

IMPORTANT DATES:

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ANZAC Assemblies
Fri 7 April

First Day of Term 2
Mon 24 April

NAPLAN
Tues 9- Thurs 12 May

Primary Assembly
Thur 18 May

Last Day of Term
Fri 7 April

ANZAC Day
Tues 25 April

School Board Meeting
Thur 11 May

Secondary Assembly
Fri 19 May



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Congratulations to:

- Jenna Muir (Year 12) who is the Overall Winner (District Final) in the Lions Youth of the Year Program.
- Emily Berryman, Panashe Mudimu, Aimee Coumbe and Breanna Charleson who were successful in the Regional Schools' Tennis Classic and went on to compete in the final in Perth on Friday 17 March, achieving second place.
- The secondary students who were part of the College team which won the EASA Interschool Swimming Competition. Well done to our Champions and Runner-ups at both the primary and secondary carnivals.
- The K-2 and Year 3-6 Glass of Class winners who will enjoy lunch with Mrs Stanes next week.
- Primary Certificate winners and secondary Students of the Month and Values winners who were recognised at recent assemblies.
- All student s who attended the 2017 School Ball. Your behaviour was outstanding and you all looked wonderful. Well done to the Belle and Beau of the Ball (Kane Kahika-Lewis & Kelsey Osborne), Best Dressed (Ashton Tieland & Kaitlyn Holman) and Best Couple (Paxton Creek & Sarah Ghirardi)

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PRIMARY INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL - CHAMPIONS!!

Principal's message



Mrs Beverley Stanes
Principal

Staffing News.....

On behalf of all staff and students, I wish Mrs Amelia Baltovich (Year 5/6 teacher) and Ms Sarah Johns (secondary HASS) the very best as they await the birth of their babies. We welcome Miss Teagan Dowling as the new Year 5/6 teacher. Miss Natasha Bothe has taken on the HASS position for the remainder of Term 1 with Mrs Helen van der Riet continuing the role in Term 2.

The class restructure in early childhood as a result of increased numbers has created a new teaching position. We welcome Miss Emily McKercher who is now teaching the pre-primary class. Mrs Leah Boehme has taken on both Kindergarten classes.

Mr Marc Gardner is a welcome addition to secondary Health and Physical Education. He will be taking on Mr David O'Neill's position whilst Mr O'Neill is on long service leave in Term 2. In the meantime Mr Gardner will provide support whilst Mr Rennie takes leave.

Retirements

Although their retirements were announced at the end of 2016, the following staff should be acknowledged for their service to education in Merredin. Retirement functions have been held recently to honour the commitment and professionalism of these wonderful people.

Cath Flynn - 36 years as a teacher in Western Australia; 33 years in Merredin.

Pauline Bennett - also 36 years as a teacher with 33 years in Merredin.

Kaye Meadows - 28 years as a cleaner and an education assistant in Merredin.

Teresa Cutri - 36 years as a school officer in Merredin.

We wish them all well in their retirement.

Triple P - Positive Parenting Session

Triple P takes the guesswork out of parenting. Triple P gives parents simple and practical strategies to help them build strong, healthy relationships, confidently manage their children's behaviour and prevent problems developing. It is a parenting intervention program with the main goals of increasing the knowledge, skills, and confidence of parents and reducing the prevalence of mental health, emotional, and behavioral problems in children.

The first Triple P session for Merredin was run on Thursday 23 March by our talented and enthusiastic coordinator Mrs Jane Patroni who worked in with the Amity Health staff, Emma and Sonya. They were able to supply the crèche/playgroup for an initial audience in the O-3 room. This provided people with childcare during the session. Jane is looking at running Session 2 'Raising Confident, Competent Children' on Friday 7 April, and 'Raising Resilient Children' in Week 1, Term 2 with a similar set up and time as occurred on Thursday 23 March. This is a fabulous opportunity for parents. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Jane Patroni at the College.

Term 2 Start

Parents and students are reminded that Term 2 commences on Monday 24 April. This is not a student-free day. Tuesday 25 April is the ANZAC Day holiday.

