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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS TERM 4

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:

Collgar Wind Farm VET Scholarship Award
Secondary Student of the Month Assembly
Primary Assembly Term 3
Year 3 Term 3 Class Report

TERM 4 DATES

MONDAY 9 OCTOBER:
School Development Day (Staff)

TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER:
Students commence Term 4

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER:
Last Day for Students 2017

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY—MONDAY 9 OCTOBER

On the first day back next term staff will be engaged in an in-depth analysis of the 2017 NAPLAN data for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. A few weeks ago students in Years 2, 4, 6 and 8 were also EasyMark 'NAPLAN' tested so that teachers could find out exactly where the areas of focus need to be over the next 6 months. This information will be analysed so that our 2018 literacy and numeracy operational plans can be developed. In May next year, these students will sit NAPLAN tests so planning for improvement at this stage is essential. Staff will also cover Trauma Informed Practice and Positive Behaviour Support on the School Development Day.

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.

PROPOSED UNIFORM CHANGE

The Merredin College Board had a meeting on Tuesday night to vote on the motion that the College uniform be changed to include a newly designed polo shirt. The Board were reluctant to give a final decision without first making sure that students had seen the shirt and a majority agreed with the motion. During Period 4 on Wednesday, Julie Flockart (Board Chair) and Tom James (Vice Chair) visited as many secondary classes as possible in the allocated time to carry out an informal vote among students. A similar process will be carried out with primary classes. There is a timeline on this uniform decision which has created the need for this speedy survey.

WA EDUCATION AWARDS—THE PEOPLE'S PICK

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

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.



MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

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

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SECONDARY *Link*

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE?

Tomorrow, 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.

YEAR 12 COMPULSORY ATAR EXAMINATIONS

Year 12 ATAR students are reminded that the external examinations (written and practical) are compulsory. If a student does not sit the relevant examination/s for a course, then that course will be deemed incomplete. As a result the student will get no credit for the year's work toward the WACE. It will also not appear on the student's WA Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA). This may mean the student's WACE is in jeopardy, particularly if they are relying on the grade to contribute to the C grade requirement. Please be aware of the potential consequences of actions if you fail to sit a written or practical ATAR examination.

TERM 4—END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 11

Week 1:

Tuesday 10 October to Friday 13 October:

Normal timetable for all students

Week 2-5:

Monday 16 October to Friday 10 November:

- All General/VET Pathway students are on WorkPlace Learning
- ATAR Pathway students have normal timetable

Week 6:

Monday 13 November to Friday 17 November:

- General/VET Pathway students return to school to complete logbooks and any other outstanding work
Once everything is completed Mr Rennie will sign students off and they are finished for the year
- ATAR Pathway students have normal classes

Friday 17 November:

- Last day for Year 11—Timetable suspended

TERM 4— END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 12

Week 1:

Tuesday 10 October to Thursday 12 October:

- All Year 12 students return for normal classes

Friday 13 October:

- 10:50am— Arrive at school
- 11:00am— Special Morning Tea in staffroom
Fun Awards presented to teachers and students
- 12:00noon—Students to make their own way to Cummins Theatre
- 12:15-1:15pm (approx.) - Awards Ceremony practice
Students dismissed from the theatre when practice finished

PLEASE NOTE: This is the last day of school for Year 12 General/Vet Pathway students

Week 2:

Monday 16 October to Friday 20 October:

- Year 12 timetable suspended. Revision seminars will be offered to ATAR students, times to be advised

Friday 20 October:

- Awards Night 7:30pm-9:30pm(approx) at Cummins Theatre

Weeks 3 and 4:

Monday 23 October to Tuesday 31 October:

- ATAR students study days. Students may visit the school to use the library and make appointments with their teachers

Week 4 to 7:

Wednesday 1 November to Tuesday 21 November:

- ATAR Examinations

STUDENT PRIVILEGE TO ATTEND EXTRA CURRICULAR EVENTS

There are many opportunities for students to attend extracurricular activities at Merredin College. It is not a student's right to attend. Extracurricular activities are privileges which must be earned. Please refer to the table (on the next page) for the criteria which must be met before students can attend the main extracurricular activities. These commenced in Semester 2, 2017. Parents/carers are asked to remind their children.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS-MUCK UP DAY

Year 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.

YEAR 10-12 ATTENDANCE AT 2018 SCHOOL BALL

Information for current Year 9-11 Students:

The general restrictions on attendance at the Ball were established to encourage students to make the right choices. Currently there are four main ways by which students can lose Good Standing:

- Behaviour (Suspensions)
- Work completion
- Attendance
- Mobile Phone use and Uniform

Behaviour (Suspensions):

If students lose their Good Standing for behaviour (In or out of school Suspensions) at any stage from Semester 2 2017 then they lose their right to attend the Ball (**without exception**).

Work Completion:

If students lose their Good Standing due to not completing work to a satisfactory standard in Semester 2 2017, they can restore Good Standing by submitting all assigned tasks before the end of the year. As a result they are able to attend an appeal meeting with a Deputy Principal to plead their case.

If students don't complete all their work in Semester 1 2018, then they are ineligible to attend the Ball.

