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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/>

Primary Assembly
Secondary Assembly
Senior Citizens Week
Technology Showcase
DonateLife WA Young Writers

P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS TERM 4

Tuesdays Only: 10:30am — 3:30pm

BOOKCLUB ORDERS

Bookclub orders are due back by this Friday 17 December 2017



'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.

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

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

STUDENT EMAIL ACCOUNTS

Enhancements to Office 365 student accounts by the Department of Education are planned for the Christmas vacation period that will result in **all student email content being deleted**. Year 11 students have left the school campus, so an email will be sent to them to communicate this message. They can then back up any required emails, contacts or attachments before the Christmas holidays. The attached help document provides advice on how to do this.

P&C MEETING

The final meeting for 2018 will be held on Monday 27 November at 3.15pm in the Primary Staffroom (next to Primary Office). The P&C committee would like to encourage you to attend these meetings wherever possible, which will ultimately benefit your child and their education. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!



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 Term 4 2017 will occur today, Thursday 16 November.

SWIMMING LESSONS—YEAR 7

Swimming lessons for Year 7s will be held at the Merredin Pool in Week 6 and 7 of Term 4 (**Monday 13 November – Friday 24 November**).

The lessons for Year 7s are in Period 1 in the mornings, so prompt school attendance is important.

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

SPORT AND HONOUR BADGES

See Rochelle Willis in the Home Economics department from Monday to Wednesday or phone on 0458 557542 to have your child's honour badges stitched to their jacket. Price \$10 per jacket. Please make sure the jacket is clearly marked when you bring it in together with \$10.00.



END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 11

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.

THE 2018 C.A.S. HAWKER SCHOLARSHIPS

C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships are available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to **\$60,000 over three years**. Information and an application form are available at www.hawkersscholarship.org or by contacting the secretary to the Trustees on 08 8127 1654. The scholarships are available to all Australian students. Applications close on 5 January 2018.

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>

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**.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Pre-primary to Year 2 students will continue swimming lessons next week. Students need their bathers, rashie, sunscreen 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

Primary homework classes have now FINISHED for the year. Please ensure your child is aware.

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

AFTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS WITH MRS WALKER

Mrs Walker's after school athletics will continue for the next two weeks for those students who have been invited to attend. Please note there has been a change of time. Lessons will start at 3.15pm and finish at 4.15pm. Students will need to be collected from the school by an adult at 4.15pm or have made alternative arrangements.

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

KINDY ORIENTATION FOR 2018 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Have you enrolled your child for Kindergarten in 2018? Kindy orientation commenced 9 November, with session 2 being held on Thursday 16 November. The final session will be held next Thursday 23 November from 9am – 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 YEAR 4-6

Our end of year attendance and behaviour 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)

TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE SURVEY

A survey has been created to gain feedback regarding the 'Technology Showcase' held on 2 November. We are hoping to make this a regular event and would love to hear suggestions on how we could improve from those who attended. The survey is available on the Merredin College Facebook page and was emailed out to those who signed in on the day of the showcase.

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



Water Safety

In Australia, drowning is the number one cause of death for children under five. To keep your children safe around water:

- Always stay with your children and watch carefully when they are near water, even if they can swim.
- Teach your children about water safety and make sure they learn how to swim.
- Have the whole family learn first aid.
- If you have a pool have it fenced with self-closing gates.
- Never leave them alone in the bath.

The Education Department offers low-cost VacSwim programs for school aged children. For more information on swimming lessons during summer via VacSwim go to www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/swimming/detcms/portal/ and for water safety tips see www.lifesavingwa.com.au

Save the Date:

13 November-24 November

Yr 7 Swim Lessons
Primary-Yr 2 Swim Lessons

20 November

Yr 7 Transition Day

21 November

YouthCare Meeting
5.30pm

23 November

Kindy Orientation
9am-11.30am

27 November

P&C Meeting
3.15pm Primary Staffroom

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:

6	13 Yr7-P-Yr2 Swim Lessons (All week) Yr11 Work Review (Library) Yr 12 ATAR Exams (All week)	14 <i>Better Hearing Clinic</i>	15 <i>Better Hearing Clinic</i> <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	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 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	23 Kindy Orientation -9am-11.30am	24 WA Education Awards-Winner announced
8	27 Yr10-11 Transition Try-A-Trade Yr9-10 P&C Meeting 3:15pm	28	29 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	30 School Board Mtg5.30pm at (MRC)	1 DECEMBER Thank a Volunteer Morning Tea *Spare Parts Theatre Incursion-1pm Yr10 Pool Reward P.4-5
9	4 Yr10 –Work Experience (All Week) Yr 5/6 Excursion (Police / Courthouse)	5	6 Primary Crazy Hair/Free Dress Day <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i> Primary Disco (K-Yr2 4-5.30pm Yr3-Yr6 6-7.30pm)	7	8 PrePrimary Excursion
10	11 Yr10 –Work Experience (All Week) P-Yr6 Glass of Class Lunch	12 K-2 MerryDin 6–7.30pm	13 Yr 7-9 Awards-1.15-2.15pm <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i> Yr3-6MerryDin 6-7.30pm	14 Last Day Students Yr7/8 Pool Reward P.1-2 Yr9 Pool Reward P.4-5	15 School Development Day

