

DATES TO REMEMBER

19th March, Thurs

Pri Partners in Print

20th March, Fri

Grade P-6 Assembly 2.45pm

25th March, Wed

Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-7pm

27th March, Fri

-Pri Easter Hat Parade 9am

-Pri Class Easter Basket Judged 9.15am

-Both Pri & Sec Easter Baskets Raffle drawn together at 11am

Last day of Term 1 – early dismissal 2.30pm

13th April, Mon

First Day of Term 2

23rd April, Thurs

Pri Grandparents Day

24th April, Fri

ANZAC –RSL visit, brief ceremony

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/merbeinp10colleparentsclub

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.

PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

All our teaching staff should be available for these important meetings on Wednesday 25th March from 4-7pm.

Secondary students will be issued with an interim report on the evening that will indicate progress in each subject. This report is an important tool used in the communication process between families and the school with an aim to improving the educational outcomes for all students.

There are no booking sheets for the Secondary Interviews. The interviews are to be kept to a maximum of five minutes. In this short meeting parents can discuss their child's progress with the Subject Teacher and determine any future directions that may be needed to improve student work. If a longer appointment is required then this should be mutually arranged on the evening at the end of the five minute discussion.

Upon arrival at the Blue Building, parents will be given an information sheet which will show the parents the rooms where they can find their teachers and their child's interim report.

Primary Students will have received a letter outlining the booking process for interviews on this evening. The students are expected to come along with their parents where they will receive an Interim Report on their progress up to this point in the year. The duration of each of these interviews will also be five minutes. The interviews will take place in their child's class room.

There will be a crèche provided for short term care while parents are in the interviews. This will be located in the Orange Building in the Year 7 area.

SECONDARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the Students of the Month Award winners for the month of March. Photo below. The Primary Award winners will be announced at tomorrow's assembly.



7A	Shelby Livens	7B	Antigone Nasoufis
7C	Mitchell Langdon	7D	Gideon Sands
8A	Cayla Fawdry	8B	Shania McKinnon
8C	Kaitlyn Mitchell		
9A	Nikita Lindsay	9B	Jarni Hay
9C	Aisea Miki	9D	Jordyn Nichols
9E	Ashlee Wakefield		
10A	Jaylin Grimmer	10B	Brittany Vansoest
10C	Chase Costa	10D	Justice Felton

IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH	
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
Friday 27 th	Last day of school Term 1 Easter Basket Competition and Easter Raffle Drawn

IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL	
Monday 13 th	First Day of Term
Thursday 23 rd	Grandparents day

**FAMILY PHOTOS ARE
AVAILABLE TO BE
COLLECTED FROM THE
FRONT OFFICE**

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.

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

MERBEIN COMMUNITY BANK SCHOOL STUDENT BANKING PROGRAM

If you wish your child to participate in this program, send your child's bank book along to the Green Building Office every Thursday morning. The Bank will collect and process your child's banking and then drop your child's bank book back to the school before the end of the school day.

ST PATRICK'S DAY THANK YOU

A huge St Patrick's Day thank you to our wonderful canteen staff. The kids had a ball eating the green food. Well done.



GRADE P-6 ASSEMBLY - MONTHLY AWARDS PRESENTATION

Tomorrow, Friday 20th March, the Primary Section will hold an Assembly in the Gym at 2.45pm where Student of the Month Awards and reports will be presented. All parents are welcome to attend.

GRADE P-6 EASTER HAT PARADE

The P-6 students will be making Easter Hats during class at school. There will be an Easter Hat Parade approximately 9am on Friday 27th March. Parents are welcome to stay for the parade.

GRADE P-6 EASTER CLASS COMPETITION

This year the Primary Class Groups are having a competition to bring as many Easter Eggs as possible to make their own Class Easter Basket. **The eggs will need to be sent before next Wednesday 25th March**, so that the Classroom Teacher along with the students, will have time to design an impressive Easter Basket to be judged. The winning grade will get to keep their eggs. So please send along eggs to your child's classroom. The Class Egg Baskets will be judged straight after the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 27th March. **The raffle for the remaining Primary Class Easter Baskets will drawn at 11am along with the Secondary Home Group Easter Baskets.**

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

An Easter Raffle Book went home with every family. Please support the school by selling as many tickets as possible and returning the sold ticket butts along with the money to school no later than 9am next Friday 27th March. Extra raffle ticket books are available from the school's main office. The Primary Class Easter Baskets along with the Secondary Easter Baskets will be the prizes for the Easter Raffle this year.

