



MC Link - Term 2, Week 4

Friday 15 May 2026

Principal's Address

As we approach **National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June)** and **National Sorry Day (26 May)**, it's a valuable time for us as a school community to pause and reflect.

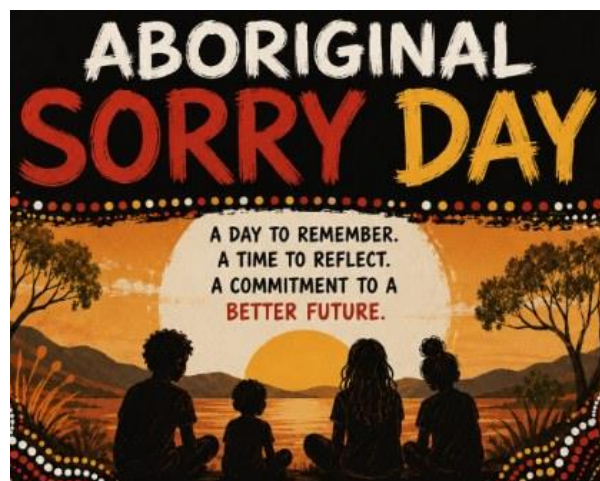
National Sorry Day is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about and acknowledge the truth of Australia's Stolen Generations history and the ongoing, intergenerational impacts caused by past policies of forced removal.

Reconciliation Week builds on this, encouraging all Australians to think about how we can work towards a more inclusive and united future. These dates mark important moments in our history and give us an opportunity to continue learning and growing as a community. The 2026 theme being "All In," urges collective action to build respectful relationships and foster truth-telling.

As a principal, I feel really proud of how open and thoughtful our students are, and how willing they are to learn about different perspectives. This is something that is special at Merredin College; something I have not found at other schools. Creating a school where

everyone feels respected, included, and a strong sense of belonging is something we value deeply.

I encourage families to take a moment to chat at home, reflect, and think about how we all play a part in reconciliation. Together, we can continue to build a respectful and connected community.



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ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING - SCHOOL BOARD

The school board will be holding a public meeting on **Monday 18th May 2026 @ 5:00pm**, held at the school administration on Woolgar Avenue. The meeting is open to the public and will include a tour of recently upgraded facilities, including:

- Primary and secondary STEM areas
- Upgraded library furniture
- Upgraded Wellbeing foyer

The school board meets twice per term, Monday, 5:00pm-6:30pm and is welcoming new members. If you are interested in the joining the school board, please contact the school on 90417520 or email, principal.merredin.col@education.wa.edu.au.

BYOD

Thank you to our students and families for your support of our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program. Your commitment helps to create engaging and flexible learning opportunities across the school.

It's great to see students confidently using their devices. Being fluent in technology is an essential learning and work readiness skill. Being able to navigate a personal device helps students think critically, work independently, and apply their learning at a higher level.

We appreciate the partnership with families in ensuring devices are ready and used appropriately each day.



Kylie Cattaway

Principal

General

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

There will be no school for students on Friday 29 May due to the scheduled Staff Development Day. Enjoy the long weekend!

ENROLMENTS 2027 are OPEN!!

Enrol by 24 July 2026

Are you planning on your child attending Merredin College next year?

Please apply to enrol before 24 July 2026 if your child will be:

- starting Kindergarten
- starting Pre-primary
- starting Year 7
- changing schools

Applications are available on our [website](#).

Please note that Year 6 students currently enrolled at Merredin College are not required to complete a new enrolment form.

Apply to enrol your child for 2027



Closing date: 24 July 2026

Message from the Canteen

The canteen accepts orders from 8:30am and respectfully asks that orders are not placed at the window prior to this time. Early orders limit the opportunity to clarify details and collect payments, which may result in some orders being unable to be filled.

Primary

PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY

The Primary Cross Country will be held on the School Oval on Friday 22 May, with the first event starting at 9am.

Students are to run in their House polo shirt and appropriate running shoes. They will also need a water bottle, hat and sunscreen. Students with asthma should bring their inhaler to their race.

Parents are welcome to attend to cheer.



