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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/>

UWA Year 8 Discovery Day

TRY-A-TRADE

Merredin College Acknowledges Volunteers
 Year 10 Excels in the Workplace

P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS TERM 4

Tuesdays Only: 10:30am — 3:30pm

DONATION OF SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

Parents/carers who have Merredin College uniforms which they no longer require are encouraged to donate them to the school.

Primary: Drop into the Primary office

Secondary: Uniforms can be left at Student Services

MERREDIN COLLEGE SELECTED AS A TEACHER DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL (TDS) FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Earlier this year, Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal – Primary) submitted an application for Merredin College to become a TDS for 2018-2019. Those of you who have worked with Lynne will know that she has lead improvements to technologies in the K-6 area of our school. She is so passionate about keeping us ahead of the game, that during her long service leave she attended the *International Science and Technology in Education Conference* in San Antonio, Texas (USA). This was a 5 Day conference on Digital Technology and MakerSpaces and Lynne came back brimming with ideas. Lynne also supported the primary staff to run the highly successful Technology Showcase.

The selection process for Teacher Development Schools is now complete. We are delighted to announce that Merredin College has been selected as a TDS. Teacher Development Schools share their expertise and classroom innovation across schools, networks and professional learning communities. Teachers and schools can access a range of practical support for whole school planning, teaching, learning and assessment from a TDS. Merredin College will be providing Digital Technologies support to other schools as a result of our selection. A total of 44 schools will take on the role of a Teacher Development School in 2018. The focus is on Phase 3 learning areas of the Western Australian Curriculum, in particular languages and digital technologies.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

As part of our priority to develop a positive school culture, the *Positive Behaviour Support* committee has been meeting fortnightly to collaboratively establish the four or five positively stated expectations/values. These were taken from the information provided by staff, students and the wider community about the behaviours they did not like and what they would like to see instead. The five values if embedded across the school will contribute to a positive school culture. The PBS committee has also been working on a Behaviour Matrix which will clearly outline how staff and students can demonstrate these expectations in different areas of the school. For example, we show we are **responsible** in the **classroom** by coming prepared with our equipment OR we show we **care outside the classroom** by helping others .

We plan to launch PBS with students at the first assembly of the year in 2018. We are hoping this event will be something to remember!

As a reminder our positively stated expectations are:

We are carinG

We are Respectful

We are RespOnsible

We strive to succeed



MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

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SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2018

Term 1 – Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 January

Term 2 – Friday 1 June

Term 3 – Monday 16 July

Term 4 – Monday 8 October

Fri 14 December (traded for teachers)

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The last meeting of the School Board was held at the Merredin Residential College on 30 November. Meetings have been held in different locations so that Board members can 'get to know' their school. Board members were extremely impressed by the wonderful boarding facilities provided for our Residential College students. Please spread the word. If you know about anyone who is looking for a quality boarding position, Merredin Residential College is the place to come!

The following items of business were discussed at this meeting:

- Proposed School Volleyball court.
- Amendments to the Dress Code policy to update recent changes to the shirt and to ensure compliance with Department of Education policy re non-gender specific options.
- CRE Survey results – a decision regarding CRE will be made next year.
- Chaplaincy update – we will have a five day service in 2018 (3 days Mrs Bronwyn McKane, 2 days Mrs Sal Marais).
- School Self-assessment – report on achievement of 2017 operational plan targets.
- Report on school finances.
- Budget Planning – discussion of factors impacting on the school budget.
- 2018 Staffing.

I would like to sincerely thank the members of the Merredin College Board who have worked tirelessly over 2017 to help steer the strategic direction of the school. These people include Julie Flockart (Chair), Jenny Doncon (Secretary), Tom James (Deputy Chair), Mick Hayden, Lisa Fischer, Caitlin Crees, Diane Dixon, John McKane, Jamie Lee Walker and Christie White.

P & C MEETING

The final meeting of the P&C was held on Monday 27 November. This small, but very energetic group of people do an amazing job for our students. They run the canteen and the uniform shop, and fundraise for excursions and other 'extras' for our children. This year, they took on the massive task of coordinating a change to the school shirt in response to parent/student/staff feedback. I would especially like to acknowledge Mr Kim Lane (President), Mr Darren Gardiner (Vice President), Mrs Rochelle Willis (Secretary) and Ms Janelle Millar (Treasurer) for giving up personal time for the benefit of our students.

SECONDARY *Link*

STAFF FARWELLS

The end of each year can be a sad occasion as schools lose staff who move on to new opportunities. We wish Ms Lillybelle Walton, Mr Nathan Tibbits, Mr Chin Huan, Mr Ivan Oakes, Mrs Nicole Newton, Mrs Kylie Ritchie, Mrs Sonya Barnett and Ms Teagan Pascoe. We wish them all the best for 2018.

SECONDARY REPORTS

It is planned to email Year 7-9 reports on 12 December. Please be aware that the reporting link only stays 'live' for 4 weeks. Parents who do not have access to email, will be provided with a printed copy of the report.

YEAR 7-9 AWARDS FUNCTION

This will occur on Wednesday 13 December in the gym from 1.15pm-2.15pm. Students are requested to be dressed in full school uniform. We are delighted to announce that our Regional Executive Director (Miss Alison Ramm) has accepted an invitation to attend.

