying they were away on a date without a reason for an absence will be marked "Unacceptable Absence".

Save the Date:

30 June
Last Day Term 2

17 July
School Development Day

18 July
Students Commence
Term 3

Term 3 Planner:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	17 JULY School Development Day	18 Students Commence YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	19 Interruption Free Week (P) <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	20	21
2	24 Interruption Free Week (P)	25 <i>Aboriginal Parent Mtg 9.30am</i> *Yr7-12 Assembly P.5 (Highest Achiever Sem.1; VET Scholar; 100% Attendance) *Yr7-12 Parent/Teacher Interview Night (Library) 4-6pm <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	26 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	27 *Aust. Maths Comp.	28
3	31 Interruption Free Week (P)	1 AUGUST	2 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	3 School Board Mtg 5.30pm	4 *Highest Achiever Student Morning Tea
4 	7 NAIDOC WEEK	8 *Canberra Camp Info Night -7pm	9 <i>Early Close 2.30p</i>	10	11 *Naidoc Assembly -P.1
5 	14 SCIENCE WEEK	15 YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	16 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	17 *Primary Assembly 9am	18 *Choir Camp *NEWSLETTER
6 	21 BOOKWEEK *Canberra Camp	22	23 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	24 *Bibbulmun Trek(Boys) School Board Mtg 5.30pm	25
7	28 *OLNA-Numeracy and Reading-Yr 12 *OLNA-Numeracy and Reading-Yr 10 & 11	29	30 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	31	1 SEPTEMBER *Primary Athletics Carnival
8	4 *OLNA-Writing *OLNA-Numeracy and Reading-Yr 12 *OLNA-Numeracy and Reading-Yr 10 & 11	5 *Canberra Presentation Night-7pm	6 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	7 *Primary Assembly 9am	8 OPEN DAY
9	11 *OLNA-Numeracy and Reading-Yr 12 *OLNA-Numeracy and Reading-Yr 10 & 11	12	13 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	14 *Yr7-12 Assembly	15 *Primary Interschool Carnival *Yr11/12 General English Exams *NEWSLETTER
10	18 Merredin Bus Accident Anniversary *Yr11/12 ATAR Exams *OLNA-Numeracy and Reading-Yr 10 & 11	19 *P-Yr2 Glass of Class Luncheon YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	20 *Yr3-6 Glass of Class Luncheon <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	21	22 Last Day Term 3 *MRC Awards Night

