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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS TERM 4

Tuesdays Only: 10:30am — 3:30pm

MERREDIN COLLEGE WEBSITE

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

State school Volleyball Competition
Secondary Inter-house Athletics Carnival
Year 9 Colour Run
Circuit Breakers
Year 11 First Aid Course

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub orders are due back this
Friday 20 October.

BOOKFAIR IS COMING

Get ready for Christmas shopping!

Reading Rainforest—Go
wild for books!

From 7 November 2017

Stay tuned



ABORIGINAL PARENT MEETING

This meeting will occur on Monday 23 October at 9.30 am in the secondary staffroom. All parents/carers are encouraged to attend. Benda DeAtta, coordinator of the Aboriginal Workforce Development Centre and who runs the Aboriginal Youth Transition Program will be a guest speaker.

MERREDIN COLLEGE BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Merredin College Board will occur on Thursday 26 October, 5.30 pm in the Boardroom. Board members will meet at the main office and take a tour of the College farm at 5.30 pm before the meeting commences. The main agenda items include:

1. School Dress Code
2. Christian Religious Education - 2018
3. Update on the School Self-Assessment process
4. 2018 Staffing update
5. Board Chair report
6. Chaplaincy 2018
7. School Development Days 2018
8. The School farm

SECONDARY *Link*

YEAR 12 LEAVERS' CEREMONY

Parents are reminded that they need to purchase tickets for admission to the Leavers' Ceremony from the Student Services office. Tickets are \$10 for parents and families. Year 12 students are not required to purchase a ticket. Students are to arrive at Cummins Theatre at 7.00pm to be ready for a 7.30pm entrance. Dress is semi-formal. As students need to negotiate the stage stairs, it is advised that girls wear shoes that they can safely walk in.

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).



MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

YEAR 10 EXAMS

Year 10 students in 10.1 and 10.2 have exams for Science and Maths next week and all Year 10 students have exams in English in Week 4 and HASS during Week 5. Each exam is 90 minutes long and they will be held in the library during Periods 1 and 2 of the allocated day.

Maths: Friday 20 October

English: Wednesday 1 November

HASS: Monday 6 November

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 11

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

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 12

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— held in Seminar Room 1 at Rutherford Trade Training Centre

FREE DRESS DAY

On Tuesday 31 October (Week 4) secondary students will be having a free-dress fundraiser where students will be permitted to dress in casual clothes or to the theme of Halloween for \$2. This fundraiser is for the 2018 School Ball.

STUDENT PRIVILEGE TO ATTEND EXTRA CURRICULAR EVENTS

There are many opportunities for students to attend extracurricular activities at Merredin College. Extracurricular activities are privileges which must be earned. Please refer to the table published in previous MC Links for the criteria which must be met before students can attend the main extracurricular activities. Parents can also request a copy of this table which is also displayed in Student Services. These commenced in Semester 2, 2017. Parents/carers are asked to remind their children.

BEYOND SCHOOL STUDY GUIDE-INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS ABOUT TERTIARY STUDY OPTIONS AND GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has published the Beyond School Study Guide on the studyassist.gov.au website.

The Guide is a digital resource providing information about Australian Government assistance to help Year 10-12 students make informed choices about their future studies. It includes 9 resources:

Three tertiary education infographics

- **Higher education or Vet?** – information about each sector so that students can understand what type/level of qualification they may need to get to the career they want.
- **Pathways to university** – examples of ways that students can access higher education (e.g. bridging course; VET/sub-bachelor studies; ATAR; Principal recommendation scheme).
- **Choose your own adventure** – a flow chart for higher education students to select options that apply to them and which HELP loan is most suitable for their study choices.

A HELP loan comparison – a 'cheat sheet' table to compare each different loan and information about when a student might access each one.

Five fact sheets – one for each of the four HELP loan schemes (HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP, OS-HELP, SA-HELP and one for the VET Student Loan program).

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SILVER THREADS BAND

Silver Threads Brass Band is a concert band which will be visiting the College to perform to our PP-Year 6 students on Wednesday 25 October. They are very entertaining and well worth watching. Each student needs to bring a gold coin donation to be able to attend the performance.

