



Message from the Principal.....

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FOODBANK

Yesterday and today some students from Yrs 4/5, 5/6, 6, 7 and 10 participated in healthy eating and nutrition lessons with nutritionists from Foodbank.

It was pleasing to see the positive manner in which students were actively involved in preparing healthy meals. The nutritionists described our students as 'awesome' and that our secondary students were 'amazing'.

NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES

All students and staff across the school will celebrate NAIDOC Week for 2019 next week. (12 August to 16 August), participating in a number of activities which have been planned collaboratively with local community members. Parents and community members are invited to attend these events as they occur for their children. Teachers will send out specific invitations for events that are relevant to the students in their class. We look forward to seeing many of our community members joining us in this special week.



NAIDOC ACTIVITIES 2019	
All Week- Damper making, Various Curriculum activities, Indigenous games and Art Competitions – Details in notes home and on the Merredin College Facebook page.	
Monday 12th	Primary Opening Assembly 9.00am in the Primary Undercover Area. Police/Staff vs Students Basketball Game. 1.30pm on the school outdoor
Tuesday 13th	Aboriginal Families afternoon tea – 2pm (Venue TBA), see invites.
Wednesday 14th	Free Roo burgers- last orders to canteen Friday 09/08
Friday 16th	NAIDOC Whole School Assembly 9.00am in the Merredin College Gym. NAIDOC CUP Years 5-7 Football game – 2.00pm, school oval All Welcome.

P&C MEETING

All parents and carers are invited along to the P&C meeting which will be held in the library at 6.00 pm on Monday 12 August.

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 3 (next week) are:

PRIMARY

We are CARING in Outside Areas

WE ARE CARING BY INCLUDING OTHERS IN ALL GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

SECONDARY

We are CARING in Outside Areas

WE ARE CARING BY INCLUDING OTHERS IN ALL GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

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



NEW IMMUNISATION AND ENROLMENT INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

With the *Public Health Amendment (Immunisation Requirements for Enrolment) Act 2019* and the *School Education Regulations 2000* being passed on Friday 19 July, the following changes are effective immediately and relate to new enrolments from Term 3, 2019 and also enrolments being processed for the 2020 school year.

No Jab No Play – Kindergarten enrolment

- On enrolment in Kindergarten, a child must now have either:
 - * an Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement, no more than two months old with a Status of 'up to date'; or
 - * an AIR Immunisation History Form, no more than six months old, if the child is on a catch up schedule; or
 - * a valid immunisation certificate issued or declared by the Chief Health Officer.
- where a child does not have an 'up to date' Immunisation History Statement, exemptions because of particular family circumstances may apply. These exemptions are approved by the principal.
- where a child enrolling has a Medicare number available it should be recorded at the time of enrolment.

Pre-primary to Year 12 enrolments

- as announced at the start of the year, the immunisation status of all children enrolling in the compulsory years of school (Pre-primary to Year 12) must be recorded or no statement provided – record as 'not up to date' and leave the date and evidence field blank; or
 - * statement provided with a status of 'up to date' – record as 'up to date' and date checked; or
 - * statement provided with a status of 'not up to date' – record as 'not up to date' and date checked.
- new changes require that where a child enrolling in school (K-12) has a Medicare number available it should be recorded at the time of enrolment;
- the immunisation status of all students enrolling at a residential college must now be recorded.

SECONDARY *Link*

9 A SIDE FOOTBALL

On Friday 9 August the PE department are taking a large number of students from Year 7-10 to Narembeen for an AFL 9's competition. We wish them well.

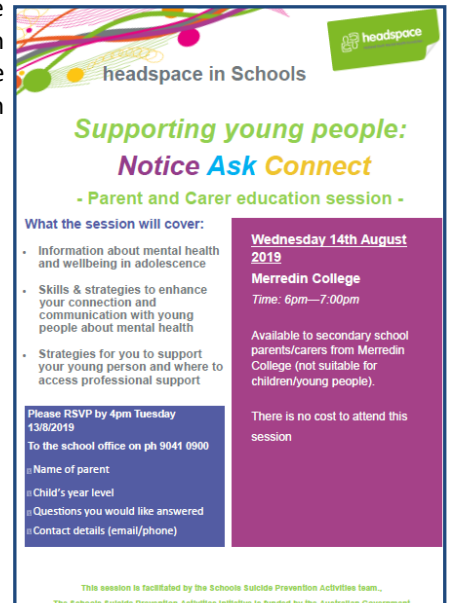
SCIENCE WEEK 12-16 AUGUST

The 2019 theme for Science Week is "Destination Moon: more missions, more science".

