

DATES TO REMEMBER

13th February, Fri

- Whole School Assembly
- Valentine Day Activities

16th - 20th February

Pri Stomp Dance Performance

16th February, Monday

Nominations for School Council close

17th February, Tues

Sec Swim Sports Day

18th February, Wed

-School Photos

-Yr 8 Inland Life Saving

- Pri Book Club orders due

19th February, Thurs

-School Photos for Preps and Yr 8 in pm.

-Parents' Club AGM 2pm.

20th February, Fri

Primary Parent Dance Evening

24th - 27th February

Yr 7 Camp

26th February, Thurs

Sec Interschool Swimming Sports

2nd - 5th March

Yr 8 Camp

16th March, Mon

Sec Immunisations

27th March, Fri

Last day of Term 1 - early dismissal 2.30pm

9th June, Tues

Sec Immunisations

2015 TERM DATES

Term 2: 13th April to 26th June

Term 3: 13th July to 18th September

Term 4: 5th October to 18th December

MERBEIN P-10 FACEBOOK PAGE

Check the Facebook Page for updates about the school and upcoming events.

www.facebook.com/merbeinp10collegeparentsclub

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Reminder that the newsletter is uploaded to the school's website each week - merbeinp10.vic.edu.au.

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

BSB - 063 714

Bank Acc Number - 10060535

Account Name - Merbein P-10 College

Official Account.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

I would like to remind parents that nominations for School Council close next Monday, 16th February. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies an election will be conducted. Nomination forms are available from the General Office.

INDUCTION /STUDENT OF THE MONTH ASSEMBLY

Tomorrow morning at 10.15am we will be holding a Whole School Assembly to induct our Student Leaders for 2015. Parents are welcome to attend.

One of the main tasks at the assembly will be the induction of the Student Representative Council (SRC) Executive, House Leaders and Student Representative Council (SRC) Year level representatives. The 2015 student leaders will be presented with their badges and Atticus Banks will present his first report as President.

I would like to congratulate all of our new leaders and I look forward to their important contributions towards making our great school even better.

SRC ELECTIONS

Over the last few days, the students seeking election to the SRC have presented speeches to their year levels peers. Elections were subsequently held. I had the pleasure of listening to the Grade 5-6 and Grade 3-4 make their speeches. I was impressed with the quality of the speeches and the level of respect shown to the speakers by their peers. Photos follow.



WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Friday 13th February, there will be a whole school assembly at 10am in the gym, to formally induct our student leaders into their positions of responsibility. Parents are invited to attend.

NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

We are pleased to announce our newly elected SRC. Student speeches were of high quality and we are extremely proud of all students who had a go at running for SRC.

Grade 3	
Kaitlin Sheather	Dawson Kay
Vice - Jasmine Kettle	Vice - Lochie McConnell
Grade 4	
Tiarna Corrie	Alasadair Hogg
Vice - Brooklyn Tarrant	Vice - Zak Peterson
Grade 5	
Talia Richards	Kohen Murray
Vice - Tayla Pratt	Vice - Shane Araipu
Grade 6	
Aimee-Lee Nairn	Brandon Kitt
Vice - Imi Bourke	Vice - Cooper Dodds
Year 7	
Amelia McKerrow	David Hogg
Jayden Lynch	Kaycee Fleming
Rylie Tatchell	Katrina Garraway
Joel Davis	Gideon Sands
Year 8	
Brodie Stevens	Ayzia Liddicoat
Karsha Herold	Connah Geyer
Corey Sleep	Damon Fricke
Year 9	
Winnie Miki	Zain Neil-Brennan
Jack Smith	Ashlee Battin
Tania Wilkinson	Ashlee Wakefield
Georgia Donaldson	

PARENTS' CLUB AGM

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 19th February at 2pm in the Orange Building (Room One).

PARENTS' CLUB MEMBERS 2015

The Merbein P-10 Parents' Club is looking for new members. It's easy to be part of the Parents' Club and doesn't take up much time but can make a huge difference to the school community. Throughout the year we have morning cuppa days, organise fund raising for different areas of the school and once a month we have a quick and casual meeting to make sure we are keeping up to date with the ideas we have decided to help with. If you think you would be interested in joining our little group please drop us a line on our Facebook Page, leave your name and number at the front office or phone me for any further details (Cherie 0432107115).

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photo Days will be held on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th February. Most photos will be taken on the Wednesday between 9.15am and 12.00midday. The Prep students and the Year 8 students who attend the Inland Lifesaving Program on Wednesday will have their photos taken on the Thursday, after 12.30pm. The photo packs have been distributed.

