

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**20<sup>th</sup> February, Fri**

Primary Parent Dance Evening

**24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Yr 7 Camp

**26<sup>th</sup> February, Thurs**

Sec Interschool Swimming Sports

**2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Yr 8 Camp

**9<sup>th</sup> March, Monday**

Labour Day Public Holiday (NO school)

**10<sup>th</sup> March, Tues**

Pri Partners in Print

**16<sup>th</sup> March, Mon**

Sec Immunisations

**19<sup>th</sup> March, Thurs**

Pri Partners in Print

**25<sup>th</sup> March, Wed**

Parent/Teacher Interviews

**26<sup>th</sup> March, Thurs**

Pri Grandparents Day

**27<sup>th</sup> March, Fri**

Last day of Term 1 - early dismissal 2.30pm

**9<sup>th</sup> June, Tues**

Sec Immunisations

### 2015 TERM DATES

Term 2: 13<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3: 13<sup>th</sup> July to 18<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4: 5<sup>th</sup> October to 18<sup>th</sup> December

### MERBEIN P-10 FACEBOOK PAGE

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

[www.facebook.com/merbeinp10collegeparentsclub](http://www.facebook.com/merbeinp10collegeparentsclub)

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

Reminder that the newsletter is uploaded to the school's website each week - [merbeinp10.vic.edu.au](http://merbeinp10.vic.edu.au).

### SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

BSB - 063 714

Bank Acc Number - 10060535

Account Name - Merbein P-10 College

Official Account.

### UNIFORM SHOP

Open Tuesday 8.30 - 10.00am

Open Thursday 2.00 - 4.00pm

If these times do not suit, please ring the school to make other arrangements.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

### SCHOOL COUNCIL VACANCIES

I would like to thank parents and staff who nominated for the 2015 vacant School Council positions. Because the number of nominations equalled the number of vacancies an election will not be required for the Parent nor Department of Education categories. I am pleased to therefore to announce that the following parents and staff have now been duly appointed to the 2015 Merbein P-10 College Council:

Parent Category: **Scott Gardiner, Michelle Nokes,**

**Kate Donaldson and Andrew Nemtsas.**

DEET Employee Category: **Greg Rhodes and**

**Yvonne Matotek.**

Congratulations to our newly appointed councillors and thank you for volunteering your time and expertise to support the ongoing development of our school. Thank you also to the retiring councillors, Gary Henderson and Geoff Stevens, for their valuable contribution to Merbein P-10 College.

I would like to remind current School Councillors that a meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February. This will be the last meeting of the 2014 School Council.

The new council will be asked to attend a Special Meeting on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March to co-opt Community Members. The fully constituted council will then meet again on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March to elect office bearers.

### FROZEN BERRY HEPATITIS A CONTAMINATION

As you may be aware, links were found over the weekend between 1kg bags of Nanna's Frozen Mixed Berries and at least five cases of Hepatitis A, including three in Victoria. As at 9.30am, on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015, the Victorian Chief Health Officer has identified that the following products should be recalled/discarded because of suspected links to the contamination:

Nanna's Mixed Berries 1kg - All batches up to and including Best Before Date 22/11/16.

Creative Gourmet Mixed Berries 300g - All batches up to and including Best Before Date 10/12/17.

Creative Gourmet Mixed Berries 500g - All batches up to and including Best Before Date 06/10/17.

**Although the school has not used these specific products, we have discarded two related products (Nanna's Blueberries and Sarah Lee Raspberries) that were used in muffins which were recently baked in a Year 9-10 and three Year 8 Food Technology Lessons. This occurred before the recall notice was issued.**

In case you may have used the recalled products at home, the Chief Health Officer has advised consumers to discard any of these products and to be aware of the symptoms of Hepatitis A Infection in the 15-50 days after consuming the berries.

Dr Lester's office has confirmed that the risk of exposure is very low but cannot be excluded. As for all people who have consumed the affected products, Dr Lester has advised parents and carers to look for symptoms 15 to 50 days after consumption.

Symptoms include fever, nausea, abdominal discomfort, dark urine and yellow skin and eyes (jaundice). Symptoms may last for several weeks but full recovery usually occurs.

The Chief Health Officer has advised that any person who is confirmed to have Hepatitis A will be followed up closely and will be provided with further advice through the Department of Health and Human Services. If your child develops any of these symptoms, please seek immediate medical advice from your local GP or Nurse on Call on 1300 60 60 24.

### **PHOTOS : LAST WEEK'S LEADERS INDUCTION - STUDENT OF THE MONTHS WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**



### **WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY REPORT**

Over forty students were inducted into our Student Leadership last Friday. Some showed their leadership at the Secondary Swim Sports on Tuesday, others have displayed their leadership by participation in SRC activities and some will be participating in the Student Activities being run at lunchtimes by the 'Student for the Students'. Congratulations to the Student of the Month winners listed on the following page, who were announced at last week's assembly, the first of our monthly winners.