During form on Monday there will be a Science week quiz for all students to participate in. The Year 5 class from St Mary's Primary School will also be visiting Merredin College science department for some hands on activities run by selected Year 8 students. Some classes will also have the opportunity to go on a 'Virtual Reality' tour inside the command and service module of Apollo 11 and tour the surface of the moon.

HEADSPACE

Last term we advised that headspace will be coming to Merredin College to run sessions for our students in Yr 7, 8, 11 and 12 Let's Talk About It: Mental Health, there will also be a parent/guardian session run in the evening. This event can now be confirmed and will take place on Wednesday 14 August in Week 4 of this term. There will be a parent/guardian session on the same day in the evening 6pm-7pm and parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the evening session and RSVP by calling the College by 4.00pm on Tuesday 13 August.



headspace in Schools

**Supporting young people:
Notice Ask Connect**

- Parent and Carer education session -

What the session will cover:

- Information about mental health and wellbeing in adolescence
- Skills & strategies to enhance your connection and communication with young people about mental health
- Strategies for you to support your young person and where to access professional support

Wednesday 14th August 2019
Merredin College
Time: 6pm-7:00pm

Available to secondary school parents/carers from Merredin College (not suitable for children/young people).

There is no cost to attend this session

Please RSVP by 4pm Tuesday 13/8/2019
To the school office on ph 9041 0900

- Name of parent
- Child's year level
- Questions you would like answered
- Contact details (email/phone)

This session is facilitated by the Schools Suicide Prevention Activities team.
The Schools Suicide Prevention Activities Initiative is funded by the Australian Government



SECONDARY Link Cont'd.....

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 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 at 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.

ALL STUDENTS—MOBILE PHONE AND DEVICES POLICY

Students must comply with the mobile phone policy

If Students are seen in the possession of a mobile phone or electronic device, they are requested to put the device away. Students shall receive the verbal warning in all classes and circumstances.

1st Offence: Student is instructed to hand the device to the teacher. The device is sent to Student Services and is locked in the safe. The student collects the device at the end of the school day

2nd Offence: Student is instructed to hand their device to the teacher. The device is sent to Student Services and locked in the safe. Student Services staff will notify parents via telephone. The parent must collect the device from school. A letter will be sent home to inform parents that if the device is required to be handed in again, a suspension may follow.

3rd Offence: Student is instructed to hand their device to the teacher. The device is sent to Student Services and is locked in the safe. The student's parents will be notified and the parents will also be sent an 'Intent to Suspend' letter. The parent must collect the device from school.

Loss of Good Standing

Student will lose their good standing for 2 weeks on their second offence. On the third offence students will lose their good standing for 3 weeks. When the student is suspended after the third offence they will lose Good Standing for 5 weeks in line with the Merredin College Good Standing Policy 8-12.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME—OPEN DAY Sunday 11 August, 10am-3pm

See how you can open your mind to the next big thing in careers when you future-proof yourself with critical thinking at Notre Dame's Open Day on Sunday 11 August in Freo's West End. Attend a lecture, meet students and academics, enjoy free delicious eats and live entertainment. Plan your day at www.notredame.edu.au/events

IN FOCUS NEWSLETTER—AUGUST ISSUE

The link for the August issue of the In Focus Newsletter is:

<http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Careers-Newsletter-August-2019.pdf>

mastermind
AUSTRALIA

OCTOBER FINAL EXAM PREPARATION & REVISION PROGRAM For all students in Year 11 and 12

The October Holiday Program offers ATAR students comprehensive subject revision and prepares students for their final ATAR Exams.

Course will be conducted at:

Week Two
(Monday 7 October to Friday 11 October)
Hale School

20% school discount per subject

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





NAIDOC WEEK

Merredin College will be celebrating NAIDOC Week next week. Class activities have started this week and we have a range of cultural activities booked in for next week, including an opening and closing assembly, damper making, literacy activities related to cultural books and Aboriginal Art. Students need to return their forms by Friday (tomorrow) if they would like a Roo Burger for lunch on Wednesday. Notes need to be handed to their classroom teachers.

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

TWO DOG SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Year 6s are fundraising for their Kalgoorlie school camp later this term and will be holding a sausage sizzle at Two Dogs Hardware this Saturday - August 10 from 9.00am to 3.00pm. They will be selling Bacon and Egg burgers (\$3.00) and sausage sizzles (\$2.50) so come and grab a bite to eat. Your support is much appreciated.

Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal) on behalf of the Year 6 Camp Fundraising Committee

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be the 'Merredin's Got Talent' Assembly and the date has changed to Thursday 22 August 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)

BOOK WEEK

Merredin College will be celebrating Book Week from Monday 19 August until Friday 23 August. Parents are welcome to join us for our Annual Social Read-In which will be straight after the assembly on Thursday. Bring a book or magazine and join your child's class to have a mass Read-In on the grass quad – feel free to bring a blanket! Students will have a fancy dress day – information will come home early next week!