School Board Update

The Merredin College Board consists of eleven members as indicated below.

Parents - Jamie-Lee Walker, John McKane, Christie White, Di Dixon, Jenny Doncon (Secretary)

Community Representatives – Julie Flockart (Chair), Lisa Fischer, Mick Hayden

Staff – Bev Stanes (Principal), Caitlin Crees, Tom James (Deputy Chair)

Meetings occur on Thursdays at 5.30 pm in the Southern Staffroom (Weeks 3 and 6). The next meeting is on Thursday 11 May 2017.

An outline of the items at the General meeting on 9 March is shown below. A full copy of the minutes is available on request.

- Member introductions
- Acceptance of 16 February 2017 minutes
- Languages Other than English - training attended by Jeni Hayden.
- Board Training – Term 2, Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 May in Merredin. Bev Stanes, Julie Flockart and Tom James to attend.
- Changes to Board Constitution and Terms of Reference.
- Endorsement of 2017 Budget – presentation by Thelma Motzel.

P&C Update

The P&C meets in Weeks 4 and 8 of each term. In order to make it possible for parents with young children to attend, the meetings have been alternating between Week 4 (6 pm in the library) and Week 8 (3.15 pm in the early childhood block). This has proved successful with an increase in the number of parents attending. The current committee consists of:

- Kim Lane (President)
- Darren Gardener (Vice President)
- Rochelle Willis (Secretary)
- Janelle Millar (Treasurer)
- Jamie-Lee Walker (School Board representative)
- Executive Committee Members – Kat White, Donna Whisson and Jenny Doncon

We would love to see as many parents/carers attend as possible. Please consider joining us for a least one meeting per term as your child/ren benefit from the work of the P&C (fundraising and management of the Canteen and Uniform shop for example).

The next meeting will be at 6 pm on Monday 15 May at 6 pm in the library.

Secondary Academic Performance Committee

At Merredin College we have become aware of the large number of students who do not see the relevance of Year 7-10. As a result many students think they can simply 'coast' in lower school and then enrol in an ATAR course in Year 11 and 12, and achieve success. The unfortunate fact is that many of these students will not be successful because they do not have the foundation skills or the work ethic to succeed in a university pathway course. They also place themselves at risk of not achieving a WACE (Western Australian Certificate of Education) because they will not achieve the number of C grades or higher required for a WACE. Parents who would like their child monitored as a potential ATAR student should contact Mr Baltovich or Mr Gibbon. Completing an ATAR course (rather than a General course) makes this difficult.

This year we have provided three staff with time to identify potential ATAR students in Year 7 and then monitor their performance through to the end of Year 12. Mr Baltovich will monitor Year 7-9 'academically-able' students, Mr Gibbon will monitor Year 10-12 ATAR pathway students and Mr Wallace will keep track of each student's path to WACE. This group meets twice each term and reports to Mr Rennie.

A Thought...

'I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions'

- Stephen Covey – 1932-2012,
Author and Speaker.

Secondary update



Mr Gerard Rennie
Deputy Principal

Preparing for Uni Pathway

If your child is in Years 7 to 9 and would like the option of attending university after high school, it is important that the journey begins now. Students who decide in middle of Year 10 that they want to be in the ATAR pathway but who have not put in the effort in the middle school years are going to be in for a shock. It is important that parents and their child discuss the future so that clear expectations and work patterns are set.

NAPLAN is a good starting point as NAPLAN is an important indicator of success. Previous results tell us that Band 8 in Writing and Numeracy NAPLAN is necessary if a student is to succeed in the ATAR pathway. Band 8 is also worthwhile achieving as it exempts a student from sitting the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessments (OLNA).

To be accepted into a university there are several requirements.

1. Students need to achieve their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). Achievement of WACE acknowledges that at the end of compulsory schooling you have achieved the required minimum standards in an education program that has suitable breadth and depth. Through subject enrolments the school ensures that all students meet the breadth and depth requirement. To meet the achievement standard, students must achieve 14 C grades in Years 11 and 12, including at least six C grades in Year 12 units.