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

Partners In Print – Our final Partners in Print Session will be held tonight starting at 5.30pm with toasted sandwiches. Then at 5.45pm Mr Nemtsas is taking the students for a disco, while the parents enjoy the presentation from Anne Robinson, a co-writer of the Partners in Print Program. Anne is a highly respected literacy guru in the district, as well as being Acting Principal at Mildura West. We are very fortunate to have Anne with us. All students have been asked to wear their PJ's to tonight's Partners in Print. It will make bedtime easier. Again, you will discover many different activities that you can enjoy with your child, that will help your child learn to read at home. We will look at what you can say to your child when they make a mistake, please note that the response that has the least success is "Sound it Out." We have much more successful prompts to help your child. Come along and find out. Even if you haven't sent back your RSVP, you are very welcome. Thanks again to our wonderful presenters for supporting us.

Easter Baskets – Please keep the Easter Eggs coming in to each class room. Each class wants to make the biggest basket possible!!! The competition is between Grade P-6 class rooms. The winning room will be able to keep and share their basket of eggs. The rest of the baskets will be raffled. It should be lots of fun.

When I Grow Up Day Report – The day was a great success. A total of \$190.90 was donated to the Kids Cancer Project. The aim of the charity is to research a cure for childhood cancer. The students looked very grown up in their costumes. We had a great time.



SWPBS – Our School Wide Positive Behaviours focus for this fortnight is 'Effective Use of Class Time'. We have a '3-2-1 Star Rubric' as the standard approach to their work. We encourage students to be on time, well-prepared with their equipment and to work in a focussed way to produce great work. We hope all students will be rewarded at the end of the term.

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.

Photos below of the Outside School Hours Care St Patrick's Day Party held Wednesday, 18th March.





GRADE P-3 AWARDS WINNERS LAST WEEK

Mason Arnold, Adrian Allan, Kira Teasdale, Wylie Smith, Madeline I'Anson, Chloe Moore, Liam Hancock, Megan Young, Cara Graham, Hayden Gardiner, Aidan Williams and Jake Ball. Photo below.



SECONDARY NEWS

YEAR 10 SHARE MARKET GAME REPORT

The annual Share Market Game for students across Australia commenced last Thursday. The game runs for eight weeks. Year 10 students, in teams, receive \$50,000 to invest in the Share Market. This game teaches students about Long Term Investment (Although the game only goes for eight weeks). After one week, Team Kawaii (Julia Mann & Olivia Beyen) have turned their \$50,000 into \$53,380. A nice \$3380 profit in one week. Well done girls!

LOCKS ON LOCKERS

All students are responsible for the security of their own equipment at school. We have supplied lockable lockers and have 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 also strongly advised that all students use a lock on their lockers to ensure security.

REPRESENTING OUR SCHOOL

Over the next week we will be sending two sports teams to represent our school in the Secondary Interschool Sports.

The Tennis Team will be participating at the Mildura Lawn Tennis Club next Monday. The Girls Volleyball Team will play at Chaffey Secondary College and the Boys Volleyball Team will play at St Joseph's Stadium.

Many of the students have been practicing at lunchtimes over the past two weeks. Yesterday, the Interschool Baseball and Softball were held. They were successful in all three events. The Intermediate Girls Softball Team won their division. The Juniors Girls Softball Team came second, but were beaten in the final. Thanks to Miss Donnelly for her coaching and the parents that assisted on the day. The Baseball Team also came 2nd Place, winning their three pool matches before being beaten in the final by Irymple Primary School. Thanks to Mr Hill for coaching the team.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS (SWPBIS)

The final focus for SWPBIS for Term 1 is Effective Use of Class Time. So far this term we have focused on getting to class on time with the correct equipment and completing quality work. Now we are incorporating/adding effective use of class time. Our SWPBIS group is currently made up of teachers only. We are hoping that some parents and students will join the group to add their input. SWPBIS is an important tool which is contributing to our excellent school culture and student behaviour. We expect these steps will result in excellent student academic outcomes.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Today we held an assembly to celebrate the achievements of many of our students in the secondary section. A report on the Year 8 Camp was given by Nolo Miki and Amelia McKerrow. Rueben Johnson gave a report on the Year 7 Camp. Ashlee Battin gave a report on the success of the Softball Teams. Congratulations to all the students who were nominated for the Student of the Month Award. Well done and congratulations to the students who are the winners of this month's Student of the Month Awards.

MATHEMATICS - Duane Ebbels

Mr Ebbels would like to remind parents that all students from Years 7-10 are required to complete homework tasks for Mathematics. It is especially important for those in Year 10 as homework is one of the mandatory requirements students are to complete to in order to obtain a satisfactory grade in Mathematics which in turn is directly related to graduation eligibility at the end of the year. Students must satisfactorily complete and submit 80% of their homework in order to satisfactorily pass the subject.

Mr Ebbels will be making himself available to all students from Year 7-10 each Tuesday straight after school for one hour. Students can bring their homework or classwork along and get some help completing it.

UNIFORM

It is fantastic to see almost all students in correct uniform. It is expected that all students wear full uniform at all times. If for some reason a student is unable to wear their uniform for a short period of time a signed note should be provided by parents/guardians. It is important to note the Black Shorts or Long Casual Pants are acceptable for uniform, BUT leggings ARE NOT uniform and are not to be worn at school unless they are changed into for Sports/PE classes, then changed 'out of' after these classes.

