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Message from Principal.....

DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE

As I move around the college I continue to be impressed by the genuine friendliness of the students and the way they have welcomed me as their new principal. Week two is almost over and I can honestly say that the start of the year has been a good one. Big thanks to parents for supporting our push to get all students wearing the school uniform and having pride in the college. Staff continue to go above and beyond to prepare and welcome students to class every day. I can see a positive year ahead.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

I hope most of you will be able to pop in to say hello to your children's teachers and participate positively in parent information sessions. A number of important information sessions will be run across the college over the coming weeks.

THANK YOU TO FAMILIES FOR PAYING YOUR FEES

It has been really appreciated seeing college fees being paid for the start of the college year. Don't forget you can create fortnightly payments to help spread the cost over the college year particularly if you know of camps coming up and if you have a Health Care/Pension/Veteran's card you can apply for the fees subsidy for students in Year 7-12.

ATTENDANCE

As a college we are looking at ways to help improve our regular attendance of students. It's interesting to see the table below which looks at the impact over time of regular absences. I hope we can work together to help highlight the importance of regular attendance.

EVERY DAY COUNTS FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

If your child misses...	that equals...	or...	From Kindy to year 12 that adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until:	Attendance rate
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	nearly 1 ½ years	part-way through year 11	90%
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	over 2 ½ years	part-way through year 10	80%
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	over 5 years	the end of year 7	60%
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	nearly 8 years	the end of year 4	40%

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME (SAS)

If you have a Healthcare Card you are eligible for \$350 assistance towards your secondary child's school expenses. Funds can be paid directly to the school with the option of allocating \$115 towards school uniforms. Applications are available from the front office.

CONSENT TO GO

This year we will be implementing 'Consent to Go' - an online permissions and student information update program. It is imperative that you provide the school with your most up to date contact mobile number and email address. Please contact the office 90410900 or <http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/> with any contact amendments.

YEAR 12 LEAVERS JUMPERS

Orders and payment are due TODAY!!

ORIGO MATHS WORKBOOK

Student booklists for 2020 included a student workbook for Mathematics, 'Stepping Stones Student Journal. This book is an integral part of all student's numeracy learning program in Pre-primary to Year 6 and an absolute necessity. These books are available from Nextra Newsagency in town. Please contact me if you are having difficulty with the purchase of the book so we can make arrangements or payment plans.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Interm swimming lessons for year 3-6 students have been **postponed until term 4** due to a lack of instructors. All money paid to the school will be held in your child's account until Term 4 and hopefully more instructors will become available to us. If you have any concerns about this please go to the main office and see Janelle Lane or Sandi Lee in the front office

Thank you for your understanding.

IMPORTANT DATES:

14 Feb	Year 7 Big Day Out
17-28 Feb	Swimming Lessons Year 3-6
19-20 Feb	Camp Kulin (Secondary)
24 Feb	P&C Meeting (AGM) 6pm
25 Feb	ATAR Info Night 5.30pm
28 Feb	Tennis Classic Comp Secondary Assembly
2 March	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
5 March	Primary Assembly
6 March	Swimming Carnival (Yr3-12)
8 March	Beach Volleyball Cup (Year 11/12)
13 March	EASA Interschool Swimming Carnival
16 March	Primary Interschool Swimming
17 March	Secondary Parent Afternoon
23-25 March	School Photos
24 March	Year 8 Solar Car Challenge

USEFUL LINKS:

Uniform Shop:

<http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/uniform/>

Canteen Menu:

<http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Copy-of-2020-Canteen-Menu.pdf>

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UNIFORM SHOP HOURS:

Tuesdays - 9am-12pm

Thursdays 11am-2pm

CLASS MEETINGS

2020



Kindy	Monday 17 February @ 5pm
K/PP	Monday 17 February @ 3pm
	Friday 21 February @ 2.40pm
PP/1	Tuesday 18 February @ 2.30pm
Year 2	Tuesday 18 February @ 3pm
Year 3	Tuesday 18 February @ 3pm
Year 3/4	Thursday 13 February @ 3pm
Year 4/5	Monday 17 February @ 5pm
Year 5/6	Monday 17 February @ 3pm

NB// The Year1/2 class and Year 6 class have already held their class meetings

