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Message from the Principal.....

Everyone is encouraged to join us to celebrate NAIDOC Week commencing Monday. Please direct enquiries to Jeni Hayden (Primary) and Chrissi Smith (Secondary)





NAIDOC Week 2018



Financially supported by Merredin Shire Council and Collgar Windfarm
6-10 August (Week 4, Term 3)

PRIMARY WELCOME ASSEMBLY	Monday 6 August, 9am
- Welcome to Country & Dance Performance	
NAIDOC CURRICULUM - PRIMARY	All week
OPEN CLASSROOM - SECONDARY	See Secondary section of the MC Link
YORGAS ABORIGINAL WOMENS GROUP AFTERNOON TEA	Tuesday 7 August, 2pm
NAIDOC COMMUNITY DAY AT SCHOOL	Friday 10 August
- NAIDOC Assembly K-10 (Presentation of Deadly Awards)	9-10am
- Fire cooking demonstration & light meal	11-1pm
- Dance Performance Primary - main quad	12-12.30pm
- Dance Performance Secondary - west quad	1-1.30pm
- NAIDOC Football Cup	1.45-2.45pm



'The theme of NAIDOC 2018 is *'Because of her, we can'* and celebrates the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made – and continue to make - to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation. Sadly, Indigenous women's role in our cultural, social and political survival has often been invisible, unsung or diminished. As pillars of our society, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played – and continue to play - active and significant roles at the community, local, state and national levels.

They continue to influence as doctors, lawyers, teachers, electricians, chefs, nurses, architects, rangers, emergency and defence personnel, writers, volunteers, chief executive officers, actors, singer songwriters, journalists, entrepreneurs, media personalities, board members, accountants, academics, sporting icons and Olympians, the list goes on. They are our mothers, our elders, our grandmothers, our aunties, our sisters and our daughters.'

Excerpt from a Statement by National NAIDOC Co-Chairs Dr Anne Martin & Mr Ben Mitchell

P&C MEETING

All parents and carers are invited along to the P&C meeting which will be held in the library at 6.00 pm on Monday 6 August.

Our PBS Values Focus

Each week the College will focus on aspects of our PBS expectations. The information will be provided to students in classrooms. Parents are encouraged to support the College in promoting these values at home. The PBS focuses for Week 4, Term 3 are:

Primary: We are **CARING** in the Community -

WE ARE CARING BY WORKING TOGETHER AND ALLOWING OTHERS TO FEEL SAFE AND HAPPY AT SCHOOL

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

WE ARE CARING BY BEING KIND AND CONSIDERATE

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



MERREDIN COLLEGE BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday 9 August at 5.30 pm in the Southern (Secondary) staffroom. We will be joined by the Hon. Darren West MLC and our Regional Executive Director, Ms Alison Ramm.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (PBS) INITIATIVE

Once each week for 10-15 minutes, teachers will be conducting lessons around one of the PBS values. This is an important strategy to ensure students understand how being *caring, respectful, responsible and striving to succeed* 'looks like, feels like and sounds like' in different places in the school and the community. Just as we teach the skills required to be successful in Maths and English, we need to teach the skills required for students to be able to demonstrate our school values. Look out for our PBS posters around town and where possible support us to enable our children to be *caring, respectful, responsible and strive to succeed*.

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. Students also 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.

The Merredin Police have been requested to 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

Parents can now enrol 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.

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

UNIFORMS

A reminder to parents that should students present to school more than 5 times with incorrect uniform or inappropriate clothing they will lose their Good Standing. As it is now Semester 2, students who lose their 'Good Standing' will also forfeit their right to attend major school events in 2019 such as the school ball, Canberra Excursion and Country Week.

Please note that denim, tights and black pants are NOT ACCEPTABLE. Shorts should be an appropriate length – for example mid-thigh length and no shorter than school jumpers. Long sleeves and hoodies showing underneath polos are also not acceptable.

Country Week polos are also not a school uniform item. Approved polos are now available for purchase from the uniform shop which is open every Tuesday 10.30am-3.30pm.

2018 NATIONAL SONGWRITING COMPETITION IS NOW OPEN FOR ENTRIES!!

The annual National Songwriting Competition is a nationwide initiative designed to encourage creativity and self-expression through song writing. The competition caters for different age/year group categories (K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12). Entries close 22 October. Go to <http://acmf.com.au/national-songwriting-competition/> for more information.

PRIMARY *link*



NAIDOC WEEK

We will be celebrating our NAIDOC week commencing on Monday 6 August with a Welcome Assembly. We invite all parents and carers to attend this. We will have our Community Day on Friday with a special K-12 assembly at 9.00am. Parents and carers are encouraged to attend the assembly and stay for the other events during the day including: The inaugural AFL NAIDOC Cup; Cooking in Fire Pits and a Dance Performance. Classroom timetables for the week's events will be available if you would like to volunteer to help out with any of the activities.

