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A message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by congratulating the Senior School students who have undertaken ATAR Exams or Externally Set Task's this week. It is always a stressful time for students and they have tackled them in a mature and organised manner. Well done.

Today the school hosted the Cross Country. It was fantastic to see the students participating and so many parents on the school site. Signs that school is returning to normal. I had the opportunity to speak to a number of parents about the school and what we could be doing to make Merredin College even better. Congratulations to Ms Bryant and her support staff for hosting a well run event.

The WA government has announced further easing of public health measures, including changes to WA's mandatory vaccination policy as of Friday 10 June. Please find attached a letter outlining the changes and how this impacts on schools. We are very pleased that things are beginning to return to normal. Please note in the letter that general health and safety requirements still apply in regards to persons who have COVID or are deemed close contacts. Link

Just a reminder that Tuesday 7 June is scheduled as a Professional Learning day for all staff at Merredin College. Students are not required to attend on this day and the School Administration will also be closed. The Staff will be undertaking Professional Learning around 'Being their best selves' and how that can optimise their professional and personal worlds. All professional learning aims to support staff to provide learning environments that maximise opportunities for students.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank our parents and community for their ongoing support of the Merredin College staff during this most trying of terms. We wish you all an enjoyable time with family and friends over the extended long weekend. We look forward to seeing all students return on Wednesday 8 June.

Kind regards
Tracy Pickering
PRINCIPAL

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Term 2

6 June WA Day (Public Holiday)

7 June School Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

10 June Bruce Rock Cross Country13 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

18 July Staff commence Term 3 (SDD)

19 July Students commence Term 3

Please use followings links to access Term Planners.

2022 Term Planners

Term 2 Planner

(Some dates are subject to change)

Congratulations to Year 12 student Olivia Downsborough who has accepted an 'Unconditional Offer' to the University of Western Australia in 2023 to complete a Masters' Degree in Teaching – via the Bachelor



of Arts (English and Literacy Studies).
Students who receive an 'Unconditional Offer', have met or exceeded the entry requirements for their chosen course using their Year 11 predicted ATAR score. These students still need to sit their final ATAR exams.

BRUCE ROCK CROSS COUNTRY (PRIMARY)

The top three runners in the 8yrs, 10yrs and 12yrs events at todays cross country will be receiving Consent2Go invites to compete at Bruce Rock Cross Country next Friday 17 June. We wish them well representing our school.

PRIMARY WINTER CARNIVAL

The annual Primary Winter Carnival is being held on Thursday 10 June at the Merredin Recreation Centre. Students have elected to play Football, Netball or Hockey. Every student in Years 4-6 and selected Year 3 students have been placed in teams and attendance on the day is compulsory.

We are looking for parent/community volunteers to be involved

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

Special opening hours for next week!

WEDNESDAY 8.30-11.30am & 12.30-3pm

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on the day to ensure it runs smoothly. Volunteers are needed as coaches, umpires, scorers and time keepers for each sport. You would be needed from 9am until 1pm. If you would like to volunteer your time please contact the Primary Office or Miss Kylie Bryant.

HIGH SCHOOL NETBALL CUP

On Thursday 23 June we are competing in the High School Netball Cup in Northam. We are looking for some extra helpers for the event. If you are able to assist with umpiring or team management, please contact Justin Roberts (Phys Ed Teacher) or admin and put your name down.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

The next Primary Assembly will be held on Thursday 23 June (Week 9) and is to be hosted by the Year 3/4 class. We look forward to seeing our parents there.





