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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



P & C UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2018

EVERY TUESDAY
10:30AM - 3:30PM

Our Values

We are
CARING

We are
RESPECTFUL

We are
RESPONSIBLE

We strive to
SUCCEED

BOOKCLUB

Book club is due back by 23 March 2018.

MERREDIN SHOW—SATURDAY 17 MARCH

Parents/Carers are encouraged to visit the Merredin College display at the Merredin Show this Saturday. Students and staff have put a great deal of effort into the displays and students love to see you taking an interest.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES ARE NOW DUE

Public Education is not FREE! While the government provides a basic grant to run schools it is also assumed that parents and carers will make a contribution towards their child's education. If you require a copy of your child's Contributions and Charges Statement please contact the office.

Families who have a Health Care Card/Pensioner Concession Card, and a student in Year 7-12 you are eligible to apply for the Secondary Assistance Scheme (Closes 7 April 2017) which will contribute \$350.00 towards their child's educational costs.

For families who are experiencing financial hardship, payment plans are available. Please contact the office if you need to apply for the Secondary Assistance Scheme, arrange a payment plan or want a copy of your child's invoice.

MERREDIN COLLEGE BOARD MEETING—CHANGE OF DATE

Due to unforeseen circumstances (and calendar clashes) the Board Meeting gazetted for Thursday 15 March has been moved to Thursday 22 March.

Apologies for this necessary change of date.

Julie Flockart (College Board Chair)

NAPLAN EXEMPTIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be undertaking NAPLAN Online in Term 2 between the 15 and 25 May. Information for parents of Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be sent home as a hard copy in Week 8 and also as an electronic copy attached to next week's Link.

Students in Year 5 and 7 will be undertaking a 'practice run' on Thursday 5 April. Other practice opportunities will occur for all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students before Week 3, Term 2 when the actual tests occur.

Exemptions may apply as follows:

- Students with a significant intellectual disability and/or condition that limits their capacity to participate
- Students who have been attending a school in Australia for less than one year before the tests

Parents or carers may withdraw their child from the tests to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing.

All requests for exemption from testing or withdrawal from testing must be received by the school by Friday 6 April. Exemption and Withdrawal Forms can be collected from primary administration or the main office.

Got a question about this? Mr Jarrad Ritchie or Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principals)



MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

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YEAR 7-12 ASSEMBLY—FRIDAY 16 MARCH—PERIOD 1

Parents/carers are invited to attend the above assembly at which Merit Certificates (GROW Awards) will be handed out. The Specialist Volleyball teams will also be announced as will the results of the Interschool Swimming carnival.

YEAR 11 AND 12 VET STUDENTS WORKPLACE LEARNING

Year 11 and 12 students completing a VET course can attend workplacement in the last week of Term 2, 25-29 June. **All VET students not attending Country Week are encouraged to find a placement related to their VET course.**

Return deadline for applications is 25 May.

HARRY PERKINS CENTRE EXCURSION

The Year 12 Human Biology students will be visiting Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research on Friday 23 March. This allows students to have a hand-on approach to learning about Polymerase Chain Reaction and Electrophoresis.

MOBILE PHONE USE

Since the introduction of the *Bring Your Own Device Policy*, the implementation of the *Mobile Phone Policy* has been relaxed in order to assess the impact on student learning and behaviour. Staff wish to re-impose the restrictions regarding mobile phone use because:

- The distractions caused by mobile phones outweighs any educational benefits. Many students spend valuable learning time texting and/or listening to music.
- Some students have been known to text one another in class and then create an excuse to leave class to meet up with friends. This often leads to poor behavioural choices.

Staff will be meeting to finalise the policy and then it will be discussed with students. After this, a 'No Tolerance' approach will be adopted in the interests of providing the best educational environment possible for our students.

VISIT BY BLACK DOG INSTITUTE

Next Tuesday 20 March, Years 8, 9 and 10 student will be taking part in a seminar called 'Insights' presented by the Black Dog Institute. Insights is a free 30-minute presentation which educates students on signs and symptoms of mental illness, how to seek help, and how to support friends. Our Insights presenters share their own lived experience of mental illness to help reduce the stigma associated with mental illness. If you have any questions about this seminar please contact Mr Jarrad Ritchie at Student Services.

YEAR 10-12 ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL BALL

Please refer to the attached information for student eligibility requirements for the 2018 School Ball which will occur on Saturday 7 April.

WACE CHECKER DEVELOPED TO ASSIST YEAR 12 STUDENTS MONITOR THEIR PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE WACE

Students are reminded that the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) has developed a WACE Checker for Year 12 students. The WACE Checker is a tool which Year 12s can use to check their progress towards achieving their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) and is now available on the Authority website at: <https://wacechecker.scsa.wa.edu.au/>.

The WACE Checker is provided as a guide only. The report it provides students must not be interpreted as a guarantee that the student will achieve a WACE. Achievement of the WACE is dependent on the calculation of a student's final results and completion of courses. Individuals are encouraged to consult the WACE Manual for the relevant year, or their school, should they wish to confirm WACE eligibility for a student based on enrolment and predicted/actual achievement.

To use the WACE Checker, students will need to add information about their achievements in Year 11 and their expected achievements in Year 12. The checker will be of most assistance if the information provided for Year 12 is realistic. When students add their anticipated grades for Year 12, they need to add what they realistically expect to achieve this year.

The WACE Checker will be particularly useful for students considering changes to their education program which may affect their eligibility for the WACE.

The WACE Checker allows students to save the summary of their input as a Portable Document Format (PDF). They can use this PDF to track their progress and to check the impact of any changes to their enrolment or achievement.

