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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



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Message from the Principal.....

During our secondary assembly this week we celebrated the academic, attendance and 'GROW' achievements of our students. Congratulations to the many students who received certificates. It was great to see the many parents, carers and family members present.

It was pleasing to see the positive spirit displayed by competitors at our successful Year 3-12 House Swimming Carnival last Friday. Congratulations to Mitchell on winning the Primary, Secondary and Overall Shields. Best wishes to our swimming teams in the Primary Interschool Carnival against St Mary's and against secondary teams from District High Schools in the East Avon Sporting Association at Cunderdin tomorrow.

Our overall student attendance (92.7%) has been very pleasing with nearly all K -12 year groups above 90%. Only Year 9 and Year 10 have slipped slightly below 90%. Please contact us if your child will be away from school.

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

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 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

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

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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 were distributed to primary students via their class teachers last Friday and secondary student envelopes were distributed through Form classes on Monday. Any secondary student who didn't receive their envelope, please come to the front office to collect.

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>

SECONDARY *Link*

SCHOOL BALL—'THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS'

This Saturday 16 March - Students arrival 6:30pm-7.00pm

Families and guests of our Year 12 students are invited into the theatre for the Year 12 Entrance at 7.00pm.

Students are not permitted to leave the venue until the event is finished at 11.00pm.

YEAR 7-12 PARENT/TEACHER EVENING—TUESDAY 19 MARCH 4-6 PM (LIBRARY)

This will be held next Tuesday 19 March from 4-6pm in the Library. Interim Reports will be handed out on arrival. Teachers will be available for 5 minute interviews.

Any reports not collected on the night will be handed to students on Wednesday afternoon.

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS WORKSHOP

Over the next two Wednesdays all secondary students will be taking part in Protective Behaviours seminars. On Wednesday 20 March students will attend a Sexual Abuse Awareness Seminar led by **WA Child Safety Services** and on 28 March, a Cyber Safety Seminar led by **Student Edge**. Both of these companies have a sound reputation for delivery of contemporary and engaging programs.

Some material presented in these programs may be upsetting to some students. Our School Chaplain and Student Services support staff will be on hand to assist should any child become distressed.

Whilst it is important that students receive this important information, if you believe it may be detrimental to your child please contact Jarrad Ritchie, Deputy Principal, so that alternate arrangements can be made.

MERREDIN CAREERS PROGRAM CURTIN AHEAD

Week 9, Monday 1 April and Tuesday 2 April:

Students from Year 10, 11 and 12 will be attending interactive Workshops run by Curtin University. Curtin University will also be running an evening session for parents.

ATAR Parent Information Session Monday 1 April 6.30-7.30:

This session – will be similar to Year 12 ATAR presentation with a chance to ask questions.

Year 12 ATAR Presentation

- TISC Timeline 2019
- Key info about ATAR processes
- Overcoming barriers to university
- Pathways, back up and safety net options
- Tips for success

Year 11 Study Skills Workshop

- Getting organised
- Building resilience Tips for success
- Mental wellbeing

Year 10 Workshops 1 + 2

- Range of career assessment tasks
- University courses a student can study based on their area of interest
- Differences between high school and university
- Pathway planning and exploration of university faculty options
- Importance of WACE and how the upper school subject selection process ties in with identified career plans

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 three (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 18 March 2019: Numeracy

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

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.



INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Merredin College will be participating in the Interschool Swimming Carnival with St Marys Primary School this Friday. All participating students have received their invitations and notes and money are now due. Please come along to support your child on the day and contact 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 Dollarmite 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 has come 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 participating schools, 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 run **every Monday and Friday morning from 9am to 12noon**. Mrs Crabb from Kindy will be there as well as our new Aboriginal Education Officer, Ashlyn Osborne, 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)



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 Mens and Ladies Doubles
A, B and C Grades

Sunday 17 March 2019 \$25 per player
Start time not before 10am Merredin Recreation Centre

Lunch and afternoon tea provided
Dinner available

St Patrick's Day!
Dress up in your favourite green!

Nominations to club captains
by Wednesday 13 March
Jacinta 0400 653 531
Grant 0400 937 293

Enquiries to mdltc@hotmail.com.au

Local universities National universities

Get out and **meet some new friends.**

Trade colleges Employer training

careers EXPO 2019
Including VET Expo
16-19 May | Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Careers Expo 2019 will be buzzing with people you really ought to meet. Alongside the enormous variety of universities and other tertiary institutions from WA and all corners of Australia, you'll find specialists in all sorts of skills: plumbing, teaching, parenting, acting, flying, healing, designing, hairdressing. You'll be able to meet just about every one of your possible futures in one inspiring free event. www.careers-expo.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

Bruce Rock's WA WATER SPORTS -HAVE A GO DAY-

MARCH 23RD 2019 - 10.30am-3.30pm

Bruce Rock Aquatic Centre and the Bruce Rock Shire along with the Bruce Rock Swim Club and Diving WA, Synchro WA, Swimming WA and AUSTSWIM are thrilled to invite **YOU** to come along to our first EVER **WA WATER SPORTS - HAVE A GO DAY!**

