

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**24<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Pri Grandparents Day

**24<sup>th</sup> Friday**

ANZAC -RSL visit, brief ceremony

**25<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Anzac Day

**28<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Secondary Open Night

**29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Yr 9&10 Northern Zone Volleyball

### MAY

**5<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Sec Boys Interschool Soccer

**6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Sec Assembly

**7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Sec Girls Interschool Soccer

**8<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Whole School Cross Country

**11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Sec Girls Interschool Football

**19<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Primary Open Night

**12<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> May**

NAPLAN Testing for Yrs 3,5,7&9

**18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Yr 9 Camp

### JUNE

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**

Sec Assembly

**5<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Report Writing Day NO SCHOOL

**8<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Queen's Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**9<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Sec Immunisations

**16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Sec Girls Netball

**25<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Sec Assembly

**26<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Last day of Term 2

Early dismissal time of 2.30pm

### 2015 TERM DATES

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)

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

### ASBESTOS AUDIT REPORT

Like almost every school, as well as most houses and commercial buildings across Australia, some materials containing asbestos have been used in the original construction of our school. None of the new buildings built at Merbein P-10 College contain asbestos as its use in building materials has been banned for many years now. The more high-risk forms of asbestos were removed from all schools many years ago but there are still some materials present, mainly cement sheet containing asbestos, in the older buildings. Provided the material is properly maintained and undisturbed, it is quite safe.

### ASBESTOS STICKERS

Earlier this week an Asbestos Audit was conducted by Education Department Contractors, COFFEY. They have advised that the asbestos materials in our school are in good, low-risk condition. As part of the Asbestos Safety Management Plan, stickers have been placed by the auditors on some doors in the older buildings warning of the presence of asbestos. The stickers are not intended to alarm students, parents or staff, they have simply been placed on the doors to help alert people such as tradesmen that asbestos is present and that they need to take care when they are working. I would like to emphasise that all schools across Victoria are undergoing the same Asbestos Management Audit Process to ensure schools are safe places in which to work and study. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

### BUILDING WORKS FUNDING REPORT

Interviews have recently been conducted to select an architect firm to plan and design our \$1.15million Maintenance-Refurbishment Program that was announced in last year's State Budget. A final decision should be made by early next week. Whilst this funding is appreciated, the School Council is continuing to press the new Victorian Government to increase this funding to a level that would enable delivery of the new facilities, originally promised when the school merger was agreed to back in 2009. The School Council believes that our school community deserves the support after being forced to wait more than four years when the original Regeneration Project was put on hold.

The School Council has stated on several occasions its preference for the \$1.15million to be combined with additional funding so that new facilities as originally promised can be provided rather than repairing the old buildings.

The State Government will release its first budget next month and we will be watching with interest to see if our request has been heard.

## **CHANNEL - PIPELINE WORKS**

The Pipeline Works behind the school appears to be progressing well. I would like to remind parents that LEED Engineering has advised that the section of Channel Road adjacent to the south end of the school grounds will be closed until April 23rd.

## **WHOOPIING COUGH**

We wish to inform families that we have had notification that 3 children in the primary area have Whooping Cough. Below is information about Whooping cough symptoms and school exclusion. Further information can be obtained from the Department of Health website;

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au>

### ***Victorian statutory requirement***

***Pertussis infection (Group B disease) requires written notification within five days of diagnosis.***

**School exclusion for cases and contacts is:**

- cases should be excluded for five days after commencing antibiotic treatment
- unimmunised sibling contacts under seven years of age and unimmunised close child care contacts must be excluded from school and children's services centres for 14 days from the last exposure to infection, or until they have taken five days of a ten day course of antibiotics.

### **What are the symptoms?**

- Whooping cough usually begins like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough.
- The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a "whooping" sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.
- Some newborns may not cough at all but they can stop breathing and turn blue. Some babies have difficulties feeding and can choke or gag.
- Older children and adults may just have a cough that lasts for many weeks. They may not have the whoop.

