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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

WA EDUCATION AWARD FINALIST

Our fantastic AIEO, Jeanette Hayden has been shortlisted in the final four in the category *WA Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer (AIEO) of the Year* for the *WA Education Awards*.

Well done Jeni! This is a wonderful and well deserved achievement. We are very proud of you.

To view the full list of finalists, visit <http://www.education.wa.edu.au>

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! Accounts for Year 11 and 12 charges which have not been paid or on an agreed payment plan will be forwarded to our debt collection agency.

OPEN DAY—FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2017

Merredin Residential College is opening its doors tomorrow, Friday 9 September from 10.00am for morning tea and a tour. Come along! Now is your chance to see the magnificent boarding facilities in Merredin. Following this, you are invited to Merredin College at 12.30pm to see our school in action. Please meet in the library.

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.

Getting involved is easy – 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](http://www.education.wa.edu.au) or on the Public



MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

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MERREDIN COLLEGE WEBSITE

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

This week on MC Website

- Year 9 Canberra Excursion
- WA Education Award Finalist
- Primary Athletics Carnival
- Year 5 Cross Age Tutoring

CANTEEN SPECIAL

All Students
 Friday 8 September
 Spaghetti Bolognese



\$4.50

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*

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. Current Year 10 and 11 students are eligible for the election process which has begun (but will exclude senior Student Councillors). For more information contact Mr Dave O'Neill.

BIBBULMUN TREK PRESENTATION NIGHT

The parents/carers of students who participated in the Bibbulmun Trek in Week 6 are invited to the College library at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12 September for the Presentation Evening.

For more information contact Mr Darren Gardiner (Head of Curriculum-Mathematics)

YEAR 7-10 AFL EXCURSION

The annual Nine-A-Side competition is fast approaching and is for selected Year 7-10 students. This year Merredin College has 67 students attending with 3 male teams and 3 female teams. This competition is held in Narembeen on Wednesday 13 September. For more information contact Mr Dave O'Neill.

YEAR 7-12 ASSEMBLY

The next assembly for secondary will be held on Thursday 14 September at 9.00am. At this important assembly Student of the Month certificates will be presented. In addition the House Carnival results, Interschool Carnival squad and House Captains will be announced. The Collgar VET Scholarship winners will also be announced.

SECONDARY INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This event will be held on Friday 15 September at Dowerin. Information regarding transport arrangements will be sent home via students who have made the squad. For information contact Mr Dave O'Neill.

YEAR 10 VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

On Saturday and Sunday 16 and 17 September the Year 10 specialist Volleyball class will travel to Perth for a State Schools' Volleyball competition. This is the first opportunity that Merredin College has had to compete in a competition at this level. We wish them all the best!

YEAR 11 and 12 EXAMS

General/VET Pathway Students

The Year 11 and 12 General English exams are in Week 9 on Wednesday 13 September.

Year 11 General English 8.50am to 11.00am

Year 12 General English 11.30am to 1.40pm

Outside of this exam, it is normal timetables classes until the end of term.

ATAR Pathway Students

ATAR exams are during Week 10, 18 to 22 September.

Students have been given individual timetables. The ATAR timetable is suspended for this week. Students are only required to attend the exams; however, if they wish to work in the library or in a classroom at school they are welcome.

YEAR 11/12 REWARD ACTIVITY

The senior Student Councillors will be hosting a 'Silly-Games' championship rewards session on Friday 22 September for all Year 11s and 12s with Good Standing. A focus area for the upper school has been on 'using class-time well' and students may be excluded from this event for failing to do so. Students are encouraged to ensure they are attending school, have completed all assigned work and are on task in every lesson in order to be able to attend this event.

YEAR 8 'CHILLOUT ROOM'

The Year 8 Chill Out room will be opening this Friday at recess. Students will have a chance to relax and socialise with their peers as well as have some fun. There are also activities that promote positive mental health and wellbeing amongst the cohort and an opportunity to chat to Miss Robins, the Year Coordinator.

YEAR 9 GOOD STANDING REWARD! - THE SPRING THING

On Thursday 21 September, Year 9 students who have maintained their Good Standing and high attendance rates will be treated to an afternoon of fun outdoor activities culminating in a Colour Run! Students will earn points for their House in the games and have a lot of fun doing it! Information for parents will be out soon!

JOHN CURTIN UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP 2018

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 who demonstrate John Curtin's qualities of vision, leadership, and community service. **Nominations close: 4.30pm 22 September 2017**

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

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM—FEMALE—SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Department of Training and Workforce Development and the Construction Training Fund are offering scholarships for women who sign up in non-traditional industries where women make up less than 25 percent of the total workforce. The value



of the scholarship is \$3000. Applications will close on **31 October 2017**, with all applicants notified of the outcome of their application in **early December 2017**.

Prospective applicants can submit online as of Friday, 1 September 2017 at

<https://expandingoptions.awardsplatform.com>

Other relevant information is available on the Department of Training and Workforce Development website at [Department's website](#)

Please contact Jo Shiels on Jo.Shiels@dtwd.wa.gov.au or wntt@dtwd.wa.gov.au or 6551 5365 if you require further info.

BRING FRENCH, ITALIAN OR SPANISH CULTURE TO LIFE!

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France, Italy or Spain next year? We have a small group of delightful students coming to Australia for 11 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All the international students are around 15 or 16 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term cultural immersion stay. It's fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you'd like know more, please email your interest to ICM on info@icm-education.com.au or call Georgie and Anja on 1800 500501, or visit our website www.icm-education.com

PRIMARY link



YEAR 4-6 CRICKET CLINIC

The Year 4 to 6 students will participate in a Cricket Clinic on Tuesday 12 September. This clinic is in preparation for the T20 Cricket Carnival on Term 4 Week 1.