P1A	Matilda Smith	P1B	Eleanor Saleta
12A	Jayden Doherty	23A	Dylan Arnold
23B	Madison Phillips	4A	Ieesha Williams
4B	Alasadair Hogg	56A	Lucy Longeri
56B	Makayla Couanon		
7A	Deakin Richards	7B	Kaycee Fleming
7C	McKenzie Dunne	7D	Raiden Wakefield
8A	Ayza Liddicoat	8B	Nadia Sinermera
8C	Danika Moisisdis	9A	Nea Kay
9B	Taiuini Miki	9C	Vhilla Evans
9D	Jarrood Frost	9E	Kristen Stjepovic
10A	Shania Menegaldo	10B	Brenden Bishop
10C	Alexandra Pestrivas	10D	Tyson Whitford

### **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.

### **SAFETY RULES AT DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES**

It is very important that families who drop their children off out the front of the school, be aware of safety of others. DO NOT do U-Turns.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School Photos were taken yesterday and today. Any student who missed having their photo taken may have an opportunity to have a 'Catch-Up Day' in the next few weeks. If any parents did not order prints but wish to, they can do so by collecting an envelope from the general office and ordering online.

### **MERBEIN COMMUNITY BANK SCHOOL STUDENT BANKING PROGRAM**

The weekly Merbein Community Bank – Bendigo Bank School Student Banking Program has commenced. If you wish to participate in this program, please send your child's banking passbook 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.***

### **IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY**

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Parent Dance Evening
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	- Yr 7 Camp departs - returns on Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Secondary Swimming Sports

### **IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr 8 Camp Departs - Returns Friday March 5 <sup>th</sup> .
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Partners in Print
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Basketball and Softball (Secondary)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Interschool Tennis and Volleyball.
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school Term 1

### **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.

### **UNIFORM - NEW SPORTS POLO**

There is a new Sports Polo Uniform now available from the Uniform Shop. It has a royal blue body with white side inserts and they are priced at \$28.00 each. The old style polo is still suitable for students to wear. We have some stock of the old style available for sale at \$15.00 each. The sizes available are 10, 12, L, XL, 2 xl, 3xl, 4xl, 5xl and 6xl. We also have new Microfibre shorts available for PE at \$15.00 each. Some stock left in the Mesh shorts for \$8.



# PRIMARY NEWS

## FAMILY FUN EVENING

Our first 2015 Family Evening for Grade P-6 will be held tomorrow night, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February, with the STOMP performance. The performance will begin at 6pm. You are welcome to bring a picnic tea to share with your family from 5pm and have a wander around the Green and Orange Learning Centres and talk with the teachers. The plan is to have a fun, relaxed evening. We will be using the area behind the Green building near the Gym. Students are to wear shorts or pants and a colourful top. (Skirts and dresses are not suitable.) All students MUST be accompanied by a parent or a responsible carer. It is a Smoke and Alcohol Free event.

## STOMP DANCE VISIT

STOMP is here and we have enjoyed a fantastic week with them. We hope your children have shown you some dance demos at home. We are looking forward to performing our routines for you at the Family Fun Evening tomorrow.

## 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.

## P-3 AWARDS WINNERS LAST WEEK

*Sapphire Dodds, Sharla Arnold, Damian Czapracki, Oliver Hutchings, Liam Hansford, Jayden Hawkes, Will Martin, Seth Arnold, Beauden Vandermerwe and Eleanor Saleta. Absent - Shakiera Faux and Douglas Allan*

## LIBRARY DAYS

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

**Morning Routine** – The last two weeks students have been focusing on arriving for class in time, when the music starts. All students who have succeeded at being on time were rewarded on Friday and those who have been a bit late have another chance to achieve their reward. The next goal is to have our morning routine completed before school – Diary in the Diary Box, book and book bag in their Book Box and Drink Bottle out. Can you please remind your child to quickly complete their morning routine before going out to play? The 8.50am start with Brain Gym has been working well and the students are very settled and ready for the two hour Literacy Block at 9.00am

**Partners in Print** – Two sessions will be held this year. One on 10<sup>th</sup> March and the other 19<sup>th</sup> March. More information to follow.





# SECONDARY NEWS

## SECONDARY SWIM SPORTS

The Annual Secondary Swim Sports were held during the day on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February. It was great to see most of our students swimming and trying to gain points for their house. The final results were very close with only nine points separating 1st and 2nd Place. A very big thank you to the House Leaders who did a great job, mustering the support of fellow students and leading by example. A big thankyou to Mr Hill and his team of teachers for their efforts, setting up the pool and BBQ and thankyou also to the FLO students and teachers who cooked up a storm on the BBQ.

The final results saw Yelta House win by a mere nine points from Kulnine, with Cowra coming in third place.

Year Champions below:

13Yr Female	Jessica Hall	30p
13Yr Male	Mitchell Langdon	30p
14Yr Female	Dorraine Bagacay	40p
14Yr Male	Corey Sleep	26p
15Yr Female	Gemma Young	30p
15Yr Male	Lachlan Crouch	26p
17yr Female	Shannon Stevens	38p
17Yr Male	William Wilson	33p

Records set at this Carnival

M 14 50m Freestyle	Kyle Stevens	34.47
Old Record	Lachlan Brown	36.19
F 14 25m Breastroke	Dorraine Bagacay	20.50
Old Record	Holly Mazza	20.78
F 14 25m Backstroke	Dorraine Bagacay	19.97
Old Record	Jessica Collihole	20.20





# COMMUNITY NEWS

## **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.

## **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.

## **SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS**

Our second focus for SWPBIS in 2015 is centring on the quality of student work. Over the next two weeks teachers will be focussing on checking student work during class to ensure the best quality work is completed. Students that consistently do the right thing will be acknowledged and rewarded.

