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11 April 2019

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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



Message from the Principal.....

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STAFF CHANGES

Mrs Jane Patroni and Mrs Trish Downsborough have both advised us of their retirement. We thank them for their significant service to education at Merredin College and at schools across the Eastern Wheatbelt. We wish them well with their future adventures.

The Year 3 position currently held by Mrs Downsborough has been advertised and closes on 1 May. Ms Irene Rodenburg, who has been a relief teacher on staff this term, is able to take the class for the first 4 weeks of Term 2.

Our Secondary Deputy Mr Gerard Rennie will be on sick leave for the remainder of 2019. We will therefore need to advertise his position next term for Semester 2.

Meanwhile Mr Mike Gibbon remains on leave and his replacement for Term 1 Mr Johnson is returning to Perth. We have been fortunate to appoint Mr Thomas, commencing in Term 2 as Mr Gibbon's replacement. Mr Thomas has been working as a relief Mathematics teacher at Shenton College in Perth and he is visiting Merredin this week.

LES LAST SCHOLARSHIP

In 2018 Mr Last generously bequeathed \$89 790 in his will to Merredin College. The purpose of this bequest is to enable Merredin College to establish a fund whereby any income from the fund will be used to provide an annual scholarship and awards to selected students attending Merredin College. (At current interest rates we expect that this annual scholarship will be about \$2000.)

The Les Last Scholarship for Year 12 will be awarded to the outstanding student to the value of the annual interest earned from the fund for his or her first year of tertiary education in one of the following disciplines: Agriculture; Architecture; Medicine; Science; Commerce; or Engineering. I'm sure that this scholarship will provide an incentive for our Year 12s as they 'strive to succeed'.

Next term will again be very busy with Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students completing NAPLAN online. This will cause some disruptions as students sit the tests and other year groups will have to move out of the computer labs for short periods of time. Also our Year 11 students who will be sitting their first serious exams and of course, the Year 12s who are engaged in the very serious business of completing their second last semester at Merredin College.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and staff a safe, relaxing and happy holiday. I would also like to thank all staff for their commitment, support and professionalism during Term 1 and I look forward to catching up with everyone next term.

ANZAC CEREMONIES

Staff and students will be participating in ANZAC commemorative services on Friday 12 April in the College gymnasium.

Due to the number of students, two separate ceremonies will occur.

The focus of the commemoration will be the 80th anniversary of the beginning of World War II. Year 10 students from English and HASS will have work on display, including reports, odes, posters and dioramas.

9:10am: Year 7-12 students

10.15am: Pre-Primary-Yr 6 students

Parents and community members are welcome to attend either or both of these services.

Students please make sure you are dressed in the appropriate school uniform.



TERM 2 COMMENCES:

Monday 29 April—Friday 5 July. Parents and students are reminded that the first day of school in Term 2 is Monday 29 April. This is not a School Development Day

We are carin**G**, we are **R**espectful, we are **R**espons**o**nible, **W**e strive to succeed!

K- 12 CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES FOR 2019 ARE NOW DUE

Thank you the parents/carers who have paid their contributions and charges. Unfortunately there are still many students with outstanding contributions and charges. Please organise payment before the end of term or contact Sandi at the main administration office on 08 9041 0900 to arrange a payment plan. **Applications for Secondary Assistance Scheme close on 12 April 2019. Bring your health care card in to claim up to \$350.00 in government assistance.** Late applications will not be accepted.

Payments from parents and carers contribute to our annual budget. The payment of \$20.00 to the P&C reduces the need to raise funds to keep the canteen and uniform shops operating.

Payments can be made in person (cash/cheque/efptos) or by direct debit. Merredin College BSB: 066040 BSB: 19903610

MERREDIN COLLEGE CHOIR FUNDRAISER

The Merredin College Choir is holding a fundraising venture to raise funds towards their 'One Big Voice' performances in Term 3. This fundraiser is open from Tuesday 9 April until 7 May, so please pass this on to as many people as you can so that we can raise a lot of money for our Choir.