All students wishing to purchase a photo package must return the photo envelope to school prior to the photo being taken. Parents can enclose the money directly in the envelopes or alternately use the online payment option.

All students will have their photo taken on these days. If students are absent then the photographer will return at a later date.

Family Photos - Packages for family photos can be collected from the general office.

IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY	
Friday 13 th	-Whole School Assembly for Student Leader Induction -Valentine Day Activities.
Monday 16 th	Primary Stomp Dance each day for the week.
Tuesday 17 th	Secondary Swimming Sports
Wednesday 18 th	-Yr 8 Inland Life Saving - School Photo Day
Thursday 19 th	Photo Day for Prep + others who missed on 18 th February
Friday 20 th	Primary Parent Dance Evening
Tuesday 24 th	- Yr 7 Camp departs - returns on Friday 27 th Feb
Thursday 26 th	Interschool Secondary Swimming Sports
IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH	
Monday 2 nd	Yr 8 Camp Departs - Returns Friday March 5 th .

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open on Tuesday from 8.30-10.00am and Thursday from 2.30-4.00pm each week. If these times do not suit, please ring the school to make other arrangements.

MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Program is being financially supported by the Merbein & District Community Bank & Merbein Development Association as well as Board & Staff of the Merbein & District Community Bank, Merbein Development Association & the Merbein Lions Club through volunteers.

The breakfast program is now being held in the cafeteria - all students are welcome to come along between 8.00am and 8.45am each morning if they would like a FREE tasty breakfast to kick-start their day's learning.

MERBEIN COMMUNITY BANK SCHOOL STUDENT BANKING PROGRAM

The weekly Merbein Community Bank – Bendigo Bank School Student Banking Program is due to commence today, 12th February. Please bring your banking passbooks to the Green Building Office every Thursday and the Bank will collect them, process and drop them back to the school before the end of the school day.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is away from school, please send a note or email the following address:
Collihole.heather.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

EMAIL ADDRESSES

The school prefers to send the weekly newsletter and other important information home via email as this is the most reliable method. Please send your email address to:

giddings.beth.l@edumail.vic.gov.au asking for the newsletter to be emailed to you.

Please note that those few students in Years 8/9/10 who still require a hardcopy of the newsletter, will need to collect their newsletter from the main office at the finish of their last class at the end of the day each Thursday.

PRIMARY NEWS

PHOTOS OF LAST WEEK'S GRADE P-3 AWARD WINNERS

L-R – Brock Nokes, Olivia Corrie, Matilda Smith, Emjae Chambers, Jerri Liddicoat, Nick Powell, Dylan Arnold, Jayden Doherty, Millie Ernesti, Hayden Gardiner, Eleanor Saleta, and Keigan Pope.



STOMP DANCE – GRADES P-6

Stomp Dance is coming to Merbein P-10 next week, from 16-20th February. They will be teaching all students from Grade P-6 dances during their PE classes all throughout the week. Those lessons will be a valuable part of these students ARTS Curriculum which consists of Music, Dance, Performance and Drama. The cost for these performances and lessons is covered by the 2015 Excursion Levy. If you have not paid the levy the cost is \$10 per child. **A blue permission note has been sent home with every primary child, please check that your child's note has been returned and that their money/levy has been paid.**



STUDENT STOMP DANCE PERFORMANCE FOR GRADE P-6 FAMILIES

Students will be performing at least two dances each on Friday night. **All the parents and families are invited to the performance on Friday 20th February beginning with at BYO picnic tea at 5pm.** The performance will be held in the Gym at 6pm and take approximately forty minutes with a disco for a further twenty minutes finishing up at 7pm. Please note this is a NO alcohol event.

NAMING ARTICLES

Please remember it is very important to name all your children's property clearly, especially hats and jumpers, bags and lunch containers.

LEVIES – PRIMARY PARENT PAYMENT 2015

Thank you to the parents who have paid their levies. If you have not paid your levies, please call into the school office and make arrangements to do so as soon as possible.

BOOK CLUB

Book club orders and money are due in by Wednesday, 18th February.

LIBRARY DAYS - CHANGES

Grade 4/5/6 Library days are on Tuesdays each week.

Grade P-1 Library days are on Mondays each week.

Grade 2-3 Library days are on Wednesdays each week.

Please check that your child returns their library books each week and the books can then be re-borrowed if they need longer.

GREEN NEWS – Grade 2-3 Beetles & Grade P-1 Bugs

Reading Eggs – All students in Grade P–3 have been sent home with a Reading Eggs information letter containing their password and a password for parents to log in. We use this successful and highly engaging program in Literacy and encourage students to use the program at home to strengthen their reading and spelling skills.

