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MC link

Merredin College Weekly Community Update



Message from the Principal.....



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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Nominations for a position on the Merredin College School Board close this Friday 20 July at 3pm. We apologise for the incorrect date shown in the last MC Link. There is still time to vote if you have not done so! Parent nominations include Mrs Amanda Rajagopalan and Mrs Lesley Watson.

Parents/carers of Merredin College elect the parent representatives. Please find attached a copy of the Parent Election ballot paper and vote for your desired representatives in order of preference (1= most preferred). These must be returned to Bev Irving at the school by 3 pm Friday 20 July 2018 by one of the methods described on the Ballot Paper. Every family is able to return one voting slip. A profile of each parent nominee is included in this MC Link attachment.

2019 STUDENT ENROLMENTS

Friday 20 July is an important date in your child's education.

You need to apply to enrol your children in a public school for 2019 if they are:

- starting Kindergarten – 4 years old by 30 June 2019
- starting Pre-primary (first year of compulsory school) – 5 years old by 30 June 2019
- starting Year 7 (first year of secondary school except if they are already attending Merredin College)
- changing schools.

All children from Pre-primary to Year 12 are guaranteed a place at their [local public school](#).

Come and see us to enrol your children today. Apply by Friday 20 July 2018. Visit our website for more information <http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/new-admissions/>

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MERREDIN COLLEGE COUNTRY WEEK SIDE

We appreciate the efforts of Dave O'Neill, Dave Pirovich, Alyce Rogerson, Kelly Pievaioli, Nat Beale and Vanessa Morris for the brilliant job they did of training our Country Week squad. Our success this year speaks volumes as the results were our best ever! We won the Boys' and Girls' Volleyball and the Girls' Basketball, achieved a second in Netball and a third in Boys' Basketball. It was wonderful to be able to enjoy the results via the Merredin College Sports' page. Well done to everyone.

NEW MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES (MCS) FOR MERREDIN COLLEGE

We congratulate Janelle Millar who successfully applied for and won the 0.6 FTE position previously held by Thelma Motzel. Janelle is now the fulltime MCS.

Our PBS Values Focus

Each week the College will focus on aspects of our PBS expectations. The information will be provided to students on classroom doors. Parents are encouraged to support the College in promoting these values at home. The PBS focus for Weeks 1 and 2, Term 3 are:

We are caring
We are Respectful
We are responsible
We strive to succeed



Primary: We are **SUCCESSFUL** in Learning Areas -

WE STRIVE TO SUCCEED BY PARTICIPATING IN ALL CLASS ACTIVITIES TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITIES

Secondary: We are **SUCCESSFUL** in Learning Areas -

WE STRIVE TO SUCCEED BY ALWAYS TRYING OUR BEST

SCHOOL ZONE—SLOW DOWN—OUR KIDS ARE IMPORTANT!

At a public forum held by the Merredin Shire Council, concerns were raised regarding speeding vehicles around the school, particularly at drop off and collection times with the suggestion being it was the parents/carers of the students who are most at fault. It was also mentioned that the students themselves need to pay more attention when crossing the road(s) as opposed to chatting with friends or being otherwise occupied on their phones etc.

The Shire will be investigating works and undertaking a public awareness campaign to try and address the issue. We have displayed notices like the one on this MC Link around the College. Parents/carers are reminded of the speed limits and to drive slowly and safely within the surrounding roads of the College. Please be aware of your surroundings and look out for children who may be crossing roads. Your support with this is greatly appreciated and will help keep our students safe.

The Shire will also be making contact with Merredin Police requesting they patrol the area more regularly and perhaps set up speed cameras, particularly during drop off and collection times. This will hopefully deter any inappropriate and potentially dangerous behaviour.



VACSWIM 2018

With swimming pools and beaches a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is essential.

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and December/January school holidays.

VacSwim is for all children - from beginners to more advanced swimmers and young people doing their Bronze Medallion. Your children can start as young as five years old.

Your children can join in the fun of learning to swim at pools and open water venues across the State.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/swimming

ABORIGINAL PARENT MEETING—TUESDAY 24 JULY AT 10AM

With NAIDOC being celebrated in 3 weeks time (Week 4), a parent meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 July at 10am in the Southern Staffroom. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

SECONDARY *Link*

SECONDARY PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS—TUESDAY 24 JULY

Parents and students are invited to the library from 4pm – 6pm on Tuesday 24 July to meet with teachers to discuss Semester 1 reports. This is an important opportunity that parents/carers should take advantage of.

