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Message from Principal.....

Over the last 4 weeks it has become very clear to me that Merredin College has a large and dedicated group of people working at the school - teaching staff, office staff, education assistants, cleaners, school psychologist, chaplains, volunteers and P&C committee members. It is what this group of people do in the rooms and around the school every single day that makes magic happen in our school's teaching and learning community. Working in education is tough not because it matters, but because it matters every day. When visiting the college please take the time to say hello as we aim to be the best we can be in everything we do.

SCHOOL BOARD

The first School Board meeting for the year will occur tonight, Thursday 27 February at 5.30pm in the boardroom.

P&C AGM - 24 February, 6.00pm

All parents and carers are strongly encouraged to attend the AGM of the P&C on Monday 24 February at 6.00 pm in the library. All positions are vacant. Without the P&C, we would not be able to run the canteen or the uniform shop. Extra funds provided by the P&C for activities like the Choir Camp are considered essential. Please joining this important committee.

ATTENDANCE

To ensure that students are able to 'strive for success' it is very important that they attend school regularly. We have made a good start so far this year with attendance although the year 10 & 11 cohorts have slipped below 90%. If your child is unable to attend school, please let us know. To remain in 'Good Standing' students must have an attendance of more than 90% to be able to participate in various extra curricula activities throughout the year.

CROSSING WOOLGAR AVENUE AFTER SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP

Students who need to cross Woolgar Avenue after school must go to either end of the bus bays to do so. (Opposite the driveway alongside the basketball courts or at the intersection with Cunningham Street). It is very risky to cross by cutting through the buses. Cars coming up Woolgar Avenue cannot see them until the last moment. If students are picked up by a family member, please collect them from Cunningham Street where there is plenty of parking and less danger to students.

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.

OLNA TESTING FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

OLNA testing starts Monday 9 March 2020 (Week 6) with Writing and the following Monday 16 March 2020 (Week 7) with Reading, then concluding on Monday 23 March 2020 (Week 8) with Numeracy. These tests are very important to pass, as it is a requirement for the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). Failure to pass these tests by the end of Year 12 will mean that a student will not achieve their WACE.

Students who are required to sit the OLNA have been notified and they have also been given access to a web based program called OLNA Support, which provides students with opportunities to practise for the upcoming

test. <https://olna.com.au/> This resource is highly recommended for student to use. Students have two chances per year to pass their OLNA with the second opportunity in September.

VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM (Year 7-9)

Volleyball season has begun!

Tryouts for new positions in the Merredin College Volleyball Program are opening to students in Years 7-9. The tryouts will run weekly in the gym until selections are made.

- **Year 7 Boys and Year 7 Girls** tryouts held on Thursday's 7:15am-8:30am. Commencing Week 4, Thursday 27th February.
- **Year 8 Boys** tryouts will be held Mondays 3.00-4.15pm and Wednesdays 3.30-4.45pm. Commenced this week - Monday 17 February.
- **Year 8 and 9 Girls** tryouts will be held on Tuesday's 4.15-5.30pm and Friday's 7.15-8.30am. Commencing Week 4 - Tuesday 25 February.
- **Year 9 Boys** tryouts will be held on Tuesdays 3.00-4.15pm. Commenced this week - Tuesday 18 February.

Further details have been handed out to students at school and more are available from the PE department.

ORIGO MATHS WORKBOOK (PP-Year 6)

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 Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal), if you are having difficulty with the purchase of the book so we can make arrangements or payment plans.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly will be hosted by the Year 1/2 and Year 2 classes and will be on Thursday 5 March at 9am in the primary covered assembly area. We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate our students achievements. The Year 1/2 and Year 2 class will open for parent visits for the hour following the assembly. Parents of students in these classes are welcome to join the class and see what the children have been working on so far this term. A small morning tea will be provided.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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
27 March	Tennis Classic Finals
30 March	Year 11/12 Outdoor Ed Camp
2 April	Primary Assembly
9 April	ANZAC Commemoration Ceremonies
	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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

