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Message from the Principal.....

ATHLETICS CARNIVALS

Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who attended our wonderful Primary and Secondary Athletics Carnivals. Congratulations to Kelly and Law on winning the House Shield in Primary and Secondary respectively. It was great to see the tremendous way in which our students participated in their events.

Next week we will compete in the Interschool Athletics at our school oval against teams from St Mary's and a combined team from Mukinbudin DHS, Beacon PS, Bencubbin PS, Koorda PS, Trayning PS and Nungarin PS next Wednesday 18 September. Whilst our secondary Athletics team will compete against schools from the East Avon Sporting Association at Quairading on Friday 20 September. Best wishes to our teams.

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

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 many thousands of dollars outstanding. We can arrange a payment plan where necessary.

PARLIAMENTARY EDUCATION AND HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE

Today we are hosting members of the Western Australian Parliament from the Education and Health Standing Committee. They are visiting the school to talk to staff and secondary students about the use of digital technology in educational delivery.

MERREDIN COLLEGE SECONDARY OPEN DAY

Our Open Day will occur tomorrow Friday 13 September (12.30-3.00pm). This is 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.

DENTAL CLINIC

The dental team will be coming to Merredin College in Term 4. The dental staff will be contacting parents of all enrolled students for appointments. If you feel your child requires urgent care before their appointment please contact them on 0459241543. All school children from Pre Primary to Year 11 are eligible to be enrolled. For further details please contact the clinic.

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 3 (next week) are:

PRIMARY

We STRIVE TO SUCCEED in Learning Areas

WE STRIVE TO SUCCEED IN LEARNING AREAS BY BEING PERSISTENT AND NEVER GIVING UP

SECONDARY

We STRIVE TO SUCCEED in Learning Areas

WE STRIVE TO SUCCEED IN LEARNING AREAS BY LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS

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

DRAMA PERFORMANCE

Drama students will 'star' in a performance of 'Romeo & Juliet' on Thursday 12 September at 6.30pm and Friday 13 September at 9.30am and 6.30pm. Bookings can be made using the following link: The link for tickets is :<https://www.trybooking.com/BFBQF> or people can go to Trybooking.com.au and search "Merredin College".

Please refer to the poster and direct any queries to Mr Tom James (Drama Teacher)



SECONDARY Link

CANBERRA PRESENTATION NIGHT

This will be held on Tuesday 17 September commencing at 7.00pm in the library. We look forward to seeing all the parents of our Year 9 Canberra Tour students there to listen to presentations of each day's events as well as the presentation of certificates to participants.

YEAR 7-10 VOLLEYBALL CUP

On Thursday 19 - Saturday 21 September the Merredin College Volleyball teams from Years 7-10 will travel to Perth to compete in the Schools' Cup Volleyball competition. Last year Merredin College entered five teams with each team finishing in the top three for their division. Over seventy students in the program have been training hard since Term 1 to test their skills against the top volleyball specialist schools in Perth including, Rossmoyne, Aquinas, Trinity, Perth Modern and Mercedes to name a few. This year we have entered six teams to play up to five games in a round-robin on either Thursday or Friday and if they qualify, they will get the chance to play in finals on Saturday. Thank you again to parents for supporting the program up to this point. We wish all six teams and their coaches, Mr Pirovich, Mrs Pirovich, Mr Ritchie and Maddison Lane, good luck in the competition.

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 -

10.00am— Assembly [Year 7-12]

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
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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.mastermindastralia.com.au





INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We invite all parents and caregivers to the school oval for the Interschool Athletics carnival to support the students who are taking part. We will be starting at 9.00am on Wednesday morning 18 September. We will be competing with the Ningan Schools from the Northern Wheatbelt along with St Marys Primary.

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

YEAR 6 CAMP FEES

A reminder to parents that camp fees are now due, for those families who have chosen a payment plan. Final camp payments are due on Friday 20 September.

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

SCHOOL START TIMES

Students should not be on the school site before 8.20am – this is 30 minutes before the official first bell. There is no supervision for students before this time as staff are getting ready for a full day of teaching. Students that arrive at 8.20am should head straight to Breakfast club. Classes open for students at 8.30am which is the official time that supervision starts on site. Please ensure your children are not arriving on site before the official supervision times.

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)

EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS

1 or 2 days a week may not seem like a lot but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 Weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years!	Your Child Other Children Equivalent to finishing in Year 10
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 Weeks per year	Over 2.5 years!	Your Child Other Children Equivalent to finishing in Year 9
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years!	Your Child Other Children Equivalent to finishing in Year 7
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years!	Your Child Other Children Equivalent to finishing in Year 6

CONSTRUCTION FUTURES

www.ctf.wa.gov.au 9244 0100 104 Belgrave St, BELMONT WA, 6104

OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2019
9am to 12:30pm

Sessions start at 9am and 11am
Admission is **FREE** | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

