



ISSUE # 9  
TERM 1, WEEK 9  
4 April 2019

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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



## Message from the Principal.....

*Congratulations to Mrs Baltovich's Year 6 class and Mrs Postans's Year 5/6 class for their wonderful assembly items today. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our displays at the Merredin Show. It was wonderful to see the dance, drama and choir performances at the show.*

### P & C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 8 April commencing at 3.15pm in the northern staff room. All welcome.

### ANZAC CEREMONIES

On Friday 12 April, Merredin College will hold its annual ANZAC commemoration service. The focus of the commemoration will be the 80<sup>th</sup> 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. There will be two services; one for secondary staff and students commencing at 9:10am, and one for primary staff and students commencing at 10:15am. Parents and community members are welcome to attend either or both of these services. The services will be held in the school gym.



### 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

### DEFIBRILLATOR

Merredin College now has a defibrillator on site which has been kindly donated by the Collgar Wind Farm's Community Fund. We would like to thank Collgar Wind Farm for their generous donation and their continued support of the College.

### 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](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.

## G R O W

### 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.

**In Week 10, Term 1 (next week) teachers will choose their own PBS expectations to teach to their students**

*We are carinG, we are Respectful, we are RespoNsible, We strive to succeed!*

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## 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](mailto:ordering.perth@msp.com.au)

## SECONDARY *Link*

### 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

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#### April EXAM PREPARATION & REVISION PROGRAMS

##### Subject Revision & Exam Preparation

For all students Year 7 to 12

The April Exam and Revision Program offers students comprehensive subject revision and prepares students for their First Semester Exams.

Course will be conducted at:

##### Week One

(Monday 15 April to Thursday 18 April)

Christ Church Grammar School

##### Week Two

(Tuesday 23 April to Friday 26 April)

Hale School and Mindarie Senior College

\*Discount of **20%** per subject for Christ Church Grammar and Hale School Programs\*

For further information contact Dr. Robert Hallam at Master Mind Australia on **9486 1377**

Or visit [www.mastermindaustralia.com.au](http://www.mastermindaustralia.com.au)





## WA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Next Thursday at 10am, 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)**

## GLASS OF CLASS LUNCHEON

Students that have had their Letter of Commendation return drawn out of the box during Classroom Correspondence have received their invitations to our Glass of Class luncheon next week. The luncheon will be held on Tuesday 9 March and invited students will not need to bring lunch that day.

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

## YEAR 1 AND 2 EXCURSION

Our Year 1 and 2 classes will be heading down to Moorditj Mia next week to entertain the residents with their assembly items from Week 5. Notes will come out this week and need to be returned by Tuesday next week.

**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 14th and 24th 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 5th April. Exemption and Withdrawal Forms can be collected from primary administration.

**Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (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)**





## 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



## 2019 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

• Juniors • NetSetGo



### SEASON STARTS

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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

You can apply for KidSport online at [www.dsr.wa.gov.au](http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au)



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 31<sup>ST</sup> 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](http://www.merredinna.wa.netball.com.au)



Further enquiries: [merredinnetballjuniors@hotmail.com](mailto:merredinnetballjuniors@hotmail.com)

### 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 Daina

[merredinjuniorfootball@yahoo.com.au](mailto:merredinjuniorfootball@yahoo.com.au)



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### MERREDIN AND DISTRICTS

JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

Register online now

Auskick ONLY please go to [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au)

Or follow this link:

<https://membership.sportstg.com/register.cgi?aid=3070&formID=73003&nfEntityID=3070&nfEntityTypeID=3>

Midgets and Juniors go to [play.afl/juniorfootball](http://play.afl/juniorfootball)

Or follow this link:

<https://membership.sportstg.com/register.cgi?aid=26057&formID=36056&cid=24723&nfEntityID=24723&nfEntityTypeID=3>

Colts please contact Secretary, Tania Geier

0428 41 3258 or [tgeier@outlook.com.au](mailto: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 KidSport at [www.dsr.wa.gov.au](http://www.dsr.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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOC  
PO Box 273, Merredin

Contact us...

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Merredin and Districts Junior  
Football Association



## 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](http://www.merredincollege.wa.edu.au)

**Save the Date:**

<b>8 April</b> P&C Meeting 3.15pm	<b>11 April</b> Moorditij Mia Excursion	<b>12 April</b> ANZAC Ceremonies Secondary: 9.10am Primary: 10.15am
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## TERM 1 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>10</b>	<b>8</b> P&C Meeting 3.15pm	<b>9</b> *Glass of Class Luncheon	<b>10</b>  Early Close 2.30pm	<b>11</b> *Moorditij Mia Excursion	<b>12 Last Day Term</b> *ANZAC Assembly P1 – Secondary P2 – Primary

## TERM 2 PLANNER:

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



# 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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**Ages 0-8**

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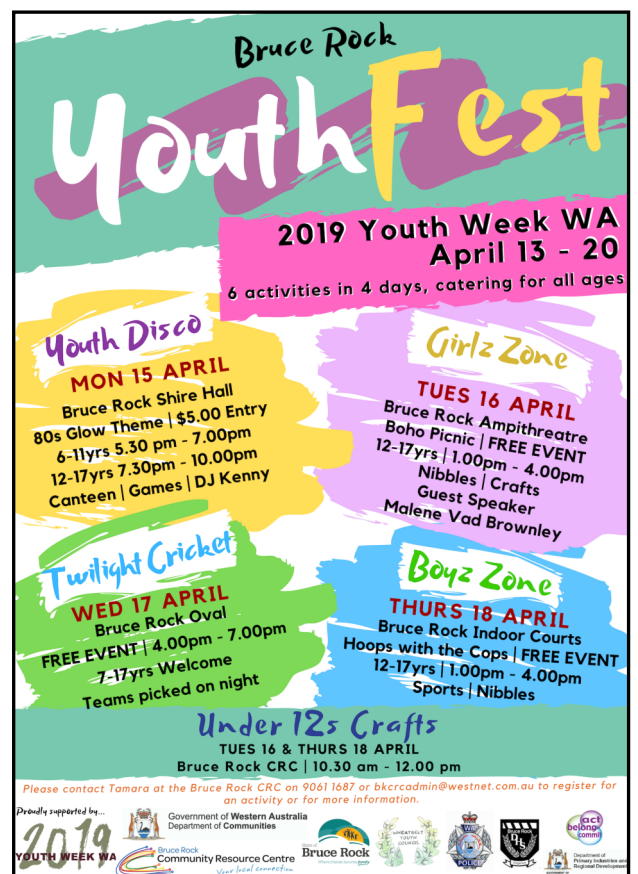
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# Bruce Rock YouthFest

**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](mailto:bkrcadmin@westnet.com.au) to register for an activity or for more information.

2019 Youth Week WA  
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