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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



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## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please see below the schedule for this year's school photos. Please ensure that your child comes to school on these days in appropriate school uniform.

### Timetable:

Monday 14 March: Family photos - 8.20-8.45am on front lawn  
(Family name beginning A-M)  
Kindy 1 photos  
Pre-primary - Year 6 Photos  
Year 9-10 photo

Tuesday 15 March: Family photos - 8.20-8.45am on front lawn  
(Family name beginning N-Z)  
Kindy 2 photos  
Year 8, 7, 11 & 12 photos

### Class Photos/Portraits:

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.
- Due to COVID restrictions group class photos will not be taken this year, with the exception of Kindy 1&2; PP and PP/Yr1. All other year group photos will be composite.
- All group photos of Choir, School Leaders, House Captains, etc will also be composite.
- The school has chosen to use the online ordering system. Your child has been given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student Shootkey. For parents wishing to pre pay please put your money in an envelope with your child's shootkey on the front and your child is to hand to the photographers on the day.
- Log onto [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) and follow the prompts to place your order.
- If you are having problems with the Shootkey please contact MSP Photography or the school reception who will have a copy to quote back to you.
- The expiry date for online ordering is **22 March 2022**. Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30 archive fee. You can email your order request through to [reorders.perth@msp.com.au](mailto:reorders.perth@msp.com.au) or call their office on 08 9240 8000.

### Family Photos:

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration.
- Family photos are taken each morning before school.
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the Photographers on photo day.
- Family photos **cannot** be ordered online.
- Once school has received photos, family photos will remain at reception for parents to collect.

### Please Note:

Individuals and Family Photos are not available to view online.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- 13 Mar** Beach Volleyball Cup
- 14 Mar** Curtin Ahead Incursion ATAR Year 11/12
- 14-15 Mar** School Photos
- 14-18 Mar** OLNA Testing
- 21 Mar** P&C Meeting
- 22 Mar** Year 5 CoRE Excursion
- 24 Mar** School Board Meeting (5.30pm)
- 31 Mar** Combined University Presentation Y 11/12
- 1 April** Country Week Big Day Out (P5)
- 5 April** Glass of Class Luncheon (Primary)
- 7 April** Primary Assembly 9am (Online)
- 8 April** Last day of Term 1
- 25 April** ANZAC Day
- 26 April** Term 2 commences for staff & students

## P&C UNIFORM SHOP

Term 1 opening hours

**MONDAYS: 8.30-11.30AM**

**TUESDAYS: 8.30-9.30AM**

**WEDNESDAYS: 1-3PM**

## LATEST NEWS & EVENTS

Read the latest news and events  
happening at Merredin College  
on our website!!

Link: <https://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/latest-news-2/>



### **INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVALS**

Due to Level 2 restrictions currently in place by WA Health. The interschool swimming carnivals for both Primary and Secondary scheduled for today have been cancelled.

### **NAPLAN EXEMPTIONS AND WITHDRAWALS**

Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be undertaking NAPLAN Online in Term 2 between the 10–20 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, 29 April.

Exemption and Withdrawal Forms can be collected from primary administration.

### **ORIGO MATHS WORKBOOK**

Student booklists for 2022 included a student workbook for Mathematics, 'Stepping Stones Student Journal'. This book is an integral part of all student's numeracy learning program in Pre-primary to Year 6 and an absolute necessity. These books are available from Nextra Newsagency in town and we also have a limited number available from primary administration. Please contact A Deputy if you are having difficulty with the purchase of the book so we can make arrangements or payment plans.

### **HAIR**

We have had a number of students attending school without their hair tied back. Head lice can be a serious issue in particular in the primary area. It is important that children with hair past the shoulder have their hair tied back.

### **BATHER AND TOWEL LOANS**

We loaned a number of items of swimwear and towels to students during the Year 3-6 swimming lessons and a lot of items not returned. If you have noticed some strays in your washing could you please return them to the school.

### **LUNCH AND SNACK**

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.

### **NO HAT!! NO PLAY!!**

Merredin College has a STRICT no hat – no play policy. All children need a hat to participate in our recess, lunch and physical education programs. Hats are available from the Uniform shop and the primary office for \$12.

### **P&C MEETING AND CONSTITUTION**

The next Merredin College P&C Association Inc will be held on Monday, 21 March 2022 at 3:15pm in the Primary Undercover Area.

Please find below a link to access a copy of the Constitution for those who were asking at the last meeting:

[https://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/MerredinC\\_2019Constitution-1-002.pdf](https://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/MerredinC_2019Constitution-1-002.pdf)

### **FINE ARTS SOCIETY COLOURING COMPETITION**

The Merredin Fine Arts Society, will still be running the colouring/drawing competition which is normally a part of the Merredin Show. Pages can be collected from Primary office and entries need to be dropped off at the CRC. Winners will be announced on Saturday, 2 April 2022.