2. Students must achieve competence in English as prescribed by the individual universities. In most cases, students need to achieve a C grade in their ATAR English class and pass the WACE English examination.

3. Students must obtain a sufficiently high ATAR for entry into a particular university course. ATAR indicates a student's ranking among the total Year

12 school leaving age population. An ATAR of 76 means that you have performed better than 76% of all the Year 12 school leaving age people in WA. Last year our top student achieved an ATAR of 96.7 which puts him the top 6.5%.

4. Some university courses require students to study specific subjects in Year 12 – these are called prerequisites. How is an ATAR calculated? A student's ATAR is calculated from their four best Year 12 scaled scores. School marks and WACE examination marks are given equal weight in calculating the final scores for courses. A student who averaged 60 in their best four subjects would achieve an ATAR of 77.

Students and parents need to know that Year 11 and 12 in the University Pathway requires a lot of dedication and hard work. That dedication has to begin in the middle school years so that good work habits are established, so that goals can be set and so that your child is ready for the challenge that awaits them.

For Western Australia universities, the minimum ATAR required for UWA is 80 and for Curtin, Murdoch and Edith Cowan, and minimum ATAR of 70 is required.

At Merredin College we offer a sufficiently broad and comprehensive range of ATAR subjects to enable students to get direct entry into university. We also offer a safety net for students who we recognise could struggle to meet the requirements. The school has two Academic Performance Managers who monitor and support students to achieve their university aspirations. Mr Baltovich looks after Years 7 to 9 and Mr Gibbon Year 10 to 12. If you have any queries or would like some advice please contact them at the school.



Mr Jarrad Ritchie
Deputy Principal

student services

Year 7-9 Parent Report Evening

While reports do not come out until the end of Term 2, it is timely to remind students that teachers are constantly taking notes on their classroom work habits, interactions within the class, homework and assessments so that they can write valid comments. Students who are making an effort will be recognised and for those who are not working, it will reflect in their results and teacher comments. To achieve at their true potential, students need to be making a consistent effort all semester. Year 11 and 12 students need to remember that in Week 5 the ATAR Pathway students have examinations and all General Pathway students have an English examination in Week 4 and Externally Set Tasks (EST) to do during Week 5. Year 10 students have examinations in English, Mathematics, Science and HASS in Week 6. These examinations and ESTs will have a major impact on reports.

I wish all students success as they strive to do their best.

Protective Behaviours Workshop

On Wednesday the 29 of March a series of Protective Behaviours workshops were presented to all Year 7-10 students by the WA Child Safety Services. For Year 7 students the focus was on sexual abuse awareness and for the older students, online and cyber safety. These workshops support our health and wellbeing programs here at Merredin College. If you have any questions about these workshops please contact Jarrad Ritchie, Deputy Principal Student Services.

Aboriginal Family BBQ

A big thankyou to everyone involved in the Aboriginal Family afternoon tea. We had a great turnout of families and teachers. All had a good yarn, some snags and a few laughs.

"Improving school attendance is a priority in 2017"

Halogen Leadership Camp

On the 15 - 16 March, Mr Baltovich and Ms Rogerson took the Year 7-11 Middle School Councillors and the Year 12 Student Councillors to Perth for the HALOGEN Young Leaders' Day, recently renamed Imagination. We stayed at the Kingsway Tourist Park on the Wednesday night and despite the lack of basketball facilities, the students bonded over pizza and 'would you rather' games. Bright and early on Thursday morning we headed to the Perth Convention Centre for the conference. Arriving early, we ventured around the newly built Elizabeth Quay and had a couple of happy snaps on the bridge. The crowd at the conference was a modest size, with a couple hundred students from mostly Perth schools in attendance. The students were captivated by inspirational stories from some of Australia's best and brightest, including teen skateboarding sensation Poppy Starr, Australian Wheelchair Basketball captain Brad Ness, and Nine News presenter Tracy Vo. Overall the event was well worth attending and the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Mr Matt Baltovich
TEACHER - ENGLISH

Secondary update

SCHOOL BALL YEAR 10-12

Cummins Theatre was the ideal setting for the Merredin College Ball on Saturday night 18 March, with around 130 students and staff enjoying a magical evening of dancing and entertainment.