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Please follow the link below to place your orders. <https://www.onyalife.com/ref/88/?campaign=merredincollegechoir>

HIRE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Community Groups, Not for Profit Organisations, Playgroups and Commercial Enterprises have the opportunity to enter into agreements to hire Merredin Colleges school facilities. The Board has recently reviewed and set hire charges for the gym, classrooms, trade training centre and oval. Parties wishing to use College facilities must have a Deed of License (Commercial) or Community Use Agreement (NFP and Community) approved and provide details of adequate insurance coverage. All enquires are to be directed to Manager Corporate Services, Janelle Millar.

NEXTRA NEWSAGENCY

Thank you to all parents/carers who purchased their school booklist locally from Nextra Newsagency Merredin. Merredin College receives a \$5.00 rebate for lists valued over \$50.00. This year 89 of our students purchased stationery items from their store which resulted in us receiving a cheque for \$445.00 from Nextra News. Jude, Shaun and Merredin College value your support by calling Merredin home.

NAPLAN AND STUDENT READINESS FOR NAPLAN ONLINE

Students at Merredin College and across the country will be sitting NAPLAN online on 14-24 May. In preparation, ACARA's NAPLAN Online public demonstration site is available for public access. This resource will enable students and parents to interact with minitests in Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language and Numeracy for each of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The items in these tests have been chosen to demonstrate the type of items which students will encounter in the NAPLAN Online tests. The landing page for the website <http://www.nap.edu.au/onlineassessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration> site contains a number of resources (FAQs, user guide and technical requirements) that will continue to be updated.

NAPLAN ONLINE INFORMATION BROCHURE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

<https://nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

2019 SCHOOL PHOTO INFORMATION

On photo day speciality group images (eg Choir; K-12 House Captains; K-12 School Leaders; Primary Leadership Team; Yr 7-11 Secondary School Councillors; Yr 12 Student Councillors) were taken at school.

These images can be viewed and purchased at a unique website, which is DIFFERENT to where you order the portraits and class photos online.

1. To place your Order online simply go to <https://mspphotography.shootproof.com/>
2. Click **Specials 2019**, then select the album titled: **Merredin College Specials - 2019**
3. You will then be required to enter a password to view the Album. The password for this **MCSP19**
4. Please ensure that you use your child's name at the checkout
5. The images you are viewing are uncropped and will be cropped to fit to a 10x8 print (as per the first image in your gallery, a sample of layout & colour)

- The online orders will be open until **midnight on Thursday 11 April 2019 – for the Bulk Pricing Offer**
- **The Bulk Pricing Offer is \$20 per print and these will be delivered to the school BY CLASS GROUP**
- After the \$20 pricing expires, the photos will remain available online, but the photos are now at a cost of \$35 per image and delivered to a preferred address.

If you have any queries please contact MSP Photography on **9240 8000** or via email on ordering.perth@msp.com.au



WORKPLACE LEARNING—YEAR 11 AND 12 VET GENERAL STUDENTS

Students are encouraged to get their Workplace Learning applications in to Mrs Morris as soon as possible. The deadline is Term 2, Week 2 Friday 10 May 2019.

MERREDIN COLLEGE CAREERS—INDIVIDUAL CAREERS INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE

Emma Lawrie and Brenda De Atta from **Directions Workforce Solutions** provide free career, training and employment assistance and for 1 day a fortnight will be based at Central Regional TAFE Merredin. Merredin College can organise individual career interviews for any Year 10, 11 or 12 students who would like to discuss their career pathway. Students have been informed of this opportunity and need to get a parent permission slip from Mrs Sutherland if they would like an appointment.



