

DATES TO REMEMBER

9th March, Monday

Labour Day Public Holiday (NO school)

10th March, Tues

Pri Partners in Print

13th March, Fri

Pri Dress Up Day - Theme 'I want to be..'

16th March, Mon

Sec Immunisations

19th March, Thurs

Pri Partners in Print

25th March, Wed

Parent/Teacher Interviews

26th March, Thurs

Pri Grandparents Day

27th March, Fri

Last day of Term 1 - early dismissal 2.30pm

13th April, Mon

First Day of Term 2

25th April, Sat

Anzac Day

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.

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.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL

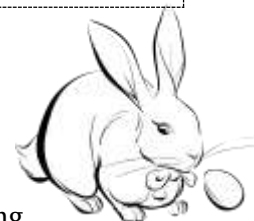
Monday 9th March is Labour Day Public Holiday. There will be no school on that day.

PARTNERS IN PRINT
For Grade P-1
10th & 19th March

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.

An Easter Raffle Book went home with every family this week. Please support the school by selling as many tickets as possible and returning the sold ticket butts along with the money to school by Tuesday, 24th March. Extra raffle ticket books are available from the school's main office.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Merbein P10 staff and parent representative, Greg Rhodes, Wendy Finn and Tricia Teasdale, who participated in the Euston Triathlon on Sunday.



IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH	
Monday 9 th	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 10 th & Thursday 19 th	Primary Partners in Print
Friday 20 th	Interschool Basketball and Softball (Secondary)
Monday 23 rd	Interschool Tennis and Volleyball.
Wednesday 25 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday 26 th	Grandparents Day - Primary
Friday 27 th	Last day of school Term 1

EMPTY NAPPY BOXES PLEASE

Parents' Club are asking for some donations of empty nappy boxes to be used to collect the Easter Goodies in for our Easter Raffle. If you have any at home, could you please drop them into any of our school offices as soon as possible. It will be very much appreciated.

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.

CHANCES FOR CHILDREN FUNDING ROUND IS NOW OPEN

The round will close, April 24th 2015. Application Forms (which includes eligibility guidelines) are available for download at www.chancesforchildren.com.au. Please feel free to contact any of the Chances team in Swan Hill 50 324479 or Mildura/Robinvale/NSW 50217480 if you have any questions or queries.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CAMP

Held @ The Toyota Hothouse, 1st and 2nd April for Boys & Girls aged 5-12 from 10am-3pm. All children to bring a basketball, lunch & drink bottle. Please call 5023 2241 for more details or forms can be downloaded at www.mildurabasketball.com.au.

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 morning 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 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

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLINIC REPORT

Twenty two very excited Grade 4-6 students attended the Richmond Football Clinic on Monday. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves rotating around a range of football related drills and activities and mingling with the Richmond Football Players who attended. The Merbein P-10 College Secondary Students did an amazing job of running the activities for all the district primary school students.





Grade P-3 Assembly – is held every Thursday in the Bug Space at 2.45pm, students will receive their weekly awards. All welcome to attend.

Grade P-1 'Partners in Print' Program –The authors of this program will be presenting Partners in Print to our Grade P-1 students and parents this year. We are very excited and look forward to the time. The program consists of two evening sessions. The first is on Tuesday, 10th March and the second will be held on Thursday, 19th March from 5.45 to 7.00pm. The evening will begin with a light tea of sandwiches on arrival at 5.30pm, and the program will begin at 5.45pm. There will be a presentation in the first fifteen minutes. In the following hour students and parents will participate in some practical and enjoyable literacy activities together - to help their child become confident, successful readers. There will also be parent/community presenters and we are very grateful for their contribution. Parents who read with their children provide a positive influence that promotes the love of reading. We hope all students in Grade P-1 will be able to attend this program. Please return your RSVP tomorrow.

LIBRARY NEWS

A very big thankyou to Oscar and Lucy Vidler for their kind donations of books for our Primary Library.

Reminder to families that we would like all borrowed books and home reading books returned to school every day to avoid them being lost.

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

Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend our P-3 assembly each Thursday afternoon at 2.45.

