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Merredin College Weekly Community Update

## Message from the Principal.....

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As you may be aware schools across Australia experienced connectivity issues during the NAPLAN Online testing on Tuesday. This unfortunate situation impacted on about 40,000 students in Western Australia. We decided not to conduct NAPLAN tests yesterday and to reschedule NAPLAN testing from today.

I apologise for any distress or inconvenience this may have caused but this situation was beyond our control.

### SCHOOL BOARD AGM

The Merredin College School Board Annual General Meeting will be held tonight, Thursday 16 May in the College board room commencing at 5.30pm. As this is a public meeting all members of the school community are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity to ask questions or raise issues.

### P & C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 20 May commencing at 6.00pm. All parent/caregivers welcome.

### 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>

### WAAPA WINTER SCHOOL 2019

WAAPA at ECU is offering an exciting performing arts program for children and young people in Years 1 to 12, these July school holidays. The Winter School includes classes in drama, acting, screen acting, film making and musical theatre. For information about the many courses on offer please visit [Winter School](#) or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at [g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au](mailto:g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au) or 9370 6775.



### 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 4, Term 2 (next week) are:

#### PRIMARY

We are CARING in Technology

WE ARE CARING BY USING POSITIVE LANGUAGE WHEN COMMUNICATING WITH OTHERS ONLINE

#### SECONDARY

We are CARING in Technology

WE ARE CARING BY USING POSITIVE LANGUAGE WHEN COMMUNICATING WITH OTHERS ONLINE

We are carinG, we are Respectful, we are RespOnsible, We strive to succeed!

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## NAPLAN TIMETABLE

Thursday 16 May	Friday 17 May	Monday 20 May	21-24 May
<b>Period 1+2</b> Year 9 Reading	<b>Period 1+2</b> Year 7 Language conventions	<b>Period 1+2</b> Year 9 Numeracy	Catch up testing for previously absent students .
<b>Period 3+4</b> Year 7 Reading	<b>Period 3+4</b> Year 9 Language Conventions	<b>Period 3+4</b> Year 7 Numeracy	

## YR 7-12 ASSEMBLY—21 MAY 2019—PERIOD 1

Parents/carers are invited to attend the above assembly at which Merit Certificates (GROW Awards) will be handed out.

## 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.

## GENERAL YR 11/12 ENGLISH EXAM

Year 11 and 12 Foundation and General English students are reminded that their Semester 1 examinations are being held on Wednesday 22 May [Week 4] in the library from 11.10 to 1.10pm. Students need to make sure that they are equipped with pens, pencils and erasers and that they are at the library ready for their exam by 11.00am at the latest.

## 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.

## COUNTRY WEEK

Parents/guardians are reminded that an information pack has been given to the students attending Country Week. Inside the pack contains the Information Forms, Consent Forms and the final Payment Form. The final payment for Country Week along with the Consent Form is due to Student Services by this Friday 17 March. Any queries for the Physical Education Department.

## SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

A call out for any second hand uniforms. Occasionally families fall on hard times and are in need of uniforms. If you have any that are no longer required, please don't hesitate to drop off any donations to the Student Services office.

## 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



## NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will sit their NAPLAN Online Tests this week and next week. Year 3 students sat 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 timetable below for planned testing times.

	Thursday 16/05/2019 <b>READING</b>	Friday 17/05/2019 <b>LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS</b>	Monday 20/05/2019 <b>NUMERACY</b>
9.00			
10.00	<b>NAPLAN Online</b> Year 5/6 (5)	<b>NAPLAN Online</b> Year 3 (3)	<b>NAPLAN Online</b> Year 3/4 (3) Year 4/5 (5)
11.30	<b>NAPLAN Online</b> Year 3 (3)	<b>NAPLAN Online</b> Year 3/4 (3) Year 4/5 (5)	<b>NAPLAN Online</b> Year 5/6 (5)
12.30	<b>NAPLAN Online</b> Year 3/4 (3) Year 4/5 (5)	<b>NAPLAN Online</b> Year 5/6 (5)	<b>NAPLAN Online</b> Year 3 (3)
2.00	<b>NAPLAN Catch Up</b>	<b>NAPLAN Catch Up</b>	<b>NAPLAN Catch Up</b>

