

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

5th Friday

Report Writing Day NO SCHOOL

8th Monday

Queen's Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY

10th Wednesday

Assembly Pri 9.30-10am, Sec 10.10-11.05am.

11th Thursday

Merbein High Opening 50th

Anniversary morning tea 10am

12th Friday

Eisteddfod Dances

16th Tuesday

Sec Girls Netball

25th Thursday

Sec Assembly

26th Friday

Last day of Term 2

Early dismissal time of 2.30pm

JULY

13th Monday

Term 3 commences

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

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Check the Facebook Page for updates about the school and upcoming events.

www.facebook.com/merbeinp10collegeparentsclub

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.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE FORMER MERBEIN HIGH SCHOOL

A morning tea will be held at the school on June 11th, 2015 at 10am, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Official Opening of the former Merbein High School.

ROAD SAFETY

I've been advised that a small number of students are placing themselves in danger by crossing the road at the Bus Stop Area in the afternoons. Apparently one of the reasons is to get to their parents' cars parked opposite the bus stop.

To suddenly emerge onto a road from behind a bus is dangerous at any time, but the risk in this case is even greater because this area is especially busy during that time of the day.

I would ask parents who park opposite the buses to please instruct your child/ren to use the Supervised Road Crossing that is located a short distance away.

DISPOSAL OF FORMER PRIMARY SCHOOL SITES

As reported in last week's newsletter, the Department of Education (DET) have advised the school that the Demolition and Clearance Works will take place soon at the former primary school sites.

It was also explained that since the move, Merbein P-10 College has had no responsibility for these sites although we have retained some limited access.

Discussions have been continuing between the Department, the Merbein and District Historical Society and our College to find a way to preserve historical structures that are still housed on some of the sites:

- The Two Rotunda/Shelter Sheds (Jenner St)
- The Community Hall (South)
- Shelter Shed (West)

The school has also been working towards offering a few remaining assets for sale, through a Silent Auction/Expression-of-Interest Process. If this process proceeds, a notice will be placed in the Sunraysia Daily shortly, inviting Expressions of Interest from potential purchasers, along with an explanation of the sale procedure.

Again I would remind readers that these sites are not public land. These properties contain hazardous materials such as asbestos and glass, so entry to the sites is strictly limited to supervised and authorised visitors only. Set times will be announced to enable potential purchasers to inspect any items that will be offered for sale.

I have met with representatives of the Department of Education Consultants who are preparing the Demolition Tender Brief. I have put the concerns of local groups to them so they can work with the community to achieve the best possible outcome in the limited time available.

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.

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.

NO SCHOOL - PUPIL FREE DAY AND QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

There will be no school for students tomorrow, Friday, 5th June as this is a Pupil Free Day for teachers to prepare Student Reports.

There will be no school on Monday, 8th June as this is a Public Holiday.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

NEW VICTORIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (DET) SCHOOLMATE APP

Victoria's Department of Education and Training has released a new app that is designed to help parents become more engaged in their child's education.

SchoolMate provides parents with a roadmap to help aid their child's learning at home and at school. It:

- Shows parents what their children are learning in each subject, at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides parents with tips for helping their child in the best way possible
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

SchoolMate was created by the Department with input from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority and Victoria's professional teaching associations.

We encourage you to visit the App Store or Google Play and download SchoolMate today. The Department will begin updating SchoolMate soon, so please let us know if you have any feedback you would like us to share with them, or you can email the SchoolMate team directly at online.comms.unit@edumail.vic.gov.au

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Next Wednesday June 10th there will be two school assemblies held in the College Activity Centre. The Primary Assembly will be held between 9.30-10.00am and the Secondary Assembly will be held between 10.10-11.05am. Parents are welcome to attend.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Victorian Government has introduced the CSEF to ensure that all students have access to camps, sports and excursions.

To be eligible to apply for this allowance you must hold a valid means-tested concession card (such as Health Care or Pension card) or be a temporary foster parent. The allowance will be paid directly to school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for your child. The annual CSEF amount will be \$125 for Primary students and \$225 for Secondary students. If you wish to apply for the allowance, please fill in an application form (available at the school office) by 26 June, 2015.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2

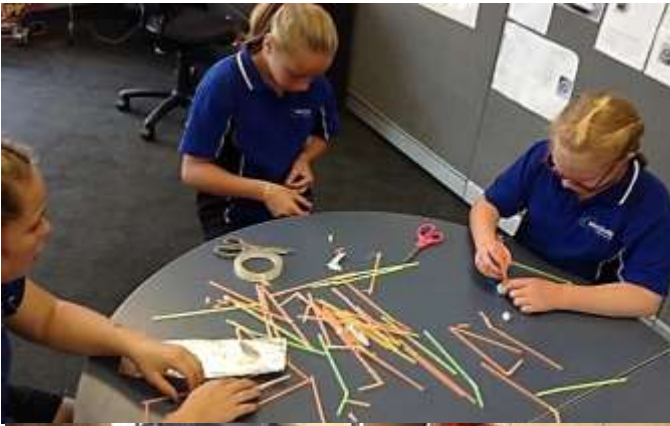
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PRIMARY NEWS

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.

