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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



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.

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.

P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS TERM 3

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

MERREDIN COLLEGE WEBSITE

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

This week on MC Website:

- MC Open Day
- Bibbulmun Trek
- P&C Meeting Minutes
- Term Planner

TERM 4 DATES

- Monday 9 October:** School Development Day
- Tuesday 10 October:** Students Commence
- Thursday 14 December:** Last Day for Students

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](#) 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.



MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

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

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 INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This Friday 15 September 16 students will travel to Dowerin to represent the College at the EASA Interschool Athletics Carnival. We wish all students the best of luck in their events and know that they will represent the College with pride.

The bus will leave from the front of the College at 7:15am and will return at approximately 4:15pm.

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

ATAR Pathway Students

Year 11 and 12 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.

The normal timetabled classes are for all other students.

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 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!

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE?

On Friday 22 September, Merredin College will hold its first Dance competition during Period 1 from 9am to 10am in the School Gymnasium. The top four acts will compete for the

title of 'So You Think You Can Dance Champion' with three guest performances. Parents are most welcome to attend.

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.

PRIMARY *link*

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The primary interschool athletics carnival will be held this Friday 15 September at Merredin College. Parents are welcome to attend to support their children. The carnival will commence at 9.30am and should be finished by 1.30pm. If you are able to help out on the day please contact primary Administration.

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

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Merredin College Primary Student Council will be running a Footy Colours Day on Thursday 21 September. Students are encouraged to support their team for a gold coin donation. All money raised will go to the Cancer Foundation.

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



GLASS OF CLASS LUNCHEON

The PP-Year 2 Glass of Class Luncheon will be held next Tuesday (19 September). The Year 3-6 luncheon will be held on the following day, Wednesday 22 September. Students who will receive their invitations this week include:

Pre-primary-Year 3:

Marcus Brunetti, Aria Boehme, Noah Hughes, Steele Wilcox, Tyttan Bell-Hastie, , Emily Kittyea, Kyle Harwood, Jordan Billing and Stella Major

Year 3-Year 6:

Brendan Bekkers, Donny Simpson, Rhylee Craddock, Josh Castillo, Ezekial Jetta, Sophie Saunders, Kurtis Jones, Georgia Routledge and Catherine Fardell

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 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 next week 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. They will be encouraging students and families to try to have waste free lunch boxes coming to school with students. Each week we collate 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)



Savoury Mince

A recipe to enjoy! 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

Save the Date:

15 September

Primary Interschool Athletic Carnival – Merredin College
Secondary Interschool Athletic Carnival—Dowerin

16 & 17 September

Yr 10 Volleyball Championship - Perth

19 September

YouthCare Meeting
5.30pm

Term 3 Planner:

10	18 Merredin Bus Accident Anniversary Yr11/12 ATAR Exams Yr 11/12 VET-Normal timetable	19 PP-Yr2 Glass of Class Luncheon YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	20 Railway Museum Excursion -Yr5 & 5/6 Yr3-6 Glass of Class Luncheon Early Close 2.30pm	21 Primary Footy Colours	22 Last Day Term 3 Yr7-9 Assembly P.1 – Dance Competition MRC Awards Night
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Merredin College
Playground
Arts

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN
DANCE
Merredin College

Come down and watch our final competitors compete for the ultimate title!

When: Friday 22nd September 9am-10am
Where: Merredin College Gymnasium

Performers include 4 finalist acts and 3 guest acts.