## **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.

## **MERBEIN FOOTBALL AND NETBALL REGISTRATION DAY**

Held at the Club Social Rooms, Kenny Park on 16<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kinnes@masp.org.au)

## **MERBEIN GOLF CLUB PAMPER PARTY PLAN NIGHT**

Held at 355 McEdward St Cabarita on 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ontourtennis1@gmail.com).

## **FREE RUGBY LEAGUE CLINIC**

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

Fields in Mildura on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February from

6-7pm. To register visit [www.playnrl.com](http://www.playnrl.com).

## **MILDURA EISTEDDFOD**

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

now open. Entries close Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:milduraeisteddfod@gmail.com).

**MILDURA WENTWORTH ARTS FESTIVAL  
WORKSHOPS**

**Mudra's Bollywood Dance Workshops**

5<sup>th</sup> March : 5-6pm & 7<sup>th</sup> March: 11am-12md  
Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council  
(SMECC), 38-40 Madden Avenue, Mildura

**Children's Art Class at Artback**

7<sup>th</sup> March:10.30am-12.00md at the Artback Gallery  
& Cafe, 6-8 Adelaide Street, Wentworth, with Steve  
and Anne Hederics.

**Printmaking Workshop**

7<sup>th</sup> March : 11am-4pm. Riverbank Press,  
Wentworth

**Know Your Mediums**

8<sup>th</sup> March – 10am-4pm at the Artback Gallery and  
Cafe, 83-89 Wentworth Street, Wentworth.

**Writers Victoria Storytelling Masterclass with  
Duncan Graham**

14<sup>th</sup> March : 10am – 4pm at the Mildura Brewery  
Theatre Club, 20 Langtree Avenue, Mildura

**Ukulele Workshop with AJ Leonard and Jenny  
Rowlands**

14<sup>th</sup> March : 1-2.30pm at a venue to be confirmed.  
For booking information visit  
[www.artsmildura.com.au](http://www.artsmildura.com.au).

**AUSKICK MERBEIN 2015 SEASON START**

Auskick Merbein training will commence May 5<sup>th</sup> at  
4.30pm, Kenny Park Merbein.

<http://aflauskick.com.au/register/>

Boys and girls are welcome to come along.

Training/game days will alternate between  
Tuesday at 4.30pm and Sunday at 10am to give  
parents an option. A schedule of dates is available  
upon request and at the training sessions. For  
further information contact the Merbein Co-  
ordinator Brad Martin on 0418 136 432.

**MILDURA WENTWORTH ARTS FESTIVAL**

6-15<sup>th</sup> March. Highlights: Twilight Festival Launch,  
Outdoor Cinema, African Drumming, Bollywood  
Dancing, Live Bands, Walk Wentworth Sing, Driving  
Photo Media Productions. For tickets and programs  
phone 5229542 or visit [www.artsmildura.com.au](http://www.artsmildura.com.au)

**OUTDOOR BIG SCREEN 9-12<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

Bring a blanket or a chair to watch the Outdoor Big  
Screen at the Homestead Lawns on the following  
nights beginning at 8.30pm for \$2 per person.

9<sup>th</sup> March - The Water Diviner plus The Spirit of  
Anzac

11<sup>th</sup> March – The Man from Coxs River plus The  
Spirit of Anzac.

12<sup>th</sup> March – They're a Weird Mob plus The Spirit of  
Anzac.

**HOOKIN2HOCKEY – SUNRAYSLIA HOCKEY**

Starts 4<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm. Held at the Hockey Turf,  
on the Aerodrome Ovals Mildura.

Cost \$50 includes stick, ball, shin guards,  
mouthguard, reversible singlet and umpire cards  
and whistle.

For more information contact Jodie Morvell  
0409835470 or visit the website

[www.sunraysiahockey.com.au](http://www.sunraysiahockey.com.au).

**MILDURA ARTS CENTRE GALLERY : WWI &  
ANZAC DAY CENTENARY EXHIBITIONS**

From February to May 2015, the MAC Gallery  
Exhibition Program will be dedicated to  
commemorating the WWI and ANZAC Day  
Centenary. These events were significant in  
Australia's history and the exhibitions serve as a  
tribute to the thousands who served in the conflict,  
as well as highlighting the significant impact on  
their families and communities. The official opening  
of all three WWI commemorative exhibitions will  
take place at 6pm, Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February at the  
Mildura Arts Centre. All welcome!

For further information, please contact Luci  
Marcuzzo or Heather Lee on (03) 5018 8330 or  
email [gallery@mildura.vic.gov.au](mailto:gallery@mildura.vic.gov.au).