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A message from the Principal

Best of Luck to all our students sitting the NAPLAN tests over the next couple of weeks. Whilst this test provides us with very useful data it is one test on one day and all we ask is that our students do the very best that they can.

Jarrad Ritchie

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students wearing correct uniform has been fantastic during last term, but as we approach cooler weather parents and students are reminded that wearing long sleeved tops under the college polo shirt is not acceptable and students will be asked to remove them. Jumpers or hoodies other than the school sports jackets or woollen jumper are also not acceptable. If you need to purchase a jacket or jumper the Uniform Shop is open on Monday's 8.30am-11:30am and Wednesday's 1:00pm-3:00pm. Sports jackets are \$47 which is cheaper than the non-uniform jumpers that students are currently wearing to school. Order forms are also available from Student Services and administration offices and can be forwarded with payment to the uniform shop and orders will be compiled and delivered to the students.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

A WWCC Check is required by a person if they engage in certain paid or unpaid work with children, described as 'child-related work' under the WWCC Act.

If you are on school grounds as a volunteer, please provide a copy of your card to the administration office.

In most situations a volunteering Parent/Guardian of a student does not require a WWCC. Grandparents and extended family require a WWCC in all cases unless they care for a student day to day as formal guardian.

In some circumstances such as ongoing projects or coaching tasks a current WWCC is required for all adult volunteers. Office and admin staff will be able to advise if you are unsure.

Working With Children Check application forms are available from the Post Office.

ATAR EXAMS

All ATAR students have been given their ATAR Exam schedule for the Semester 1 Exams starting on Friday 21 May 2021 (Week 5). Full-time ATAR students are not required to attend classes during the exam period and are expected to return to normal classes on Friday 28 May 2021 (Week 6). Part-time ATAR students are not required to attend classes during the exam period, however, they are to return to normal classes the day after they complete their final ATAR exam. Students who are enrolled in SIDE courses are not required to attend normal classes on the day of their SIDE ATAR Exams. SIDE students are expected to return to normal classes the day after their final SIDE ATAR Exam.

YEAR 11 & 12 CHANGE OF COURSE/S DEADLINES 2021

(as recommended by Merredin College)

FRIDAY 18 JUNE 2021:

- Last date for student transfers between *single Year 11 units [A2 & G2]* for Semester 2
- Last date for student transfers from *paired Year 11 units [AE & GE]* to *single units [A2 or G2]* for Semester 2

MONKEY BAA WORKSHOPS - 'PETE THE SHEEP'

Students in our Year 1, Year 1/2 and Year 2/3 classes will receive invitations to attend the 'Pete the Sheep' performance at Cummins Theatre scheduled for Wednesday 26 May. These invitations will go out via Consent2Go early next week. The cost of the excursion will be \$10.



SCHOOL BALL PHOTOS

How To See Your Ball Photographs:

1. Go to www.blissstudio.com.au
2. Click on 'View and Order Ball Photos Click Here'
3. **Register** to create an account (or use existing)
4. Use **Access Code: CQF6432** to take you to the photographs
5. Place your order on-line - orders over \$10 receive free social media size files.
6. High Resolution Digital Files purchased available for immediate download
7. **Due Date** for orders **Wednesday 19 May 2021**
8. You can purchase files from the Photo Booth for just \$2 with all monies raised being donated to **Make-A-Wish Foundation**

NAPLAN EXEMPTIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be undertaking NAPLAN Online in Term 2 between the 11-21 May. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is an important tool used by teachers to measure student progress.

Students with significant intellectual disability and/or those with significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests may be exempted from sitting the tests.

Students who have been attending school in Australia for less than a year before the tests may also be eligible for exemption. Exemptions should be discussed with your child's classroom teacher.

Parents or carers may withdraw their child from the tests to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. It is recommended that withdrawal be considered in consultation with your child's teacher.

All requests for exemption from testing or withdrawal from testing must be received by the school by Friday 23 May. Exemption and Withdrawal Forms can be collected from Primary administration and Student Services.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND VOLUNTARY CHARGES

Thank you to the families who have paid their contributions and charges. Unfortunately, there are still many students with amounts outstanding. It is not too late to make payment or contact Sandi at the main administration office to arrange a payment plan.

Subject charges for Year 11 and 12 students are not optional and should be paid as soon as possible. This also applies for other Charges such as Athletics, Reading Eggs, Excursions and Extra Cost Options in Design & Technology subject.

Payment of Charges and Contributions contribute to our annual budget. Payments can be made in person (cash/cheque/efptos) or by direct debit:

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2021 ANNUAL PAEDIATRIC INFLUENZA PROGRAM

It's that time of year again when the Eastern Wheatbelt Primary Health Team are offering a free influenza immunisation to all children aged 6 months to Year 6 at primary school. We have two clinics available Monday 10 May 2021 from 2pm- 4pm and Friday 14 May 10 am-12pm. Please phone 9081 3222 to book an appointment or see Di or Bec at Primary Health.

IMPORTANT DATES:

10 May	P&C Meeting 6pm
11-21 May	NAPLAN
13 May	School Board AGM 5.30pm
14 May	Year 7/8 CoRE Field Trip
17-21 May	NAPLAN (Years 3, 5, 7 and 9)
20 May	Primary Assembly
21-28 May	ATAR Exams
28 May	Whole School Cross Country
4 June	School Development Day (Students are not required to attend on this day)
7 June	WA Day
10 June	School Board Meeting 5.30pm
14 June	P&C Meeting 3.15pm
17 June	Primary Assembly
18 June	Year 10 CoRE Field Trip Primary Winter Carnival
23 June	Get Into Resources Y10 Excursion
24 June	WCF Secondary Netball Cup
25 June	Secondary Highest Achievers/ Country Week Assembly
27 June-2 July	Secondary Country Week
2 July	Last Day of Term 2
19 July	Staff Commence Term 3 (SDD)
20 July	Students commence Term 3