TO BOOK A SESSION TIME PHONE 0455 234 278 or
EMAIL cfc@ctf.wa.gov.au

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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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:	12 SEPTEMBER Drama Performance 6.30pm	13 SEPTEMBER Drama Performance 9.30am and 6..30pm	13 SEPTEMBER OPEN DAY 9.30am and 6..30pm	17 SEPTEMBER Canberra Presenta- tion Night 7.00pm	18 SEPTEMBER Primary Intersch Carnival
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TERM 3 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
8	9 *OLNA-Reading P&C MEETING 3:15pm *Bibbulmun Trek Presentation Night - 7pm	10 *OLNA-Reading *Secondary Athletics Carnival	11 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	12 *Merredin's Got Talent *Primary Assembly *AIME Mentor Prog-Yr7- 12 *Drama Performance- Evening -6.30p	13 OPEN DAY *Drama Performance - 9.30am *Drama Performance - Evening-6.30pm	14	15
9	16 *OLNA- Numeracy	17 *OLNA- Numeracy *English Competition *Canberra Presentation Night-7pm	18 Merredin Bus Accident Anniversary *Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival *Yr11/12Foundatio/ General English Exam <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	19 *Yr7-10 Volleyball Schools Cup School Board Mtg 5.30pm	20 *Yr7-10 Volleyball Schools Cup *Interschool Athletics Carnival (Secondary)	21 *Yr7- 10 Volley ball	22
10	23 YEAR 6 CAMP *Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams *Yr 11/12 General nor- mal timetable *OLNA-Reading/ Nu- meracy Catch up	24 YEAR 6 CAMP *Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams *Glass of Class Lunch *OLNA-Reading/ Nu- meracy Catch up YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	25 YEAR 6 CAMP *Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	26 YEAR 6 CAMP *Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams	27 YEAR 6 CAMP *Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams *P1 'So You Think You Can Dance' Comp-Sec *P2 Primary Perform- ance *Yr 10 Dairy Incursion *Last Day for Year 12 VET/General students Last Day Term 3	28	29

Blue Light Disco

Thursday 19 September

CUMMINS THEATRE Merredin

FREE ENTRY

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 to purchase

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!!**

**Order at [facebook.com/MCMangoes](https://www.facebook.com/MCMangoes) or
www.merredincollege.wa.edu.au**

Delivered to Merredin College later in the year.

CoMmuNiTy NotIcEs

**Spring is here and so are
the *SNAKES!***

**Would you know what to do if you or
someone else was bitten?**



St John Merredin Sub Centre is holding a FREE First Aid Session on Snakebite Management and invites you to come along.

Date: Saturday 28 September 2019

Time: 10.00-11.00am

Venue: St John Ambulance Sub Centre Merredin, Corner Mitchell and Queen St


We will be selling Pressure Immobilising Bandages (recommended bandages) at \$5.00ea.

For further information please contact:

Gemma at merredin@stjohnambulance.com.au

or 0438 814 339

We look forward to seeing you then and don't forget to tell your friends!



CUMMINS THEATRE
MERREDIN PRESENTS
ISAIAH
YOUTH WORKSHOP
Saturday 14th September

Join Isaiah Firebrace in his workshop and learn about his journey from a small town to the international stage.

Isaiah will talk you through the song 'Spirit', what it means to him and how he wrote it before conducting a rehearsal with the group to learn how to sing the song!

Take the stage with Isaiah when he performs his hit single 'Spirit'!

**FREE WORKSHOP - 12Yrs+
BOOK TO SECURE
YOUR PLACE**

PLUS each participant will receive a free ticket to the show.

No professional singing experience necessary.

WORKSHOP TIME: 3pm to 5pm
SOUND CHECK: 6.15pm
DOORS OPEN 7pm
SHOW STARTS: 7.30pm

**Book online at
cumminstheatre.com.au**
or in person at Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre

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COMPETITION and EXHIBITION

"Master Builder" competition - for ALL primary age students

Bring your **own creation**, from your **own imagination**.

Remember it can be **anything - any size, any idea!**

Anything is possible!

RULES

- Entry must be your own design and build.
- No instruction made sets
- No adult help!
- **Gold coin donation per entry**

HINT: Sticky tape gold coin to entry form!

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Pre Kindy - Kindy - PP	Yr 1 - Yr 2 - Yr 3	Yr 4 - Yr 5 - Yr 6

Visit the Lego display at the School Fair and **VOTE** for your **FAVOURITE** LEGO creation!

PRIZES for **EACH GROUP** of LEGO creation
AND An overall **'People's Choice Award'**



Complete the entry form below and bring your creation to St Mary's in a safe container, (with your name and phone number on the box) on **Friday 20th September** so we can get it displayed for you.

St Mary's Spring Fair - Lego Master Builder ENTRY FORM

Your Name: _____ Class: PK / K / PP / 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6

Name of your Construction: _____ (Please circle)

School: _____ Contact Number: _____

We recommend bringing your creation in a container (a box is ideal) and clearly marking it with this tag. You are responsible for dropping your Lego to St Mary's on Friday 20 September. We encourage you to take it home with you when the fair is over (2pm Saturday). Sorry, we can't take any responsibility for lost or broken LEGO, but we will do our best to keep it safe.

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