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Merredin College Weekly Community Update

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## Message from the Principal.....

### 2019 ARTS AND TECHNOLOGIES SHOWCASE

Next Wednesday 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.

### BOOKCLUB

Last bookclub for the year is due back NEXT TUESDAY 26 November 2019.

### YEAR 11 & 12 STUDENTS ON SCHOOL SITE

Now that Year 12 students have finished school and the Year 11 timetable is being suspended this Friday 22 November, these students are to be aware that if they wish to attend the school site for any reason, they **MUST** sign-in at the front office. Visiting other students at the College during the recess and lunch breaks is **NOT** permitted.

### 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 7 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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## SWIMMING LESSONS—YEAR 7

Swimming lessons are into their second week at the Merredin Pool (**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.

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

Friday 22 November (3.00pm) – Year 11 timetable suspended. This is the last timetabled 2019 school day for all Year 11 students.

## 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/cmtv/13507866/announcements?viewNotice=1850769510>

## 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](http://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](http://www.academicgroup.com.au) or call 9314 9500 or email [learn@academicgroup.com.au](mailto: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](http://www.academicgroup.com.au) or call 9314 9500 or email [learn@academicgroup.com.au](mailto:learn@academicgroup.com.au)

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

### 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>

### MAUD ZERVOS EDUCATION GRANTS—APPLY NOW FOR 2020

**Do you know a student in Year 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 this year whose parent or caregiver has lost a limb or uses a wheel chair?**

Alinea (formerly the Spine and Limb Foundation of WA) funds a number of generous grants each year for students in families where a parent/caregiver has permanent spinal or limb paralysis or limb loss. Imagine how much it could help families if they were to gain a grant.

Funding is \$750 per year for lower-secondary students and \$1 000 per year for upper-secondary students. Eligible families can receive funding of up to \$5 000 over their child's secondary schooling years.

For more information about grant eligibility and to access the online application form, go to the Department's Secondary Schooling Scholarships website [here](#) or do an online search using the search term: 'Secondary Schooling Scholarships'.

Applications for a Maud Zervos Education Grant close at 5.30pm on Thursday 12 December (Week 9).

Click here to - view the Notice >

If the link above does not work, try copying the link into the address bar of your browser.

<https://connect.det.wa.edu.au/redirect/cmt/13507866/announcements?viewNotice=1878110584>

## PRIMARY *link*



### YEAR 6 TO 7 TRANSITION

The Year 6 to 7 transition day will take place on Monday 25 November, commencing at 8:45am in the Library. Merredin College Yr 6 students are requested to make their own way to meet in the Library at 8.45am. Our Year 6 students are required to wear their current school uniform

The purpose of this day is to provide an introduction to senior school for students who will be making the transition from primary to secondary, and to develop a relationship between staff and students before they commence in 2020. The day will consist of an introduction and outline of a day in the life of a Merredin College high school student during Period 1. This session will focus on addressing any concerns or questions that students may have, such as timetabling and filling out canteen forms. Periods 2 through to 4 will see students rotating through a number of classes that Merredin College offers such as Art, Drama, Home Economics, P.E and Dance. Recess and lunch breaks will be accommodated during this time. The last period of the day will see students participate in group team building and resilience activities to get to know each other and their future teachers better. Parents are invited to attend an after school session to present any concerns or questions to staff as well as a brief tour of the secondary school. Students are encouraged to bring a willingness to participate and enthusiastic attitude to get the most out of this day! We look forward to meeting our 2020 Year 7 cohort.

Parents are invited to Merredin College from 3.00pm for afternoon tea, tour of the College facilities and any questions and with Mr Ritchie and Mr Baltovich. The P&C Uniform shop will be open from 2.30-4.00pm.

**For enquiries contact Mr Matt Baltovich (Year Coordinator)**

### KINDY ORIENTATION

A reminder to families that our final Kindergarten Orientation for students entering Kindy in 2020 is on tomorrow, Friday 22 November. It will be run in the Kindy Room in Block 1 and start at 1.00pm – we will be talking about class allocations, providing information bags and giving information on our Digital Portfolios.

