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Message from the Principal…….

It was gratifying to see that about 40 people attended our Year 7 – 9 ATAR information evening on Tuesday 7 May 2019 in the school library. The presentation was for parents whose child is interested in undertaking an ATAR pathway and continuing their education at university.

It also gave us an opportunity to reflect on students who have attended schooling in Merredin and have gone on to influence many parts of Western Australia, Australia and the world.
Many have gone onto very successful careers in areas such as business, medicine, engineering, law, sport and the arts.

Among those we have renowned actor and filmmaker Cody Fern. Cody was born in Southern Cross, boarded at Merredin Residential College and attended Merredin Senior High School. He went on to graduate from Curtin University of Technology with an Honours Degree in Commerce in 2009.

Following his feature debut in The Tribes of Palos Verdes, he portrayed murder victim David Madson in the FX series The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story. Later that year, Fern had his breakthrough performance as Michael Langdon in American Horror Story: Apocalypse. He also appeared in the final season of the Netflix drama House of Cards as Duncan Shepherd.

Some of our 2018 Merredin College Year 12 students have enrolled in a variety of courses at university and will undoubtedly make their mark in the world. These include:
Bachelor of Engineering, Bachelor of Applied Science (Architectural Science) and Bachelor of Health Science (Medical Imaging) at Curtin University; Bachelor of Arts (Communications) at UWA; Bachelor of Education (Early Years) and Bachelor of Health Science at Edith Cowan University; and Bachelor of Science, with a double degree in Forensics and Criminology.

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

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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 3, Term 2 *(next week)* are:

PRIMARY	
We are CARING in Learning Areas	**WE ARE CARING BY BEING ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTIVE OF EVERYONE.**
SECONDARY	
We are CARING in Outside Areas	**WE ARE CARING BY CONSIDERING OTHER PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS.**

We are caring, we are Respectful, we are Responsible, We strive to succeed!

YR 3-12 SWIMMING CARNIVAL FEEDBACK SURVEY

The PE department is seeking feedback from our students, parents, community members and staff about our first Year 3-12 Swimming Carnival held last term. We hope to use the feedback to improve our carnivals in the future. The survey link is: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T9W5MQ5

PRIMARY *link*

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will sit their NAPLAN Online Tests next week. Year 3 students will sit a paper test for writing with all other tests online while all Year 5 tests will be online. Testing will start for these classes at 10.00am in the morning so it will be very important that children are on time to school. Teachers have been working hard to familiarise students with the tests since the start of the year. Please see the timetable below for planned testing times.

	Tuesday **WRITING**	***Wednesday*** **READING**	***Thursday*** **LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS**	***Friday*** **NUMERACY**
9.00am		**NAPLAN Catch Up**		
10.00am	**Paper Test** Year 3 (3) **NAPLAN Online** Year 4/5 (5)	**NAPLAN Online** Year 3/4 (3) Year 4/5 (5)	**NAPLAN Online** Year 5/6 (5)	**NAPLAN Online** Year 3 (3)
11.30am	**NAPLAN Online** Year 5/6 (5)	**NAPLAN Online** Year 3 (3)	**NAPLAN Online** Year 3 (3)	**NAPLAN Online** Year 3/4 (3) Year 4/5 (5)
12.30pm		**NAPLAN Online** Year 5/6 (5)	**NAPLAN Online** Year 3/4 (3) Year 4/5 (5)	**NAPLAN Online** Year 5/6 (5)
2.00pm			**NAPLAN Catch Up**	**NAPLAN Catch Up**

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

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is on Wednesday morning in the wet area of the Early Childhood Block. School Banking is available between 8.30am-8.50am. Forms will be available at this time if you would like to set up a new account for your child.

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

PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Please be mindful at pick up and drop off times of children exiting the school on foot. Parents are asked to park on the school side of Throssell Road to prevent students having to cross the road from between cars to get to parents.

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

MORNING START

Parents are reminded that school begins at 8.50am. Students should arrive on site after 8.20am to access breakfast club and before start time. Most classes run their literacy blocks in the morning, the most important lesson of the day.

