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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



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A message from the Principal

Another great week with some exciting events being planned or having commenced. I attended the Thursday night Basketball last night which was terrific to see so many Merredin students participating. It was a great atmosphere. The 'Follow the Dream' program commenced this week and Mr Tunbridge reports that the students did extremely well with many of them completing and submitting their first set of assessment tasks. Well done to those students.

Swimming lessons also commenced this week for the Year 3-6 students. The students seemed really excited to head down to the pool and cool down in this hot weather. Thank you to the parents for supporting your child to be organised with hats, goggles and dry towels each day.

I would like to congratulate the students for wearing their uniforms with pride. For visitors entering the school it shows that the students respect and value the school, the staff and their peers when they are all in uniform. I would, however, like to encourage the secondary students to wear hats. A reminder that the School Assistance Scheme (SAS) is available until 2 April for those eligible families (Up to \$350) and the Uniform shop is open Mondays - 8.30-11.30am, Tuesdays 8.30-9.30am and Wednesdays - 8.30-9.30am and 1-3pm.

The P&C will be hosting their first meeting next Monday, 21 February in the Merredin College Primary Undercover Area commencing at 6pm. The P&C are an integral committee and provide some integral services including the Canteen and Uniform shop as well as being the voice of the parent body. Please be sure to pass on any queries, concerns or praise to the P&C members via email to merredincollegepc.sec@gmail.com so they can be addressed at the meeting.

COVID Update: This week Merredin College made some adjustments to its operational procedures in line with the Education Departments High Caseload Settings. Please find attached a letter that outlines the protocols. <https://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/COVID-Update-4-18022022-1.pdf>

In regard to changes that have occurred at school we have introduced the following:

- All classrooms will have doors or windows open along with air conditioners on for increased ventilation.
- Primary classes and Secondary double periods, where appropriate, staff will try to arrange some outdoor time.
- Secondary students are reminded to wear their masks whilst indoors or outside in close proximity.
- Secondary Home Room has been combined into Period 1 (to reduce cross age group interactions)
- There have been some changes to the Primary timetable to minimise movement across year groups.

Our priority is always to keep students safe and parents informed of their child's academic and social-emotional progress. Staff will regularly contact parents via phone or electronically. If you wish to meet with a staff member face to face please contact the school to arrange a suitable location.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us on 9041 7520.

Kind regards and have a great weekend.

Tracy Pickering
PRINCIPAL

FACE MASKS

Mask wearing is currently a mandatory requirement at all indoor settings at school as advised by the WA Health, including on public transport or rideshare.

Students are expected to bring their own masks. Spares are available should they be accidentally misplaced or broken while at school.

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

\$350
towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD A: • CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD
(OR) • CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
(OR) • VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close
Friday 8 April 2022

Ask School Reception for More Information

P&C CANTEEN UPDATE

Firstly, we would like to introduce a new member in the canteen, Christal Rann. She has 2 children at the school and is passionate about cooking. Christal will be over seeing the menu and general day to day running of the canteen alongside Nita and Nat. The canteen staff will be updating the menu towards the end of term, our main focus is introducing home-made food. As of this Wednesday we will be selling home-made pizzas, these will be made on a flat bread or mini muffins. There is also freshly baked sweet muffins available for purchase every day. These will be written on the whiteboards outside the canteen and are \$1.50 each. Home-made Spinach and Ricotta rolls will be available to purchase on Monday's special for \$3.50. We are very excited to be able to provide this service to our children. Please be patient while we continue to make changes. A new menu will be ready to go for Term 2.

Thank you Nita, Nat, Christal and the P&C committee.

If you have any suggestions or feedback please email the canteen – mdncollegecanteen@gmail.com

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The whole-school Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday, 3 March (Week 5). All students from primary and only the secondary students who have nominated to participate will be attending to this event. For secondary students the nomination window is now closed. Parent support is always appreciated and the Physical Education department can be contacted on 9041 7520 or via email to kylie.bryant@education.wa.edu.au if you are available to volunteer some time on the on the day.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVALS

The successful students from the Merredin College Swimming Carnival will have their chance to swim in the primary interschool swimming carnival, held at the Merredin Pool and the District High School EASA Interschool Swimming Carnival held at Dowerin. Both of these carnivals are held on Friday, 11 March.

