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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



## Message from the Principal.....

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MERREDIN COLLEGE CHOIR

Last Friday night Mrs Adamson and the Primary School Choir sang with 4,000 other children at 'One Big Voice' which was held at Perth Arena. It was a very magical experience and one which our students will long remember. Those of us who were fortunate enough to be in the audience were treated to a fabulous performance. Thank you Mrs Adamson.

### DOWERIN FIELD DAY

Merredin College and Merredin Residential College will once again jointly 'man' a booth in the education section at the Dowerin Field Day (Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 August) with the support of some of our student leaders. In addition Miss Beale's Acro Troupe will perform at 12 noon and 2 pm on the Thursday. Come along and say hello to us at the booth and take the time to watch our students.

### MERREDIN COLLEGE SECONDARY OPEN DAY—SAVE THE DATE

Our Open Day will occur on Friday 7 September (12.30-3.00pm). This an opportunity to see the secondary part of the College in operation and to view Drama and Dance performances as well as student work in Design and Technology.

### SCHOOL FARM SURVY FOR SECONDARY PARENTS/CARERS

The Merredin College Board is collecting information from secondary parents/carers and students about the popularity of courses offered at the School Farm. Year 8 -10 students have been, or will be surveyed. Parents are requested to access the link below and respond by next Monday 27 August, 4 pm. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TXGFL56>

### POSITION VACANT—UNIFORM SHOP CO-ORDINATOR

The Merredin College P&C are calling for expressions of interest for the position of Uniform Shop co-ordinator. The interested person would begin in a shadowing capacity until the current co-ordinator Di Giles finishes towards the end of the year.



The co-ordinator is responsible for ordering, processing and paying for all stock. He/she is also responsible for sales and follow-up with students and parents, and promotion of the Merredin College Uniform Policy.

The co-ordinator manages other accounting procedures including banking, bank reconciliations, stocktake and debt recovery.

A working knowledge of MYOB would be preferred but not essential.

The position requires the co-ordinator to open the uniform shop for a period of 5-6 hours a week. Opening times are currently Tuesday but may be altered to meet individual requirements. Extra time would be required outside of opening hours to attend to other listed tasks.

Remuneration is a token amount of \$5200.00 annually.

**The P&C is a not for profit organisation. Its role is to provide ancillary support, services and equipment to Merredin College students through the voluntary participation of parents and citizens.**

If you are interested please send your Expression of Interest to Rochelle Willis, Secretary of the P&C via email to [Rochelle.Willis@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Rochelle.Willis@education.wa.edu.au) before Friday 31 August 2018.

### 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 7, Term 3 are:

#### PRIMARY

We are **RESPONSIBLE** in the Office

**WE ARE RESPONSIBLE BY ACCEPTING CONSEQUENCES OF OUR ACTIONS**

#### SECONDARY

We are **RESPECTFUL** in Outside Areas

**WE ARE RESPECTFUL BY DISPOSING OF LITTER APPROPRIATELY OUTSIDE**

We are carin**G**, we are **R**espectful, we are Res**P**onsible, **W**e strive to succeed!

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## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT

The PBS team has been very active in secondary. Weekly lessons are run on a Tuesday for the first 15 minutes of Period 1. Teachers explicitly teach what the focus value for that week means and looks like. A number of staff and students have created videos to illustrate the focus value. Staff demonstrate how not to behave in a short clip and students demonstrate the opposite; how to behave appropriately. It is terrific to see the PBS message spreading across the school. The PBS committee will shortly be revamping the reward system so that students can be acknowledged for demonstrating our positive values – care, respect, responsibility and striving to succeed.

## BOYS AND GIRLS NETBALL—NORTHAM

Year 7/8 Girls , Year 10 Girls and a Year 10 Boys Netball team will compete at Northam in the Wheatbelt Netball Championship on Monday 27 August. Students who are involved have been issued with a permission note and these notes are due back to Student Services on Friday 24 August.

## EARNING THE RIGHT TO ATTEND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Staff have certain expectations of our Student Leaders and those who wish to attend extracurricular activities. Please read the following information as your child's inclusion depends upon a number of factors including:

- The wearing of school uniform
- Attendance
- Good Standing
- Work completion

There are a large number of Year 12 students at risk of not being invited to the final day morning tea and Year 12 Awards night because they have not met the prerequisites. Please refer to table below. Parents of Year12 students who have concerns should contact Miss Beale for clarification about their child's status.

