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Merredin College Weekly Community Update

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Message from the Principal.....

YEAR 6 TRANSITION

It was extremely pleasing to see the 55 Year 6 students from various schools across the region enjoy the various activities during our transition day earlier this week. We are looking forward to seeing them at Merredin College as Year 7 students in 2020.

ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE

Congratulations to everyone involved in our very successful spectacular showcase last night. It was a great opportunity for several hundred people to see the wonderful work that our students produce in Dance, Design and Technology (Woodwork and Metalwork), Drama, Home Economics, information Technology and Visual Arts.

TRY-A-TRADE

Over 30 Year 9 & 10 students from District High Schools across the Eastern Wheatbelt will participate in a three day 'Try and Trade' program at our Trade Training Centre next week. I would like to thank the Merredin Residential College who will be hosting 27 of these students.

INSTAGRAM

To promote the importance of what our library provides we are launching a library Instagram account at merredin_college_library. Instagram is a versatile way of promoting all aspects of library life. It uses photos and posts that can be uploaded quickly and have maximum impact – followers don't need to think too deeply to become connected with the subject matter. It can be used, among other things, to promote the collection, the space, the staff, events, the services provided by our library.

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 8 Term 4 (next week) are:

PRIMARY

We are CARING in the Community

WE ARE CARING BY WORKING TOGETHER AND ALLOWING OTHERS TO FEEL SAFE AND HAPPY AT SCHOOL

SECONDARY

We are CARING in the Office and Student Services

WE ARE CARING BY BEING CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS AND THEIR PRIVACY

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

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YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS ON SCHOOL SITE

Now that the Year 11 and 12 students have finished school for the year, 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.

HAND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

It is an infectious disease spread by airborne or droplets (coughing, sneezing ect) and symptoms include fever, and blisters on the hand, feet or mouth. There have been some isolated cases of hand foot and mouth disease in our school confirmed by the Doctors. Infected children need to remain away from school as long as fluid remains in the blisters once crusted over they may return. Children that come into contact do not need to be excluded from school unless symptoms above appear. Unfortunately there is no vaccine available and you can get it more than once. Remember to maintain good hand washing practises to reduce the transmission.

School Health Nurse- Rebecca Waye

SECONDARY *Link*

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.

- **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

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>

WESPAC YOUNG TECHNOLOGIES SCHOLARSHIP

Think you got what it takes to change to world? Here's your chance.

The Wespac Young Technologist Scholarship is an undergraduate scholarship designed specifically for high school graduates who are passionate about technology and eager to explore its potential for good.

You will receive \$15,000 over three years to really inspire your thinking.

[Find Out More](#)

PRIMARY *link*

KINDY ORIENTATION

A reminder to families that our final Kindergarten Orientation for students entering Kindy in 2020 is tomorrow Friday, 29 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.

Parents are welcome to attend the 2nd session of Triple P in the morning from 9.00am with childcare available – see attached flyer.

Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (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)

MERRYDIN

Our end of year concerts, 'MerryDin' will be held in the Merredin College Gymnasium again this year as our community attending the concert has outgrown the other facilities in town. Students are busy rehearsing their performances and notes are starting to go out from classroom teachers about costumes that may need to come in from home. If you know your child won't be attending the concert, can you please ensure their classroom teacher is aware so arrangements can be made to alter choreography/speaking parts if necessary.

K-2 MerryDin: Tuesday 17 December, commencing at 6.00pm

Yr 3-6 MerryDin: Wednesday 18 December, commencing at 6.00pm

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

HAVE YOU LOST.....

This term we have collected a large amount of lost property. This includes clothing and lunch containers. If you are missing any items, please call in to the primary office and take a look.

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

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Teachers are in the process of finalising reports at the moment and we expect them to be emailed out or sent home with students on Friday 13 December.

Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (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 3rd 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



COMMUNITY | COMPASSION | QUALITY | INTEGRITY | EQUITY | CURIOSITY

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

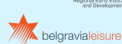
0 - 5 YEARS | FREE EVENT

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.



PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY



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



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

TERM 4 PLANNER:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	2 *Yr 9/10 DHS Try-A-Trade *Yr 10 Transition P&C Meeting 3:15pm	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 School Board Mtg 5.30pm	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 *Choir-Morning Melodies
10	16 *P-6 Glass of Class Luncheon (TBC)	17 *K-2 MerryDin 6-7.30pm	18 *Yr 7-10 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 is proud to present

2019 MerryDin

2019 School Concert and Awards Presentation evenings for Primary students and their families.

Kindy - Year 2
to be held on
Tuesday 17 December
"Fairytale Theme"

and

Years 3 - 6
to be held on
Wednesday 18 December
"Cinderella & Rockerfella"

In the Merredin College Gym from 6.00 - 7.30pm

There will be an Art Gallery display on both evenings!!

Merredin College

2019 Yearbooks

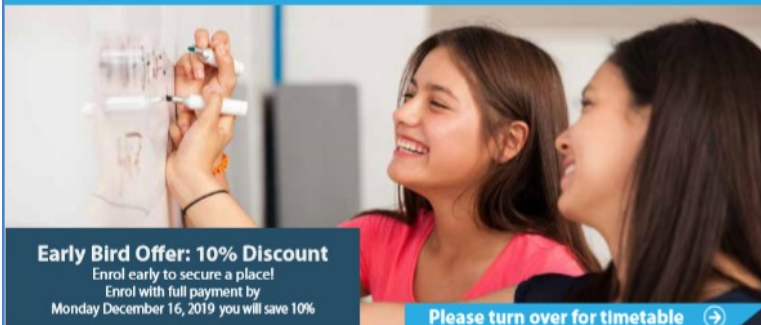
Its not too late to order a copy of this years Combined Harvest!

