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DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

8th Thursday

Northern Zone Regional Athletics
Carnival- Bendigo

12th-16th

Advance Camp

13th Tuesday

Sec Interschool Basketball and Table
Tennis

14th Wednesday

Yr 5/6/7/8/9/10 Chess Tournament

19th Monday

Girls Cricket

20th Tuesday

Boys Cricket

21st Wednesday

Variety Night - Let Me Entertain You

28-30th

Grade 3-4 Camp

29th Thursday

Pri G'Day Asia performance

NOVEMBER

3rd Tuesday

Melbourne Cup Holiday

9th-13th

Grade 5/6 Lake Cullulleraine Camp

10th Tuesday

Family Information Night for Language
Backgrounds Other Than English
students

11th Wednesday

Family Information Night for Pacific
Islander students

12th Thursday

Family Information Night for Koorie
students

24th Tuesday

Head Start Days (for students who have
selected a Yr 12 subject)

25th Wednesday

Play is Safe by the water Session

27th Tuesday

Yr 10 - Enrolment Night MSC 3.30-
6.30pm

DECEMBER

4th Friday

Year 10 Graduation Ceremony

7th Monday

Pupil Free Day - Report Writing

8th Tuesday

Senior College Orientation Day

9th Wednesday

Senior College Orientation Day

**Merbein P-10 College
presents**

Let Us Entertain You



When: 21st October 2015 at 7pm

Venue: Mildura Arts Centre

Cost: \$10 Adults \$8 Concession

\$20 Family (2 adults & 2 children)

**Tickets available online or in person from
Mildura Arts Centre or in person at Mildura
Visitor Information Centre**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

Welcome back to all staff and students for term 4. Our last term will be a busy one with lots of events happening. Our Variety Night is fast approaching and I would like to encourage all families to support the students and teachers by purchasing tickets to come along and enjoy the talents of our students.

END OF DAY ROUTINES – PICKING UP YOUR CHILD

As parents would understand, schools are required to ensure that we comply with privacy laws and respect the privacy of all students. I would like to remind parents who may be picking up children at the end of the day, to please wait outside the buildings until the dismissal bell rings. Seating is available under the shade sails and trees for parents who may be a few minutes early.

If parents need to collect their child at an earlier time, please contact the School Office, so that necessary sign-out procedures can be arranged.

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH OCTOBER

October is Walk to School Month. Victorian Primary School students are encouraged to walk, ride or scoot to and from school to highlight ways children can improve their health and wellbeing. 60 minutes of physical activity is recommended for children each day. Walking to school can also help reduce traffic congestion, parking difficulties and associated environmental impacts.

Get involved and get active.

Merbein P10 College supports this program. Participating students will receive certificates.

MILDURA REGIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championships will be held next week on Wednesday 14th October and is open to Year 5/6 Primary students and Year 7/9/10 Secondary students. Please Note: Year 8's have a Drug Forum to attend on the same day.

Cost is \$10 per student and will be held at Sacred Heart School, Mildura.

This is an 'All Day' Competition, with all participating students playing seven games across the day.

Practices will be held each lunchtime in the Yellow Building on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Permission notes have been issued to students this week.

UP COMING EVENTS

- Oct 8th - Yr 8 Latrobe University Visit
- Northern Zone Athletics (Secondary)
- Oct 12th -Year 10 Advance Camp departs. Returns Friday 16th.
- Oct 13th -Interschool Basketball
- Oct 15th - Primary Sports Basketball
- Oct 19th -Girls Interschool Cricket (Secondary)
- Oct 20th -Boys Interschool Cricket (Secondary)
- Oct 21st -Variety Night
- Oct 28th - Grade 3-4-camp. Returns Friday 30th
- Nov 3rd -Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

- Nov 6th - 2016 Prep Students Practice Day
- Nov 9th - Grade 5-6 camp. Returns on 13th Oct.
- Nov 13th - 2016 Prep Students Practice Day
- Nov 20th - 2016 Prep Students Practice Day
- Nov 23rd - School Review
- Nov 27th - 2016 Prep Students Practice Day
- Dec 4th - Year 10 Graduation evening
- Dec 7th - Pupil Free Day
- Dec 8th - Orientation Day and 2016 Prep Students Practice Day
- Dec 9th - Orientation Day
- Dec 10th - Awards Evening (Primary and Sec)
- Dec 11th - Prep and Yr 6 Official ceremony
- Dec 16th - Secondary Summer Program
- Dec 18th - Last Day of school.