Good Standing for work completion is not automatically restored after a set time period but rather only once the set tasks have been submitted. (Even if the relevant teacher decides to award a 0% score for the task).

Attendance:

The attendance average from Semester 2 2017 until the time of the Ball needs to be at least 90%. Attendance that is less than 90% needs to be explained in a review meeting with a Deputy Principal.

Mobile Phone/Uniform:

If students lose their Good Standing for uniform or mobile phone use in Semester 2 2017 then they will need to attend an appeal meeting with a Deputy Principal to plead their case in order to be considered to attend the Ball. Attendance at the Ball is still at the Deputy Principal's discretion.

Students who lose Good Standing in 2018 are unable to earn back their right to attend without exception.

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.

END OF TERM REWARDS

Our Pre-primary to Year 6 students who have had over 90% attendance this term along with great behaviour will get to enjoy our end of year activity – The Amazing Race. Block 1 and Block 3 will have their race this Thursday and Block 4 on this Friday. This treasure hunt with challenges will be slightly messy so I hope everyone remembers their MESSY clothes!

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

CIRCUIT BREAKERS

In Week 1 next term our team leaders from our Circuit Breakers engineering groups will be presenting the class design for the future Merredin Community Energy Solution at the Western Power Science Fair at Scitech. The class has worked extremely hard on the project throughout the term and the results are a credit to them and their teacher, Mrs Postans. They have learnt how to use Tinkercad to design in 3D on the computer, printed their designs on our 3D printers as well as learning all the ins and outs of renewable energy and circuitry.

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

T20 CRICKET CARNIVAL

On Friday 13 October, term 4 week 1 our 4-7 students will participate in the T20 Cricket carnival. Notes will be sent out on the first day of term 4 and will need to be returned by Thursday 12 October for students to participate in the carnival.

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The primary staff would like to wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday!

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



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

EARNING THE RIGHT TO ATTEND EXTRA CURRICULAR EVENTS

There are many opportunities for students to attend extracurricular activities at Merredin College. It is not a student's right to attend. Extracurricular activities are privileges which must be earned. Please refer to the table below for the criteria which must be met before students can attend the main extracurricular activities. These commence in Semester 2, 2017.

Year Group	School Uniform	Attendance	Good Standing (GS)	Penalty
All student leaders (Middle School Councillors and Year 11 Student Councillors)	Should be in school uniform as they are our role models	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	Loss of badge
2017 Year 8 Canberra students	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May be withdrawn from Canberra Camp
2018 Year 9 Canberra students (current Year 8's)	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May not be offered a place on the 2018 Canberra Camp
2017 Year 9 – 11	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	If lose GS in S2 2017, students must earn back by the end of this year. Cannot lose GS in 2018.	May not be allowed to attend the School Ball in 2018
2017 Year 12	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS in S2. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May not be allowed to attend the Year 12 Awards Night



earth assist

For students wishing to complete community service hours and help conserve our natural environment.

Conservation Volunteers

What is Rio Tinto Earth Assist?

Rio Tinto Earth Assist is a FREE program for school students, where you can step into the environment and contribute to real conservation projects. Participants will learn conservation skills, gain a greater understanding of our environment, and help ensure a sustainable future.

What's involved in the School Holiday Program?

You will meet the Team Leader in Northbridge at a central pick-up point at 8:45AM. You will then travel by bus to a conservation site in Perth where you will participate in hands on conservation-based activities such as planting trees or shrubs, land maintenance, wildlife surveys, and bush walks. The day concludes by 3:00PM when you return to the Northbridge pick-up location. So come along, make some new friends and enjoy the positive experience of conserving our environment!

Please note that participants must have turned 15 years old by the project day to participate in the program. Participants need to bring their own food for the day, wear long trousers, long sleeves, closed shoes, and a hat. Conservation Volunteers provides water, sunscreen, educational resources, equipment, and any other required personal protective equipment.


Where can I sign up?

We are running activities from Tuesday the 26th to Friday the 29th of September and Tuesday the 3rd to Friday the 6th of October.

For more information & bookings email: perth@ovs.org.au or call the Conservation Volunteers office on (08) 9336 2777 and mention Earth Assist.

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Department of Education
Department of Planning, Communities and Infrastructure
PERTH VOLUNTEERS



Merredin College Performing 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.

Save the Date:

22 September
Yr 7-10 Dance Competition
Period 1

22 September
Last Day Term 3
Merredin Residential
College Awards Night—4pm

9 October
School Development Day

10 October
Students Commence Term 4

13 October
Year 12 Morning Tea
Primary T20 Cricket Carnival

20 October
Year 12 Awards Night

Term 4 Planner:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	9 OCTOBER School Development Day	10 Yr12 Work Review (Library) Students Commence		12	13 Yr 12's VET Finish Yr 12 Morning Tea T20 Blast Cricket Carnival - Prim
2	16 Interruption Free Week (P) Yr 11 -ADWPL	17 YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	18 Musicia Viva Prim-1pm <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	19 Yr 12 ATAR Finish	20 Yr 12 Awards Night →
3	23 Interruption Free Week (P) Yr 11 -ADWPL	24 Aboriginal Parent Meeting 9.30 am	25 Silver Threads Band Incursion-Prim <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	26 School Board Mtg 5.30pm	27 →
4	30 Yr 11 -ADWPL P&C Meeting 6pm	31	1 NOVEMBER Kindy Orientation Yr 12 ATAR Exams <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	2 Primary Assembly-9am Primary Technology Showcase 10am-12noon	3 Yr 7-10, Yr 11 ATAR - Assembly P. 1 →
5	6 Interruption Free Week (P) Yr 11 -ADWPL Yr 12 ATAR Exams	7	8 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	9	10 →
6	13 Yr7-P-Yr2 Swim Lessons Yr11 Work Review (Library) Yr 12 ATAR Exams	14	15 Kindy Orientation <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	16 School Board Mtg 5.30pm	17 →
7	20 ← Yr 7 Transition Day Yr7-P-Yr2 Swim Lessons	21 Yr12 ATAR Exams Finish YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	22 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	23	24 →
8	27 Yr10-11 Transition Try-A-Trade Yr9-10 P&C Meeting 3:15pm	28	29 Kindy Orientation <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	30	1 DECEMBER Thank a Volunteer Morning Tea Yr4-6 Primary Attendance Reward Day Excursion
9	4 Yr10 -W Exp.	5 Yr2-6 Glass of Class Luncheon	6 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	7	8 →
10	11 Yr10-W Exp P-Yr2 Glass of Class Luncheon	12 K-2 MerryDin 6-7.30pm	13 Yr 7-9 Awards Assembly- 1.15-2.15pm Yr3-6MerryDin 6-7.30pm	14 Last Day Students <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	15 School Development Day





Merredin College P&C Canteen

2017 Menu - SUMMER

Recess

Wingets	\$1.00
Cheesie	\$2.20
Chicken cheesie	\$2.80
Ham cheesie	\$2.80
Tomato cheesie	\$2.50
Vegemite cheesie	\$2.30
Pizza Muffin	\$2.20
Muffins	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$1.00



Drinks, Ice-Cream & Snacks

Jelly with Custard or Yoghurt	\$1.50
Fruit Salad	\$2.20
Yogo chocolate	\$2.50
Yoghurts	\$2.50
Water-600ml	\$2.50
Fruit Juice-250ml	\$2.50
Juice Boxes – 200ml	\$2.00
Milk drinks-600ml	\$4.50
Milk Drinks -300ml	\$3.20
Piece of fruit	\$1.00

Sandwiches/ Rolls/ Wraps

	Sandwiches	Rolls/Wraps
Butter	\$1.00	\$1.50
Vegemite	\$1.20	\$1.60
Vegemite Cheese	\$2.20	\$2.70
Cheese	\$2.20	\$2.50
Egg Salad, Plain or Curried	\$4.70	\$5.20
Ham, Chicken or Tuna Salad	\$4.70	\$5.20
Egg or curried egg	\$3.00	\$3.50
Ham/Cheese	\$4.20	\$4.70
Ham/Cheese/Tomato	\$4.70	\$5.00
Rice-Paper-Rolls Plain **	\$5.00	/
With Ham or Chicken **	\$5.50	/
Veggie Lasagne	\$6.00	
Veggie Quiche	\$5.00	

DAILY SPECIALS!!

Salad Plates & Daily Specials

Plain Salad	\$5.00
Egg & Salad	\$5.50
Meat/Tuna Salad	\$6.00
Sushi Rolls	\$6.00
Sweet Chilli Tender Wrap	\$6.00 / \$3.00
Stuffed Potato	\$3.00
Mini Quiche	\$1.50
Quiche	\$5.50

Monday

Sausage Rolls	\$3.00
Pies	\$4.00
Party Pies	\$1.20
Sauce	\$0.50



Tuesday

Pizza	\$3.50
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Wednesday

Hot Beef & Gravy Roll	\$5.50 / \$2.75
Hot Chicken & Mayo Roll	\$5.50 / \$2.75
Hot Dog	\$4.50 / \$2.25

Thursday

Chicken/Beef/Vegetarian Burger	\$6.00
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Friday

Beef Nachos	\$5.50
Chicken Coujon + Sweet Potato	
Wedges + Salad of the Week	\$6.00
Fish Coujon + Potato Gems + Salad of the Week	\$6.00



Toasties

Bacon/Egg	\$5.50
Ham/Cheese	\$4.50
Ham/Cheese/Pineapple	\$5.00
Chicken/Cheese/Pineapple	\$5.50
Chicken/Cheese/Mayo	\$5.00
Chicken/Cheese	\$4.50
Ham/Cheese/Tomato	\$5.00
Bacon/Lettuce/Tomato	\$4.00
Cheese Only	\$2.50
Cheese & Vegemite	\$2.70
Tomato Cheese	\$3.00

Lunch times only

Ice-creams	\$2.00
Icy Poles	\$0.50
Slushies	Full \$2.00 Half \$1.00

****Must be ordered before recess****

Our menu and specials operate within the guidelines to the traffic light system through the Canteen Association of Western Australia.