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Merredin College Weekly Community Update

Message from the Principal.....

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We have been advised by the Wheatbelt Public Health Unit that there have been a number of positive flu notifications for school aged children living in the Eastern Wheatbelt and they have confirmed that those children attend Merredin College or Merredin Residential College.

The notifications are all for the same strain of flu, so this is indicative that the students had the same illness.

As you may be aware many thousands of people throughout Australia have been affected by an early season onset of this flu-strain. Anecdotally, we've heard of other schools, as well as boarding facilities that have also been hit hard with cases of influenza.

There's not much that can be done other than continuing to encourage good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, sick staff or students should stay home and be reviewed by a GP, and not return to school too early! We have provided hand sanitisers for each classroom.

The Wheatbelt Public Health Unit has advised that people should wait until symptoms have resolved, or at least 7 days after the onset of symptoms.

Unfortunately with so many students absent we have had to postpone our primary and secondary assemblies.

P&C NEWS

Our newly appointed secretary is Mrs Chantal Davies. Please email any P&C correspondence to: merredincollegepc.sec@gmail.com

- Catering Donations Required:** On Friday, 31 May we are again catering for the EWEN (Eastern Wheatbelt Education Network) day for our staff. We are seeking donations of food and cash to contribute. Keep an eye out for advertising or contact Hayley Billing if you can assist 0435 013 780. Please register your support through the link below:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1I9tqx8B4p5xTdps1YPFArDhzF3LY3_EWBIJ7uOYC9v2M/edit?usp=sharing
- Fundraising Requests:** To reduce the amount of work between meetings for our secretary and the executive committee it is preferable that fundraising requests are submitted as agenda items and presented in person at our P&C meetings. P&C meetings are held week 4 and 8 of each term. This way further questions can be answered and considered before approval/decline. Items need to be submitted at least one week before P&C meetings. Thank you for your consideration and planning.

WORLD MS DAY—DRESS IN SOMETHING RED

Next Thursday 30 May is World MS Day. Did you know we have families in our school community who are affected by Multiple Sclerosis (MS)? Help raise money by **DRESSING IN SOMETHING RED** for a gold coin donation or buy some of the special MS Treats available at front of canteen during Recess.

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 5, 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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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.

DAY & DATE	SUBJECT NAME	SUBJECT CODE	START TIME	FINISH TIME	ROOM(S)
Friday 24/05/19 EXAM SESSION 1	Mathematics: Applications ATAR 11	AEMAA	8:50am	12:00pm	Library
	Mathematics: Methods ATAR 11	AEMAM			
	English ATAR 12	ATENG			
Monday 27/05/19 EXAM SESSION 1	English ATAR Unit 1 11	A1ENG	8:50am	12:00pm	Library
	Human Biology ATAR 12	ATHBY			
	Physics ATAR 12	ATPHY			
Tuesday 28/05/19 EXAM SESSION 1	Modern History ATAR Unit 1 11	A1HIM	8:50am	12:00pm	Library
	Mathematics: Applications ATAR 12	ATMAA			
	Mathematics: Methods ATAR 12	ATMAM			
Wednesday 29/05/19 EXAM SESSION 1	Human Biology ATAR 11	AEHBY	8:50am	12:00pm	Library
	Mathematics: Specialist ATAR 12	ATMAS			
	Physical Education Studies ATAR 12	ATPES			
Thursday 30/05/19 EXAM SESSION 1	Physical Education Studies ATAR 11	A1PES	8:50am	12:00pm	Library
	Modern History ATAR 12	ATHIM			
	SIDE ECONOMICS	SIDEE			
Tuesday 04/06/19 EXAM SESSION 1	Chemistry ATAR Unit 1 SIDE	A1CHE	8:50am	12:00pm	Library
	Chemistry ATAR 12	ATCHE			

NAPLAN

Students in Year 7 AND 9 will have the opportunity to resit their NAPLAN Online Writing Tests next Tuesday. Letters went home earlier this week for parents to sign if they DO NOT wish their child to resit the test. These need to be returned.

YEAR 9 'SCITECH-BEYOND THE BEAKER' PRESENTATION

This presentation by Scitech will be presented to Year 9 students during Period 1 on Wednesday 29 May.