PARENTS' CLUB MEETING

All parents/carers are invited to come along to our next meeting to be held on Wednesday 14th at 9am in the Conference room.

BICYCLE THEFT. DON'T BECOME A VICTIM. LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

Here are the facts.

- 63 Bicycles stolen in the Mildura area over the last 12 months.
- Ranging in value from \$25 to \$4,750.
- Less than half were ever recovered.
- Mainly stolen from residential yards and community locations.
- No specific make or type being stolen.

What can we do as a community?

- Secure your bicycle by locking it when leaving it in a public place.
- At home, place your bicycle in a locked shed or at least out of site.
- Engrave your bicycle with your Drivers Licence number or that of your parents. (Engrave the underside of the frame) Police have engravers to assist the marking of your bicycle.
- Take a photo of your bicycle. Including serial number. If stole, photo can be shown to police.



Police will be speaking to cyclists. They will be checking on ownership and safety requirements such as helmets and roadworthiness of bicycles. Police are asking for community members to report all suspicious activities.

Police will be working with local schools in holding marking days, for students to bring their bikes to school and have them engraved.

Contact Mildura Police on 03 50185300

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Reminder that the newsletter is uploaded to the school's website each week - 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 each Thursday.

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.

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 Account.

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.

PRIMARY NEWS

2016 PREP PRACTICE DAYS

Prep practice days for our 2016 preps will be held on the following days. Students will need to bring along a hat and water bottle

Friday 6th and 13th November – 9.00 am – 11.30am- also need to bring along recess

Friday 13th November – 9.00am – 2.00pm – will need to bring recess and lunch

Friday 27th November and Tuesday 8th December – 9.00am – 3.15pm – will need to bring recess and lunch.

REMINDER -NO HAT NO PLAY POLICY

The 'No Hat - No Play' policy will be implemented from Day 1 of Term 4. Please make ensure your child comes to school with an approved hat (ie. NO Baseball Caps) and a pop-top bottle of water for the classroom.

VARIETY NIGHT – COSTUMES FOR STUDENTS IN THE GREEN BUILDING

Bugs End of the Green Building

Students will need a bright coloured t-shirt and black shorts for their item in our college Variety Night. These can be bought cheaply from discount stores over the holidays in readiness for the Variety Night.

Beetles End of the Green Building (Grades 2-3)

The students will be performing to the theme 'Celebrating Kid's Television Shows Over the Decades'.

Those performing 'Bill and Ben' will need - black pants, brown or red t-shirt and gardening gloves. Those performing 'Play School' will need - black pants and bright t-shirt.

Those performing 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles' will need - Ninja Turtle costume or green pants and t-shirt.

Those performing 'Round the Twist' will need - Jeans and tie dyed t-shirt.

Those performing 'Wiggles' will need - Black pants and t-shirt (red, blue, yellow or purple).

Parents will need to buy their children a ticket if they intend to watch the half of the show they are not performing in.

HOME READING – GREEN BUILDING

There will be a reading reward again this term. Every child should read each night and return their reading diary signed and dated each morning. Students who reach a total of 45 nights for the term will be rewarded with a special treat.

SECONDARY NEWS

NEW CANTEEN MENU FOR THE GREEN BUILDING

The School Canteen is excited about introducing the new Spring/Summer Menu which started on Monday. It has lots of new healthy choices and two categories, Everyday Items and Occasional Items.

Everyday Items are those that can be chosen and eaten every day of the week.

Occasional Items are those that should be chosen wisely as there is less nutritional value in these items. We recommend that you try to restrict these Occasional Items to once or twice a week.

CANTEEN MENU FOR THE ORANGE BUILDING

The Grade 4/5/6 students are now able to order off the Senior Menu as we have found that some children are now looking for a bigger item.

P-1 ART

This week in Art, the students from Prep to One got very creative in decorating a peg. The students work will be entered in next week's Mildura Show, A very tough job for the judges as all P-1 students have done a fabulous job using their imagination.



Jodie Atkinson
Primary Art Teacher

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 the bank book back to the school before the end of the school day.

MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Last term, our OSHC program had an Assessment and Rating visit from an Authorised Officer from the Department of Education and Training Quality Assessment and Regulation Division. Our program was assessed and rated on the 7 Quality Standards areas as determined in the National Quality Framework. We received our report and are happy to advise that we have received a rating of **Meeting National Quality Standard** in all areas. We would like to thank Cheryll Hodge for her dedication to our program and this rating is a testament to all her hard work.