If you would still like to purchase a copy you can make payment at the Front Office by Friday, 6 December 2019

\$30ea

**2020 January School Holidays
ATAR Head Start Program
For Years 11 and 12**

**ACADEMIC
TASK FORCE**
Achieve Success at School



Early Bird Offer: 10% Discount
Enrol early to secure a place!
Enrol with full payment by
Monday December 16, 2019 you will save 10%

Please turn over for timetable

January Head Start Program

Each ATAR course is 6 hours per subject over 2 days.

With our proven ATAR Head Start courses you will:

- ▶ Gain an overview of the syllabus for your courses of study
- ▶ Receive expert teaching from ATAR specialists
- ▶ Preview important concepts
- ▶ Build confidence and get an academic boost for the year ahead
- ▶ Receive an excellent refresher for students who commenced the new year's work in Term 4

Maximise your preparation with:

- ▶ **STUDY SKILLS:** Learn effective study methods, time management, goal setting, reading strategies and stress management techniques.
- ▶ **ESSAY WRITING:** Learn how to write great essays using a structure that you can adapt to any subject.

Only \$200 for a 6 hour course.



Start the new school year with confidence



Boost your results.
Since 1986 ACADEMIC TASK FORCE has helped over 100,000 students boost their academic results.



Experienced teachers.
We have a team of highly qualified, experienced teachers to help you boost your school performance.



Get a huge head start to Year 11 & 12.
Work through course materials in advance of school, in an interesting, time effective, step-by-step manner.



Results driven.
In 2018, ACADEMIC TASK FORCE students who used our services achieved: 20 General Exhibitions, 10 Subject Exhibitions, 92 Certificates of Excellence and 421 Certificates of Distinction.

Academic Associates and Academic Task Force are part of the Academic Group

Enrol online:
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Call : 9314 9500
learn@academicgroup.com.au

Enrol in the 2020 ATAR Head Start Program

January School Holidays - 6 hrs/subject - 3 hrs each day over 2 consecutive days

CHURCHLANDS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday 16 & Friday 17 January 2020

Morning Session (9.00am - 12noon)
Writing - Yr 11 □ Study Skills - Yr 11
Writing - Yr 12 □ Study Skills - Yr 12

Afternoon Session (12.30pm - 3.30pm)
Essay Writing - Yr 11 □ Study Skills - Yr 11
Essay Writing - Yr 12 □ Study Skills - Yr 12

Monday 20 & Tuesday 21 January 2020

Morning Session (9.00am - 12noon)
History - Yr 11 □ Maths Methods - Yr 11
History - Yr 12 □ Maths Methods - Yr 12
Maths - Yr 11 □ Maths Specialist - Yr 11
Maths - Yr 12 □ Physics - Yr 12
Psychology - Yr 12

Afternoon Session (12.30pm - 3.30pm)
Biology - Yr 12 □ Maths Applications - Yr 12
Chemistry - Yr 12 □ Maths Applications - Yr 12
Human Biology - Yr 12 □ Maths Methods - Yr 12
Literature - Yr 11 □ Physics - Yr 11
Literature - Yr 12 □ Physics - Yr 12

Wednesday 22 & Thursday 23 January 2020

Morning Session (9.00am - 12noon)
Accounting & Finance - Yr 12
Economics - Yr 12
Human Biology - Yr 11
Maths Applications - Yr 12
Maths Methods - Yr 12
Modern History - Yr 12
Physics - Yr 11

Afternoon Session (12.30pm - 3.30pm)
Accounting & Finance - Yr 12
Chemistry - Yr 11
Economics - Yr 11
English - Yr 12
Human Biology - Yr 12
Maths Methods - Yr 12
Maths Specialist - Yr 12
Politics and Law - Yr 11
Psychology - Yr 11

Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 January 2020

Morning Session (9.00am - 12noon)
Writing - Yr 11 □ Essay Writing - Yr 12

Afternoon Session (12.30pm - 3.30pm)
Study Skills - Yr 11 □ Study Skills - Yr 12

ROSSMOYNE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday 16 & Friday 17 January 2020

Morning Session (9.00am - 12noon)
Writing - Yr 11 □ Study Skills - Yr 11
Writing - Yr 12 □ Study Skills - Yr 12

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Enrolment Terms and Conditions: Please see our website for our policy on payments and refunds. Other subjects and times may become available, classes may be cancelled or changed depending on demand. See website for any changes.

Enrol online: www.academicgroup.com.au

1. Go to Our Programs - Year 11 & 12
2. Click on Holiday Programs
3. Select the Enrol Today button

Cost of course:

\$200 per 6 hour course

\$780 for 4 course

\$950 for 5 courses

\$1100 for 6 courses

Early Bird Offer: 10% discount

Enrol early to secure a place! Enrol with full payment by Monday December 16, 2019 and you will save 10%

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Call : 9314
learn@academicgroup.com.au

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.

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The Musical JR.

Book by
**THOMAS MEEHAN and
BOB MARTIN**

Music by
MATHEW SKLAR

Lyrics by
CHAD BEGUELIN

Based on the New Line Cinema Film
written by David Berenbaum

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

Directed by
Katherine Freund

Shows: 21st Dec @ 7pm & 22nd Dec @ 2pm

Adult: \$18, Concession: \$12, Family - 2A, 2C: \$50

A story about Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father.

Book Online at www.cumminstheatre.com.au or in person at the Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre