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## Message from the Principal.....

### MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

*This is our final link for 2019. I thank all members of our school community for their support and especially our Board led by Julie Flockart and our P&C led by Justine Low for their valuable contribution to the education of our students.*

*I wish every member of our school community a safe, healthy and happy Christmas break and a wonderful New Year.*



### STAFFING 2019

*We sadly announce that the following staff will be leaving us at the end of 2019 – Lauren Brown (Yr PP/ 1), Deirdre Fardell (Year 4/5), Rain Rodenburg (Year 3), Aashay Pratish (Science), Michael James (HASS), Amanda Lockyer (D&T), Erin Burnett (Visual Arts) and Tom O'Brien (HPE). We appreciate their support of our students at Merredin College, thank them all most sincerely and wish them well in their future endeavours.*

*Mr Michael Gibbon will remain on Leave for 2020.*

*We are equally excited to announce the following new (and current staff) who will be taking up positions at Merredin College in 2020 – Leigh Nelson (Principal), Kylie Ritchie (Year 3), Synthina Coules (Year 4/5), Debbie Cartwright (Science), Anne Paterson (Mathematics), Zane Walker (HASS/Primary HPE), Peter Jardine (D&T), Colin Duff (Visual Arts) and Frank James (HPE).*

### GOODBYE

*As this is our final link for 2019, I would like to sincerely thank everyone within the Merredin community for their support throughout this year.*

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

Staff wish all students and their families a very happy Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday. School starts again in 2020 on Monday 3 February.

### 2020 TERM DATES

SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2	
TERM 1	Monday 3 February—Thursday 9 April	TERM 2	Monday 20 July—Friday 25 September
BREAK	Friday 10 April—Monday 27 April	BREAK	Saturday 26 September—Sunday 11 October
Term 2	Tuesday 28 April—Friday 3 July	Term 4	Monday 12 October—Thursday 17 December
BREAK	Saturday 4 July—Sunday 19 July		

### 2020 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Term 1: Thursday 30 January and Friday 31 January  
Term 2: Friday 29 May

Term 3: Monday 20 July  
Term 4: Monday 12 October, Friday 18 December

### 2020 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

The Uniform shop will be open in 2020 on Wednesday 29 January 2020 to Friday 31 January 2020 from 10am to 2pm and then again on Monday 3 February from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

The shop will continue to be opening every Tuesday from 9.00am to 12.00noon and Thursdays from 11.00am to 2.00pm.



## 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Information regarding 2020 Contributions and Charges for Merredin College were sent to parents last week.

Your package includes information on:

*Voluntary Contributions or Charges Extra Cost Options*

*Voluntary Approved Requests*

*Personal Use Items*

*Nextra Newsagency Order Forms*

*Applying for Rebates via SAS (Secondary Only)*

*Abacus Computer Order Forms (Secondary Only)*

*Text Book Order Forms (Year 11-12 Only)*

*Participation in Extra Cost Options (camps, excursions etc) is conditional upon payment. You will be notified during the year regarding these payments.*

**Year 11 and 12 Subject Charges are compulsory payments and are due by the end of Term 1.**

Although contributions are voluntary, the school relies on parent contributions being paid by the end of first term. Funds not received put significant strain on our annual budget. We do not receive a subsidy for unpaid contributions and charges. If you are experiencing financial hardship, payment plans are available by contacting Mrs Sandi Lee in the front office.

Nextra Newsagency offers a comprehensive local service for purchasing personal items. Please refer to the poster.

**Booklists will be Distributed Soon**

**nextra**  
Merredin

Have all your BACK TO SCHOOL Supplies

With 'Competitive Prices' and these Awesome deals to go with....

**\*\*Back to School Prices Start @End of Term\*\***

**FUNDRAISER**  
Shop Local @ Nextra  
Spend \$50 or more  
on Booklists & Raise \$5 for  
YOUR School.

**GIVE AWAY**  
Smart TV  
SMART  
Every Individual Booklist goes in the draw to win a  
Smart TV for your family to enjoy!!  
**\*\*Booklists must be over the value of \$20 to be eligible for the draw\*\***

Proudly Supporting Local Organisations

Nextra Merredin Newsagency  
Shaun & Ju Morton  
100 Barrack Street, Merredin WA 6415

Facebook and Instagram icons

## CONSENT TO GO

From 2020 Merredin College will be implementing 'Consent to Go' an online permissions and student information update program. This should streamline excursion/incursion documentation and permission processes. As part of the program you will be sent an email at the beginning of the 2020 school year regarding reviewing your students medical information. It is imperative that you provide the school with your most up to date contact mobile number and email address. Please contact the office 90410900 or [merredin.college@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:merredin.college@education.wa.edu.au) with any contact amendments.