Breakfast Club – All students are welcome to enjoy a free Breakfast in the College Canteen between 8-8.40am every morning. We would love to have some of our Prep students there. Parents are welcome to take their Prep child over to the canteen themselves, or ask their child's class teacher to organise for them to be taken to the canteen. No bookings are needed. It is especially wonderful in winter to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate.

Professional Learning – The Infant Literacy teachers are Brioney Hall, Wendy Finn, Rebekah McClure and Kelly Mangan. These teachers are presently involved in an Early Literacy Success Program with the Infant Teachers from Mildura West Primary School. Literacy Guru, Julie Zrna is also involved in the program and she has an incredible reputation. Today and next Wednesday we will be working on the first part of the program training.

Student of the Month Assembly – will be held tomorrow. Student nominations from each home room were based on attitude to work and play, their ability to work independently and cooperatively and behaving in a respectful, responsible way. Congratulations to all our home room nominations and monthly winners.

Morning Routine - Our two hour Literacy Block is from 9-11am. Ideally we would like all students to be in their home room area at around 8.45am so we can do some extra reading, Brain Gym and get students ready to start at 9am.

Please remind your child to follow through with the morning routine as you leave them – Diary in their Literacy Box, Reading Book in their Book Box, Blue Book Bag folded in their Book Box, bottle of water on the Drink Shelf and bags in their bag locker. It would be great to see all students independently doing this without reminders in Term 2. Thank you for your support.

Diaries & Library Books – Please continue to make the effort to hear your child read every day and then ensure they return their books. It is an extremely valuable activity to share with your child.

School Photos – The Prep students will have their photos taken Thursday, 19th February, in the afternoon and the rest of the college will be on Wednesday 18th February.

Reading Helpers – We are looking for interested parents and grandparents to help with early morning reading with the students. Approximately twenty parents were trained last year. If you are interested in helping with this could you please complete the attached form and return it to Heather in the Green Building Office. You might be able to help out one morning a week on a regular basis or just occasionally.

Assembly – Reminder that our Learning Centre Assemblies will be held approximately 2.45pm every Thursday afternoon in the Beetles End of the Green Building. The Bugs End is closest to the college fence.

Brain Food Photos Below



GRADE 4 ART REPORT

For the past two weeks in art, Grade 4 students have been sketching and painting portraits of themselves. They were introduced to watercolour pencils and have created outstanding pieces of work. Portraits are on display outside the Grade 4 rooms in the Orange Building.





MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Cheryll Hodge is our school's OSHC coordinator and can be contacted on 0428 258035 if you have any queries.

SECONDARY NEWS

YEAR 10 INFORMATION

Yr 10 Polo Shirts and Jumpers - All students should have received a purple form to order their Yr 10 shirts and jumpers. The Polos shirts are available in black or white and they need to be paid for by the 20th February. The Rugby Jumpers need to be paid for by the 6th March. The size written on the form is the size that students have tried on and decided is their best fit. Parents are welcome to visit the school at any time to check the sizing of garments.

Yr 10 Snow Trip - On Thursday students were able to collect an expression of interest form to attend the Yr 10 Snow Trip. The dates have been confirmed and we will be departing in the evening on Tuesday 18th August. The bus will travel overnight and the group will ski on the Wednesday and Thursday, returning home Friday, 21st August. The approximate cost will be \$550. The trip is limited to forty students who will be selected on a 'First Come, First Served' basis. To be eligible to attend students must have paid all prior camps in full and maintain a high standard of behaviour throughout the year. In the event there are more than forty students interested in attending, those extra students will be placed on a waiting list to fill any spaces that may become available during the year.

Yr 10 Graduation - The Graduation will be held in the first week of December (exact date yet to be confirmed). There is a strict Attendance Policy that students must adhere to if they wish to attend. This policy was given to all students on their first day and is available on the school website.

If you have any questions regarding Yr 10 events and activities, please feel free to contact Mr Dreyer by phoning the school or by email dreyer.timothy.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

LOCKS ON LOCKERS

Please provide locks for your child's locker. All students are responsible for the security of their own equipment at school. We have supplied lockable lockers for every student and the school has cameras set up at most locker locations. If a student has a BYOD computer or Ipad they MUST use a lock on their lockers. It is strongly advised that all other students use a lock on their lockers also, to ensure security.

