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# MC link



Merredin College Weekly Community Update



## YOUR DONATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED!

In Week 10, we acknowledge Primary and Secondary students for academic achievement and citizenship. There are also special awards given. If you would like to donate to an award, please contact Bev Irving (bev.irving@education.wa.edu.au or 90410900).

The value of awards varies between \$25—\$50

## MERREDIN COLLEGE WEBSITE

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

Pre Primary Classroom  
 Information & Technology News  
 Assembly Award Winners

## P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS TERM 4

Tuesdays Only: 10:30am — 3:30pm

### Merredin College Book Fair

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!



WAHLSTEN LIBRARY  
 Tuesday 7 November to  
 Friday 10 November 2017  
 8-30 am - 3-30 pm

This event is a major contributor to our library resources

Every purchase benefits YOUR children  
 Just in time for Christmas



Any Questions:  
 Mrs Clarke, Mrs Wahlsten, Mrs Downborough

### CHANGE OF BUS DROP-OFF AND PICK UP AREA AND USE OF FARM BY STUDENTS

Some material that may contain asbestos has recently been found near the bus area on the school site and at the school farm. The Department has organised for an environmental consultant to investigate the whole school site.

While we are awaiting the investigation, the bus area has been fenced off and buses have been relocated to Woolgar Avenue. We have also stopped students accessing the farm area for the time being.

I will keep you informed with the results of the investigation. Please contact me if you have any queries.

Bev Stanes (Principal)

### PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS-KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE FROM ABUSE

Merredin College staff teach students a range of skills and strategies to help prevent and reduce child abuse and violence in the community. Our programs seek to prevent child abuse by providing greater awareness and understanding and the ability for children to tell someone if they feel unsafe. In addition to the curriculum presented by teachers, we enlist the support of *Protective Behaviours WA* to present workshops to students, staff and parents. Their website found at <https://www.protectivebehaviourswa.org.au/> contains a wealth of information which I strongly advise parents to visit. A strong message we need to ensure parents/carers give to their children is that 'they (the child) can talk with someone about anything, no matter what it is. Unsafe secrets should be shared.'

Students who feel unsafe can talk to any staff member and in particular their teacher, an education assistant, College Chaplain, Year Coordinator, Nurse, or Deputy/Principal. This information is displayed in Student Services and in other parts of the school.

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (PBS)

#### *The Working Smarter Matrix*

A group of staff along with Lisa Fischer (College Board) meet fortnightly in our quest to support the implementation of positive behaviour across the whole school. This is a lengthy process and will take a couple of years to be fully implemented. At Wednesday's meeting we refined our 'Working Smarter Matrix' where we have reviewed all of the programs which we currently have in place to support students with behaviour and engagement, wellbeing, curriculum and assessment and social skills. We have also included community engagement initiatives because we believe that parents should be partners in their child's education. Our job is to evaluate the effectiveness of each of these programs so that our support programs all align with the PBS philosophy.



## MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

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

### **Merredin College Behaviour Matrix**

Through consultation with parents, students and staff we have identified the four behavioural expectations which if successfully embedded will create our 'perfect' school environment. We believe that as a school community we will GROW our ideal environment through being CARING, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and STRIVING TO SUCCEED. We have identified the types of behaviours which will show all of these values at work in every area of school life so that students and staff will have a common understanding. For example – We show we **care** in the **classroom** by speaking kindly. Obviously there are several other examples which show **care** in the classroom. These behaviours are recorded in a Merredin College Behaviour Matrix and will be presented for student feedback. We have developed separate primary and secondary matrices simply because the language needs to suit the age of the child.

## PRIMARY *Link*

### **INTERRUPTION FREE WEEK**

Next week is an interruption free week for primary with no extracurricular activities on during the week. We look forward to a week focusing on academics and learning.

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

### **SWIMMING LESSONS**

Notes have gone home to parents with information about the Pre Primary to Year 2 swimming lessons that will commence on Monday 13 November. Permission forms and money are due this Friday (3 November).

