



A message from the Principal

Welcome all to our final MC Link for Term 3.

This has been a roller coaster of a term with a number of events that were postponed from Term 2 occurring this term. It has made for an extremely busy yet exciting couple of months. In the past 2 weeks alone 43 students attended Senior School Country Week. This was a highly anticipated event after last years was cancelled at the last minute. Congratulations to the staff who supported the organisation and coaching of the teams and to the students for representing Merredin College so well.

The official opening of the Shooting stars program was hosted last week. Over the past two weeks the primary Jumps and Throws day, secondary Athletics Carnival and primary Athletics Carnival have all been held with great success. Year 11's braved the weather this week on an Outdoor Education Cycling Camp. This week will also see Merredin College host the Secondary Interschool Carnival and Mr James' Drama students will be conducting their highly anticipated Performance 'Stories in the Dark'.

The start of Term 4 will be exciting with the Year 12 students getting ready for exams, their Graduation and their school Ball. In addition Merredin College will be supporting Rotary as they host a Car Rally on 13 October which will showcase 70-80 vintage and rally cars. Information flyers will be posted next week.

As mentioned previously, this term has been challenging for the staff at Merredin College with COVID and illness still having an impact. To their credit the desire of staff to continue to provide educational and/or special events opportunities during this time has been unwavering. We thank our parents and community for the ongoing support you provide to Merredin College and wish you all a safe and enjoyable school holidays. We look forward to seeing the students return on Monday 10 October 2022.

Kind Regards
Tracy Pickering
PRINCIPAL



IN COMMEMORATION - 1982 BUS ACCIDENT

On 18 September 1982, a bus carrying a number of our students returning from the football grand final in Perth hit a tree at Nangeenan and burnt. Nine of our students and the driver, the hostel manager, were killed. The cause of the accident is not known.

The parents of the students who were killed have asked that we hold no special ceremony, but it is traditional that we have a minutes silence. This year as it falls on a Sunday, we will hold this commemoration on Monday 19 September.

The Principal of the school at the time, Bob Chambers, wrote a prose poem:

'In Remembrance'

"So this is your house" said the man.

"Yes," I replied.

"Then where is your family?" he asked.

"Why, they are all around."

"But some are missing," he said.

"Yes, I have lost nine sons and a friend."

"Then how will you remember them?" he asked.

"I will join with many others, we will sing, pray and talk about our loss."

"But works fade, are forgotten; then how will you remember them?" he said.

"I will make a book of cards, telegrams and messages so that any may read and remember."

"But books get put in cupboards and are forgotten; then how will you remember them?" he said.

"I will build a garden with ten roses for remembrance."

"But people move and will not be able to visit your garden; then how will you remember them?"

"I have one way which will never fail—I will remember them in my heart."



PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thursday 22 September is now the Queens Memorial Public Holiday. Please see the attached letter regarding school attendance on Friday 23 September.

ATAR EXAMS CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

Due to Thursday 22 September now being the Queens Memorial Public Holiday, Phys Ed and Physics Exams have been rescheduled to Friday 23 September, still at the same time and in the Library.

SECONDARY ASSEMBLY

The next GROW Assembly will be held on Friday 14 October at 9am (Week 1-Term 4) in the West Quad. The 2022 House Cup will be presented as well as the new 2023 House Captains.

YEAR 6 CAMP FUNDRAISER

Friendly reminder that the Year 5 students are collecting containers for change - money raised will go towards their 2023 Year 6 camp. There are plenty of bins around the school to place your empty bottles in or they can be dropped at the collection centre and put through this number [C10349064](tel:08949064). Thank you for your support.

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

Important dates for Year 11 & 12 students for Term 4.

Term 4 - Year 12

Week 1	10 - 13 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All Year 12 ATAR students return for normal classes.
	Thursday 13 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3pm - Year 12 ATAR timetable suspended.
	Friday 14 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">10.05am - Assembly (Year 7-12).11am - Year 12's are invited to share a Morning Tea in the staffroom. Students present fun awards to teachers.12noon - Students make their way to the Dace Studio/grassed area.12.15-1.15pm - Practice for Awards Ceremony. Students will be dismissed when practice finishes
Week 2	17 - 18 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Revision Seminars will be offered to ATAR students, times to be advised.Awards Night 7-9.30pm (approx.)
Weeks 2-3	20 October (Thurs)	
Weeks 2-3	19 - 28 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ATAR students study week. Students may visit the school to use the library and make appointments with their teachers.
Weeks 4-6	31 Oct - 18 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ATAR Course Written Examinations

Term 4 - Year 11

Weeks 1 & 2	10 - 21 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Normal timetable for all Year 11 students.
Weeks 3-5	24 Oct - 11 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All VET/General pathway students are on Workplace Learning.ATAR Pathway students have normal timetable.
Week 6	14 - 18 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">VET/General Pathway students return to school to complete Workplace Learning Logbooks/Skills Journals. Once logbooks are completed, Mr O'Neill will sign students off and they are finished for the year.ATAR Pathway students have normal classes.
Weeks 6	18 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Last timetabled 2022 school day for all Year 11 students.

IMPORTANT DATES:

TERM 3

- 18 Sept** Bus Accident Anniversary
- 21 Sept** AFL Kalgoorlie Match (Year 9/10)
- 22 Sept** Public Holiday
- 23 Sept** Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams
- Last Day of Term 3
- Last Day for Year 12 VET/General students

TERM 4

- 10 Oct** Students Commence
- 13 Oct** Open Day/Rotary Car Show
- 14 Oct** Secondary Assembly 9am
- Year 12's Last Day
- T20 Cricket Cup (Primary)
- 15 Oct** School Ball
- 20 Oct** Year 12 Awards Night
- 24 Oct-11 Nov** Year 11 ADWPL VET/General
- 25-28 Oct** Year 10 CoRE Rottneest Excursion
- 31 Oct** P&C Meeting
- 31 Oct-18 Nov** ATAR Exams
- 1-4 Nov** Year 7/8 CoRE Kalbarri Excursion
- 3 Nov** Primary Assembly 9am
- School Board Meeting 5.30pm
- 10 Nov** Secondary Assembly 9am
- 18 Nov** Last day for Year 11 students
- Year 9 Drama Excursion
- 23 Nov** Year 7-10 Arts & Tech Showcase
- 24-28 Nov** Year 12 ATAR Study Week
- 28 Nov** P&C Meeting 3.15pm
- 30 Nov-1 Dec** Year 10-11 Transition Day
- 30 Nov-2 Dec** Year 9 Try-a-Trade Days
- 1 Dec** School Board Meeting 5.30pm
- 5-9 Dec** Year 9 Camp
- 5-13 Dec** Year 10.1 Work Experience
- 9 Dec** Primary Reward Day
- 12 Dec** Primary Glass of Class Luncheon
- 14 Dec** Y7-10 Highest Achievers Assembly 1.30pm
- 15 Dec** Last day of term for students

Athletics Inter-house Events



Link: [Primary](#)



Link: [Secondary](#)