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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



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## Message from Principal.....

Last week we completed the annual census and I am happy to report that the school has commenced with a full complement of teachers and 553 students.

The following correspondence was received from Lisa Rodgers, Director General Education:

Dear Leigh

*The release of the Department's strategic directions in December 2019 signalled a commitment to providing every student with a pathway to a successful future. In our analysis of the 2019 senior secondary data, it has been identified that Merredin College has had a significant positive impact on Year 12 student progress and success through secondary education. It is evident that it is the motivation, commitment and capability of your staff that has provided the foundation for this success. Together you have provided the education that ensures your students are best placed for post-school opportunities and a meaningful future. Please pass my thanks and acknowledgement to the team at Merredin College. Their work does not go unnoticed and is appreciated.*

Lisa Rodgers

Director General

Throughout the year the following work at the college will be completed:

**Student Services:** upgrade to area including glazing and paint

**Science Room (room 25):** complete upgrade

**Design & Technology (room 7):** complete upgrade

**Secondary Ablutions:** complete upgrade including gym change rooms

**Gym Floor:** complete upgrade

## 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 OLNAs have been notified and they have also been given access to a web based program called OLNAs 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 OLNAs with the second opportunity in September.

## IN FOCUS CAREERS NEWSLETTER-SECONDARY

Please see link below for March newsletter:

<http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/March-2020.pdf>

## 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 Ms Herbert if you are having difficulty with the purchase of the book so we can make arrangements or payment plans.

## 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.

## BUS NOTIFICATION

Parents are reminded that they need to let the school and bus drivers know if there are any changes for the afternoon bus service.

## HAIR

We have had a number of students attending school without their hair tied back. Head lice can be a serious issue in primary schools and it is important that children with hair past the shoulder have their hair tied back.

## SWIMMING TRIALS

Due to the cancellation of swimming lessons at the start of 2020 we are planning on running an afternoon of swimming trials next Wednesday for students who have nominated for races at the swimming carnival next week but we are unsure of their swimming level. Permissions forms will be distributed via Consent2Go.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

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
27 April	ANZAC Day
28 April	Term 2 commences
4-6 April	Bibbulmun Trek (Girls)
5 April	Year 7-9 Uni Info Evening
9 April	School Ball

## USEFUL LINKS:

### Uniform Shop:

<http://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020-ORDER-FORM-T1.pdf>

### Canteen Menu:

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

### Latest News

[www.merredincollege.wa.edu.au](http://www.merredincollege.wa.edu.au)

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS:

Tuesdays - 9am-12pm

Thursdays 11am-2pm