Year Group	School Uniform	Attendance*	Good Standing (GS)	Penalty
All student leaders (Middle School Councillors and Year 11 Student Councillors)	Should be in school uniform as they are our role models	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	Loss of badge
2018 Year 9 Canberra students	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May be withdrawn from Canberra Camp
2019 Year 9 Canberra students (current Years 8's)	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May not be offered a place on the 2019 Canberra Camp
2018 Year 9-11	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	If lose GS, in S2 2018 student must earn back by the end of 2018. Cannot lose GS in 2019.	May not be allowed to attend the School Ball in 2019
2018 Year 12	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS in S2. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May not be allowed to attend the Year 12 Awards Night

## 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.

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

### YEAR 11/12 VOLLEYBALL SCHOOLS CUP

This week (24-25 August) our Year 11-12 Volleyball Specialist teams will be traveling to Perth to compete in the Schools' Cup competition for the second year in a row. Our players have been training twice per week out of school hours to prepare for the competition. We have been nominated to compete in the A-grade against Perth's top specialist schools including; Gilmore College, St Norberts, Prendiville, Mandurah Baptist and Dalyellup. We sincerely thank our players' parents for giving up their time and for funding a trip to Perth including accommodation over the two day event. Good luck Merredin College!

### DAFFODIL DAY FUNDRAISER

Daffodil Day is held on 24 August. To raise funds for the Cancer Council, Merredin College will be requesting students to "Dress in Yellow" and donate a gold coin on this day. Cupcakes will also be available for sale on the day outside the Home Economics room at lunchtime. Through your donation, Cancer Council will continue to invest in ground breaking research that one day could save the life of someone you love.

### CURTIN UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Curtin University has a number of scholarships available to regional students who wish to study at Curtin University in 2019.

#### **Alumni Annual Appeal Regional Scholarship and Harry Perkins Memorial Scholarship**

For students relocating from a regional or remote area who may otherwise not have an opportunity to attend university due to a low socio-economic background and financial hardship. The closing date for these scholarships is **16 November, 2018**.

#### **John Curtin Undergraduate Scholarship and Julia Gillard Women in Leadership Scholarship**

For students in the top 5% of your school's graduating year who can demonstrate academic excellence, leadership qualities and engagement in community service.

The nomination form for these scholarships is to be completed by the high school principal and nominated student. This form is available to download from the [scholarships website](#). These scholarships close for application on **19 September, 2018**.

#### **Principal's Recommendation Award**

WA high school principals may nominate two students based on any of five criteria as listed on the [scholarship website](#). The nomination form is to be completed by the High School Principal. The closing date is **9 November, 2018**.

Curtin University is also offering a number of [merit](#) and [financial need](#) based scholarships for 2019 as well as a range of industry sponsored scholarships. Please note that if students are shortlisted for more than one scholarship or award, they will be offered the scholarship or award of the highest value.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Scholarships Office at [scholarships@curtin.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@curtin.edu.au).

## PRIMARY *link*

### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

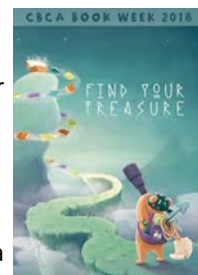
The Primary Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday (28 August) and Friday (31 August) next week. Jumps and Throws will be held on Tuesday with races and team games on Friday. Requests for volunteers have gone home this week along with information about lunch orders available. Please let us know if you are able to help out on the day. We look forward to seeing our parents at the events supporting their children. Please see attached program.

***Got a question about this? Mrs Zane Walker & Miss Kylie Bryant (Specialist Teachers – PE/Health)***

### BOOK WEEK

Book week has been running this week with classroom teachers having activities planned throughout the week. Our Book Week Dress Up day and Parade is on this Friday, 24 August. The theme for this year is "Find your Treasure".

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



### YEAR 2 EXCURSION

Next Wednesday 29 August the Year 2 classes will going on an excursion to visit the Collgar Wind Farm and also a family farm. The children will be making a comparison between different types of farming in their local community. Both classes will also be visiting the Military Museum as a part of their History unit from last term.

### SAVE THE DATE

Technology Showcase: Thursday 6 September 10am – 12.30pm

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

## PRIMARY *link Contd*

### 3D PRINTING DAY

Merredin College will be hosting a 3D Printing day for students across our Network this Friday. Mrs Postans, Year 5/6 teacher and resident expert, will be running the day with the help from our own student experts who will work with the 26 Year 5-6 students from Southern Cross, Mukinbudin, Nungarin and Moorine Rock.

