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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



Message from the Principal.....

Hello Merredin College Family

Positive Behaviour in Schools Professional Learning Monday 17 August (Pupil Free Day)

Implementation of PBS (Positive Behaviour Support) continues across Merredin College in 2020. Explicit teaching of positive and appropriate behaviours has become embedded in our classroom practice. All staff will be involved in Tier 3 training this Monday.

Two concurrent sessions on the day:

Group A: PBIS Leadership Team members

Tier 1: Systems to support staff in effective responses to behaviour errors (managed in classroom).

Tier 3: Tier 3 practices and how to embed systems to support teaching.

Group B: Whole school staff

Focus: Effective Classroom Practices for preventing and responding to behaviour errors.

Content areas:

- How do we learn to behave (tells, show, practice, feedback)
- Inefficacy of punishment.
- Preventing behaviour errors with pre-correction, teaching, positive feedback.
- Responding to behaviour errors in an educative, effective way.

Aboriginal Education Group

Merredin College Staff and community members have formed an Aboriginal Education Group to collaborate on investigating and implementing new initiatives to improve the learning outcomes of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The main emphasis is in the engagement of our students in all learning areas whilst also promoting Aboriginal culture to all students at the college. The group has K-12 representation.

Staffing

Ellen Thomas has joined the college in a fixed-term capacity working as an Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer. Kylie Bryant starts Maternity Leave next week and will be replaced by Jeremy Crabb. If you see Ellen or Jeremy around, please say hello.

Merredin College P&C

The P&C are holding a raffle to raise money for new resources, equipment and other items listed on your wish lists for our students. Tickets are \$50 with a chance in winning a car! The raffle will be drawn on Gala night. We would love your support in either purchasing a ticket or taking a book to sell to extended family and friends. Please see Justine Low in Block 1 to purchase a ticket or to take a book home. Thank you for your support!!

Attendance percentages for Week 3 Term 3

Primary:	Male	87.93% (2019: 89.49%)
	Female	91.23% (2019: 89.75%)
Secondary:	Male	81.73% (2019: 86.50%)
	Female	82.85% (2019: 87.70%)

Take care and enjoy the weekend!

Leigh

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IMPORTANT DATES:

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 Volleyball Schools Cup
26 Aug	Primary Jumps and Throws Curtin Ahead Year 7-12
28 Aug	Primary Athletics Carnival AFL Kalgoorlie/Boulder Carnival
4 Sept	Yr 1/2 Military Museum Excursion
8 Sept	Secondary Athletics Carnival
9-10 Sept	COVID-19 Testing Round 3
10 Sept	Primary Interschool Athletics
11-12 Sep	Year 7-10 Volleyball Schools Cup



CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES

Thank you to all parents/carers who have paid all their contributions and charges for 2020. However, there are still a number of outstanding accounts. Merredin College relies on parent payments to supplement government funding. They form an integral part of our annual budget. Statements and Outstanding Billing Item notices will be distributed in the coming weeks. Please organise payment before the end of this term. If you are experiencing financial hardship please contact the office to discuss on 08 9041 0900. Payment plan options are available.

Parents and Carer's are reminded that Extra Cost Options such as excursions, Combined Harvest magazine, volleyball uniforms camps, etc. are not compulsory but conditional on payment. Students will not be able to attend/receive their items unless payment is received by the due dates. If there are extenuating circumstances please contact the office to discuss.

YEAR 10 COURSE SELECTIONS

For those parents that missed the evening held on Tuesday night. You are able to watch it back by using the link provided. The password for the link is also below:

[https://educationwa.webex.com/mw3300/wireless/meetinglist.do?](https://educationwa.webex.com/mw3300/wireless/meetinglist.do?siteurl=educationwa&from=wireless&rnd=0.4960264412126377&TS=1597310291500&CookieSupported=true)

[siteurl=educationwa&from=wireless&rnd=0.4960264412126377&TS=1597310291500&CookieSupported=true](https://educationwa.webex.com/mw3300/wireless/meetinglist.do?siteurl=educationwa&from=wireless&rnd=0.4960264412126377&TS=1597310291500&CookieSupported=true)

Password: Um3mdbKJ

Parents and students are reminded that Course Selection booklets are due to Student Services by Friday, 28 August 2020.

MECKERING CROSS COUNTRY

Invitations have been sent out for the Meckering Cross Country event through Consent2Go. Parents are asked to complete these as soon as possible. We wish our competitors all the best in their event next Friday.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Class Photos/Portraits:

Every Student has had their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.

- The school has chosen to use the online ordering system. Your child has been given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student shootkey.
- Log onto <https://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 Wednesday, 19 August 2020. Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30.00 archive fee. You can email your order request through to reorders.perth@msp.com.au or call MSP Photography on 08 9240 8000.

Family Photos:

- Family photos cannot be ordered online.
 - Once school has received photos, family photos will remain at reception for parents to collect.
- Please Note: Individuals and Family Photos are not available to view online

Specialty Group Photos (e.g. School Leaders, House Captains) :

These images can be viewed and purchased at a unique website, which is DIFFERENT to where you order the portraits and class photos online.

1. To place your Order online simply go to <https://msspphotography.shootproof.com/>
 2. Click **Specials 2020**, then select the album titled: **Merredin College Specialist Groups - 2020**
 3. You will then be required to enter a password to view the Album. The password for this is **WEHSNQ20**
 4. Please ensure that you use your child's name at the checkout.
 5. The images you are viewing are uncropped and will be cropped to fit to a 10x8 print (as per the first image in your gallery, a sample of layout & colour).
- The online orders will be open until **midnight on Thursday, August 27, 2020 – for the Bulk Pricing Offer.**
 - **The Bulk Pricing Offer is \$20 per print and these will be delivered to the school BY CLASS GROUP.**
 - After the \$20 pricing expires, the photos will remain available online, but the photos are now at a cost of \$35 per image and delivered to a preferred address.

If you have any queries please contact MSP Photography on **9240 8000** or via email on ordering.perth@msp.com.au

