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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



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A message from the Principal

With only a week to go staff and students are busy finalising semester programs and acknowledging outstanding work and achievements. It was really exciting to welcome parents/families to our first PP-Year 6 assembly yesterday. The assembly saw Mrs Cornish's Year 4/5 class present a very informative skit on the importance of using technology safely and Ms Kernighan's Year 3/4 classes performed a section of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate factory. In addition it was terrific to acknowledge so many students for their efforts academically, for displaying GROW values and for outstanding efforts in Cross Country and Winter Carnival.

Merredin College's Chaplaincy Program

Merredin College has a fantastic Chaplain in Sal Marais and her therapy dog, Lulu. Sal and Lulu divide their time working Monday, Wednesday and every odd Friday in secondary as well as Tuesday's and Thursday's in Primary. Sal is an integral member of the Merredin College community and the Student Services team. She co-ordinates and manages Breakfast Club for the school every morning, provides pastoral care for a large cohort of students and also identifies and distributes welfare and care packs for some of our students and families in need. Sal is essential to the Merredin College family and her friendly and warm disposition is the stimulus for many of our students to feel safe and cared for at our school.



The Chaplaincy program is supported by the Merredin Churches Fraternal who employ the Chaplain on behalf of the school. The Federal Government through the National Chaplaincy program gives the school a grant for \$21 000. The school contributes an extra \$26 000 and the rest is covered by approximately \$17 500 per annum of community donations of which the school is extremely grateful for.

Reporting for Semester 1

Due to the impact on attendance the Semester 1 Reports will look different. The reports have been modified to allow for staff to focus on classroom learning. All reports will include the A to E grades (or equivalent 5 point scale) for required learning areas. Information regarding your child's attitude, behaviour and effort will also be reported on. Primary students will be provided a comment for English, Mathematics and a general comment only. As Secondary have been sending out regular progress updates through Task Mark, the reports will not have comments but will have grades and attributes. Should you wish for additional information on your child's progress, you will have the opportunity to discuss at a Parent/Teacher Interview evening to be held on Tuesday 26 July. Further information will be provided early next term.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. We look forward to Semester 2 returning to normal. Should you have any questions, please contact the school on 9041 7520 or via Merredin.College@education.wa.edu.au .

We wish you a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards
Tracy Pickering
PRINCIPAL

[WINTER MENU – TERM 3 2022](#)



MCLINK

From next term the MC Link will be emailed out fortnightly. The MC Link is to provide information of upcoming events to the school community. The latest news from Merredin College will be posted on a regular basis on our Facebook page and also on the website: merredincollege.wa.edu.au

SECONDARY HIGHEST ACHIEVER ASSEMBLY - NEW DATE

The Year 7-12 Highest Achievers of Semester 1 Assembly will now be held on Tuesday 19 July at 9 am in the school gym. Student leaders for 2022/23 will also be announced.

WOOLY WEDNESDAY - WHOLE SCHOOL FREE DRESS DAY

This Wednesday is [Wooly Wednesday](#). Bring a gold coin and come to school in your most comfortable clothes. Chuck on your uggies and snuggles. Pull out your beanies, hoodies and oodies. Secondary students will also be able to purchase a hot chocolate with marshmallows at recess and lunch in the West Quad! Raised funds go towards the 2022 School Ball!

PRIMARY GLASS OF CLASS LUNCHEON

The Glass of Class lunch with the Principal will be held next Thursday at 11.00 in the Primary staff room. Students who have been awarded a Goldie were selected and will be acknowledged for their hard work and for following the PBS values for the term. Students will share a yummy lunch with Ms Pickering. Invitations will be sent home early next week.

CONSENT2GO

A reminder to parents/carers that if you have had to update any information when responding to Consent2Go that you should also make the same adjustments to your child's school records by contacting the front office or completing a student update form when visiting the administration offices.

CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES

Payment of Contributions and Charges can be made at the front office or online via EFT. If you would like to make arrangements for a payment plan or Direct Debit, please contact the front office.

Bank Details: Merredin College, BSB: 066-040, A/c: 1990 3610

BROADACRE HARVEST-TRAINING AND JOBS

You must have heard about the skills shortages in the agriculture industry.

Farmers are predicting bumper harvests again and they will be looking for people to bring it in at the end of the year. Year 12s may be eligible for the broadacre Harvest Operations Skills Set program that is going to be run at Muresk twice:

12-16 September 2022 or 3-7 October 2022

By completing this one-week course you will be well placed to get a job on the 2022 harvest. To find out more see your school email for the link <https://www2.dtwd.wa.gov.au/mureskinstitute/find-a-course/industry/short-course?courseid=146>

IMPORTANT DATES:

Term 2

1 July Year 9 CoRE Excursion
Last Day of Term 2

Term 3

18 July Staff commence Term 3 (SDD)
19 July Students commence Term 3
Year 7-12 Highest Achievers Assembly 9am
26 July Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-6pm (Y7-12)
1-5 Aug NAIDOC Week
8-9 Aug Curtin Ahead (Y8/9)
9 Aug Y10 Course Selection Parent Info Night 5.30pm
11 Aug Primary Assembly 9am
School Board Meeting 5.30pm
19 Aug Meckering Cross Country
19-21 Aug Volleyball Schools Cup (Y11-12)
15-19 Aug Science Week
22-26 Aug Book Week
25-21 Aug Volleyball Schools Cup (Y7-10)
29 Aug-2 Sept Country Week
2 Sept Primary Athletics Carnival
Careers Expo (Y9)
5 Sept P&C Meeting
8 Sept School Board Meeting 5.30pm
9 Sept Secondary Athletics
15 Sept Primary Interschool Athletics
Drama Performance
16 Sept Year 11/12 Exams
Drama Performance
Secondary Interschool Athletics
23 Sept So You Think You Can Dance Performances
Last Day of Term 3
Last Day for Year 12 VET/General students

[Read the Latest News on our Website](#)

UNIFORM SHOP- CHANGE OF OPENING TIMES

Next week the uniform shop will be closed:
Monday 27 June 22.

It will be open:

Tuesday 28 June - 8.30-9.30am

Wednesday 29 June - 8.30-11.30am & 1-3pm.

Next term in Week 1 the shop will be open at the following times: Tuesday 19 July - 8.15-9.00am
Wednesday 20 July - 2-3pm.

Term 3 opening times (starting from 25/7/22) are:

Mondays 8.30-11.30am

Wednesdays 8.30-11.30am & 1-3pm

