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A message from the Principal

Welcome Parents/Carers

On Monday 22 May Merredin College staff and students paid tribute to Mr Edward (Eddy) Johnston. Mr Johnston was a huge supporter of Merredin College and attended numerous ANZAC services over the years. For many of our students, he was the face of service to country, brayery

students he was the face of service to country, bravery, comradery, honour and mateship. The staff were extremely proud of all of our students who showed their utmost respect by remaining silent as they lined Woolgar Avenue to pay tribute as the hearse and accompanying cars passed.

Lest we forget! LINK





I would like to start by welcoming the new **School Board Parent Members**: Mrs Crystal Pearce and Mr Pedro Cruz. The role of the School Board is to support the school in establishing and reviewing the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions and evaluating the school's performance in achieving those objectives, priorities and directions. School Board meetings are held twice a term with the Annual General Meeting being held once a year in which parents are welcome to attend. The AGM will be held Thursday 15 June 6pm in the School Library.

Over the past two weeks a number of the Primary and Secondary students have participated in a variety of events. Primary were treated to an entertaining and culturally informative performance by an **Indonesian Choir**. The students were emersed in stories told through music that reflected the Indonesian culture. This was a rare and exciting opportunity that the staff and students greatly enjoyed. On Friday 19 May the PP-Year 6 students showed off their team spirit as they participated in the **Cross Country**. The comradery and support for each other was admirable. Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to attend on the day and well done to all involved. We wish the Interschool Cross Country team all the best in their upcoming races at Bruce Rock on the 9 June.

I would like to acknowledge our Year 11 and 12 students who this month are sitting either their Externally Set Tasks or ATAR Exams. This has been a stressful time for them and they are to be commended for their diligent efforts. A number of secondary students have also had Career awareness opportunities with the **Follow the Dream** students attending Camp last week. They visited a variety of learning and indigenous centres. The Year 10's attended an informative career advice session with an **AHEAD Career Discovery** talk hosted by Curtin University. This along with course counselling is supporting students in their subject selections for year 11.

Kind regards
Tracy Pickering
PRINCIPAL





Primary Cross Country
Overall House Winners - Law House



Follow the Dream Camp



Year 10.1 AHEAD Incursion

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Next Friday 2 June is a School Development Day. Students are not required to attend on this day. Enjoy your extra long weekend.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

SAVE THE DATE: Our next primary assembly will be held on Thursday 22nd June at 9am in the covered assembly area and will be run by Mr Howieson's Year 3 Class. We look forward to seeing our families there.

BRUCE ROCK CROSS COUNTRY

Student invitations for the Primary Interschool Cross Country have been sent out via Consent2Go this week to students who placed in our school cross country event last week. Please check your email for these invitations.

STUDENT DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL PROCEDURE - SECONDARY

Following are the preferred procedures for students signing IN/OUT during the school day.

- Parent to arrange a time for student to meet them at Student Services desk in the Front Office.
- Parent to send a note with student so they can show their classroom teacher the time they are required to leave the class to go to Student Services to depart.
- Email / MSGU or Note can be given to SS at start of day and SS will
 provide a slip to student to give to teacher or email teacher to advise.
- Student to depart school via the Student Services counter.
- Student Services Admin will Sign Out/Depart them.
- 'Departure Pass' will be printed for student.
- Students are required to Sign In/Arrive at Student Services and collect a 'Arrival Pass' to go back to their class.
- 'Arrival Pass' to be given to teacher so Attendance can be recorded
- If a student arrives back at school during Recess or lunch, they MUST still sign back in at Student Services desk.

Please understand that the use of the PA interrupts lessons and children's learning, therefore we prefer to use it as minimally as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES:

TERM 2

30 May-4 June Shooting Stars Leadership Camp

2 June School Development Day5 June WA Day - Public Holiday

9 June Bruce Rock Interschool Cross Country

Primary Girls Football Clinic

Year 7-12 Cross Country

12 June P&C Meeting 3.15pm15 June School Board AGM 6.30pm22 June Primary Assembly (Year 3) 9am

Get into Resources Excursion (Year 10)

23 June Secondary Academic Excellence Assembly

Primary Winter Carnival **25-30 June** Secondary Country Week

26 June Primary Glass of Class Luncheon

26-30 June Year 11/12 ADWPL (Workplace Learning)

30 June Last day of Term 2

TERM 3

17 July School Development Day

18 July Students commence Term 3







BESCHOOLW



SHOW UP

- Arrive to school on time (8.45am).
- · Get to classes on time.
- Attendance matters!!



COME TO LEARN

- Be prepared for your day.
- Make sure you bring your school bag with pens, pencils, ruler, calculator and books required for your classes.
- Follow the classroom expectations.



LOOK

- · Wear your school uniform.
- School jumper/shirt and navy bottoms.
- Tie back long hair.





- Maintain a balanced WORK-REST-PLAY routine.
- Healthy food and good hygiene.
- Respect yourself and others.



Strive to be the best you can be!