GRADE 4-6 ART SCULPTURING PHOTOS BELOW



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

Swimming – A note asking for Expressions of Interest for our Intensive Swimming Program also went home on Tuesday. The Swimming Program will begin in the first and second week of Term 3, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The students who need the most swimming instruction will be the first students chosen. We have places for twenty students.

National Simultaneous Story Telling Report – At 11am on 27th May, more than 525,000 participants in more than 3,010 locations across Australia were read the same book titled “The Brothers Quibble” by Aaron Blabey. Here at Merbein P10, we used the Podcast and listened to the author read the book. That’s over 1 million eyes looking at the same book!!

Procedures – The Bugs have been looking at ‘Procedures’ as their ‘Writing Text Type’ over the past three weeks. Students have had lots of fun making play dough, fairy bread, honey sandwiches, milkshakes, folded paper shapes and plant seeds, plus lots more. Then they wrote about it. The writing that occurred after our Fire Evacuation from the Green Building on Tuesday proved to be a good test of the students understanding of procedures. We moved to the library, after having to evacuate due to a burnt out heater that sent smoke and fumes through the Green Building. The students reflected on the steps involved in evacuating.

Students were extremely responsible and cooperative during the procedure and followed the teachers’ instructions perfectly.

Emily Buttery - Year 1, wrote the following procedure. Step 1 – We smelt the smoke. Step 2 – We lined up in our classrooms. Step 3 – We walked to the oval in straight lines. Step 4 – We lined up in our home rooms. Step 5 – We went to the library.



Eisteddfod – A note went home on Tuesday listing the costumes needed, plus the permission form that needs to be returned to school as soon as possible. Please contact Heather in the Green Building Office if your child did not receive a note.

Assembly – There will be a Primary assembly for the Student of the Month for May next Wednesday at 9.20. The secondary assembly will follow at 10.10am. Our Eisteddfod dances will be performed at the assembly as a final presentation before our Eisteddfod Performance on Friday the 12th June.

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.

LAST WEEK'S GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following Grade P-3 Award Winners. Will Martin, Jessica Smith, Wylie Smith, Seth Arnold, Tasharni Quinlivan, Megan Young, Cara Graham, Millie Ernesti, Chloe Moore, Miles Fetherston, Aleisha Moore, Brock Nokes and Shauna Lawson. Well done!



SECONDARY NEWS

WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE - LEARN AND DISCOVER THE WORLD!

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in NSW, QLD and VIC. Applications for short and long-term programs commencing from November 2015 onward are open now. Students can choose from over 25 countries to live with a volunteer WEP host family and attend an overseas high school for a summer, semester or year. To request program information for your family, visit www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS

Teachers in each class will notify the students of the focus for the lesson at the start of each lesson. The focus may be: producing quality work, consistent, excellent behaviour, listening to instructions, or working well with others.

Students will have the opportunity to be acknowledged every session.

SWPBS is an important part of the positive culture we have at our college.

ALPINE CAMP 2015/2016

Five students from our college are currently attending the Alpine Camp for Student Leadership at Dinner Plain in the Victorian High Country. We 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. Our school has been involved with this great program for the past two years.

Positions for this highly sought after program need to be applied for annually. The students pay 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 applying for the camp in 2016, please notify Greg Rhodes at school.

IMMUNISATIONS POSTPONED

Immunisations that were scheduled for Tuesday June 9th for secondary students at our school have been postponed to a later date to be advised.

ELECTIVES FOR SEMESTER 2

The Secondary First Semester Elective and Arts/Technology Subjects will change over on Monday, 21st June. All students in Years 8-10, selected elective subjects at the end of last year. Student will have an opportunity to modify these selections over the next two weeks, depending on availability and compliance with our electives selection criteria. If students wish to look at changing electives they have the opportunity to do so at recess and lunchtimes.

UNIFORM

Parents please ensure your child has the appropriate uniform elements to wear so they comply with the school's uniform requirements. If the regular opening times of Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon are too difficult to access. Please call the school office to arrange a time to access the Uniform Shop during normal school office hours.

STUDENT REPORTS

Tomorrow, Friday 5th June is a Pupil Free Day allocated for staff to prepare Student Reports. Reports will be distributed in the last week of the term. Students should ensure all homework tasks and work requirements are completed well before the 18th June.

Teachers make every effort to remind students of their responsibilities to complete and submit work so that they can improve in their learning and satisfy the requirements of each individual course. Parents can help by ensuring students have a set time each week day to sit down and review their learning or to complete assignments or projects.

