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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



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A message from the Principal

We are well into the term now with teachers having set up clear classroom routines with students now knowing what is expected of them. In order to support your child at home please ensure you encourage them to:

- go to bed at a reasonable time – 8-10 hours of sleep is ideal;
- have a healthy breakfast before school and/or attend Breakfast Club in the mornings;
- drink plenty of water during the day;
- ask them what homework tasks or assignments they have and support them to set up a diary and home study routine.
- Limit screen time to 1-2 hours maximum.
- Enjoy some outdoor playtime.
- Use the values language the college promotes of caring, respectful, responsible and we strive to achieve.

The **Merredin College School Board** met last night to discuss a number of items that relate to the College's Operational and Strategic Direction. Two of your Student Leaders Matilda Hardy and Jayden Willis presented a Student Report and spoke to the Board about the positive aspects and challenges of Senior School. The Board engaged in some robust discussions regarding BYOD, infrastructure to reduce running costs, school maintenance and the Merredin College Business plan. The Business Plan 2020-2022 will be reviewed throughout year in preparation from the development of the 2023-2025 Plan. The School Board plays an integral role in being the voice of the students, staff, parents and community in ensuring that Merredin College's future direction best meets the needs of our students into the future.

COVID Update – As infection numbers continue to rise in the metropolitan area we would like to remind parents that the wearing of masks is one of the leading ways to reduce the spread of COVID. Merredin College would like to acknowledge those students who have shown responsibility with wearing their mask in class and for those parents who wear masks on campus. Please note that the school has a very limited number of masks as back-ups. Schools are not responsible for supplying students with masks so please support the safety and wellbeing of all students by ensuring your child is equipped with a mask each morning.

Talented and Gifted - At Merredin College we have had several students who successfully applied for the Gifted and Talented Secondary program and then participate in the online program at the school. Please contact Mr David O'Neill for further information. Apply online at [Education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented](https://www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented)

Upcoming events - Whilst we are in a COVID environment we will still endeavour to provide the same opportunities for students but possibly in a different format. Any information regarding changes will be distributed and please check the term calendar over the page for changes.

Your ongoing support and co-operation at this time is greatly appreciated by staff, students and the school community. We look forward to making 2022 a positive and successful year for all.

Tracy Pickering
PRINCIPAL

learning close to home

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Next Friday, 4 March staff will be participating in a School Development Day. Students are not required to attend on this day. Enjoy your extra long weekend.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The whole-school Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday, 3 March (Week 5).

Only Secondary students who have nominated to swim in an event will be attending the carnival, all other students will be expected to be at school for normal classes.

Unfortunately, we have had to make the decision to restrict the attendance in primary to students able to confidently swim 25m to ensure the safety of our participants. The number of students meeting this milestone has fallen over recent years, reducing participation in competitive events. Students not participating are expected to attend school.

Invitations have been sent out via Consent2Go - please ensure you respond by Wednesday, 2 March.

We are still looking for helpers on the day and you can register your support at <https://forms.gle/77APqnRr1SKv9j2S6>

Or by contacting Kylie in the Phys Ed Department via phone (9041 7520) or email (kylie.bryant@education.wa.edu.au) to offer support on the day.

Parents of swimmers are welcome to attend this outdoor event but will need to remain in the bays allocated to spectators on the northern side of the pool and maintain social distancing.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVALS

The successful students from the Merredin College Swimming Carnival will also be invited to participate in the primary interschool swimming carnival, held at the Merredin Pool or the District High School EASA Interschool Swimming Carnival in Dowerin. Both of these carnivals are being held on Friday, 11 March.

YEAR 11-12 ATAR INFORMATION NIGHT

This information night will be via Webex on Tuesday 1 March 2022 starting 5:30pm to 6:30pm. This session can be attended by using either a computer, iPad or mobile phone. Parents/caregivers are asked to check that their systems are functioning properly a day before the start of the session.

ATAR Information Night link: <https://educationwa.webex.com/educationwa/j.php?>

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IMPORTANT DATES:

1 Mar	Year 11/12 ATAR Info Night Webex
3 Mar	Swimming Carnival (Year 4-12)
4 Mar	School Development Day
7 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday
10 Mar	Primary Assembly 9am (Online) Bus Drivers Afternoon Tea 1.30pm
11 Mar	Primary Interschool Swimming Carnival
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)
2 April	Merredin Show
5 April	Glass of Class Luncheon (Primary)
7 April	Primary Assembly 9am (Online) Last day of Term 1
26 April	Term 2 commences for staff & students

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/>

DISPOSAL OF GOODS BY PUBLIC TENDER

Attached is a list of items available for Public Tender. If you wish to make an offer on any listed item, please complete the attached form, being sure to include the lot number(s) and your offer.

Completed forms should be placed in a sealed envelope and marked "Public Tender" or emailed to Janelle.Lane@education.wa.edu.au before 3pm Wednesday, 2 March 2022.

Link: <https://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Merredin-College-Public-Tender-February-22.pdf>



YEAR 11 & 12 CHANGE OF COURSE/S DEADLINES 2022

(as recommended by Merredin College)

FRIDAY 25 February 2022:

- Semester one subject changes between Year 11 units for Semester 1 - CLOSED TODAY

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

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Our first primary assembly for the year will be held on Thursday, 10 March and will be run by the Year 1/2 Class. Due to COVID Restrictions we will be streaming the assembly live on our School Facebook Page.

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 are available from Nextra Newsagency in town and we also have a limited number available from primary administration. Please contact Ms Lynne Herbert if you are having difficulty with the purchase of the book so we can make arrangements for a payment plan.

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.

HEALTH CARE PLANS

Student health care plan updates will be sent home with students within the next week. Please complete them and return them through the classroom teacher as soon as possible to ensure your child's health concerns are managed appropriately by school staff.

SCHOOL SPEED ZONE

To ensure that our children are safe, we request that members of the general public observe the 40 km/hour speed limit on all roads around the school perimeter.

2022 SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos will be taken on Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 March 2022

Class Photos/Portraits:

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.
- The school has chosen to use the online ordering system. Your child will be given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student shootkey.
- Log onto www.msp.com.au and follow the prompts to place your order.
- If you lose your shootkey the school reception will have a copy to quote back to you.
- The expiry date for online ordering is the **22 March 2022** Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30 archive fee.
- Spare envelopes (green) are available at school reception should you wish to pay via cash.

Family Photos:

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration.
- Family photos are taken each morning before school (Venue to be advised)
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the Photographers on photo day.
- If you do not have the correct money, we will provide any change needed when photos are delivered to school.
- 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 Images are not available to view online for Students' Security. If for any reason you need to contact MSP regarding your child's photos you will be asked to provide your child's shootkey.