CANTEEN REMINDERS FOR 2018

Parents and Carers are advised that all lunch orders must be ordered no later than recess (11.00am to 11.30am)

Please be aware we only make lunches 'to order' so if your child forgets to order there is no guarantee that we will have any food remaining from recess time, except bread rolls ie: butter, vegemite or cheese.

Note: Slushies, Icy Poles and Ice Creams are only sold at lunchtime.

Thank you for all your continued support throughout the year. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Brid, Nita and Natalie—Canteen Staff

PRIMARY *link*

MERRYDIN

Our end of year concerts will be held in the Merredin College Gymnasium again this year as our community attending the concert has outgrown the other facilities in town. Please ensure you receive information about costumes required.

If you know your child won't be attending the concert can you please ensure their classroom teacher is aware so arrangements can be made to alter choreography/speaking parts if necessary.

K-2 MerryDin: Tuesday 12 December at 6pm in College Gym

Yr 3-6 MerryDin: Wednesday 13 December at 6pm in College Gym

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



GLASS OF CLASS LUNCHEON – K-6

Across the term we have had over 100 letters of commendation awarded to primary students for outstanding behaviour and classwork. The final Glass of Class luncheon will be held on Monday 11 December. Students who have been drawn out of the gold boxes throughout the term will receive their official invitations this week.

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

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Teachers have finalized student reports and we expect reports to be emailed out or sent home with students on Friday 8 December and the Kindergarten 1 class will receive them on Monday 11 December.

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

HAVE YOU LOST.....

This term we have collected a large amount of lost property. This includes clothing and lunch containers. If you are missing any items, please call in to the primary office and have a look.

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

SHREDDED PAPER

As part of our sustainability project at the College, all paper in primary is shredded for recycling. We have been using the paper for our chickens at the farm, the junior primary worm farm and mulching in our kitchen garden. We currently have a number of bags of shredded paper surplus to requirements that are available to collect from the primary office. Please pop in and see us if you would like a bag.

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

PRIMARY CLASSES 2018

Letters will go out this week to provide you with information about your child's classroom placement for 2018. We are sad to see several teachers leaving our team in 2018 including Miss Teagan Pascoe who has done an awesome job with our Year 5/6 class, Ms Chanelle Moore who has been teaching our Year 1/2 class with wonderful results and Miss Emily Mc Kercher who has nurtured our PP class through their first year of full time education. We will also be losing Education Assistants Mrs Hayley Palmer and Mrs Belinda Oakes. We wish them all the best for 2018. Mrs Daina Sutherland and Mrs Amelia Baltovich will be returning from leave and we look forward to having them back on the team.

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

HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH

There has been an outbreak of Hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) in town. There have been several confirmed cases in day care and we have just had confirmed cases in the school. This is a mild viral infection and is spread through mucous, saliva and faeces. HFMD usually starts with a runny nose and mild fever followed by a sore throat and blister like rash in the

mouth and on the hands and feet which becomes ulcerated. Due to its highly infectious nature children should not be at school until the blisters have fully dried.

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

CANTEEN REMINDERS FOR 2018

Parents and Carers are advised that all lunch orders must be ordered no later than recess (11.00am to 11.30am) if your child misses the class basket in the mornings.

Also please be aware when ordering for your child in Kindy and Pre Primary classes that these students are not permitted out to the canteen, so if you place a Recess order in their class basket, you need to advise a class staff member as they must collect this for your child.

Slushies, Icy Poles and Ice Creams are not permitted on Wednesdays' as this is a short lunchtime day.

Thank you for all your continued support throughout the year.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Brid, Nita and Natalie—Canteen Staff

Save the Date:

8 December
Pre Primary Excursion

11 December
Primary Glass of Class Luncheon

12 December
K-Yr 2 MerryDin—6.00pm –7.30pm in School Gym

13 December
Yr 7-9 Awards 1.15pm in School Gym
Yr 3-6 MerryDin—6.00pm in School Gym

14 December
Last day for students

Term 4 Planner:

9	4 Yr10 –Work Experience (All Week) Yr 5/6 Excursion (Police / Courthouse) Choir Visit Moorditj Mia Hospital 1pm-3pm	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 - (Downtown)
	11 Yr10 –Work Experience (All Week) P-Yr6 Glass of Class Lunch	12 K-2 MerryDin 6–7.30pm (Gym)	13 Yr 7-9 Awards-1.15-2.15pm (Gym) <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i> Yr3-6MerryDin 6-7.30pm (Gym)	14 Last Day Students Yr7/8 Pool Reward P.1-2 Yr9 Pool Reward P.4-5	15 School Development Day

Merredin College is proud to present

MERRY DIN 2017



The Merredin Times

Join us for the 2017 School Concert and Awards Presentation Evenings for Primary students and their families.

To be held at:

MERREDIN COLLEGE GYM

Tuesday 12th December
Years K-2
6-7.30pm

Wednesday 13th December
Years 3-6
6-7.30pm

First Edition:
Classes will be presenting reports from different sections of the newspaper.




We would like to ask that our guests can ensure they are seated prior to starting time!!

