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Message from the Principal.....

As all children and young people are entitled to live in a caring and nurturing environment and to be protected from harm and exploitation our students and staff have attended Protective Behaviour and Cyber Safety workshops during the past week. It is important to raise the awareness of issues faced by young people in the technological world we live in and for them to feel safe.

It is pleasing to see that our overall student attendance is 92.6 % so far this year, with only the Year 9 and Year 10 group slightly below 90%. It is important that all students continue to strive to maintain an attendance rate above 90%. Congratulations to 191 of our students who have not missed a day at school this term .

Following discussion with the Wheatbelt Regional Executive Director Mr Neil Darby I will remain as Principal at Merredin College for Term 2.

MERREDIN SHOW—SATURDAY 30 MARCH

Parents/Carers are encouraged to visit the Merredin College display at the Merredin Show this Saturday. Students and staff have put a great deal of effort into the displays and students love to see you taking an interest. Merredin College dance students will be performing at 2.30pm and 3.30pm at this years show. Also the Year 12 students are holding a stall inside the pavilion selling handmade material pots and succulents.



K- 12 CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES FOR 2019 ARE NOW DUE

Statements of unpaid billing items will be distributed over the next 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 and are due in by 12 April 2019.

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

2019 SCHOOL PHOTO INFORMATION

Have you placed your order for school Photos? If not, visit www.msp.com.au and follow the prompts or phone 9240 8000.or emailing reorders.perth.com.au Remember, orders received after the cut off date (2 April 2019) incur a \$30 archive fee. (You will need to provide your child's shoot key for security reason—if you don't have this, please call Merredin College to request your Shoot Key.

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 9, Term 1 (next week) are:

PRIMARY

We are RESPECTFUL in Learning Areas

WE ARE RESPECTFUL BY ALLOWING OTHERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

SECONDARY

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

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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*

YEAR 7 PARENTS/CARERS

Reminder to Year 7 parents to complete the Telethon Kids Institute Surveys that were sent home earlier in the term. We have only had 9 responses so far and are urgently looking for more. The survey can be completed either on the paper document that was sent home or online at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/SupportConversations> There is a prize up for grabs when you have completed the survey which you can register for at: <https://tinyurl.com/SFC-prize>



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 6.30-7.30PM

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





ASSEMBLY

Our second assembly will be hosted by the Year 5/6 and Year 6 classes and will be on Thursday 4 April at 9.00am in the primary covered assembly area. We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate our students achievements.

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

NAPLAN EXEMPTIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be undertaking NAPLAN Online in Term 2 between the 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)

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)

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 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)



JUNIOR FOOTBALL 2019

Registrations now open!

UNDER 16's

School Years 9, 10 & 11

\$100 per child

UNDER 13's

School Years 7 & 8

\$100 per child

JUNIORS

School Years 4, 5, & 6

\$75 per child

MIDGETS

School Years 2 & 3

\$75 per child

AUSKICK

School Years PP & 1

\$75 per child

Note: Auskick Fee Includes Auskick Pack

Queries or questions? Need help registering?

Please contact Dana

merredinjuniorsfootball@yahoo.com.au



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MERREDIN AND DISTRICTS

JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

Register [online now](#)

Auskick ONLY please go to www.auskick.com.au

Or follow this link:

<https://membership.sportsgo.com/registration?aid=26037&formID=36036&id=24723&nfEntityID=24723&nfEntityTypeID=3>

Midgets and Juniors go to play.afj/juniorsfootball

Or follow this link:

<https://membership.sportsgo.com/registration?aid=26037&formID=36036&id=24723&nfEntityID=24723&nfEntityTypeID=3>

Colts please contact Secretary, Tania Geier

0428 41 9258 or tgeier@outlook.com.au

Season starts with grading and registration night on April 5th, with Auskick, Midgets and Juniors games commencing May 4th. (Colts start TBA)



Apply online for Midgets at dsw.wa.gov.au or contact us for an application form.



