

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

15th Friday

Whole School Cross Country starting time

Pri - 12.50pm, Sec - 1.20pm

18th -22nd

Yr 9 Camp

18th Monday

Primary Interschool Cross Country

20th Wednesday

Secondary Interschool Cross Country

26th Tuesday

Primary Open Day/Night 9-11am or 5-6pm

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 COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Green Learning Centre Prep-3
Tuesday 26th May 2015

Just come and walk through
anytime between 9-11am and 5-6pm



COME AND SEE HOW WE WORK

Any children who might be interested are welcome to get involved in activities to give them practise at being a Prep student.

Contact the Merbein P-10 College office on 50 25 2501 for more information.

RECALL OF MELT WAX BURNER SET

We have had notification that the Melt Wax Burner set sold on the Mothers' Day Stall last week has been recalled. If you received one of these as a gift from your child, can you please return to school for a refund.



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE!

TO OUR STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARD WINNERS BELOW



STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARD WINNERS

P1A	Olivia Corrie	P1B	Jasper Dwyer
12A	Sharla Arnold	23A	Will Martin
23B	Adrian Allan	4A	Neria Irumra
4B	Brooklyn Tarrant	56A	Joshua Lindsay
56B	Brandon Kitt		
7A	Chloe Costa	7B	Kaycee Fleming
7C	McKenzie Dunne	7D	Terrie Tieman
8A	Jasmine Matotek	8B	Ethicah Evans
8C	Kiara Connolly	9A	Jasmyn Sharp
9B	Stephanie White	9C	William Smith
9D	Jordyn Nichols	9E	Lachlan Cavallaro
10A	Kiara Brown	10B	Madeline Beckwith
10C	Claudia Tatchell	10D	Mitchell Branson

MERBEIN P10 COLLEGE WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

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 at Chaffey Park, Merbein. Last year's event was very successful as many parents came to watch the Primary running events and the finish of the Secondary and Upper Primary 3km run.

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 ensure 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 2.30pm following the run, for presentations and speeches.

Tomorrow is a House Colours Day. Students are encouraged to come wearing their House Colours. (All clothing must be appropriate for school in terms of safety and modesty.)

Normal classes will run in the morning from Sessions 1 to 3. The Secondary students and some Grade 6 students will travel to the start line of the 3km run which is situated near River Road Pottery at 1.00pm. The Secondary Girls and some Grade 6 students will then start their run at 1.20pm followed by the Secondary Boys and some Grade 6 students shortly after that.

The Grade P-5 Primary Students and the remaining Grade 6 students will walk across to Chaffey Park at 12.40pm ready to start their events at 12.50pm.

NAPLAN TESTING YEARS 3,5,7&9

Today was the last day of official testing for NAPLAN. If a Year 3,5, 7 or 9 student was absent for a test, they can see Mr Rhodes tomorrow morning, Friday 15th May to catch up.

PRIMARY OPEN NIGHT

On Tuesday, 26th May, the school will be opening the Primary Section to visitors and prospective families for 2016. Families are invited to attend and walk through the Green and Orange Buildings between 9-11am and 5-6pm on this day.

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.

FAMILY DATA COLLECTION FORMS

The Data Collection Form that was posted to each family is important, so please check that you have completed and returned your form to the school. If you have any queries regarding the form, please contact the school office.

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.

WANTED TO SELL – SCHOOL MUSIC EQUIPMENT

2x Behringer 800-Watt 2-Way PA System with 12" Woofer and 1.75" Compression Driver in excellent condition.



Behringer 900-watt 6- Channel Powered Mixer with Multi FX Processor and FBQ Feedback Detection System in good condition.



\$800 for the lot. If interested contact the school for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2

MAY	
15 th Friday	Whole School Cross Country
18 th Monday	Year 9 Camp return Friday afternoon
18 th Monday	Primary Interschool Cross Country
20 th Wednesday	-Secondary Interschool Cross Country -Keys Please Presentation for Year 10
25 th Monday	Equine Studies Camp return Friday afternoon
26 th Tuesday	Primary Open Day/Night. 9-11am and 5-6pm
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

Cross Country Run – A green note went home yesterday to every family with details about tomorrow's Cross Country. **Please send your child to school tomorrow in their Sport House Colour and wearing clothing and footwear appropriate for running.**

Students will have Lunch at Recess Time tomorrow. Then at approximately 12.30pm they will walk across to Chaffey Park ready to start the Age Group Events at 1pm. Beginning with the 5-6 Age Group which is a 1km event, followed by the 7-8 Age Group which is also a 1km event and lastly the 9-10 Age Group which is a 2km event.

There will be a free sausage sizzle and a drink for all students following the Cross Country Events. A big thankyou to the Merbein Lions Club for volunteering to cook the BBQ and thanks also to the Parents' Club for providing the drinks. The FLO students and staff will be selling Coffee on the day.

