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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



Message from the Principal.....

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Wow! What an awesome primary assembly this morning. Congratulations to every one of our students who received merit certificates. It was great to see more than 50 parents, carers and family members enjoy the fabulous class items proudly presented by Ms Lowe's Year 1 class and Ms Garbin's Year 2s. The students' energetic participation in "Star Trekking", led by Mrs Adamson, concluded our assembly.

Merredin College is certainly a 'happening place.' There are lots of extra curricula activities available for our students: volleyball, art club, boxing, swimming, homework club and lots more. However, it is important that students attend regularly, complete assessments and be in 'good standing' to participate in organised school activities.

The new Wheatbelt Regional Executive Director, Mr Neil Darby, visited Merredin College on Tuesday 5 March and enjoyed his tour of our school. He was very impressed by the level of student participation in their learning. He made particular comment about our impressive 2018 NAPLAN results and how quiet it was when all students were in class.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Year 3-12 swimming carnival tomorrow and at our P & C meeting on Monday 11 March.

P&C AGM—11 MARCH 2019—6.00PM

All parents and carers are strongly encouraged to attend the AGM of the P&C on Monday 11 March at 6.00 pm in the library. All positions are vacant. Without the P&C, we would not be able to run the canteen or the uniform shop. Extra funds provided by the P&C for activities like the Choir Camp are considered essential. Please see the attached invitation to the P&C AGM.

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>

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 6, Term 1 (next week) are:

PRIMARY

We are RESPECTFUL in the Community

WE ARE RESPECTFUL BY USING APPROPRIATE AND RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE
ie.. USING OUR MANNERS

SECONDARY

We are RESPECTFUL in Learning Areas

WE ARE RESPECTFUL BY SPEAKING POLITELY AND USING MANNERS

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THE ERIC HIND MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

The Eric Hind Scholarship is open again after being reviewed by Council at its last meeting. As the Shire received only one applicant, Council decided to widen the age bracket to be 7-19 years so now primary school students studying music can qualify as well. The new close date for applications is 11 March.

Here is the link to all of the details on the Shire's website - <https://www.merredin.wa.gov.au/community-funding.aspx>. The application form lists the new selection criteria.

If you have any queries about this, please contact myself or Hannah Martin at the Shire on 9041 1611. Thank you.

2019 SCHOOL PHOTO INFORMATION

Our School Photos will be taken on:

Monday 25 March 2019

Family Photos (Surnames A-H) in Primary Undercover Area from 8.20-8.45am
Year PP/Yr1, Y1 –Yr6 Student Photos, Choir + Primary School Leader Group Photos

Tuesday 26 March 2019

Family Photos (Surnames I-N) in Secondary Staff Room from 8.20-8.45am
Yr 7, 8, 12, 10 & 11 Student Photos

Wednesday 27 March 2019

Family Photos (Surnames O-Z) in Secondary Staff Room from 8.20-8.45am
Kindy, K/PP, Yr 9 Student Photos, Secondary and Primary School Leader Groups and
Whole school photo on Oval.

Class Photos/Portraits: Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.

- Your child has been given a personalised pre-paid envelope by the class teacher.
- If you wish to purchase photos, please ensure that your child returns the pre-paid envelope with enclosed payment to school on photo day.
- If you have ordered online with your students unique shootkey you do **not** need to bring the envelope into school.
- If you lose your shootkey the school reception will have a copy to quote back to you.
- If you do not have the correct money we will provide any change needed when photos are delivered to school.
- The expiry date for online ordering is the **02.04.2019**. Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30.00 archive fee. You can email your order request through to reorders.perth@msp.com.au or call our office on 08 9240 8000

Family Photos:

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration.
- Family photos are taken each morning before school.
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the Photographers on photo day.
- If you do not have the correct money we will provide any change needed when photos are delivered to school.
- Family photos **cannot** be ordered online.

Special/Sports Group Photos:

- If your child is in a Special/Sports photo you will receive a link and password to the online gallery after photo day. You can then view and order if required. Photos will be delivered with the school's bulk order.

Please Note: Class Groups, Individuals and Family Photos are *not* available to view online

Photo envelopes will be distributed to primary students via their class teachers on Friday and secondary student envelopes will be distributed through Form classes on Monday.

SECONDARY *Link*

YR 3-12 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This event will be held tomorrow Friday 8 March. Please remember to 'SLIP SLOP SLAP'.

MEDICAL STUDENTS VISIT - ATAR STUDENTS

Wednesday morning, 13 March period 1, we will be having a visit from a group of medical students studying at UWA. They will be providing information to our students on what it is like to study medicine and the pathway that they took to be enrolled in the medical course at UWA. They then will be taken on a tour of the school and interact with students in science classes.

