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A message from the Principal

Term 3 has started smoothly with students settling in well to what we hope will be a more traditional school setting. Secondary students commenced with a Year 7-12 assembly on Monday celebrating Semester 1 Highest Achievers and the welcoming of the new 2022-2023 Student Councillors. I would like to acknowledge our outgoing Student Counsellors and their contribution over the past 12 months.

This term we welcome Mrs Sarah Postans who has taken on the Secondary HASS role. Ms Chloe Grinsell will remain with the 5/6-1 class. As of week 3 Mrs Judy Middleton will step into the Year 3/4 class whilst Ms Amber-Lee Kernaghan is on leave. We also have the Shooting Stars Program commencing this term and welcome Mrs Sallyann Silver as the program Coordinator.

As you may have seen on the news COVID is still amongst us. A letter ([COVID19 Update](#)) from the Education Department was emailed on Wednesday outlining recommended precautions to help to reduce the spread of colds, flu and COVID. Whilst mask wearing at this stage is not mandatory it is encouraged. Staff have masks available for students in the classrooms if they wish to wear one. Additional RAT tests will also be provided to students once we have received them.

We have a number of camps, incursions, excursions and activities coming up. We look forward to seeing parents throughout the term at the various events.

Kind regards
Tracy Pickering
PRINCIPAL

SHOOTING STARS

Merredin College is thrilled to announce the launch of the Shooting Stars program commencing in Term 3 Week 2. Glass Jar Australia's Shooting Stars education engagement program, was established out of a successful Netball WA pilot initiative in Halls Creek in 2014. As a result of the positive community impact delivered, the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet's Indigenous Advancement Strategy directed funding to establish an independent not for profit; Glass Jar Australia. Glass Jar Australia runs the program Shooting Stars, its purpose is to empower Aboriginal people and communities, stay true to the Shooting Stars Way and challenge the status quo.

Based in host schools in regional and remote communities, Shooting Stars combines advocacy and support, engagement activities, rewards and health and wellbeing sessions to strengthen participants' confidence, cultural identity, and positive attitudes, while promoting their health and wellbeing.

The program will run from room 10 and be co-ordinated by Sallyann Silver, with an engagement focus on girls between the years of 5-12. There will be a weekly hour-long session for different groups of girls as well as in-class support, and before and after school engagement activities. We look forward to sharing more of our Shooting Stars news throughout this exciting journey.

Presenting.....
2022-23
Year 12 Student Councillors

 Bailey Smith - Head Boy	 Miranda Tompkin - Head Girl
 Ethan Creek	 Patience Slater
 Hallie Anderson	 Caitlin Squire



ShootingStars



NAIDOC WEEK

This year Merredin College will be celebrating NAIDOC week from 1-5 August (Week 3).

Events will include:

- Monday: Opening assembly at 10am in the Secondary East Quad with a welcome to country and dance performance by Aboriginal students.
- Tuesday: Painting of the "Six Seasons" mural in primary by secondary Aboriginal students.
- Wednesday: Exhibition netball match between the *Shooting Stars* Aboriginal girls and the Merredin Youth Committee.
- Thursday: Dreamtime stories read to primary students by secondary students.
- Friday: Face painting at recess and the NAIDOC Football Cup for year 5-7 students at lunch and closing address.

The shooting stars room will also be opened up for viewing and various activities throughout the week.

Parents and carers are invited to spectate the NAIDOC Cup on Friday commencing at 1:45pm on the School Oval.



**GET UP!
STAND UP!
SHOW UP!**

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS—SECONDARY

Parent/teacher interviews will take place in the Library on Tuesday 26 July from 4-6pm. It will be great to see as many parents/care givers as we can to discuss your child's progress. Please be aware that interviews should be kept to 10 minutes max to allow for others to meet with teachers. Information regarding the format of the night is available on this link: [Parent/Teacher Interview Evening](#)

UNIVERSITY EARLY OFFERS

Our year 12 students are now receiving early offers into University for 2023. What a great achievement for these students and to the staff at Merredin College who have nurtured them along the way!

- **Mar Chee Navales** has received an early offer from Curtin University to study Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing.
- **Alyssa Taylor** has also received an offer to study Bachelor of Science (Exercise and Sport Science) at Curtin.
- **Jaden Willis** has received a conditional offer to study a Bachelor of Education (Secondary Teaching) majoring in Physical Education at Murdoch University.

*Congratulations and keep **STRIVING TO SUCCEED!!***



MC LINK

This 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

Our Kindy kids enjoying their new Water Playground!! Thank you to Nutrien Ag Solutions for donating the water pump for the project.



IMPORTANT DATES:

Term 3

- 25-27 July** Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camp
- 26 July** Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-6pm (Y7-12)
- 1-5 Aug** NAIDOC Week
- 8 Aug** P&C Meeting 6pm
- 8-9 Aug** Curtin Ahead (Y8/9)
- 9 Aug** Y10 Course Selection Parent Info Night 5.30pm
- 9-12 Aug** Year 9 CoRE Field Trip
- 11 Aug** Primary Assembly 9am
School Board Meeting 5.30pm
- 12 Aug** Y10.1 ATAR Taster Excursion
- 15-19 Aug** Science Week
- 18 Aug** Secondary Assembly
- 19 Aug** Meckering Cross Country
Daffodil Day Food Science Excursion
- 19-21 Aug** Volleyball Schools Cup (Y11-12)
- 22-26 Aug** Book Week
- 24 Aug** Junior Primary Theatre Performance
Australian School Library Day
- 25-21 Aug** Volleyball Schools Cup (Y7-10)
- 29 Aug-2 Sept** Country Week
- 30 Aug** Musica Viva Performance - Primary
- 5 Sept** P&C Meeting
- 6 Sept** Secondary Athletics Carnival
- 7 Sept** Primary Jumps and Throws
- 8 Sept** Primary Assembly
School Board Meeting 5.30pm
- 9 Sept** Primary Athletics
- 13-14 Sept** Year 11 Outdoor Ed Camp
- 15 Sept** Primary Interschool Athletics
Drama Performance
- 16 Sept** Secondary Interschool Athletics
Drama Performance
- 18 Sept** Bus Accident Anniversary
- 20 Sept** Primary Glass of Class Luncheon
- 22 Sept** Y10.1 Science Excursion
- 23 Sept** So You Think You Can Dance Performances
Last Day of Term 3
Last Day for Year 12 VET/General students

Useful Links:

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

[CANTEEN WINTER MENU – TERM 3 2022](#)

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times:
(Starting from 25 July)

Mondays 8.30-11.30am

Wednesdays 8.30- 11.30am & 1-3pm

Order Form: [2021-ORDER-FORM.pdf](#)