Reading – We are almost half way through the term. The Bugs and Beetles have their Reading Rewards displayed to encourage everyone to read regularly and have their Reading Diaries signed. Students need to have read for at least 40 nights to receive the reward. Students are expected to independently put their diaries and books away. Some students still need reminders. Please support your child by ensuring that their books are in their Book Bag with their diary ready to go every morning. Thanks.

Student of the Month Assembly Report – Congratulations to our SRC Presenters for presenting so well at last Friday's Assembly. Congratulations also to the monthly award winners and all those students who were nominated and had their names read out at assembly. The Grade 2-3 Art Report about the different painters they have studied and copied was very interesting. We also heard about the different Inquiries taking place in the Orange Building. Some of our infant students spoke about their mothers. Thanks to the parents who were able to attend. Well done everyone!

NAPLAN Testing Report – Students in Years 3 and 5 completed their NAPLAN Testing today. Well done to them all.

Attendance – All unexplained absences need to be followed up by the school. There are formal procedures in place if absences continue beyond five days in the year, so if your child is absent from school, please notify the college by phone or email. Phone 50252501 ext 1 or email Collihole.heather.h@edumail.vic.gov.au.

GRADES 5-6 ART NEWS

This term students have been getting creative with sculpting. This week students worked with a partner to create a foam and toothpick sculpture. They excelled at the task and created some outstanding sculptures. Feel free to pop in to the Orange Building to have a look. The photo below shows an example.



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

YEAR 10 SNOW TRIP

Year 10 students attending the Snow Trip in August this year are reminded to continue to make payments off the cost of the camp. We are waiting for a final quote from the bus company to finalise the cost of the camp. The cost will be close to the original estimate of \$550. Reports say that there has been great early season falls of snow, so hopefully this is a good omen for August!

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS

Our next focus for the term will be completing quality work in class, which will be added to the uniform and punctuality focus of previous weeks. Students will be acknowledged every session they are at class on time with all of their required equipment and when they complete all work to their best possible standard.

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 teachers attending this camp are Ms Liz Rankin, Mr Howard Hankinson, Ms Hibberd, Mrs Bettison, Mr Blackie and Mrs Emma Smith. These teachers will be leaving information for the replacement teachers to ensure all students that remain at school in their many classes will continue to learn.

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 'KEYS PLEASE' PRESENTATION

This is a program that is offered to most Secondary students in Sunraysia.

A presenter will be coming up from Horsham on Wednesday 20th May from 2.20-3.10pm, to talk to our students about road safety, obtaining a drivers licence and the learner process. The presentation will be held in the new classrooms in the Blue Building.

ALPINE CAMP 2015/2016

We currently have five students attending the Alpine Camp for Student Leadership at Dinner Plain in the Victorian High Country. I have received emails from two of the students who have indicated they are loving the experience and are learning lots about themselves, the environment, how to be independent and how to work and live with others. This is a great program that our school has been involved with over the past two years.

We need to apply annually for positions in this highly sought after program. Each student pays just over \$1000 which includes all food accommodation, safety equipment and activities at the School for Leadership. **If any current Year 8 students are interested in this program for 2016 please notify Greg Rhodes at school.**

OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITY FOR JAYDEN CURTIS

Jayden has been selected as part of a team that will run in events across England, Ireland, Scotland, The Isle of Man, Austria and Bali during the next seven weeks. Jayden has been competing in his events of the 400m, 800m and 1500m track events over a number of years and making regular trips to Melbourne and other major cities to do so. Congratulations to Jayden. We wish him well in his endeavours.

HEADSPACE MILDURA - AGES 12 & 25

Anyone between 12 and 25 are welcome to join this group for some free food each Friday at 3.30pm at the centre in the Cottee's building, 2/125 Pine Ave, Mildura.

Headspace Mildura, is introducing monthly themes, on different topics and different target audiences. The first monthly theme is "Don't tell me to relax!" which focuses on anxiety. It can be a debilitating illness, however it is easily manageable with the right support and plans in place.

Information will be posted on their Facebook Page. Contact Mitch Rodd via email on Mitch.Rodd@headspacemildura.com.au or phone 5021 2400 for more information.

LEGO CLUB

Lego Club will be held this Saturday from 10:30-11:30am at Life Skills On Pine, 110 Pine Ave Mildura.

A Sunraysia Autism Group Siblings Information Session is also being run on this day from 11am-1pm. If you would like to book for this event or need more information email

sunraysia.autism@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE FAIRIES AT THE MILDURA ARTS CENTRE

The Fairies, will be performing at the Mildura Arts Centre on Tuesday 14 July.

Phone 50188330 to book.

Look up Thefairies.com for concert details.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION - PIPELINE ROUTE & CLUSTER LOCATIONS - MERBEIN

Lower Murray Water will be holding a public information session at the Merbein Library between the hours of 3pm to 5pm on Tuesday 19th May 2015. There will be a display and information on the SMP pipeline system and the cluster connections to the new Merbein piped distribution system. Irrigators are welcome to attend anytime between 3pm and 5pm. The display will remain in the library for viewing until Friday 29th May 2015. For enquiries regarding the information session please call 03 5051 3400.