SECONDARY UNIFORM SALE

Secondary Boys	Secondary Girls
Cargo shorts - \$15	Tailored shorts - \$25
Elastic Waist shorts - \$15	Hipster Shorts - \$25
Long Cargo pants - \$20	Girls Tailored pants - \$30
Long Elastic waist pants - \$18	
Unisex	
Short and Long sleeved white cotton shirt - \$15	
Micro fibre Track Pants - \$20	

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE G TEAL APPEAL

Supporting Ovarian Cancer. The Vineleaf Bistro will be hosting an **afternoon tea supporting the G-Teal Appeal in memory of Giovanna Ienco**. To be held at 89 Game St Merbein (Merbein Pub) at 3pm on Sunday 29th March. Tea, coffee and sweets provided. Drinks at bar prices. Tickets are \$15pp. Tables of 10 are available. For tickets contact Gary Henderson 50252137 or Angela Ienco 0448170988. For catering purposes ticket sales are to be finalised by 25th March.

MERBEIN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Is looking for an Auskick Coach/Co-ordinator. We are looking for someone or a couple of people to take on the role of coach/co-ordinator of our Auskick Program.

This involves taking the training sessions, starting Tuesday 5th May from 4.30-5.30pm and running the program for ten weeks. Program support materials and coaching support from our other junior coaches will be provided. No prior experience required, just a desire to have fun and encourage kids to have a go. If you are interested please contact Graeme Dunne - President - 0407 235 751 Or Geoff Stevens - Vice President 0407 502 465.

AUSKICK MERBEIN 2015 SEASON START

Training will commence May 5th at 4.30pm, Kenny Park Merbein.

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

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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY Activities FOR YEARS 7-12

30th March	Cinema and Pizza	Cost \$15
31st March	Traditional Martial Arts Session	Cost \$15
1st April	Indoor team activities	No Cost
2nd April	Movie at Ouyen's Historic Roxy Theatre	Cost \$15
7th April	Laserforce	Cost \$15
8th April	Perry Sand Hills	No Cost
9th April	Mosaic Workshop at the Scout Hall	No Cost
10th April	Pool Party at the Waves	No Cost

For more information email

youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au or visit

www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth

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

Registration Online –

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

MINIBALL REGISTRATION

To be held Saturday 21st March 2015 at the Mildura Hot House Stadium. 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 alcheringabb@gmail.com

PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL

The top five participating schools(with highest % of students registered) will go into the draw to win a \$500 Sports Power Sport Equipment Voucher.

April would be a great time to hold your own 10,000 STEPS Challenge. For more information refer to

www.healthytogetehrmildura.com.au/activeapril

CHANCES FOR CHILDREN

Chances invest in the future of our children and young people by removing the financial barriers that stand in the way of them achieving their potential. For more information visit www.chancesforchildren.com.au or phone 50217480.

LEGO CLUB

Lego Club is on again this Saturday. It will be the last one of the term. From 10:30-11:30am, 110 Pine Ave Mildura. For more information email sunraysia.autism@gmail.com

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MERBEIN INC. PRESENTS OUTDOOR CINEMA EVENING (FREE ENTRY) PADDINGTON



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.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY!

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Italy, Belgium, the USA, and France are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family. Sylvia Kelly Phone: 1300 884 733 or Email: info@wep.org.au or

Online: <http://www.wep.org.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. For further information, please contact Luci Marcuzzo or Heather Lee on (03) 5018 8330 or email gallery@mildura.vic.gov.au.

MINI ROOS TRAINING

Mini Roos is great game for boys and girls ages 5 to 11. Training commences 15th April. Games begin 26th April. Register with Three Colours SC.

Contact Vince on 0416054372 or
threecolourssc@live.com.au.

SOCIAL SOCCER – INDIGENOUS OR CALD

BACKGROUND

This is a four week program for youth aged 12-25. Held Mondays, 5-6.30pm from 20th April to 11th May at the Soccer Park, Aero Ovals Mildura. Cost is free, Registration is essential. Contact Tanya Wild on Phone 50213464 or 0417925539. Contact Shane Johnston 50235966.

SARNIA TENNIS CLUB

Mildura Lawn Tennis Club 2015 season commences on 2nd May. Training is held Thursdays 4-9pm from mid-April.

Juniors from 4pm to 5:30, seniors 6pm onwards. Registrations & team enquiries for all players to Peter Kelly on pk4051@gmail.com or mobile 0417577029.

GRASSROOTS COACHING COURSE

A FREE Grassroots Coaching course will be held on 27th April 2015 at "Soccer Park", from 6-9.30pm. Contact Susan Watts to register your interest via email swatts@ffv.org.au or mobile 0410 557 485 as places are limited.