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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



## Message from the Principal.....

Welcome back to Term 4. The term looks exceedingly busy and I encourage all students to put in their best effort. Maintaining excellent attendance is very important as we head towards the end of the year. I must say the students have returned with very positive attitudes and the behaviour of all students during our Emergency Evacuation Procedure yesterday was outstanding. Year 11 students have until Week 6 to submit assessment tasks so encourage them to make sure the tasks are completed and submitted to their teachers as required. In this way, students have a greater chance of achieving at their potential. It is a reporting semester and students can still impact positively on their achievement.

Our Year 12 students have reached that time of the year when we bid them farewell. General Pathway and VET students completed their schooling at the end of last term. Yesterday was the last day of timetabled classes for our Year 12 ATAR students although 'Revision Seminars' are on offer. Today we held a special Year 7-12 Assembly to farewell the 2020 graduating Year 12 class. Following the assembly, students were invited to enjoy a morning tea with staff and presented some 'fun' awards. The official Year 12 Awards Ceremony will occur on Friday 23 October at 7.00pm at the college.

We wish our Year 12 students the very best of health and happiness as they approach this new chapter in their lives. To our students facing exams remember that you are not alone. The experience is a shared one, with students past and present, and getting through the year is an enormous achievement, no matter your result. Most importantly, look after yourself. Take regular study breaks. Eat well. Sleep. Give yourself some time each day to regroup or exercise. Try to be positive as it will help you stay motivated. Even a little study is better than no study at all, so keep going and try as hard as you can until your last exam. Don't let early offers stop you from achieving your best.

Finally, I'd like to welcome Mr Braganza back to the college and wish Mr Gardiner and Mrs Last all the very best for their upcoming leave starting at the end of Week 2! Mr Gibbon will return for the final 8 weeks to support Maths and Science. I'd also like to welcome Mrs Davies and Mrs Middleton to the primary section of the college.

Take Care  
**Leigh**

### SCHOOL BALL (Year 10-12)

The school ball will be being held this weekend on site at Merredin College. A reminder to family and friends that you are able to view the arrival of students from the street.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photos will be distributed to students on Monday to classrooms and home rooms.

### SWIMMING TEACHING JOB OPPORTUNITY

Merredin College is seeking community members - ex students, parents and friends of the college - who might be interested in doing their swimming instructor training to cover the PP-Year 7 in term swimming in Term 4. The P&C is happy to cover the fees associated with the training and other incentives. Please contact Barbara Smith, Deputy Principal in the Primary office.

**-MIA'S-  
CHRISTMAS CARD  
COMPETITION  
2020**

Open to all children in the Central Wheatbelt electorate aged between 6 and 11 years.  
Entry form online at [www.miadavies.com.au](http://www.miadavies.com.au) or from the electorate office.  
Entries close Friday 30th October, return via post, email or in person!

DESIGNS WILL BE USED FOR MY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARD.

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR WINNING DESIGNS!

**Mia DAVIES** MLA Member for Central Wheatbelt

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Merredin College has an official Facebook page to keep parents up to date with the goings on at the college. This includes last minute changes to arrangements as well as events for students. Please follow our page and subscribe to get notified of updates. Follow us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Merredin-College-256760021333175/> or scan the QR code.



## YEAR 12 AWARDS CEREMONY

Invitations have gone home and tickets are now available to purchase from student services. Tickets are \$10 per person (students are not required to purchase tickets). RSVP has been extended to Wednesday 21 October 2020.

## SWOOPING MAGPIES DURING BREEDING SEASON

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions would like to remind you that the magpie breeding season is approaching or has arrived. Please find enclosed some literature for you to convey to your students.

It is not uncommon for magpies to defend their nests and young during spring, by swooping intruders. The season may last for six to eight weeks during late August to December.

## KINDY AND PRE-PRIMARY STUDENT DROP OFF

A reminder to parents that it is school policy that all students in Early Childhood classes are dropped off to classrooms at the beginning of the day and picked up from classes at the end of the day by a responsible adult. Teachers cannot release students to siblings of primary age.

## END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS (YEAR 10-12)

### Year 12

|          |   |  |
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| Week 2   | Sat 17 Oct<br>Mon 19 - Tues 20 Oct<br><br>Wed 21 - Fri 30 Oct | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Ball</li> <li>ATAR Revision seminars – times to be advised</li> <li>ATAR students commence study weeks. Students may visit the school to use the library and make appointments with their teachers.</li> </ul> |
| Week 4-6 | Mon 2 Nov - Fri 20 Nov  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ATAR Course written Exams. <i>(Timetables have been distributed.)</i></li> </ul>  |

### Year 11

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| Weeks 1-2 | Mon 19 - Tues 20 Oct<br>Sat 17 Oct  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal timetable for all Year 11 students.</li> <li>School Ball</li> </ul>   |
| Weeks 3-5 | Mon 26 Oct - Fri 13 Nov   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All VET/General Pathway students are on Workplace Learning</li> <li>Normal timetable for ATAR Pathway students</li> </ul>  |
| Weeks 6   | Mon 16 - Fri 20 Nov<br><br><i>(Friday 20 November is the last school day of 2020 for all Year 11 students.)</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VET/General Pathway students return to school to complete Workplace Learning Logbooks/Skills Journals. Once logbooks are completed Mr O'Neill will sign students off and they are finished for the year.</li> <li>ATAR Pathway students have normal classes</li> </ul> |

### Year 10

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| Weeks 1-8  | Sat 17 Oct<br>Tues 13 Oct – Fri 4 Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Ball</li> <li>Normal timetable</li> </ul>   |
| Weeks 9-10 | Mon 7 - Thurs 17 Dec                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10.1 classes out on Work Experience</li> <li>10.2 &amp; 10.3 classes will continue 'normal timetable'</li> </ul> |

## IMPORTANT DATES:

|          |                                       |
|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 17 Oct   | School Ball                           |
| 23 Oct   | Year 12 Awards Night                  |
| 27 Oct   | Kindy Orientation Commences           |
| 2 Nov    | P&C Meeting (6pm)                     |
| 5 Nov    | School Board Meeting                  |
| 6 Nov    | Secondary Assembly                    |
|          | Technology Showcase & School Open Day |
| 9 Nov    | NAIDOC Week Opening Assembly          |
| 9-13 Nov | NAIDOC Week                           |
| 13 Nov   | NAIDOC Week Closing Assembly          |
| 9-20 Nov | Swimming Lessons Year 3-6             |
| 20 Nov   | Last Day for Year 11 Students         |



# 2020 OPEN DAY

WHOLE SCHOOL  
Friday 6 November

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.

9am-1pm - Commencing with a Secondary Assembly followed by Drama Performance and Open Classrooms

12.30-2.30pm - Primary Technology Showcase

Launch of CoRE STEM Program running in 2020 for Year 5-10 students

If you will be attending and would like to RSVP for this event please phone the front office!!!

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Residential College  
**OPEN DAY & TOURS**  
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9.30am and 2.30pm  
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Win a Nissan Qashqai valued at \$29,990

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MERREDIN COLLEGE P&C PRESENTS

# 2020 CAR RAFFLE

\$50 PER TICKET

Drawn 17th December at Merredin Gala Night

Visit Merredin College P&C Facebook page to find tickets

Your support allows improved resources for students throughout our school!