Merredin College
Primary Cross Country
Friday 22nd May 2026

Age Group	Race Time	Race Distance
6yrs & Under Girls	9.00	1km
6yrs & 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

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME

On Wednesday 27 May 2026, millions of children, parents, teachers, and library lovers across Australia and beyond will come together to read Luna Roo at the same time - celebrating the joy of reading, storytelling and connection. Published by Little Book Press the story follows the spirited kangaroo Luna and her friends as they chase their football dreams across the outback, blending action, teamwork and fun to inspire young readers. Luna Roo was selected from 84 submissions from publishers around the country. All of our classes from K-6 will participate in this event.

DISABLED PARENT PARKING

Disabled parking bays in Western Australia are designated [ACROD parking bays and](#) require a valid ACROD permit to be clearly displayed. These bays are designed for people with severe walking restrictions, providing accessible, closer parking.

We have recently received concerns about vehicles using the designated disabled parking bays in the primary carpark that do not display a valid ACROD or disability parking permit.

This is a friendly reminder that these two bays are reserved exclusively for families and community members who require accessible parking and are displaying a valid permit. We kindly ask all families to be mindful when parking and to ensure these spaces remain available for those who genuinely need them. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in supporting all members of our school community.

FRIENDLY FIVE

As part of our commitment to developing students' oral language, social communication, and relationship-building skills, we have introduced 'Friendly Five' during break times. Students are encouraged to sit in small groups of five, gathered in a circle on the grass, creating a calm and inclusive space for meaningful conversation. This structured social opportunity supports children to practise important communication skills such as turn-taking, active listening, asking questions, sharing ideas, and respectfully engaging with peers from different year levels and friendship groups.

What has been especially pleasing is seeing how enthusiastically students have embraced the initiative, enjoying the warmth of the sunshine while building connections, broadening friendships, and strengthening their confidence as communicators in a relaxed and supportive environment. It's been a simple yet powerful way to foster connection, belonging, and the development of lifelong interpersonal skills.



Secondary

SCHOOL BALL PHOTOS

Merredin College Year 10-12 School Ball Photographs are now available for students/families to view online.

How To View Ball Photographs:

1. Go to www.blissstudio.com.au
2. Click on 'Click Here for 2024-2026 Events'
3. Register to create an account
4. Use **Access Code: FCZ4548**
5. Place your order on-line. Orders over \$10 receive free social media size files.
6. High Resolution Digital Files purchased are available for immediate download

7. **Due Date** for orders is **Thursday, 21 May 2026**



LUMEN STUDY HUB

Lumen Wheatbelt Regional University Study Hubs are here to support our community with free, quality facilities at five strategically located study hubs across the Wheatbelt region: Merredin, Narrogin, Northam, York and Wongan Hills.

Year 12 parents of ATAR students are invited to attend the Lumen Study Hub at the Merredin Regional Library on Wednesday 10 June at 6pm for a TISC (Tertiary Institutions Service Centre) information session.

Latest News



[Year 10-12 'Euro Summer' School Ball](#)



[Primary Assembly - Term 2, Week 4](#)



[Road Smart Interactive Incursion](#)

School Calendar

Our live school calendar is accessible through Compass.





GET A HEAD START ON YOUR CAREER WITH VETDSS

This open day is your chance to explore real training options, build practical skills and learn how VETDSS can work alongside school.

PARENT AND GUARDIAN INFORMATION EVENING

Date: Wednesday 20 May 2026
Time: 5:30pm
Location: CR TAFE Northam campus Library

- What VETDSS is and course options
- Future career pathways
- Q&A with lecturers & JSC

THINKING ABOUT LIFE AFTER YEAR 10?



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NEED A LITTLE GUIDANCE ON YOUR CAREER PATH?

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Call 13 64 64 to book an appointment

JOBS & SKILLS CENTRE



Career Conversations

Pathways and opportunities

Preparing young people for the many pathways and opportunities available.

Information session for parents and students
Online • Webex

Wednesday 20 May 2026 • 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thursday 18 June 2026 • 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thursday 10 September 2026 • 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Compass



Compass is our primary information management system. The parent portal provides access to your child's profile, news feed, online school calendar, attendance and much more.

Parents of new students will receive an invitation to access Compass next week. Parents of current students who have not yet logged in, please contact administration.

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