Got a question about this? Mrs Barbara Smith (Deputy Principal)



MATHS COMPETITION

We have 26 students in Years 3-6 taking part in the online Australian Maths competition next Thursday, 9 August. These students have had a practice run this week. We look forward to hearing about their achievements.

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

PEAC

Notes have gone home to Year 4 parents this week regarding PEAC testing on Tuesday 14 August. If you DO NOT want your child involved with the testing that identifies talented and gifted students please contact your child's classroom teacher before Friday 10 August.

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

MERREDIN COLLEGE 'HAS GOT TALENT' ASSEMBLY- DATE CHANGE- WEEK 5

Our annual, Merredin College 'Has Got Talent' Assembly date has changed. It will be held **Thursday, Week 5 (16 August)**. We look forward to seeing five fantastic performances. All parents and carers are invited to attend this assembly.

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

MUSICA VIVA

On Wednesday 15 August Musica Viva will be bringing 'Makukuhan', a mini-Gamelan orchestra to perform for us. It will include pitch-bending drums, mesmerising masked dance and unbelievably rapid Javanese clapping. Students have been learning this style with Mrs Adamson in Music this term. Permission notes have gone home to all students. Please make sure \$4.00 and the permission notes are returned by Friday 10 August to classroom teachers.

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

CODING CLUB

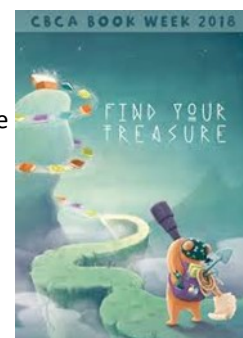
This Thursday, the inaugural Merredin College Coding Club held its first session. 20 students across Years 5 and 6 have been selected to be a part of this club. The first five weeks will consist of the students competing in the NCCS challenge. Entry into this has been funded by Merredin College.

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

BOOK WEEK

Book Week will be held in Week 6. We will be having a Book Week dress up day on Friday 24 August. The theme for this year is "Find Your Treasure".

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



SAVE THE DATE

Technology Showcase: Thursday 6 September 10.00am – 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.



Having a positive learning environment

Children also need a supportive, nurturing environment in which to learn and develop their skills. Parents need to be available to their children. This does not mean being with your child all the time. But it means being available when your child needs help, care or attention.

When your child approaches you, stop what you are doing and spend time with them if you can.

Help your child learn by encouraging them to try things for themselves. Encouragement and positive attention help motivate children to learn. When you see your child doing something you like, pay attention. Show your child that you like what they are doing and they will be more likely to do it again.

Speak Nicely

Speaking to children in a pleasant voice is very important. It conveys respect and teaches them how to speak politely to others.

Use Descriptive Praise

Children generally enjoy being praised. Use descriptive praise to encourage behaviour you like. For example, saying *Thank you for playing quietly while I was on the phone* lets your child know exactly what they did well, and that you appreciate their efforts. Praise works best when it is genuine and you mean what you say.

Some children can find praise embarrassing when others are present. At these times a wink, smile, or thumbs up sign can show you are pleased with what they are doing.

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

SECONDARY *Link*

YEAR 7-12 ASSEMBLY

The first assembly for Term 3 will occur tomorrow commencing at 9.00am in the gym. The highest achieving students in each of Years 7 to 10 will be acknowledged as will 100% attendees. Country Week results will also be announced. Badges will be presented to the new Student Councillors. All families are welcome to attend.

YEAR 11/12 VOLLEYBALL—PERTH

On Sunday 5 August, our Year 11 and 12 Volleyball teams will be traveling to Perth to compete in a day of scratch matches against Perth's top Volleyball schools. The day will give our teams the chance to compete against the best that WA schools have to offer in the lead up to the Schools Cup competition later in the term.

WA VOLLEYBALL CLINICS

Volleyball WA will be visiting Merredin College on Monday 6 August and Tuesday 7 August to conduct specialised clinics for some of our PE classes in secondary and primary. A free clinic will also be offered at the Recreation Centre on Monday evening. Please contact the Recreation Centre to register your interest.

PROGRAMME OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT (PISA)

Merredin College is one of many schools chosen at random to participate in the OECD's PISA assessment programs.

The testing is occurring on Monday 6 August. The selected students (from Year 9,10 and 11) will take part in the tests during Periods 1, 2, 3 and possibly a little of Period 4. Affected students and their parents have been informed.