YEAR 9/10 VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION—KALGOORLIE

The Merredin College Volleyball specialist students will be attending an inter-school competition in Kalgoorlie on Thursday 26 July. Our students will be competing against private schools from across WA, including John Paul College and Esperance Anglican Community School. We wish them luck in the lead up to the Schools' Cup Competition.

YEAR 7-12 ASSEMBLY

The first assembly for Term 3 will occur on Friday 3 August at 9.00am in the gym. The highest achieving students in each of Years 7 to 10 will be acknowledged and Country Week results will be announced. Badges will also be presented to the new Student Councillors. All families are welcome to attend.

NOTRE DAME UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST

For more information and to register for any events, visit notredame.edu.au/events

Notre Dame Open Day—Sunday 19 August

Kick-start your Uni journey at the Notre Dame Open Day. Enjoy the atmospheric Fremantle campus, check out the facilities, enjoy music, food and games and get involved in the festivities.

SECONDARY *Link Cont'd.....*

DRAMA WORKSHOPS

Next week, Merredin will have the honour of welcoming Libby Klysz to town to run some practical Drama workshops with the kids. Libby has made a name for herself in the Australian theatre scene with her improvisation comedy group *The Big Hoo-Haa* as well as many other full shows. She is the chair of the Blue Room Theatre in Perth, and teaches a number of courses at Edith Cowan University. Libby will be running workshops on Tuesday 24 July after school at the Cummins Theatre, and Wednesday at school for Years 10, 11 and 12 students! This is a great opportunity for students to experience more of the arts from a working theatre professional!

PRIMARY *link*



LYNNE HERBERT ON LONG SERVICE LEAVE

While Ms Herbert is on leave during Weeks 1-5 of Term 3, Mrs Amelia Baltovich will assist as Deputy Principal on Mondays and Tuesdays.

MERREDIN COLLEGE HAS GOT TALENT ASSEMBLY

Our annual, Merredin College has got Talent Assembly will be held Thursday, Week 4 this term. Students need to have their nominations in to their teachers by Week 1, Thursday 19 July, with auditions in Week 2 and rehearsals in Week 3.

Got a question about this? Mrs Amelia Baltovich (Acting Deputy Principal/Year 6 Teacher)



JOSEPHINE WANTS TO DANCE

Pre-primary, Year 1 and Year 2 students will be involved in a literacy workshop for this wonderful act that is coming to the Cummins Theatre later in the term. The workshops will commence at 11.30am and run through until the end of the day on Friday, Week 1.

Got a question about this? Mrs Amelia Baltovich (Acting Deputy Principal/Year 6 Teacher)

SAVE THE DATE

Technology Showcase: Thursday September 6 at 10am – 12.30pm

Got a question about this? Mrs Amelia Baltovich (Acting Deputy Principal/Year 6 Teacher)

TRIPLE P- THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING

In Term 2 Merredin College held Triple P seminars for parents. These seminars offered tips and ideas to help raise happy and confident kids; see more of the behaviours you like and less of the ones you don't; and have better relationships with your family. Each week we will be sharing with you a tip from one of the aspects of the Triple P Program.

CREATING A SAFE, INTERESTING ENVIRONMENT



All children need to feel safe both at home and at school, and have the security of knowing they have a safe place to go after school. Children also need to be adequately supervised, this means knowing where your child is, who they are with and what they are doing at all times.

It is important for children to have an interesting environment that provides plenty of opportunities to explore, discover, experiment and develop their skills.

Having lots of interesting things to do will stimulate your child's curiosity as well as their language and intellectual development. It will also keep your child busy and active, if children have interesting things to do; they are less likely to become bored or to misbehave.

When children live in a safe, interesting environment it means that you can be more relaxed about parenting, and your child can keep busy and develop their skills without the risk of being hurt.

TEACH YOUR CHILD ABOUT PERSONAL SAFETY

Teach your child about the danger of talking to strangers. Teach them never to go with or accept anything from someone they do not know.

Talk about what to do if children feel unsafe, such as when someone wants them to do something they are not comfortable with. Talk about how to find a dependable person to talk to, such as a trusted relative, neighbour, teacher or friend.

