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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**



MERREDIN COLLEGE WEBSITE

<http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/latest-news/>

CANTEEN SPECIAL

Friday 18 August

All Students

**Macaroni Cheese
\$3.50**



NEW CHAPLAIN

We welcome Mrs Bronwyn McKane as our new Chaplain. Mrs McKane will commence next week on Monday 21 August and will work three days per week – Monday, Tuesday and Friday. She will be supported by Mrs Sal Marais who is working on Tuesdays. If you would like your child to see one of our Chaplains, please contact Mr Jarrad Ritchie (Deputy Principal).



ABORIGINAL PARENT MEETING

The next meeting of the Aboriginal Parents/Carers Tuesday 29 August at 9.30am. Please note the new date which is one week later than originally planned.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES– URGENT

Payment of Student Contributions and Charges are overdue. Please organise payment or contact the front office to discuss payment plan options.

OPEN DAY—FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2017

Merredin Residential College is opening its doors on Friday 9 September from 10.00 a.m. for morning tea and a tour. Come along! Now is your chance to see the magnificent boarding facilities in Merredin.

Interested members of the community including the parents of prospective students are then invited to the Merredin College Secondary Open Day also on Friday 8 September. Visitors are requested to meet at the Wahlsten Library by 12.20 pm where they will be taken on a tour of the College. The tour includes short performances in the Dance Studio and Performing Arts Centre at 1.25 pm showcasing our Dance and Drama learning areas. The Open Day is a fantastic opportunity to view College facilities including the Trade Training Centre and classrooms in action. Student work in the Technologies and Arts areas will also be on display. We'd love to see you there!

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR IN SCHOOL (PBS)

The school is currently undergoing the implementation cycle for PBS across Merredin College and is seeking parent input into the behaviours that we will focus on for improvement. Currently only 3 parents have responded! Please follow the link below to complete the survey by Tuesday 22 August at 3pm.

<https://goo.gl/SKjcBe>

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ByLEYZANGkrDZL9IXCHqNfxAPHDOZi1nIHEoHLNByH0/edit?usp=sharing>

Got a question about this? Ms Sarah Postans (Classroom Teacher)



MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

Follow us at: <https://www.facebook.com/Merredin-College-256760021333175/> or scan the QR code

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MECKERING CROSS COUNTRY

Twenty-one primary and secondary students are heading to Meckering this Friday 18 August for the Meckering Cross Country. We wish them luck.

PRIMARY *link*



BOOK WEEK

We will be celebrating Book Week during Week 6 with a range of book related activities going on throughout the week. On Friday 2 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)



WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY

Next week we will start the adoption of Waste Free Wednesday's. The Kindy and Pre-primary classes have started this initiative as part of our education program on sustainability across the primary. They will be encouraging students and families to try to have waste free lunch boxes coming to school with students. Each week we will be collating how many waste free lunch boxes there are in each class with the aim to try to have no non-recyclables brought to school on Wednesdays each week. Things we would love to see are biscuits and sandwiches in re-useable containers rather than disposable plastic bags.

Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (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)

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 plastic milk bottles, 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)

DROP OFF POINTS

Parents are reminded that they are not to use the staff car parks for picking up and dropping off primary students. We have a 'Kiss and Drop' point off Throssell Avenue for this purpose.

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

SECONDARY *Link*



UWA PRAC TEACHERS

Merredin College is fortunate to have been provided with the opportunity of hosting three UWA prac teachers. Stephen Erasmus is teaching in Science, Emma Potts is teaching in HASS and Sarah Murphy is teaching in Health and Physical Education.

They commenced on Monday 14 August and will be here until the end of Term 3. We do hope they enjoy their time with us.

CANBERRA CAMP—WEEK 6

Thirty five Year 9 students accompanied by Ms Flynn, Mr James and Mr and Mrs Rennie will be flying to Sydney on Saturday night and will then be transported to Canberra by bus. The whole week will be spent taking in the sights of our national capital. We hope all staff and students enjoy this wonderful opportunity.

BIBBULMUN TREK—BOYS

Mr Gardiner, Mr Tibbits and some Year 9 and 10 boys will be embarking on the annual Bibbulmun Trek from Thursday 24 August. Although it usually rains we are hoping for fine weather this year.

FIRST AID COURSE

A number of Year 11 students completed their 'Provide First Aid' course on Monday to Wednesday of this week. The second group will undertake the same course in Week 6 (21-23 August).

Contact Mrs Sutherland for more information.



CHANGES TO MINIMUM AGE FOR WHOLE BLOOD DONATIONS

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service advises that, from 14 January 2018, the minimum age for whole blood donations will increase from 16 to 18 years of age. Principals have been asked to include information in communications to students and families.

