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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



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From the Principal's desk

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a terrific fortnight with lots of events complimenting the curriculum. Today both primary and secondary students had the opportunity to come to school dressed in the Book Week inspired theme of 'Read, Grow, Inspire'. The Teachers outdid themselves also with Mr Men and the Hungry Caterpillar block themes in primary.

Last Friday night Ms Herbert, Ms Parrella and myself had the pleasure of attending the primary One Big Voice at RAC Arena. Mrs Caryn Adamson should be very proud of how the students represented Merredin College. With over 7600 student participants it created an incredible atmosphere I am sure the students will not forget.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of being at Volleyball Cup in which our teams represented Merredin proudly and most teams placed in the top four and a number of them won. A huge thank you to Mr James who coordinated the Volleyball program this year and to the students who attended before and after school training session all year and the parents who supported the program.

This weekend I will be attending Curtin Stadium to watch the West Australian Robotics Competition. Merredin has a team of secondary students competing with Ms Cartwright at the helm. Last year was our first time so this year the students are be more prepared. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing how they went.

Next week see's the primary and secondary Athletics carnivals. Parents are more than welcome to come and cheer on the students.

Be sure to keep an eye out for your Parent surveys next week. Surveys will be open for a week and the results will be provided early next term.

Kind regards
Tracy Pickering
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

TERM 3

- 25-28 Aug** WARP Robotics Excursion
- 29 Aug** Secondary Athletics Carnival
- 30 Aug** Primary Jumps & Throws
- 31 Aug** Year 3 Railway Museum Excursion
- 1 Sept** Primary Athletics Carnival
- 3-6 Sept** Year 10 CoRE Field Trip
- 4 Sept** P&C Meeting 3.15pm
- 4-15 Sept** OLN Testing Year 10-12
- 4-8 Sept** Year 6 School Camp
- 6 Sept** Year 8/9 Football V Kalgoorlie
- 7 Sept** School Board Meeting 5.30pm
Year 7 & Year 10 Immunisations
- 11 Sept** Musica Viva Incursion
Follow the Dream Celebration
- 12-13 Sept** Year 11 Outdoor Ed Camp
- 14 Sept** Secondary Assembly 9am
Primary Assembly 2pm
Primary Open Classrooms 3-4pm
Year 7 & Year 10 Immunisations
- 15 Sept** Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival
EASA Interschool Athletics Carnival
- 15-21 Sept** ATAR Exams
- 18 Sept** Merredin Bus Accident Anniversary
Primary Glass of Class Luncheon
- 19-22 Sept** Year 9 CoRE Field Trip
- 22 Sept** Last Day of Term 3

TERM 4

- 9 Oct** School Development Day (Pupil Free Day)
- 10 Oct** Students commence Term 3
- 12 Oct** Year 12 ATAR Timetable Suspended
- 13 Oct** Year 12 Morning Tea
Secondary Assembly
- 19 Oct** Year 12 Awards Night 7-9pm
- 24 Oct** CoRE Wheatbelt Resources Challenge
- 26 Oct** School Board Meeting 6.30pm
- 30 Oct** P&C Meeting 3.15pm
- 2 Nov** Primary Assembly



CONSENT2GO

It is important that parents/carers respond to events/excursion invitations on Consent2Go. If your child is not attending an event or you do not give permission you are still required to respond 'Not attending'.

2023 COMBINED HARVEST YEARBOOK

The Combined Harvest is \$30 per book and can still be ordered until the last day of this term - Friday 22 September. Payment can be made at the front office.

CHANGES TO PERSONAL INFORMATION

If you have a new address/phone number or e-mail, or your children's medical records have been updated, please ensure you let the school know. We need to have the most current records on file so that we can contact you in the event of an emergency.

YEAR 7 AND YEAR 10 IMMUNISATIONS

Immunisations for all Year 7 and 10 students will take place on the 7th and 14th of September. Please ensure you have returned your child's permission form. Spare forms are available from the Student Services counter at the front office.

IN FOCUS CAREERS NEWSLETTER

Every month In Focus Careers Newsletter provides an array of useful Career/Uni Pathway information. This month's edition includes:

- Applying for TAFE in 2024
- University open days
- Year 12 Handbooks
- Apprenticeship opportunities
- Skill West Expo



You can view [September Issue](#) here!

Keep an eye out for further monthly issues posted on the Merredin College Facebook page.

OLNA TESTING YEAR 10-12

OLNA Testing will commence from Monday 4 September 2023 (Week 8). Students needing to sit these tests will be given a timetable next week. Students are also strongly advised that they use their subscription to OLNA Support to practice in the lead up to the testing period. Students can gain access to the site by asking their English or Mathematics teachers for the user name and password.

<https://olna.com.au/login>

ATAR EXAM SCHEDULE

ATAR students will be starting their exams on Friday 15 September 2023 (Week 9). Students have been issued with the exam timetable so that they are able to prepare for these exams, they are also reminded to follow the Upper School Examination Protocols during each exam. See links below:

[Upper School Examination Protocols](#)
[2023 ATAR Exam Timetable Semester 2](#)

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A reminder that we will be holding our Athletics Carnival events next week. Our Primary Jumps and Throws will be held on Wednesday (30 August) and our Carnival day will be on Friday (1 September). If you are able to help on the day please let Mrs Kylie Bryant know as soon as possible.

YEAR 3-4 MUSEUM EXCURSION

Our Year 3 and Year 3/4 classes will be heading down town to visit the museums next week as part of their HASS program. Parents are asked to get their permission done on Consent2Go or get their forms back to school.

YEAR 6 CAMP

The Year 6s are looking forward to heading off to camp in Week 8 and we wish them a fun time full of friendship and adventure. They will be on camp from the 5-8 September.

SAVE THE DATE – CHANGE OF ASSEMBLY TIME & OPEN CLASSROOMS

Our final assembly for the term will be run by the Pre Primary and PP/Year 1 classes. This assembly will be at 2pm on Thursday 14 September and will be followed by open classrooms. We look forward to seeing our parents there!

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

Mondays:
8.30-10.30am

Wednesdays:
1-3pm

***Note: New hours!**

Order forms can be completed & dropped
into the front office.

Link: [Uniform Order Form](#)

Relief Staff required!

Merredin College is seeking casual
relief staff to backfill cleaning roles.

Must have current Working With
Children and Dept of Education
screening.

Please contact Susan Coomber in the
Front Office for further information.

