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A message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week the Year 6 class are excited to be heading off on their camp, where they will attend a leadership camp in Perth. Students will be staying at Menjedal Activity Centre where they will participate in team building and leadership activities. They also have lots of exciting excursions they are attending over the four days. We hope they have a wonderful time and all really enjoy their city experience!

Free Rat Tests

This week we have distributed 20 Rats per student. The free RATs available will support our students to continue to attend school for face-to-face learning and will minimise disruption to their schooling. You will be able to test your child at home if they are feeling unwell. You can also use these RATs if your child is a close contact to enable them to test daily and continue to attend school, as long as they receive a negative result, remain asymptomatic, and wear a mask if they are in Year 7 and above. I attach a letter from WA Health which explains how to use the RATs.

Tests are being distributed as follows:

- . Secondary students at school yesterday were handed 20 tests each.
- . If your child was absent on this day then they can collect them from the front office.
- . Parents/carers of primary students are able to collect 20 RATs per child from the Primary administration between 8.30am and 3.30pm.

If your child becomes symptomatic they should stay home and be tested for COVID-19. You should notify the school if your child tests positive for COVID-19. Refer to [healthy.wa.gov.au](https://www.health.wa.gov.au) for information on close contact definition, testing and isolation requirements.

Kind regards
Tracy Pickering
PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES:

Term 2

- 24 May** Year 10 Health Incursion
- 24-27 May** Year 6 Camp
- 26 May** School Board AGM 5:30pm
- 3 June** Whole School Cross Country
- 6 June** WA Day (Public Holiday)
- 7 June** School Development Day (Pupil Free Day)
- 10 June** Bruce Rock Cross Country
- 13 June** P&C Meeting 5:30pm
- 16 June** Primary Winter Carnival
School Board Meeting 5:30pm
- 23 June** Primary Assembly 9am
Year 10 Get into Resources Incursion
High School Netball Cup
- 24 June** Year 7-12 Academic Excellence Award Assembly
- 1 July** Year 9 CoRE Excursion
Last Day of Term 2

Term 3

29 Aug-2 Sept Country Week

Term 4

15 Oct School Ball



MERREDIN COLLEGE SCHOOL BOARD AGM

A reminder that the School Board AGM is being held next Thursday 26 May at 5.30pm. Please meet in the Administration Board Room.

ATAR EXAMS

All ATAR students have been given their ATAR Exam schedule for the Semester 1 Exams starting on Thursday 26 May 2022 (Week 5). Full-time ATAR students are not required to attend classes during the exam period and will be expected to return to normal classes on Wednesday 8 June 2022 (Week 7). Part-time ATAR students are not required to attend classes during the exam period, however, they are to return to normal classes the day after they complete their final ATAR exam.

NAPLAN TEST WINDOW

NAPLAN testing will continue into next week (Week 5) to enable students that have been absent from school this fortnight to still sit their assessments. As students return to school they will be withdrawn from class to sit NAPLAN tests.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

The Primary Assembly scheduled for Week 4 is being postponed until the covid situation in primary becomes less troublesome. The Year 4/5 class who will be running the assembly have had significant absences and we would like all students to be able to participate in their item. At this stage we hope to hold the assembly in Week 6. We will keep parents updated via the MC Link and the MC Facebook page. We wish all of our students a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them back at school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photos have been distributed to students and family photos are available for collection at the front office. If your child has been absent over the last couple of days, their photos will also be waiting for them to collect from the office.

CANCER COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

This week Primary and Secondary staff and students wore yellow to raise money for the Cancer Council in support of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea event. The school community raised an amazing \$487.45 This donation will importantly help fund support services for the 150,000 Australians who are diagnosed with cancer every year. We thank everyone for their support and donations.



IMPORTANT COVID-19 INFORMATION

If your child becomes a close contact, due to a person in your household being COVID-19 positive, they will no longer have to isolate for 7 days. They are still required to attend school providing they:

- do a daily Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and receive a negative result each day to attend school.
- are asymptomatic.
- wear a mask at school (for students in Year 7 and above) and when travelling on public transport or ride-share.

If your child becomes symptomatic or tests positive to COVID-19, please notify the school as soon as possible.