**Got a question about this? Mrs Leah Boehme (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)**

## **KINDY ORIENTATION FOR 2018 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**

Have you got your enrolment forms in for your child for Kindergarten in 2018? Those children whose forms we have will receive an invitation for our orientation program for Kindergarten (mailed earlier this week). Orientation will run on 3 consecutive Thursdays commencing on Thursday 9 November from 9am until 11.30am. Get your enrolments forms in or collect an application pack from the Merredin College office to receive an invite.

**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 have maintained good standing throughout the year.

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

## SECONDARY *Link*

### **SECONDARY ASSEMBLY**

The next secondary assembly will occur tomorrow Friday 3 November at 9.00am. Students of the Month and Values Certificates will be awarded. All welcome.

### **YEAR 10 EXAMS**

All Year 10 students have exams in HASS - 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.

**HASS:** Monday 6 November

### **SWIMMING LESSONS—YEAR 7**

Swimming lessons will be held at the Merredin Pool in Week 6 and 7 of Term 4 (**Monday 13 November – Friday 24 November**). In the secondary school, this is a privilege offered to Year 7s' only.

Your child will walk to and from the pool under the supervision of school staff. In the case of bad weather students may be returned to school by bus. The lessons for Year 7s are in Period 1 in the mornings, so prompt school attendance is important.

Notes were distributed to students on Wednesday 1 November and should be returned to Student Services with either \$26 fees or a season pass number no later than Thursday 9 November.

Please ensure students have bathers, a dry change of clothes, towel and appropriate footwear to walk to and from pool (no thongs).

All students are required to complete swimming lessons as a part of their Year 7 Curriculum. Should there be an issue that may preclude your child from swimming please contact Jarrad Ritchie, Deputy Principal at Student Services to negotiate arrangements.

## SECONDARY *Link cont'd*

### SPORT AND HONOUR BADGES

Numerous students have received Honour Badges for academics, leadership and sport (to be stitched onto sport jackets). If you don't have time or resources to machine stitch these badges onto your child's sport jacket, this can be done for you for **\$10 per jacket**. See Rochelle Willis in the Home Economics department from Monday to Wednesday or phone on 0458 557542. Please make sure the jacket is clearly marked when you bring it in together with \$10.00.



### 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

#### **Week 4 to 7:**

**Wednesday 1 November to Tuesday 21 November:**

- ATAR Examinations— held in Seminar Room 1 at Rutherford Trade Training Centre  
Remember that Year 12 ATAR Examinations are compulsory (Please see last week's MC Link for details)

### PIAF, YOUNG CREATIVES—CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITY

The Perth International Arts Festival is seeking applications from young people 15-18 years of age who are interested in exploring a career in the arts, including photography.

Young Creatives is an invaluable opportunity for students to engage with Festival artists and performers.

Applications close 1 December 2017.

For more information including the application package head to <https://perthfestival.com.au/education/young-creatives/> or contact Ms Emma Hewitt, Education Manager, Perth International Festival by email at [e.hewitt@perthfestival.com.au](mailto:e.hewitt@perthfestival.com.au).

### SECONDARY SCHOOLING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2018—NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Department of Education coordinates a range of scholarships, grants and prizes to meet some of the costs of secondary schooling. Most scholarships for 2018 are now open for applications. The minimum scholarship value is \$750; however, the majority are for amounts of \$1 000 and upwards.

Eligibility criteria and information on how to apply can be found at: <http://www.education.wa.edu.au/home/detcms/navigation/education/secondary-school/additional-learning-opportunities/scholarships/>. An online submission process is used for lodging most applications. Instructions are available on the website.

The closing date for most of the Department's scholarships is **5.30pm Thursday 9 December 2017**.

Go to the webpage for further information, email the scholarship coordinators at [PathwaysandTransitions.Scholarships@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:PathwaysandTransitions.Scholarships@education.wa.edu.au) or call 9402 6304 or 6206 2010.

### 2018 ECU ENGINEERING INDUSTRY FAIR—SAVE THE DATE

The 2018 ECU Engineering Industry Fair will be held on Wednesday March 14 2018.

ECU School of Engineering is one of the fastest growing engineering schools in Australia and offers a great range of engineering programs. The Fair will be promoting a range of opportunities that might be of interest to your child. More details will be available in 2018.

