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Merredin College Weekly Community Update

Message from the Principal.....

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PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Congratulations to our primary cross country team for their great win at the Interschool Cross Country carnival held at Bruce Rock.

ASBESTOS CONTAINMENT

A meeting will be held today Thursday 20 June with our local member Ms Mia Davies, Mr John Fischer, Department of Education Executive Director of Infrastructure, Mr Andrew Hastie, Consultant, Asset Management and members of the School Board to discuss remediation of an area in the North West corner of the school site behind the Trade Training Centre.

MENTAL HEALTH

At Merredin College we have a highly trained and dedicated Student Services Team that work together to manage the mental health of students at risk. However it is important that we are all extremely vigilant regarding the mental health of family members, friends and colleagues. Please refer to the attached letter regarding mental health services for those who need support.

Last Thursday afternoon we "Locked Down" the secondary site for about 5 minutes to allow us take a student to hospital following an incident. We are reviewing our procedures following this incident.

INAPPROPRIATE CYBER SPACE MESSAGES

Last week a message was sent home from Merredin Police following tasteless images on social media platforms received by several students. It was extremely pleasing to note that those students who received inappropriate messages immediately informed our Deputy Principal of Student Services, Mr Ritchie. The police investigation found that the alleged perpetrator was not a Merredin College student. We are liaising with regional police to present student workshops regarding this issue and to increase students' understanding of the dangers of posting images on social media.

SECONDARY Link

YR 8 AND 9 KALGOORLIE FOOTBALL

The Year 8 and 9 Merredin College boys will be taking on the year 8 and 9 Kalgoorlie boys in a game of footy on the Merredin College oval. It is set to be a good contest with both teams looking to bring a strong line-up. The game will start at 9am on Friday morning 21 June and will be a good test for our year 8 and 9 boys. We are looking like having a decent crowd, come down to support the boys in a game, we would love to win.

STUDENT SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

Unfortunately it is not always appropriate to use the PA to call children to Student Services. We like to minimise the use of the PA as it does interrupt every classroom in the school. It is also preferable to not use the PA at all during examinations and other special

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 2 (next week) are:

PRIMARY

We are **SUCCESSFUL** in the Community WE STRIVE TO SUCCEED BY REPRESENTING OUR COLLEGE WITH PRIDE

SECONDARY

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We are carin**G**, we are **R**espectful, we are Res**P**onsible, **W**e strive to succeed!

SECONDARY *Link Cont'd.....*

events happening in school.

Please be advised of the following process to ensure a quick and efficient student sign out process when collecting your child during the school day.

1. Arrange a time for your child to meet you at Student Services.
2. Send a note with your child so they can show their classroom teacher the time they are required to leave the class to go to Student Services to sign out.
3. When signing out students will leave their permission note at Student Services and receive a 'Leave Pass'.
4. Students are required to sign back in at Student Services and collect a 'Late Note' to go back to their class.

YEAR 7-12 ASSEMBLY—SAVE THE DATE

We have a very important assembly coming up on Friday 28 June 2019. We will be presenting our student GROW awards, announcing the new College Councillors for 2019-20, performing the handover of the College Colours and presenting our 2019 Country Week teams who will compete in Perth from 1-5 July 2019. This is always an exciting assembly and a highlight of the College calendar.

LEARNING POTENTIAL—AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

[Learning Potential](#) is a website and app provided by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

Learning Potential has hundreds of articles on all aspects of learning and development, from the early years to the end of high school, with more articles added all the time!

The content is also available on the free Learning Potential app - download it on the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

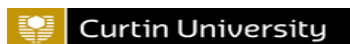
Click here to - [view the Notice >](#)

If the link above does not work, try copying the link into the address bar of your browser.
<https://connect.det.wa.edu.au/redirect/cmtv/13507866/announcements?viewNotice=1617618564>

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY—WORKSHEETS

Three worksheets to guide Years 10, 11 or 12s through University Open days. Open days start in July. Students who want to go to university really need to start going to open days in year 10. These three worksheets build students' capacity to find the right university path from school. Please follow this link [Open Day Worksheets](#)

CURTIN UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY



Scholarships for students looking at enrolling at Curtin University in 2020 open on 21 July 2019 (Curtin Open Day).

