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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



Message from the Principal.....

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STUDENT SAFETY GOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

It is important to regularly discuss with your child/ren the need to take care when going to and from school, and to report anything suspicious to you, the school and the police.

Here are some suggestions to help your children stay safe:

- always travel in a group
- walk on the right hand side of the road to face oncoming traffic
- wherever possible, leave space between you and the roadway
- stay in areas that are well lit
- stay in view – avoid going into areas that are hidden (such as parkland bush or behind shopping centres)
- be alert – earphones and headphones can reduce your awareness considerably
- if you have a mobile phone, have it turned on and ready to dial an emergency number
- if a passing car stops nearby, never get too close
- run from a situation if you feel at risk
- give this advice to your brothers and sisters, especially if they are younger
- if you can get it safely, try to photograph or remember the number plate of the car
- report numbers plates of cars and the clothing or distinguishing features of individuals to police.

Students can call **13 14 44** to report an incident to WA Police (only use 000 in an emergency) or **1800 333 000** to reach Crime Stoppers.

To get the latest community safety information from police, visit WA Police on Facebook www.facebook.com/WA.Police or online at www.police.wa.gov.au.

YOUR DONATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED!

In Week 10, we acknowledge Primary and Secondary students for academic achievement and citizenship. There are also special awards given. If you would like to donate to an award, please contact Bev Irving (bev.irving@education.wa.edu.au or 90410900). The value of awards is \$50.

P & C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 29 October 2018 at 6.00pm in the Wahlsten Library

The agenda will include:

- School Banking Co-ordinator –position needs to be filled for 2019
- Steel Cut-outs (Janelle Millar)
- Fundraising /Gala Night update

Minutes of previous meeting are attached separately to this Link.

All parents and carers are most welcome.

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 4, Term 4* are:

PRIMARY

We are **SUCCESSFUL** in Outside Areas WE STRIVE TO SUCCEED BY MOVING AROUND THE SCHOOL AREAS CALMLY, QUIETLY AND SENSIBLY

SECONDARY

We are **RESPONSIBLE** in Learning Areas WE ARE RESPONSIBLE BY WEARING OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM WITH PRIDE

We are carinG, we are Respectful, we are RespOnsible, We strive to succeed!

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POSITION AVAILABLE—CLEANER

Merredin College is seeking a reliable and dedicated cleaner to join our school community. This position is a permanent part-time (0.44FTE) position commencing in November 2018. Closing date for application is 26 October 2018 at 4.30pm.

Application forms and information can be collected from the College front office or by emailing to Janelle.Millar@education.wa.edu.au

SECONDARY *Link*

YEAR 10 SEMESTER 2 EXAMS

This semester Year 10.1 Mathematics and 10.1 Science and all English and HASS classes will have exams. Due to the varying nature of each course, Science will be held during class time next week, English will be Tuesday 13 November during Periods 1 & 2, HASS will be Thursday 15 November, also Periods 1 & 2 and Mathematics will be during that week with the time to be advised.

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 11 AND 12—TERM 4

Year 12 –TERM 4:

Weeks 4, 5 & 6

- Monday 29 October – Friday 16 November - ATAR Course Examinations

Year 11 –TERM 4:

Week 3, 4 & 5:

Monday 22 October – Friday 9 November

- All VET/General pathway students are on Workplace Learning
- ATAR Pathway students have normal timetable

Week 6:

Monday 12 – Friday 16 November

- VET/General Pathway students return to school to complete Workplace Learning Logbooks/Skills Journals. Once logbooks are completed Mr Rennie will sign students off and they are finished for the year.
- ATAR Pathway students have normal classes

Friday 16 November (3.00pm) – Year 11 timetable suspended last timetabled 2018 school day for all Year 11 students

RURAL AND REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships Program supports students with the costs of studying at university or at a vocational education and training institution. The scholarships are valued at up to \$18,000 each and are available to support students studying for six months full-time or up to 8 years part-time, on campus, or through online and distance education.

The course must be either Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Health or Agriculture with a qualification level of: Certificate IV; Diploma; Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree; Bachelor Degree; Bachelor Honours Degree, Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma; Master Degree or a Doctoral Degree.

For more information click on the following links:

<https://www.education.gov.au/rural-and-regional-enterprise-scholarships>

<https://www.qtac.edu.au/scholarships>

ARMY CADETS—A MESSAGE FROM THE BATTALION COMMANDER—HELP!

“Apart from my job as MCS at Carcoola Primary, I am also the Battalion Commander for 52 Battalion which 510 Army Cadet Unit, Merredin belongs to. Currently Captain(AAC) Robert Endersbee is running the Unit but is hoping to retire after Christmas which means we haven’t got anyone to step up to take over. We have approached the RSL but most members are in their retirement and are not interested in assisting.

I am contacting you to see if anyone would be interested. Army Cadets belong to the Defence Force Cadets and is the biggest Youth Organisation in Australia with a military feel and we come under the Australian Army umbrella. Staff are fully trained and our training courses are held in the Eastern States and it is a 10 day duration for the Basic Course. Cadets run each week during the term and as part of the Battalion, it is my responsibility to organise 2 camps a year and a Weapons training weekend for the year. We have an annual camp in the first week of the October school holidays, held at Bindoon Military Training camp.

Army Cadets are huge in the Eastern States with some schools such as Kings College having over 800 Cadets. One Battalion in Victoria is purely school based units with teachers running their respective units.

Unless we find somebody to come into the Unit, the Unit unfortunately may be shut which would be such a shame. Rob is happy to mentor anybody that would like to become an Officer of Cadets and we also have a former Officer Commander living in the community whom I am sure would also assist.

