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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



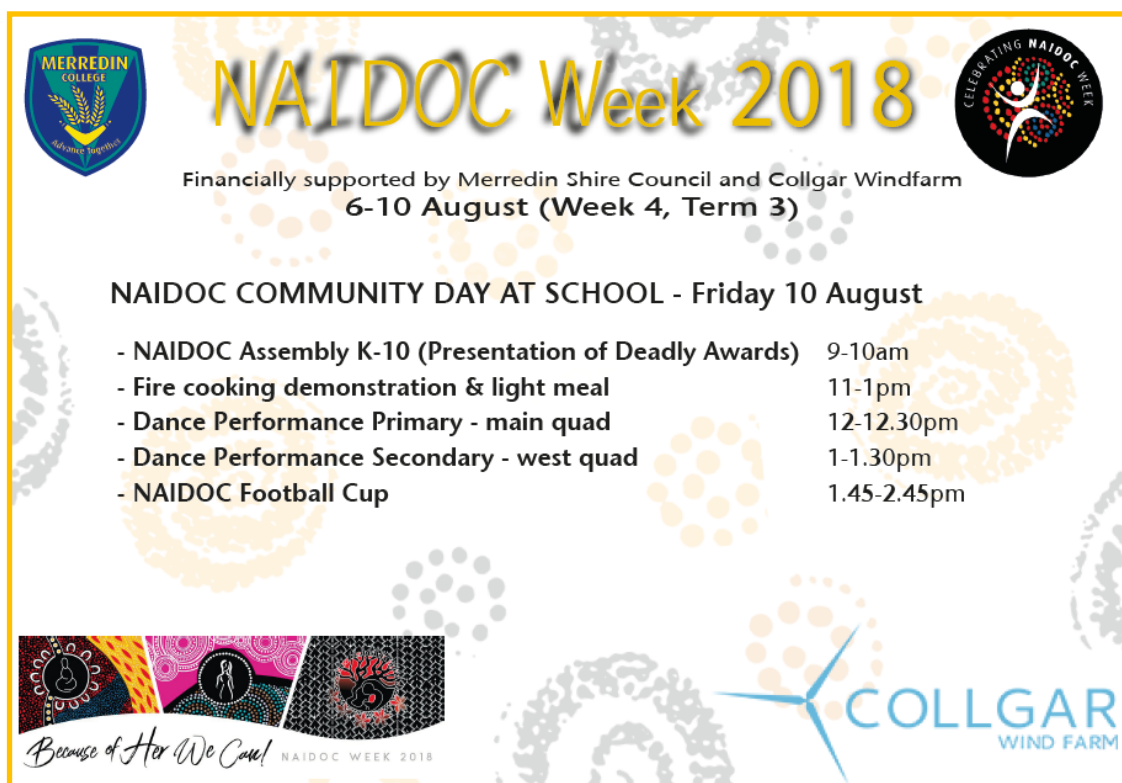
## Message from the Principal.....

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### NAIDOC COMMUNITY DAY—FRIDAY 10 AUGUST

Everyone is welcome to join us for the NAIDOC Assembly on Friday (9-10 am) in the gymnasium. This will be followed by a number of other activities as shown on the poster below. Please come and join in all the fun!!!



The poster for NAIDOC Week 2018 features the Merredin College logo, a 'CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK' circular emblem, and a background of stylized yellow and grey patterns. It lists the dates 6-10 August (Week 4, Term 3) and mentions financial support from Merredin Shire Council and Collgar Windfarm. The central text reads 'NAIDOC COMMUNITY DAY AT SCHOOL - Friday 10 August'. Below this, a list of activities is provided with their respective times: NAIDOC Assembly K-10 (Presentation of Deadly Awards) at 9-10am, Fire cooking demonstration & light meal at 11-1pm, Dance Performance Primary - main quad at 12-12.30pm, Dance Performance Secondary - west quad at 1-1.30pm, and NAIDOC Football Cup at 1.45-2.45pm. At the bottom, there are three small images: a traditional Aboriginal dot painting, a silhouette of a person, and a logo with the text 'Because of Her We Can! NAIDOC WEEK 2018'. The Collgar Wind Farm logo is also present in the bottom right corner.