NORTHERN ZONE ATHLETICS

This morning at around 4.30am around 16 students started their travel on a bus to Bendigo to compete in the Northern Zone Athletics titles. This is the final step until state representation. We wish them well and look forward to hearing about their achievements sometime today.

LIFE SAVING - APEX PARK MILDURA.

This Saturday the Mildura Life Saving Club is hosting an open day to sign up new members for the only Inland Lifesaving club in Australia. The club is a non-profit organisation and all members are volunteers. Greg Rhodes is the training officer and will be running courses at Apex Park that will give students or adults the opportunity to obtain a Patrol Bronze or SRC award.

Any students or parents interested should come to the Life Saving Club rooms this Saturday Oct 10th between 1.45pm and 3.30pm. Membership at the club opens many opportunities for students as having a membership of a Life Saving Club on your resume is viewed highly by further education providers, university residences and many employers.

SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Last night the Parent / Student / Teacher interviews were held for Secondary students. If parents were unable to attend, or need more time to talk with teachers please contact the school to arrange an alternate meeting time.

Learning Centre Leaders to contact are:

Mr Rob Morgan Yr 7

Mrs Chris Bettison Yr 8

Ms Liz Rankin Yr 9

Mr Tim Dreyer Yr 10.

ELECTIVE SELECTION BOOKLETS

Elective selection booklets for 2016 were handed out to year 8 and 9 students today and will be distributed to year 7 students tomorrow. Students have been briefed about the expectations and timelines for the elective selection process. It is important that parents discuss these electives with their children as parents **MUST** sign the selections sheets before they are returned to the school office. The selection sheets should be returned prior to October 21st. The earlier the sheets are returned the better chance of getting the electives selected for students.

YEAR 8 SURF CAMP 2016

Planning is well underway for the Year 8 Surf Camp in 2016. Students will be travelling to Ocean Grove for a week from the 7th March through to the 11th where they will get to experience surfing, body Boarding, Snorkelling, Kayaking and Stand-Up Paddle boarding as well as many other beach activities. All current Year 7 students have received notes this week detailing the cost and payment requirements for this camp. We are asking students to return their expression of interest form along with a \$50 deposit by Friday 30th October. We are also looking for a few parents to come along on the camp to help out with the cooking. There is no cost for the parent helpers and they will be provided with cabin accommodation. Should you be interested in helping out, please indicate this on the expression of interest form. Should any students misplace their note, spares are available from the front office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY YARNING CIRCLE

Disability Client Services invites you to share your experiences and see what we can do for you on 14 October from 10.30-1pm at the Mildura Settlers Cricket Club, Mildura Senior College Oval, 357 Deakin Ave Mildura. Morning tea & BBQ lunch provided. RSVP Erin Garsed 5022 3193 or email erin.garsed@dhhs.vic.gov.au

MILDURA LAWN TENNIS CLUB – OPEN DAY

Saturday 10th October from 10am – 2pm.
Free Entry. Games, Prizes, Ball Machines, Jumping Castle, Free Lessons, BBQ, Club Tours, Fastest Server Radar and 10% off all Memberships.
Contact Wendy Dickie on 0409 22 094 or Coach Dean Kyle on 0414 826 318.

MILDURA LAWN TENNIS CLUB – TWILIGHT CORPORATE TENNIS COMP

Thursday nights from October 29th – December 3rd.
4 Team members - \$24 per term per week. Unique prizes each week. Each player to participate in two sets to six. Followed by BBQ with Drinks at bar prices. To register your team go to www.tennismildura.com.au/corporate. Enquiries to Ali McMeekin on 0417 509 694. Entries close on Monday 26th October 2015.

FREE AUTHOR EVENT WITH ROSALIE HAM

Author Rosalie Ham will be talking about writing, small towns and movie stars at Merbein and Mildura Libraries on Thursday, 15th October. Rosalie Ham is the author of The Dressmaker, Summer at Mount Hope and There Should be More Dancing. Session times are: Merbein Library 2-3pm, Mildura Library 7:30-8:30pm.

For more information or to book your free tickets phone 03 5018 8352.

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.