LEARN HOW TO DIVE & PERFORM A DANCE ROUTINE IN THE WATER

To register your interest please contact the Bruce Rock Pool and speak to Mel Warren our friendly pool manager on 9061 1278 or via email at bkpool@brucerock.wa.gov.au

All participants need to pay pool entry (\$2 per Child, \$4 per Adult) and bring along appropriate pool attire, a hat, water bottle and sunscreen for a fun fill day! Thank you to the Bruce Rock Shire for hosting the event and organising a community BBQ for all participants of **WA WATER SPORTS - HAVE A GO DAY!**

ATTENTION all AUSTSWIM Swim Instructors: for a small fee of \$45

this Professional Development Day can go towards your required professional development hours for your renewal of your qualifications. Please register online at austswim.com.au - click on the training tab and follow the prompts or contact AUSTSWIM on 08 9328 2115 to register.

ATTENTION AUSTSWIM INSTRUCTORS: WHY NOT PERFECT YOUR TEACHING OF STARTS, TURNS & BREASTSTROKE!!!

We look forward to seeing you at **WA WATER SPORTS - HAVE A GO DAY!**

Thank you for your support



Material Pots Fundraiser



Find us in the inside pavilion at
the Merredin Show
30th March 10am - 4pm



**Handmade material pots
and succulents for sale
fundraising for the**

**Merredin College
2019 Volleyball
Gold Coast Tour**



Like our page

www.facebook.com/MCVballFundraising



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: 16 March
Merredin
School Ball

17 March
Beach Volleyball
Perth

19 March
Parent/Teacher
Mtg 4-6pm

TERM 1 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
6	11 *OLNA-Reading P&C Meeting (AGM) 6pm	12 *OLNA-Reading *Medical Students Visit	13 *Medical Students Visit *TDS Event *Yr 7-12 Assembly *Yr 7 Immunisation Early Close 2.30pm	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 *Scho ols Beach Vol- leybal I Cup Yr7- 12
7	18 *OLNA- Numeracy	19 *OLNA- Numeracy *Parent/Teacher Mtg 4- 6pm	20 *Protective Behaviours Yr7-12-Sexual Abuse Early Close 2.30pm	21 School Board 5.30pm	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 Early Close 2.30pm	28 *Yr 8 Immunisations	29	30 Mer- redin Show	31
9	1 APRIL *Curtin AHEAD Program *ATAR Parent Info Ses- sion 6.30-7.30pm	2 *Curtin AHEAD Program	3 Early Close 2.30pm	4 *Primary Assembly	5	6	7
10	8 P&C Meeting 3.15pm	9 *Glass of Class Lunch- eon	10 Early Close 2.30pm	11	12 Last Day Term *ANZAC Assembly P1 – Secondary P2 - Primary	13	14

Merredin Hockey Club

Junior Training

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

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 16th March @4pm at the Rec Centre turf.

AHEAD IN CONFIDENCE CAMP

If you're thinking about making the move to Perth to further your studies at university after Year 12, then this camp is for you!

During the July school holidays, Curtin AHEAD in School are hosting a week long camp for up to 22 current Year 12 ATAR students in regional schools. This camp aims to equip students with the skills and confidence to move from the country to the city to pursue their university studies after high school. Students should expect a fun filled week exploring Perth, interspersed with activities designed to familiarise them with the essentials of making the move to Perth and the ins and outs of university.

The camp will cover, but will not be limited to:

- ATAR revision seminars
- Individual pathway planning
- How to apply for university
- Student housing options
- Visits to all WA universities
- Navigating public transport
- Free student support services
- Scholarships & financial assistance
- Making friends at uni
- Finding casual employment
- Cooking on a budget

When: Sunday 8th July - Friday 13th July

Where: Students will reside at Murdoch Student Village. Activities will take place across various universities & locations around Perth.

Cost: FREE Accommodation, food, activities & transport within Perth will be covered by Curtin AHEAD. Students will be required to make their own way to and from Perth. Curtin AHEAD staff will meet, greet & escort students to the Perth transport terminal if arriving departing via TransWA services. (Spend money for extra snacks and personal purchases is optional).

Applications due: Friday 13th May 2018

To find out further information & to apply please visit: <https://aheadinconfidencecamp2018.eventbrite.com.au> or email applications can be sent to aheadinconfidencecamp@curtin.edu.au

For further information please contact (08) 9266 1923 or the email address above

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LEARN TO PLAY SOCCER

Club/Organisation: Merredin Soccer Club

Venue: Merredin Rec Centre oval

Start date: Monday 18 March 4.30pm

Price: \$50 for the four week program

Contact: Facebook or 0400 707 770

All ages and males / females welcome!

Register now:

Merredin Soccer Club

Facebook