

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

5th Tuesday

Sec Boys Interschool Soccer

7th Thursday

Sec Girls Interschool Soccer

8th Friday

SOM Assembly SEC - 10.10am PRI - 1pm

11th Tuesday

Sec Girls Interschool Football

12th- 14th

NAPLAN Testing for Yrs 3,5,7&9

15th Friday

Whole School Cross Country

18th -22nd

Yr 9 Camp

19th Tuesday

Primary Open Night

Primary Interschool Cross Country

20th Wednesday

Secondary Interschool Cross Country

25th -29th

Equine Studies Camp

JUNE

2nd Tuesday

Sec Assembly

LMR Cross Country

3rd Wednesday

Advance Camp

5th Friday

Report Writing Day NO SCHOOL

8th Monday

Queen's Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY

9th Tuesday

Sec Immunisations

16th Tuesday

Sec Girls Netball

25th Thursday

Sec Assembly

26th Friday

Last day of Term 2

Early dismissal time of 2.30pm

NOVEMBER

9th-13th

Grade 5/6 Lake Cullulleraine Camp

2015 TERM DATES

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Copper

MERBEIN ANZAC DAY MARCH REPORT

I'd like to congratulate those students who represented Merbein P10 College in last Saturday's Anzac Day March. Thanks also to the families for bringing them to the event and showing support throughout the march and the official ceremony.

Students from Grade P-10 joined staff to brave the wet conditions in order to participate in this important National Commemoration Day. Our Student Representative Council (SRC) Leaders represented our school with distinction. Lachlan Brown, student in a Year 10, delivered an outstanding speech at the Official Ceremony in Kenny Park.



SCHOOL ANZAC ASSEMBLY REPORT

Last Friday afternoon, a whole-school assembly was held to commemorate ANZAC Day. Mr Rob Lauder, Vice President of the Merbein RSL Sub-Branch addressed the students and led the formal ceremony. Mr Terry McGowan played the Last Post. Lachlan Brown, Year 10 student also addressed the assembly, sharing his family's War Service history and it's personal significance. I would like to thank Rob, Terry and Lachlan for their contributions which were appreciated and valued by students and staff.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY REPORT

The school was delighted to host a terrific turnout of grandparents, parents and friends last Friday morning. Our guests accepted an invitation to visit the primary classrooms to see the Primary Students at work. Thankyou to the students and teachers who made every effort to make our guests feel very welcome. Our guests enjoyed and appreciated the Morning Tea and Coffee which was catered for by the students and staff from our Secondary FLO Program.



OPEN NIGHT

District Secondary Schools have conducted a series of Open Nights as part of the Year 6to7 Transition Program throughout this week. Merbein P-10 College hosted its Open Night on Tuesday and we were pleased to see a number of prospective students and their parents taking up this opportunity to tour our school and speak with our teachers and students.

I would like to thank the visitors for their attendance. Thanks also to staff and students for their support in ensuring the Merbein P-10 Open Night was a worthwhile experience for our visitors.

Visitor feedback was positive and the coffees and scones provided by our Home Economics and FLO Staff were also appreciated.



BUILDING WORKS FUNDING

K2LD has been appointed as architects for the upcoming \$1.15 million Maintenance/Refurbishment Program announced in last year's State Budget.

K2LD is the firm that worked with our school during the first stage of the Merbein Upgrade, so they know our school community well and I'm confident that we will achieve a positive outcome.

Work will begin on more detailed planning for the \$1.15 million project, but there may be an adjustment to the scope of works if our School Council manages to achieve any success in its case for additional funding in next week's State Budget. School Council, staff, parents and students will be given opportunities for input during the planning process.

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 – Merbein P10 College Parents' Club, 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.

PARENTS' CLUB RECIPE BOOK FUNDRAISER RECIPES NEEDED

The Parents' Club are inviting every family from Merbein P10 College to send in their favourite recipes to be included in the new 2015 Merbein P10 College Recipe Book. Please support this fundraiser and the school by sending your best recipes as soon as possible to the Parents' Club via their email address:
parent@merbeinp10.vic.edu.au.

SPORT EVENTS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Our school will be participating in the following sporting competitions over the next few weeks.

Secondary Interschool Soccer - Tuesday, 5th May, the Boys Interschool Soccer is scheduled. Thursday 7th May, the Girls Interschool Soccer is scheduled. Miss Donnelly will be coaching both these teams over the next few weeks.

Secondary Interschool Football - On Monday, 10th May the Girls Interschool Football has been scheduled.

