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TERM 3, WEEK 1
20 July 2017

MC *link*



Merredin College Weekly Community Update



P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS TERM 3

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

CANTEEN SPECIAL

Friday 21/07/2017

All Students and Staff

Shepherds Pie

\$6.00

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.

ABORIGINAL PARENT MEETING

Parents/carers of Aboriginal students are invited to our first meeting for Term 3. This will be held in the secondary staffroom on Tuesday 25 July at 9.30am.

CCTV

During the July holidays several CCTV cameras were installed in the school. This new initiative will allow staff to more effectively monitor student behaviour and provide a means of identifying those who are flaunting the rules. We believe it will also improve student feelings of safety.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (PBS)

On the recent School Development Day, staff spent time identifying the student behaviours which they do not like and which infringe on the rights of students to learn and teachers to teach. As part of this same activity, they also identified the behaviours/attributes they would like to observe. Students will also take part in a similar activity. Results will be collated so that we have 3-5 values/attributes which will underpin our decisions and conduct at Merredin College.

SECONDARY *Link*

YEAR 7-12 ASSEMBLY

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

Highest Achievers for Semester 1 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).

YEAR 7 TO 12 PARENT INTERVIEW NIGHT—TUESDAY 25 JULY

Parents and students are invited to the library from 4 – 6pm on Tuesday 25 July to meet with teachers to discuss Semester 1 reports.

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.



MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

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SECONDARY *Link Cont'd*

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).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

Parents/students are advised to familiarise themselves with the table found on page 3 of this MC Link.

Students who fail to meet the required criteria will miss out on extracurricular activities.

AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

The Australian Maths Competition will be held on Thursday July 27 and is open to Years 3-12. For any questions, contact Mr Darren Gardiner.

PARENTS OF YEAR 11 STUDENTS—IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If your child is doing a VET course other than Nursing they need to organise a work placement for next term (16 Oct - 10 Nov). For all courses a minimum of 110 hours work placement in an industry related to at least one of their VET qualifications needs to be completed. For students enrolled in Building and Construction a minimum of 220 hours is required. Your child has been given a Workplace Learning application form, this needs to be completed and returned to Mrs Sutherland or Mr Wallace in the front office no later than 18 August.

YEAR 10 PARENTS—UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFIER (USI)

Earlier this year we sent home a letter to all Year 10 parents explaining that every student will need a USI to enrol in their Year 11 Courses. We still have a number of students who have not returned the required information. If your child does not have a USI you will receive a letter and information slip this week. Please complete the information slip and return to Mrs Sutherland as soon as possible. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

STAFFING

We welcome Mrs Nicole Newton and Mrs Kylie Ritchie who have taken on the Home Economics teaching role for Semester 2. We also welcome Miss Terri Te Kani as Student Support Officer who is supporting students as part of the Student Services Team. Congratulations to Mrs Fleur Forsyth for winning a permanent position as Education Support Coordinator at the College.

YEAR 10-12 STATEWIDE MENINGOCOCCAL IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

Primary Health will be at Merredin College next Monday and Wednesday (24 and 26 July) to administer immunisations to students in Years 10-12. Consent forms were distributed to students on Tuesday and must be completed and returned to Student Services by this Friday 21 July. If your child was absent or did not receive their form, please contact Student Services immediately.

PRIMARY *link*

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
- 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 Merredin College by Friday 21 July 2017.

For more information visit education.wa.edu.au.

STAFFING

We welcome Miss Abby Hunter who has taken on the Kindergarten teaching position. Congratulations to Mrs Leah Boehme who successfully applied for the Deputy Principal position for the remainder of Semester 2.

THANKYOU

A big thankyou to Mrs Judy Middleton and Mrs Leah Boehme who managed primary operations in my absence. I had a lovely time away, enjoying 5 weeks of summer in Texas but am very happy to be back on board at Merredin College and catching up with students and staff this week.

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

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking takes place each week on Wednesday morning in the wet area of the Early Childhood Block. School Banking is available between 8.30am-8.50am. Forms will be available at this time if you would like to set up a new account for your child. Mrs Billings is nearing the time when her baby will be born so there will be a few weeks where we will collect school banking for her. There will be a box in primary administration for students to drop their banking into when this happens as we don't want students to miss out on their weekly tokens. School Banking is a great way to develop financial skills and the concept of 'saving' in children.

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

TECHNOLOGY

Merredin College was successful in their grant application to Western Power for two 3D printers to be added to our MakerSpace in primary valued at around \$8000. The Year 5 class, with Mrs Postans, will be working through the Circuit Breakers course during this term, using the 3D printers to design an ideal delivery system for power in Merredin. The class will have visiting engineers from Western Power as well as opportunities to visit some alternative energy providers in town.

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



AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

We have 28 Year 3-Year 6 students involved with the Australian Maths Competition next Thursday. They have had a practice run this week and we look forward to hearing of their achievements.

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

SUSTAINABILITY

Merredin College was successful in their grant application to the Keep Australia Beautiful campaign, following suggestions from Student Councillors to address the issue of non-recyclable plastic wrap in our school waste. The Year 5/6 class will be creating a design brief for reusable sandwich wraps with the goal of each student in the school either making or being provided with a reusable sandwich wrap. The \$1600 grant will purchase all the materials and tools required and we intend to have reusable salad bowl covers available for purchase as part of an enterprise process down the track.

Other activities this semester:

1. Our Kindy and Pre-primary classes will be organising 'Waste Free Wednesdays' where we aim to have NO non-recyclable materials used as part of students' lunch boxes. We will have LOTS of suggestions for parents as to how this can be achieved.
2. Our PP/1 class are continuing their efforts to support the recycling of mobile phones, spectacles and ink cartridges with recycling stations in the primary admin office if you have any of these that you are trying to dispose of please feel free to send them in.
3. Our Year 1 class will be getting our worm farm up and

running this term to help with the disposal of all the organic waste we are collecting at meal times at the college.