There are a number of scholarships available to support students from all backgrounds to realise their potential.

For further information, please visit scholarships.curtin.edu.au

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JULY EXAM PREPARATION & REVISION PROGRAMS
Tuition for all students Year 7 to 12

The July School Holiday Program offers students comprehensive subject revision and prepares students for their First Semester Exams.
Course will be conducted at:

Week One	Week Two
(Monday 8 July to Friday 12 July)	(Monday 15 July to Friday 19 July)
Christ Church Grammar School Guildford Grammar School	Hale School MLC & Mindarie Senior College

20% discount per subject for CCGS, Guildford Grammar, MLC and Hale School programs

For further information contact Dr. Robert Hallam at Master Mind Australia on 9486 1377
Or visit www.mastermindaustralia.com.au

Short Courses for Credit Program for year 11 and 12 students

Monday 1 July – Friday 5 July 2019

Get a head start to university through our School of Arts and Humanities Short Courses for Credit Program. These FREE courses introduce year 11 and 12 students to university life, and give you an engaging, hands-on experience in a discipline of your choice.

If you have a passion for the Arts and/or Media, these week-long specialist courses cover areas of study offered at ECU, giving you a taste of possible future study. You'll also learn about the different pathways into university, and experience teamwork, collaboration and networking with fellow students, recent alumni and industry members.

If you pass the requirements of your short course you'll receive Advanced Standing (credit) for a unit when you achieve successful admission to an ECU Arts and Humanities undergraduate course. This means a saving of time and money before commencing your university studies. It's a possible saving of up to \$700!

COURSES FOR 2019

- Comics Design
- Fashion
- Photomedia
- Public Relations
- Scriptwriting
- Visual Arts
- Web Design
- Writing (Available on South West Campus)

HOW TO APPLY

Interested students should discuss their desire to register for one of our Short Courses for Credit with their parent/guardian and their teacher prior to registration. Attendance is mandatory and students must commit to attending the full week of classes at ECU's Mount Lawley Campus.
Limited places available. Registrations close 9am on Monday 17 June 2019.

For more information about each course and to register online, please visit ecu.edu.au/sah-short-courses
Or you can contact the School of Arts and Humanities at: admin.sah@ecu.edu.au



YEAR 6 SCHOOL DRUG AWARENESS

Our Year 6 students will be attending a Drug Awareness Expo next Monday. Notes have gone out early this week and need to be returned by this Friday. This is a free event, with important information for our children to navigate the world they now live in.
Got a question about this? Ms Barbara Smith (Deputy Principal)

WINTER CARNIVAL

The Year 4-6 Winter Carnival will be held on Wednesday 3 July at the Merredin Recreation Centre. Parents are welcome to come along and support their children and help with coaching. Please save the date.
Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)

JUNIOR PRIMARY NATURE PLAYGROUND

We have managed to raise just under \$45 000 over the last 18 months to revamp our Junior Primary area to include a nature play space and work has now started on getting prepared for its installation. We will have contractors on site in the 2nd week of the school holidays for installation and site preparation will start in the first week of the school holidays. We will be needing support from parents to help with catering for our volunteer crew while they are on site as well as to help in the final stages of site works. Mr Chris van der Merwe is supporting the school to manage the works on site and will need a few dad's to help with some of the engineering parts of the process. We are excited to think that our students will be returning to a refreshed playground when they return to school in Term 3.

We are still trying to source 10 large white gum logs that are an essential part of the final plan. If you have any available on your farm or know of someone that does please contact primary admin. We can arrange for removal and transport.

Please contact Lynne Herbert if you are interested and able to help us in any way – with catering, food donation, labour for 2 or 3 hours to move mulch or as a dad to help on site during construction.

We need parent support to ensure we get the playground our children deserve!!!

