

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

24th Friday

Pri & Sec Assembly 12.30pm

27th Monday

-Pri Student Led Conferences

-Pri Intensive Swimming Program

29th Wednesday

-Yr 10 MSC Parent Information 5.30-6.30pm

- Pri Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences.

- Sec Badminton

- Parents' Club meeting 9.30am

30th Thursday

- Sec Math Competition

31st Friday

-Yr 10 Student Transition Visit - MSC

AUGUST

2nd Sunday

Yr 10 - MSC Open Day 11am-2pm

3rd Monday

Prep Practice 9-11am (Kinder Visit)

4th Tuesday

Chinese Visitors Arrive

15th Saturday

Merbein Vanilla Slice Event

17th Monday

Yr 9 Visit to Senior College

18th Tuesday

Yr 10 Snow Trip

19th Wednesday

- Pri Questacon Excursion

24th Monday

Pri Book Week - Theme 'Books Light Up Our World'

25th Tuesday

Mini Olympics

26th Wednesday

Sec Assembly

28th Friday

Pupil Free Day - NO School

SEPTEMBER

3rd Thursday

Sec I/S Aths

8th Tuesday

Sec I/S Hockey

9th Wednesday

China Camp Departs

16th Wednesday

Sec Parent/Teacher Interviews

18th September

Last day of Term 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

PRIMARY ATHLETIC SPORTS DAY REPORT

On Tuesday the Primary Section held their Athletics Sports Day at the Aero Ovals in Mildura. The event was an outstanding success thanks to the detailed planning and organisation from the coordinators, Bec Holy and Hayley Breewel. They were ably supported by teachers and education support staff (ES staff) who assisted with supervision, judging and recording results throughout the day.

I would also like to thank the large number of Year 9 students who responded to Mr Morgan's invitation to volunteer their time to assist with the running of events on the day. At Merbein P-10 we value the importance of service to our school and community. It was pleasing that several parents spoke very positively to me about the terrific role-modelling displayed by the Year 9 student helpers.

Despite the cold conditions it was pleasing to see many parents attending and encouraging their children. I'm sure many took the opportunity to get a coffee or hot chocolate provided by our FLO Coffee Team.

The Secondary Athletics Sports Day is being conducted today. A report will be provided in next week's newsletter.





PUPIL-FREE DAY

Parents please note that a Pupil-Free Day is being planned for Friday, 28th August. Students will not be required to attend school that day.

The day will allow staff to focus on the School Self-Evaluation which is a critical part of the Strategic Review that Merbein P-10 College is undergoing in Terms 3 and 4. Staff will also use this time for essential Curriculum Planning and Development.

PARENTS' CLUB MEETING

Parents/Carers are invited to a Parents' Club meeting to be held next Wednesday 29th July at 9.30am in the school's Conference Room opposite the Main Office.

NSW CONVEYANCE SEMESTER ONE PAYMENTS

We have been informed by Transport for NSW that the Conveyance Allowance for Semester One has been delayed due to a review of the PVC Subsidy Claims.

This has also deferred the attendance days collection process for all schools by several weeks. Transport for NSW has advised us that they apologise for the inconvenience.

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 3

24 th July, Fri	Whole School Assembly
30 th July, Thurs	Sec Maths Competition
31 st July, Fri	Yr 10 Senior College Excursion
4 th Aug, Mon	Chinese Visitors from Dali Arrive
15 th Aug, Sat	Vanilla Slice Event (students involved)
17 th Aug, Mon	Yr 9 Senior College Excursion
18 th Aug, Tues	Yr 10 VCE Selections
19 th Aug, Wed	Questacon
24 th Aug, Mon	Yr 10 Work Experience Begins
28 th Aug, Fri	Pupil Free Day

INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS/CARERS ABOUT THE BYOD PROGRAM

Our Information and Technology staff are looking at running an information session for parents/carers about the BYOD Program (Bring Your Own Device) on Wednesday 12th August. An Information Form went home with the newsletter last term. Please complete the form and return it to school by Friday 24th July. If you need a new form, please ask at the main 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 each Thursday.