Dress Up Day – We plan to have a 'Dress Up' day each term this year. This term's Dress Up Day is will be next Friday, 13th March with a theme of 'I Want To Be ...' Students are encouraged to come to school on this day in their 'Dress Up' clothes. Students can wear their costume all day or just for the morning activities.

GRADE P-3 AWARDS WINNERS LAST WEEK

Will Martin, Liam Hancock, Megan Young, Riley Buttery, Jesse Phillipe, Jake Ball, Chloe Moore, Jayden Doherty, Olivia Corrie, Sarnie Cramp, Preston O'Connor-Jenkins, Jordan Hoskings, Maddy I'Anson and Nick Powell. Absent: Will Martin



SECONDARY NEWS

2014 MERBEIN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BANK 97.9 SUN FM / NORTHERN MALLEE SPORTS STAR GALA AWARDS EVENING

- Hayley Willison
HAPE Coordinator.

Congratulations to Jayden Curtis, Year 9 student at Merbein P-10 College who received a Sporting Blues Award at the recent Northern Mallee Sports Star Gala Awards. Jayden was nominated by the College for his outstanding achievements in 2014 in Athletics and Cross Country at School Level, State Level and National Level. His best achievement was finishing 2nd Place in the 800m and 5th Place in the 1500m at National Level. Jayden is pictured below (4th from the left), receiving his award.



INTERSCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT - Mrs Fetherston

Students who have received a permission note to attend this tournament, please return your note to the office with your \$10 ASAP. All Merbein P10 students attending the tournament, MUST go to the library tomorrow, Friday 6th March at lunchtime for a quick meeting and practice.

YEAR 10 INFORMATION

The school website contains a Year 10 Page with links to specific informational documents 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 10 SNOW TRIP

There are still approximately ten places left on the Snow Trip this year. 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. **From Tuesday, 10th March Year 9 students will be able to fill any remaining places on the Snow Trip.**

YEAR 10 RUGBY JUMPERS

Final payments for the Year 10 Rugby Jumpers is tomorrow, Friday 6th March, the final order will be placed Tuesday, 10th March. No other orders will be taken after this date.

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 years' 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 7 CAMP REPORT – Rob Morgan

Last week, sixty one enthusiastic students along with staff members, Mr Morgan, Mr Rhodes, Mr Arney, Ms Donnelly, Melissa Perry and David Byrnes, jumped on the buses heading south to Halls Gap for the start of their Adventure Camp.

This camp is about getting students out of their comfort zone and having them prepared to attempt and learn new things with the support and encouragement from their peers in the hope that new friendships will be developed.

The camp began with the students learning about the camp site and being allocated their rooms. Next, camp supervisors took the students through some innovative games that required them to use team work, persistence and creative thinking.

Over the next two days the students all participated in four challenging activities: High Ropes Course, Abseiling, Rocking Climbing and walking the Pinnacle Track. Most of these activities took many of the students out of their comfort zone, particularly the activities where they were ten or more metres off the ground.

Thankfully, there were no major injuries sustained (not students anyway) except for a few rolled ankles and a couple of bruised egos!

The students can be very proud of the way they behaved and the manner in which they conducted themselves whilst on camp. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school and it was a pleasure to work and have fun with them over the four days.





AUSKICK MERBEIN 2015 SEASON START

Auskick Merbein training will commence May 5th 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.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MERBEIN INC.

PRESENTS OUTDOOR CINEMA EVENING (FREE ENTRY)



Date: Friday 27th March 2015

Time: Food from 6.30 pm ~ Movie 8.30 pm

Venue: Kenny Park (Croquet area)

Food available: Sausage Sizzle, Pancakes, Soft Drinks & Coffee. Bring your picnic rug and chairs and relax and enjoy!

Please note: Strictly Alcohol Free Event

The Rotary Club of Merbein Inc., celebrating fifty years of service to the Merbein and wider community. Further information contact Leon

Wagner 0427 252 586. Special Acknowledgment to Chris Mitchell & Staff at Cinema Deakin for their expertise and assistance.