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

SECONDARY *Link*

WORKPLACE LEARNING—YEAR 11 AND 12 VET GENERAL STUDENTS

Students are encouraged to get their Workplace Learning applications in to Mrs Morris as soon as possible. The deadline is Term 2, Week 2 Friday 10 May 2019.

NAPLAN SCHEDULE

Tuesday 14 May	Wednesday 15 May	Thursday 16 May	Friday 17May	20-24May
Period 1&2 Year 7 Writing	**Period 1&2** Year 9 Reading	**Period 1&2** Year 7 Language Convention	**Period 1&2** Year 9 Numeracy	Catch up testing for previously absent students
Period 3&4 Year 9 Writing	**Period 3&4** Year 7 Reading	**Period 3&4** Year 9 Language Conventions	**Period 3&4** Year 7 Numeracy	

SCHOOL BALL 2019 PHOTOS

The School Ball photo proofs have arrived and are now available for viewing and purchasing. Students may view the photo proofs in the Library or at the front administration counter. Parents/carers may view and order the photos from the front administration office.
The photos are $6.00 per photo (photos will be on a CD with clear case cover). Payment is due with order by either cash or cheque (cheque payable to 'Jonathon Giles'). Payment and orders to be left at College administration.

UNIFORMS

Winter is on its way and we expect our students to be in uniform according to the Merredin College Dress Code Policy. Parents and students are to be reminded that students presenting to school with incorrect uniform will have to collect a 'Dress Pass'. Five passes will result in the loss of 'Good Standing' which means missing out on excursions such as Canberra and Country Week.

Denim is not allowed in schools, this is a Department of Education policy and parents will be called to collect students to take them home to change. Students are not permitted to wear sports tights or black bottoms. Jumpers/long sleeve shirts under the Merredin College polo are also not a part of the uniform and will incur a dress pass.

The P&C Uniform shop is open on Tuesdays 9am-12pm and Wednesdays 12.30-3pm. Order forms can also be collected from administration offices and Student Services.

FLOURISHING AT SCHOOLS

Students have undergone their first Flourishing at Schools survey for the year. This survey helps monitor and maintain good mental health by identifying areas of students lives that could use some reflection/attention such as sleep and diet. If you would like to see your child's results of this survey, please ask your child who will be able to load on to www.flourishingatschool.com

ATAR STUDENTS—EXAM SCHEDULE

The Semester 1 Exam schedule has been handed out to all ATAR students, this schedule can also be accessed on Connect. During the exam period 24/5/19 - 4/6/19 ATAR students are only required at school to sit their exams, they then are allowed to leave to study for further exams. Those students who are **only** sitting the ATAR English exam will be required back at school the day after that exam.
All ATAR students should return on Tuesday 4 June 2019.

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

AVON GIRLS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Avon Girls Football League are recruiting players for 2019 and beyond.
They have players from Year 7 to 12 (in high school), the season consists of 6 games with a round robin final. The games are played on a Sunday and they vary their locations of playing due to the teams involved.
They have 4 teams consisting of 2 from Bindoon, 1 from York and 1 from a combined Northam/Toodyay/Kellerberrin/Merredin and anyone who wants to play.
The cost for registration this year is only $10.00 per player as this covers insurance.
Contact Sarah Fitzsimmons on mobile 0427 476 193 or work 6269 0032 or personal email: jacobmarkroberts@gmail.com

After school swimming lessons
LEARN TO SWIM
After school classes available for Kindy/ Preschool children aged 3.5/4yrs parent assisted and 4+yrs independent classes available Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
Cost is $90 for 1 class a week for 6 weeks.
Crèche can be available at $15/hr if pre-booked.
Classes can only run if minimum class numbers are met.
Please contact MRCLC on 9041 3033 or email merredin@belgravialeisure.com.au for
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Amity
MERREDIN
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

