





Message from the Principal.....

MERREDIN BUS ACCIDENT

On Wednesday 18 September at 10 am, students and staff remembered the nine Merredin SHS students, driver and hostel manager who died in 1982 as a result of a bus accident. The bus was returning from Perth following the football grand final. The parents of the students who died have asked that no special ceremony be held, but that a minute's silence be held at 10 am on the anniversary of the accident.

INTERSCHOOL PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The addition of a combined Eastern Wheatbelt team from Mukinbudin DHS, Bencubbin PS, Nungarin PS, Trayning PS, Beacon PS and Koorda Ps certainly added a great atmosphere to yesterday's highly successful carnival. Congratulations to our Merredin College team who won the overall shield and to St Mary's who won the handicap shield. We have now been approached to include a combined team from Southern Cross DHS, St Joseph's PS and Moorine Rock PS in the 2020 carnival.

MERREDIN COLLEGE SECONDARY OPEN DAY

Around 60 parents, carers and children from throughout the Wheatbelt including places such as Bruce Rock, Beacon, Southern Cross, Bencubbin, Kellerberrin, Moorine Rock and Quairading attended our Open Day. The crowd was more than double that of last year and was certainly a larger group than we had anticipated.

The group was able to view a sample of student activities and demonstrations in our Performing Arts Complex, Dance Studio, Trade Training Centre and Computer Technology room. Students and family members were able to observe the use of Virtual Reality technology in a humanities lesson and the dissection of rats in science.

It was pleasing to see our future students excited and enthralled by the various activities as well as the positive feedback we have received from parents and carers.

WHERE WILL YOU BE IN 2020? WILL YOUR CHILD BE ATTENDING 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 many thousands of dollars outstanding. We can arrange a payment plan where necessary.

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 10 Term 3 (next week) are:

PRIMARY

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

SECONDARY

We STRIVE TO SUCCEED IN LEARNING AREAS BY LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS TO Areas PROBLEMS

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

TERM 4 DATES

Monday 14 October 2019 School Development Day (no students)

Tuesday 15 October Students Commence Thursday 19 December 2019 Last day for 2019

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.



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. The ATAR timetable will be suspended during this time. Students may say and study in the Library after their exam if they wish.

YEAR 11 2020 SUBJECT SELECTION FORMS

These forms are now well overdue and need to be completed and returned to Student Services. If you child has misplaced this form they can obtain another one from Student Services.

YEAR 11 STUDENTS PROVIDE FIRST AID

In the first two weeks of Term 4 all Year 11 students will be participating in a two day First Aid course taught by Mr O'Neill through the registered training organisation IVET (RTO code; 32413).

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





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 this Friday - 20 September.

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

GLASS OF CLASS LUNCHEON

Congratulations to the following students who have received an invitation to the Glass of Class Luncheon next Tuesday.

Jack Berryman - Ben Salter - Lester Garlett - Alexandra Zenni - Declan Natt - Matt Navales - Riley Bush - Ryot Wall Lucas Mason - Steele Wilcox - Noah Hughes - Drikus Putter - Daniel Thompson - Stella Major - Hughie Fardell Kim Nunesca

Allessia Low and Caira Tollarzo will also be joining us as they missed the luncheon last term. Students will have lunch with Ms Herbert during 1st break so will only require their snacks and fruit break on this day.

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.

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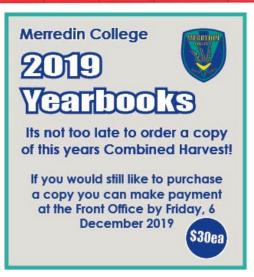
LUNCHES

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		Your Child	1
			Nearly 1.5 years!	Other Children	
			ricarry 2.5 years.	Equivalent to finishing in Year 10	
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 Weeks per year		Your Child	1
			Over 2.5 years!	Other Children	
				Equivalent to finishing in Year 9	
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year		Your Child	-
			O	Other Children	
			Over 5 years!	Equivalent to finishing in Year 7	
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years!	Your Child	1000
				Other Children	
			ivearity 8 years!	Equivalent to finishing in Year 6	





Useful Links:

Uniform Shop: http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/ uniform/

Canteen Menu: http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/ canteen/ Latest News & Events:

Save the Date: 19,20-21 September

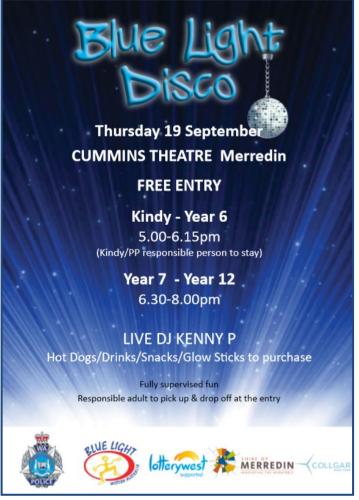
Yr 7-10 Volleyball Schools Cup

20 September Secondary Interschool Carnival **20-27 September** Yr11/12 ATAR Exams

TERM 3 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
9	16 *OLNA- Numeracy	*English Competition *Canberra Presentation Night-7pm	18 Merredin Bus Accident Anniversary *Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival *Yr11/12Foundation/ General English Exam Early Close 2.30pm	*Yr7-10 Volleyball Schools Cup	*Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams *Yr7-10 Volleyball Schools Cup *Interschool Athletics Carnival (Secondary)	*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/ Numeracy Catch up YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	25 YEAR 6 CAMP *Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams Early Close 2.30pm	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 Performance *Colour Run Yr 11/12 *Yr 10 Dairy Incursion *Last Day for Year 12 VET/General students Last Day Term 3	28	29





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 <u>Snakebite Management</u> 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 <u>Pressure Immobilising Bandages</u> (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!





