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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**



## MERREDIN COLLEGE WEBSITE

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

Choir Camp  
Science Week  
Meckering Cross Country

## BOOKCLUB

Bookclub orders are due by  
Friday 1 September

## CANTEEN SPECIAL

Friday 25 August

All Students

Stuffed Potatoes  
(with choice of toppings)

**\$4.50**

### NAPLAN CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students and their teachers for the fantastic NAPLAN results. We are so proud of you all.

Our students achieved above expected in Year 5, 7 and 9 (Numeracy and Reading), Year 5 and 7 (Writing) and Year 7 (Grammar and Punctuation). In all other areas students from Merredin College achieved 'at expected'. There were no red flags (ie. below expected)! Huge progress has been made in our Year 3 results. Well done to staff and students.

Individual student reports will be sent home with students next Thursday 31 August 2017.



### SCHOOL READINESS TEST—NAPLAN ONLINE

Students in Year 3, 5 and 7 took part in two online NAPLAN tests this week to test the capabilities of our IT network. Apart from a few minor issues, all the online tests went well.

Thanks to Mrs Herbert and Mr Ritchie who coordinated the tests. This is important preparation for the real thing—online NAPLAN tests in 2018!

### ABORIGINAL PARENT MEETING

The next meeting of the Aboriginal Parents/Carers Tuesday 29 August at 9.30am. We plan to show a presentation where improvements in our Aboriginal Student NAPLAN data is evident. All welcome.

### 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!



**MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE**

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

## P & C FUNDRAISER



# SECONDARY *Link*

## BIBBULMUN TREK—BOYS

Mr Gardiner, Mr Tibbits and some Year 9 and 10 boys will be embarking on the annual Bibbulmun Trek on Thursday 24 August at 7.30am. They will return on Sunday 27 August at 4.00pm.

## CANBERRA CAMP

Ms Flynn, Mr James, Mr Rennie and the Year 9s are currently enjoying the sights of Canberra. They return on Friday 25 August at 9.35pm—no doubt exhausted, but elated!

## 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](mailto:david.oneill@education.wa.edu.au) or contact the College on 9041 0900. We thank you in advance.

## ONLINE LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEXTS (OLNA)

Year 10, 11 and 12 students who did not achieve Band 8 in the relevant Year 9 NAPLAN TEST (Reading, Writing or Numeracy) and who have not passed the OLNA will sit for these tests over the next three weeks.

For more information contact Mr Rennie.

## MERREDIN COLLEGE DRAMA PERFORMANCE 'THE BENCH'

Tickets are now available to purchase for the upcoming Yr 10 Drama performance on 7 and 8 September. The script was written by Mr James (Drama teacher) in collaboration with the Yr 10 Drama students. Please follow the link to book.

[www.trybooking.com/RJQG](http://www.trybooking.com/RJQG)

## JOHN CURTIN UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP 2018

Nominations close: 4.30pm 22 September 2017

The John Curtin Undergraduate Scholarship 2018 is now open for nominations. The scholarship is for academically gifted students who have excelled in a wide range of endeavours and have lent their talents and energies to the community around them. Candidates must demonstrate John Curtin's qualities of vision, leadership, and community service.

### Value:

The scholarship will provide the following support for the normal expected duration of the undergraduate degree (based on 100 credit enrolment per semester):

#### \*Option 1

1. Cost of student contribution fees (tuition only) each semester
2. \$1,000 cash payment per semester to assist with costs associated with studying
3. \$6,000 one-off payment towards an approved international study experience

#### \*Option 2

1. \$4,000 cash payment per semester to assist with costs associated with studying
2. \$6,000 one-off payment towards an approved international study experience

**\*Conditions apply, for further information on the value of the John Curtin Undergraduate Scholarship 2018, please visit the [scholarships website](#).**

### Eligibility:

- Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, Australian permanent humanitarian visa or New Zealand citizen
- Selected Curtin University as the first preference through TISC to undertake an undergraduate degree in 2018 (selection must be made by scholarship closing date)
- Commencing the first year of their undergraduate degree in Semester 1, 2018
- Eligible for a Commonwealth supported place
- Able to demonstrate John Curtin's leadership qualities and engagement in community service
- Either a current year 12 student in the top 5% of the high school's graduating year or
- Mature age person nominated by a professional educator who can verify their academic excellence

If you have any queries please do not hesitate in contacting our office via email [scholarships@curtin.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@curtin.edu.au) or by phone on 9266 2992.