Students walked the red carpet to enter a warm, elegant ballroom, decorated to the theme of 'Far Far Away' with pine trees, vines, fairy lights and lanterns throughout the hall. Official proceedings commenced at 7pm with a formal introduction by the co-ordinator Nathan Tibbits and an address to students by the Principal Beverley Stanes. Parents were then asked to leave the premises and so began the music and dancing lead by the DJs for the evening, Natalie Beale and Thomas James.

There were three presentations to be made during the evening; 'Best Couple', 'Best Dressed' and the 'Belle and Beau of the Ball'. Year 10 student Ashton Tieland and Year 11 student Kaity Holman were awarded the Best Dressed and Year 10 students Sarah Ghirardi and Paxton Creek were nominated as Best Couple. The Belle and Beau sashes went to two of our Year 12 Student Councillors, Kelsey Osborne and Kane Lewis.

The night was capped off with an eruption of rose petal confetti canons to bring down the curtain on an unforgettable evening.

Merredin College would like to express a huge thank you to the parents of students who attended. A special mention must also be made to Louise and Mark Barrass, John and Helen Thornton and Marc Osborne for their help in supplying many of the decorations used for the evening. A note of thanks also goes to our Year 9 helpers and the business owners in town for their donations. The night would not have been possible without the assistance of the community.

The Year 10-12 students are indebted to Mr Tibbits for his organisation of the Ball. Thank you!

BEST COUPLE
Sarah Ghirardi &
Paxton Creek

BEST DRESSED
Kaitlyn Holman &
Ashton Tieland

BELLE & BEAU
Kelsey Osborne &
Kane Kahika-Lewis



A big 'thank you' to Hayley Billing and her Year 9 Helpers for the wonderful catering!

FAR FAR AWAY



ASSEMBLY - TERM 1

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



YEAR 7

Xavier Rajagopalan ART, 7.1 MATHEMATICS & ENGLISH
Erin Lawrence DANCE
Cassandra Penny DRAMA
Lachlan Alvaro 7.1 ENGLISH
Siena Shelton 7.1 HASS
Frazer Sutherland 7.1 SCIENCE
Carly Beilkin 7.2 ENGLISH & 7.2 SCIENCE
Olivia Downsborough 7.2 HASS
Sybella Tyak White 7.2 MATHEMATICS
Emily Lane 7.3 MATHEMATICS
Joanna Smith 7.3 SCIENCE
Chloe Ghirardi INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Joshua Grant WOODWORK



YEAR 8

Harmione Caley ART
Jessica Robartson DANCE
Zenith Price DRAMA & 8.3 MATHEMATICS
Gabrielle Smith HOME ECONOMICS
Kyrar Lane INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Jordi Smith 8.1 ENGLISH
Jasmin Griffiths 8.1 MATHEMATICS
Georgina Squire 8.1 SCIENCE
Campbell Woodfield 8.2 ENGLISH
Harmione Caley 8.2 HASS
Brooklyn Garlett 8.2 SCIENCE
Gaby Paterson WOODWORK

YEAR 9

Harrison Sutherland ART
Kaley McDonnell DANCE
Jorja Downsborough DRAMA
Hannah Gardiner HOME ECONOMICS
Breanna Charleson INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Trent Caplan 9.1 ENGLISH
Hannah Gardiner 9.1 MATHEMATICS
Thomas Farson 9.1 SCIENCE & 9.2 HASS
Kaeleb Gartrell 9.2 ENGLISH
Clayton Spring 9.2 HASS
Charlee Brooker 9.2 MATHEMATICS
Elizabeth Townrow 9.2 SCIENCE
Daniela Navales DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY (WOODWORK)



