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MC link

Merredin College Weekly Community Update



A message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now half way through the term and whilst COVID has had an impact, the staff have worked hard to try to maintain normality of curriculum provision. Senior School ATAR students are sitting exams this week and next week, the Year 6's have just returned from an exciting 4 days on camp and cross country is just around the corner. Whilst schools try to maintain normality the Education Department has acknowledged the impact of COVID on schools this semester. All public schools have been granted some scope with regards to modifying the reports to reflect the challenges individual schools have faced. Please find attached a letter that outlines the changes in Semester One Reporting. Further information will be provided to parents over the next few week. <https://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Reporting-Update-26.05.22.pdf>

I would like to acknowledge the Merredin College School Board. The School Board acts as a governing body that is representative of the parent, staff, community and student bodies. The School Board is pivotal in being the voice of the wider sector in regards to the future directions of Merredin College. The current Board is composed of:

- Principal - Tracy Pickering
- Teaching staff - Lynne Herbert and Tom James
- Parents - Lesley Watson, Jenny Doncon, Gareth Davies, Renee Manning
- Community Members - Glen Reithmuller, Ron King
- MCS - Janelle Lane (non-voting member)
- Student Councillors - 2 Senior Student Councillors attend.

Over the coming weeks we will update our website to include more details about our School Board members, what their role as a Board is, updates from School Board meetings and how you can contact the Board to share your thoughts.

Kind regards
Tracy Pickering
PRINCIPAL

YEAR 11/12 ATAR EXAMS

The integrity of the upcoming exam period is of great importance and with COVID-19 very much within the town and surrounds, those students who miss exams due to coming down with COVID-19 will be able to sit the exam on their return. These students will need to provide the College with evidence from WA Health to help support their absence. Students who have any other illnesses which causes them to miss an exam will need to provide the College with a doctor's certificate.

We wish all our Year 11 and 12 students the best for their exams.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Term 2

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

Please use followings links to access Term Planners.

[2022 Term Planners](#)

[Term 2 Planner](#)

(Some dates are subject to change)

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

Term 1 Opening Hours

MONDAYS: 8.30-11.30AM

TUESDAYS: 8.30-9.30AM

WEDNESDAYS: 1-3PM

Order Form: [2021-ORDER-FORM.pdf](#) (merredincollege.wa.edu.au)



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 will now combine with the Year 3/4 Class to run the Week 8 Assembly. We will keep parents updated via the MC Link and the MC Facebook page.

BOOKCLUB

The Book Club brochures were handed out last week and all orders are due by Friday 10 June.

SCHOOL DRESS

A reminder to parents that with the weather changing it is important that children are dressed for the cold. Please ensure all jumpers have student names in them and check that your child still has a school hat. Hats are available from primary admin for \$12.

CROSS COUNTRY

Merredin College will be holding the Inter House Cross Country Race which will take place on **Friday 3 June**. All Cross Country races this year will be held at the College starting and finishing on the College oval.

AGE GROUP	ARRIVAL TO OVAL	RACE TIME	RACE DISTANCE
6Yrs & Under Girls		9:05 am	1km
6Yrs & Under Boys		9:20 am	1km
8Yrs & Under Girls		9:35 am	1km
8Yrs & Under Boys		9: 50 am	1km
10Yrs& Under Girls		10:05 am	1.5km
10Yrs&Under Boys		10:25 am	1.5km
12Yrs &Under Girls		10:45 am	2km
12Yrs&Under Boys		11:05 am	2km
Year 7 Boys / Girls	11:30 (Period 3)	11:40 am	2.5km
Year 8 Boys / Girls	11:30 (Period 3)	12:00 am	2.5km
Year 9 Boys / Girls	12:30 (period 4)	12:40 am	2.5km
Year 10 – 12 Girls	12:30 (Period 4)	12:55 pm	3km
Year 10 – 12 Boys	12:30 (Period 4)	12:55 pm	3km

PLEASE NOTE:

- The start times to all events are approximations and may change on the day, it is always best to be arrive earlier than the estimated start times, to avoid disappointment.
- Secondary students ONLY will be running outside the parameter of the school and will need a completed permission form to compete as they are leaving school grounds.
- Primary students events are on school site and do not require parent permission on the Consent2Go App.
- Students are to run in their House polo shirt, they need appropriate running shoes, a water bottle, a hat and sunscreen. Students with Asthma should bring their Ventolin to their race.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS

The top male and female runners in each event will also be given the opportunity to represent the College at the interschool events being held in Bruce Rock on Friday 10 June (Primary) and in Meckering on Friday 19 August (Primary/Secondary) .



Do I have to show a negative test result to leave isolation and go back to work, after testing positive to COVID-19 and isolating for 7 days?

No, you do not need a negative COVID-19 result to leave isolation and go back to work if you have completed 7 days of isolation since testing positive, and no longer have symptoms.

A person may still test positive after the 7 days because they can shed the virus. They are not contagious.