# SECONDARY *Link*

## YEAR 11 HIGHEST ACHIEVER ASSEMBLY 2019

This assembly will be held on the first day back for students on Monday 3 February 2020 commencing at 9.00am where we will recognise the 2019 Year 11 Highest Achievers.



We wish all students and families a wonderful Christmas and New Year.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Announcing the 2020 Primary Student Leaders

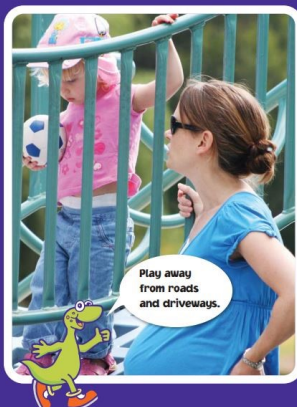
Head Girl: Chloe Van der Merwe  
Head Boy: Sam Anderson

Student Councillors:  
Charlotte Rajagopalan  
Nathaniel Shelton  
Ambrose McGrath  
Milla Kett

Kelly House Captain: Mitchell Junk  
Growden House Captain: Matthew Pitout  
Law House Captains: Ollie Parker  
Mitchell House Captain: Xander Boehme

#### Safer places to play

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#### Bikes, helmets and shared paths

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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](http://www.merredincollege.wa.edu.au)

## TERM 1 PLANNER 2020:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUNN
1	<b>3</b> <b>Students Commences</b> *Yr11 Award Ceremony	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
2	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  *Yr 11 & 12 ATAR Parent Info Night 5.30-6.30pm(TBA)	<b>12</b>  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> *Big Day Out Yr 7	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
3	<b>17</b> *Swimming Yr3-6	<b>18</b> *Swimming Yr3-6 *Camp Kulin-Primary  *Yr 11 & 12 ATAR Parent Info Night 5.30-6.30pm (TBA)	<b>19</b> *Swimming Yr3-6 *Camp Kulin-Prim & Sec  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>20</b> *Swimming Yr3-6 *Camp Kulin-Secondary	<b>21</b> *Swimming Yr3-6 *Yr7-8 Volleyball Selection Day	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
4	<b>24</b> *Swimming Yr3-6  <b>P&amp;C Meeting (AGM) 6pm</b>	<b>25</b> *Swimming Yr3-6 *Curtin Ahead Program-Yr11&12	<b>26</b> *Swimming Yr3-6 *Camp Kulin *Curtin Ahead Program-Yr10  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>27</b> *Swimming Yr3-6  <b>School Board 5.30pm</b>	<b>28</b> *Swimming Yr3-6 *Tennis Classic Comp *Secondary Assembly	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b> <b>MAR</b>
5	<b>2 Labour Day</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>5</b> *Primary Assembly	<b>6</b> *Yr3-12 Swimming Carnival	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> *Beach Cup
6	<b>9</b> *OLNA Writing *Halogen Leadership Camp	<b>10</b> *OLNA Writing	<b>11</b> *Protective Behaviours Yr3-10 (TBA)  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>12</b> *Commissioner for Children Visit-Advisory Committee formation	<b>13</b> *EASA Interschool Swim Carnival	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
7	<b>16</b> *OLNA-Reading	<b>17</b> *OLNA-Reading  *Parent/Teacher Mtg 4-6pm	<b>18</b> *Protective Behaviours Yr3-10 (TBA) *Geography Comp (Online) <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
8	<b>23 SCHOOL PHOTOS</b> *OLNA -Numeracy *Hearing Clinics-Prim  <b>P&amp;C Meeting 3.15pm</b>	<b>24 SCHOOL PHOTOS</b> *OLNA -Numeracy *Hearing Clinics-Prim *Yr 8 Schools Solar Challenge-Kalgoorlie	<b>25 SCHOOL PHOTOS</b> <i>Prim.Leadership 9-11am</i>  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>26</b>  <b>School Board 5.30pm</b>	<b>27</b> *Tennis Classic Finals	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
9	<b>30</b> *Yr11-12 Outdoor Ed Camp	<b>31</b> *Yr11-12 Outdoor Ed Camp *Disability Incursion Yr2 -6 12.45pm	<b>1 APRIL</b> *Yr11-12 Outdoor Ed Camp  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>2</b> *Primary Assembly	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
10	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> *Glass of Class Luncheon	<b>8</b>  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>9</b> *ANZAC Assembly-Sec & Prim Combined (TBA) <b>Last Day Term</b>	<b>10</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>