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Merredin College Weekly Community Update

Message from the Principal.....

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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

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!

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.

SECONDARY *Link*

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 your 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.

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

LUNCHESES

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

PLAY CRICKET!

HAVE A BLAST PLAYING CRICKET! THERE ARE OPTIONS FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES – WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A BAT OR YOU'RE A COMPETITIVE CRICKET STAR!



JUNIOR BLASTERS

PP - YEAR 2

Learn new skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game based activities. Sign up now for your Starter Pack. Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Pack with backpack and choice of bonus item!



STARTER KIT
RETURNER KIT



Junior Blasters held Wednesday's 4.30 - 5.30pm at the MRC&LC oval Commencing 16th October 2019 \$80 incl pack, payable with online registration. Go to playcricket.com.au



JUNIOR CRICKET

Year 3 - 7

Merredin Juniors play against surrounding Wheatbelt towns

Ages: Juniors is for Boys and Girls aged from Year 3 to Year 7 at the commencement of the season

When: Trainings on Wednesday 4.30pm - 5.30pm, game on Saturday mornings. Competition runs through until end of February 2020, with a break over school holidays

Date: Junior cricket training to commence on Wednesday 16th October 2019, at the MRC&LC oval

Cost: \$80, payable thru online registration

If you have a question, please contact Darren Gardiner on 0402473136
REGISTER AT PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2019




JOIN A CREW NEAR YOU TODAY

PLAY CRICKET

PROBELY PRESENTED BY



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: **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	17 *English Competition *Canberra Presentation Night-7pm	18 Merredin Bus Accident Anniversary *Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival *Yr11/12Foundation/General English Exam <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	19 *Yr7-10 Volleyball Schools Cup <i>School Board Mtg 5.30pm</i>	20 *Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams *Yr7-10 Volleyball Schools Cup *Interschool Athletics Carnival (Secondary)	21 *Yr7-10 Volleyball	22
10	23 YEAR 6 CAMP *Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams *Yr 11/12 General normal timetable *OLNA-Reading/ Numeracy Catch up	24 YEAR 6 CAMP *Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams *Glass of Class Lunch *OLNA-Reading/ Numeracy Catch up <i>YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm</i>	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 Performance *Colour Run Yr 11/12 *Yr 10 Dairy Incursion *Last Day for Year 12 VET/General students Last Day Term 3	28	29

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.

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







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!



MERREDIN REGIONAL COMMUNITY & LEISURE CENTRE

LET'S PLAY BALL!

JUNIOR 3V3 COMPETITION

FRIDAY OCTOBER 4TH

\$5 PER CHILD

UNDER 12's 4PM - 6PM

UNDER 16's 6PM - 8PM

TEAMS TO BE ORGANISED ON THE NIGHT
PRE-REGISTER OR COME IN 15MIN EARLY

For further information
Contact MRCLC on 9041 3033
or email merredin@belgravialeisure.com.au





MASTER LEGO 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!

<p>Group 1 Pre Kindy-Kindy-PP</p>	<p>Group 2 Yr 1-Yr 2-Yr 3</p>	<p>Group 3 Yr 4-Yr 5-Yr 6</p>
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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.


CHILDREN ARE STINKY



★★★★★ FAMILIES UK

★★★★★ FRINGE REVIEW

★★★★★ PLANETARTS

★★★★★ ED FESTIVALS FOR KIDS

★★★★★ THE LIST

Cummins Theatre - Merredin

Tuesday 8th October 2019 @ 2:00pm

Book Now @ www.cumminstheatre.com.au or at the Central Wheatbelt Visitors