### MERREDIN COLLEGE BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Board will be held tonight, 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.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Kath Ward (ex-Merredin SHS Principal) and Aaron Chaplin (ex-North Merredin PS Principal) are finalists in the 2018 WA Education Awards. We wish them all the very best for the final judging.

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#### 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 focuses for Week 5, Term 3 are:

#### PRIMARY

We are **RESPECTFUL** in the Office

**WE ARE RESPECTFUL BY KNOCKING BEFORE ENTERING THE OFFICE**

#### SECONDARY

We are **CARING** in Technology

**WE ARE CARING BY BEING CAREFUL WITH TECHNOLOGY IN THE SCHOOL**

We are carin**G**, we are **R**espectful, we are Respo**n**sible, **W**e strive to succeed!



## PEAC

PEAC testing for Year 4 students will take place 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)

## MUSICIA 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)

## 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)** The four Student Councillors will be running this assembly. 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)

## ONE BIG VOICE

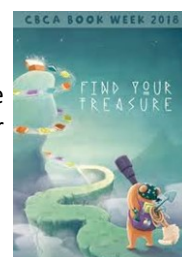
Mrs Caryn Adamson and the College Choir will be heading to Perth next Friday 17 August, to participate in the One Big Voice performance at Perth Arena. We wish Mrs Adamson and the Choir the best of luck.

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

## BOOK WEEK

Book Week will be held in Week 6. Classroom teachers have activities planned throughout the week and we will be having a 'Read in' on Monday 20 August after our Monday Meeting. A Book Week Dress Up Day and parade will occur 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<sup>th</sup> September 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.

### Using assertive discipline

Assertive discipline involves being consistent, acting quickly when children misbehave, and teaching them to behave in an acceptable way. It involves staying calm and using fair, predictable consequences that match the problem behaviour.

When children are misbehaving or upset, it is best to remain calm and avoid yelling, name calling, threatening or spanking.

You can value your child's individuality and still expect reasonable behaviour. Discipline helps children to accept necessary rules and limits and to develop self-control. Through discipline, children learn to consider others and to express their feelings in ways that respect the needs of others. Discipline also helps children to accept responsibility for their actions.

Discipline works best when children live in a predictable world and receive plenty of attention for good behaviour. It also works best when parents support each other and use the same approach.

Here are some tips for assertive discipline:

### Set some ground rules

Discuss two or three simple rules you would like your child to follow in a particular situation. Rules should tell your child what to do rather than what not to do. For example, good shopper rules might include staying close, using a pleasant voice, and keeping your hands to yourself.

### Praise good behaviour

When your child behaves well and follows the rules, congratulate and praise them, this is especially important when your child is learning something new.

### Watch and supervise

Make sure you can see what your child is doing. This way, if a problem arises you can deal with it straight away.

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



## STUDENT SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

Please be advised of the following process to ensure a quick and efficient student sign out process when collecting your child during the school day.

1. Arrange a time for your child to meet you at Student Services.
2. Send a note with your child so they can show their classroom teacher the time they are required to leave the class to go to Student Services to sign out.
3. When signing out students will then leave their permission note at Student Services and receive a 'Leave Pass'.
4. Students are required to then sign back in at Student Services and collect a 'Late Note' to go back to their class.

Unfortunately it is not always appropriate to use the PA to call children to Student Services. We like to minimise the use of the PA as it does interrupt every classroom in the school. It is also preferable to not use the PA at all during examinations and other special events happening in school.

## MECKERING CROSS COUNTRY

A group of 19 students from Years 4 to 10 will be representing the College at this year's Meckering Cross Country Championships on Friday 17 August 2017. These students were chosen through their excellent results at our House Cross Country Carnival late in Term 2. Students involved have been given permission forms to attend and are due to be returned to Student Services by 16 August 2018.

