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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



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A message from the Principal

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of Week 2 already. I would like to praise the students for having settled in so well and adjusting to the ever-changing nature of our schooling environment. I would like to also thank our Merredin College parents for your support in carrying out the Departments request to not have parents or volunteers in classrooms. It was pleasing to see so many young students independently taking themselves into class.

There are some fantastic activities and learning experiences happening around the school at the moment. As the weeks go by we will more than likely see additional restrictions that may impact on school events or organisation. Staff are ready to pivot at any moment and have a good repertoire of alternate activities which will allow for a sound continuation of the learning program regardless of restrictions. We will pass any up-to-date information onto parents when revised Operating Guidelines are shared with us. Please note that we will place up to date COVID information on our website along with posters that can be used at home. Link: <https://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/covid-19/>

Feeling Unwell

Whilst we do not have any active cases in our area we are being particularly cautious with any illness at the moment. Parents are asked to please keep your child home if they are feeling unwell. If they have any COVID like symptoms, we ask that you please have your child COVID tested and remain home until a negative COVID test result is received. Further [information about symptoms](#) can be found on heathywa.wa.gov.au.

Up to date contact details

If your child is required to stay at home for a prolonged period of time the school will support with home learning packages. It is important that parents keep contact details up to date so we can maintain good lines of communication with our families.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact us.

Tracy Pickering
PRINCIPAL

P&C ANNUAL GERNERAL MEETING

Come along - our P&C needs you! Be informed and become involved in your child's education. We meet twice a term, which is only 8 meetings a year!

The functions of our P&C are to:

- support our children in their educational journey within the school.
- develop positive parent relationships through parent participation and involvement in the school.
- be the forum for parents to discuss issues pertaining to the school and its community and for gathering opinions.
- promote and support communication and cooperation within the school community and to bring educational matters to the attention of the wider community.
- have representation on the School Board.
- have representation on the local District Council of P&C Associations.
- provide extra resources for the benefit of our government school

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held yearly to fill positions for Office Bearers within P&C. If Office Bearers positions are unfilled, P&C is unable to operate a canteen or a uniform shop service.

2022 P&C AGM will be held on Monday, 21 February - hope you can make it!!!

ICT CAPABLE SURVERY

A survey link has been attached to this email regarding student access to devices and internet at home. It is important that the survey is completed by ALL families by Tuesday, 15 February to assist us in preparing for students learning at home if required.

SCHOOL BALL

This year it was the intention of the college to hold the School Ball on school site as we did two years ago. However, due to the 'High Case Load Settings – Level 1' implemented by the Education Department we are unable to host the School Ball on site. Due to this we have decided to postpone the School Ball to later in Term 3 or Early Term 4. This decision was not taken lightly and with our normal venue, the Cummins Theatre requiring double vaccinations of people entering, it would not be possible for some students and their guests to attend. This delay enables students, parents and staff to be able to be better prepared for the School Ball which is a feature event of the college calendar.

SAVE THE DATES

The Merredin College K-12 Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday, 3 March. We will be advertising for parent helpers over the next few weeks.

Primary and Secondary Interschool Carnivals are both scheduled for Friday, 11 March.

Please save the dates to help us out and/or come along to support your child on the day.

LUNCH AND SNACKS

A number of students are dropping into the office to request food during the second break at 1.30pm. Can parents please have a conversation with students about whether they are getting enough food during the day. We have a limited supply of fruit and food items for emergencies which is being exhausted. We will give you a call if your child is coming to the office for extra food items.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 3 – 6 students will be involved in In-term Swimming Lessons beginning on Monday, 14 February (Week 3). Notes need to be returned with \$24 or a pool pass number as soon as possible. Please return both the Health form and Enrolment form.

Any donations of towels or bathers your children have outgrown would be greatly appreciated. Please send them in to the Primary Administration.

SEESAW LEARNING PORTFOLIOS (K-6)

Seesaw is a simple way for teachers and students to record and share what's happening in the classroom. Seesaw gives students a place to document their learning, be creative and learn how to use technology. Each student gets their own journal and will add things to it, like photos, videos, drawings, or notes. When there are new Seesaw posts, families can be notified via app notification, email or SMS. Parents are only notified about their own child's work, and all data is safe and secure.

If you are not connected to your child's portfolio, please request an access code from the classroom teacher. Check out the video for further information here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pzlrtdR84KY&feature=emb_logo

MERREDIN COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

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.

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

Term 1 opening hours

MONDAYS: 8.30-11.30AM

TUESDAYS: 8.30-9.30AM

WEDNESDAYS: 1-3PM



Please update our contact number to 9041 7520.

The diversion from our old telephone number has now ceased!!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 14-25 Feb** Year 3-6 Swimming Lessons
- 15 Feb** Year 11/12 ATAR Info Night
- 21 Feb** P&C Meeting AGM (6pm)
- 24 Feb** School Board Meeting (5.30pm)
- 3 Mar** Swimming Carnival (Year 4-12)
- 4 Mar** School Development Day
- 10 Mar** Primary Assembly 9am
Secondary Assembly 10am
- 11 Mar** Primary Interschool Swimming Carnival
- 14-16 Mar** School Photos
- 15 Mar** Secondary Parent/Teacher Meetings (4-6pm)
- 16 Mar** Aboriginal Parent/Student BBQ
- 17 Mar** Teddy Bear Hospital 9-11.30am
Year 12 Harry Perkins Excursion
- 24 Mar** School Board Meeting (5.30pm)
- 27 Mar-1 Apr** Southwest Volleyball Tour
- 2 April** Merredin Show
- 4 April** Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camp
- 5 April** Glass of Class Luncheon
- 7 April** Primary Assembly
- 8 April** ANZAC Commemorative Service (Whole School)
Last day of Term 1
- 25 April** ANZAC Day
- 26 April** Term 2 commences for staff & students



CLASS