Merbein P10 College Whole School Cross Country All students in the Primary and Secondary Sections of our school will be participating in this event to be held in the afternoon of Friday, 15th May.

Primary Interschool Cross Country - In the following week, Tuesday, 19th May the Primary Interschool Cross Country is scheduled.

Secondary Interschool Cross Country - The Secondary Interschool Cross Country is scheduled for Wednesday, 20th May.

Secondary Teams to Play at Regional Level - Three of our sport teams have won through the District Level to play at the Regional Level.

The Baseball, Softball and Volleyball Teams played today. Results are as follows:

Junior Boys Baseball Team - played their Northern Zone Match against Bendigo South East Secondary College. This school has around 1300 secondary students and has a major focus on sport. Our team had the bare nine players who won through the district level. Our team members were Kane Bugmy-Carrol, Will Felton, Josh Hartley, Cooper O'Connor, Leigh Page, Sirbastian Price, Angus Rogers, Aydan Russell and Raiden Wakefield. The match started at 10am with Bendigo batting. The first batter was struck out by some good pitching. The second batter had five forced fouls, followed by a safe line drive for a base. The Bendigo Team continued to have many safe hits coupled with some fielding errors which saw them score heavily in the first innings. They made eight runs. Final results for the Baseball saw the Merbein boys win twenty to eight.

Intermediate Girls Softball Team - were also playing Bendigo South East. Our team batted first and Alex Pallot led off with a two base hit, then made home on a two base steal with the next pitch. Keisha Ilesley watched the pitches closely and on her third strike stole first base. A safe hit by Issy McKinnon, then a home run by Olivia Greenwood-Jack saw four runs for 1 out early in the first innings. Vhilla Evans made another run along with Ahlise Hurst. Shania McKinnon drilled a hit straight into the pitchers glove and was run out on first. At this point the reporter had to return to school. The rest of the team waiting to have their turn on the field were Ashlee Battin, Britney Jackson, Tara

Martin and Laicy Rogerson. There will be a more detailed summary in next week's newsletter. Final results for the Softball saw the Merbein girls win twenty seven to two.

Congratulations to the teams and thanks to Mr Hill and Mrs Donnelly for coaching.

Year 9 Boys Volleyball Team - is competing in the Year 10 Division of the Northern Zone Finals. They are playing against Bendigo South East School, a very strong team. The game was due to start at 12.00pm today. Mr Nunn has been coaching the boys, most of whom qualified for the Year 8 State Titles last year. We will have to wait for next week for the final results.

FAMILY DATA COLLECTION FORMS AND STATEMENTS

We are in the process of sending out a Data Collection Form to each family to complete and return to school.

Information on this form will provide the Department of Education and the school with important data that will help ensure we receive the resources required to best meet the needs of our students. Information collected on this form is covered by the school's Privacy Policy. Please complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible.

Families who have money owing will also have a copy of their family statement included. If you have any queries regarding your statement, please contact the office.

MERBEIN P10 COLLEGE WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY FRIDAY

Our School Cross Country is planned to proceed for all students in the Primary and Secondary sections of the school on the afternoon of Friday, 15th May. Last year's event was very successful. Many parents came to watch Primary running events and the finish of the Secondary and Upper Primary 3km run at Chaffey Park in Merbein.

This year there is a lot of channel work happening along our usual Cross Country Course. The school has contacted Lower Murray Water, the Pipeline Contractors, the MRCC and the Police for information and they have given us the 'Go Ahead' to safely run our Cross Country on the same track. The Pipeline Contractors will stop their work for the three hours, ensuring all danger is removed and the Police will make certain the safety of students when crossing Ranfurly Way on the way to the park and back.

A BBQ and cool drinks will be supplied. Our FLO Group will be making and selling Barista Coffee for parents at Chaffey Park. All students will return to school at around 2.50pm following the run, for presentations and speeches.

YEARS 3/5/7/9 NAPLAN TESTING

All over Australia, students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be sitting the NAPLAN Testing from 12th-14th May. Our Maths and English teachers have been preparing the students for these tests. There will be two tests on Tuesday based on English skills, one writing test on Wednesday and either one or two Maths tests on Thursday depending on the year level. This is a very rigorous program that can be quite challenging for students.

If a parent that does not wish their child to sit one or all of these tests, they should contact their child's Learning Centre Leader or Mr Rhodes, as a special form will need to be completed.

Students will need to have a 2B pencil, a pencil sharpener and rubber for all of the tests. Test papers and writing paper will be supplied. Please be aware that there is a set format for the tests, therefore there will be a disruption to normal classes on these days.