MERBEIN P-10 FACEBOOK PAGE

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

UNIFORM SHOP

Open Tuesday 8.30 – 9.30am

Open Thursday 2.00 – 4.00pm

If these times do not suit, please ring the school to make other arrangements.

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.

STUDENT DENTAL SERVICE

13th St and Deakin Ave Mildura Phone 50210944.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is away from school, please send a note or email the following address:

Collihole.heather.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

PRIMARY NEWS

PRIMARY ATHLETICS DAY STUDENT REPORT

By Isabella Forrester – Grade 1

Last Tuesday the Merbein P-10 Primary Students had their Athletics Sports. They were held at the Aerodrome Ovals. It was a little cold but still sunny. We had a great day at the carnival and Green lost by about 150 points.

ATHLETICS DAY REPORT – Bec Holy (Coordinator)

The Primary Athletics day was held Tuesday at the Aero Ovals in Mildura. Although a little bit chilly and windy, a great time was had by everyone who attended. The students participated in Sprints, High Jump, Long Jump, Long Distance, Vortex Throw, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Discus and Novelty Events. It was great to see so many parents, grandparents and family members come down to cheer the students on. A huge thank you to the Year 9 student volunteers who helped run the events. They were great role models. Thank you to the FLO Students for providing a warm drink on a cold day. Thank you also to the Uni Students who volunteered their help. Lastly, a big thank you to all the staff who put in an amazing effort to ensure the day was run smoothly.

Congratulations to Cowra, the winning team on the day! The team scores from the Primary Athletics Day will now be combined with the Secondary team scores to get an overall team winner for the Athletics Sports this year and this will be announced at tomorrow's whole school assembly. Well done again to all students who participated and gained points for their teams. Everyone gave a huge effort and should be proud of themselves. Congratulations to the Age Group Champions listed below:

Age	Female	Age	Male
6 & Under	Alana Young	6 & Under	Joshua Driscoll
7 yrs	Sapphire Dodds	7 yrs	Nicholas Powell
8 yrs	Ireana Nemtsas	8 yrs	Jayden Kirkpatrick
9 yrs	Brooklyn Tarrant	9 yrs	Brayden Foster
10 yrs	Ieesha Williams	10 yrs	Seth Colling
11yrs	Talia Richards	11yrs	Aiden Frost
12 yrs	Makayla Couanon	12 yrs	Cain Berryman



LAST WEEK'S GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following Grade P-3 Award Winners. Mason Arnold, Christian Isaacs, Keigan Pope, Brock Nokes, Aleisha Moore, Shauna Lawson, Tasman Ogden, Mason Spicer, Seth Arnold, Liam Hansford, Khye Davis-Pratt, Aiden Williams and Whyllie Smith.



FINGER PAINTING FUN- Jodie Atkinson
The Grade P-2 students loved exploring Finger Painting during Art Classes this week. They enjoyed mixing colours, creating patterns and making pictures using their fingers or hands.



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.

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.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Tomorrow, the whole school will gather in the gym for assembly at 12.30pm, where we will hear the Athletics announcements and students will be presented with the June Student of the Month Awards. All parents and grandparents are most welcome to attend.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

In addition to the written Student Report that you received in the last week of last term, we are providing two different opportunities to hear about your child's progress. We hope that parents are able to attend both evenings as together they offer a great insight into your child's learning.

To date we have less than half the parent's names down on the timesheets displayed in the Green office area to attend!!!

Parents will be contacted and invited to attend if they have not already booked a

time. We value these two opportunities to celebrate and share your child's work on Monday and to discuss with you any concerns, questions or information on the Wednesday.

Monday, 27th July – The Student Led Conference.

This is a time for students to celebrate their learning and achievements with their parents. It will be an opportunity to see your child's work which they have prepared for you. You will need to place your name on the appropriate Time Sheet to see your child's home room teacher on this evening.

Wednesday, 29th July - Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews.

Please place your name in a five minute time slot on the Timesheet to spend with each teacher you would like to see. If you need any longer to discuss any issues, you will need to make an alternate time with that teacher. We look forward to seeing you.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, schools have the opportunity to collect Earn and Learn tickets from Woolworths which help us to obtain extra classroom resources. If you, your family or friends shop at Woolworths, please keep your tickets, attach them to the sticker sheet and send them to school to school when they are full.