Got a question about this? Mrs Jane Patroni (Kindy Teacher)

Save the Date:

20 July

Josephine Wants to Dance
Workshop-Primary

24 July

Aboriginal Parent Mtg
10.00am

24 July

Parent/Teacher Interviews
4pm—6pm

26 July

Yr 9-10 Volleyball Comp
in Kalgoorlie

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	16 JULY School Development Day	17 Students Commence *SEN Community Engagement Program P.1-4 YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	18 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	19	20 *Josephine Wants to Dance Workshop-Primary
2	23	24 *SEN Community Engagement Program P.1-4 *Aboriginal Parent Mtg-10am *AIM Indigenous Mentoring -11am Yr7-10 (Rm18) *Parent Teacher Interviews 4-6pm	25 *Yr 11/12 Drama W/shop – P.1&2 *Yr 10 Drama W/shop – P.3&4 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	26 *Yr 9/10 Volleyball Comp (Kalgoorlie)	27
3	30	31 *SEN Community Engagement Program P.1-4 *Canberra Camp Info Night-7pm	1 AUGUST <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	2 School Board Mtg 5.30pm	3 *Yr 7-12 Assembly P.1 (Highest Achiever Yr7-10)

Term 3 2018 Planner Link: <http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/term-planners/>

A DAY FILLED WITH LOTS OF FUN AND SPORTS WITH



FAIR GAME

SATURDAY 21 JULY
BRUCE ROCK RECREATION GROUNDS
11.30 AM - 4.00 PM
CHILDREN OF ALL AGES WELCOME!
FREE ACTIVITY!
HEALTHY SNACKS PROVIDED | PRIZES UP FOR GRABS

Fair Game do a range of activities based around their healthy communities program. These include basketball, football, cricket, yoga program called the 'Wellness Walkabout', and any games/art/sporting activities the kids in the community enjoy!

For more information, please contact Alberto at Bruce Rock Police Station on 9061 1035 or Tamara at the Bruce Rock CRC on 9061 1687

Proudly Supported By....

Yorga's/Noongar Women's Yarning and Craft Group

Come over and **join us** at The Library (Old North Merredin Primary School Building) for a **Yarn**, some **Craft & Morning tea** hosted by Jen Lavery, Amity Health ATSI Wellbeing & Resilience Coordinator

Kindly supported by Merredin Regional Library and the Shire of Merredin.

Tuesday 22nd 2018 and every Tuesday
Time: 10.30am to 12:30pm
Location: 22 Coronation St, Merredin.

Kids Welcome

If you have a craft or a skill you would like to share with the group this would be most welcome!!

For more information, please call Jen Lavery at Amity Health.
0437 794 286 or drop into Amity Health Office 4/11 Mitchell St, Merredin

Share, Support, Encourage, Laugh

Amity Health acknowledges WIA Primary Health Alliance (WIA PHA) for providing funding in its role as the operator of the Country WIA PHN.





CANDIDATES' PROFILES FOR PARENT REPRESENTATIVE ON SCHOOL BOARD JUNE 2018

1. AMANDA RAJAGOPALAN

My name is Amanda Rajagopalan.

I live in Bruce Rock with my husband Ram and our four children.

Alexander and Xavier currently attend Merredin College. I have previously been involved in the Bruce Rock DHS School Council and P&C for many years.

I have lived in the Wheatbelt for over 20 years, having lived in Merredin for 6 years and have seen the many changes Merredin College has gone through – all for the better!

I truly believe Merredin College has become a major asset to the townsite and wider Wheatbelt area. It has allowed families the opportunity to stay together, rather than the only option of boarding away.

I believe in the direction and standard of the current administration, which is why we chose to educate those that we hold most dear herenamely our children. Having a close tie, but living in another town only serves to give me another perspective and view if I was to be elected to the School Board. To be able to actively participate in the growth and development of our College would be an honour.

2. LESLEY WATSON

I am a parent of 8 children, 7 attended Merredin College at one point, and 4 still do. I work in health and volunteer with the Merredin Community Resource Centre. I believe Education can change lives, and feel strongly about being involved with my children's education and the future direction of their school.



Dear Parent/Carer

MERREDIN COLLEGE SCHOOL BOARD VOTING SLIP

Expressions of interest for the Parent Member vacancy on the Merredin College Board for 2018 closed on Wednesday 27 June 2018. Positions available are for one Parent Member, with the term expiring in 2020.

Thank you to the nominees who wish to contribute to our College community. As there are 2 interested parents an election process is necessary.

Every family is able to return one voting slip. Forms can be returned by **3 pm Friday 20 July 2018** to Bev Irving, by email (Bev.Irving@education.wa.edu.au), in person to Bev at Merredin College or by post (Attn: Bev Irving, Merredin College, Woolgar Avenue, Merredin College. WA 6415)

Yours sincerely

Beverley Stanes

PRINCIPAL

28 July 2018

MERREDIN COLLEGE SCHOOL BOARD VOTING SLIP – Parent Member

Please return no later than **3 pm Friday 20 July 2018** to Bev Irving (School Officer), Merredin College. Profiles of each nominee are attached.



Please indicate your preference for the following candidates (1 = First preference, 2 = Second preference)

Amanda RAJAGOPALAN _____

Lesley WATSON _____

Family Name: _____

Signed: _____