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Message from the Principal.....

This week, the State Government announced a new 'Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools Policy' to take effect from the start of Term 1, 2020.

The policy requires all public schools to implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive at school to the end of the school day. This extends to the use of smart watches which need to be on aeroplane mode during this period.

We already have a Phone Use policy that almost meets these requirements, however there will need to be some minor changes for our school. Our existing policy will remain in effect until the end of this year.

MERREDIN COLLEGE BOOKFAIR

Merredin College will run its annual Book Fair from Tuesday 12 November to Friday 15 November. The library will be open for sales:

Tuesday: 8-30am – 3-30pm Wednesday: 8-30am – 2-30pm
 Thursday: 8-30am – 3-30pm Friday: 8-30am – 3-30pm

This is a great opportunity to do some pre-Christmas shopping and get some great bargains.



UNIFORM SHOP—TERM 4 OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays: 9.00am to 12.00noon
 Thursdays: 11.00am to 12 noon **except today, Thursday 31 October 2019 when it will be closed**

YOUR DONATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED!

In Week 10, we acknowledge Primary and Secondary students for academic achievement and citizenship. There are also special awards given. If you would like to donate to an award, please contact Bev Irving (bev.irving@education.wa.edu.au or 90410900). The value of awards is \$50.

P& C THANK YOU!

The P&C would like to thank families who donated goods and time towards the supper at our recent Year 12 Awards. It was a successful night.

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 3 Term 4 (next week) are:

PRIMARY

We are RESPONSIBLE BY

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE BY ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO DO THE RIGHT THING

SECONDARY

We are RESPONSIBLE

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE BY ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO DO THE RIGHT THING

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



CORRECT CLOTHING FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES

On the days when students attend Physical Education class they are expected to bring a change of clothes. The correct clothing to wear for our Year 7-10 students is the coloured House Polo shirt or the Merredin College Interschool/Year 6 Leavers shirt.



YEAR 12 STUDENTS OLD UNIFORMS

Year 12 students who wish to donate their school uniforms to Merredin College can drop them off to Student Services.

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.

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 11 AND 12

Year 12:

TERM 4

Week 3,4,5 & 6:

Wednesday 30 October—Tuesday 19 November

- * ATAR Course Examinations

Year 11:

TERM 4

Week 3, 4 & 5:

Monday 28 October-Friday 15 November

- * All VET/General pathway students are on Workplace Learning
- * ATAR Pathway students have normal timetable

Week 6:

Monday 18-Friday 22 November

- * VET/General Pathway students return to school to complete Workplace Learning Logbooks/Skills Journals. Once logbooks are complete Mr O'Neill will sign students off and they are finished for the year
- * ATAR Pathway students have normal classes

*** Friday 22 November is the last timetabled 2019 school day for all Year 11 students**

EARNING THE RIGHT TO ATTEND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We are nearly at the end of Week 3 in Term 4 so now is a good time to remind students and parents of the prerequisites required to attend extra-curricular activities. **Actions in 2019 can impact on 2020.** Staff have certain expectations of our Student Leaders and those who wish to attend extracurricular activities. Please read the following information as your child's inclusion depends upon a number of factors including:

- * The wearing of school uniform
- * Attendance
- * Good Standing
- * Work completion

It is not too late to earn the right to attend events in 2020.

Year Group	School Uniform	Attendance	Good Standing (GS)	Penalty
All student leaders (Middle School Councillors and Year 11 Councillors)	Should be in school uniform as they are our role models	At least 90%	Cannot lose GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in	Loss of badge
2019 Year 8 Canberra students	Should be in school Uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lost GS. Must also ensure all school work is completed and handed in.	May be withdrawn from Canberra Group
2020 Year 9 Canberra Students (current Year 8s)	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	Cannot lost GS. Must also ensure all school work	May not be offered a place on the 2020 Canberra Group
2019 Year 9—11	Should be in school uniform	At least 90%	If lose GS in 2019, students must earn back by the end of this year. Cannot lost GS in 2020.	May not be allowed to attend the School Ball in 2020

SECONDARY *Link Cont'd.....*

2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

Secondary schooling scholarships are now open for applications through the Department's website.