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 NAIDOC TIMETABLE

Interested parents/carers are encouraged to join in. Please sign in at Student Services

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
8:50am		8:50am P1 – <u>Art Ms Burnett Rm9</u> Yr9 Design a poster around the NAIDOC theme ‘Because of Her We Can!’ P1 – <u>IT Mrs Harrod Rm5</u> Painting pieces of a Digital 3D printing of the Rainbow Serpent	8:50am		8:50am		
10:00am P2 – <u>English Mr James Rm12</u> Yr7.2 Will be preparing for a debate about the views on ‘Changing the date of Australia Day’		10:00am	9:50am P2 – <u>Art Ms Burnett Rm9</u> Yr9 Design a poster around the NAIDOC theme ‘Because of Her We Can!’ P2 – <u>IT Mrs Harrod Rm5</u> Painting pieces of a Digital 3D printing of the Rainbow Serpent	10:00am P2 – <u>HASS Ms Ryan Rm16</u> Yr10 Aboriginal Wellbeing			
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11:30am		11:30 am P3 – <u>IT Mrs Harrod Rm5</u> Painting pieces of a Digital 3D printing of the Rainbow Serpent P3 – <u>Sewing Miss Castaldini Rm2</u> Yr10 Friendship Bracelets	11:10am P3 – <u>English Mrs Pievaioli Rm18</u> Yr7 Story writing – analysing aboriginal story books and creating their own. P3 – <u>IT Mrs Harrod Rm5</u> Painting pieces of a Digital 3D printing of the Rainbow Serpent	11:30am			
12:30pm P4 – <u>HASS Ms Ryan Rm16</u> Yr7 Ancient Australia		12:30pm	12:10pm	12:30pm P4 – <u>English Mrs Pievaioli Rm18</u> Yr7 Story writing – analysing aboriginal story books and creating their own. P4 – <u>English Mr James Rm12</u> Yr7.2 Will be presenting their debate about the views on ‘Changing the date of Australia Day’			
LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH	
2:00pm P5 – <u>Sewing Miss Castaldini Rm2</u> Yr7 Friendship Bracelets		2:00pm P5 – <u>HASS Ms Ryan Rm16</u> Yr8 Protest Movement	1:30pm	2:pm			

Save the Date:

3 August

Yr 7-12 Assembly 8.50am

6 August

P&C Meeting 6.00pm

7 August



YouthCare Mtg 5.45pm

9 August

School Board Mtg 5.30pm

10 August

NAIDOC Community Day

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 	6 NAIDOC WEEK *PISA Assessment 9am-1.30pm *Volleyball WA Clinics P&C MEETING 6pm	7 *SEN Community Engagement Program P.1-4 *Volleyball WA Clinics YOUTHCARE MTG 5.45PM	8 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	9 *Aust Maths Comp SCHOOL BOARD MTG 5.30PM	10 NAIDOC Community Day
5	13 SCIENCE WEEK *Bibbulmun Parent Info Night-7pm	14 *SEN Community Engagement Program P.1-4	15 *Musica Viva-P.3 *Yr5/6 Excursion <i>Early Close 2.3 PBS Mtg</i>	16 *Primary Assembly P.1 (Has Got Talent Assembly)	17 *Meckering X Country *One Big Voice
6 	20 CANBERRA CAMP BOOK WEEK *Bibbulmun Trek (Girls)	21 CANBERRA CAMP *Bibbulmun Trek(Girls) ABORIGINAL PARENT MTG -9.30AM *SEN Community Engagement Program P.1-4	22 CANBERRA CAMP *Bibbulmun Trek(Girls) <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	23 CANBERRA CAMP *Bibbulmun Trek(Girls)	24 CANBERRA CAMP *State Volleyball Cup Yr 11/12 *Book Week Dress Up-Primary

Term 3 2018 Planner Link:

Burracoppin Daffodil Day Committee Presents

daffodil day

24th August 2018 - 9.30am - 2pm
Burracoppin Sports Pavilion

Entry \$10
Includes Morning Tea
(Gold coin donation for Kids)

Fashion Parade, Raffles, Stalls
& Entertainment for all.
Lunch available to purchase

All Profits to Cancer Council
For further details please contact:
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FREE Triple P Stepping Stones Seminar

Positive Parenting for Parents of Children with a Disability

All parents want to have a great relationship and strong bond with their child. Sometimes this can be challenging.

Stepping Stones Triple P has been evaluated with real families and has been shown to work with children with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Stepping Stones Triple P can help you

- manage problem behaviour and developmental issues common in children with disabilities
- encourage the behaviour you like
- cope with stress
- develop a close relationship with your child
- teach your child new skills

DATE Tuesday 21 August
TIME 11am - 1pm
VENUE Merredin CRC Conference Room
COST Free

BOOKINGS AND MORE INFORMATION

Register online at <https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa> (Click 'Find a session' and search for this event) or contact Jeni on 0447 622 736

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