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID Australia
BECOME A MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDER
to support young people aged 12 to 18.
About 1 in 4 young Australians experience a common mental illness each year. Youth Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training will teach you practical skills to support an adolescent with a mental health problem. Make a real difference to the young people in your community.
YOUTH MHFA TRAINING BENEFITS
KNOWLEDGE
Improves knowledge of mental illnesses, treatments and first aid actions.
CONFIDENCE
Increases confidence in providing first aid.
DE-STIGMATISING
Decreases stigmatising attitudes.
SUPPORT
Increases the support provided to others.
"I found the course to be truly beneficial and useful to me as I interact with secondary school students on a daily basis. I have gained the necessary tools to recognize and help those in need." - Luca
LEARN PRACTICAL FIRST AID SKILLS
• Recognise common mental health problems in young people
• Provide initial help using a practical, evidence-based Action Plan
• Seek appropriate professional help, and
• Respond in a crisis situation
This is a 14-hour educational course, not a therapy or support group.
DATES 18 and 19 May 2019
TIMES 8:30am - 4:00pm
COST Covered by Dept Education
VENUE Merredin College
FACILITATOR/S Olwyn Maddock
HOW DO I SIGN UP?
Department employees - https://plis.det.wa.edu.au/?EventID=26764
Non- Department employees - https://plis.det.wa.edu.au/public.aspx?EventID=26764
Email: youthmentalhealthfirstaid@education.wa.edu.au
For more information, visit mhfa.com.au/courses
@MHFA_Australia
@mentalhealthfirstaid

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

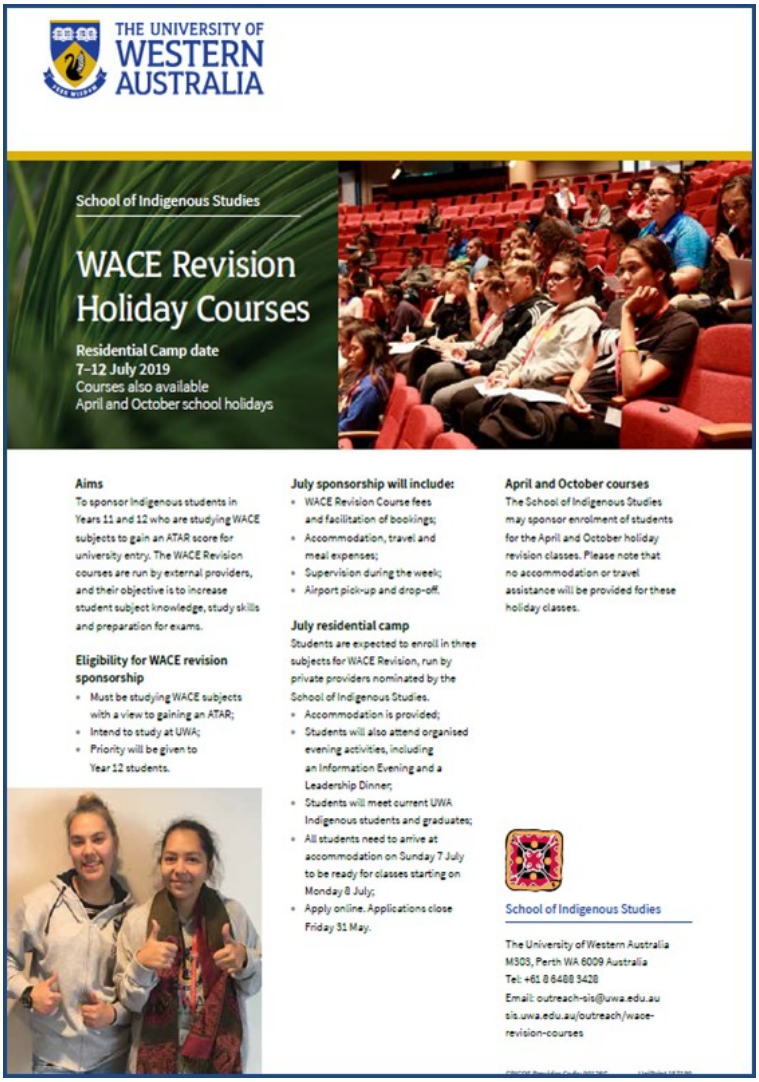
Save the Date:

14-17 May
NAPLAN

16 May
School Board AGM 5.30pm

TERM 2 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	**13**	**14** ***NAPLAN Commences**	**15** *Early Close 2.30pm*	**16** **School Board AGM 5.30pm**	**17**
4	**20** *Big Science Comp. **P&C Meeting 6pm**	**21** *Yr 7-12 Assembly **YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm**	**22** *General Yr11/12 English Exam *Early Close 2.30pm*	**23** *Primary Assembly *Biggest Morning Tea	**24** *Last day for NAPLAN *Yr10 Road Safety Concillia-tion *ATAR Exam Commence
5	**27** *ATAR Exam Week	**28**	**29** *'Whoosh Excursion'- Primary SEN students *Early Close 2.30pm*	**30**	**31** **School Development Day**
6	**3** **WA DAY**	**4** *ATAR Students return to school	**5** *Yr10 History Comp. *Early Close 2.30pm*	**6**	**7** *School Cross Country



THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

School of Indigenous Studies

WACE Revision Holiday Courses

Residential Camp date
7–12 July 2019
Courses also available
April and October school holidays

Aims
To sponsor Indigenous students in Years 11 and 12 who are studying WACE subjects to gain an ATAR score for university entry. The WACE Revision courses are run by external providers, and their objective is to increase student subject knowledge, study skills and preparation for exams.

Eligibility for WACE revision sponsorship
- Must be studying WACE subjects with a view to gaining an ATAR;
- Intend to study at UWA;
- Priority will be given to Year 12 students.

July sponsorship will include:
- WACE Revision Course fees and facilitation of bookings;
- Accommodation, travel and meal expenses;
- Supervision during the week;
- Airport pick-up and drop-off.

July residential camp
Students are expected to enroll in three subjects for WACE Revision, run by private providers nominated by the School of Indigenous Studies.
- Accommodation is provided;
- Students will also attend organised evening activities, including an Information Evening and a Leadership Dinner;
- Students will meet current UWA Indigenous students and graduates;
- All students need to arrive at accommodation on Sunday 7 July to be ready for classes starting on Monday 8 July;
- Apply online. Applications close Friday 31 May.

April and October courses
The School of Indigenous Studies may sponsor enrolment of students for the April and October holiday revision classes. Please note that no accommodation or travel assistance will be provided for these holiday classes.

School of Indigenous Studies

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sis.uwa.edu.au/outreach/wace-revision-courses

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School of Indigenous Studies

Year 10 & 11 Science, Health & Engineering Camp

8–12 July 2019
Applications close: 31 May

Aim
The Science, Health & Engineering Camp aims to introduce Indigenous high school students to science, health and engineering career opportunities and the various university pathways to get there. The program also aims to give students the opportunity to meet other like-minded students and Indigenous university students and graduates.

General Information
The Camp is a week-long residential program which is supervised by School of Indigenous Studies staff. Indigenous UWA students will also assist as supervisors, providing instruction during activities, as well as being positive role models.

Activities
Students participate in hands-on science, health and engineering activities such as designing & building a water filter, programing a robot, and experimenting with liquid nitrogen in the Physics department.

Students experience what it's like to be a doctor, dentist or health scientist as they try their hand at plastering, suturing and taking blood pressure.

The students also test their physical capabilities at the Sports Science facilities. Current Indigenous students studying science, engineering or health at UWA also share their experiences.

Students also participate in a range of social and cultural activities that help them get to know one another during the week. These include a range of activities on the UWA campus that allow them to experience university life and learn about tertiary study options.

Applications
Apply online. Applications close 31 May 2019. Places are limited and are based on student applications, school report and an interest in studying science, engineering or health.

All costs including travel, meals and accommodation are sponsored.

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