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Message from the Principal.....

Hello Merredin College Family

Just a terrific week here at the college with two very successful carnivals. Congratulations to all Secondary students for participating so positively. I have received lots of positive feedback from parents, staff and students about the carnival like atmosphere and supportive attitude from all on the day. Congratulations also to our primary interschool team for defeating Saint Mary's yesterday. I was so impressed with the endeavour and excellent sportsmanship shown by all on the team – you certainly represented the college with distinction! Big thanks to all staff for making the two carnivals such a success.

We have a number of students away representing the college at the Volleyball WA Schools Cup. The Volleyball WA Schools Cup is the largest Volleyball tournament held in Western Australia for high school students. Comprised of multiple divisions across years 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12, the Volleyball WA Schools Cup showcases the best school aged players and is the WA qualifying event for the Volleyball Australia Schools Cup. I have been so impressed with the dedication and commitment from staff and students towards the volleyball program at the college.

I'd like to wish our Year 6 students the very best as they head off to Kalgoorlie next week for their school camp. I'll be joining the group Wednesday afternoon and look forward to hearing all their exciting stories.

You may have seen media coverage in recent weeks regarding a Western Australian Police investigation that has uncovered a series of online grooming offences against young people in the wider community. Charges of this nature are unsettling and we want to make sure that all parents/carers remain aware of the importance of cyber safety. I also want to reassure you that there is no indication that any of these grooming offences have taken place at a school. I know you are best placed to talk to your children about cyber safety and there are many resources to help guide you through this on the Department of Education website. Other online resources are available on the eSafety Commissioner website. Paul Litherland has just spent time with students at the college and shared very positive messages around cyber safety. The Department's parent helpline, 1800 882 345, is available for you to call if you have any questions or concerns, and is staffed by psychologists and child protection officers. The phone line is available from 8.00am to 4.00pm this Monday to Friday. If you have any general concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the college.

Take care
Leigh

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

The Education Department policy only allows staff/school nurse to administer Paracetamol at school. If your child suffers from Hayfever or another medical condition which requires different medication, it would be a good idea to administer meds at home prior to them coming to school. If medication is required throughout the day then parents should sign them in at Student Services or at the Primary office to ensure safe storage and correct dosage is taken.



WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN DAY

The 2020 Merredin College Open Day will be held on Friday 6 November. The day will commence at 9am with a visitors welcome at a Secondary Assembly followed by a morning of performances and displays of student work. This day will be a great opportunity for families of current and prospective students to come and take a tour of the school, visit our open classrooms and see what a typical school day looks like for secondary students at Merredin College.

We are excited to announce that we will have the official launch of our new CoRE (Centre of Resources Excellence) STEM program on the day and our students and parents will be able to find out more of how this program will run with our Year 5-10 students in 2021.

In the afternoon families are invited to our Primary Technology Showcase with classes open from 12.30pm. This is our opportunity to celebrate excellence and promote the range of digital technology innovations across our K-6 classrooms. We will have work on display, opportunities to see students in action and even have a go yourself at a range of activities from robotics to 3D printing.

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

MERREDIN BUS ACCIDENT ANNIVERSARY

On Friday 18 September at 10am, Secondary students and staff will remember the nine Merredin SHS students, driver and hostel manager who died in 1982 as a result of a tragic bus accident. The bus was returning from Perth following the Football Grand Final. The parents of the students who died asked that no special ceremony be held, but that a minute's silence be held at 10am on the anniversary of the accident.

SCHOOL BALL (Year 10-12)

This week the decision was made to allow the Year 12 students to invite external partners to the ball. Forms can be collected from Student Services and will require to be approved by Principal - Leigh Nelson and Tom James (Year 12 co-ordinator) before purchasing their tickets.

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.

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2021

Next week during home room, students will vote for the 2021 Secondary House Captains. All current Year 10 and 11 students are eligible for the position. The new House leaders will be announced at the next assembly being held on Thursday 17 September.

SCHOOL BANKING

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

10-12 Sep	Year 7-10 Volleyball Schools Cup
14-18 Sep	Year 6 School Camp - Kalgoorlie
17 Sept	Secondary Assembly
18 Sept	Bus Accident Anniversary Secondary Interschool Athletics Constable Care Incursion (PP-Y3)
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 General 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

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2020 CAR RAFFLE

Drawn 17th December at Merredin Gala Night

Winners draw open 10am - 12pm

\$50 PER TICKET

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