A range of scholarships are on offer, including scholarships for students who:

- attend a country school; or
- attend a Perth public school; or live in the Fremantle area; or
- attend Cannington Community College, Kent St SHS or Como Secondary College.

Our scholarships support studies in all years of secondary school, with most open to students currently completing Year 10 or 11 who intend to go on to complete the WACE. In addition, students currently in Years 6 - 9 at your school may be eligible for one of the two specific scholarships below:

- James and Rose Coombe Scholarships for regional and remote students. A number of these scholarships are available each year and successful applicants can reapply in subsequent years. The funding amount starts at \$1 000.

Maud Zervos Education Grants for students with a parent/caregiver who has a disability related to spinal or limb paralysis or limb loss. A 'rollover clause' in this scholarship makes funding available for every year of secondary study, subject to satisfactory progress. The funding amount starts at \$750 in lower secondary and rises to \$1 000 for upper secondary studies.

Applications for our scholarships close at 5.30pm on Thursday 12 December 2019.

Scholarship eligibility criteria, application forms and information on how to apply can be found on the Department's scholarships webpage: <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/scholarships>

<https://connect.det.wa.edu.au/redirect/cmty/13507866/announcements?viewNotice=1850769510>

MASTER MIND AUSTRALIA'S JANUARY 2020 JUMP-START PROGRAMS

NAPLAN -- Study Skills – Essay Writing – Subject Revision & Preparation For all students entering Year 7 – 12 in 2020

The January Preparation Program aims to prepare students for Term 1 (2020) before the academic year begins. The classes will revise those important components from the 2019 syllabus that are vital for success in the new-year. The program will also preview what students can expect in their courses in 2020.

Courses will be conducted at:

Hale School

Thursday 16th to Tuesday 21st January, 2020

Christ Church Grammar School

Sunday 19th to Friday 24th January, 2020

20% school discount per subject

Dr. Robert Hallam at Master Mind Australia on 9486 1377

www.mastermindaustralia.com.au

PRIMARY *link*

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

A reminder to families that our first Kindergarten Orientation for students entering Kindy in 2020 is on this Friday – 1 November. Sessions will be run in the Kindy Room in Block 1 and start at 1.00pm – we can't wait to meet all our new little people.

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



KINDY AND PRE-PRIMARY STUDENT DROP OFF

A reminder to parents that it is school policy that all students in Early Childhood classes are dropped off to classrooms at the beginning of the day and picked up from classes at the end of the day by a responsible adult. Teachers cannot release students to siblings of primary age.

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

PRIMARY *link Contd*

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The elections for the 2020 Primary Student Council will take place during Week 6 (18 November – 22 November).

Nominated students will be required to give a speech to their peers during this week and voting will take place immediately following.

Nomination forms and guidelines will be sent out to all students in the next week to ensure they have maximum time to prepare.

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

SWIMMING LESSONS

Pre Primary to year 2 students will be participating in In-term Swimming lessons during week 6 and 7. (Tuesday 19 November – Friday 28 November)

Permission forms will be sent out to the students this week. Please have all forms and money returned to the class teacher NO LATER than Wednesday, 13 November. The cost is \$26.00 per student.

Children are required to have bathers and a rashie for each lesson.

Please see Barb Smith if you require a payment plan.

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

JAMES AND ROSE COOMBE SCHOLARSHIPS (YEAR 6 PARENTS)

Eligibility

- James and Rose Coombe Scholarships are awarded at the completion of primary school or during secondary school.
- They are secured at public secondary schools in the country, i.e. situated outside a radius of 65 kilometres from Perth.
- Scholarships are offered to public school students attending a Western Australian public school situated outside a radius of 65 kilometres from Perth.
- Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents.

Students are assessed on:

- academic performance, attendance and behaviour economic need.