YEAR 10

Zac Smith INDEPENDENT LIVING
Chloe Coomber ART
Maddison Lane DANCE
Brody Bransby DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY (WOODWORK)
Gavin Muir DRAMA
Sarah Ghirardi HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Cameron Scaddan INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Nicola Beck INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Darcy Lowe 10.1 ENGLISH
Chelsea Willis 10.1 HASS
Reilley Ferguson 10.1 MATHEMATICS
Amy Tiller 10.1 SCIENCE
Tarvis Francis 10.2 ENGLISH
Shayley Hendricks 10.2 MATHEMATICS & 10.2 SCIENCE
Ashton Tieland 10.3 ENGLISH
Tarlee Lawrence 10.3 HASS
Dylan Hayden 10.3 MATHS
Micah O'Neil 10.3 SCIENCE

YEAR 11

Nathaniel Bell CAREER & ENTERPRISE
Joshua Burrell ATAR MODERN HISTORY & MATHEMATICS METHODS
Samantha Cash MATHEMATICS APPLICATIONS
Jack Fitzsimons HUMAN BIOLOGY
Jayden Gartrell CERT II HOSPITALITY & GENERAL ENGLISH
Stephanie Houareau CERT II IN BUSINESS
Maryanne Houston GENERAL ENGLISH
Jasmin Jett-Bolton VISUAL ARTS
Jaidyn Kilanski MATHEMATICS ESSENTIAL
Dylan Last DRAMA & CERT II INFORMATION DIGITAL MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
Lachlan McKinnon FOUNDATION ENGLISH
Chester Navales ATAR ENGLISH
Garlett Nikki MATHEMATICS FOUNDATIONS
Kaleb Roisetter CERT II IN ENGINEERING PATHWAYS
Zara Rose Williamson DANCE

YEAR 12

Nathan Eatts CERT II IN ENGINEERING PATHWAYS
Lauren Barrass MATHEMATICS APPLICATIONS & ATAR ENGLISH
Jessica Hubeck ATAR MODERN HISTORY & ATAR CHEMISTRY
Nathan Eatts DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY (WOODWORK)
Cameron Wansbrough GENERAL ENGLISH & VISUAL ARTS
Courtney Thornton HUMAN BIOLOGY
Connor Pearce MATHEMATICS ESSENTIALS
Isaac McDonald MATHEMATICS METHODS
Kane Kahika-Lewis CERT II IN BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION
Kelsey Osborne CERT II IN BUSINESS

Values Award Winners

YEAR 7 SIENA SHELTON
YEAR 8 GABRIELLE SMITH
YEAR 9 ELIZABETH TOWNROW
YEAR 10 CHLOE COOMBER
YEAR 11 TYLA MCFARLANE
YEAR 12 GERRALD HAYDEN

Student of the Month

YEAR 7 XAVIER RAJAGOPALAN
YEAR 8 HARMOINE CALEY
YEAR 9 HANNAH GARDINER
YEAR 10 SHAYLEY HENDRIKS
YEAR 11 JAYDEN GARTRELL
YEAR 12 JESSICA HUBECK

Secondary update

COUNTRY TENNIS CLASSIC

Mr David Pirovich
HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Merredin College students secured the opportunity to compete in the Country Schools' Tennis Classic Finals on Friday 17 March. The competition was held at Mount Lawley Tennis Club, Perth and was an excellent chance for our students to test their skills against fellow country students. Panashe Mudimu, Emily Berryman, Aimee Coumbe and Breanna Charleson went head to head against girls from Great Southern Grammar and Georgiana Molloy Anglican School. Merredin College fought hard and won their games against Georgiana Molloy Anglican, however, Great Southern Grammar were too good on the day. The Merredin College team came second overall and this has left the girls ambitious to win the competition next year. A special thanks to Mrs Tracy Berryman and Mr Glenn Coumbe for their effort and support in driving the students down to Perth for the event.



INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING

Merredin College teamed up with Tammin and Meckering Primary Schools to compete in the EASA Interschool Swimming Carnival on Friday 10 March in Wyalkatchem. The day provided some solid competition from surrounding schools and positive sportsmanship was displayed by all competitors.

The final result saw Tammin/Meckering/Merredin take home the trophy along with setting new swimming records and Champion and Runner-up Champion awards.