4. Year 1/2 have put a proposal to the administration team for a project which will be announced shortly.
5. Our Year 2 class will continue to run the paper recycling program, collecting all recyclable paper, arranging for shredding and then use in the kitchen garden or sharing with community members
6. Our Year 3 class will be setting up a recycling centre in Block 2 and will soon be putting out a call for items that we will be collecting at the College. These will be available for use in classes, the MakerSpace and by community members
7. Year 4 and Year 5 classes have started their composting projects to dispose of our organic and paper wastes and feed this straight back into the College's kitchen garden.

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

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE


We have two visual artists who will be working with our Year 3-6 students next week to develop a mural at the entry to the primary on Block 1. Our junior primary students have also submitted art work in Term 2 which will be incorporated into the mural. A big thankyou to Mrs Burnett for arranging this opportunity for our students.

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

PEAC TESTING

Notes will go home to Year 4 parents this week regarding PEAC testing on Thursday 3rd August. If you DO NOT want your child involved with the testing that identifies talented and gifted students please contact your child's classroom teacher.

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

 IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS EARNING 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 below for the criteria which must be met before students can attend the main extracurricular activities. These commence in Semester 2, 2017.				
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 8 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, students must earn back by the end of this year. 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

Save the Date:

25 July

Aboriginal Parent Meeting—9.30am

25 July

Yr 7-12 Assembly 2.00pm

25 July

Yr 7-12 Parent/Teacher Interview Night 4.00pm-6.00pm

3 August

School Board Mtg 5.30pm

11 August

NAIDOC Assembly 2.00pm

Term 3 Planner:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	24 Interruption Free Week (P)	25 <i>Aboriginal Parent Mtg 9.30am</i> *Yr7-12 Assembly P.5 (Highest Achiever Sem.1 & 100% Attendance) *Yr7-12 Parent/Teacher Interview Night (Library) 4-6pm	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.5
5 	14 SCIENCE WEEK	15 YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	16 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	17 *Primary Assembly 9am	18 *Choir Camp
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 *Yr10 Drama Performance	8 OPEN DAY *Yr10 Drama Performance
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
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

Please note: The Secondary Athletics Carnivals will be advised next week.





Merredin College P&C Canteen

WINTER MENU

Recess

Wingets	\$1.00
Cheesie	\$2.20
Chicken cheesie	\$2.80
Ham cheesie	\$2.80
Tomato cheesie	\$2.50
Vegemite cheesie	\$2.30
Pizza Muffin	\$2.20
Muffins	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$1.00



Drinks, Ice-Cream & Snacks

Jelly	\$1.50
Jelly and Custard	\$2.00
Fruit Salad	\$2.20
Yogo chocolate	\$2.50
Water-600ml	\$2.50
Fruit Juice-250ml	\$2.50
Juice Boxes – 200ml	\$2.00
Milk drinks-600ml	\$4.50
Milk Drinks -300ml	\$3.20
Piece of fruit	\$1.00

Sandwiches/ Rolls/ Wraps

	Sandwiches	Rolls/Wraps
Butter	\$1.00	\$1.50
Vegemite	\$1.20	\$1.60
Vegemite Cheese	\$2.20	\$2.70
Cheese	\$2.20	\$2.50
Egg Salad, Plain or Curried	\$4.70	\$5.20
Ham, Chicken or Tuna Salad	\$4.70	\$5.20
Egg or curried egg	\$3.00	\$3.50
Ham/Cheese	\$4.20	\$4.70
Ham/Cheese/Tomato	\$4.70	\$5.00
Rice-Paper-Rolls Plain **	\$5.00	
With Ham or Chicken **	\$5.50	

Toasties

Bacon/Egg	\$5.50
Ham/Cheese	\$4.50
Ham/Cheese/Pineapple	\$5.00
Chicken/Cheese/Pineapple	\$5.50
Chicken/Cheese/Mayo	\$5.00
Chicken/Cheese	\$4.50
Ham/Cheese/Tomato	\$5.00
Bacon/Lettuce/Tomato	\$4.00
Cheese Only	\$2.50
Cheese & Vegemite	\$2.70
Tomato Cheese	\$3.00



Lunch times only

Ice-creams	\$2.00
Icy Poles	\$0.50
Slushies	Full \$2.00
	Half \$1.00



DAILY SPECIALS!!

Salad Plates & Daily Specials

Plain Salad	\$5.00
Egg & Salad	\$5.50
Meat/Tuna Salad	\$6.00
Sushi Rolls	\$6.00
Sweet Chilli Tender Wrap	\$6.00 / \$3.00
Stuffed Potato	\$3.00
Mini Quiche	\$1.50
Quiche	\$5.50
Veggie Lasagne	\$6.00
Veggie Quiche	\$5.00
Soup	\$3.00

Monday

Sausage Rolls	\$3.00
Pies	\$4.00
Party Pies	\$1.20
Sauce	\$0.50

Tuesday

Pizza	\$3.50
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Wednesday

	Mini
Hot Beef & Gravy Roll	\$5.50 / \$2.75
Hot Chicken & Mayo Roll	\$5.50 / \$2.75
Hot Dog	\$4.50 / \$2.25

Thursday

Chicken/Beef/Vegetarian Burger	\$6.00
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Friday

Beef Nachos	\$5.50
Daily Special	\$6.00

(advertised Weekly)

****Must be ordered before recess****

Our menu and specials operate within the guidelines to the traffic light system through the Canteen Association of Western Australia.