Got a question about this? Ms Leah Boehme (Deputy Principal)

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Our next primary assembly will be held on Thursday 14 September at 10:00am in the primary assembly area (please note the time has been changed from 9.00am). 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.

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

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The primary interschool athletics carnival will be held Friday 15 September. Information on this will be sent home with those students who are in the interschool squad. Congratulations to all participants at our Primary Athletics carnival held last Thursday and Friday. Well done to Mitchell, the winning house. Lexi Mongoo was Champion Girl and there was a tie between Campbell Gardiner and Malakai Pickett as Champion Boys. THANK YOU to Mrs Walker. We also appreciate the support of parents as well as the enthusiasm of students.

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

PRIMARY HOMEWORK CLASSES

Don't forget that every Tuesday afternoon (3.15pm-4.15pm) Primary Homework Classes for Year 2-6 students run. Students meet in the Block 4 wet area. Teachers 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 two 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.

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

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY

We have started Waste Free Wednesdays with our Year 1 class having the most 'wastewise' lunch boxes for Week 5. The Kindy and Pre-primary classes are running this initiative and encourage students and families to have waste free lunch boxes. Each week we collate 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. Food in re-useable containers rather than in disposable plastic bags is encouraged.

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

BEHAVIOUR

In Week 7 of Term 3, 8 commendations were given for demonstrating outstanding behaviour, attitude, achievement or respect. Our Glass of Class winners this week are: Jordan Billing and Georgia Routledge.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

A mixed farming enterprise employment opportunity is available for a young, energetic and motivated individual with good communication skills, a willingness to learn and a positive attitude. The 4000 ha family farm is located south of Merredin. It consists of 2200 breeding merino sheep and mixed cropping program of wheat, barley oats and lupins. The main machinery for cropping and harvest is GPS equipped. A hay making program is also an integral part of the farm work with up to 1000 large square bales made per year. Farm duties also include mechanical servicing and repairs and metal fabrication.

The farm is well equipped with machinery and tools to do all tasks required.

The successful applicant will have sound knowledge of theory and very good practical skills.

The current position is for a general farm hand seeking long term employment. Future senior farm hand prospects and a possible managerial position will be made available to the right person.

On the job training will be provided but it is also expected that the applicant is able to use their initiative and work unassisted at times. An ability to follow instructions and take advice is paramount.

Comfortable accommodation is available on farm in the form of a new 2 bed transportable house.

A referee report is required on submission of interest.

For more information please contact

Chris 90 623 014 or mobile 0429 906 230

Save the Date:

8 September
Open Day

12 September
Bibbulmun Trek Presentation Night -7pm
Yr7-10 'Nine-A-Side' Football

14 September
Yr 7-12 Assembly –9.00am
Primary Assembly—10.00am

15 September
Primary and Secondary Interschool
Carnivals

16 and 17 September
Yr 10 Volleyball Championship
Perth

Term 3 Planner:

9	11 OLNA-Numeracy and Reading-Yr 12 OLNA-Numeracy and Reading-Yr 10 & 11 Year 11 1st Aid Course	12 Bibbulmun Trek Presentation Night -7pm	13 Yr11/12 General English Exams Yr 7-10 AFL –Naremben <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	14 Yr7-12 Assembly 9am Primary Assembly 10am	15 Primary Interschool Carnival Secondary Interschool Carnival-Dowerin Yr 10 Volleyball Championship
	10	18 Merredin Bus Accident Anniversary Yr11/12 ATAR Exams Yr 11/12 VET-Normal timetable OLNA-Numeracy and Reading-Yr 10 & 11	19 PP-Yr2 Glass of Class Luncheon YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	20 Railway Museum Excursion Yr5 &5/6 Yr3-6 Glass of Class Luncheon <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	21 Primary Footy Colours
				22 Last Day Term 3 Yr7-9 Assembly P.1 – Dance Competition MRC Awards Night	



Merredin College Secondary OPEN DAY
Friday 8 September
12.30pm - 3pm

Prospective Students & Parents Welcome
Please meet at the Wahlsten Library
On arrival at Merredin College please go directly to the Wahlsten Library to sign in. Organised tours will depart from the library.

MERREDIN Residential College OPEN & TOUR
10am
(Morning tea provided)
PH: 08 9041 1727



2017 Agenda

Time	Activity	Venue
12.30pm – 12.45pm	Arrival and introductions	Wahlsten Library
12.45pm – 12.55 pm	Physical Education Year 10 – Mr Crowl	Gym
1.00pm – 1.30pm	Bullerford Trade Training Centre Automotive, Building and Construction, Engineering	Bullerford Trade Training Centre
1.30pm – 1.40pm	Drama Performance Year 10 – Mr Jones	Performing Arts Centre (PAC)
1.40pm – 2.00pm	Dance Performance Year 10/11 – Mrs Beale	Dance Studio
2.00pm – 2.40pm	Art Year 7 – Mr Sumell	Room 9
	Woodwork Year 7 – Mrs Robinson	Room 8
	Mathematics Year 8/1 – Mr Webb	Room 22
	Science Year 10/1 – Mrs Ferguson	Room 27
	Digital Technologies Year 11/12 – Mrs Hurrell	Room 2
2.40pm	Responsibility (Attendance Test) Year 11/12 – Mrs Hurrell	Room 2
	Questions and Closing	

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