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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/>

Primary Assembly
 Secondary Assembly
 Technology Showcase
 Senior Citizens Week
 DonateLife Writers Competition

P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS TERM 4

Tuesdays Only: 10:30am — 3:30pm

Merredin College Book Fair IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!

WAHLSTEN LIBRARY
 Last Days

Thursday 9 November 2017

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 DOWNSBOROUGH

'THANK A VOLUNTEER' MORNING TEA

Merredin College is fortunate to be supported by a range of people who volunteer for a huge number of tasks and responsibilities including (but not limited to):

- Office bearers on P&C and School Board
- Assistance at sports carnivals and on excursions/camps
- Mentoring of students
- Classroom and library support, etc

If you have assisted our College in any way in 2017, you are invited to a 'Thank a Volunteer' morning tea on Friday 1 December in the secondary staffroom at 11.00am.

OUR POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (PBS) VALUES



MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

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

HOMework CLASSES

The final secondary Homework Class for 2017 will occur on Thursday 16 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. Students will talk to and from the pool.

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 the \$26 fees or a season pass number no later than Thursday 9 November. Please telephone Student Services if you missed this deadline.

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.

SPORT AND HONOUR BADGES

If you don't have time or resources to machine stitch sport and honour 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 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

YEAR 7 TRANSITION DAY—MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Year 6 students are requested to meet on the front lawn of Merredin College from 8.45 am for their transition day. The day will include a tour and day to day functioning of the school. Students will be involved in lessons from 10am until 2pm and 'get to know you' type activities from 2pm. Parents are invited to Merredin College from 3pm for afternoon tea, an information session and a tour of the school. The uniform shop will be open from 2.30pm until 4.00pm so that orders can be placed for next year.

YEAR 7—10 REWARD ACTIVITIES

At the end of this term, students who have maintained good standing and achieved at least 90% attendance will be invited to attend their year group rewards session at the Merredin Pool. Students will be receiving permission slips in the coming weeks.

JAMES AND ROSE COOMBE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Department of Education offers a variety of scholarships as advised in previous MC Links. The James and Rose Coombe Scholarships are often undersubscribed.

This scholarship is available to students who live more than 65KM from Perth and is largely based on economic need. Applications are not onerous.

This is the link to the scholarships webpage. <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/web/at-school/secondary-school/scholarships>

UNIVERSITY ENABLING COURSES UPDATE

The Federal Government Higher Education Reform package announced earlier this year, and currently under consideration by the senate, includes proposed changes to enabling courses. Enabling courses are typically taken by students who require an alternative entry to university and are currently available at no cost to students. From 1 January 2018, students may be charged the student contribution amount of up to \$3,271 for enabling type courses, which may be able to be added to a HECS-HELP loan. The Federal Government provides an FAQ here:

<http://studyassist.gov.au/sites/studyassist/helpfulresources/pages/hereform-faqs>

It is recommended that students considering applying to university via enabling or bridging type courses, check with the university to determine any potential fees.

The Department of Education provides high quality and cost effective pathways to university via the programs at Tuart College and Canning College. For example, the *Certificate IV in Academic Preparation Studies* offered by Tuart College is designed to prepare students for the level of academic study required at university level. It can lead to entry into a selection of courses at Curtin University, Edith Cowan University and Murdoch University and the indicative total cost for completing this Certificate in a semester is \$329.

Canning College offers the *Certificate IV University Access* program at a similar cost and with access to the same universities.

The Colleges provide many alternative options, including ATAR and Certificate programs for students. Details of the programs

SECONDARY *Link cont'd*

on offer at the Senior Colleges are available here:

Tuart College: tuartcollege.wa.edu.au

Canning College: canningcollege.wa.edu.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.

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.

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

For further information, email the scholarship coordinators at PathwaysandTransitions.Scholarships@education.wa.edu.au or call 9402 6304 or 6206 2010.

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)

SPARE PARTS PUPPET THEATRE REWARD YR 4-6

Our end of year reward will be held on Friday 1 December. 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)

PRIMARY *link*

SWIMMING LESSONS

Preprimary to Year 2 students will commence swimming lessons next Monday. Students need their bathers and towel every day and it is important that they don't miss any lessons to ensure they have the best chance of completing a swimming level.

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. These classes will finish next Tuesday 14 November

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. The final session will be on Tuesday 14 November.

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

Save the Date:

9 November

Kindy Orientation
9am-11.30am

13 November-24 November

Yr 7 Swim Lessons
Primary-Yr 2 Swim Lessons

16 November

Kindy Orientation
9am-11.30am

20 November

Yr 7 Transition Day

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:

5	6 Interruption Free Week (P) Yr 11 -ADWPL Yr 12 ATAR Exams	7	8	9	10
6	13 *Yr7-P-Yr2 Swim Lessons *Yr11 Work Review (Library-All Week) *Yr 12 ATAR Exams -(All Week)	14 Better Hearing Clinic	15 Better Hearing Clinic Early Close 2.30pm	16 Kindy Orientation -9am-11.30am	17 Final Day for Year 11
7	20 Yr 7 Transition Day Yr7-P-Yr2 Swim Lessons (All Week)	21 Yr12 ATAR Exams Finish YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	22 Early Close 2.30pm	23 Kindy Orientation -9am-11.30am	24 WA Education Awards- Winner announced
8	27 Yr10-11 Transition Try-A-Trade Yr 9-10 P&C Meeting 3:15pm	28	29 Early Close 2.30pm	30 School Board Mtg5.30pm at (MRC)	1 DECEMBER Thank a Volunteer Morning Tea Primary Reward Day- Spare Parts Theatre Incursion-1pm




Merredin College's
'Thank a Volunteer'
Morning Tea

Dear Volunteer

The staff and students at Merredin College recognise the valuable contribution you have made as a volunteer at our school this year.

We would like to thank you in a more formal way at a special morning tea to be held in your honour.

When: Friday 1 December 2017
Time: 11.00am—11.30am
Where: Merredin College Southern Staffroom
RSVP: Monday 20 November 2017 to Bev Irving 90410900



"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, but they have the heart"
Anonymous

