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Message from the Principal.....

MERREDIN COLLEGE BOOKFAIR – LAST DAYS

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



2019 ARTS AND TECHNOLOGIES SHOWCASE

On 27 November, Merredin College will be hosting it's first 'Arts and Tech Showcase' in the College Gymnasium. Students work from Years 7 to 10 will be on display and there will also be Dance and Drama performances. Parents, carers, friends, family and the community are invited to attend. Come down and see our talented students work, doors open from 6pm to 8pm. Tea, coffee and small bites will be available for sale. Gold Coin donation entry.

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.

'THANK A VOLUNTEER' MORNING TEA

Merredin College is fortunate to be supported by a range of people who volunteer for a huge number of tasks and responsibilities including (but not limited to):

- * Office bearers on P&C and School Board
- * Assistance at sports carnivals and on excursions/camps
- * Mentoring of students
- * Classroom and library support, etc

If you have assisted our College in any way in 2019, you are invited to a 'Thank a Volunteer' morning tea on Friday 6 December in the secondary staffroom at 11.00-11.30am. Please RSVP to Sharon Alvaro on 90410900 or sharon.alvaro@education.wa.edu.au by Thursday 21 November 2019.

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 6 Term 4 (next week) are:

PRIMARY

We are RESPECTFUL IN LEARNING AREAS

WE ARE RESPECTFUL BY ALLOWING OTHERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

SECONDARY

We are RESPECTFUL IN LEARNING AREAS

WE ARE RESPECTFUL BY ALLOWING OTHERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

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

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SECONDARY *Link*

NOONGAR GIRLS DAY OUT

This Friday, 15 November our Year 6 - 10 Aboriginal Girls will be doing a Wellbeing and Capacity Building workshop at the Merredin Rec Centre. This workshop will consist of craft, resilience, sexual Health & Hygiene as well as cosmetics activities.

Following this the girls will hear from Guest Speaker, Toby Watson as well as presentations of information about TAFE courses and study supports available in our community. The day will end with a shared High Tea lunch for everyone.

A huge thankyou to Community Officer, Mel Pitout of the Merredin Police for putting the day together.

SWIMMING LESSONS—YEAR 7

Swimming lessons will be held at the Merredin Pool in Week 6 and 7 of Term 4 (**Monday 18 November – Friday 29 November**). In the secondary school, this is a privilege offered to Year 7s only. Students will walk to and from the pool. The lessons for Year 7s are in Period 5 in the afternoons.

Notes have been distributed to students and should be returned to Student Services with either the \$26.00 fee or a season pass number ASAP.

Please ensure students have bathers, sunscreen, a dry change of clothes, towel and appropriate footwear to walk to and from the pool (no thongs).

All students are required to complete swimming lessons as a part of their Year 7 Western Australian Department of Education Curriculum. Should there be an issue that may preclude your child from swimming please contact Jarrad Ritchie, Deputy Principal at Student Services to negotiate arrangements.

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.



END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 11

Year 11:

TERM 4

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**

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

TARGET MERREDIN—POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Target Merredin are currently recruiting for casual Customer Service Assistants. They are looking for people who will be able to work after school and on weekends. If you are interested, follow the below link and sign up to their talent pool:

<https://quiz.weirdlyhub.com/talent/target/>

Careers
Interested in joining our team?
Scan the QR code or visit target.com.au/careers



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

ART BURSARY FOR STUDENTS

Wheatbelt artists are encouraged to apply for the annual \$10,000 Sue Muntz Art Bursary. Information and registrations forms are attached and require submitting by 19 December 2019.

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/cmt/13507866/announcements?viewNotice=1850769510>

INFOCUS-CAREERS CALENDAR EVENTS FOR 2020

Access via the following link.

<http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2020-Calendar-In-Focus.pdf>

ACADEMIC TASK FORCE JANUARY HEAD START PROGRAM

Start the new school year with confidence! Academic Task Force is offering Head Start courses during the January holidays at Churchlands SHS and Rossmoyne SHS. You will receive an overview of the syllabus for your courses, preview important concepts and get an academic boost for the year ahead. To enrol visit www.academicgroup.com.au.

- **January ATAR Head Start Program with Academic Task Force** – Increase your confidence and start your Year 11 and 12 studies with a boost in our Head Start Program. We are offering six hour courses in Year 11 and 12 ATAR subjects, Essay Writing and Study Skills during the Summer Holidays (**16th Jan – 29th Jan 2020**) at Rossmoyne SHS and Churchlands SHS. Enrol online today at www.academicgroup.com.au or call 9314 9500 or email learn@academicgroup.com.au
- **January Year 7-10 Head Start Program with Academic Task Force** – Get your year off to a flying start with our Head Start Program. We are offering with six hour courses in NAPLAN Preparation, GATE and Scholarship Exam Preparation, English, Maths, Learning Skills and Essay Writing during the Summer Holidays (**16th Jan – 29th Jan 2020**) at Rossmoyne SHS and Churchlands SHS. Enrol online today at www.academicgroup.com.au or call 9314 9500 or email learn@academicgroup.com.au





KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

A reminder to families that our next Kindergarten Orientation for students entering Kindy in 2020 is this Friday, 15 November. It will be run in the Kindy Room in Block 1 and start at 1.00pm – we can't wait to see all our new little people.