SECONDARY NEWS

SCHOOL PLAY - Laura McPhee (English Coordinator)

I am thrilled to announce that rehearsals for this year's school play 'Pygmalion' have begun. Eighteen Year 10 students are involved in the performance and will be rehearsing each week. Stay tuned for more details about the performance and actors over the coming weeks.

ENGLISH COMPETITION 2015

Next Tuesday, 28th July, eighty students in Years 7-10 will sit the University of NSW's annual English Competition. Students will be informed this week if they have been chosen to participate. Good luck to all those involved.

YEAR 10 MILDURA SENIOR COLLEGE TRANSITION EVENTS

Below is a list of the Mildura Senior College upcoming Transition Events for Year 10 students and families to assist with the transition to Mildura Senior College in 2016. If you have any questions, please contact the College on 03 5021 2911.

Wednesday 29th July PARENT INFORMATION EVENING 5.30pm – 6.30pm MSC College Gymnasium For information regarding VCE/VCAL/VET Options, Support in learning and Wellbeing and future transition steps.	Friday 31st July STUDENT TRANSITION VISITS TO MSC From 9.15am to 11.55am. Students will travel from Merbein P-10 by bus to and from the Senior College. A permission letter was sent home at the end of last term. Please return this, or a written permission letter, to the office as soon as possible.
Sunday 2nd August COLLEGE OPEN DAY Between 11am and 2pm. Register at Main Office on arrival Students who attend a TAFE course on Friday should attend on this day.	Tuesday 24th November ENROLMENT NIGHT Merbein Secondary College 3.30pm – 6.30pm College Gymnasium

Senior College Subject Selections:

All students have received a 2016 Handbook from the Senior College. They should be using this and discussing with their parents, their course options for next year. Subject Selections will occur at school on Tuesday 18th August. **All Year 10 students should attend on this day with the completed blue course selection sheet found at the back of the Senior College Handbook.**

The Senior College has posted enrolment packs home to all Year 10 students. If you have not received one please contact Mr Dreyer.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

The Year 10 Work Experience Block begins Monday 24th August and ends Friday 4th September. Students should be finalising their placements now.

YEAR 10 GRADUATION BALL

The Graduation Ball is to be held on the 4th December at Club Da Vinci. Students are reminded that in order to be invited they need to: successfully complete twelve of their sixteen subjects, have an attendance greater than 85%, consistently wear school uniform and behave in accordance with the School Behaviour Policy. The full Graduation Policy can be found on the school website.

YEAR 10 SNOW TRIP

The Snow Trip departs on 18th August. The final cost of the camp is \$565 and should be paid in full by 31st July.

RUNNING CLUB - Laura McPhee (Coordinator)

The school's lunchtime Running Club will be taking a break for a few weeks. This is due to my absence and I apologise for any inconvenience. Runners can enjoy the time off and be ready and motivated for when we resume our lunch time running on the Wednesday of Week 7.

UNIFORM

Can parents please ensure their child has the appropriate uniform elements to wear so they comply with the school's uniform requirements. Please note that if the Uniform Shop's regular opening times of Tuesday morning or Thursday afternoon do not suit parents, a time convenient for you can be arranged at the main school office during normal school office hours.

ELECTIVE SELECTIONS

Students in Years 8-10 have been in their elective classes for the past three weeks. Students have had the opportunity to change electives during the first two weeks. There will be no more changes to elective classes unless there is a good reason that has been discussed between parents, student and the school.

YEAR 9 HELPERS

On Tuesday of this week, approximately twenty five Year 9 students officiated at the Primary Athletics Sport Day. They did a great job assisting both the younger students and the teachers. Well done and thank you.