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ATAR STUDENTS—EXAM SCHEDULE

The Semester 1 Exam schedule has been handed out to all ATAR students, this schedule can also be accessed on Connect. During the exam period 24/5/19 - 4/6/19 ATAR students are only required at school to sit their exams, they then are allowed to leave to study for further exams. Those students who are **only** sitting the ATAR English exam will be required back at school the day after that exam.

All ATAR students should return on Tuesday 4 June 2019.

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM—GOLD COAST TOUR 2019

In 2019, a select group of players in Years 10, 11 & 12 have been chosen to represent Merredin College in the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup competition held on the Gold Coast, Queensland. The Gold Coast Tour is an opportunity for players in our Volleyball Program to compete at a National Championships giving them exposure to the highest possible level of competition.

So far this year, parents and players have begun fundraising operations to help send Merredin students to the Gold Coast. The first fundraiser is our hand made material covered pots with a succulent. These colourful and patterned pots were extremely popular at the Merredin Show and are a fantastic gift for Mothers Day. There are still plenty more pots available in all sizes and patterns. Keep an eye on the Merredin Link and social media for information about how to get your hands on one for Mothers Day.

In addition to the pots, bunches of Chrysanthemums will be on sale for \$20 each. These can be ordered by contacting Merredin Flowers & Gifts, 44 Barrack St, Merredin, 90411874. Orders can be collected from the schools Administration Office on Friday 10 May at 3pm or from Merredin Flowers & Gifts. Please order by Wednesday 8 May.

YEAR 11 AND 12 CHANGE OF COURSE/S DEADLINES 2019

[as recommended by Merredin College]

FRIDAY 14 JUNE 2019:

Last date for student transfers between *single Year 11 units*[A2 & G2] for Semester 2

Last date for student transfers from *paired Year 11 units*[AE & GE] to *single units*[A2 or G2] for Semester 2

PRIMARY *Link*

WA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Thursday 11 April at 10.00am, we will have the string section of the Western Australian Symphony Orchestra visiting the school to perform for our students. Parents are welcome to join us for this free performance.

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

YEAR 1 AND 2 EXCURSION

On Thursday 11 April at 1.30pm, our Year 1 and 2 classes will be heading down to Moorditj Mia to entertain the residents with their assembly items from Week 5.

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

ANZAC ASSEMBLY

The Primary ANZAC Assembly will be held tomorrow, Friday 12 April at 10.15am. Parents are most welcome to attend.

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

MERREDIN COLLEGE CHOIR FUNDRAISER

Please see previous article on page 2 and attached poster for ordering items for this fundraiser.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

There are many opportunities for students to attend extracurricular activities at Merredin College. It is not a student's right to attend. Extracurricular activities are privileges which must be earned. Please refer to the table below for the criteria which must be met before students can attend the main extracurricular activities.

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
2019 Year 8 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
2020 Year 9 Canberra students (current Year 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 2020 Canberra Camp
2019 Year 9 – 11	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	If lose GS in S2 2019, students must earn back by the end of this year. Cannot lose GS in 2020.	May not be allowed to attend the School Ball in 2020
2019 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



MAKING YOUR HOME A BUILD UP ZONE

Presented by Nurture Works Founder and Children's Author, Steve Heron, OAM

- 1. Agro and Emo 9.00am – 10.30am**
 - Helping kids to handle their feelings. (Emotional competence and self-regulation)
 - Includes: Good, Bad, Mad, Sad – understanding feelings, the Brain in the Hand, Anger Management, the BUZ Feelings Management Creed
- 2. Child Whyspring – Handling School Refusals and other tricky business 11.00am – 12.30pm**
 - How to get kids to talk and open-up on their cares, concerns, anxieties, problems and celebrations in their lives. The art of pastoral questioning.
- 3. Restoring the Power Balance (Bully Proofing) 1.00pm – 2.30pm**
 - All the hype about bullying could be making things worse. Understanding bullying, dispelling the myths, building respectful communities, introducing the Gimme 5 Tactics for bully proofing and the Marshmallow Man.