### **How is it spread?**

- Whooping cough is spread when an infectious person coughs bacteria into the air which can be inhaled by people nearby. If they are not treated early, people with whooping cough are infectious in the first three weeks of their illness.
- Whooping cough spreads easily through families, childcare centres and at school.

### **Who is at risk?**

- Anyone can get whooping cough. People living in the same household as someone with whooping cough are especially at risk.
- Immunisation reduces the risk of infection but immunity fades over time. You can still get whooping cough even if you've been immunised.

## **MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

The Breakfast program is being financially supported by the Merbein & District Community Bank & Merbein Development Association. The following organisations also provide volunteers to assist with the program - the Board & Staff of the Merbein & District Community Bank, Merbein Development Association, Merbein Lions Club and Merbein Rotary.

### **The breakfast program is 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.

### **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.

### **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.***

# **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.

**PRIMARY CLASS EASTER BASKET COMPETITION REPORT**

The Class Easter Baskets were judged on the last Friday of last term. Congratulations to Grade P1A on having the winning Primary Class Easter Basket. Below are some photos of the winning basket/train. There is also a photo of one of the Easter Hats that the students enjoyed making last term.



**ART SMOCKS FOR GRADE P-6**

Reminder that all primary students need to bring along an Art Smock or an old shirt that is big enough to protect their uniforms during their Art lessons this term. The Art Focus will be sculpture, so it will be quite messy.

**CROSS COUNTRY PRACTICE**

All primary students will be practising for the Cross Country and they will need to bring their running shoes on the following days

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| Grade 4-6 | Tuesdays             |
| Grade 2-3 | Mondays and Tuesdays |
| Grade P-2 | Mondays              |

**WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY EARLY NOTICE**

The Whole School Cross Country will be held Friday 8th May. A permission note will be sent home for practice as well as the event which will be at Chaffey Park, Merbein.

Students are asked to wear their house colours on the day. Red – Cowra, Green - Kulnine, Yellow – Yelta.

**BOOK CLUB**

Primary Book Club orders and money are due next Thursday, 23rd April.

**GREEN BUILDING AWARDS FOR LAST WEEK OF TERM 1**

Lochie McConnell, Jessie Price, Adrian Allan, Mia Brewer, Jasper Dwyer, Oscar Vidler, Dawson Kay, Jordan Hosking, Josh Driscoll, Beau Vandermerwe, Mason Spicer, Amber Hancock And Demi Stone.



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

***Easter Eggs*** - A huge thank you to all the parents and students who supported our Traditional Easter Egg Raffle. It was lots of fun. The judges had a tough time choosing the primary section class winner but went with the 23 individually made train carriages and engine chock-a-block with Easter Eggs and Easter Goodies. The students had a great time finding the Easter Eggs organised by the Parents Club and also by the SRC. It was a great way to celebrate the end of the term.

***Reading Diaries and Books*** - New Term = New Effort. We want ALL students to read at home to support their reading development. Please make sure your child has their blue book bag every morning.

***Grandparents/Special Friends Day*** – This will be held next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30 to 11.30am. An invitation was sent home with each child, however if your child has missed out please see Heather in the Green Building Office for another one. Students will be working in their room in Literacy and their Special Visitors will be encouraged to work with them. Morning tea will be provided for our visitors (not the students) by the teachers, the Parents’ Club, the FLO students and the canteen staff at 11.00am and it will be held in the Ants Room which is Miss Mangan’s Literacy Room in the Green Learning Centre.

***Grade P-3 Assemblies*** - will continue on Thursday afternoons at 2.45pm in the Beetles end of the Green Learning Centre.

***ANZAC DAY Service at School*** – The College will be holding an Anzac Day Service at 1pm on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April. Some RSL members have been invited to speak. We also plan to have a bugle player. The Green Building classes are currently focusing their Inquiry Unit on ANZAC. Thank you to the parents who have already been helping their children with research at home.

**Merbein ANZAC Service** - Some staff will be gathering at the Merbein RSL, situated near Fishers to march to the gates of Kenny Park near the Bandstand for the start of the ANZAC Service on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. All students are welcome to march in the parade. The march will begin at 9.30am so if students could gather across the road from the RSL at 9.20am at the latest and we will march together. Students are welcome to wear our school uniform.