'CARRY ON' – SECONDARY AND POSSIBLY TERTIARY EDUCATION GRANTS

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces, you can apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2016 and it may be possible for Tertiary Education as well. Phone Carry On Victoria on 0396292648 to establish eligibility and request an application form. All grants are income tested. Applications should be submitted before 29th October 2015.

THREE COLOURS SC

Three Colours SC is proud to be an official provider of the AIA Vitality Minirooms Program in Mildura Program commences 13th October 2015 for children between 4–9 years old.

To register please visit

<http://www.minirooms.com.au/mildura>

For more information contact Vince
0416054372/0429200193

www.aflvicholidayprograms.com.au

CHANCES FOR CHILDREN CONNECTING KIDS WITH COMMUNITY FUND

This program has re-opened. The Connecting Kids with Community Fund provides young people with the opportunity to participate in an extracurricular activity that otherwise they would not be able to undertake due to financial constraints. An Application Form will be available on the Chances website in the near future which has additional information and eligibility details.

For more information phone 03 5021 7474 on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday or email TMCarthy@malleefamilycare.com.au

CHANCES FOR CHILDREN FUNDING

Families are advised that the current Chances for Children funding round opened 7th September 2015.

If you would like to know more about Chances, or would like to discuss a potential application, contact them on 5021 7480.

You can be anything @ SuniTAFE Mildura
OPEN DAY on Sun, Oct 11 from 10am
Click here to learn more or visit www.sunitafe.edu.au

SEPTEMBER HEADSPACE MILDURA FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 16-25 YEARS OF AGE

If you could use some help with education or employment, make an appointment with Melinda at Headspace office. Melinda can help with finding a course that suits your needs, study options, choosing work experience, employment support, job interview preparations, resume writing, career direction advice. Melinda is available on Mondays. To make an appointment phone 50122400.

Jump Start Expo – September 10 from 6pm onward at the Senior College. If you are coming to the end of school and would like some help with life skills or some advice for the future, there will be demonstrations on cooking, changing a tyre on a car, preparing for a job interview and more. There will also be fun things during the night like makeup demonstrations and live music. If you are interested go to

[Facebook.com/jumpstartyouthconference](https://www.facebook.com/jumpstartyouthconference).

LGBTQI Support Group – If you are seeking a safe place or support for your sexual or gender identity, somewhere to make new friends who understand what you are going through. Contact Larni Baird at Headspace Mildura on 50212400.

MERBEIN SOUTH CRICKET CLUB – JUNIORS

Training for U/12s to U/16's on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Chaffey Park Merbein, will commence 17th September, 2015 at 4.30pm. Any interested boys and girls, at any level, are most welcome to come along for a tryout. Junior season begins 10th October, 2015. Contact Ross Griffiths 0428234964 for more information.

MERBEIN SOUTH CRICKET CLUB - MILO

Boys and girls between 5 and 8 years of age are invited to a Come and Try Day on Sunday 18th October, 2015 at Chaffey Park from 11am. Training will take one hour with a BBQ lunch to follow. Contact Aaron Walder 0408315746 for more information. There is no cost for this event.

MILDURA RURAL CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY EXPO

Community Safety Expos with Emergency and Health Services Demonstrations, Entertainment and Interactive Activities including a free Outdoor Cinema Night in October and November.

Mildura's Free Movie: Minions - Saturday 14th November held at Nowingi Place (Mildura Riverfront) from 5pm onwards.

Food and drinks for purchase. Bring your picnic rugs and chairs an alcohol and smoke free event. For more information phone (03) 5018 8100.

www.mildura.vic.gov.au/events.

SUNRAYSIA VOLLEYBALL COME AND TRY DAY

Starts: 9:30am Saturday October 10th & 17th.

Junior Summer Competition begins the following Saturday and ends in December, 2015.

Held at the SJC Stadium, 11th Street, Mildura.

Competition games are for Junior Girls, Junior Boys and Junior Social (Mixed).

This is a great opportunity to play competition volleyball if you have never tried it before!

Beginners more than welcome.

MERBEIN COBRAS BASKETBALL CLUB

If your Child is interested in playing the Summer Comp, they are still taking registrations so you haven't missed out!

Online Registrations are now available at www.mildurabasketball.com.au

Click on the Club Websites tab, select Cobras & click the link on the right hand side titled Player to Club Summer Comp 2015/2016.

Age Groups for Summer Season are U10/12/14/16/18. For further information contact Brock Munn (President) 0407 096 108
Cassie Munn (Treasurer) 0409 632 898.