Where: Merredin
When: 7th May 2019
Venue: Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre
Time: 9.00am – 2.30 pm
Registration: Jerril Pagan 0447 622 736 jpag@merredin.wa.gov.au



Merredin College Choir Fundraiser

This fundraiser is open from Tuesday 9 April until 7 May so please pass this on to as many people as you can so that we can raise a lot of money for our Choir.

Below you will see the unique URL for our fundraising. When someone uses our unique URL the code is automatically added to their cart at checkout and the order will be recorded separately from others so we can see what funds have been raised at completion. We will get a percentage of what has been spent. Our URL is.....

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Every minute, one garbage truck worth of plastic makes it way into our oceans, and it is predicted that by 2050 there will be more plastic by weight than fish in the sea.

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Mother's Day Fundraiser

Chrysanthemum Bunches \$20

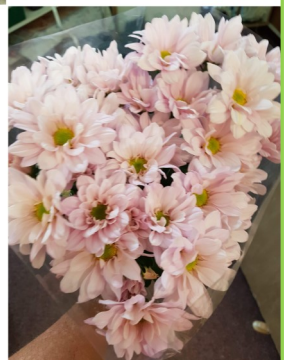


fundraising for the

Merredin College 2019 Volleyball Gold Coast Tour

**Order at
Merredin Flowers & Gifts
44 Barrack St, Merredin
90411874
by Wednesday 8th May**

**Collect from Merredin College Administration
Office Friday 10 May - 3pm**



Useful Links:

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

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

Latest News & Events:
www.merredincollege.wa.edu.au

Save the Date: 12 April
 ANZAC Ceremonies
 Secondary: 9.10am
 Primary: 10.15am

29 April
 Student Commence
 Term 2

TERM 2 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	29 APRIL Students Commence	30	1 MAY <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	2	3
2	6	7 *Yr7-9 Parent/Student 'Preparing for a Univ Pathway' Evening	8 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	9	10
3	13	14 *NAPLAN Commences	15 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	16 <i>School Board AGM 5.30pm</i>	17
4	20 *Big Science Comp. <i>P&C Meeting 6pm</i>	21 *Yr 7-12 Assembly <i>YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm</i>	22 *General Yr11/12 English Exam <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	23 *Primary Assembly *Biggest Morning Tea	24 *Last day for NAPLAN
5	27 *ATAR Exam & EST Week	28	29 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	30	31 School Development Day
6	3 WA DAY	4	5 *Yr10 History Comp. <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	6	7 *School Cross Country
7	10 *Yr 10 Exams Week	11 *Yr 10 Exams Week *Drama Workshop	12 *Yr 10 Exams Week <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	13 *Yr 10 Exams Week	14 *Bruce Rock XCountry
8	17 *Geography Comp. TBD <i>P&C Meeting 6pm</i>	18	19 *Yr10 'Get into Resources' Excursion <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	20 *TDS Techie Brekkie *Primary Assembly <i>School Board 5.30pm</i>	21 *
9	24	25 *Yr 9-10 Kalgoorlie Volley- ball Comp <i>YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm</i>	26 *Prim. Winter Carnival <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	27	28 *Country Week Assembly
10	1 JULY COUNTRY WEEK *Yr 11/12 ADWPL Week	2 COUNTRY WEEK *Glass of Class Luncheon	3 COUNTRY WEEK <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	4 COUNTRY WEEK	5 COUNTRY WEEK Last Day Term 2



ALL YOUNG PEOPLE
AGED 11-17 YRS
ARE INVITED TO
MERREDIN'S

YOUTHFEST!

Saturday, 13th April
Merredin Leisure Centre Oval, 11am - 3pm

FREE EVENT

Featuring:

- DJ
- Bubble Soccer
- Chill Out Zone
- MC Ryan Trooth Samuels
- And heaps more!