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

**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.

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



## School-aged Health Service Review PARENTS – HAVE YOUR SAY!

We need up to 12 parents to join in a group discussion about

- School health services
- Health issues that young people are facing
- Where you find out health information

This will help us to make changes that are important to your family!

WA Country Health Services has already looked at current school health services in WA, and come up with some ideas make it better.

Before we make changes we want to see if your ideas match what we are thinking. We need your help to make sure we get it right.

**Where:** Merredin College Board Room

**When:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December

**Time:** 2.00-3.00pm - Afternoon Tea Provided

**RSVP:** Please include name and contact number via email to:

[Jennifer.Snook@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:Jennifer.Snook@health.wa.gov.au)



MERREDIN CHURCHES FRATERNAL

# CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Front Lawn  
Merredin Visitors Centre

Bring the whole family and your best singing voices

Come Early and bring a picnic rug, picnic tea, drinks and nibbles

**SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER  
7 PM 2019**



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.



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## December 2019 / January 2020 Combined Church Services

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

**TOGETHER IN CHRIST!**



**Merredin Churches Fraternal**



## 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)

**Save the Date:** **25 November** Yr 6-7 Transition Day  
**25 November-29 November** Swimming Lessons Yr7 and PP-Yr2  
**27 November** Yr 7-10 Arts & TE Night 6-8pm

## TERM 4 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	<b>18</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2 *Yr11 VET ADWPL Review	<b>19</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2	<b>20</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>21</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2	<b>22</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2 *Last day Yr 11s *Kindy Readiness 1-3pm *Triple P Program 9-10.30am *Yr 5/6 Excursion
7	<b>25</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2 *Year 6-7 Transition Day	<b>26</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2  YouthCare Mtg 5.30pm	<b>27</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i> *Yr7-10 Arts & TE Night	<b>28</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2 *Choir-Moorditj Mia	<b>29</b> *Swim Lessons Yr7&PP-2 *Kindy Readiness 1-3pm *Triple P Program 9-10.30am
8	<b>2</b> *Yr 9/10 DHS Try-A-Trade *Yr 10 Transition  P&C Meeting 3:15pm	<b>3</b> *Yr 9/10 Try-A-Trade *Yr 10 Transition *SEN Community	<b>4</b> *Yr 9/10 Try-A-Trade *Yr 10 Transition  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>5</b> *Yr10 Water Polo P.2  School Board Mtg 5.30pm	<b>6</b> *Thank a Volunteer Morning Tea *Yr10 Water Polo P.5 *Triple P Program 9-10.30am
9	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> *Choir-Morning Melodies
10	<b>16</b> *P-6 Glass of Class Luncheon (TBC)	<b>17</b>  *K-2 MerryDin 6-7.30pm	<b>18</b> *Yr 7-10 Awards Afternoon <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i> *Yr3-6 MerryDin 6-7.30pm	<b>19</b> Last Day for Students	<b>20</b> School Development Day



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**COURSE INFO**

**VENUE:** Norrbam Olympic Swimming Pool  
Mitchelle Avenue, Norrbam

**DATE & TIME:** 7 & 8 Dec 2019 8:30am - 5:30pm

**COST:** \$385.00

For more information please contact:  
 AUSTSWIM WA Business Centre  
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 EMAIL [wa@austswim.com.au](mailto:wa@austswim.com.au)

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**Dice, Prayer 'n' Tea**

Come along to **All Saints**  
from **4.00pm on Sunday**  
**24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

Sorry, **NO** unaccompanied children without prior arrangement.

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

**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 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 on 90410900 or at [susan.coomber@education.wa.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto:dianne.rogers@health.wa.gov.au).

# 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

Contact  
FB @merredinwimclub  
[merredinwimclub@gmail.com](mailto:merredinwimclub@gmail.com)

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**