Mr David O'Neill

Teacher In Charge - HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Champion & Runner-up Champions :

Alexander Rajagopalan U16 Champion Boy

Amy Robartson R/up U16 Champion Girl

Paige Tiller & Jasmine Griffiths U15 R/up Champion Girl

New Records :

Paige Tiller - Backstroke (43.74sec)

Arlo Adams - Backstroke (45.63sec)

Amy Robartson - Freestyle (33.19sec)

Alexander Rajagopalan - Backstroke (41.25sec) & Butterfly (41.92sec)

T&E - WOODWORK

Time has been flying in the Wood Workshop this term. Students spent the first few lessons completing safety activities and learning about the safety that is necessary in the workshop. Since then, students have been busy designing and working on a variety of different woodwork projects, allowing them to practise a variety of skills.



YEAR 7

Year 7 students have been using hand tools in order to design and create wooden spoons.

The Year 8 students have been practising their design skills by creating laminated chopping boards with a Western Australian theme.

The Year 9 students have been working hard to design and produce a crocodile box.

The Year 10s have been developing their drawing skills in order to design a shelving unit that they will be producing later in the year. In the workshop they have been using the machines to produce a hinged box with a unique pyrograph design.

Miss Krystal Hickman
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY TEACHER



YEAR 10



The Year 11 and 12 students have produced a Joints' Portfolio and developing their abilities using hand tools. They are currently working on Design Portfolios and skills in preparation for the wooden money boxes they will be creating during the remainder of Semester 1.

Primary report



Mrs Lorraine Shreeve
Deputy Principal



Ms Lynne Herbert
Deputy Principal

Halogen Leadership Excursion

On Friday 17 March, Mrs Shreeve and the four school leaders – Hallie Anderson, Campbell Gardiner, Chelsea Routledge and Jack Truglio went to the Perth Convention Centre to be part of the new National Youth Leadership Day, called ImagiNATION. At this conference students learnt from amazing and inspirational speakers all about young people having the power to work together. They inspired all of us to be the best WE can and to never give up on our dreams. The four school leaders will be bringing back new ideas and will be inspiring the other students to reach for the sky.



Assembly - Term 1, Week 9

Award Winners

	<i>Academic:</i>	<i>Citizenship:</i>
PP	BEAU MANNING	REZE COETZE
PP/1	ANITA ERCEG	CHARLOTTE HATCH
Year 1	BONNIE WAHLSTEN	JOSHUA VAN DER MERWE
Year 1/2	ALIONAH PICKET	ADRIANAH KELLY
Year 2	TAMIA COLE	STEELE WILCOX
Year 3	KALEB ROHRLACH	DARRYEON SUTHERLAND-SCOTT
Year 3/4	MILLA KETT	AMALIA TALLARZO
Year 4	TUSCYNNE YARDLEY	EMILY HARDY
Year 5	TYLER BUSH	HARLIE CORLETT
Year 5/6	LEVI CONDUIT	JORDAN HASSACK
Year 6	JAYA JAXON	MIAYSHA CHANDLER
Dance	DENZEL GORDON	CASEY BRIGGS
MUSIC - Upper Primary	KANE OSBORNE	
Lower Primary	STELLA MAJOR	
PHYS ED - Upper Primary	OLLIE PARKER	
Lower Primary	BEAU MANNING	

Values Award Winners

Imogen Wagland - Year 4
Logan Cervantes - Year 2
Spencer Saunders - Year 3
Rhyley Craddock - Year 6
Mikayla Palmer - PP
Emily Kittyea - PP

This award is to acknowledge the values of respect and integrity displayed at school.





NANGA BUSH CAMP

The Year 6s arrived at Nanga Bush Camp on Tuesday. This was a 5 hour drive. At Nanga Bush Camp we learnt how to be a leader and work as a team. We did a variety of things such as Zip Lining, Rock Climbing, Kayaking, Raft Building and many more.

Also at Nanga Bush Camp there was a treasure chest we had to try and open by earning keys. To earn keys we had to prove to be a team player. Hallie was the one who had the key to open the chest. We're not going to tell you what was inside it because we didn't want to spoil it for the Year 5s.