**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.

**SAINTS BASEBALL CLUB - MERBEIN**

Come and Try Day, Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 – 2:00  
For all junior grades, a free Sausage Sizzle and a drink.

Training days and times:

Tuesdays

|          |                          |
|----------|--------------------------|
| 4:30–6pm | 16 & Under Baseball      |
| 6-7:30pm | Seniors - A, B & C Grade |

Wednesdays

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 4:30–5.30pm | 8 & Under Tee ball<br>10 & Under Junior League |
| 4:30–6pm    | 12 & Under Baseball                            |

Thursdays (tea afterwards Thurs)

|          |                          |
|----------|--------------------------|
| 4:30–6pm | 14 & Under Baseball      |
| 6-7:30pm | Seniors - A, B & C Grade |

For more information contact Kirrilly Wakefield on 50252975 or Greg Stewart on 0438519069 or via email merbeinsaints@gmail.com.

The Junior Season begins on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Junior Games held Saturdays at the Aero Ovals.

U8 Teeball - 9.30 - 10.30am

U10 Coach Pitch - 11.00 - 12.20pm

U12 Baseball - 9.00 - 10.30am

U14 Baseball - 11.00 - 12.30pm

U16 Baseball - 1.00 - 2.45pm

The seniors games held Sundays at various grounds.

9:30am - 11:30am: C Grade

12:00pm - 2pm: B Grade

2:30pm – 5:30pm: A Grade

The Saints Baseball Club is a family oriented Club based at Chaffey Park, Merbein. It was formed in 1983. Saints is a community based Baseball Club that caters for players from all ages. Under 8's through to Seniors. The club has a Level 3 accreditation as a "Good Sports" Club. Baseball, Tee ball & Coach Pitch remain one of a few team sports where boys and girls have equal opportunity to play at all levels and where parents and their children can play in the same team. Over the years Saints has been and still remains a very successful Club having won numerous Junior and Senior Premierships. New players at all levels are always most welcome at any stage of the season!

[www.saintsbasketballclub.org.au](http://www.saintsbasketballclub.org.au)

**AUSSIE HOOPS BASKETBALL PROGRAM TERM 2**

Held @ The Toyota Hothouse. Open to Boys & Girls aged 5–7. Commences Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May @ 4.15pm.

Please call 5023 2241 for more details.

**MILDURA BLUE LIGHT**

The Mildura Blue Light will be held tomorrow, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April at the Irymple Leisure Centre, Karadoc Avenue Irymple. 10-14 years only. 7.30-10pm. Entry \$10

Lucky Door Prizes. Fully Supervised Event, No Pass-Outs. Canteen will be operating.

For more information contact Barbara Clifford 5018 8293.

## SECONDARY NEWS

**SECONDARY EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS**

The Big Easter Basket Competition was judged on the last day of last term and the winning class basket was Year 8C. Year 9C came second.

Basket raffle winners were:

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sasha Kirby     | Jess Pratt      |
| Maddie Beckwith | Shania McKinnon |
| Hayden Bishop   | Terri Tieman    |
| Rohan Edlington | Jordyn Nichols  |
| Molly Jose      | Tyson Leng      |
| Annie McPhail   |                 |

**SECONDARY UNIFORM SALE**

| <b>Secondary Boys</b>                            | <b>Secondary Girls</b>      |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 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                  |                             |
| <b>Unisex</b>                                    |                             |
| Short and Long sleeved white cotton shirt - \$15 |                             |
| Micro fibre Track Pants - \$20                   |                             |

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**AUSKICK MERBEIN 2015 SEASON START**

Training will commence May 5<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### **THE PUSH FOR POSSIBILITIES FUNDRAISER**

The Zoe support team is holding this fundraising event on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, at Nowingi Place to attempt to break a World Record for 'the most prams pushed at one time'. 747 are needed to break the current record.