Students can also use a save function which will keep the data entered into the checker for a month. An access code is provided to allow students to use the 'Fetch My Data' button when they select that option in the checker.

More information is available under the 'Tell me more' button on the checker.

YEAR 6 CAMP

The Year 6 students will be on camp at Camp Kulin next week from Tuesday to Friday. They will have a week of team games and we wish them all lots of fun and adventure!

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

PRIMARY HOMEWORK CLASSES

Homework classes will be held on Tuesdays from 3:15 to 4:00pm. Students are able to use this time to complete homework tasks or to work on learning areas that they have difficulty in. Sessions will be supervised by a teacher who will be supported by the Primary Student leaders. Students to meet in the Block 4 Wet area. A healthy afternoon snack will be provided.

Got a question about this? *Miss Amanda Lockyer (Year 4/5 Classroom Teacher)*

TUESDAY MORNING RUNNING GROUP

Mrs Walker is running a Tuesday morning running group at 8am each week for Year 3-6 students. We have over 40 students signed up so far. If your child would like to participate please collect a note from primary office.

Got a question about this? *Mrs Zane Walker (PE Teacher)*

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be hosted by the Year 4/5 and Year 5/6 classes and will be on Thursday 29 March at 9am in the primary covered assembly area. We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate our students achievements.

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

MERREDIN COLLEGE Attendance at 2018 School Ball

The criteria required for attendance at the Ball were established to encourage students to make the right choices. Currently there are four main ways by which students can lose Good Standing:

- Behaviour (Suspensions)
- Work completion
- Attendance
- Mobile Phone use and Uniform

Behaviour (Suspensions): If students lose their Good Standing for Behaviour (in or out of school suspensions) at any stage from Semester 2 2017 then they lose their right to attend the Ball **(without exception)**.

Work Completion: If students lose their Good Standing due to not completing work to a satisfactory standard in Semester 2 2017, they can restore Good Standing by submitting all assigned tasks before the end of the year. As a result they are able to attend an appeal meeting with a Deputy Principal to plead their case.

If students don't complete all their work in Semester 1 2018, then they are ineligible to attend the Ball.

Good Standing for work completion is not automatically restored after a set time period but rather only once the set tasks have been submitted. (Even if the relevant teacher decides to award a 0% score for the task).

Class Preparedness: Students who are unprepared for class on 5 occasions will lose Good Standing. This includes students who fail to purchase and bring the required text books for Year 11 and 12.

Attendance: The attendance average from Semester 2 2017 until the time of the Ball needs to be at least 90%. Attendance that is less than 90% needs to be explained in a review meeting with a Deputy Principal.

Mobile Phone/Uniform: If students lose their Good Standing for not wearing the correct uniform or mobile phone use in Semester 2 2017 then they will need to attend an appeal meeting with a Deputy Principal to plead their case in order to be considered to attend the Ball. Attendance at the Ball is still at the Deputy Principal's discretion.

Students who lose Good Standing in 2018 for any reason are unable to earn back their right to attend without exception.

Save the Date:

20-23 MARCH
Year 6 Camp

16 MARCH
Yr 7-12 Assembly
P.1

19 MARCH
P&C Meeting
3.15pm

20 MARCH
Black Dog Institute Visit
P.1—P.4

Term 1 2018 Planner:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT
8	19 *OLNA (All Week) P&C Meeting 3.15pm	20 *YR 6 CAMP *Black Dog Institute Visit P.1-4	21 *YR 6 CAMP <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	22 *YR 6 CAMP School Board 5.30pm	23 *YR 6 CAMP *Harry Perkins' Excur- sion-Yr12	24
9	26	27	28 *Aboriginal Parent Meeting 9am <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	29 *Primary Assembly 9am *Primary Loved Ones Day *'Be A Hero' Free Dress- Yr 10	30 Good Friday	31
10	2 Easter Monday	3 Easter Tuesday (no school)	4 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	5	6 *Yr 12 Councillors set up for Ball	7 School Ball
11	9	10 *P-Yr6 Glass of Class Lunch	11 *Commonwealth Games Fun Run (Primary) <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	12	13 Last Day Term 1 *Primary ANZAC Assem- bly-P.2 *Yr7-12 ANZAC Ceremo- ny & Assembly P.1	14



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Pre-Primary & Gd1

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Learn netball related fundamental motor skills with fun music, games and games.

Gd 2 & 3

set

Be a part of modified netball games with a focus on fun and teamwork.

Gd 4 & 5

go

To Register go online to:
merredinna.wa.netball.com.au (click on the REGISTRATION tab)

Saturday Mornings commencing 5th May
COST: \$75 (includes a T-shirt & Netball)
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 23rd March 2018
Enquiries to: Jessica or Priscilla
merredinnetballjuniors@hotmail.com



Junior Netball 2018

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!!!!

Welcome to the 2018 season.
Junior Netball will commence on Saturday 5th May 2018

All registrations this year will be completed online, with payment required at the time of registration.

KIDSPORT You can apply for KidSport online at <https://www.dsr.wa.gov.au>
Or if you don't have internet access come down to our Manual Registration day!

Manual Registration Day: Tuesday 13th March from 4.30pm to 5.30pm (Merredin Recreation and Leisure Centre)

REGISTRATIONS WILL CLOSE ON THE 23rd March 2018

Age Groups/Registration types
If you played for a club last year, your club will send you an Email with their own link to register

Junior Competition
Year 6 to Year 9 - \$140
Juniors also playing seniors - \$190

NETSETGO - \$75
Net - Pre-primary & Yr 1
Set - Yr 2 & Yr 3
GO - Yr 4 & Yr 5

Registration details can be found on our Facebook page & website
Further enquiries to Jessica or Priscilla:
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