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# Message from the Principal......

Hello Merredin College Family

The term is absolutely flying by! We are heading towards Week 8 with plenty of activities to keep us busy up until the holidays.

It was fantastic to see such positive attitudes from all primary students at last week's Athletics Carnival. It was a delightful, sunny day with all of the students partaking in many activities throughout the day. I would like to thank the parents, students and teachers who made this a successful day. Thanks to Scott and Ledge for preparing the oval and helping with the set-up, and thanks to Mrs Walker, Mrs Bryant and Mr Crabb for preparing the students and coordinating the day. Such terrific support helped make the day memorable for everyone.

We are now planning for our next athletics event, which is the secondary competition to be held on Tuesday 8 September. The primary Interschool Carnival against St Mary's will take place Thursday 10 September. Our students are training regularly for the events and taking advantage of our Spring sunshine. It is fantastic to see the students so keen to work towards their personal goals for the carnival. Go MC!

I'm happy to announce that Lesley Watson and Renee Manning will join the College Board as parent representatives along with Lynne Herbert and Tom James as staff representatives. All new members will join the Board officially next term. I would like to acknowledge the contributions of John McKane, Jamie-Lee Walker, Amanda Rajagopalan and Caitlin Crees who have all positively contributed in recent times.

Please note the next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday 10 September and is an open public meeting, if interested please come along to the main administration building for a 5.30pm start.

Wonderful to see such positive participation at the Father's Day breakfast this morning!

Take care

Leigh

#### **DETECT SCHOOLS STUDY: COVID-19 ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING - ROUND 3**

Round 3 of DETECT Schools Study testing for COVID-19, will take place next **Wednesday 9 September 2020** and **Thursday 10 September 2020**. Parents have received emails if their child/ren have been randomly selected for this month's testing. Any concerns, please contact Bev Irving on 90410900.

### **MEDICATION AT SCHOOL**

Education Department policy only allows staff/school nurse to administer Paracetamol at school. If your child suffers from Hayfever, it would be a good idea to remember to administer medication at home, prior to them leaving for school. If they suffer severe symptoms and medication is required throughout the day then parents should complete paperwork at Student Services or Primary office for safe storage and administration as per all other medications.

#### **DISABLED PARKING**

Disabled Parking bays are provided for people with disabilities to ensure easier access to the school site. You must have an ACROD Parking Card to be permitted to park in all allocated disabled bays, including the bays on our school grounds.



#### PRIMARY INTERSCHOOL CARNIVAL

Invitations have gone out for the Interschool Carnival next Thursday being held at Merredin College. Please get your lunch orders back in before Monday.

#### **SECONDARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Secondary Athletics Carnival will be held this Tuesday 8 September with ALL secondary students attending.

# **Scoring System:**

For students to logon to the scoring system and track their own progress as well as the overall house points; visit

https://sportstrackerapp.com/sign-in

All students have a logon and password:

Username: firstname.lastname

Password: firstname

(e.g. john.smith Password: john)

Spectators are asked to ensure there is 2m distance between family groups watching the carnival to ensure we are adhering to Stage 4 Covid restrictions.

#### **SCHOOL BANKING**

School banking is available on Wednesday mornings in Primary - Block 1. New bankers welcome!!!

#### **WEEK 10 PRIMARY ASSEMBLY**

Our final primary assembly for Term 3 will be held on Thursday 24 September and will be run by the K/PP (Mrs Kudas and Mrs Goodier), PP/1 (Mrs Edwards) and Year 4/5 (Ms Coules) classes. The assembly will commence at 9am and we look forward to seeing our parents back in school for this celebration of student excellence.

# SCHOOL BALL (Year 10-12)

School Ball tickets are now available for purchase from Student Services. Tickets are \$50 per person. Remember, students must maintain excellent attendance and have Good Standing from the 26 May right up to the ball night to be eligible to attend.

#### **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!!

# BOOK WEEK DRESS UP – HEADS UP (CURIOUS CREATURES WILD MINDS)

Get Ready: Book week will be held in the last week of term with a family read along after the assembly on Thursday and Book Week Dress Up on the last day of term (Friday 25 September). The theme for dress up this year is 'Curious Creatures Wild Minds'

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

8 Sept Secondary Athletics Carnival
9-10 Sept COVID-19 Testing Round 3
10 Sept Primary Interschool Athletics
10-12 Sep Year 7-10 Volleyball Schools Cup
14-18 Sep 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

**12 Oct** School Development Day

(Pupil Free Day)

13 Oct Students commence Term 4

**16 Oct** Secondary Assembly

Year 12 Morning Tea



3 year olds/pre-kindy Program Tuesdays and Fridays 9am - 12noon



0-5 year old Program Mondays and Thursdays 9am - 12noon