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



SWIMMING LESSONS

Pre Primary to Year 2 students will be participating in In-term Swimming lessons during week 6 and 7 (Monday 18 November – Friday 28 November).

Permission forms have been sent out to the students last week. Please have all forms and money returned to the class teacher NO LATER than Friday, 15 November. The cost is \$26.00 per student if children do not have a pool pass.

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)

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The elections for the 2020 Primary Student Council will take place next week on Thursday 21 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.

Nomination forms need to be signed by parents before they are handed in to the classroom teacher.

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

NO HAT NO PLAY

Merredin College has a STRICT 'No Hat – No Play' policy. All children need a hat to participate in our play during breaks and physical education programs. Hats are available from the Uniform shop and the primary office for \$12.00.

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

Come to our FREE Triple P - Positive Parenting Program Seminar Series!

- Nov 22 Seminar One: The Power of Positive Parenting
- Nov 29 Seminar Two: Raising Confident Competent Children
- Dec 6 Seminar Three: Raising Resilient Children

Come to one or all of these 90 minute friendly information sessions. All parents and care givers with children aged between 2-8 years are invited to attend!

Time: 9.00am

Venue: Merredin College (Northern Staffroom – Primary Area)

Please RSVP to: Susan Coomber at Merredin College by 18th November 2019 on 90410900 or at susan.coomber@education.wa.edu.au. For further information contact Dianne Rogers at Eastern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service on 0417 657 978 or dianne.rogers@health.wa.gov.au.

Eastern Wheatbelt Early Years Network presents

Christmas Pool Party

2 DECEMBER | 9.30AM - 11.30AM | MERREDIN POOL

0 - 5 YEARS | FREE EVENT

Join us for a fun morning of water activities, yummy fruit salad and games as we celebrate the end of the year!

This event is a 'Sun-Smart' event.

Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

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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: **15 November** Noongar Girls Day Out
18 November-29 November Swimming Lessons Yr7 and PP-Yr2

TERM 4 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	18 *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2 *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 *Yr 5/6 Excursion
7	25 *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2 *Year 6-7 Transition Day	26 *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2 <i>YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm</i>	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
8	2 *Yr 9/10 DHS Try-A-Trade *Yr 10 Transition <i>P&C Meeting 3:15pm</i>	3 *Yr 9/10 Try-A-Trade *Yr 10 Transition *SEN Community	4 *Yr 9/10 Try-A-Trade *Yr 10 Transition <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	5 *Yr10 Water Polo P.2 <i>School Board Mtg 5.30pm</i>	6 *Thank a Volunteer Morning Tea *Yr10 Water Polo P.5 *Triple P Program 9-10.30am
9	9	10	11 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	12	13
10	16 *P-6 Glass of Class Luncheon (TBC)	17 *K-2 MerryDin 6-7.30pm	18 *Yr 7-9 Awards Afternoon <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i> *Yr3-6 MerryDin 6-7.30pm	19 Last Day for Students	20 School Development Day

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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Dice, Prayer 'n' Tea

Come along to **All Saints**
from **4.00pm on Sunday**
24th November 2019,

Play some 'old fashioned' board and card **games;**
Join the Service of **Evening Prayer @ 6pm;**
Then **Share** some **Tea.**

Although we would love you to join us for the whole time, come and go as you please.

*Becoming Christ-centred,
community focused,
embracing all.*

All Saints
Anglican Worshipping Community
78 Haig Rd Merredin WA 6415
Email: paradmin@westnet.com.au
FB: All Saints Merredin
Warden: - Su 0427 412 709

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.

December 2019 / January 2020

Combined Church Services

Sunday	29/12	10.00	Church of Christ 17 Throssell Road (cnr. Hunter Avenue)
Saturday	04/01	11.00	Seventh-Day Adventist Church 42 Kitchener Road
Sunday	12/01	10.30	St. Mary's Catholic Church cnr. South Avenue and Pioneer Road
Sunday	19/01	10.00	All Saints Anglican Church cnr. South Avenue and Haig Road
Sunday	26/01	09.00	Uniting Church 8 Fifth Street

TOGETHER IN CHRIST!



Merredin Churches Fraternal



MERREDIN Swim Club

ee 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

Contact
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