



MC Link - Term 2, Week 4

Term 2, Week 4 - 23 May 2025

Principal's Address

Public School Review

I would like to inform our school community that our school will be participating in a Public School Review conducted by the Department of Education in Term 4. Merredin College's last school review was conducted in 2021.

Public School Reviews are conducted approximately every three years and are an important part of ensuring the quality of education across WA public schools. The process provides schools with valuable feedback on their performance and highlights areas of strength as well as opportunities for improvement.

During the review, a panel from the Department of Education will visit the school to engage with staff, review documentation, and gain a deeper understanding of how we are progressing towards our goals. They will focus on key areas such as:

- Student achievement and progress
- Teaching quality

- School leadership
- Learning environment
- Relationships and partnerships
- Use of resources

As part of the process, feedback from staff, students and community members will help build a clear picture of our school's performance and impact.

We look forward to sharing more details with you closer to the date and working together to celebrate our achievements and continue strengthening our school.

Staffing

I am pleased to inform you that we have now appointed an experienced HASS teacher, Mr Cameron Samuels, for the remainder of Term 2. This interim arrangement provides continuity in learning as we work towards appointing a permanent teacher for the beginning of Semester 2.

We have partnered with School of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE) to deliver Woodwork to our Year 7, 8, 11 and 12 students. I extend a big thank you to Mr Tom James and Mr Dave O'Neill for preparing our students for a smooth transition to the new delivery method. Our students are responding positively to the changes and embracing the opportunities available through the new Technical Engineering course. Mr O'Neill will continue to deliver Woodwork and Metalwork to the Year 9 and 10 classes until the end of this term.

Thank you once again for your patience and ongoing support as we work to provide the best learning experience for all students.

School Board

We are seeking to fill the final parent representative position on our School Board.

If you are interested in being part of a collaborative team committed to supporting the success and wellbeing of our students, we would love to hear from you. Please contact me to discuss the role or email principal.merredin.col@education.wa.edu.au.

The School Board plays a vital role in supporting the strategic direction of the school, fostering positive partnerships, and ensuring our school reflects the values and aspirations of our community. Parent representatives provide valuable perspectives and contribute to key discussions around school planning, policy, and improvement.

Your voice matters—help shape the future of our school!

Canberra Camp is Coming Back!

We're excited to announce the return of the much-loved Canberra Camp to our school program!

This camp offers students a fantastic opportunity to explore our nation's capital, learn about Australian government and history, and create lifelong memories.

Due to the detailed planning and approval required for this major event, we will not be running a Year 9 camp in 2025. Instead, we'll be holding a combined Year 9/10 Canberra Camp in 2026. Places will be limited, providing a great incentive for students to stay engaged in their learning and demonstrate positive citizenship within our school community.

More information will be shared with families as planning progresses. We can't wait to offer this unforgettable experience to our students once again!



Mrs Kylie Cattaway

Principal

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School Development Day - Friday, 30 May

Students are not required to attend on this day.

Monday, 2 June is a Public Holiday. Enjoy the extra-long weekend!



Our school Calendar is accessible through the [Compass App](#)



Please contact administration for assistance for your login.

Primary News

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME

On Wednesday, primary students gathered to listen to *The Truck Cat* as part of National Simultaneous Storytime, an annual event that encourages children across Australia to read the same book at the same time, fostering a love of reading and storytelling. We enjoyed the story, which shared a powerful message about belonging, bravery, and finding your place - even when you feel a little different. The Truck Cat reminded us that with a bit of courage and kindness, you can make your own family and find where you truly belong. A big thank you to Mrs Flintham for reading to us all!

P-6 INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY - Friday, 6 June

The Cross Country event will commence at 9am for our 6 years & under with our final race at 11 am for 12 years & under. Please see the approximate race times attached. Students need to wear their running shoes on the day and are encouraged to wear faction T-shirts.

Age Group	Race Time	Race Distance
6yrs & Under Girls	9.00	1km
8yrs & Under Boys	9.15	1km
8yrs & Under Girls	9.30	1km
8yrs & Under Boys	9.45	1km
10yrs & Under Girls	10.00	1.5km
10yrs & Under Boys	10.20	1.5km
12yrs & Under Girls	10.40	2km
12yrs & Under Boys	11.00	2km

PRIMARY INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY @ BRUCE ROCK - Friday, 13 June

Invitations for this event will be issued based on the results of the P-6 Interhouse Cross Country. Parents will be notified via Consent2Go if their child is to be included in this activity. Students will need to have Good Standing to attend.

PRIMARY ASSEMBLY AND OPEN CLASSROOMS

The next assembly in Week 8 (Thursday, 19 June) will be run by the Year 5/6 Class and will take place at 2pm, followed by Open Classrooms. Open Classrooms will run from 3-4pm and will enable students to share their workbooks and learning with their parents.

DRUG & RESILIENCY FORUM

The Northam Local Drug Action Team is coordinating a Year 6 Health and Resiliency Forum. The aim of these forums is to increase young people's ability to make informed, safe and healthy choices through education on alcohol and other drugs, mental health and wellbeing. The objectives of the forums are to:

- Improve young people's knowledge of the harm that drugs and alcohol can cause to self and others.
- Develop an understanding of the law.
- Increase awareness of the available support networks for students in their local community.
- Increasing awareness of wellbeing strategies that students can use as alternatives to drugs, alcohol and self-harm.

Our Year 6 students will receive an invitation to attend the Drug and Resiliency Forum at the Merredin Recreation Centre on Tuesday, 10 June. Invitations will come out via Consent2Go.

Secondary News

ADF LONG TAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK AWARDS

Nominations are invited for Year 10 and 12 students for the **ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership Award** and the **ADF Young Innovator Award**. Please email your nominations to merredin.college@education.wa.edu.au detailing why the student is being nominated. Nominations will close on Friday, 4 July 2025.

You can find the criteria for each award in the links below:

[Criteria: ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership Award](#)

[Criteria: ADF Young Innovator Award](#)

YEAR 10 IMMUNISATIONS

Year 10 Immunisations will take place this **Tuesday, 27 May**. Can parents please ensure consent forms have been completed via the link below, alternatively paper copies are available from Student Services in the front office.

Year 10 Online Information and Parent/Guardian Consent:

- Meningococcal ACWY – (one injection) which protects against four strains of meningococcal bacteria: A, C, W and Y.

[Guide for parents Adolescent Immunisation - Year 10](#)

On Tuesday, 3 June the Primary Health team will return to complete immunisations for Year 7 and 10 students who were absent on these days.

SECONDARY CROSS COUNTRY

Year 7-12 Interhouse Cross Country event will be held on Friday, 13 June on the school oval.

9am - Year 8/9

10am - Year 9/10

11am - Year 11/12

BLISS PHOTOGRAPHY - SCHOOL BALL PHOTOS

A reminder to students and families that **Monday, 26 May** is the final day to order photos.

How To See Your Ball Photographs:

1. Go to www.blissstudio.com.au
2. Click on '2024-2025 Events Click Here'
3. Register to create an account
4. Use **Access Code: EDN7989** to take you to the photographs
5. Place your order on-line - orders over \$10 receive free social media size files.
6. High Resolution Digital Files purchased available for immediate download.

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