Registrations can be completed online [www.zoesupport.com.au](http://www.zoesupport.com.au), or at 9.30am on the day. This will be a family fun day with children's activities including jumping castles and pony rides, face painting, food and craft stalls and entertainment on stage. There will also be information stalls for family services with a focus on early years. Cost \$5 per pram.

For further information contact phone 0417835859 or email [merinda@zoesupport.com.au](mailto:merinda@zoesupport.com.au).

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **SARNIA TENNIS CLUB**

Mildura Lawn Tennis Club 2015 season commences on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:pk4051@gmail.com) or mobile 0417577029.

### **ST ANDREWS TENNIS CLUB**

St Andrews Tennis Club on 11th Street Aero Ovals Mildura, is seeking junior members for the upcoming Junior Winter Tennis Season.

Juniors play on Saturday mornings and play commences at 9am, finish time depends on how long the matches go for but usually around 10.30 or 11.00am.

St Andrews Junior Tennis training takes place on Wednesday nights from 4-5pm with Senior training to follow.

Feel free to come along and have a try if you are interested if you cannot make training but would like to know more please contact Robyn Herbert 0412 490 524 or 5025 7318 or email [saintandies@gmail.com](mailto:saintandies@gmail.com).

### **NICHOLS POINT JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB**

Nichols Point Tennis Club is looking for Junior boys or girls, who are interested in playing tennis this Winter Season for the Nichols Point Tennis Club. Games are on Saturday mornings, starting at 9am with three in a team.

If you are interested in getting involved or have more questions please contact Fiona Reck on 0400152643.

### **LANGTREE MALL IS SET TO GET A MAKEOVER**

Using \$5000 and the power of the people, the central public precinct will be transformed in just seven days from 1st - 7th June 2015 and the community is invited to make it happen.

There is an opportunity for students to volunteer to be part of this community project.

Students' creativity, passion and drive in enlisting as volunteers is welcomed.

Anyone can get involved in the makeover - they just have to be willing to pitch in and be passionate about making the Mall a more appealing public place where people want to spend time.

The 7 Day Makeover is a program that helps ordinary people work together to create extraordinary spaces, without endless talk.

An information session will be held in the Benetook Room at the Alfred Deakin Centre at 6:30pm on April 14th. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

For more information and to register to be part of the Makeover go to [www.7day.com.au](http://www.7day.com.au)

See the media release below for more information about the project.

<http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au/Latest-News/Help-makeover-Mildura%E2%80%99s-Langtree-Mall>

For more information contact Melissa 50188418/0418527844, [www.mildura.vic.gov.au](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au) Melissa.Amos@mildura.vic.gov.au

### **HAWKS BASEBALL CLUB**

First training & registration day held 15<sup>th</sup> April from 4:30-6pm at the Southern Cross Ballpark (Aero Ovals). New players most welcome.

Under 8 Teeball - Under 10 & 12 Little League - Under 14 Baseball. For more information, please contact Corey Barbary 0409413261 or Kym Barbary 0417502941.

### **SOCIAL SOCCER PROGRAM INDIGENOUS OR CALD BACKGROUND**

A number of local agencies have come together to conduct a four week, Social Soccer Program, for youth aged 12 to 25.

When: Monday's from the 20 April to 11 May.

Where: Soccer Park, Aero Ovals. 11th St and Flora Ave, Mildura. Time: 5-6.30pm. Cost: FREE.

Registration is Essential. Contact Tanya Wild 50213464/0417 925 539 or Shane Johnston 50235966.

**OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH**  
**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

Lessons begin Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm for those young people who will be receiving the Sacraments of the First Eucharist and Confirmation. Children who have received the Sacrament of the First Reconciliation are eligible to receive these two Sacraments. For more information contact Janine Dannatt 0419371284.

**NO LEGO CLUB THIS SATURDAY**

Lego Club was scheduled for this Saturday but it has been cancelled it due to the SASSG Stall at the Farmers Market.

**APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

SASSG will have a stall at Farmers Market this Saturday, with information about Autism in Sunraysia, so come down to the market and get a free balloon and say hello at their stall.