## SECONDARY *Link Cont'd*

### YEAR 11 CERT II VET COURSE

Important: if your child is completing a Cert II VET course they must arrange a workplacement for next term. The deadline for applications is tomorrow (Friday) and there are a number of students that have yet to organise a placement. Please speak with your child and ensure that they have something organised. Applications to Ms Wallace in the front office please.

### YEAR 12 STUDENTS-MUCK UP DAY

TYar 12 students are advised that Merredin College does not support a 'muck up' day. Students who engage in such activities will forfeit the right to attend the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony.

### PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Secondary students are not to attend the Primary Carnival.

## PRIMARY *link*

### BOOK WEEK

Parents/carers are reminded that tomorrow (Friday) students are encouraged to dress up as something from the theme 'Escape to Everywhere' !

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

### NAPLAN REPORTS

NAPLAN Reports for students in Year 3 and Year 5 who sat the tests in May this year will be distributed on Thursday 31 August. The reports will come home with students. Please let us know if you do not receive your child's report.

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

### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The primary athletics carnival will be held over Thursday and Friday next week. Programs and canteen order menus for the Friday are attached to this MC Link. Secondary students from Merredin College are not invited to attend. They have regular class at this time.

**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 – SEEKING THE FOLLOWING REUSABLE ITEMS

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, plastic bottle caps, 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)

## WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY

We have officially started our Waste Free Wednesdays with our Year 1 class having the most 'wastewise' lunch boxes for Week 5. 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 of trying 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)

CAHERON S. COURTNEY H. MELISSA T.  
BRADIE H. MADDY H. HANNAH T.  
LIAM A. PAGE H. CHLOE W.  
JOSSE H. SARAH G. NATHAN J.  
SUZIE D. ALIZZA H. JADE G.  
JACK C. KASSDY F. MICAH D.

*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](http://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM.AU) OR ON THE DOOR.

# Save the Date:

**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

**8 September**

Open Day

## Term 3 Planner:

<b>7</b>	<b>28</b> OLNA-Numeracy and Reading- Yr 12 OLNA-Numeracy and Reading- Yr 10 & 11 Yr 11 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Course	<b>29</b> Aboriginal Parent Mtg - 9.30am	<b>30</b>  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>31</b>	<b>1 SEPTEMBER</b>  Primary Athletics Carnival
<b>8</b>	<b>4</b> OLNA-Writing OLNA-Numeracy and Reading- Yr 12 OLNA-Numeracy and Reading- Yr 10 & 11  <b>P&amp;C Meeting 3:15pm</b>	<b>5</b> Secondary Athletics Carni- val Constable Care Visit- Primary  Canberra Presentation Night-7pm	<b>6</b>  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>7</b> Primary Assembly 9am Yr 10 Drama Performance	<b>8 OPEN DAY</b> Yr 10 Drama Performance
<b>9</b>	<b>11</b> OLNA-Numeracy and Reading- Yr 12 OLNA-Numeracy and Reading- Yr 10 & 11 Yr 11 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Course	<b>12</b> Bibbulmun Presentation Night-7pm	<b>13</b> Yr11/12 General Eng- lish Exams Yr7-10 AFL-Narembeen <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>14</b> Yr7-12 Assembly	<b>15</b> Primary Interschool Carnival Secondary Interschool Carni- val Yr 10 Volleyball Championship



### Merredin College Primary Athletics Carnival Friday 1 September 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Faction: \_\_\_\_\_

Potato and chicken nuggets	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$4.50
Ham or Chicken with cheese <u>Toastie</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$4.50
Chicken, Cheese and Mayo <u>Toastie</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5
Ham, Cheese and Tomato <u>Toastie</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5
Cheese <u>Toastie</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2.50
Cheese and Tomato <u>Toastie</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$3
Bottle of water	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2.50

Lunch order form: Return by Wednesday 30 August