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

COLLEGE CHOIR PERFORMANCE AT THE SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

Our Merredin College Choir will perform under the baton of Mrs Caryn Adamson at the opening of the annual Senior Citizens' Luncheon at Cummins Theatre on Tuesday 31 October. We know they will do us proud! A note will be given to the students before the event with more details.

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

MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

Merredin College has an official Facebook page to keep parents up to date with the goings on at the College. This includes last minute changes to arrangements as well as events for students. Please follow our page and subscribe to get notified of updates.



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

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

TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE

Merredin College, K-6 students and staff invite our school community to join us in a Technology Showcase to celebrate excellence and promote the range of digital technology innovations across our K-6 classrooms on **Thursday 2 November between 10am - 12 noon**. Our school will be open to those that are interested in sharing in our journey of integrating digital technologies into the K-6 curriculum.

There will be opportunities to see students using a range of technologies including Coding, 3D Design and Printing, Robotics, Digital Creation and Circuitry. There will be opportunities to 'Have-a-Go' at using a range of technologies and hear teacher and student stories.

A copy of the program can be found here: <https://goo.gl/hw79nY>

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



STUDENT DROP OFF

Parents are reminded that if you are dropping off students by car you should use the 'Kiss and Drop' ramp in the parent parking off Throssel Avenue. The staff car park is not a safe area for dropping off students as staff are frequently reversing into bays and not expecting to have students walking through the car park.

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

KINDY AND PRE-PRIMARY STUDENT DROP OFF

A reminder to parents that it is school policy that all students in Early Childhood classes are dropped off to classrooms at the beginning of the day and picked up from classes at the end of the day by a responsible adult. Teachers cannot release students to siblings of primary age.

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

0-4 PLAYGROUP

Playgroup has restarted for Term 4. The program runs on Thursday and Friday from 10am until noon. Everyone is welcome for a morning filled with fun activities, yummy fruit, story time and outdoor play.

Got a question about this? Mrs 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)

AFTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS WITH MRS WALKER

Every Tuesday afternoon (4.00pm - 5.00pm) students who have been invited to attend afterschool athletics with Mrs Walker and have returned their signed permission notes, will be collected from Homework Class to participate. Students need to be collected from the school by an adult at 5.00pm or should have spoken to Mrs Walker about alternative arrangements.

Got a question about this? Mrs Zane Walker (Health & Physical Education Teacher)

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAYS

This term we will be continuing with our Waste Free Wednesdays. We are encouraging students and families to try to have waste free lunch boxes coming to school with students. We will be collating this information for each class.

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

KINDY ORIENTATION FOR 2017 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Have you sent your enrolment forms in for your child for Kindergarten in 2018? Those children whose forms we have will receive an invitation next week for our orientation program for Kindergarten. Orientation will run on 3 consecutive Thursdays commencing on Thursday 9 November from 9am until noon. Get your enrolments forms in or collect an application pack from the Merredin College administration office to receive an invitation.

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

END OF YEAR REWARD YR 4-6

Our end of year reward will be held at the end of this term. Eligibility will be based on attendance and Good Standing. Students must have an average attendance over the year of 95% and should have maintained Good Standing throughout the year.

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

BOOK FAIR

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Got a question about this? Mrs Farralee Clarke (Librarian)

Save the Date:

20 October

Year 12 Awards Night

23 October

Aboriginal Parent Meeting
9.30am

25 October

Silver Threads Band
Incursion-Primary

26 October

School Board Meeting
5.30pm (TBA)

30 October

P&C Meeting
6.00pm—Library

12 December

K-Yr 2 MerryDin
6.00pm

13 December

Yr 7-9 Awards 1.15pm
Yr 3-6 MerryDin—6.00pm

14 December

Last day for students

Term 4 Planner:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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) Aboriginal Parent Meeting 9.30 am Yr 11 -ADWPL	24	25 Silver Threads Band Incursion-Prim <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	26 School Board Mtg 5.30pm (Boardroom)	27
4	30 Yr 11 -ADWPL P&C Meeting 6pm (Library)	31 Choir Performance- Cummins Theatre Halloween Free Dress- Secondary(Fundraiser)	1 NOVEMBER Yr 12 ATAR Exams <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	2 Primary Assembly-9am Primary Technology Show- case 10am-12noon Warwick SHS Football Yr7- 9 P.5	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 2.30p</i>	9 Kindy Orientation	10

