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A message from the Principal

Welcome Parents and Carers,

This past fortnight has seen a hive of activity with School Photos, OLNA and NAPLAN testing taking place. In addition there have been changes taking place in P&C and School Board Committees.

P&C: Thank you to Justine Lowe (outgoing President) and Phil Van Der Were (outgoing Vice President) for their contribution over a number of years. The role of the P&C in supporting the school is paramount to the schools success. Justine and Phil are to be commended for ensuring Merredin College had a vibrant and supportive P&C over their time. Earlier this week elections were held to fill the vacant positions. The new composition of the P&C is below:

President: Marsouw (Mars) Major

Vice President: Jamie-Lee Walker

Secretary: Andrina Prnich

Treasurer: Kristy van Der Were

General Executive members: Justine Lowe, Phil Van Der were, Mary-Jane Townson, Celia Du Plessis

School Board: Thank you to Renee Manning (Vice Chair - Parent), Jenny Doncon (Secretary - Parent), Lesley Watson (Parent) and Lynne Herbert (Staff) who have been on the School Board for many years. Their personal contribution to the school is to be commended.

Chair: Gareth Davies

Vice President: yet to be appointed

Community: Glen Reithmuller

Staff: Daina Sutherland, yet to be finalised

Parent: Ram Rajagopalan, Crystal Pearce

Please note: We are still seeking one more parent so if interested please follow the links. [Roles and responsibilities](#). If you are unsure about what the role entails please phone 9041 7520. No prerequisites required just an expression of interest (no obligations).

With only 9 days to go can I please ask parents to encourage your children to maintain a high level of enthusiasm for their learning and continue to be well prepared for class. Classes will be working right up until the last day.

Kind regards
Tracy Pickering
PRINCIPAL



Justine Low and Phil Van Der Merwe receiving a small token of appreciation for their commitment to our school P&C at the Primary Assembly this week.

IMPORTANT DATES:

TERM 1

- 27 March** Follow the Dream Opening 3-5pm
- 29-31 March** Year 9 Shooting Stars Camp
- 1 April** Merredin Show
- 6 April** ANZAC Ceremony
- Last day of Term 1 (Thursday)

TERM 2

- 24 April** Staff & Students Commence Term 2
- 25 April** [ANZAC Day Public Holiday](#)
- 29 April** School Ball
- 1-3 May** Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camp
- 2-5 May** CoRE Extended Field Trip
- 11 May** Year 7-12 Netball Cup
- 15 May** P&C Meeting 6pm
- 18 May** Primary Assembly (Year 4/5) 9am
- School Board Meeting 6.30pm
- 23 May** AHEAD Career Discovery Excursion (Y10.1)
- 2 June** School Development Day
- 5 June** [WA Day - Public Holiday](#)
- 12 June** P&C Meeting 3.15pm
- 15 June** School Board AGM 6.30pm
- 16 June** Primary Winter Carnival
- 22 June** Primary Assembly (Year 3) 9am
- Get into Resources Excursion
- 23 June** Secondary Academic Excellence Assembly
- 25-30 June** Secondary Country Week
- 26-30 June** Year 11/12 ADWPL (Workplace Learning)
- 30 June** Last day of Term 2



ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

The whole school (K-12) will come together on Thursday, 6 April in the gymnasium to commemorate ANZAC Day). This is a very powerful service which provides our students with understanding and respect for those that have served and those who have given their life for this great country. Parents and friends are welcome to attend this event on the last day of school.

NETBALL CUP 2023

The High Schools Netball Cup is being held in Northam on Thursday 11 May. We are planning on taking a few teams and would really appreciate some parent helpers on the day. If you are able to help out please contact the front office or Mr Justin Roberts—Phys Ed department.

MSP PHOTOGRAPHY-SCHOOL PHOTOS

The new expiry date for online ordering of student photos and packs is **28 March 2023**. Please contact the school for your child's Shootkey.

Specialty Group Photos:

- Specialty Group Photos will be available for purchase after the main photo day packs are delivered to the school. Orders will be open for 4 weeks and ordering slips will be included in the students' photo pack.

Family Photos:

- Family photos cannot be ordered online.
- Once the school has received photos, Family Photos will remain at Reception for parents to collect and notification will be sent.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

We are desperately seeking second hand school uniforms, in particular school shirts. If your children have outgrown shirts and you are happy to donate them, we would greatly appreciate them as we are starting to run quite low in both primary admin and Student Services.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Student contributions and charges are still payable if you have not paid them as yet. Please contact the front office if you would like to make arrangements for a payment plan. If you have a Health Care card then please also contact the front office to complete a Secondary Assistance Scheme claim form for \$235 per child.