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

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY REVISION PROGRAMS

- **July School Holidays - Year 11 & 12 ATAR Revision Program** with Academic Task Force
10 hr subject revision and exam preparation courses to guide your study and help you maximise your marks. Available in week 1 and 2 of the July School Holidays at Rossmoyne SHS, Churchlands SHS and Perth Modern School. Enrol online today at www.academicgroup.com.au or call 9314 9500 or email learn@academicgroup.com.au

- **July School Holidays - Year 12 ATAR Academic Enrichment Program** with Academic Associates – Premium 10 hr revision courses available at the University of Western Australia in Week 2 of the July school holidays for students wanting top ATAR marks and advanced insight into their ATAR courses. Enrol online at www.academicgroup.com.au or call 9314 9500 or email info@academicassociates.com.au
- **July School Holidays - Skills Development Program for students in Years 7 – 10** with Academic Task Force. Programs available in English, Maths, Learning Skills and Essay Writing. Available in week 1 and 2 of the July School Holidays at Rossmoyne SHS and Churchlands SHS. Enrol now online at www.academicgroup.com.au or call 9314 9500 or email learn@academicgroup.com.au

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

PRIMARY *link*

NAPLAN

Students in Year 5 will have the opportunity to resit their NAPLAN Online Writing Tests next Tuesday. Letters went home earlier this week for parents to sign if they DO NOT wish their child to resit the test. These need to be returned.

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

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY—YEAR 4/5

The Year 4/5 assembly has been postponed from this week to Wednesday 29 May. We have had significant absences in primary this week and this has had a big impact on the Year 4/5 rehearsals for their assembly item. We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate our students achievements.

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 to the link a uniform order form.

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

LUNCHES AND SNACKS

Please have a chat with your child about their lunches and snacks for their day at school as we are having a number of students coming to the office requesting extra food during second break.

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

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 | 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.frybooking.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.

Amity Health - Kids Health Link Program
Children 0-5 years

Playgroup

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

Triple M presents
Give Me 5 for Kids

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 15 June
7PM

Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre, Bates Street

Prizes & auction on the night
Licenced bar, BYO Nibbles

Tickets are \$10 per person, tables of 6

To reserve a table visit triplem.com.au

Money raised goes to the children's ward of the local hospital

IMAGINE THE DIFFERENCE YOU CAN MAKE
DONATE AT GIVEME5FORKIDS.COM.AU

Give Me 5 for Kids | Proudly presented by TRIPLE M 1098AM



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: 24-30 May
 ATAR Exams

29 May
 Yr 9 Scitech
 Presentation

29 May
 Yr 4/5 Assembly
 9.00am

30 May
 'Whoosh' Excursion

30 May
 World MS Day
 Wear Something **RED**

TERM 2 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	27 *ATAR Exam Week	28	29 *Yr 9 'Scitech-Beyond the Beaker' Presentation *Yr4/5 Assembly <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	30 *'Whoosh Excursion'- Primary SEN students	31 School Development Day –No school for students
6	3 WA DAY	4 *ATAR Students return to school	5 *Yr10 History Comp. <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	6	7 *School Cross Country
7	10 *Yr 10 Exams Week	11 *Yr 10 Exams Week *Drama Workshop	12 *Yr 10 Exams Week <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	13 *Yr 10 Exams Week	14 *Bruce Rock XCountry
8	17 *Geography Comp. TBD P&C Meeting 6pm	18	19 *Yr10 'Get into Resources' Excursion <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	20 *TDS Techie Brekkie *Primary Assembly School Board 5.30pm	21 *Yr10 "Get into Resources Expo" Excursion *Yr8/9 Kalgoorlie Football
9	24	25 *Yr 9-10 Kalgoorlie Volleyball Comp YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	26 *Prim. Winter Carnival <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	27	28 *Country Week Assembly
10	1 JULY COUNTRY WEEK *Yr 11/12 ADWPL Week	2 COUNTRY WEEK *Glass of Class Luncheon	3 COUNTRY WEEK <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	4 COUNTRY WEEK	5 COUNTRY WEEK Last Day Term 2



MS **worldMSday** **30 MAY** **MS**

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)