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

## PRIMARY ASSEMBLY—YEAR 4/5

Our next assembly will be hosted by the Year 4/5 class and will be held next Thursday, 23 May 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)**

## 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)**

## WINTER UNIFORM

With the weather cooling down, winter uniform and closed in shoes are the preferred options for students. Please find attached a uniform order form.

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

 <b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS</b>				
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



Cummins Theatre presents  
Sensorium Theatre's

# WHOOSH!

A sensory space adventure  
For young explorers with disabilities  
and their friends

Prepare your child for **WHOOSH!**  
Download Sensorium Theatre **FREE** Digital App

Download on the App Store or GET IT ON Google Play

**VENUE** CUMMINS THEATRE - MERREDIN  
**DATES & TIMES** 30 May @ 4:30pm, 31 May @ 10am & 1pm, 1 June @ 10am  
**INFO & BOOKING** \$10 - book at [www.trybooking.com/BCLCP](http://www.trybooking.com/BCLCP)  
**AGE** Recommended for learning age 5-10yrs

PERFORMING LINES WA, Australian Government, Australia Council for the Arts, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, lotterywest, Cummins Theatre

CUMMINS THEATRE proudly supported by **lotterywest**

A Monkey Baa Theatre Company production

# Possum Magic

Based on the book by  
**Mem Fox and Julie Vivas**  
Adapted for the stage by  
Eva Di Cesare and Sandra Eldrige

A brand-new stage adaptation of a magical Australian classic

**CUMMINS THEATRE - MERREDIN**  
10 June 2019 @ 1:00pm and 11 June 2019 @ 11:00am  
perfect for ages 3-8 | Duration 50 minutes

monkey baa, ARTS ON TOUR, NSW, AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, Australia Council for the Arts, M, ShowTex

This project is supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW.

# 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	CONFIDENCE	DE-STIGMATISING	SUPPORT
Improves knowledge of mental illnesses, treatments and first aid actions.	Increases confidence in providing first aid.	Decreases stigmatising attitudes.	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.

**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](mailto:youthmentalhealthfirstaid@education.wa.edu.au)

**DATES** 18 and 19 May 2019  
**TIMES** 8:30am - 4:00pm  
**COST** Covered by Dept Education  
**VENUE** Merredin College  
**FACILITATOR/S** Olwyn Maddock

For more information, visit [mhfa.com.au/courses](http://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](http://www.merredincollege.wa.edu.au)

## Save the Date:

**16 May**

School Board  
AGM 5.30pm

**20 May**

P&C Meeting  
6pm

**21 May**

Yr 7-12 Assembly  
8.50AM

**23 May**

Yr 4/5 Assembly  
9.00am

## TERM 2 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	20 P&C Meeting 6pm	21 *Yr 7-12 Assembly P.1 YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	22 *General Yr11/12 English Exam Early Close 2.30pm	23 *Yr 4/5 Primary Assembly	24 *Last day for NAPLAN *Yr10 Road Safety Conciliation *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
7	10 *Yr 10 Exams Week	11 *Yr 10 Exams Week *Drama Workshop	12 *Yr 10 Exams Week Early Close 2.30pm	13 *Yr 10 Exams Week	14 *Bruce Rock XCountry



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DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE FAMILIES IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY WHO ARE AFFECTED BY MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (MS)?

HELP US RAISE MONEY BY-

DRESS IN SOMETHING RED

(GOLD COIN DONATION)

OR

BUYING SOME OF OUR SPECIAL MS TREATS

(AVAILABLE OUT THE FRONT OF THE CANTEEN DURING RECESS)