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Merredin College Weekly Community Update



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

Welcome back.

Term 3 has started smoothly with students settling in well. Secondary students concluded Term 2 with an Academic Excellence Assembly and welcomed in the new 2023-2024 Student Councillors. Congratulations to all recipients. I would like to acknowledge our outgoing Student Counsellors and their contribution over the past 12 months. Well done and thank you.

We have a number of camps, incursions, excursions and activities this term. Year 6's went on the CoRE field trip today and the 9/10 Follow the Dream students left for the Skillswest Career Expo Camp today.

Last week secondary parents had the opportunity to attend the Parent/Teacher Interview Night. This was well patronised. If you were unable to attend please either email teachers directly or contact the front office to arrange a time to meet the relevant teachers. The next fortnight sees a focus on career advice for secondary students with Year 10 Course Selection Parent Information Evening occurring on Tuesday 8 August.

Merredin College has unfortunately had some incidences of students vaping at school. We cannot emphasise enough how dangerous this practice is for persons under the age of 18. The school continues to present regular information to students about the hazards and legalities of vaping. Please follow the link for [parent information](#).

I would like to praise the vast majority of students who are always in uniform, well prepared for class and well behaved. We have a great school and we need to continue to work together, students, staff and parents/carers, to ensure inappropriate behaviour is redirected and not accepted.

Kind regards  
Tracy Pickering  
Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### **TERM 3**

**31 Jul-4 Aug** NAIDOC Week

- 4 Aug** Secondary Maths Competition
- 7 Aug** P&C Meeting 3.15pm
- 8 Aug** Year 10 Course Info Night 5.30pm
- 8-9 Aug** AHEAD Incursions
- 10 Aug** School Board AGM 5.30pm
- 11 Aug** Secondary Assembly
- 14-18 Aug** Science Week
- 17 Aug** Primary Assembly
- 18 Aug** Meckering Cross Country  
Year 11 Volleyball Schools Cup  
Daffodil Day

**18-19 Aug** One Big Voice Choir Camp

**21-23 Aug** Year 11 Outdoor Education Camp

**21-25 Aug** Book Week

**24-27 Aug** Year 7-10 Volleyball Schools Cup

**25-28 Aug** WARP Robotics Excursion

**29 Aug** Secondary Athletics Carnival

**30 Aug** Primary Jumps & Throws

**1 Sept** Primary Athletics Carnival

Year 3 Railway Excursion

**3-6 Sept** Year 10 CoRE Field Trip

**4 Sept** P&C Meeting 3.15pm

**5-8 Sept** Year 6 School Camp

**7 Sept** School Board Meeting 5.30pm

**7-8 Sept** Drama Performance

**11 Sept** Musica Viva Incursion

**12-13 Sept** Year 11 Outdoor Ed Camp

**14 Sept** Secondary Assembly

Primary Assembly

**15 Sept** Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival

EASA Interschool Athletics Carnival

**15-21 Sept** ATAR Exams

**18 Sept** Merredin Bus Accident Anniversary

**19-22 Sept** Year 9 CoRE Field Trip

**21 Sept** Follow the Dream Celebration

**22 Sept** Last Day of Term 3



## YEAR 10 COURSE INFORMATION EVENING

Year 10 Course Selection Information Night will be held on **Tuesday 8 August 2023 in the College Library starting at 5:30pm**. This information session is for both parents/caregivers and students to gain valuable information about your son's/daughter's education moving forward into Year 11 and 12. The session will cover what students need to achieve in Year 11 and 12 to obtain their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) and the various educational pathways that Merredin College provides (ATAR, VET, General and T2W). This is a chance for both you and your child to ask questions about pathway options to universities, TAFE's or employment and what would best work for your child.

If you are unable to attend in person please click on the link below to view through your computer or personal device. Please note that you should check that your microphone and sound works prior to the session commencing.

<https://educationwa.webex.com/educationwa/j.php?MTID=m4445fe4a9fdb15e7834752ebb3590013>

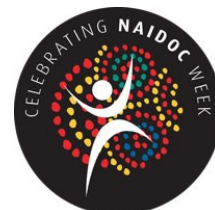
Please RSVP to the college if you are attending in person or via Webex to this event by **COB Monday 7 August 2023**.

