

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**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.

**STUDENT DENTAL SERVICE**

13th St and Deakin Ave Mildura

Phone 50210944.

**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](mailto:Collihole.heather.h@edumail.vic.gov.au)

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

**PRIMARY FAMILY SOCIAL EVENING REPORT**

Congratulations to Wendy Finn and all the staff and students involved in the STOMP Program last week.

Thank you to the many families who came along to support and watch the Grade P-6 students perform their dances at last Friday's Open Night/Performance. Feedback was very positive.

The students obviously enjoyed themselves immensely throughout the week and it was pleasing to see parents and family coming along in large numbers to see them perform.



<b>IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH</b>	
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 - Primary
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school Term 1

### **GIOVANNA'S MORNING TEA**

Yesterday the staff held a morning tea to raise funds for 'Giovanna's Gift' Charity.

Giovanna Ienco was a student at Merbein P-10 College when sadly, Giovanna passed away from Ovarian Cancer a few years ago. Over \$300 was raised from the morning tea. A very big thankyou to Jess Williams for organising the event and for all the staff who supported it.

### **PARENTS' CLUB EASTER RAFFLE**

Parents' Club are asking every family in the school to send along a donation of 'Easter Goodies' for the Whole School Easter Raffle. Raffle ticket books will go home to every family next week.



### **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.

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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.*

### **MERBEIN P-10 PARENTS' CLUB AGM REPORT**

The Merbein P-10 Parents' Club held their 2015 AGM last week. The new President for 2015 is Shelley Stone. The secretary is Trudy Jowett and Treasurer is Kristin Kirkpatrick. Congratulations! Cherie Hocking and Michelle Nokes both stood down as President. Kelly McConnell stood down as secretary for the year to pursue other ventures but they will still be involved within the PC committee. The next Parents' Club meeting will be held Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in the Orange Building and all parents are invited to come along. Don't forget to visit our public page [www.facebook.com/merbeinp10collegeparentsclub](http://www.facebook.com/merbeinp10collegeparentsclub)

## **PRIMARY NEWS**

### **STOMP REPORT**

What a fantastic turnout for our very first social event of the year. The Grade P-6 students performing their STOMP dances enthusiastically and professionally after only five lessons. We are very proud of them. It was an extremely warm evening for a picnic but it was great to see so many families sharing a meal together. We were very pleased with the huge turnout to the performance. Thankyou to all who came and thanks once again to the Parents' Club for sponsoring the event.





**DONATION ITEMS FOR ART**

If you have cling wrap or Alfoil cardboard rolls Mrs Atkinson would love them. We will be using them in art soon for some Easter activities.

**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.

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

**Partners In Print** – The school is hosting a 'Partners in Print' Program for Grade P- 1 students and their parents at our college on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March. A flyer went home this week to the Grade P-1 families. The program will be presented by the authors of this successful program. The program gives parents opportunities to try different literacy activities at school with their child so that they have a better understanding of to support their child's learning with activities at home. It is lots of fun. The evening will start at 5.45pm and finish at 7.00pm. More information will follow but please keep the dates free. It is a wonderful opportunity to share with your child.

**School Nurse Forms** – There are still some outstanding so please return these as soon as possible.

**Brain Gym** – Students begin their Brain Gym at 8.55am every morning in the Bugs End of the Green Building. Please encourage your child to be independent by having them sort their diary, books, word rings and drink bottle by themselves in the mornings. Word rings can be read by the teachers before school.

**GRADE 5/6 ART REPORT**

Grade 5/6 students have been introduced to the Artist, Andy Warhol's 'Pop Art'. Over the next few weeks they will be experimenting with images and colour. They have been working with vibrant colours and producing their own 'Pop Art'.