### ATTENTION—YEAR 9 AND 10 SCIENCE STUDENTS

We are inviting all Year 9 and 10 students who have a passion for science, technology, engineering and maths to the ConocoPhillips Science Experience at the University of Western Australia in January 2018.

UWA's Science Experience program offers high-school students the chance to be immersed in our world-class scientific research, and to discover what it's like to be a university student preparing for the rich variety of careers in science or engineering.

#### ***What will they be doing on the day?***

Students will experience hands-on workshops in UWA laboratories, demonstrations of epic science in action and engaging talks from scientists at the front-line of research.

#### ***Program details***

**Date:** 16, 17 and 18 January 2018

**Time:** 9am-4pm daily (tentative)

**Location:** The University of Western Australia, Crawley Campus

**Audience:** Year 9/10 students (entering years 10/11 in 2018)

**Cost:** \$150 per student (including GST)

#### ***About science at UWA***

UWA is Western Australia's top-ranked university, and Australia's highest internationally ranked university for research in Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences, Environmental Science and Engineering, and Marine Engineering (2017 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)).

# Save the Date:

**3 November**

Secondary Assembly  
Yr 7-10, Yr 11 ATAR  
9.00am

**8 November**

School Board Meeting  
5.30pm (TBC)

**9 November**

Kindy Orientation  
9am-11.30am

**13 November-24 November**

Yr 7 Swim Lessons  
Primary-Yr 2 Swim Lessons

**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
<b>4</b>	<b>30</b> Yr 11 -ADWPL  P&C Meeting 6pm	<b>31</b> Choir Performance- Cummins Theatre Halloween Free Dress- Secondary(Fundraiser)	<b>1 NOVEMBER</b> Yr 12 ATAR Exams (all week)  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>2</b> Primary Assembly-9am Primary Technology Showcase 10am-12noon Warwick SHS Football Yr7-9 P.5	<b>3</b> Yr 7-10,Yr 11 ATAR As- sembly P. 1
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Interruption Free Week (P) Yr 11 -ADWPL (All week) Yr 12 ATAR Exams (All week)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i> School Board Mtg 5.30pm (TBA)	<b>9</b> Kindy Orientation 9am- 11.30am	<b>10</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>13</b> Yr7-P-Yr2 Swim Lessons Yr11 Work Review (Library -All week) Yr 12 ATAR Exams (All week)	<b>14</b>  <i>Better Hearing Clinic</i> →	<b>15</b>  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i> →	<b>16</b> <del>Kindy Orientation 9am- 11.30am</del>	<b>17</b> Final Day for Year 11 →
<b>7</b>	<b>20</b> Yr 7 Transition Day  Yr7-P-Yr2 Swim Lessons	<b>21</b> Yr12 ATAR Exams Finish  YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	<b>22</b>  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>23</b> Kindy Orientation 9am- 11.30am	<b>24</b> WA Education Award Winners Announced →

## SECONDARY Link cont'd



### Find out more

Email us at [outreach-science@uwa.edu.au](mailto:outreach-science@uwa.edu.au) for more information, or visit:

National website: [scienceexperience.com.au](http://scienceexperience.com.au)

UWA program website: [science.uwa.edu.au/community/science-experience](http://science.uwa.edu.au/community/science-experience)

**Are you interested in science, technology and engineering and where it can take you?**

The *Concept@UWA Science Experience* at The University of Western Australia offers you the chance to be immersed in our world-class scientific research, and to discover what it's like to be a university student preparing for the full variety of careers in science or engineering.

Meet UWA scientists, experience hands-on workshops in our laboratories, and see epic demonstrations of science in action.

**16, 17, and 18 January 2018**

**9am to 4pm daily**

**The University of Western Australia, Crawley Campus**

**Year 8/10 students (entering years 10/11 in 2018)**

**\$150 per student**

**During our fun event, attendees:**

- performed some 'showstopper' demos
- discovered the technological link between sports science and technology
- learned how to protect our precious environment
- gazed into the future of medicine
- uncovered the mysteries of the heart
- tested their engineering prowess
- witnessed the magic of chemical reactions...and more!

An equally exciting program is scheduled for 2018. Come and join the fun!

Visit: [science.uwa.edu.au/community/science-experience](http://science.uwa.edu.au/community/science-experience)

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