STUDENTS DRIVING TO SCHOOL

Any student wishing to drive to school MUST collect Student Driver Policy paperwork from Student Services if you have not already this year. Once paperwork is signed, returned and approved by the Student Services Deputy Principal you will be issued with a parking permit. Any questions, please see Mrs Alvaro or Mrs Major at Student Services.

LUNCH AND SNACKS

A number of our Primary students are dropping into the office to request food during the second lunch break at 1.30pm. Can parents please have a conversation with their child/ren about whether they are getting enough food during the day. We have a limited supply of food items for emergencies which is being exhausted. We will give you a call if your child is coming to the office for extra food items.

MERREDIN SHOW—COLORING COMPETITION

Attached is the colouring competition for this year's show. Hard copies are available from the Primary administration.

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

\$350

towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD A: • CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD
(OR) • CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
(OR) • VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close
Thursday 6 April 2023

Ask School Reception for More Information



2023
School Ball
Year 10-12

DRIPPING IN
LUXURY

Saturday 29th April 2023
Cummins Theatre
Arrive from 6pm
Year 12 Entrance from 6:30pm
Tickets: \$80ea
On sale from 7 March - 14 April



Amity Playgroup
Starting back on Monday 13th February

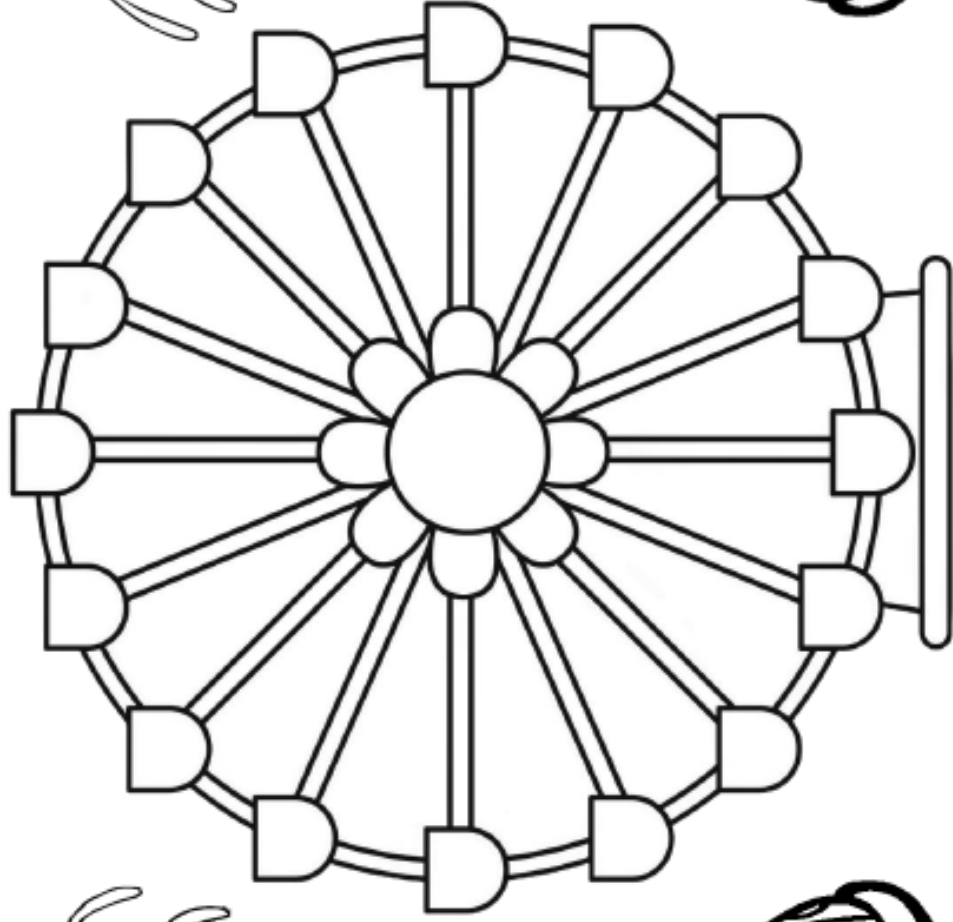
Meeting Times
Monday 9-11am
Thursday 9-11am
During School Terms

kashwin@amityhealth.com.au



MERREDIN SHOW

2023



Prizes for Categories

- 0 – Pre Primary
- Year 1 – Year 3
- Year 4 – Year 6

Name: _____

Age: _____

Year: _____

Please return to the
CRC or Cockies Ag by
4.30pm Tuesday
25th March 2023.