We offer A big thanks to Shay, Ash, Brad and Ryan for running the activities and the teachers who supervised us. Thank you also to Dave for driving the bus.

- Written by Chelsea & Jack



Primary spotlight

Interschool Swimming Carnival



Mrs Zane Walker
Physical Education Teacher

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Year 3

Runner-Up Boy	Xander Boehme (MC)
Champion Boy	Sam Anderson (MC)
Runner-up Girl	Shelby Roberts (St Mary's)
Champion Girl	Milla Kett (MC)

Year 4

Runner-Up Boy	Joshua Ruiz & Angus Townrow (St Mary's)
Champion Boy	Tom Downsborough (St Mary's)
Runner-Up Girl	Mia Barnett (St Mary's)
Champion Girl	Makayla Geier (St Mary's)

Year 5

Runner-Up Boy	Mason Robertson (MC)
Champion Boy	Judd Major (MC)
Runner-Up Girl	Grace Shelton & Katherine Hayden (MC)
Champion Girl	Tyler Bush (MC)

Year 6

Runner-Up Boy	Digby Caughey (St Mary's)
Champion Boy	Bailey Smith (St Mary's)
Runner-Up Girl	Chloe Lane (St Mary's)
Champion Girl	Nathasha Ruiz (St Mary's)



Friday 3 March was perfect weather for our 2017 Interschool Swimming Carnival between St Marys and Merredin College. Well done to all the students who were selected and competed in the Interschool Swimming Carnival – you all did a great job! Congratulations to Merredin College who won the day. A big thanks to the organising school – St Marys and a special thankyou to the parent helpers, all the teachers, Merredin Swimming Club, Merredin Shire and Merredin Swimming pool, and especially the students. Thanks so much to IGA Merredin for their donation of watermelon and bottled water for the students and helpers.

Year 1

Lately we have had a very exciting couple of weeks! The children have been learning a lot of different and new things. In STEM (science, technology, engineering & mathematics), we constructed a maze out of straws and glue. Once we had finished our designs they were then tested with a marble. In literacy we have been focusing on sounds within words. The children have been doing brainstorms of different sounds and writing lots of words that have that sound in them. Last week the children explored shaving foam and practised writing Consonant Vowel Consonant (CVC) words in it.

Miss Justine Low
Class Teacher



Year 1/2

Primary spotlight

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It has been a great start to Term 1 for the students. Since changing classes the Year 1 and 2s have joined in very nicely with one another. Each morning everyone is enthusiastic to start their day with our Jolly Phonics, spelling and writing activities. The students are getting very good at the Jolly Phonics on the Smartboard and we enjoy competitions with that each morning. We all have fun doing dances, chants and games in class. Mrs Millington was especially pleased with how wonderful all the work on the show board looked. It has been great to see all the home reading that has been done so far. It is essential that this is done every day. In class we enjoy reading books, doing shared reading and our activities on the Smartboard. Each week everyone really enjoys their Library session, whole school sport and the computer lab on Friday afternoon. It has been a great term in our class!

**Mr Trent Cremin &
Mrs Narelle Millington**
Class Teachers



Year 2

Our class is running super smoothly now that we have established routine and rhythm into the day. Students are motivated and involved in all learning areas and are starting to take risks with their work and talk about their learning. These practices lead to better results with academic work. The home reading program is a very important part of our learning and it is excellent to see it supported by so many parents. The Year 2s are always excited to share their day and their work via the Seesaw app. The codes for these were sent home at the start of the year, as were their logins for Mathletics and Reading Eggs. These apps are fun and great for students to consolidate what they have been taught in class!



Mrs Deirdre Fardell
Class Teacher

College community

Merredin students at the Country Pennants State Swimming Championships in Kalgoorlie. Mikayla Rothwell, Jasmin Griffiths, Kaley McDonnell, Paige Tiller, Ebony-Rose Stone, Alyssa Taylor



DID YOU KNOW?

Each student at Merredin College borrows, on average, 2 books per week from our Library

That's

1228 books borrowed per week.....

12280 books borrowed per term.....

