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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



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STAFFING

We would like to welcome new teacher, Mr Ross Woolf, who joined the secondary Mathematics Department at the beginning of the term.

STUDENT PICK UP - PRIMARY

We have had two near misses this term at afternoon pick-up on Throssell Road, with parents parking for pick-up and students having to cross the road to get to the car. We would like to ask parents collecting their children from their actual classrooms to try and use the opposite side of the road to park. This leaves the pull-in parking alongside school site available to parents doing just a 'pick-up' and also minimises the amount of students crossing the road without an adult. Parents are also reminded there is the pull in 'kiss and drop' parking to use for this purpose.

This is a very high traffic time and we are currently talking to the shire about solutions to ensure the safety of our students.

YEAR 10 COURSE SELECTION PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Reminder to Year 10 parents that the information evening for Year 11 course selections is being held on Tuesday 11 August at 5.30pm in the library or via Webex. Invitations have been sent out through Consent2Go, however we have not received many RSVP's - could you please check your emails and send a response as soon as possible.

Webex Link: <https://educationwa.webex.com/educationwa/j.php?MTID=meb81543a227f6f2407c4afee95dfef95>

CYBER SAFETY TALK

Next Tuesday, Paul Litherland from Surf Online Safe will be at school delivering online cyber safety seminars for our years 5-10 students. Paul is very highly regarded as a leading speaker on this subject with a previous career in policing technology crimes. If you are wanting to attend the parent community information session being held on Wednesday 12 August at 7pm in the St Mary's School Hall, please send RSVP to Jarrad.Ritchie@education.wa.edu.au by Tuesday 11 August.

You can read more about Paul and his presentations at <https://www.surfonlinesafe.com.au/>.

OLNA TESTING

Year 9 OLNA testing will commence from next week and will take place on the following dates:

Monday 10 August - Writing

Wednesday 19 August - English

Monday 24 August - Numeracy

P&C RAFFLE - NISSAN QASHQAI

Tickets can be purchased from both primary and secondary offices, or if you would like a book to sell you can collect from Justine Low in Block 1. Tickets are \$50 each.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO VACCINATE

Did you know that the FREE School Aged Flu Vaccination is available at Child Health?

This vaccination is available for primary school aged children (Kindy-Year 6) and is free of charge!

For more information please contact Merredin Child Health on 9081 3222 or your local GP to find out how you can book your child in to receive their FREE flu vaccination.

PERMIT# LS214955820
PERMIT HOLDER: Justine Low - 0407340005

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P&C PRESENTS

2020 CAR RAFFLE

Drawn 17th December at Merredin Gala Night

\$50 PER TICKET

Visit Merredin College P&C Facebook page to find tickets

Your support allows improved resources for students throughout our school!



PRIMARY SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is BACK ON! It will be held on Wednesday morning's in Block 1.

BOOK WEEK (21-25 SEPTEMBER)

Get ready..... Book Week will be held in the last week of this term with a family read-a-long after assembly on Thursday 24 September. Book Week dress-up will be on Friday 25 September. The theme this year is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'.

2020 SCHOOL PHOTOS INFORMATION (10-12 AUGUST 2020)

Please see below for schedule for this year's school photos. Please ensure that your child comes to school on these days in appropriate school uniform - **BLUE POLO SHIRTS FOR BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY**

Monday 10 August 2020

- Family Photos (Surnames A-H) in Secondary Undercover Area from 8.20-8.45am
- Kindy to Year 6 and Year 10 student photos.

Tuesday 11 August 2020

- Family Photos (Surnames I-N) in Secondary Undercover Area from 8.20-8.45am
- Year 7, 8, 9 and 12 student photos, and the Primary Choir group photo.

Wednesday 12 August 2020

- Family Photos (Surnames O-Z) in Secondary Undercover Area from 8.20-8.45am
- Year 11 student photos, Primary and Secondary School Leader Groups. (SCHOOL LEADER PHOTOS: Year 12 Councillors - Formal Uniform, Primary and Year 7-11 Leaders - Blue Polo Shirts, Faction Leaders - Faction Shirts)

Class Photos/Portraits:

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.
- The school has chosen to use the online ordering system. Your child will be given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student shootkey.
- Log onto www.msp.com.au and follow the prompts to place your order.
- If you lose your shootkey the school reception will have a copy to quote back to you.
- The expiry date for online ordering is the **19 August 2020**. Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30 archive fee. You can email your order request through to reorders.perth@msp.com.au or call our office on 08 9240 8000.

Family Photos:

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration.
- Family photos are taken each morning before school.
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the Photographers on photo day.
- Family photos **cannot** be ordered online.
- Once school has received photos, family photos will remain at reception for parents to collect.

Photo orders placed prior to change of date are still valid and will be honoured.

1 or 2 days a week may not seem like a lot but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 Weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years!	<div> <div>Your Child</div> <div>Other Children</div> </div>
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 Weeks per year	Over 2.5 years!	<div> <div>Your Child</div> <div>Other Children</div> </div>
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years!	<div> <div>Your Child</div> <div>Other Children</div> </div>
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years!	<div> <div>Your Child</div> <div>Other Children</div> </div>

IMPORTANT DATES:

10-12 Aug School Photos

- 11 Aug** Year 10 Course Selection Night
Paul Litherland Cyber Safety
- 17 Aug** School Development Day
(Pupil Free Day)
- 20 Aug** Primary Assembly
Year 7-10 Netball Cup
- 21 Aug** Meckering Cross Country
- 21-22 Aug** Year 11/12 Schools Cup
- 26 Aug** Primary Jumps and Throws
- 28 Aug** Primary Athletics Carnival
AFL Kalgoorlie/Boulder Carnival
- 8 Sept** Secondary Athletics Carnival

P&C Meeting this Monday 10 August at 6pm in the Southern Staffroom!!

Everybody Welcome!!

KindiLink

Tuesdays and Fridays

9am - 12noon

DETECT-SCHOOLS

Understanding COVID-19 risk and impact in Western Australian schools

As at 31 July 2020

CORONAVIRUS TESTING:

6,654
SWABS TAKEN

CASES DETECTED:

0

SCHOOLS SWABBED:

28
METRO

12
REGIONAL

WELLBEING SURVEY:

79 SCHOOLS
22,338 STUDENTS
4,410 PARENTS/STAFF