UNI STUDENT VISIT—ATAR STUDENTS

Thursday morning, 14 March, period 1 ATAR students will have a presentation from all universities in WA. This will provide our students with information on what each university offers and what ATAR scores they need to obtain to get into their selected courses for next year. This session will provide our students with clarification and a better sense of direction to the pathway they wish to take when they complete their schooling at the end of this year or the next.

YEAR 7 & 8 IMMUNISATIONS

The Department of Health is offering parents of students in Year 7 & 8 the opportunity to have their child vaccinated against pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, diphtheria and human papillomavirus (HPV).

Students have been given consent forms and information packs relating to the program. ***Vaccination forms are due back as soon as possible and can be handed in at Student Services.***

UNIFORM

A reminder to students not in school uniform is that you are required to collect a uniform pass from Student Services before the school bell. Please note five (5) uniform passes will result in a letter home to parents/carers and a 3 week Loss of Good Standing.

OLNA

Students will be sitting the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) over the next 3 weeks. Students that need to sit these tests have been notified of the date, time and location of the test. These tests are very important to pass as it is a requirement in attaining a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) at the completion of Year 12.

Monday 11 March 2019: Reading

Monday 18 March 2019: Numeracy

YEAR 11 AND 12 CHANGE OF COURSE/S DEADLINES 2019

[as recommended by Merredin College]

FRIDAY 8 MARCH 2019:

Last date for student transfers between *pairs of Year 12 units*[AT & GT] for 2019

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

CONNECT—FINDING OUT WHAT YOUR YEAR 10-12 CHILD IS STUDYING, WHAT ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE AND HOW THEY ARE PROGRESSING

Connect is an integrated online environment developed by the Department of Education WA for staff, students and parents in public schools. Check out the short video clip on Connect at <https://vimeo.com/connectwa/welcome>

Each parent is given their own secure login to Connect. Connect is totally free and, because it is provided by the Department of Education, very safe. As well as being able to login to Connect on any internet-enabled device, you may also receive notices from Connect that will be sent to you as either an email or a notification on your phone. A free app called *Connect Now* can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple App Store and will let you receive Connect notices as push notifications.

If you have multiple children you only need one login – even if your children attend different public schools.

When you login to Connect you will be able to see information specific to your own child/ren such as:

- The classes in which your children are engaged
- Class calendars
- Assessment Outlines information drawn from Reporting to Parents (secondary)
- Assessments and evidence for your own child
- Notices from your child's classes that automatically generate an email or phone notification to you.

To register for Connect please read and sign the attached *Connect Conditions of Use for Parents* and complete the *Parents Registration Form* and return to the school as soon as possible or scan and email the signed documents to Sandra.Lee@education.wa.edu.au. You will then be confidentially issued with your unique user name and password for Connect.

We see Connect as an exciting new way for you to stay in touch with your child's school journey.

PRIMARY *link*





SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Merredin College Year 3-12 Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday 8 March and the Interschool Carnival on Friday 15 March. We are seeking parent helpers for both events. The charge for the first event is \$3.00 per participant (Due last week), with season passes not accepted for this event as we are charged a flat rate to book the pool for the day. Please come along to support your child on the day. Please contact Ms Kylie Bryant or Ms Zane Walker if you are able to help out on either day.

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

NO HAT!! NO PLAY!!

Merredin College has a STRICT 'No Hat – No Play' policy. All children need a hat to participate in our recess, lunch and physical education programs. Hats are available from the Uniform shop and the primary office for \$12.00.

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

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is on Wednesday mornings in the wet area of the Early Childhood Block (Block 1). School Banking is available between 8.30am-8.50am. Forms can be collected at this time if you would like to set up an account for your child. School Banking encourages kids to save a little money each week (any amount) into their Youthsaver account, helping them learn about the value of money and develop a good saving habit. The Youthsaver account is a savings account with no monthly fees and a competitive bonus interest rate when at least one deposit (excluding interest and bank initiated transactions) and no withdrawals are made each calendar month. Each time a child makes a School Banking deposit they earn a silver Dollarmites token. Once they've collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for an exciting reward.

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

KINDILINK

KindiLink is coming to Merredin College! KindiLink is a play-and-learn initiative for three year old Aboriginal children in the year before they start Kindergarten. Children attend with a parent/carer for six hours a week. KindiLink offers high quality play-and-learn sessions for children and their parent/carer at the school, at no cost to families. Families are supported by a teacher and assistant to be actively involved in the activities with their children.

As we will have room in the program, younger members of the family may also attend with the three year old child. Children and families from outside our school's catchment area are also welcome to participate in KindiLink. Our sessions will run **every Monday and Friday morning from 9.00am to 12 noon starting Monday 11 March**. Mrs Crabb from Kindy will be there as well as an Aboriginal Education Officer to help with some fun cooking, craft and games. Don't miss out as this is a fabulous opportunity for our little people. Meet at the Kindy Room door!

