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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



Message from the Principal.....

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Hello Merredin College Family

Term 3 continues to progress quite well with the college mostly returning to normal operations. It has been exciting to see students participate in netball, volleyball, football and athletic carnivals. Our choir will also have an excursion next week to film a video clip to the song 'I am Australian'. For our senior school students, it is an important time to reflect on;

- What they have achieved so far?
- What still can to be accomplished?
- How do they progress from here, to get where they want to be?

Our Year 10 students are choosing their courses for 2021, which means each individual student will then have a Year 11 and 12 pathway. From now on it is crucial to maximise efforts and develop a good work ethic that will put them in good stead for achieving their WACE on completion of Year 12. The second round of OLNA testing in September is fast approaching and is an important component of the WACE. Year 11 students are now well placed to reassess their individual pathways, make the appropriate changes for the better and look to achieve the best results possible to ensure a successful pathway into Year 12. With only weeks to go for the Year 12's there is no time for delay! A difference can still be made but it needs to be here and now. Putting in your utmost effort and achieving the results you are capable of will provide you with not only great satisfaction, but also further opportunities to pursue your career goals. Remember a good life balance is critical, being at your best will help you in achieving those good results.

I have noticed a few students becoming a bit relaxed with mobile phones and earphones. Please remember that this is a Department of Education policy that these devices should be off and away all day. Using these devices can negatively impact their good standing.

It was wonderful to attend my first K-6 assembly yesterday. I thought the Year 3 & 4 students did a wonderful job hosting the event and presented their items with much confidence and flair – congratulations to all involved.

The Merredin College Board is calling for nominations for two parent positions due to terms expiring. If there are more than two nominations an election will be held. Members of the Board are appointed for a term not exceeding two years. The newly elected members will begin their term in Term 4, 2020. The Board meets twice per term, currently on a Thursday at 5.30pm in weeks 4 and 8 of each school term. The first meeting for Term 4 will be Thursday, 5 November 2020. The role of the board is not to make operational decisions but to set strategic direction for the college. The board endorses the annual budget, school Business Plan and Annual Report. If you are interested in nominating as a parent representative, please request a Board Nomination Form from Bev Irving (School Officer) and once completed return to Bev.Irving@education.wa.edu.au or to Merredin College, Woolgar Avenue, Merredin WA 6415 (9041 0900). Nominations close Friday, 28 August 2020.

Take care and enjoy the weekend!

Leigh

ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

Now is the time to apply to enrol your child in a public school for 2021 if they are changing schools or due to commence:

- Kindergarten (four years old by 30 June 2021)
- Pre-primary (five years old by 30 June 2021)
- Year 7 (secondary school)

If your child is currently in Year 6 at Merredin College, they are not required to provide a new enrolment for secondary. Please contact administration for an enrolment package!!



SCHOOL BALL (Year 10-12)

Great news! The 2020 School Ball tickets will be available to purchase from Monday next week from Student Services. Tickets will be \$50 per person. COVID-19 has taken a lot from us this year, so the Student Councillors and I are grateful for all the support to make the Ball happen. There have been a number of limitations and changes, but it will still be an epic night to remember. Remember, students must have maintained excellent attendance and have Good Standing from the 26 May to be eligible to attend.

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?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.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Jumps/throws to be held on Wednesday, 26 August and track events on Friday, 28 August on the school oval. Information for the events and canteen orders have gone home this week to all families. Please contact the school if you are able to assist on the day.

CHOIR EXCURSION

Invitations have been sent out for the Choir excursion being held on Monday, 24 August. Parents are asked to check their emails for the invitations sent out through consent to go. We look forward to seeing the final product of this trip. Thanks Mrs Adamson!

CURTAIN AHEAD PROGRAM

The Curtin AHEAD In School Program will be delivering Incursions next week, 25-26 August to the following classes:

Tuesday, 25 August:

- Year 12 ATAR and Cert IV Nursing students - TISC Applications, back up plans and Scholarship applications.
- Year 8.1 Maths - Understanding Me: Uncovering core values

Wednesday, 26 August:

- Year 9.1 Maths - Further Me: The Future of Work
- Year 10.1 Maths - Upper school subject selection related to career plans and Introduction to online material

Please check your emails and return permission forms to Student Services as soon as possible.

ENROLMENTS FOR VACSWIM IN OCTOBER AND JANUARY ARE NOW OPEN

Take the plunge! Find a program near you and [enrol now](#).

VacSwim has helped children across Western Australia to stay safe and confident in the water for over 100 years offering:

- vital swimming and water safety skills
- lessons for beginner, intermediate and advanced swimmers
- friendly, qualified swimming staff.

Programs will operate in line with current health advice. Physical distancing and good hygiene practices will be in place.

P&C FUNDRAISER

The Merredin College P&C car raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the Primary carnival next Friday, 28 August. Tickets are \$50 (cash or EFT). Thank you for your support.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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 Sept Year 7-10 Volleyball Schools Cup

14-18 Sept Year 6 School Camp - Kalgoorlie

18 Sept Bus Accident Anniversary
Secondary Interschool Athletics

22 Sept Glass of Class Luncheon

24 Sept Primary Assembly

25 Sept 'So You Think You Can Dance'
Last day of Term 3
Last day for Year 12 students



The Student Council are holding a fundraising day on Thursday, 27 August to raise money for Daffodil Day. All students are asked to wear yellow on the day and bring a gold coin donation. This will be a whole school event with the Secondary students also being invited to participate.