TENNIS COACHING

Blayk Rhodes Tennis Academy coaching clinic will be held on 8th 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 or text 0437418418.

Registration close 5pm on 6th March.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 8th, 15th and 21st from 9.30-11am

March 22nd - 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 or Secretary Melinda Binding on 0447 790 949.

MERBEIN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB REGISTRATIONS OPEN 2015

Auskick for U10, U12, U13, U14½ and U16.
Registration Forms will be available at training
nights, or contact numbers below.

Graeme Dunne (President): 0407 325 751

Geoff Stevens (Vice President): 0407 502 465

Brad Martin (Auskick): 0418 136 432

Training NIGHTS

U/14.5's & U/16's Training

Tuesday 4.30-6pm & Thursday 4.30-6pm

U/10's, U/12's, U/13's & Auskick Training

U/13's Tuesday - March 3rd - 4.30-6pm

U/12's Tuesday - April 14th - 4.30-6pm

U/10's Tuesday - April 14th - 4.30-6pm

Auskick Tuesday - 5th May

Registration Online -

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

Held - Merbein Football Ground-Kenny Park

MINIBALL REGISTRATION

To be held Saturday 21st March 2015 at the Mildura
HOT house Stadium, 8th Street Mildura. Grade P-1
9.30am, Grade 2-4 10.30am.

Miniball is an introduction and skills based
Basketball Program for primary school aged
children. Miniball caters for all girls and boys who
are currently attending a primary school from
Grade P- 4.

Cost : \$45 per player - Registration and \$5 weekly
game fee.

For more information phone Fiona 0474057126
after 6pm. Email alcherinabb@gmail.com

MILDURA WENTWORTH ARTS FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS

Mudra's Bollywood Dance Workshops

5th March : 5-6pm & 7th March: 11am-12midday

Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council
(SMECC), 38-40 Madden Avenue, Mildura

Children's Art Class at Artback

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

Printmaking Workshop

7th March : 11am-4pm. Riverbank Press,
Wentworth

Know Your Mediums

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

Writers Victoria Storytelling Masterclass with Duncan Graham

14th March : 10am - 4pm at the Mildura Brewery
Theatre Club, 20 Langtree Avenue, Mildura

Ukulele Workshop with AJ Leonard and Jenny Rowlands

14th March : 1-2.30pm at a venue to be confirmed.
For booking information visit
www.artsmildura.com.au.

IRYMPLE SWIMMING CLUB ANNUAL PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIM

The Irymple Swimming Club will be holding their
Annual Primary School Swim Meet on Thursday
12th March commencing at 5pm at the Irymple
Swimming Pool.

Schools are welcome to submit entries for their
school as well as individual students entering
online via our website

www.irympleswimmingclub.com.au

OUTDOOR BIG SCREEN 9-12th 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.

9th March - The Water Diviner plus The Spirit of
Anzac

11th March - The Man from Cox's River plus The
Spirit of Anzac.

12th March - They're a Weird Mob plus The Spirit of
Anzac.

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

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.

SWINBURNE FREE ONLINE COURSE ON AUTISM

Swinburne is offering a free online course on
Autism to assist parents, families, carers and
teachers who live and work with individuals on the
Autism Spectrum. It will be launched in April.
Running for six weeks, the MOOC (Massive Open
Online Course) will use a unique scenario-based
learning approach, which draws on the stories and
experiences of individuals, carers and experts in the
field. The course is designed to equip participants
with skills and tools that will make a difference to
their lives, or the lives of those individuals who
know someone with Autism.

If you are interested, please click on the link below
for further information and to register.

[http://www.swinburne.edu.au/media-
centre/news/2015/02/swinburne-offers-free-
course-on-autism.html#.VNWxtZP2Ql0.facebook](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/media-centre/news/2015/02/swinburne-offers-free-course-on-autism.html#.VNWxtZP2Ql0.facebook).

LEGO CLUB

Lego Club is on again this Saturday from 10:30-
11:30am, 110 Pine Ave Mildura. All Welcome
sunraysia.autism@gmail.com