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.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Reminder that the newsletter is uploaded to the school's website each week - merbeinp10.vic.edu.au.

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2

MAY	
5 th Tuesday	Boys Interschool Soccer
7 th Thursday	Girls Interschool Soccer
8 th Friday	Whole School Assembly SOM Secondary 10.10 & Primary 1pm
11 th Monday	Girls Interschool Football
12 th Tuesday	NAPLAN English
13 th Wednesday	NAPLAN Writing
14 th Thursday	NAPLAN Maths
15 th Friday	Whole School Cross Country
18 th Monday	Year 9 Camp return Friday afternoon
19 th Tuesday	Primary Interschool Cross Country
20 th Wednesday	Secondary Interschool Cross Country
25 th Monday	Equine Studies Camp return Friday afternoon
JUNE	
2 nd Tuesday	LMR Cross Country Whole School Assembly
3 rd Wednesday	Advance Camp returns Thursday afternoon
5 th Friday	Pupil Free Day – Report Writing
8 th Monday	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
12 th Friday	Secondary Interschool Girls Netball

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.

PRIMARY NEWS

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

Anzac Day Report – Thank you to the families who were able to bring their children to the Anzac Day March in Merbein. Although it was a little wet, The Spirit of the ANZACS was very present in the march, laying of the wreaths and the service at the bandstand in Kenny Park. Well done!

The School Anzac Day Service was very respectful. Thank you to the speakers, who gave our students an insight into Anzac Day and its association with Merbein. It was especially moving to have the bugle played for us.

Diaries and Reading to Your Child – Thank you to the parents who have been supporting their child to be 'The Best Reader They Can' by reading every night at home. It makes a huge difference in your child's development and it is a lovely time to share with your child. The students in the Ladybird and Bees Literacy Rooms have 'Word and Number Rings' designed to help support students in Reading, Writing and Maths also. Please keep up the great work.

If you are unable to work with your child, can you please contact your child's teacher to arrange extra support at school. Thanks.

Cross Country – A note will be sent home today with all the primary students which needs to be signed and returned regarding practising and competing at Chaffey Park. The date for the Cross Country is 15th May, at 1pm. The primary students will walk over to Chaffey Park for the Age 5-10 events. Ages 11 and over will be running 3km and will be bussed to the starting point. Our students in the FLO Program will be selling cappuccinos on the day, \$3.00 small and \$4.00 large for a fantastic cup of coffee.

Grandparents Day Report - It was a wonderful day. Thanks to all our special visitors for coming, our fantastic FLO students for making the sandwiches and cappuccinos and taking photos and our Parents Club, Canteen and staff for providing the morning tea. The students loved the special attention.

The following are photos from Grade P-3 Buildings. Watch this space next week for some Grade 4-6 Grandparents Day photos.





GREEN BUILDING AWARDS FOR LAST WEEK

Craig Ball, Brock Nokes, Makayla Dixon, Zhoe Willison, Daniel Szombathy, Kaide Aitken, Sharla Arnold, Olivia Corrie, Riley Nokes, Aidan Williams, Mia Brewer, Jesse Phillipe, Chloe Moore, Noah Cardilini and Alana Teasdale.



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.

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.

SECONDARY NEWS

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS (SWPBIS)

The SWPBIS focus this term is for students to be wearing correct uniform and attending classes on time with all the required equipment. Students in full uniform will be acknowledged daily. Parents of students who are consistently out of uniform will be contacted to ascertain how we can support them to get their child in uniform. Students will also be acknowledged every session they are at class on time with all of their required equipment.

SECONDARY OPEN NIGHT REPORT - Mr Rhodes
The Secondary Open Night was a huge success with many prospective families coming to look at our school. Many that we spoke with were very impressed with our facilities, our teachers and the students who represented the college at this important event.

The Primary Open Night will be held after Education week in May.

UPCOMING CAMPS

We consider our Camps Program to be an important part of the whole education process for your children. There are three camps coming up for students in the secondary section. The Annual Year 9 Camp will see sixty students and six teachers in Melbourne between May 18th and 22nd. The following week, our Inaugural Equine Camp will be held as part of our Years 9-10 Elective Program. The Advance Practice Expedition will be held 3rd - 4th June. These camps require a large amount of organising and adjustments for teachers to be away from regular classes. It is important for the students who remain at school to continue with the classwork that has been set for them by their teachers so that their academic progress will continue to improve.