For further information:

https://departmentofeducation-mtzsp.formstack.com/forms/james_and_rose_coombe_scholarships_2018_19_copy_1

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

MERREDIN COLLEGE
Years 7-10

Arts and Tech Showcase

MERREDIN COLLEGE GYMNASIUM
NOVEMBER 27th between 6-8pm
GOLD COIN ENTRY

Door Prizes
Dance and Drama Performances
Small bites/tea and coffee for sale
Robotics demonstrations as well as
Visual Arts, Metalwork, Woodwork, IT & Textiles student work on display

MERREDIN COLLEGE
Advance Together

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

\$30ea

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: **4 November**
P&C Meeting
6.00pm

TERM 4 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	4 *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk P&C Meeting 6.00pm	5 *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk	6 *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	7 *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk *Primary Assembly School Board Mtg 5.30pm	8 *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk *Yr 7-11 Assembly
5	11 *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk	12 *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk *Seniors Luncheon-Yr10 11.30-2pm	13 *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk *Yr 7-10 Arts Night <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	14 *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk	15 *Yr11 VET ADWPL Wk *Kindy Readiness 1-3pm *Yr10 Puppetry W/shop
6	18 *Yr11 VET ADWPL Review	19 *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2	20 *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	21 *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2	22 *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2 *Last day Yr 11s *Kindy Readiness 1-3pm *Triple P Program 9-10.30am
7	25 *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2 *Year 6-7 Transition Day	26 *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2 YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	27 *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i> *Yr7-10 Arts & TE Night	28 *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2	29 *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2 *Kindy Readiness 1-3pm *Triple P Program 9-10.30am

Go Healthy!

It's easy to forget that we drink our energy (kilojoules) as well as eat them. Common drinks that we give our children often contain more sugar than we think.

It is recommended that children consume only 3 teaspoons of sugar per day and teenagers 5-8 teaspoons of sugar per day.

Research shows that drinking too many high sugar drinks can contribute to tooth decay and weight gain, which can lead to further chronic diseases.

Soft drinks are very high in sugar and provide no nutritional value. A 450ml orange juice with no added sugar contains 11 teaspoons of sugar. This is the equivalent sugar of eating roughly seven red frogs or five chocolate frogs.

To reduce sugar intake, provide children with plenty of water and only offer soft drinks for special occasions. Smoothies are a great alternative for soft drink, cordial or fruit juice.

Find out the facts about sugary drinks by visiting LiveLighter: <https://livelighter.com.au/The-Facts/About-Sugary-Drinks>

Quick Tip

Water is the best drink choice. It does not contain any sugar, and is cheap and accessible. Smoothies are also a great alternative as you can put fruit, vegetables or dairy in them to increase their nutritional benefit and they taste great!

Recipe Link

Healthy Tropical Fruit Smoothie Recipe:

<https://livelighter.com.au/Recipe/286/tropical-fruit-smoothie>





VACSWIM 2019-20

Enrol your children in swimming lessons during the summer holidays.

Choose from three programs:

8 Days	10 Days	5 Days
Program 1 31 Dec - 10 January 45 minute lessons Enrolments close 10 November	Program 2 13 - 24 January 35 minute lessons Enrolments close 17 November	Short program 6 - 10 January 35 minute lessons Enrolments close 10 November
\$30 per child / \$20 concession \$81 for a family of three or more / \$54 concession (plus pool entry).		\$16 per child / \$10.50 concession \$41 for a family of three or more / \$27.50 concession (plus pool entry).

Enrol now
 Visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming or call 9402 6412.

Kids Club

Kindy-Year 6



Friday Afternoons 3.30-5pm
 Doors open 3pm. Afternoon tea served.
Program 3.30-5pm.

Starts Term 4. Registration Date: Friday 18 Oct.
Church of Christ, 17 Throssell Road, Merredin.

Contact: Terri Clark 0438 228 530.



MERREDIN Swim Club

Come & Join The Fun
Be part of a Swim Squad
Get Fitter, Faster & Stronger

Registration and Group Allocation
 Monday Nov 4th at 5pm

Training every Monday
 New Format Time Trials
 every Wednesday

Season Fees
 Senior Squad \$100
 Junior Squad \$80
 Dolphins \$50

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