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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

### INDIVIDUAL STUDENT NAPLAN REPORTS

NAPLAN reports have been sent home with Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students today (Thursday 31 August). Please check your child's bag/backpack for this important document. Students in Year 9 who achieved Band 8 or better on Reading, Writing or Numeracy will not have to sit the OLNA in Year 10 in the area in which they have prequalified. These students have achieved the first step towards their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE).

### P & C MEETING—MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

The next general meeting will be held at 3.15pm in the 'Wet Area' of Primary Block 1. The agenda on the back of the MC Link. We would love to see you there!

### CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES— HAVE YOU PAID YOURS?

Payment of Student Contributions are overdue. Please organise payment or contact the front office to discuss payment plan options. Every little bit helps our students! Tomorrow is the last day for Year 11 and 12 charges. Have you paid yours? Accounts not paid or on agreed payment plan will be forwarded to our debt collection agency.

### 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 BOARD

The following items were discussed/presented at the most recent School Board Meeting (Thursday 24 August) and include:

1. Review of Community Use of School Facilities
2. Approval of Year 6 Leaver's shirts
3. Payment rate of the 2017 Contributions and Charges
4. 2018 Christian Religious Education
5. The School farm and the future
6. NAPLAN data and the Business Plan – Year 3 and Aboriginal student data presented.

## MERREDIN COLLEGE WEBSITE

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

### This week on MC Website

Year 5 Cross Age Tutoring

The People's Pick

School Board Minutes – 24 Aug

One Big Voice – Primary Choir

## BOOKCLUB

Bookclub orders are due by  
tomorrow  
Friday 1 September

## CANTEEN SPECIAL

Friday 25 August

All Students

Stuffed Potatoes  
(with choice of toppings)

**\$4.50**



## MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

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

## 7. Rationale for review of the Merredin College Mobile Phone Policy

Prior to the meeting, School Board members took a tour of the Science block to see first-hand the items that require upgrade. This will provide the College Board with the knowledge to support any applications by the College for improvements.

Approval of Religious Instruction is one of the roles of the College Board. With regard to Item 4 (2018 Christian Religious Education), the Board will be seeking feedback from the community as to whether this should run in 2018.

The Department has approved the curriculum and recognises YouthCARE WA as the provider and trainer of its volunteers. The volunteers, who are trained and accredited by experienced classroom teachers, work separately to chaplains and are taught to be respectful of the diverse cultural and religious backgrounds of the children they teach. For more information about Christian Religious Education and how it links to the WA curriculum go to <http://www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/religiouseducation/detcms/navigation/special-religious-education/christian-religious-education/>

## P & C FUNDRAISER



**FUNDRAISING  
FOR OUR 'BRIGHT SPARKS'**  
(BATTERY RE-CYCLING)

The Merredin College P&C is running an automotive battery re-cycling program in order to raise funds for the benefit of the students of Merredin College. This venture will generate an attractive return with all funds going straight to the P&C to fund school projects.

Simply drop off your old car, truck or tractor batteries to the Merredin College Trade Training Centre, Throssell Road, on Thursday or Friday from 22 August to 22 September 2017.

This will be an ongoing program that simply requires you to clean up your garage or shed!  
Thank you.

## WA EDUCATION AWARDS—THE PEOPLE'S PICK

The People's Pick is an opportunity for parents, students and the community to get involved in the WA Education Awards and recognise dedicated and talented staff in our school.

It is your chance to tell the world why your favourite teacher or school staff member shines.

Getting involved is easy for our school community – just follow these steps:

1. **Pick** who you want to recognise.
2. **Create** a video, photo or testimonial showing what makes them incredible, and upload the message on the WA Education Awards [website](#) or on the Public Education [Facebook page](#).
3. **Share** the message on Facebook and tell their family and friends to **vote** for it.

The message that receives the highest number of votes will become The People's Pick and their school will be given a \$1000 [Modern Teaching Aids](#) voucher.

Entries close at 5.00pm on Friday 13 October 2017. All staff recognised in The People's Pick will be acknowledged on The Department's [website](#) on Friday 27 October on World Teachers' Day, along with the school receiving the \$1000 voucher.

# SECONDARY *Link*

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2017 HELPERS REQUIRED

The Athletics carnival will be held next 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.

## YEAR 10 DRAMA PERFORMANCE

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Year 10 Drama performance (*The Bench*) has been cancelled. Arrangements have been made to refund to credit cards the value of tickets already purchased. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

## CANBERRA CAMP PRESENTATION NIGHT—TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Students who attended the Canberra Camp in Week 6 of this term will participate in a presentation evening where they will outline their experiences and the highlights of this amazing week. The night begins at 7 pm and is held in the library. For more information contact Ms Cath Flynn or Mr Gerard Rennie

## OLNA ROUND 2 2017 SCHEDULE

Students who did not achieve Band 8 in the relevant NAPLAN tests or who have not passed the OLNAs will sit for these tests as shown in the schedule below. Students must pass the OLNAs to graduate (achieve a WACE). The Writing test is 60 minutes, and Reading and Numeracy are 50 minutes. Students who are away on the day will be expected to sit the OLNAs on the day of their return.

### Writing:

#### Monday 4 September

Period 1: Year 11 and 12      Period 2: Year 10

### Reading:

#### Wednesday 6 September

Period 2: Year 10,11 and 12

### Numeracy:

#### Thursday 7 September

Period 1: Year 11 and 12      Period 2: Year 10

## SECONDARY HOUSE CAPTAIN ELECTION PROCESS

Because the Year 12 students leave school in the early part of Term 4, the 2018 House Captains will begin their duties early. The election process will begin shortly. Current Year 10 and 11 students are eligible for the election process (but will exclude senior student councillors). For more information contact Mr Dave O'Neill.