For more information, you can have a look at the Cadet website: <https://www.armycadets.gov.au/how-to-join/> or phone/email me for more information. I have been in Army Cadets for 18 years and absolutely love it. You get total respect from Cadets, have an army experience and make wonderful friends along the way.” by Di Snowden Phone: 9531 1399



ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be hosted by the Mrs Goodier and Mrs Kudas' Pre-primary class and will be held next Thursday, 1 November at 9.00am in the primary covered assembly area. We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate our students' achievements.

There will be a Bake Sale immediately after the assembly with all proceeds going to the Junior Primary Playground – get your afternoon snacks and lunchbox treats there.

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

MERREDIN COLLEGE BOOKFAIR

Merredin College will run its annual Book Fair from Monday 5 November to Friday 9 November. The library will be open for sales:

Monday: 12 noon – 3-30pm

Tuesday: 8-30am – 4-00pm

Wednesday: 8-30am – 2-30pm

Thursday: 8-30am – 3-30pm

Friday: 8-30am – 3-30pm

This is a great opportunity to do some pre-Christmas shopping and get some great bargains.

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

KINDY AND PRE-PRIMARY STUDENT DROP OFF

A reminder to parents that it is school policy that all students in Early Childhood classes are dropped off to classrooms at the beginning of the day and picked up from classes at the end of the day by a responsible adult. Teachers cannot release students to siblings of primary age.

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

NO HAT, NO PLAY

Please remind children to bring their hat to school. They are not allowed to play during break times unless they have a broad brimmed school hat. Hats can be purchased at the uniform shop on a Tuesday and we also have a few available in the Primary Office.

Further information? See Mrs Barb Smith (Deputy Principal)

ATTENDANCE

Please ensure your children attend school every day. It is extremely important that students do not miss any learning as it puts them behind.

If your child is sick however, please keep them home to ensure we do not infect or contaminate other children or staff. If children are absent for more than 2 days, parents should provide a doctor's note on their return to school. It is also a legal requirement for parents to notify the school verbally or in writing within three days of the absence.

Do you need further information? See Mrs Barbara Smith (Deputy Principal)

JUNIOR PRIMARY PLAYGROUND RAFFLE

We have a few raffle tickets left and are in the last week of ticket sales. If you would like to purchase a ticket they are available in Mrs Low's Year 2 room and at primary admin.

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

MORNING START

Parents are reminded that school begins at 8.50am. Students should arrive on site after 8.20am to access Breakfast Club and before start time. Most classes run their literacy blocks in the morning, the most important lesson of the day. ***Students should not be at school before 8.20am as there is no supervision and they will be asked to leave the site by cleaning staff. Students should not be on the school site after 3.30pm unless involved in extracurricular activities run by school staff.***

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

**MERREDIN COLLEGE NATURE
PLAYGROUND RAFFLE 131**

1st Prize – DYSON STICK VACUUM –
MERREDIN RURAL SUPPLIES \$600
2nd Prize – RUSTIC CREATION \$150
3rd Prize – LIBERTY FUEL VOUCHER & CAR PACK \$100
4th Prize – PAMPER PACKAGE –Kate's Tan & Body
& Neka \$75

Tickets \$5 Only 500 to be sold.

Permit No: LS212011418 Permit Holder: JUSTINE LOW
Phone No: 0407340005

Raffle Drawn 01/11/18
Results published in MERREDIN COLLEGE CONNECT & FACE BOOK PAGE

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:

29 October
 ATAR Exams Commence

29 October
 P&C Meeting 6.00pm

1 November
 Primary Assembly 9.00am

2 November
 Kindy Orientation

TERM 4 PLANNER:

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 3 | 22 *Yr 11 VET/General ADWPL until 9/11/18 | 23 *Yr 11 VET/General ADWPL *SEN Community Engagement Program P.1-4 | 24 *Yr 11 VET/General ADWPL *AIM Indigenous Mentoring- 11am Yr7-10 (Rm18) <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i> | 25 *Yr 11 VET/General ADWPL <i>School Board Mtg 5.30pm</i> | 26 *Yr 11 VET/General ADWPL |
| 4 | 29 *ATAR Exams *Yr 11 VET/General ADWPL P&C Meeting 6.00pm | 30 *ATAR Exams *Yr 11 VET/General ADWPL *SEN Community Engagement Program P.1-4 | 31 *ATAR Exams *Yr 11 VET/General ADWPL <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i> | 1 NOVEMBER *ATAR Exams *Yr 11 VET/General ADWPL *Primary Assembly 9am | 2 *ATAR Exams *Yr 11 VET/General ADWPL *Assembly Yr7-10 & Yr 11 ATAR P.1 |
| 5 | 5 <i>Interruption Free Week (P)</i> *ATAR Exams *Yr 11 VET/General ADWPL | 6 *ATAR Exams *Yr 11 VET/General ADWPL *SEN Community Engagement Program P.1-4 *AIM Indigenous Mentoring- 11am Yr7-10 (Rm18) <i>YouthCare Mtg 5.45pm</i> | 7 *ATAR Exams *Yr 11 VET/General ADWPL <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i> | 8 *ATAR Exams *Yr 11 VET/General ADWPL | 9 *ATAR Exams *Yr 11 VET/General ADWPL *Kindy Orientation 9am-11am |



HALLOWEEN

Merredin College Halloween Menu
29th to 31st October

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| Blood & Guts (chicken nachos) | \$5.00 |
| Zombie Brains (salsa stuffed spud) | \$3.00 |
| Severed Forearm (hot pork & applesauce roll) | \$6.00 |
| Bag of Worms (toasted spaghetti sandwich) | \$3.50 |
| Bat Wings (marinated chicken wings) | \$2.50 |

Wednesday 31st only special treats

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| Slimy Swamp (jelly with snakes frogs etc.) | \$1.50 |
| Grave Yards (cupcakes with decoration) | \$2.00 |