YEAR 10 NEWS

Transition Excursion - All Year 10 students received a permission slip to attend a transition event to be held Campus on Wednesday the 6th of May at La Trobe University Mildura. Departing Merbein P-10 at 9.10am and returning at 11.00am. **Students who do not return a signed permission slip will remain at school and complete an alternate transition program.**

Graduation Ball - The Year 10 Ball will be held on Friday, 4th December. At present, all Year 10 students are eligible to attend. Please remember that for a Year 10 student to receive an invitation to this event is earned through good attendance, positive behaviour and successful completion of subjects. The full Graduation Policy can be found on the Year 10 Page of the School Website.

YEAR 10 SHARE MARKET GAME REPORT

The 'Ups and Downs' of the Share Market have been felt these last few weeks. We are at the end of Week 7 in the ten week, Share Market Game. Our perennial leaders, Julia Mann & Olivia Beyen (Team Kawaii) were overtaken yesterday by Alex Theil & Deegan Phillips (Team Money Addicts). Team Kawaii had reached \$56,500, giving them a profit of \$6500 which placed them in the top five in Victoria and top twenty in Australia. Unfortunately they have lost a bit over the last week and a half. Of the forty nine teams at Merbein only twenty three have made a profit so far. We are hoping for a rally this week.

1st - Money Addicts \$54062

2nd - Kawaii \$54032

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 Darren Lambert on 0457 729 060.

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

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

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

Melissa.Amos@mildura.vic.gov.au

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.

AUSSIE HOOPS BASKETBALL

Aussie Hoops Basketball Program for Term 2 will be held @ The Toyota Hothouse. It is open to Boys & Girls aged 5-7. Commences Friday, 1st May at 4.15pm. Please call 5023 2241 for more details.

SASSG FUNDRAISER - PIZZA & PASTA NIGHT

Sunraysia Autism Spectrum Support Group Presents a night at the Pizza Café, located at 18 Langtree Ave, Mildura. Try different types of pasta and wood fire pizzas with friends and family. There will be a raffle and lucky prizes.

5th May from 6-10pm. Cost Adults \$20.00 (13years +) Children \$12.50 (3yrs to 12yrs).

Drinks available at bar/menu prices on the night.

Bookings essential, call Michael: 042 575 6242

or email sassg-pizzacafe@westnet.com.au.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MERBEIN MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DINNER INVITATION

The Merbein Rotary Club extends an invitation to Merbein P-10 Families, Principal, Staff and the Public to hear special guest speakers Larni Baird, Manager of Headspace & Mitch Rodd, Community Awareness & Education Officer, Headspace. Headspace is a recently opened facility in Mildura to aid persons in the 12-25 age bracket. Providing both the youth and their families with access to general and mental health information and care, education and vocational support and alcohol and other substance use services.

The month of May is Australian Rotary Health's Focus on Mental Health. Don't forget to ask your friends, 'Are they OK?'

Venue: Merbein Citizen's Club, Commercial Street, Merbein.

Date and Time: Thursday 7th May to start at 6pm.

Dinner Cost - Two courses \$22 per person.

RSVP by: Friday 1st May 2015 to

President - Leon Wagner, Rotary Club of Merbein

Phone 5025 2585 or 0427 252 586 or

email wagslk@bigpond.com

LEGO CLUB

Lego Club is on again this Saturday from 10:30-11:30am, 110 Pine Ave Mildura.

All Welcome. For more information email sunraysia.autism@gmail.com

MILDURA & DISTRICT LITTLE ATHLETICS
CROSS COUNTRY

Mildura & District Little Athletics Cross Country Season commences 3rd May. New members are welcome.

For existing members from 2014-15 track and field season there are no fees.

New Members just turn up any Sunday for one come and try week. If you proceed the cost will be approximately \$35.00 for remaining season.

Note that parents are expected to assist with running the events.

Uniforms are compulsory and will be available for purchase (\$40) on site.

For more information ring: Steve Erlandsen, President 0427 233 504.

Events begin at 1.30pm at the following venues.

Sunday 3 May Apex Park

Sunday 10 May Rio Vista Park

Sunday 17 May Botanic Gardens, NSW

Sunday 24 May Ornamental Lakes

Sunday 31 May Ranfurly Park

(Gibbs St, off Ranfurly Way near Pump Hill)

Sunday 14 June Botanic Gardens, NSW

Sunday 21 June Syd Mills Park

Sunday 28 June Rio Vista Park

(inc trophy presentation)

PASADENA KINDER OPEN DAY

Thursday, 21st May from 4–6pm.

FREE term fees for Health Care Card Holders.

Taking 2016 enrolments now. Phone 50231105 for more information.