## SECONDARY Link Cont'd

### 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.

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

If you have any queries please do not hesitate in phoning 92662992 or emailing [scholarships@curtin.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@curtin.edu.au)

## PRIMARY link

### NAPLAN REPORTS

NAPLAN Reports for students in Year 3 and Year 5 who sat the tests in May this year will be distributed today (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 this week. Programs have been emailed with this MC Link.

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

### PRIMARY HOMEWORK CLASSES

Every Tuesday afternoon we run Primary Homework Classes for Year 2-6 students, supervised by a teacher, between 3.15pm 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)**

### SCHOOL BANKING

Mrs Billing will not be available for the next three weeks for School Banking. Students can drop their banking books into the Primary Admin Office where we collate them to ensure students are still able to earn their tokens for their Banking Rewards.

**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.



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### PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Our next primary assembly will be held on Thursday, 14 September at 9.00am in the primary assembly area. The PP and the PP/Year 1 classes will be running the assembly and we look forward to seeing our families there to enjoy the performances and celebrate the achievements of our students.

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Time	Activity	Venue
12.30pm - 12.45pm	Arrival and introductions	Wahlsten Library
12.45pm - 1.00pm	Physical Education Year 10 - 12 Field	Gym
1.00pm - 1.20pm	Suburban Trade Training Centre Automotive, Building and Construction, Engineering	Suburban Trade Training Centre
1.20pm - 1.40pm	Dance Performance Year 10 - 12 Dance	Performing Arts Centre (PAC)
1.40pm - 2.00pm	Dance Performance Year 10/11 - 12 Dance	Dance Studio
2.00pm - 2.45pm	All Year 7 - 12 Busset	Room 9
	Woodwork Year 7 - 12a Workshop	Room 8
	Mathematics Year 8/11 - 12a Block	Room 22
	Science Year 10 - 12a Block	Room 27
	Digital Technologies Year 11/12 - 12a Block	Room 2
2.45pm	Hospitality (Afternoon Tea) Breakfast and Lunches	Room 2

Merredin College Residential College  
**OPEN & TOUR**  
 10am  
 Joining by invited  
 PH: 08 9041 1727

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 2017 Agenda

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# Save the Date:

**1 September**

Primary Athletics  
Carnival

**4 September**

P & C Meeting  
3.15pm

**5 September**

Secondary Athletics  
Carnival

**7 September**

Primary Assembly  
9.00am

**8 September**

Open Day

**12 September**

Bibbulmun Trek  
Presentation Night  
7.00pm

**15 September**

Primary and Secondary  
Interschool Carnivals

## Term 3 Planner:

8	<b>4</b> OLNA-Writing -Yr 10,11&12  <b>P&amp;C Meeting 3:15pm</b>	<b>5</b> Secondary Athletics Carnival Primary Constable Care Visit Yr 4-6 Cricket Clinic  Canberra Presentation Night -7pm	<b>6</b> OLNA-Reading-Yr 10,11&12  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>7</b> Primary Assembly 9am OLNA-Numeracy -Yr 10,11&12	<b>8 OPEN DAY</b>
	<b>9</b> OLNA-Numeracy and Reading-Yr 12 OLNA-Numeracy and Reading-Yr 10 & 11 Year 11 1st Aid Course	<b>12</b>  Bibbulmun Trek Presentation Night -7pm	<b>13</b> Yr11/12 General English Exams Yr 7-10 AFL -Naremben  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>14</b> Yr7-12 Assembly	<b>15</b> Primary Interschool Carnival Secondary Interschool Carnival Yr 10 Volleyball Championship
10	<b>18 Merredin Bus Accident Anniversary</b> Yr11/12 ATAR Exams Yr 11/12 VET-Normal timetable OLNA-Numeracy and Read- ing-Yr 10 & 11	<b>19</b> PP-Yr2 Glass of Class Luncheon  <b>YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm</b>	<b>20</b> Railway Museum Excursion -Yr5 &5/6 Yr3-6 Glass of Class Luncheon  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>21</b> Primary Footy Colours	<b>22</b> <b>Last Day Term 3</b> Yr7-9 Assembly P.1 - Dance Competition MRC Awards Night

Merredin College P&C Association Inc. AGENDA	
General meeting to be held on Monday, 4 September, 2017 at 3.15pm in the 'West Area' of Primary Block 1	
1.	Welcome (By the Chairperson)
	Apologies (Read by Secretary) Kat White
2.	Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting Proposed Motion: That the minutes of the General Meeting of the Merredin College P&C Association Inc held on Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> August, 2017 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record.
3.	Business arising from previous minutes 3.1 Independent Review into Regional, Rural and Remote Education
4.	Correspondence Proposed Motion: That correspondence in and out be received and endorsed respectively as presented.
5.	Treasurer's Report Proposed Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented by the Treasurer
6.	Other Reports 6.1 Principal (Verbal/Q&A) 6.2 School Board (Verbal/Q&A) Proposed Motion: That each report above be adopted as presented.
7.	General Business 7.1 Fundraising Vicki Hancock from Bankwest will be in attendance to discuss a fundraising program that Bankwest offer. 7.2 Canteen Purchase of new food processor. 7.3 NAPLAN 2017 Presentation of results from NAPLAN 2017 - Yr 3, 5, 7 & 9. Watch this space! ☺ 7.4 School Uniform Carried forward from last meeting.
8.	Other Business
9.	Date of next meeting: Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October, 2017 at 8pm in the Wahlstein Library.
10.	Closure