## **GRADE P-3 AWARDS WINNERS LAST WEEK**

*Zhoe Willison Demi Stone Alana Teasdale Liam Gardiner Tyler Hawkes Taya Battin Sharla Arnold Emily Wilkinson-Reynolds Jayden Doherty Sapphire Dodds Jake Ball Khye Davis-Pratt Tasharni Quinlivan Max Kassulke Jonathon Powell*



## **SECONDARY NEWS**

### **PHOTO BELOW FROM THE INTERSCHOOL SWIM SPORTS YESTERDAY**

Congratulations to all our swimmers. Merbein P10 College came in, overall 3rd Place at yesterday's Interschool Swim Sports.



### **MERBEIN ANZAC DAY CEREMONY**

An organiser of Merbein's ANZAC Day Parade and Ceremony, Tom Storer has asked the school for 2 – 4 students who have had a relative that served in either WW1 or WW2 who would like to speak at this year's service.

Tom has offered to help with research and our English and Humanities staff will help students prepare a short speech.

If your child is interested please ask them to see Mr Hankinson or Mrs McPhee at school.

### **YEAR 10 INFORMATION**

The school website contains a Year 10 page with links to information including the Graduation Policy and Transition Key Dates. If you have any queries about either of these events please refer to the Year 10 page or contact Mr Dreyer by phone or email.

### **YEAR 7 CAMP UPDATE**

We have heard from the happy campers this week. All is well and going to plan and the Year 7 campers will get back to school ready to be collected at 4pm tomorrow afternoon.

### **SNOW TRIP**

There are still approximately ten places left on the Snow Trip. Numbers will be finalised in the coming weeks at which point we will begin having regular meetings and sending information and medical forms home. A reminder that all outstanding camp fees need to be paid for students to attend the Snow Trip.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **TENNIS COACHING**

Blayk Rhodes Tennis Academy coaching clinic will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> March at Kenny Park, Merbein. Half hour sessions from 8.30-10.30am. Cost is free for members, \$10 for non-members. To register email [kennyparktennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:kennyparktennisclub@gmail.com) or text 0437418418.

Registration close 5pm on 6<sup>th</sup> March.

### **MILDURA EISTEDDFOD**

Held from 4<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015. Entries are now open. Entries close 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-12midday  
Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council  
(SMECC), 38-40 Madden Avenue, Mildura

### **Children's Art Class at Artback**

7<sup>th</sup> March:10.30am-12.00midday 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.

### **MERBEIN GOLF CLUB JUNIOR CLINIC**

Would you like to learn how to play golf. Register  
for the Merbein Golf Club Junior Clinic.

355 McEdward Street, Cabarita

Dates : March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 9.30-  
11am

March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Merbein Junior Clinic Competition  
Boys and Girls from Grade 3 – Year 8 are eligible.  
Cost \$15 includes entry into Competition and  
Sausage sizzle after each clinic.

For more information contact the Club via  
Facebook, email [royal.merbein@gmail.com](mailto:royal.merbein@gmail.com) or  
Secretary Melinda Binding on 0447 790 949.

### **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.

## **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)

### **HOOKIN2HOCKEY – SUNRAYZIA 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).

### **SOCCER REGISTRATION DAY**

3 Colours SC Registration Day will be held on 1<sup>st</sup>  
March at the 3 Colours Soccer Shed, Soccer Park,  
Flora Ave, Mildura from 10am-1pm.

Players are requested to self-register before the  
registration day.

Instructions on how to self-register are available at  
[www.threecolours.com.au](http://www.threecolours.com.au)

For further information contact Vince Maiorana  
0416 054 372 or [threecolourssc@live.com.au](mailto:threecolourssc@live.com.au).

### **IRYMPLE BOCCE CLUB**

Is having a Home Made Lasagne Night to raise funds  
on 1<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm. Members Price \$8, Non  
Members Price \$12.

Bookings are Essential and must be made by calling  
50246888 between 1-4pm on 28<sup>th</sup> February. For  
more information email

[irymplebocceclub@gmail.com](mailto:irymplebocceclub@gmail.com)

### **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).