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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



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Message from the Principal.....

AWESOME

It was wonderful to see about 50 dads join us for the Father's Day breakfast and classroom activities in the Early Childhood teaching block. The children were certainly very happy to see their dads.

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

Please refer to the attached communication protocols that have been developed, in consultation with unions, and principal and parent associations, to use in school communities in promoting a shared responsibility for providing safe, supportive and productive learning environments. It is important that we all treat each other with respect.

SPORT CARNIVALS

We are looking to seeing everyone at our Primary Athletics carnival next week.

Please see our Merredin College Sports Carnival Page on Facebook to review the performance of our interschool Cross Country, Netball and Volleyball teams.

WHERE WILL YOU BE IN 2020? WILL YOUR CHILDREN BE AT MERREDIN COLLEGE IN 2020?

If your children will not be at Merredin College next year or if you know of families whose children will be enrolling at our school please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you to those families who have provided this information as it will allow us to commence our planning on class structures and staff placements for 2020. We understand circumstances may change and should this be the case or if you need support with our enrolment procedures please contact our office.

SCHOOL FEES AND CHARGES

It is important that everyone pays school fees and charges to support us in providing a quality education for your children. There are thousands of dollars outstanding. We can arrange a payment plan where necessary.

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

At Merredin College we look forward to educating your child and seeing them grow, discover and prepare themselves for the future. This stems from a strong sense of community, our PBS values, a commitment to our motto "Advance Together", and an undertaking to provide a balanced education that addresses the academic, social, physical and emotional development of each and every child. We have begun developing our 2020-2022 Business Plan and at this time we are seeking your input in the development of our vision statement. As a staff we have begun the discussion on our vision for the school and what is important for our Merredin College students to be successful. This discussion was also had with the School Board at the end of last term. It is important we know what our families see as important for our students to be successful now and in the future and so we have emailed a separate document to ask parents and carers to provide their feedback for our future vision for Merredin College students. This feedback will help us with the creation of a vision for our school. It would be greatly appreciated if you can email your response to us by **Friday 30 August 2019**.

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 7 Term 3 (next week) are:

PRIMARY

We STRIVE TO SUCCEED in the Community

WE STRIVE TO SUCCEED IN THE COMMUNITY BY BEING GOOD ROLE MODELS

SECONDARY

We STRIVE TO SUCCEED in the Community

WE STRIVE TO SUCCEED IN THE COMMUNITY BY ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES

We are carin**G**, we are **R**espectful, we are **R**esp**O**nsible, **W**e strive to succeed!



MERREDIN COLLEGE SECONDARY OPEN DAY—SAVE THE DATE

Our Open Day will occur on Friday 13 September (12.30-3.00pm). This an opportunity to see the secondary part of the College in operation and to view Drama and Dance performances as well as student work in Design and Technology. Please see attached Agenda.

SECONDARY *Link*

YR 7-10 HIGHEST ACHIEVERS AND YR 11-12 GROW AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Next Thursday 5 September 2019 will see the College present the Yr 7-10 Highest Achievers Awards for Semester 1. These students have performed well during Semester 1 and certainly 'strive to succeed' by receiving the highest mark in their subject. Yr 11-12 GROW Awards will also be handed out as the Yr 11-12 Highest Achievers were presented at the end of Term 2.

OLNA

Round 2 of OLNA will begin on Monday 2 September with the Writing assessment, followed by Reading and Numeracy in the coming weeks. Students who need to sit the OLNA testing have been advised and been given the opportunity to practice by using an online ONLA support site that the College has subscribed to. Students and parents are strongly advised that students continue to use this package to help prepare themselves for the up coming testing period. Students must pass their OLNA to achieve their WACE in Year 12.

2019 ATAR SEMESTER 2 EXAM TIMETABLE YEARS 11 AND 12

Please find attached the 2019 ATAR Semester 2 Exam Timetable which commences on Friday 20 September.

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 11 AND 12

YEAR 12:

TERM 3:

Week 10: *Friday 27 September*

This is the last timetabled day of school for Year 12 VET/General Pathway students

TERM 4:

Week 1: *Tuesday 15 October to Thursday 17 October -*

All Year 12 ATAR students return for normal classes.

Thursday 17 October –

3.00pm - Year 12 ATAR timetable suspended.

Friday 18 October -

10.50am – All Year 12 students arrive at school

11.00am – Special Year 12 Morning Tea in staffroom. Fun awards presented to teachers and students

12.00 noon – Students to make their way to the Merredin College Gym

12.15 - 1.15pm (approx) – Practice for Awards Ceremony. Students will be dismissed from the gym when practice finishes.

Week 2: *Monday 21 October & Tuesday 22 October -*

Revision Seminars will be offered to ATAR students, times to be advised.

Thursday 24 October –

Awards Night 7.00pm – 9.30pm (approx)

YEAR 11:

TERM 4:

Weeks 1 & 2: *Tuesday 15 – Friday 25 October -*

Normal timetable for all Year 11 students

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AUSTRALIA

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

The September/October Holiday Program offers ATAR students comprehensive subject revision and prepares students for their final ATAR Exams.
Course will be conducted at:

Week One
(Saturday 28 Sept to Thursday 3 Oct)
Mindarie Senior College

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

20% discount per subject for Hale School program

For further information contact Dr. Robert Hallam at Master Mind Australia on 9486 1377

Or visit www.mastermindaustralia.com.au





ONE BIG VOICE

We wish our Merredin College Choir and Mrs Adamson the best of luck and hope they have a wonderful time at One Big Voice this week. Congratulations to Chloe Van Der Merwe and Jacob Billing who have had successful auditions and will be part of the small groups performing on the day. Thank you to the volunteer parents that are helping out with this event – you are much appreciated!

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

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The primary athletics carnival will be held on Wednesday and Friday of Week 7 (4 and 6 September). Programs and canteen order menus for the Friday have been sent home this week. We are looking for parent/community volunteers to be involved on the day to ensure the carnival runs smoothly. We require 4 volunteers on the Wednesday 4 September to help with the long jump and vortex throwing. Volunteers can offer their assistance on Friday for the morning session (9.00-12.00), afternoon session (12.00-2.00) or the whole day. If you would like to volunteer some time please fill in the slip that comes home and return it to the Primary Office or Miss Bryant/Mrs Walker as soon as possible or contact primary admin. We invite all parents and caregivers to the school oval on both days of the carnival to support the students who are taking part.

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

SECOND HAND 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)

LUNCHES

The primary office provides lunches for children in emergency situations but recently we have had a number of students habitually coming to the office for food and fruit. Parents will be contacted if students do not have their lunch with them on a regular basis.

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

YEAR 6 CAMP FEES

A reminder to parents that camp fees are due at the end of next week, 6 September, for those families who have chosen a payment plan. Final camp payments are due on 20 September.

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

MERREDIN AND DISTRICTS LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

Come join us ON TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

and have fun, keep fit, and meet new friends!

- ❖ Welcome all New and Past Athletes
- ❖ Short Season
- ❖ Kidsport Registered
- ❖ Online Registration from the 3rd September
- ❖ Merredin Regional Community Leisure Centre, Bates St, Merredin
- ❖ Every Tuesday Set-up 3.30pm for 4pm Start
- ❖ Merredin Little Athletics

Contact us: Sonya McCormack Mobile: 0400 891 837 or via Email: merredinlittlathletics@gmail.com
 P.O. Box 673, MERREDIN WA 6415

Holidays are coming

Three Day Fast Track School Holiday Intensive Swimming Program

- Tues 1st, Wed 2nd and Thu 3rd October 2019
- Classes available from 6mth (with parent) to stage 2 independent swimming
- \$45 for the 3 days
- Small classes so enrol early to avoid disappointment

Contact MRCLC phone; 9041 3033

or email; merredin@belgravialeisure.com.au for further information

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MERREDIN REGIONAL COMMUNITY & LEISURE CENTRE



2019

SECONDARY OPEN DAY

Friday 13 September
12.30 pm - 3pm

Please meet at the Whistler Library
Prospective Students & Parents Welcome

ARTS EXPO
DODDIERFIELD TRADE TRAINING CENTRE
CLASSROOM TOURS

MERREDIN COLLEGE
A Wheatbelt Independent Public School

MERREDIN Residential College
OPEN & TOUR
10am
Alcohol free provided
PH. 08 9041 1727

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Merredin College

2019 Yearbooks

Its not too late to order a copy of this years Combined Harvest!

If you would still like to purchase a copy you can make payment at the Front Office by Friday, 6 December 2019

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Australian Government Mobile Service Centres

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If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile Service Centres travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia and also to disaster affected areas to provide help and support.

Staff from the Department of Human Services travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help you with Centrelink and Medicare payments and services. Our Mobile Service Centres also have disabled access.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the Mobile Service Centre and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff will provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the Mobile Service Centres.

Information and help you can access on board the Mobile Service Centres

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the department's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Centrelink and Medicare information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.

More information

To view the latest itineraries for the Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice

The stopping locations for Mobile Service Centres are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

Disclaimer

This information is intended as a guide only. The information is correct as at December 2018. If you use this publication after that date, please check with us that the details are current.

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Australian Government
Department of Human Services
humanservices.gov.au

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre

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The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialised vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

You can visit the Mobile Service Centre at:

Opposite the Community Resource Centre, Barrack St

MERREDIN

Monday, 2 September 2019 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Experienced staff travel with the Mobile Service Centre and provide friendly, face-to-face service, information and support. Staff can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice

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Australian Government
Department of Human Services

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: 30 AUGUST
 One Big Voice
 Concert-Primary

30 AUGUST
 YR 10 Road Safety
 Consultation

4 SEPTEMBER
 Primary Jumps &
 Throws

5 SEPTEMBER
 Yr 7-12 Assembly

6 SEPTEMBER
 Primary Athletics
 Carnival

TERM 3 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
6	26 CANBERRA CAMP *Bibbulmun Trek *Netball High School Cup	27 CANBERRA CAMP *Bibbulmun Trek	28 CANBERRA CAMP *Bibbulmun Trek <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	29 CANBERRA CAMP *Bibbulmun Trek *Alcohol Parent Evening -6-7pm-Library	30 CANBERRA CAMP *Once Big Voice-Primary *Yr10 Road Safety Consultation	31	1 SEPT
7	2 *OLNA-Writing	3 *OLNA-Writing YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	4 *OLNA-Writing *Primary Jumps & Throws <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	5 *Yr7-12 Assembly	6 *Primary Athletics Carnival	7	8
8	9 *OLNA-Reading P&C MEETING 3:15pm	10 *OLNA-Reading *Secondary Athletics Carnival	11 *Career Directions Expo -Yr 9 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	12 *Drama Performance-Evening *Merredin's Got Talent *Primary Assembly *AIME Mentor Prog-Yr7-12	13 OPEN DAY *Drama Performance – Evening	14	15

Blue Light Disco

Friday 20 September

CUMMINS THEATRE Merredin

FREE EVENT

Kindy - Year 6
5.00-6.15pm
(Kindy/PP responsible person to stay)

Year 7 - Year 12
6.30-8.00pm

LIVE DJ KENNY P
Hot Dogs/Drinks/Snacks/Glow Sticks

Fully supervised fun
Responsible adult to pick up & drop off at the entry

MERREDIN COLLEGE PRESENTS

STUDENT COUNCIL MANGO FUNDRAISER

10 KG BOX OF FRESHLY PICKED MANGOES - ONLY \$40!!

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Delivered to Merredin College later in the year.