## NAIDOC WEEK

In week 3, Merredin College will be celebrating NAIDOC Week 2023.

The week's activities and celebrations include Aboriginal arts and crafts at Shooting Stars, enjoying a sampler of Kangaroo stew and damper, Aboriginal face painting and the NAIDOC Cup played and watched by primary and secondary students! Classes will be filled with NAIDOC activities and celebrations across the College.

We look forward to an amazing week!



## SECONDARY ASSEMBLY

The next Secondary GROW Awards Assembly will be held on Friday 11 August at 9am in the gym. All welcome!!

## 2024 ENROLMENTS AND PLANNING

Planning for 2024 begins next term. If you know that your student will not be attending the College in 2024, please notify the office via email: [janelle.lane@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:janelle.lane@education.wa.edu.au).

If you are planning on enrolling a child or know of anyone wanting to enrol in 2024 New Admission information and Enrolment Packages can be found on our website. Click here: [New Admissions](#)

## ADF LONG TAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK AWARDS

**Year 10 recipients will receive a prize of \$250 and Year 12 recipients will receive a prize of \$550.**

An email was sent home at the beginning of the week to all Year 10 and Year 12 parents including Selection Criteria and Application guidelines.

**Nominations are due by 3pm, Friday 5 August.**

Please either hand in a hard copy to Mrs Sutherland or send via email to: [tracey.sutherland@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:tracey.sutherland@education.wa.edu.au).

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

Nicholls Bus and Coach Service Pty Ltd is looking for a school bus relief driver for our school bus contract from Nungarin to Merredin. You will require a LR manual licence with Passenger Transport Driver Authorisation, a working with children card and a current first aid certificate. Training will be provided and we can help with any of the applications and driver training.

For more information, please contact Leone on 0417 182 480 or email [charmaine@niccoach.com.au](mailto:charmaine@niccoach.com.au)



## Learn.Cook.Share

Year 3/4 FoodBank Australia Incursion

[LATEST NEWS](#)







# MERREDIN COLLEGE COMMUNICATION CULTURE

**COMMUNICATION** is the process of information being transferred from one person to another.

## SCHOOL → HOME

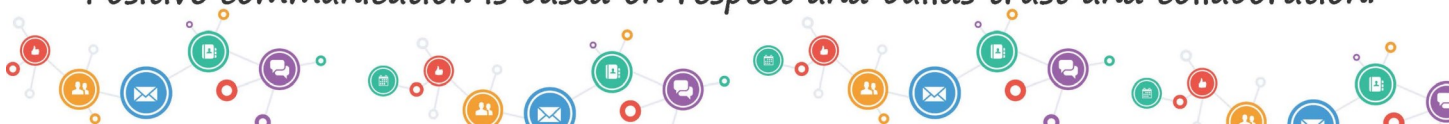
- Email
- Connect (Secondary)
- Seesaw (Primary)
- Consent2Go
- SMS
- Two formal reports per year (no surprises)
- Letters of commendation/concern
- Phone calls when further support is required
- Task Mark Reports
- Mail - Financials/Invoices

## HOME → SCHOOL

- Contact admin to schedule Secondary teacher meetings
- Visit your Primary child's classroom
- Phone call
- Email
- Advise student absences
- Update student medical information
- Update student contact details



*Positive communication is based on respect and builds trust and collaboration.*



**MIND,  
BODY,  
MOUTH**  
it's all connected

7-13 AUG 2023  
**DENTAL HEALTH WEEK**

For more information visit  
[dentalhealthweek.org.au](http://dentalhealthweek.org.au)

**NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH WEEK**  
7-13 AUGUST

Click [here](#) for more information about  
"Mind. Body. Mouth" campaign.

**AIM Dental are running a colouring competition which is attached which will be drawn on 13 August!!**  
(Hand in to AIM before draw date.)

*Eric Hind*  
**MUSIC  
SCHOLARSHIP**

School Terms 3 & 4

**SHIRE OF  
MERREDIN**  
HEART OF THE WHEATBELT

Applications are now open  
for the Eric Hind Music  
Scholarship!

For ages 7 - 20 years

**Applications due 17 November 2023**

[bit.ly/erichindscholarship](https://bit.ly/erichindscholarship)

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2022/23 Co-Winner  
Jacob Billing

2022/23 Co-Winner  
Kate Crowden