Logos: MERREDIN, lotterywest supported, COLLAGAR, Avon Community Services



MERREDIN REGIONAL LIBRARY
presents

Easter

School Holiday Program

EASTER CRAFT
TUESDAY, 16 APRIL
Make a fun Easter rabbit or egg box just in time for Easter

EASTER CARDS
THURSDAY, 18 APRIL
Make cards for Easter or just for fun

CLAY FUN
TUESDAY, 23 APRIL
Make multi coloured clay creatures or fun clay animals

All sessions will be held at the Merredin Regional Library from 10:30am to 11:30am

All activities \$2 per participant. Parental supervision is required for all children under 10. Bookings essential. See you there and come dressed for fun!

Call 9041 1222 to book your place



Ages 0-8

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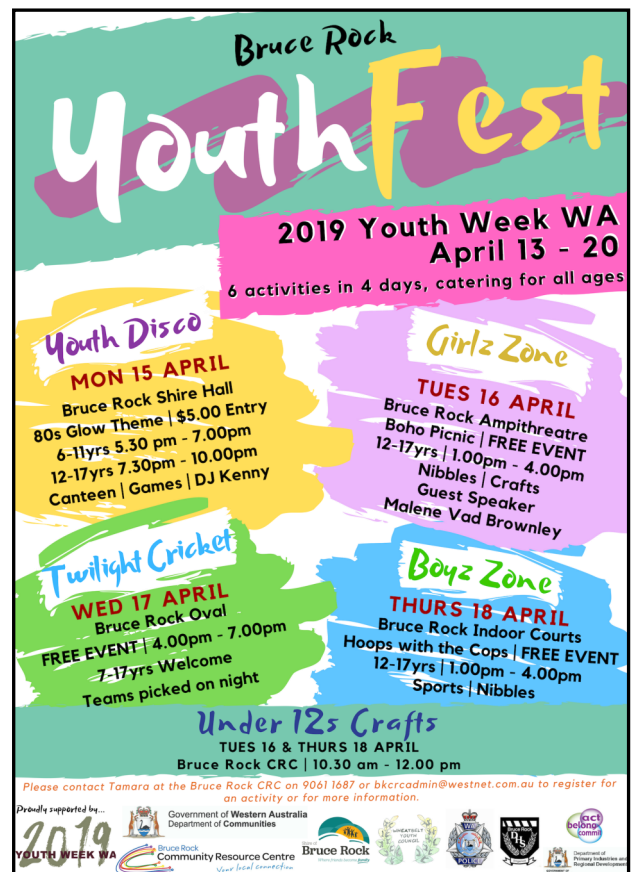
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Bruce Rock YouthFest

2019 Youth Week WA
April 13 - 20
6 activities in 4 days, catering for all ages

Youth Disco
MON 15 APRIL
Bruce Rock Shire Hall
80s Glow Theme | \$5.00 Entry
6-11yrs 5.30 pm - 7.00pm
12-17yrs 7.30pm - 10.00pm
Canteen | Games | DJ Kenny

Girlz Zone
TUES 16 APRIL
Bruce Rock Amphitheatre
Boho Picnic | FREE EVENT
12-17yrs | 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Nibbles | Crafts
Guest Speaker
Malene Vad Brownley

Twilight Cricket
WED 17 APRIL
Bruce Rock Oval
FREE EVENT | 4.00pm - 7.00pm
7-17yrs Welcome
Teams picked on night

Boyz Zone
THURS 18 APRIL
Bruce Rock Indoor Courts
Hoops with the Cops | FREE EVENT
12-17yrs | 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Sports | Nibbles

Under 12s Crafts
TUES 16 & THURS 18 APRIL
Bruce Rock CRC | 10.30 am - 12.00 pm

Please contact Tamara at the Bruce Rock CRC on 9061 1687 or bkrcadmin@westnet.com.au to register for an activity or for more information.

2019 Youth Week WA

Partners supported by:

- Government of Western Australia Department of Communities
- Bruce Rock Community Resource Centre
- Bruce Rock Shire
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