CHINA EXCHANGE

In less than two weeks, we will have sixteen students from the Yunan Province of China visit us for a week. These Chinese students belong to our sister school, Dali Number 1 Middle School. Ms Rankin is coordinating the trip this year and has put together a program that will see students from both schools learning from each other.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ON THE BALL HOLIDAY PROGRAM – EARLY NOTICE

The 'On The Ball' Holiday Program will run again during the September School Holidays. The program, run by Whitelion/Stride is free and open to young people aged 7-17 years. Held 23rd & 24th September at the Robinvale Leisure Centre. More information soon.

TREE GIVEAWAY - TOMORROW

Fishers Supermarket has donated 700 native plants and trees to give away to celebrate Schools Tree Day! Visit Fishers Supermarket in Deakin Ave Mildura on Friday, 24th July from 11am-5pm for free trees, kids' giveaways and BBQ lunch (gold coin donation).

LEVEL 1 SPORTS TRAINER COURSE

Mallee Sports Assembly would like to invite people to register for the next Level 1 Sports Trainer Course. This will be held over Wednesday evenings in August, starting on the 5th Aug.

For registrations and further information, please contact MSA Mildura on 5021 3464 or Tanya Wild on 0417 925 539.

SUNRAYZIA DIVERSITY SQUAD

Multicultural and Indigenous boys and girls aged 5 to 13 plus can experience the game of AFL right here in Sunraysia. Enjoy footy activities and develop skills to play the great game of Aussie Rules. Held on 27th July at the Mildura Senior Collage Oval from 3.45-4.45pm.

Skill sessions conducted by AFL VIC staff and senior players from SFNL Clubs. For more information phone Trevor Ryan on 0427 750 283.

MILDURA FREEZA

Mildura FReeZA Committee are asking local artists under the age of 25 years to nominate for Battle of the Bands Competition to be held at Mildura Senior College on Friday, 7th August.

The competition showcases young musicians from around Victoria. It is open to any style of music, including bands, soloists, duos, hip hop artists, electronic acts, acoustic acts, etc. It is of most benefit to artists performing original material. Cash prizes for this year Winner, Runner up and most popular band via door vote.

Application form can be located on Council's Website or call into Youth Services at 78 Pine Avenue Mildura. Keep up to date on [facebook.com/youthservicesmildura](https://www.facebook.com/youthservicesmildura) Application close on Friday, 24th July at 4pm. For more information contact Barbara Clifford phone: 5018 8293|0428997514.

Email: barbara.clifford@mildura.vic.gov.au
website: www.mildura.vic.gov.au

ADVERTISING YOUR JOB VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH LA-TROBE CAREER HUB

La Trobe University has an online database that advertises job vacancies and volunteer opportunities directly to La Trobe students and graduates via our online job board called Career Hub.

Career Hub allows the following types of job vacancies:

- Graduate and Vacation Employment Programs
- Full time, part-time and casual vacancies
- Work experience opportunities
- Volunteering positions (available to not-for-profit organisations)
- Household jobs such as tutoring, babysitting and gardening.

Importantly, there is no cost to advertise and the process to register and add a job vacancy is simple.

We encourage you to place your own positions on our database. Please go to

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/careers/advertise>

Register online by clicking on Login/Register and then the Register button on the top right-hand side of the page. Choose the Organisation/Employer Registration and complete the simple form. You will then be able to enter your jobs.

For more information contact Natasha Baker, Student Engagement and Employment Officer for La Trobe University, Mildura Campus on 50514024 or email n.baker@latrobe.edu.au.

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH MERBEIN

Lessons for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will begin on Thursday 30th July at 7pm and will be held at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School. Parents must attend with their child. Children must be in Grade 3 or above. Please bring a photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate. For further information contact Janine Dannatt on phone 50252014/0419371284.

LEGO CLUB

Lego Club is on again this Saturday from 10:30-11:30am at 110 Pine Ave Mildura. All Welcome For more information contact sunraysia.autism@gmail.com

MERBEIN PRESCHOOL KINDERGARTEN

Have you enrolled your child in Kindergarten yet? Merbein Preschool Kindergarten is currently accepting enrolments for 2016. Offering both 3 and 4 year old Kindergarten Programs in a fun and welcoming environment. Please contact the Kindergarten on 50252491 or call in to collect a Pre Enrolment Form.