## YEAR 10 ENGLISH EXCURSION—PERTH

On 18 August Mr. Baltovich's Year 10.1 English class will attend the historic His Majesty's Theatre in Perth to view the screenplay adaptation of Mark Haddon's famous novel 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time'. Students have been reading and studying the novel in class, which tells the adventure of an autistic 15 year old boy named Christopher Boone, as he uncovers the mystery of who killed the next door neighbour's dog, whilst stumbling upon some much more dramatic secrets. We look forward to attending and greatly appreciate the support of the Merredin College P&C.

## 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.

## 2019 PREMIER'S ANZAC STUDENT TOUR COMPETITION CLOSES 17 AUGUST

Interested students have 10 days to submit their applications to the [Premier's Anzac Student Tour](#). Selected students will be part of a study tour to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Binh Ba from 16 to 26 April 2019.

Enquiries: Anzac Tour [AnzacTour@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:AnzacTour@education.wa.edu.au) 9402 6422 or please see Mrs Rebecca Ryan (HASS teacher)

## SCHOLARSHIPS—GIVE YOUR CHILD THE BEST OPPORTUNITIES TO SUCCEED

The Department is committed to helping children succeed in school. As part of this we coordinate a number of financial scholarships, grants and prizes for young people in secondary school so they can focus on achieving their educational goals.

Below is a list of our current secondary schooling scholarships, grants and prizes with their respective values and eligibility requirements. Applications open in Term 4 each year towards the end of October.

All scholarships are considered by a selection committee, and all applications (except for the Olive A Lewis Scholarship) must be submitted online.

For more information email the [scholarship coordinator](#) or telephone 9402 6304 or 6206 2010.

Go to <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/scholarships> for more information.

## UWA OPEN DAY 2018

St. George's College will open its doors this Sunday, 12 August from 10am to 4pm for [UWA Open Day 2018](#).

1. Take a tour of the College and find out our residents what College life is all about
2. Get more information about scholarships and all the opportunities available at the college
3. Listen to musical performances from our residents while enjoying lunch, morning or afternoon tea.







# Playgroup

Amity Health - Kids Health Link Program  
Children 0-5 years

Thursdays and Fridays  
10.00am to 12.00pm  
Merredin College – Block 1 Room 4

Kids learn through play!

Everyone is welcome for a morning  
Filled with activities, healthy fruit  
Story time and outdoor play!

Contact: Emma or Sonya  
PH: 90 410 962




## Stepping Stones Triple P Positive Parenting Seminars – For Parents of Children with A Disability

If your child has a particular behaviour or developmental problem that is making family life more difficult than it should be, then Stepping Stones Triple P (SSTP) can help.

Stepping Stones Triple P is part of the Triple P parenting program, and has been specially tailored for parents of children with a disability. It doesn't tell you *how* to be a parent. It's more like a toolbox of ideas. You choose the strategies you need. You choose the way you want to use them. It's all about making it work for you.

This **free** Stepping Stones Triple P Seminar is open to all parents and will help you:

- Raise happy, confident kids
- Manage misbehaviour so everyone in the family enjoys life more
- Set rules and routines that everyone respects and follows
- Encourage behaviour you like
- Take care of yourself as a parent
- Feel confident you're doing the right thing
- Take part in community events
- Develop plans for tricky situations

*Positive parenting is based on strong, nurturing relationships, good communication and positive attention.*

### Seminar 1: Positive Parenting for Parents of Children with a Disability

This seminar introduces parents to the seven key steps to positive parenting for parents of children with a disability:

1. Create a safe, interesting environment
2. Have a positive learning environment
3. Use assertive discipline
4. Adapt to having a child with a disability
5. Have realistic expectations
6. Be part of the community
7. Take care of yourself as a parent

The Seminar includes a 90 minute presentation with time for open discussion and question time.

Parents who have attended these seminars previously report that they feel more confident, less angry and less stressed. It also helped to promote their child's development. Now that's positive!

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Tuesday 21 August</b>
<b>TIME</b>	<b>11am – 1pm</b>
<b>VENUE</b>	<b>Merredin CRC Conference Room</b>
<b>COST</b>	<b>Free</b>
<b>BOOKINGS</b>	Register online at <a href="https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa">https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa</a> or contact Jeni on 0447 622 736



Government of Western Australia  
WA Country Health Service

## Healthy Country Kids Ears Health



Eastern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service is excited to announce our new Healthy Country Kids Ears Clinic! This clinic is open to all children living in the Eastern Wheatbelt.

