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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



Message from the Principal.....

Congratulations to all involved in the College Ball and Awards Ceremony both very successful events. In the end the change of venues has been positive and certainly gives options going forward. The efforts of the student councillors, under the excellent guidance of Mr James, have not gone unnoticed as they have been immersed in the organisation and planning for both events and supported each other beautifully. Wonderful role models for their peers! Big thanks to Mr James and Mr O'Neill for their outstanding efforts coordinating these events.

STUDENT SAFETY GOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Three times a week I do duty as the students exit school. While the majority of students do the right thing I still see some behaviour that worries me both as a parent and school principal. It is important to regularly discuss with your children the need to take care when going to and from school. Here are some suggestions to help your children stay safe:

- always travel with friends if possible
- walk on the right hand side of the road to face oncoming traffic
- wherever possible, leave space between you and the roadway
- be alert – earphones and headphones can reduce your awareness considerably
- only cross the road when clear of traffic
- always wear your helmet if on a bike or scooter

Please remember that the peripheral vision of a child isn't fully developed before the age of 12 which makes riding to and from school a risky event for younger children. Motorised or electric bikes and scooters are definitely very dangerous and illegal to be used on footpaths in WA.

MERREDIN COLLEGE BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the School Board will be on Thursday 5 November at 5.30 pm in the College Boardroom. The following items will be discussed.

- College Fees and Charges, Extra Cost Options and Personal Use Items
- 2021 School Development Days
- 2021 Workforce Planning
- Chaplaincy 2021
- School Farm Land
- Board Training

Take Care

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P&C MEETING

The next P&C Meeting will be held this Monday 2 November at 6pm in the southern staffroom. New faces are always welcome!!!

TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE

Merredin College will be holding its bi-annual Primary Technology Showcase following the Open Day on Friday 6 November. Parents and grandparents are welcome to come along and see what our students do to work toward being future ready. This includes making, coding, robotics, creation and much more. You can visit any classroom, your child's and others and ask questions and even have a go at some of the activities. A copy of the program for the day is attached.



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.



SWIMMING LESSONS

Permission forms have gone home with students this week. Please return forms and money 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 Lessons - Monday 9 November – Friday 20 November.
- Pre-primary to Year Lessons - Monday 23 November – Friday 4 December

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

TRANSITION DAY (YEAR 6-7)

On Friday 4 December our Year 6's will be joined by our new enrolments commencing Year 7 at Merredin College at the beginning of next year, to participate in a transition day to secondary school. Students will experience what a day as a Secondary student is really like as well as enjoying some team building and get to know you activities.

If you have a child who will be attending Merredin College next year please submit enrolment forms to the front office as soon as possible.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY - WEEK 4

Our final primary assembly for Term 4 will be held on Thursday 5 November and will be run by the Year 5/6 (Sarah Postans) and Year 6 (Amelia Baltovich). The assembly will commence at 9am, we look forward to seeing our parents and carers at school for this celebration of student excellence.

WAAPA SUMMER SCHOOL 2021

This summer WAAPA is thrilled to be able to offer an exciting school holiday program at our campus in Mount Lawley. There are classes for students from Year 1 to Year 12 in drama, acting, screen performance, film making, music theatre and of course Shakespeare. For information about the many courses on offer please visit waapa.ecu.edu.au/summer-school or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at explore.waapa@ecu.edu.au or 9370 6775.

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS (YEAR 10-12)

Year 12

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| Week 4-6 | Mon 2 Nov - Fri 20 Nov | • ATAR Course written Exams. (Timetables have been distributed.) |
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Year 11

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| Weeks 3-5 | Mon 26 Oct - Fri 13 Nov | • All VET/General Pathway students are on Workplace Learning • Normal timetable for ATAR Pathway students |
| Weeks 6 | Mon 16 - Fri 20 Nov <i>(Friday 20 November is the last school day of 2020 for all Year 11 students.)</i> | • 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. • ATAR Pathway students have normal classes |

Year 10

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| Weeks 1-8 | Tues 13 Oct – Fri 4 Dec | • Normal timetable |
| Weeks 9-10 | Mon 7 - Thurs 17 Dec | • 10.1 classes out on Work Experience • 10.2 & 10.3 classes will continue 'normal timetable' |

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 4:

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| 2 Nov | P&C Meeting (6pm) |
| 4 Nov | Year 6-7 Transition (Feeder Schools) |
| 5 Nov | Primary Assembly School Board Meeting |
| 6 Nov | Secondary Assembly Open Day Technology Showcase & School |
| 9 Nov | NAIDOC Week Opening Assembly |
| 9-13 Nov | NAIDOC Week |
| 13 Nov | NAIDOC Week Closing Assembly Kindy Orientation |
| 15 Nov | Beach Volleyball Cup |
| 9-20 Nov | Swimming Lessons (Year 5-6) |
| 20 Nov | Last Day for Year 11 Students Kindy Orientation |
| 23 Nov | Swimming Lessons (YPP-4 & Y7) |
| 27 Nov | Kindy Orientation |
| 1-4 Dec | Year 9 Camp |
| 2-4 Dec | Year 9-10 Try-A-Trade Days |
| 4 Dec | Year 6-7 Transition Day Thank-a-volunteer Morning Tea |
| 7-17 Dec | Year 10 Workplace Learning |
| 15 Dec | MerryDin K-2 (7.30pm) |
| 16 Dec | Highest Achievers Assembly (Y7-9) MerryDin Year 3-6 (7.30pm) |
| 17 Dec | Last Day of School for 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 2021 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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