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# MC link



Merredin College Weekly Community Update



## P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS TERM 3

Wednesdays: 9.30am-1.30pm  
Thursdays: 3.00-4.00pm

**DON'T FORGET TO  
ORDER YOUR  
FACTION SHIRTS**



## NAIDOC WEEK

7 August—11 August 2017



## CANTEEN SPECIAL

Friday 4 August

All Students

Roast Beef Dinner  
**\$6.00**

### MERREDIN COLLEGE WEBSITE

The new website went live last Friday. Parents who wish to access the website should go directly to the site via the link [www.merredincollege.wa.edu.au](http://www.merredincollege.wa.edu.au). We discourage parents from finding the website by doing a Google search as it will bring up parts of our old website. This will continue to occur until Google carry out their update (apparently every two or three weeks). We are especially indebted to Rebecca Wallace who has worked tirelessly on the new website – a huge project.

### NAIDOC WEEK

Next week (7-11 August) we celebrate NAIDOC Week. Teachers will engage students in Aboriginal perspectives across the curriculum throughout the week. We are indebted to Chrissi Smith, Jenno Hayden and Tanya Garlett for their advice and support.

### NAIDOC ASSEMBLY

The NAIDOC Assembly will be held next Thursday 10 August at 9.00am (Period 1) and involve students from K-Year 10.

### NAIDOC COMMUNITY DAY TIMETABLE—THURSDAY 10 AUGUST 2017

NAIDOC - COMMUNITY DAY THURSDAY -10 AUGUST 2017	
Time	Event
P.1 9:00-10:00	NAIDOC Assembly in the Gym at 9:00am
P.2 10:00-11:00	Feature Basketball Game at 10:15 – 11:00am
Recess 11:00-11:30	MORNING TEA – SHARED PLATES
P.3 11:30-12:30	Outdoor games in the Primary quads/oval
Lunch 12:30 – 1:30	KANGAROO BURGER LUNCHES
1:30-2:00	Open classrooms at 1:30 – 2:15pm – students to walk through own and siblings classes with families
2:00-3:00	Closing (TBA) at 2:15 – 2:30pm
	Return to classes at 2:30 – 3:00pm



## MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

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## NEWSLETTER

In the past, the newsletter has been published twice per term for the purpose of highlighting student achievements, classroom activities and reports on extracurricular activities. The newsletter will no longer be published. All information which would have appeared in the newsletter, will now be published on the College website under 'News and Events—Latest News'.

The MC Link will continue to be published each week.

## P & C MEETING

The first P&C meeting for Term 3 will occur on Monday 7 August at 6.00pm in the library. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

## URGENT—SPORTS SHIRTS—CALL FOR ORDERS

The athletics carnivals will soon be here. If your child needs a new House shirt, please contact the Coordinator by Thursday 10 August to arrange - the colour and size you need may not be here!!

Payment can now be made by EFTPOS through College administration. An invoice from the Uniform shop is required for administration to process - this means you have to visit the Uniform Shop first and then go back to administration to pay. Uniform items will not be given out unless receipt from administration is received.

# SECONDARY *Link*

## YEAR 12 REFERENCE REQUEST

Year 12 students who wish to be provided with a reference must have their application in by Friday 11 August. For more information, contact Mr Nathan Tibbits.

## NCCD

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is a joint initiative of all Australian governments and all state and territory government and non-government education authorities. National data is collected annually to identify the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment provided for them. From 2015, all government and non-government schools will participate annually in the national data collection. The school will finish the collating of this data over the next week for submission during a biannual census for the Department of Education. If your child is a new inclusion in the census parents will be contacted. For further information about the census: <https://www.education.gov.au/what-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Got a question about this?

Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal - Primary)

Mr Jarrad Ritchie (Deputy Principal - Secondary)

## BIBBULMUN TREK (BOYS)

A Parent Information Night will be held on Monday 14 August at 7.00pm in the southern staff room. This is when the students will receive their backpacks and raincoats.

## OUR STUDENTS AND FUTURE JOBS

A new report from the Foundation of Young Australians (FYA) has revealed that in the future no job will be immune to automation.

[The New Work Smarts](#) analysed over 20 billion hours of work completed by 12 million Australian workers across 400 occupations each year to predict the skills and capabilities that will matter most in 2030. The report shows that automation is going to change what we do in every job, in every occupation.