YEAR 11 & 12 CHANGE OF COURSE/S DEADLINES 2022

[as recommended by Merredin College]

FRIDAY 25 February 2022 -

- Last date for student transfers between single Year 11 units [A1 & G1] for Semester 1
- Last date for student transfers between paired Year 11 units [AE & GE] for Semester 1

FRIDAY 4 MARCH 2022:

- Last date for student transfers between pairs of Year 12 units [AT & GT] for 2022

FRIDAY 17 JUNE 2022:

- 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

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2022

School Development days for staff at Merredin College have been scheduled for the following dates:

Term 1 - Friday, 4 March

Term 2 - Tuesday, 7 June

Term 3 - Monday, 18 July

Term 4 - Friday, 16 December

Students are not required to attend on these days!

IMPORTANT DATES:

14-25 Feb	Year 3-6 Swimming Lessons
21 Feb	P&C Meeting AGM (6pm)
24 Feb	School Board Meeting (5.30pm)
1 Mar	Year 11/12 ATAR Info Night
3 Mar	Swimming Carnival (Year 4-12)
4 Mar	School Development Day
7 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday
10 Mar	Primary Assembly 9am Secondary Assembly 10am Bus Drivers Afternoon Tea 1.30pm
11 Mar	Primary Interschool Swimming Carnival
14 Mar	Curtin Ahead Incursion ATAR Year 11/12
14-16 Mar	School Photos
14-18 Mar	OLNA Testing
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
21 Mar	P&C Meeting
22 Mar	Year 5 CoRE Excursion
24 Mar	School Board Meeting (5.30pm)
2 April	Merredin Show
4 April	Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camp
5 April	Glass of Class Luncheon (Primary)
7 April	Primary Assembly 9am
8 April	ANZAC Commemorative Service 9am (Whole School) Last day of Term 1
25 April	ANZAC Day
26 April	Term 2 commences for staff & students



Pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinic

Roll up
for WA
COVID-19 Vaccination

Pingelly Recreation
& Cultural Centre
Somerset Street

21 Feb 12pm - 5pm
22 Feb 9am - 2:30pm

NO
APPOINTMENT
NEEDED!

These clinic provide child and adult COVID-19 vaccine. People aged 5 years+ are eligible. Receive your FREE COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine 1st, 2nd or Booster dose (Boosters 16 years+).



We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.



Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service

Koorda COVID-19 vaccination clinic

Roll up
for WA
COVID-19 Vaccination

Emergency Services Building
Cnr Ningham St and Smith St

21 February, 2022
1:00pm - 5:30pm

No
appointment
needed!

This clinic provides child and adult COVID-19 vaccine. People aged 5 years+ are eligible. Receive your FREE COVID-19 vaccine 1st, 2nd or Booster dose (Boosters 16 years+).



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Mukinbudin COVID-19 vaccination clinic

Roll up
for WA
COVID-19 Vaccination

Mukinbudin Recreation Centre
Cruikshank Road

23 Feb 10:00am - 5:30pm
24 Feb 8:30am - 11:30am

NO
APPOINTMENT
NEEDED

This clinic provides child and adult COVID-19 vaccine. People aged 5 years+ are eligible. Receive your FREE COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine 1st, 2nd or Booster dose (Boosters 16 years+).



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Bencubbin COVID-19 vaccination clinic

Roll up
for WA
COVID-19 Vaccination

Bencubbin Community
Recreation Centre
Lot 283 Monger Street

22 February, 2022
10am - 4pm

NO
APPOINTMENT
NEEDED!

This clinic provides child and adult COVID-19 vaccine. People aged 5 years+ are eligible.

Receive your FREE COVID-19 vaccine 1st, 2nd or Booster dose (Boosters 16 years+).



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