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

WINTER UNIFORM

We are having lots of children come to the office needing a jumper. Being in the middle of flu season it is important that children are rugged up when they come to school. 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)



Tuesday or Fridays

AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS

Tuesday Classes start 30th July 2019
 Friday Classes start 2nd August 2019
 6 weeks \$90
 Pre-primary 1 – 4yrs (parent assisted in pool)
 Pre-primary 2 – 4+ yrs (independent)
 Only 4 students per class
 Classes subject to number of registrations
 To Register or more information
 Please Contact MRCLC on 9041 3033
 or email merredin@belgravialeisure.com.au

Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre



Infant Swimming Classes

Infant 1 – (6 months to 12 months)
 Infant 2 – (1 yr to 2 yrs)
 Infant 3 – (2 yrs to 3 yrs)
 Pre-school 1 – (3 yrs to 5 yrs)

Tuesdays Mornings

Combining fun play time with water experiences for babies, and safety tips and water education for parents.

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Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre



0 - 5 YRS BOOT CAMP

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE Eastern Wheatbelt Early Years Network

21 JUNE | 9.30-11.30AM

MERREDIN REGIONAL COMMUNITY & LEISURE CENTRE

LEARN ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR CROSS MOTOR SKILLS WHILE THE LITTLE ONES ENJOY SOME PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

DID YOU KNOW THE EASTERN WHEATBELT PRIMARY HEALTH SERVICE (EWEYN) IS ON FACEBOOK? LIKE & FOLLOW US TODAY!

THIS FREE EVENT IS SUPPORTED BY

MERREDIN REGIONAL COMMUNITY & LEISURE CENTRE, Amity, Government of Western Australia WA Country Health Service, MERREDIN REGIONAL LIBRARY, CUMMINS THEATRE, BelgraviaLeisure, DCA

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:	20 June School Board Meeting 5.30pm	21 June Yr 10 Excursion Yr 8/9 Kalgoorlie Football v Merredin College	24 June Yr 6 Drug Awareness Workshop
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TERM 2 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	17 P&C Meeting 6pm	18	19 Early Close 2.30pm	20 *Primary Assembly School Board 5.30pm	21 *Yr10 "Get into Resources Expo" Excursion *Yr8/9 Kalgoorlie Football
9	24	25 YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	26 Early Close 2.30pm	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 *Prim. Winter Carnival Early Close 2.30pm	4 COUNTRY WEEK	5 COUNTRY WEEK Last Day Term 2



CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

VOICE TREATY TRUTH

07 - 14 JULY 2019
Let's work together for a shared future.

This NAIDOC Week enjoy a variety of FREE activities in Merredin

8 JULY, 2PM | CUMMINS THEATRE
Cooking Workshop - Learn how to make Kangaroo Stew

9 JULY, 10AM | MERREDIN LIBRARY
Arts Workshop - Learn from the Yorga Ladies
Lunch (Kangaroo Stew) & then Dreamtime Stories

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QUERIES?
9041 1611

Bel Canto Performing Arts

Musical Theatre Classes – Merredin

www.belcantoperformingarts.com.au


Classes in Merredin will consist of Singing, Acting with an introduction to Dance with a view to all students participating in an end of year concert performance and inclusion in a production of "Elf Jr the Musical" with BCPA students from Perth.

Class Time: 10.45am – 12.00pm

Class Dates:
 March 2nd, 16th, 30th - Completed
 April 13th - Completed
 May 4th, 18th - Completed

ENROL BY END OF JUNE & BE A PART OF ELF Jr the Musical in December 2019

June 1st, 15th, 29th
 July 27th
 August 10th, 24th
 September 7th, 21st
 October 12th, 26th
 November 9th, 30th
 December 7th



Performance Dates:
 Friday 19th – 21st December – Elf Jr the Musical

Venue address: Cummins Theatre – 31 Bates Street, Merredin WA


Contact number: Katherine 0411 462 164

Contact email: belcantoperformingarts@gmail.com

Administration fee: \$25 - non-refundable

Tuition Fee: \$15 per class

Class Ages: 6yrs to 17yrs



...out of the wings...and into the spotlight...