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

### REINFORCED READING PROGRAM

One of the single most important things we can do to help low-progress readers is to hear them read every day, for as little as 15-20 minutes, using a set of tutoring strategies known as Reinforced Reading. It is called Reinforced Reading for three reasons:

1. The reader and the reading is supported or reinforced by a trained tutor;
2. The reader is positively reinforced for good reading by means of highly specific and contingent tutor praise; and
3. The learning of sight words and word attack skills is reinforced by the supported reading of real words in real text in context.

A short training session for this program will be run at school in the next few weeks. If you are interested in attending an after school session please ring Barb Smith on 90410984 as soon as possible.

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

### 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:

#### Use Planned Ignoring for Minor Behaviour

When minor misbehaviour seems to be an attempt to get attention, try not to attend to it. Provide attention when your child is doing something else.

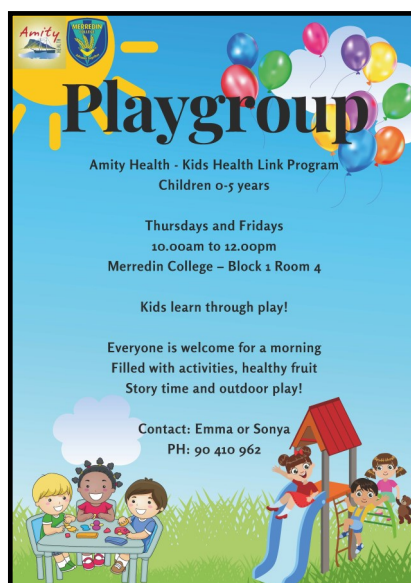
#### Use Your Voice Effectively

When disciplining your child, stay calm, get close, and use a firm voice. Raising your voice only teaches your child that you shout to get what you want.

#### Use Directed Discussion

If your child misbehaves or forgets a rule, check if they know what the rule is. If not, remind them. Get them to practise what they should have done.

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



## 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:

**24 August**

Primary-Book Week Dress Up  
 Secondary-Daffodil Day Dress  
 in Yellow

**27 August**

Yr,7,8,10 Netball Cup-  
 Northan

**28 August**

Primary Jumps & Throws

**29 August**

Yr 2 Excursion

## TERM PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>6</b> 	<b>20 CANBERRA CAMP BOOK WEEK</b> *Bibbulmun Trek(Girls)	<b>21 CANBERRA CAMP</b> *Bibbulmun Trek(Girls) *SEN Community Engagement Program P.1-4 *Merredin Residential College Awards-4.00pm	<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 *Daffodil-Dress in Yellow Fundraiser-Secondary
<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
<b>8</b>	<b>3</b> *OLNA  <b>P&amp;C MEETING 3:15pm</b>	<b>4</b> *OLNA *Sec. Athletics Carnival *SEN Community Engagement Program P.1-4 <b>YouthCare Mtg 5.45pm</b> *Canberra Presentation Night -7pm	<b>5</b> *OLNA *Sec.Assembly P.1(House cup awarded House Captains announced) *Defence Force Presentation- Yr10-12 P.5 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>6</b> *OLNA *Primary Assembly P.1 *Technology Showcase (10 -12noon) *Free Dress(Superhero Costume Fundraiser) <b>SCHOOL BOARD MTG 5.30PM</b>	<b>7 OPEN DAY</b> *OLNA
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> *OLNA	<b>11</b> *OLNA <b>Aboriginal Parent Mtg -10am</b> *SEN Community Engagement Program P.1-4	<b>12</b> *OLNA *Year 11/12 General English Exam (TBD)  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>13</b> *OLNA *Yr7-10 Volleyball Comp (Perth)	<b>14</b> *OLNA *Primary Interschool Carnival *EASA Secondary Athletics Carnival *Yr7-10 Volleyball Comp (Perth)
<b>10</b>	<b>17 Merredin Bus Accident Anniversary</b> *OLNA *Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams *Yr 11/12 (non ATAR students normal timetable)	<b>18</b> *OLNA *Glass of Class P-6 *SEN Community Engagement Program P.1-4	<b>19</b> *OLNA  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>20 CAREER EXPO (Yr9&amp;10)</b> *OLNA	<b>21 Last Day Term 3</b> *OLNA *Last Day for Yearr 12 VET/ General students *Dance Competition P1 *Yr10 Reward(Colour Run) P.4&5 *Merredin Residential College Awards Ceremony 4pm

