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A message from the Principal

Welcome back everyone to a fresh school term.

Having read a lot of reports late last term I was struck by the number of students striving to succeed and achieving excellent results. Well done! My challenge to Secondary School students at the end of term assembly was to always strive to do that little bit more to do the very best that you can. I would extend the same challenge to all students as we start a fresh term. The staff of Merredin College recognise that every student is different with a range of abilities, but every single one will do everything in their power to support students that want to do that little bit extra.

I would also like to welcome our new teaching staff to Merredin College.

- **Jen Olmstead** - Secondary Humanities
- **Leon Pitsikas** - Lower School engagement Class
- **Alex Grey** - Year 6 class.
- **Judy Middleton** – Year 3/4 Class
- **Pauline Bennett** - Early Childhood Education
- **Jane Patroni** – Early Childhood Education

A big welcome also to our two Practicum Teachers in **Hayley De Lacy** and **Natasha Hardy**.

We are lucky to have excellent educators here at Merredin College and this week Thomas James, Terri TeKani and Brett Postans have been nominated for 2021 Education Awards. We wish them the very best of luck as the judging progresses. Each would be a very deserved winner in their category.

Lastly I would like to thank the Country Week students for their maturity in dealing with the last minute Country Week cancellation. I know the entire Merredin College community shared your disappointment.

Jarrad Ritchie
Principal

TERM 4 WORKPLACE LEARNING

Workplace Learning for Year 11 students completing VET/General pathways will take place in Term 4, 25 October - 12 November. Applications must be submitted to Mrs Sutherland or Mrs Morris (front office) by Friday 6 August.

SECONDARY PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS EVENING

Parent/teacher interviews will take place in the Library on Tuesday 27 July from 4-6pm. It will be great to see as many parents/care givers as we can to discuss your child's progress. Please be aware that interviews should be kept to 10 minutes max to allow for others to meet with teachers.



AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

We have 28 Year 3-6 students involved with the Australian Maths Competition on Thursday 6th August. We look forward to seeing their achievements.

Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)

THANKYOU LETTER FROM BLISS STUDIO

At the 2021 School Ball a charity photo booth was hired through Bliss Studio to help raise money for the Make A Wish Foundation. Bliss Studio would like to thank Merredin College on behalf of themselves and the Make A Wish Foundation for helping to raise \$5,365. These funds will go a long way to granting wishes for children with terminal illness.

YEAR 10 ACWY VACCINATIONS

The Year 10 ACWY vaccine consent forms have been sent home with students this week, please return these to Student Services, the vaccination is scheduled for Monday 23rd August 2021

BOOK CLUB BROCHURES

Book club brochures have been distributed in Week 1 and are due back Friday 6th August, 2021.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

SAVE THE DATE: Our next primary assembly for the year will be held on Thursday 19th August and will be run by the Year 2/3 class. The assembly will commence at 9am and we look forward to welcoming our parents into the school for this celebration. This assembly will also coincide with the week we celebrate Book Week. **Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)**

NATIONAL TREE DAY

We will be celebrating National Tree Day next Friday with the support of Merredin Toyota and Two Dogs Hardware who are providing the school with 8 fruit trees to plant across the primary landscape. We look forward to reaping the harvest in years to come. **Got a question about this? Ms Lynne Herbert (Deputy Principal)**

NAIDOC WEEK

Merredin College will be celebrating NAIDOC week from the 2nd of August. This year's theme is Heal Country. An array of events have been organised across the school and in classrooms. Parents and community members are invited to attend the opening and closing assemblies, if you would like transport to the school for these events please contact Matt Baltovitch or Kylie Ritchie at the school.

Open events for our school community:

Monday 2 August – NAIDOC Opening Assembly 10am in the secondary east quad – Parents and friends welcome

Thursday 5 August – NAIDOC Football Cup 1.30pm on the school oval – Spectators are welcome

Friday 6 August – NAIDOC Closing ceremony on the school oval - Parents and friends welcome

IMPORTANT DATES:

27 July	Secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-6pm
2-6 Aug	NAIDOC Week
9 Aug	P&C Meeting 6pm
10 Aug	Y10 Course Selection Night 5.30pm
12 Aug	School Board Meeting 5.30pm
13 Aug	Secondary Assembly
16-20 Aug	Science Week
19 Aug	Primary Assembly
20 Aug	Meckering Cross Country Year 11/12 Schools Cup
20-21 Aug	'One Big Voice' Choir Excursion
23-27 Aug	Book Week
23-25 Aug	Bibbulmun Trek
26-28 Aug	Year 7-10 Schools Cup
30 Aug	Year 8-9 Techtrails Incursion
2 Sept	Primary Jumps & Throws
3 Sept	Primary Athletics Carnival

PRIMARY SCHOOL BANKING DAY

EVERY THURSDAY IN BLOCK 1 WET



Thank You

Bliss Studio Charity Photo Booth:
Donation Total \$5365
Thank you for being a participating school! Make A Wish.

