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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



Message from the Principal.....

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Congratulations to everyone involved with our School Ball last Saturday night. It was an outstanding success. Our students looked absolutely fabulous and enjoyed a great night.

Our swimming teams performed exceptionally well. Congratulations to our primary team for defeating St Mary's and to our secondary team for winning the East Avon Sporting Association Carnival at Cunderdin.

Well done to Milla Walker in Year 3, for having her drawing chosen as one of the winners for this year's Toyota Dream Car Art Contest! Milla's entry has been sent off to Japan as Toyota will be picking one of the 9 winners to be our Australian Champion.

Congratulations to our Year 7/8 Boys and Year 8/9 Boys Volleyball teams for their tremendous effort in winning silver and gold medals respectively in the B division of the Think Again High School Beach Volleyball Cup.

Thank you to the more than 90 parents who attended our secondary parent-teacher night on Tuesday.

It is also important that all students fees and charges are paid to support us in continuing to provide a quality education for our students.

K- 12 CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES FOR 2019 ARE NOW DUE

Compulsory Year 11 and 12 subject charges have been applied and statements have been mailed out this week.

Please organise payment before the end of Term 1 or contact the main office on to arrange a payment plan.

If you have a health care card you are eligible to apply for the \$350.00 rebate from the Secondary Assistance Scheme. Forms are available from administration.

Merredin College relies on parent payments which are incorporated into our annual budget. Any queries can be directed to Janelle Millar, Manager Corporate Services.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open next week on Monday 25, Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 March from 9.00am to 11.00am to coincide with the school photo days.

Our PBS Values Focus

G 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.

R The PBS focuses for Week 8, Term 1 (next week) are:

PRIMARY

O We are RESPECTFUL in Learning Areas

W WE ARE RESPECTFUL BY ALLOWING OTHERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

SECONDARY

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

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

Any secondary student who didn't receive their envelope, please come to the front office to collect.

SECONDARY *Link*

HALOGEN LEADERSHIP CAMP

This Sunday, Mrs Pirovich and Mr Baltovich will take the Year 11 and 12 student leaders to Perth for the Halogen Leadership Conference at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. The conference will feature inspiring talks from Tim Diamond, Liesel Jones, Liv Phyland and Matt Cosgrove. The conference also gives the Merredin College students the opportunity to collaborate with young leaders from all around the state to come up with ideas to make the future a brighter place for the youth of today. The excursion would not be possible without the help of the Collgar Wind Farm, and we are deeply appreciative of their ongoing support.

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>

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

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.



NAPLAN EXEMPTIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be undertaking NAPLAN Online in Term 2 between 14 and 24 May. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is an important tool used by teachers to measure student progress.

Students with significant intellectual disability and/or those with significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests may be exempted from sitting the tests.

Students who have been attending school in Australia for less than a year before the tests may also be eligible for exemption. Exemptions should be discussed with your child's classroom teacher

Parents or carers may withdraw their child from the tests to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. It is recommended that withdrawal be considered in consultation with your child's teacher.

All requests for exemption from testing or withdrawal from testing must be received by the school by Friday 5 April. Exemption and Withdrawal Forms can be collected from primary administration.

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

NETBALL CLINICS

Students from Year 3 to Year 6 will be involved with Netball Clinics on Thursday this week. Students are encouraged to wear their faction shirts on the day.

Got a question about this? Ms Zane Walker & Ms Kylie Bryant (PE Teachers)

LUNCH AND SNACKS

A number of students are dropping into the office to request food during the second break at 1.30pm. Can parents please have a conversation with students about whether they are getting enough food during the day. We have a limited supply of fruit and food items for emergencies which is being exhausted. We will give you a call if your child is coming to the office for extra food items.

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

GOLD NOTES

Many children have been working hard and receiving a letter of commendation (Gold notes) for their efforts.

Please remind your children to return the bottom section of their Gold Note to the Primary office. This needs to be posted into the Gold boxes (K-2 and 3-6) to ensure they can be in the running for the Glass of Class Lunch with the Principal at the end of each term.

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

YEAR 5 FUNDRAISING FOR CAMP

Each year the year 6 student group attend a school camp. It has been tradition that the year 5 student commence their fundraising the year before their camp to ensure there is plenty of time to raise adequate funds.

One of the fundraising projects is to cater for the Glass of Class Lunch at the end of each term. Parents are asked to provide a plate of food for the children to enjoy at this lunch and \$200 will be placed into the year 5 fundraising account for their camp next year.

If you are interested in being involved in this project please talk to your class teacher or see Barb Smith as soon as possible.

Our first Glass of Class lunch is in Week 10 and we will need to get organised as soon as possible.

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.


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/carers for six hours a week. KindiLink offers high quality play-and-learn sessions for children and their parent/carers 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)

 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**



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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: 25 March—27 March
School Photos

TERM 1 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
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
9	1 APRIL *Curtin AHEAD Program *ATAR Parent Info Ses- sion 6.30-7.30pm	2 *Curtin AHEAD Program	3 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	4 *Primary Assembly	5	6	7
10	8 P&C Meeting 3.15pm	9 *Glass of Class Lunch- eon	10 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	11	12 Last Day Term *ANZAC Assembly P1 – Secondary P2 - Primary	13	14

Come Play Junior Hockey on a Friday Night
 register for the 2019 Hockey season

Merredin Junior Hockey



Hockey Season runs from May through to September. Our Friday Night Junior Hockey program caters for boys and girls from year 3 to year 10. All levels welcome, from beginners right through to experienced.

If your younger than year 3 Minkey might be more your style we run Minkey from Pre-primary to year 2.

Minkey Starts at 430-515pm
 Skills Training at 445-515pm
 Game Starts at 530pm- approx 7pm

Merredin Junior Hockey Details
merredinjuniorhockey@gmail.com

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



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Children Bereaved By Suicide
 Presented by Alison Xamon
 Lawyer and Suicide prevention advocate with experience in the issue of children who have been bereaved by suicide.
 Alison has lived experience of family suicide and has undertaken extensive research in the area of suicide postvention for children.

CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN BEREAVED BY SUICIDE, IN PARTICULAR PARENTAL OR SIBLING SUICIDE, ARE OFTEN THE UNSEEN VICTIMS OF THE LONG TERM IMPACTS OF SUICIDE.
 THIS FREE SESSION WILL PRESENT TO YOU THE RESEARCH WHICH DEMONSTRATES

- Why children are at particular risk
- Why current suicide postvention strategies are inadequate for addressing the needs of children
- Strategy's to overcome intergenerational risks of suicide and mental illness

Where: Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre Bates Street Merredin
 When: Wednesday 27th March 2019
 Time: 10.00 am – 11.30 am
 To Register please contact: jpages@wanslea.asn.au

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