FRIDAY APRIL 5TH REGISTRATION AND GRADING

What: This is our welcome night and season starter for 2019. If you're having trouble registering, we will be able to help you on the night. **Auskick** players will have an intro training session with our 2019 coaches, **Midgets and Juniors** will play several short games to help us get teams organised for the season and **Colts** will have a training run. Stay after the games/training and enjoy a meal at the Rec Centre – half profits going to our Club for the evening – the more meals served the bigger our profit! What an easy fundraiser – why not invite your friends to come down for a meal too.

Where: MRC&LC Oval

When: Friday April 5th meeting at 4.15pm for a 4.30pm start

Who: All ages of Junior Football: Pre-Primary to Year 11

Come and join us for our Registration and Grading Night

Enjoy your first kick for 2019

Stay for dinner and support our Club

**Auskick
Midgets, Juniors
Colts**

Registration assistance if needed

MERREDIN AND DISTRICTS
JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOC
PO Box 273, Merredin

Contact us...

merredinjuniorsfootball@yahoo.com.au

Merredin and Districts Junior Football Association



Ages
0-8

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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: 1 & 2 April
 Curtin Ahead
 Program
 Yr 10,11 & 12

1 April
 ATAR Parent
 Info Session
 6.30-7.30pm

4 April
 Yr 5/6 & 6
 Primary Assembly
 9.00am

TERM 1 PLANNER:

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

A netball program for Boys & Girls
 SUNCORP net set go netball WESTERN AUSTRALIA
 Starting 4th May

Pre-primary & Year 1
net
 Learn netball related fundamental motor skills with fun music, dance and games.

Year 2 & 3
set
 Be a part of modified netball games with a focus on fun and teamwork.

Year 4 & 5
go
DON'T MISS OUT!
 If you need assistance registering please let us know otherwise jump online and register today.

Apply online at dssr.wa.gov.au or contact us for an application

To Register online go to:
merredinna.wa.netball.com.au
 (and click on the REGISTRATION tab)

- netsetGO** \$75 (includes a T-shirt & Netball)
- JUNIORS** Year 6 to Year 9 - \$125

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON THE 31ST MARCH 2019
 Enquiries to: merredinnetballjuniors@hotmail.com

2019 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
 • Juniors • NetSetGO

SEASON STARTS
 Saturday 4th May 2019

All registrations are completed online with payment required at the time of registration.

You can apply for KidSport online at www.dssr.wa.gov.au **KIDSPORT**

If you played for a club last year, your club will send you an email with their own link to register.

- JUNIORS** Year 6 to Year 9 - \$125
 Juniors also playing seniors - \$175
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON THE 31ST MARCH 2019
- netsetGO** Net Pre-primary & Yr 1
 Set Yr 2 & Yr 3
 GO Yr 4 & Yr 5 \$75

Merredin Netball Association
 Registration details can be found on our Facebook page & website
www.merredinna.wa.netball.com.au

Further enquiries: merredinnetballjuniors@hotmail.com

Bruce Rock Youth Fest

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 5.30pm - 7.00pm
 12-17yrs 7.30pm - 10.00pm
 Canteen | Games | DJ Kenny

Girlz Zone
TUES 16 APRIL
 Bruce Rock Amphitheatre
 Soho Picnic | FREE EVENT
 12-17yrs | 1.00pm - 4.00pm
 Nibbles | Crafts
 Guest Speaker
 Malene Vadi 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 9051 1687 or brkccrcadmin@westnet.com.au to register for an activity or for more information.

Amity 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

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

YOUTH FEST!

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!

Supported by: MERREDIN, lotterywest, COLLGAR, Avon Community Services

Easter in the Park

APEX PARK ~ 5 APRIL ~ 9.30-11.30am
 FREE event for 0-5 years ~ ALL WELCOME

Yummy food, crafts and activities with a special visitor to help hunt for eggs! The winner of our colouring competition will be announced too.
 To compete pick up your colouring page from any of the below organisations. Winners will be awarded for 0-2 yrs & 2-5 yrs.
 Entries close 29 March and must include your name and contact number.

Did you know the Eastern Wheatbelt Early Years Network (EWEYN) is on Facebook? Like us to follow our events and more!

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