



## Message from the Principal.....

Tonight we celebrate our Year 12 students as they complete their final days of schooling. As with the School Ball, we will do so in a different setting for the first time in many, many years. Feedback about the Ball has been overwhelmingly positive, so through adversity opportunity can be found. Congratulations to Mr James and the Student Councillors for coordinating such a successful event. We have been very lucky as a school community to have such a special group of young people attend our school. It is a long road from Kindergarten to Year 12 and many of these students have been here since Kindy and will continue to be a part of the Merredin community for the rest of their lives. It is important that we also take the time to acknowledge your peers who have completed most of their schooling here at Merredin College but are already out in the world completing apprenticeships, further study or already in the workforce.

To our Year 12 students, graduation from school is a significant milestone in your life, and I am sure it is a time filled with many mixed emotions:

1. Sadness as you may part ways with some of your close, long term childhood friends and even leave town for further study, work or travel.
2. A sense of pride in yourself for all you have achieved.
3. A time for reflection as you look back over the countless happy, sad, proud and embarrassing memories of your journey through school.
4. Excitement and nervousness as you anticipate what new opportunities, challenges and adventures leaving school is going to bring.

Year 12 is a challenging year at any time, but 2020 has presented a unique challenge as we have lived through a global pandemic that still continues to challenge right around the world. It has been incredible to see how positively you all managed through such challenging and uncertain times. You all demonstrated a level of maturity, perseverance and resilience well beyond your years, and you should be incredibly proud of this and all you have achieved.

Take Care

**Leigh**

### SWIMMING LESSONS

Permission forms will be sent out to the students this week. Please have all forms and money returned to the class teacher NO LATER than Wednesday 4 November. The cost is \$26 per student. Some families have already paid for the lessons (Yr 3-6) which were meant to take place in Term 1. Please contact Barbara Smith if you are unsure if you have paid already or if you need a payment plan.

- Year 5-6 Students will be participating in In-term Swimming lessons in Week 5 and 6 of Term Four (Monday 9 November – Friday 20 November).
- Pre-primary to Year 4 students will be participating in In-term Swimming lessons in Week 7 and 8 of Term Four (Monday 23 November – Friday 4 December).

Children are required to have bathers, towel and a rashie for each lesson.

### KINDY ORIENTATION

There will be three sessions of Kindergarten Orientation for students entering Kindy in 2021. Sessions will be run in the Kindy Room in Block 1 and start at 1pm, on the following dates:

- Friday, 13 November
- Friday, 20 November
- Friday, 27 November

We can't wait to meet all our new little people!!



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.



## 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.

## DETECT COVID19 SURVEYS

Surveys for Year 4—11 students will take place this Monday 26 October.

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

### Year 12

|          |                        |  |
|----------|------------------------|--|
| Week 4-6 | Mon 2 Nov - Fri 20 Nov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ATAR Course written Exams. (Timetables have been distributed.)</li> </ul> |
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### Year 11

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| 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><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  | Tues 13 Oct – Fri 4 Dec | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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:

|                     |                                       |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>23 Oct</b>       | Year 12 Awards Night                  |
| <b>27 Oct</b>       | Kindy Orientation Commences           |
| <b>2 Nov</b>        | P&C Meeting (6pm)                     |
| <b>5 Nov</b>        | School Board Meeting                  |
| <b>6 Nov</b>        | Secondary Assembly                    |
|                     | Technology Showcase & School Open Day |
| <b>9 Nov</b>        | NAIDOC Week Opening Assembly          |
| <b>9-13 Nov</b>     | NAIDOC Week                           |
| <b>13 Nov</b>       | NAIDOC Week Closing Assembly          |
| <b>9-20 Nov</b>     | Swimming Lessons (Year 5-6)           |
| <b>20 Nov</b>       | Last Day for Year 11 Students         |
| <b>23 Nov-4 Dec</b> | Swimming Lessons (YPP-4 & Y7)         |

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**2020 CAR RAFFLE**  
Drawn 17th December at Merredin Gala Night

\$50 PER TICKET

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Your support allows improved resources for students throughout our school

**-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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**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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