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

BADMINTON Competition
Starts 8 March
\$5 per person per game
Fixtures available from 15 March
Come on down and hit that shuttlecock from 6pm Friday nights
Any queries call the friendly staff at MRCLC - 9041 3033
MERREDIN REGIONAL COMMUNITY & LEISURE CENTRE belgravialeisure

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: Sonya
PH: 90 410 962

Wheatbelt Country Supplies
proudly sponsoring the
Merredin District Lawn Tennis Club
2019 Open Day
Sunday 17 March 2019
Start time not before 10am
Mens and Ladies Doubles
A, B and C Grades
\$25 per player
Merredin Recreation Centre
Lunch and afternoon tea provided
Dinner available
St Patrick's Day!
Dress up in your favourite greens!
Nominations to club captains
by Wednesday 13 March
Jacinta 0400 653 531
Grant 0400 937 293
Enquiries to mdltc@hotmail.com.au





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

Merredin Hockey Club

Junior Training

Every Saturday on a fixture day our junior team will play a game in either Merredin, Bruce Rock or Narembeen.

Juniors can be anyone in year 8 or below at school, boys & girls are both invited to come along and join in.

We encourage everyone no matter what hockey experience to come and have a go.

We have sticks which can be borrowed and encourage mouth guard and shin pad use.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our club at merredinwomenshockey@hotmail.com or Junior coach's Kim - 0437677779 or Murray - 0408094608.

First training will be Monday 19th March @4pm at the Rec Centre turf.

★ Merredin Twilight ★

International Food Festival

Hosted by the Shire of Merredin

This Harmony Week Merredin residents will celebrate the wonderful diversity in our town

Enjoy exotic and familiar flavours from all over the world

From France and Scotland, through to Malaysia and Japan, savour the taste right here in your home town

Friday, 8 March 2019 ~ 6:00pm
Cummins Theatre

Proudly supported by

For more information contact Hannah Martin on 9041 1611 or elo@merredin.wa.gov.au



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: 8 March
 Yr 3-12
 Swimming
 Carnival

11 March
 P&C AGM
 6.00pm

TERM 1 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
6	11 *OLNA-Reading P&C Meeting (AGM) 6pm	12 *OLNA-Reading	13 *Medical Students Visit *TDS Event *Yr 7-12 Assembly *Yr 7 Immunisation <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	14 *Medical Students Visit	15 *Medical Students Visit *Yr 3-6 Interschool Swimming Carnival *Secondary Interschool Swimming Carnival-Cunderdin *Ball Set Up	16 School Ball	17 School's Beach V/ball Yr7-12
7	18 *OLNA- Numeracy	19 *OLNA- Numeracy *Parent/Teacher Mtg 4-6pm	20 *Protective Behaviours Yr7-12-Sexual Abuse <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	21 <i>School Board 5.30pm</i>	22 *Yr4-6 Netball Clinic	23	24
8	25 SCHOOL PHOTOS *OLNA-Reading/ Numeracy Catchup *Halogen Leadership (Yr11-12)	26 SCHOOL PHOTOS *OLNA-Reading/Numeracy Catchup	27 SCHOOL PHOTOS *Protective Behaviours Yr7-12-Online Safety <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	28 *Yr 8 Immunisations	29	30 Mer-redin Show	31

MERREDIN COLLEGE Attendance at 2019 School Ball

The general restrictions on attendance at the Ball were established to encourage students to make the right choices. Currently there are four main ways by which students can lose Good Standing:

- Behaviour (Suspensions)
- Work completion
- Attendance
- Mobile Phone use and Uniform

Behaviour (Suspensions): If students lose their Good Standing for Behaviour (In or out of school Suspensions) at any stage from Semester 2 2018 then they lose their right to attend the Ball **(without exception)**.

Work Completion: If students lose their Good Standing due to not completing work to a satisfactory standard in Semester 2 2018, they can restore Good Standing by submitting all assigned tasks before the end of the year. As a result they are able to attend an appeal meeting with a Deputy Principal to plead their case.

If students don't complete all their work in Semester 1 2019, then they are ineligible to attend the Ball.

Good Standing for work completion is not automatically restored after a set time period but rather only once the set tasks have been submitted. (Even if the relevant teacher decides to award a 0% score for the task).

Class Preparedness: Student that are unprepared for class on 5 occasions or warnings will lose good standing.

Attendance: The attendance average from Semester 2 2018 until the time of the Ball needs to be at least 90%. Attendance that is less than 90% needs to be explained in a review meeting with a Deputy Principal.

Mobile Phone/Uniform: If students lose their Good Standing for uniform or mobile phone use in Semester 2 2018 then they will need to attend an appeal meeting with a Deputy Principal to plead their case in order to be considered to attend the Ball. Attendance at the Ball is still at the Deputy Principal's discretion.

Students who lose Good Standing in 2019 are unable to earn back their right to attend without exception.