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

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

We are getting a bit short of our second hand uniform supplies and are looking for donations from families. If you have items children have outgrown we would welcome them in the primary office.

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

Amity

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

Pyjama Storytime

Celebrate Children's Book Week!

AUGUST 22, 2019 | 5:30 PM
MERREDIN LIBRARY

Come in your comfiest pyjamas, slippers and bring your soft toy.

Reading is my
SECRET POWER

CBCA Book Week
17-23 August 2019
#CBCA2019

MERREDIN REGIONAL LIBRARY

Merredin Regional Library is a member of the Merredin Regional Council of Australia



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:	8 AUGUST School Board Mtg 5.30pm	9 AUGUST 9 A-Side Football Narembeen	12 AUGUST P&C Meeting 6pm	12-16 AUGUST Naidoc Week	14 AUGUST Headspace Parent Information Evening 4-6pm	15 AUGUST P&C Meeting 6pm
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TERM 3 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
3	5 *Yr10 Course Selection Info Night	6	7 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	8 <i>School Board Mtg 5.30pm</i>	9 *9 A-Side Football- Narembeen	10	11
4	12 NAIDOC WEEK SCIENCE WEEK  P&C MEETING 6pm	13 *Barking Geeko- Incursion	14 *Headspace Visit <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i> *Parent/Headspace Information Session 4- 6pm	15 *Yr10 Genes for Jeans	16 *NAIDOC Commemoration Day *Assembly-VET Scholar- ships	17	18
5	19 *BOOK WEEK - Primary 	20 <i>YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm</i>	21 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	22 *Primary Assembly- 'Merredin's Got Talent'	23 *Meckering XCountry *Yr11/12 Volleyball Schools Cup	24 *Yr11/ 12 Volley Ball	25

Go Healthy!

Staying active this winter

In the winter months, we all struggle to find the motivation to stay active. It is important that our children continue to be physically active even when it gets colder to stay fit and healthy.

Physical activity has many benefits for children, including stronger muscles, better bone health, improving heart health, better mental health and increasing flexibility and coordination.

Some ways to stay active this winter include:

- Participating in winter team sports such as netball, AFL and hockey.
- Rugging up and taking the dog for a walk – just because it's cold doesn't mean you can't go outside
- Create an obstacle course inside the house.
- Create an 'active space' for your children. This may include a basketball ring, hopscotch, indoor hockey nets or a dance floor.
- Limit screen time to two hours or less per day. By doing this, children are much more likely to be active.

Quick Tip

Putting on an exercise video that you and your children can follow is a great way for your whole family to exercise together while not having to venture outside into the cold.

Recipe Link

Mac & Cheese Bake: <https://livelighter.com.au/Recipe/Filter/3?Keyword=%5B%22Winter%22%5D>

HEALTHY MAC & CHEESE BAKE RECIPE





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

Country Families @Ngala Free Online Support for Wheatbelt Families



Facebook Group – [CountryFamilies@Ngala](https://www.facebook.com/CountryFamilies@Ngala)

(closed group – families need to search for it on Facebook and then request to join. NB you may not have permission to access this link on your work computer).

Facebook Live – hear the answers to your questions in real time, as the nurse talk about various topics. These will be advertised on our Facebook group, so watch this space!

Online - Live Chat: Operates 9am -11am, Monday to Friday

Online Early Parenting Group - Workshops (0 – 6 months) (via video conferencing): These workshops will be a combination of parenting information, Q & A and group discussion. Register [here](#):

- Sleep and Feeding (0-3 months) 6th August, 2pm
- Becoming a Family (0-3 months) 13th August, 2pm
- Caring for your Newborn (0-3 months) 20th August 2019, 2pm

Online Parenting Workshops – (6 months – 8 years) (via video conferencing): Register [here](#):

- Toddler Behaviour – TBC
- Toileting – TBC

Consults – 1pm or 2pm or 3pm (FREE 30 minute consult, via video conferencing or telephone):

Register [here](#):

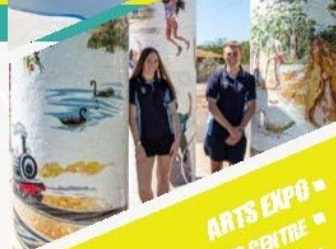
- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons
- Tuesday and other weekday mornings by arrangement.

If you have any queries, please contact us via email: CountryFamilies@ngala.com.au

[Find our More at NGALA's Website HERE](#)



2019



ARTS EXPO
BUTHERFORD TRADE TRAINING CENTRE
CLASSROOM TOURS



SECONDARY OPEN DAY

Friday 13 September
12.30 pm - 3pm

Please meet at the Whalsten Library

Prospective Students & Parents Welcome



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