FYA CEO, Jan Owen said that the report provides an opportunity to map the changes across jobs, and equip young people with the skills which will be required to navigate these shifts.

By 2030 The New Work Smarts forecasts that young people, on average will:

- Spend 30% more time per week learning skills on the job;
- Spend 100% more time at work solving problems, spend over 40% more time on critical thinking and judgment, and over 77% more time using STEM skills;
- Utilise written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills for 29 hours each week (up 14%); and
- Activate an entrepreneurial mindset due to having less management (down 26%), less organisational coordination (down 16%) and less teaching (down 10%).

[The New Work Smarts Report](#)

## 2017 ATAR COURSE EXAMINATION TIMETABLES AVAILABLE ONLINE

The 2017 ATAR course examination written and practical timetables can be accessed via the Authority website at <http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/examinations/examination-timetables>.

Candidates will be able to download a copy of their *Personalised examination timetable* from: <https://wace.wa.edu.au>.

## 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.

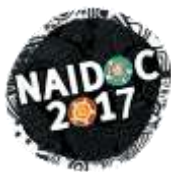
## YEAR 10 PARENTS—UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFIER (USI)

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. Please complete the information slip provided and return to Mrs Sutherland as soon as possible. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.



## NAIDOC WEEK

We will be celebrating our NAIDOC week commencing Monday 7 August. We will have our community day on Thursday 10 August with a special K—Yr 10 Assembly at 9am. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly and stay for the other events during the day including; parents vs students sport events, open classrooms and a Kangaroo burger lunch. Classroom timetables for the week's events will be available if you would like to volunteer to help out with any of the activities. ***Got a question about this? Mrs Leah Boehme(Deputy Principal)***



## PRIMARY HOMEWORK CLASSES

Every Tuesday afternoon we will be running Primary Homework Classes for Year 2-6 students, supervised by a teacher, between 3.15 and 4.15pm. Student will be provided with some fruit for afternoon tea and will meet in the Block 4 wet area. Teachers will help children with their nightly reading and support them to complete their weekly homework.

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

## BOOK WEEK

We will be celebrating Book Week over Weeks 5 and 6 starting with a 'Read-In' after our Thursday Assembly in Week 5 (17 August). On Friday, 26 August (Week 6), we will have a 'Book Week Dress Up Day' with the theme for this year's Book Week – "Escape to Everywhere" – a great travel theme!

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



## SUSTAINABILITY

The Year 3 class will be coordinating the collection of materials for re-use in classes, our MakerSpace and by community members as part of our sustainability focus. Items we are starting to collect include egg cartons, magazines, cardboard tubes, marbles, fabric, wool, ice cream containers, baby food jars and foam board. Items can be dropped in to the Year 3 classroom in Block 4 in Primary. Thanks in advance for your support.

***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 close to time to have her baby 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)***

# Save the Date:

**3 August**

School Board Mtg  
5.30pm

**7 August**

P&C Meeting  
6.00pm




**7 August**

Collgar Excursion  
Yr 5

**10 August**

NAIDOC Assembly  
9.00am

## Term 3 Planner:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 	7 <b>NAIDOC WEEK</b> Collgar Excursion Yr 5  P&C Meeting 6pm	8	9  Early Close 2.30p	10 NAIDOC Assembly –P.1	11
5 	14 <b>SCIENCE WEEK</b>  Bibbulmun Parent Information Night-7pm	15  YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	16  Early Close 2.30pm	17 Primary Assembly 9am	18 <b>Choir Camp</b> Meckering X Country
6 	21 <b>BOOKWEEK</b>  Canberra Camp	22  Aboriginal Parent Mtg - 9.30am	23  Early Close 2.30pm	24  Bibbulmun Trek(Boys)  School Board Mtg5.30pm	25



# ALL WELCOME

**WHEN:** Monday morning 7th August 2017  
9 am Welcome to Country & flag raising to open a week of NAIDOC celebrations.

**WHERE:** Merredin College  
In front of flag poles (Primary)



**Our Languages Matter**

Decorate A Pendant

Language

Make A Crow

Thursday 9am-Gym Assembly & Deadly Awards followed by Community Day of Activities

Charcoal Drawings



## NAIDOC 2017

our languages matter

Create A Dreamtime Story

Damper Making

Aboriginal Art

How The Birds Got Their Colour

Making Emus

Aussie Wattle