49120 books borrowed per year!!

If we receive the \$20 Library Fund Voluntary Approved Request on the Voluntary Contributions sent out to each family attending the school, we will be able to enrich our collection, which will in turn enrich your child's education!



SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

\$350

towards school expenses

**DO YOU HOLD A: CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD OR
CENTRELINK PENSIONER CARD OR
VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD**

**Applications Close
Friday 7 April 2017**

ASK SCHOOL RECEPTION FOR MORE INFORMATION

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

4 April	PP-Year 2 Glass of Class Lunch Balga Football Game - Yr 7-8	15-17 May	Year 11/12 General Exams
5 April	Year 3-6 Glass of Class Lunch	19 May	Secondary Assembly
7 April	ANZAC Assemblies & Last day of Term 1	22-26 May	Year 11/12 ATAR Exams
24 April	Term 2 commences	26 May	National Sorry Day
25 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday	29 May-2 June	Year 10 Exams
11 May	School Board Meeting 5.30pm	5 June	WA Day Public Holiday
18 May	Primary Assembly	6 June	School Development Day

Who to contact at Merredin College in 2017

An outline of major staff and general responsibilities is shown below. In order to receive a timely response to concerns, parents and carers are requested to contact the appropriate person directly. This is best done, by telephoning the Merredin College Office and asking for the person

Bev Stanes (Principal) — *unresolved issues or concerns of a confidential nature*

Thelma Motzel/Janelle Millar (Manager Corporate Services) — *contributions and charges*

Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal) — *K-6 unresolved general concerns, special needs*

Lorraine Shreeve (Deputy Principal – K-6) — *K-6 behaviour and attendance, Year 6 camp, student reports*

Gerard Rennie (Deputy Principal) — *Year 10-12 courses and counselling, Year 11/12 behaviour, reporting processes and secondary concerns of a general nature*

Jarrad Ritchie (Deputy Principal – Student Services) — *Yr 7-12 pastoral care and attendance, Year 7-10 behaviour, Year 7-9 courses*

Darren Gardiner (Head of Curriculum – Yr 7-12 Mathematics) — *Mathematics curriculum/classroom/student progress concerns*

Alyce Rogerson (Teacher in Charge – Yr 7-12 Science) — *Science curriculum/classroom/student progress concerns*

Julie Tiller (Head of Curriculum – Yr 7-12 Humanities) — *English/History and Social Sciences curriculum/classroom/student progress concerns*

Isobelle Sirianni (Teacher in Charge – Yr 7-12 Technology and Enterprise/The Arts) — *Home Economics, Design and Technology, Art, Dance, Drama curriculum/classroom/student progress concerns*

David O'Neill (Teacher in Charge – Yr 7-12 Health and Physical Education) — *HPE curriculum/classroom/student progress concerns, overseeing carnivals and other sporting events*

Fleur Forsyth (Education Support Coordinator) — *Year 7-12 concerns regarding students with special needs*

Brett Guthrie (School Chaplain) — *social and emotional support of students*

Jeno Hayden, Chrissi Smith (AIEOs), **Tanya Garlett** (ALO) — *concerns relating to Aboriginal students*

Wayne Wallace / Tracey Sutherland (Coordinator of Vocational Education) — *Yr 10-12 Workplace Learning, Vocational Education and Training Courses*

Rebecca Waye (School Nurse) — *Student health issues*

Teagan Pascoe (School Psychologist)

For classroom issues or queries, please first contact your child's classroom teacher before speaking to anyone else. If your concern is not addressed, then people should be progressively contacted as shown:

Classroom teacher → **Head of Curriculum (if secondary)** → **Deputy Principal (K-6) or Deputy Principal (Yr 7-12) if the matter is curriculum related or Deputy Principal (Student Services) if behaviour related** → **Principal**.

The school has a Complaints Management procedure.
Parents/carers are welcome to request a copy.

Bank Details:

You may prefer to pay school accounts via direct debit.
The school account details are as follows:

A/c name: Merredin College
BSB number: 066-040
A/c number: 19903610

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The school also has EFTPOS and credit card payment facilities.



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