SECONDARY SWIM SPORTS

The annual Secondary Swim Sports will be held during the day on Tuesday, 17th February. On this day all students in the secondary section will be encouraged to enter the water and swim, walk or float to the other end of the pool at least once on the day to gain all important points for their Sports House. The day will start with normal classes up until recess when the Swimming Event will begin. This is an important school day and attendance is compulsory. Further information will be made available in future newsletters.

VALENTINE'S DAY STALL

The Secondary component of the Student Representative Council (SRC) executive have arranged the annual Valentine's Day Stall. The chocolates, balloons, flowers or teddy bears purchased over the past week will be delivered tomorrow morning after our whole school assembly.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS

Our first focus for 'School Wide Positive Behaviours' (SWPBIS) in 2015 is centred around students being punctual with their correct equipment and completing good quality work. Over the past two weeks information has been marked on a session by session check sheet.

Students that consistently do the right thing will be acknowledged and rewarded. The students that are not punctual or do not bring equipment will have a graduated 'Set of Actions' designed to teach them about the expectation.

Students have had spot checks on their work books and most have been kept in very good condition up to this point.

IMMUNISATIONS

The first round of school immunisations were conducted yesterday with most of our secondary students participating in this very important program.

SUN SMART

Our Sun Smart Policy was explained to all students at a whole school assembly. The policy was also attached to the first week's newsletter. The key messages for students are that they need to take measures to protect themselves against over exposure to the rays of the sun. At this time of the year the UV levels are regularly above safe levels between 9.30am and 5.20pm each day whether the temperature is hot or cool. Our students receive information about the temperature and UV levels in the daily bulletin every day.

Please ensure you supply your child with appropriate sunscreen that they can safely lock away in their lockers and use when required.

UNIFORM

It is fantastic to see almost all students in correct uniform. It is expected that all students wear the full school uniform at all times. If for some reason a student is unable to wear the uniform for a short period of time, a signed note with an explanation should be provided to the school by the parents/guardians. It is also important to note that black shorts/long casual pants are acceptable for uniform, BUT leggings ARE NOT uniform and are not to be worn at school unless students are changing into them for sports/PE classes and changing back into uniform after these classes.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MERBEIN FOOTBALL AND NETBALL

REGISTRATION DAY

Held at the Club Social Rooms, Kenny Park on 16th and 24th February from 5.00 – 6pm.

The Auskick program is to be completed online via website <http://aflauskick.com.au/register/>.

For further information please contact:

Football

Graeme Dunne (President) 0407 325 751

Geoff Stevens (President) 0407 502 465

Auskick: Brad Martin 0418 136 432

Netball: Sue Mulder 0403 316 782

MASP 2015 KOKODA YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

"Walk in the Footsteps of Heroes"

Training commences on Monday March 2,

2015 and takes place Monday and

Wednesday evenings starts at 6.00pm at

Jaycee Park. 2015 Kokoda Trek Dates are

approximately September 21 –October 2. These dates will be confirmed later.

If you want to know more, contact Ken Innes

5021650/0400675933, kinnes@masp.org.au

MERBEIN GOLF CLUB PAMPER PARTY PLAN NIGHT

Held at 355 McEdward St Cabarita on 20th February from 7pm. Cost \$10 includes a free glass of

Champagne and nibbles. Tickets available from

Merbein Golf Club or on the night. Phone

50256421 for more information. Party Planners

attending: Body Shop, Lorraine Lee, Postie,

Tupperware, Norwex and Candies Candles.

ON TOUR TENNIS - MILDURA LAWN TENNIS COURTS

Tennis Australia Hotshots Program - tennis lessons

for Beginners, Advanced, Private and Groups with

fully qualified coaches. Free Hotshots T-shirt &

Free Racquet Hire. For more information contact

Dean Kyle - 0414 862 318 or Bill McDonald - 0438

213 729 or email: ontourtennis1@gmail.com.

FREE RUGBY LEAGUE CLINIC

'Come and Try' for all ages, at the Aerodrome Touch

Fields in Mildura on Wednesday 18th February from

6-7pm. To register visit www.playnrl.com.

MILDURA EISTEDDFOD

Held from 4th June - 22nd June 2015. Entries are

now open. Entries close Saturday, 21st March 2015.

Enter online through the website

<http://milduraeisteddfod.org/> or Mildura

Eisteddfod Facebook page. For more information

contact Michele McGauchie mobile: 0429 481 898

or Email: milduraeisteddfod@gmail.com.

MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE
PRIMARY PARENT READING HELPERS
RETURN NOTICE

I am interested in helping students with reading in the mornings. (*Please fill in the time and days that will suit you on the dotted lines below*).

I can come in at this time

On these days every week

My name is My contact number is

Signed Date