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Merredin College Weekly Community Update

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Message from the Principal.....

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2019 CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES?

As a school we rely on parents and carers to pay any outstanding 2019 Contributions and Charges so that we can continue to provide quality learning experiences for children. Our current outstanding accounts could pay for another teacher, programs such as Reading Eggs and Mathletics or sporting equipment. Please pay any outstanding accounts as soon as possible as we are currently finalising our budget for 2020.

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. If you have assisted our College in any way in 2019, you are invited to a 'Thank a Volunteer' morning tea on tomorrow, 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.

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.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank and acknowledge the Collgar Community Fund for their generous support of our Protective Behaviours seminars in Cyber Safety and Sexual Abuse Awareness during 2019. This vital information will again be presented during Semester One 2020 to all students.

2020 CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Information regarding 2020 Contributions and Charges for Merredin College were sent to parents this 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)

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 9 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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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 in nature, the school relies on parent contributions also 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.

The poster features the Nextra Merredin logo at the top, with the text 'Booklists will be Distributed Soon'. Below this, it says '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**'. There are two main promotional graphics: one for a 'FUNDRAISER' titled 'Shop Local @ Nextra' which encourages spending \$50 or more on booklists to raise \$5 for the school; and another for a 'GIVE AWAY' titled 'Smart TV' where every individual booklist goes into a draw to win a Smart TV. The poster also mentions 'Proudly Supporting Local Organisations' and provides the address '100 Barrack Street, Merredin WA 6415' along with social media icons for Facebook and Instagram.

SECONDARY *Link*

YEAR 7 TO 10 HIGHEST ACHIEVERS ASSEMBLY

The Year 7 to 10 Awards Ceremony is to be held on Wednesday 18 December, at 1.15 to 2.15pm in the Gymnasium. All Welcome. Parents are reminded not to park in the bus zone at the front of the school.

CAREER NEWS

I would like to remind you of Merredin College's Career hub you will find the link on Merredin College webpage in the Careers section or just follow this link:

<https://merredin-college.goodcareers.com.au/>

The Study Information, and Course Search sections would be useful for Year 11 students thinking of going to university and the Career Ladders, Career Quiz and Fields of Study sections would be useful to any student not sure yet which career they would like to follow. There is also a link to search the Australian Apprenticeships pathway website for those interested in an apprenticeship plus lots more. Also don't forget to check out Bev Johnson's monthly 'In Focus Career' newsletter it has lots of useful information and great links to follow. You can also find the link on our website in the Careers section.

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fs%2Fw3x2wmdtIrszwx4%2FIn%2520Focus%2520Careers%2520November%2520Issue%25202019.docx%3Fdl%3D0&data=02%7C01%7Ctracey.Sutherland%40education.wa.edu.au%7Ce08e8659f98643d5b62908d758dd0aa3%7Ce08016f9d1fd4cbb83b0b76eb4361627%7C0%7C1%7C637075578704271819&sdata=nwNpe%2BvwoZyb6AXsz%2FzIEpf6h%2FjgpHc1IBu9M7ZrT%2BM%3D&reserved=0>

YEAR 11 STUDENTS IN THE WORKPLACE

This year we have placed 50 students with 43 different employers, Term 4 has been a busy time, 25 Year 11 students experienced 3 weeks in the workplace in an industry related to their VET Certificate Course. We had students travel as far away as Perth, while most stayed closer to home. Year 11 Work Placement is not only a great opportunity to pick up new skills but also about 'networking' making contacts in the industry.

Employers often use Work Placement as an opportunity to 'trial' a student when they are looking for an apprentice or part time worker. This time around, one student gained part time work and two employers have shown an interest in offering an apprenticeship once students has completed Year 12.

Well done and congratulations to all who participated, generally employers were impressed with the attitude and skills of the Year 11 students.

Merredin College would like to thank all the businesses who gave so generously of their time and knowledge.

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

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.

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>

PRIMARY *link*

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, 6.00pm

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

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)

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)

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)

Do you have ideas to improve School-aged Health Services?

Have your say about Health Services for your high school children! What day, time or place suits you??

This is a great opportunity for you to have a say in the big things that matter for you and your children in regional WA. Can you get 2 or 3 others to join you, or would you prefer a phone call – just one on one?

We want to have a discussion with you about-

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

Time: What time suits you?

Where: Where is a place that suits you?

When: Before the end of Term 4 2019

RSVP: Jenni Snook, Health Promotion Officer
Eastern Wheatbelt Primary Health Service
Jennifer.Snook@health.wa.gov.au
... or call me on 08 9081 3222



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

CUMMINS THEATRE

A great family show, featuring students from Bel Canto Performing Arts in Perth and Merredin.

Elf JR.

The Musical

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 (Australasia).
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

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

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.

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
9	9	10	11 <i>Early Close 2.30pm</i>	12	13 *Choir-Morning Melodies
10	16 *P-6 Glass of Class Lunch-eon (TBC)	17 *K-2 MerryDin 6-7.30pm	18 *Yr 7-10 Awards After-noon <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**
"Fairytail 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!!

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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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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