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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



## A message from the Principal .....

Dear parents/carers,

It is hard to believe we are now halfway through Term 3. It has been a very busy fortnight with a number of exciting events taking place. I want to begin by congratulating all the primary and secondary students who have been awarded GROW certificates over the past few weeks. It is always terrific seeing so many students striving to do their best.

**Science Week (15-21 August)** - This week students from K-12 have been involved in National Science week. 'Glass: More than meets the eye' is the school theme for Science Week 2022 and celebrates the United Nations International Year of Glass. Students had the opportunity to undertake some inquiry-based classroom activities that promote learnings in one of 3 areas: Making glass, Bending light and Window to the world. Be sure to ask your child what cool science activity they did this week. [Link](#)

**Gifted and Talented program** - Exceptionally able students across regional Western Australia can participate in Gifted and Talented programs through the Selective Academic Program GT Online. In the online program, students with exceptional academic ability:

- learn with like-minded peers
- access stimulating programs that extend, enrich and accelerate their learning.

Merredin College currently hosts students undertaking the GT online program. Online applications for the 2024 round open Monday 17 October 2022 and close on Sunday 12 February 2023.

Apply online: [education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented](https://education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented)

The last couple of weeks have seen the Year 5/6 classes attend a culturally immersive excursion at Merredin Peak Reserve; Curtin Ahead hosted information sessions Year 8 & 9 students about career opportunities and pathways. The ATAR Year 10's enjoyed seeing a play and going to Curtin University amongst other exciting activities whilst the Year 9 CORE students had an exciting field trip to Dongara to Coalseam Conservation Park and Dongara.

The next couple of weeks will also be full of excitement for a number of secondary students who will be representing Merredin College at both the Volleyball School Cup and Country Week. In addition, on the 27 & 28 August, Ms Cartwright will lead a group of Year 8-10 students as they take on a number of other District High Schools and Senior High Schools for the WA Robotics Playoffs (WARP) next weekend. [You Tube Video](#)

We wish all our competitors the very best of luck.

Kind regards  
Ms Tracy Pickering  
PRINCIPAL

### SCHOOL ENROLMENTS – 2023

It is that time of the year where we start planning for the 2023 school year. Enrolment packages are available from administration for new students. If your child is currently attending the college and you are planning on moving to another school next year, it would be muchly appreciated if you could let the front office know as soon as possible.

### MERREDIN COLLEGE SPORTING TEAMS

Over the next couple of weeks a number of secondary students will attend the Volleyball School Cup and Country Week. We wish the staff and students all the very best of luck with these competitions.

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## Gifted and Talented

online program available here

We are committed to providing students with exceptional academic ability the opportunity to access the Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Program through GT Online.

Find out more at  
[gtonline.wa.edu.au](https://gtonline.wa.edu.au)

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## School enrolments are now open for 2023

If your child is starting Kindergarten, Pre-primary, Year 7 or changing schools you will need to apply to enrol by 22 July 2022.

Find out more:  
[education.wa.edu.au/how-to-enrol](https://education.wa.edu.au/how-to-enrol)

## Dreaming with eyes open...

### Book Week 2022

Friday 26th August

Join us for a book week breakfast/read along at 8.15am

Come dressed as your favourite book character - parade at 9am

### SMS - SYSTEM ERROR

This week we have been experiencing some issues with our messaging system. It appears the messages are now being received but there was a delay from when the messages were sent to when they were being received. We are not the only school affected and this issue is being investigated by the ICT Department. We sincerely apologise to those parents who missed out on the Secondary assembly yesterday, but unfortunately this situation was out of our control.

### EDWARD THE EMU EXCURSION

Children in our Kindy to Year 2/3 classes have been invited to attend the performance of 'Edward the Emu' at the Cummins Theatre next week. A reminder to parents that the \$12 should be paid to the school for tickets and the bus fare by Monday afternoon. We are lucky to have the Monkey Baa theatre group coming to town as this performance was seen by one of our students at the Sydney Opera House earlier this year!

### MUSICA VIVA INCURSION - PRIMARY

Mrs Adamson has arranged for Musica Viva to come to Merredin College again this year. They will visit the school on Tuesday, 30 August with their new performance 'Two Wheel Time Machine'. Notes have gone home this week.

### PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVALS

**Interhouse Carnival** - Friday, 9 September. We are currently looking for volunteers for a scorer assistant and ribbon presenters.

**Interschool Carnival** - Thursday, 15 September. Volunteers are needed for ribbon presenting, vortex and long jump measuring.

Please contact Kylie Bryant on [kylie.bryant@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:kylie.bryant@education.wa.edu.au) if you are able to assist on either of these days.

### OLNA TESTING

This has been scheduled for Week 8/9 (5-12 September). Please find below the testing sessions for Year 10, 11 and 12 students.

#### Year 10:

Reading: Monday 5 September 9am

Writing: Thursday 8 September 10am

Numeracy: Monday 12 September 9am

#### Year 11/12/T2W:

Reading: Monday 5 September 10am

Writing: Thursday 8 September 9am

Numeracy: Monday 12 Sept 11.30am

### YEAR 10 COURSE SELECTIONS

For parents that were unable to attend the Year 10 Course Selection Information Evening last week, below is a link to watch the session back. Year 10 students have now been given a course selection and the return date for these is Friday, 26 August 2022 to Student Services. Any student that was away or requires another booklet can pick one up from Student Services.

#### Webex Link:

<https://educationwa.webex.com/recording/service/sites/educationwa/recording/playback/69218fe8f9f4103abfb6005056813320>

Password: MmyE5JAK

### CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES

If you have not paid your child's contributions this year, please contact the front office to arrange payment. Payment plans are available also. Direct EFT payments can be made to the account below, please ensure you include your child's name as the reference. **Merredin College, BSB: 066-040, A/c: 19903610**

### CONSENT2GO

It has come to our attention that reminders for payments going out via Consent2Go can not be restricted to those who have already responded/paid. Apologies if you receive a reminder message - it is something we are unable to adjust.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### Term 3

**19-21 Aug** Volleyball Schools Cup (Year 11-12)

**22-26 Aug** Book Week

**24 Aug** Junior Primary Theatre Performance  
Australian School Library Day

**24-26 Aug** Follow the Dream Camp (Year 10-12)

**25-28 Aug** Volleyball Schools Cup (Year 7-10)

**26 Aug** Book Week Breakfast/Read Along 8.15am  
Book Week Parade 9sm

**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

**21 Sept** AFL Kalgoorlie Match (Year 9/10)

**22 Sept** Year 10.1 Science Excursion

**23 Sept** So You Think You Can Dance Performances  
Last Day of Term 3  
Last Day for Year 12 VET/General students

#### 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)

**20 Oct** Year 12 Awards Night

**25-28 Oct** Year 10 CoRE Rottne Excursion



**VacSwim enrolments now open**

Help keep your child safe in the water. Enrol now for the summer 2023 school holidays.

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