Enquiries: Australian Red Cross Blood Service 13 14 95

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2017 HELPERS REQUIRED

The Athletics carnival will be held on Tuesday 5 September at the College. We are requesting parent/carer help to manage, judge or time events. This is particularly for the morning session 9am to 12pm. Please email David O'Neill-TIC Health & Physical Education by email david.oneill@education.wa.edu.au or contact the College on 9041 0900. We thank you in advance.



SPORTS TRACKER APP

This year the Physical Education Department is implementing a new sports software program that gives both students and parents the ability to follow all of the events completed during the day, championship point standings and House rankings. The program is called Sports Tracker App and can be found at <https://sportstrackerapp.com/>. All students have been given a logon and password to this program through their student email address.

If you can't make it on Tuesday 5 September log on and follow the day at <https://sportstrackerapp.com/>

MERREDIN COLLEGE DRAMA PERFORMANCE

Tickets are now available to purchase for the upcoming Yr 10 Drama performance which was written by Mr James in collaboration with the Yr 10 Drama students. Please follow the link to book. www.trybooking.com/RJQG

CAMERON S. COURTNEY M. MELISSA T.
 BRADIE H. MADDY M. HANNAH T.
 LAM A. PAME N. CHLOE W.
 JOSSE H. SARAH G. NATHAN J.
 SUZIE D. ALIZZA N. JADE G.
 JACK C. KASSIDY F. MICAH O.

The Bench

MERREDIN COLLEGE
 PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

SEPTEMBER 7TH (6.30pm) *and* SEPTEMBER 8TH (10.00 am - 6.30 pm)

TICKETS: \$5.00 (Single)
 \$15.00 (Family) (4 tickets)

AVAILABLE AT WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM.AU OR ON THE DOOR.

Is education important to you?

A rare opportunity to have your say in the Federal Government's independent review into **Regional, Rural and Remote Education**

Emeritus Professor John Hasley is visiting Northam on Tuesday 22nd August - come and show this issue is important to your community

Check with your local Shire or RDA Wheatbelt for community bus and/or car pooling options

RSVP : IRRRRESecretariat@education.gov.au

You can RSVP right up until the event

The review is considering the following issues: curriculum and assessment, teachers and teaching, leaders and leadership, school and community, information and communication technology, clusters, entrepreneurship and schools, improving access-enrolments, distance education and boarding, diversity and transitioning beyond school

The draft RDA Wheatbelt submission to the review on behalf of the Wheatbelt will be available by week end at www.rdawheatbelt.com.au

Venue - Muresk Institute
 1 Muresk Rd,
 Northam WA 6401
 Time - 12noon to 3pm
 Questions? RDA Wheatbelt 9575 1888



Save the Date:

18 –19 August
Choir Camp

18 August
Meckering Cross
Country

21-25 August
Canberra Camp
Bookweek

24 August
School Board Meeting
5.30pm

24-27 August
Bibbulmun Trek- Boys

25 August
BookWeek Dress Up
Day (Primary)

29 August
Aboriginal Parent Mtg
9.30am

1 September
Primary Athletics Carnival

Term 3 Planner:

6	21 BOOKWEEK CANBERRA CAMP	22 SRT NAPLAN Online (Yr5&7) P.2 & P.5	23	24 BIBBULMUN TREK (BOYS) SRT NAPLAN Online (Yr3)- P.2 School Board Mtg 5.30pm	25
			<i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>		
7	28 OLNA-Numeracy and Reading-Yr 12 OLNA-Numeracy and Reading-Yr 10 & 11	29 Aboriginal Parent Mtg - 9.30am	30	31	1 SEPTEMBER Primary Athletics Carnival
			<i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>		
8	4 OLNA-Writing OLNA-Numeracy and Reading-Yr 12 OLNA-Numeracy and Reading-Yr 10 & 11 P&C Meeting 3:15pm	5 Secondary Athletics Carnival Canberra Presentation Night-7pm	6	7 Primary Assembly 9am Yr 10 Drama Performance 6.30pm	8 OPEN DAY Yr 10 Drama Performance -10.00am and 6.30pm
			<i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>		

SAVOURY MINCE

A recipe to enjoy now the weather is cold! You can add any vegies you like to make it personalised to you and your family's taste and help you reach the 5 serves of Veg! Plus is ready in 35 mins!!!

Serves: 4

Time to make: 35 mins (Hands-on time: 20 mins, Cooking time: 15 mins)

Ingredients

- 500g lean beef mince
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 4 tomatoes, chopped
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 4 cups mushrooms, sliced
- 1 1/2 cups reduced-salt beef stock
- 400g can chickpeas, rinsed, drained
- 2 cups cooked rice, to serve



Instructions

- Step 1:**
Spray a large frying pan with oil and place over medium-high heat. Add mince and cook, stirring with a wooden spoon to break it up, for 5-7 minutes until browned. Add onion and cook for 3-4 more minutes.
- Step 2:**
Add curry powder, tomato, carrot and mushrooms. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Step 3:**
Add stock and chickpeas to pan. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes. Serve with rice.