FOR SALE - 5 SECONDS OF SUMMER CONCERT TICKET

For sale, one 5seconds Of Summer Concert Ticket. Details : Adelaide - 27th June - Great Seat. Purchased for \$80 - Selling for \$60. Please call Jarni 0447 434 532.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WANTED TO BUY

Wanted to buy a secondary girls size 8 winter skirt in good condition. Please phone Robyn 0488442287 if you can help.

FOR SALE – YEAR 10 POLO SHIRT

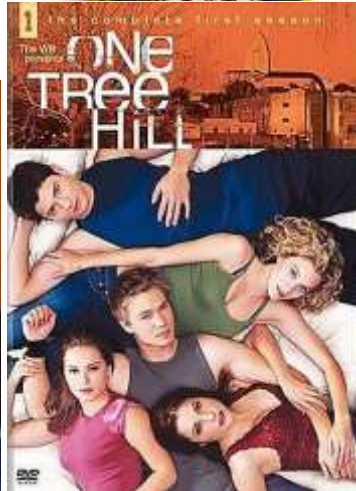
Size 12 White/Black Year 10 polo shirt for sale. New - \$35.00. Available from the Uniform Shop.

VIVO REWARDS FIRST SHOP SALE

Our school is using a Vivo Rewards Program. It is a new rewards program where students who are representing the core values of our school receive points. Once a student has accumulated enough points they are given the option of spending their points in the Online Vivo Shop. Our first Vivo Shop purchase was made last week.

All students are encouraged to login into their Vivo Accounts. Login details have been sent to each student's school email. If a student has not received their login details, they can email vivo@merbeinp10.vic.edu.au to have it sorted out. There are number of items in the Vivo Shop now, including pencils cases, erasers, jewellery, watches and a voucher to play Wii Games at lunch time.

On 11th June we will have a screening of Minions Mini Movie worth five Vivo Points, this includes popcorn. The following Thursday, 18th June will show a throwback Thursday Event of 'The Pilot Episode of One Tree Hill' for five Vivo Points. Photo below of our first Vivo Purchaser Gideon Sands



LITTLE DAY OUT MILDURA- FREE

Free program for families where they can hear about the latest local information about pregnancy to primary school. Lots of entertainment on the day for the children. Friday 19th June 2015 from 9am-1pm at Lifestyle Plus Mildura.

TRAINER REQUIRED FOR MERBEIN JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAMS 2015

The Merbein Junior Football Club is looking for a trainer or trainers for their Junior Football Teams U/13's, U/14.5's & U/16's for the 2015 Season. Must be available Sundays 11am- 4pm from 26th April-30th August. Must have completed trainers certificate/or undertaking course. Must like working with kids. Must have current working with children's certificate. Remuneration negotiable.

For more information please contact Graeme Dunne – President 0407 235 751

Geoff Stevens – Vice President 0407 502 465

SACRED HEART ST ANDREWS TENNIS CLUB FUNDRAISER TOURNAMENT

There will be junior singles tournament, boys and girls A, B1, B2, C1, C2 and D Grades. It will be a Round Robin format. Entry fee is \$10 includes BBQ lunch, cake and ice-cream. Held Saturday 6th June. Closing date for entries Friday 5th June at 6pm. Held on the Aero Tennis Courts Mildura. Start time 9.30am – 3pm. Phone Merle Watson for more information 50232883.

TWISTED TENNIS

It's tennis, but not exactly the way they play it at Wimbledon! Over four Monday evenings in June, Sarnia Tennis Club serves up the Grand Old Game, with a twist. Each evening will feature a different fast format variation, including Fast Fours, Wild Card Tennis and Cardio-Tennis, plus a few surprises. All players welcome from beginners to Grand Slam Champs. Play one night, or all four. Free supper provided, bar and great prizes
When: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th June from 6.30-8.30pm.
Where: Hard Courts - Mildura Lawn Tennis Club.
Cost: \$5 entry, plus \$2 to cover lighting costs
Contact Andrea Rose on 0428 236 038 or email: arose7668@gmail.com to register.

SUNRAYSIA GANG SHOW 'THE ONLY WAY IS UP'

Sunraysia Gang Show is a Variety Show put on by 75 Scouts and Guides from around Sunraysia. This year the Gang are performing their 39th Annual Production 'The Only Way is Up' at the St Joseph's College, Mercy Theatre from 3rd -11th July 2015. Tickets via www.sunraysiagangshow.org.au or by calling our Ticket Secretary on 0439 662 888.

SUNRAYSIA-MALLEE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES
COUNCIL'S OPEN DAY

Interested persons are invited to attend the Open Day on 13th June from 12 to 3.30pm. It is an opportunity to learn more about SMECC as an organisation. Address 107-111 Twelfth Street Mildura. For more information contact Gab Murphy <mailto:gabgmurph@gmail.com>