Otitis media (middle ear infections) can begin within weeks of birth and can recur into adolescence and adulthood. If left untreated middle ear infections can lead to hearing loss, developmental and learning delays. This program will work in screening, treatment, self-management and prevention of future infections and complications.

**This is a FREE service that will use telehealth to link you with Ear Nose and Throat specialists at Perth Children's Hospital, allowing for a specialist appointment for your child without needing to travel to Perth.**

**To make an appointment please ask for a referral from your GP.**

Contact Eastern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service for more information.

Phone: 9041 0444

Address: Corner Mitchell & Queen Street, Merredin

Opening Times: Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm

Email: [easternwheatbelt.phs@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:easternwheatbelt.phs@health.wa.gov.au)



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## Useful Links:

Uniform Shop:  
<http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/uniform/>

Canteen Menu:  
<http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/canteen/>

Latest News & Events:  
<http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/canteen/>

## Save the Date:

**10 August**

NAIDOC Community Day

**15 August**

Musicia Viva Incursion  
 Year 5/6 Incursion

**16 August**

Primary Assembly Period 1

**17 August**

Meckering X Country  
 One Big Voice

**18 August**

Yr 10.1 English Class  
 Excursion to Perth

## TERM PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>4</b> 	<b>6 NAIDOC WEEK</b> *PISA Assessment 9am-1.30pm *Volleyball WA Clinics <b>P&amp;C MEETING 6PM</b> *Bibbulmun Parent Info Night-7pm	<b>7</b> *SEN Community Engagement Program P.1-4 *Volleyball WA Clinics <b>YOUTHCARE MTG 5.45PM</b>	<b>8</b>  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>9</b> *Aust Maths Comp  <b>SCHOOL BOARD MTG 5.30PM</b>	<b>10 NAIDOC COMMUNITY DAY</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>13 SCIENCE WEEK</b>	<b>14</b> *SEN Community Engagement Program P.1-4	<b>15</b> *Musicia Viva-P.3 *Yr5/6 Excursion <i>Early Close 2.3 PBS Mtg</i>	<b>16</b> *Primary Assembly P.1 (Has Got Talent Assembly)	<b>17</b> *Meckering X Country *One Big Voice
<b>6</b> 	<b>20 CANBERRA CAMP BOOK WEEK</b> *Bibbulmun Trek(Girls)	<b>21 CANBERRA CAMP</b> *Bibbulmun Trek(Girls) <b>Aboriginal Parent Mtg - 9.30am</b> *SEN Community Engagement Program P.1-4	<b>22 CANBERRA CAMP</b> *Bibbulmun Trek(Girls) <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>23 CANBERRA CAMP</b> *Bibbulmun Trek(Girls)	<b>24 CANBERRA CAMP</b> *State Volleyball Cup Yr 11/12 *Book Week Dress Up-Primary
<b>7</b>	<b>27</b> *OLNA *Yr7/8 Girls & Yr10 Girls/Boys Netball Cup(Northam)	<b>28</b> *Primary Jumps & Throws *OLNA *AIM Indigenous Mentoring-11am Yr7-10 (Rm18) *SEN Community Engagement Program P.1-4	<b>29 DOWERIN FIELD DAY</b> *OLNA *Yr 2 Excursion <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>30 DOWERIN FIELD DAY</b> *OLNA	<b>31</b> *Primary Athletics Carnival *OLNA

## COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR HAVE A GO DAY

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August @ 4.00pm at the  
 Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre**



**MERREDIN**

**LITTLE**

**ATHLETICS**

**REGISTRATION 2018**


- SHORTER SEASON
- NEW PROGRAMS
- NEW AGE GROUPS  
ALIGNED WITH YEAR OF BIRTH
- KIDSPORT REGISTERED
- ONLINE REGISTRATION  
COMING SOON

➤ Start Date: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August  
 Set-up 3.30pm for 4pm Start

Contact us:

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