

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**NOVEMBER**

**20<sup>th</sup> Friday**

2016 Prep Practice 9-2pm

**24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Senior College Enrolment 3.30-6.30pm

**25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Play it Safe by the Water Program

**27<sup>th</sup> Friday**

2016 Prep Practice Day 9-3.15pm

**DECEMBER**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**

Grade P-3 Excursion to Mildura

**4<sup>th</sup> Friday**

-Year 10 Graduation Ceremony

-Final Day of School for Year 10

-Merbein Carols from 6.30pm

**7<sup>th</sup> Monday**

**Pupil Free Day**

**8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Senior College Yr 10 Orientation Day

-2016 Prep Practice Day 9-3.15pm.

- Yr 6 Orientation Day

**9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Senior College Yr 10 Orientation Day

-Yr 6 Orientation Day

**10<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Awards Night (Primary & Secondary)

**11<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Grade Prep & 6 Graduation Ceremony

**14<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Grade 6 Celebration Dinner - Pizza

Café

**16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Secondary Summer Program

**18<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Last Day of School

Earlier Dismissal Time of 2.30pm.

**2016 TERM DATES**

Term 1: 28<sup>th</sup> January - 24<sup>th</sup> March

(Teachers return 27<sup>th</sup> January)


Term 2: 11<sup>th</sup> April - 24<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3: 11<sup>th</sup> July - 16<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4: 3<sup>rd</sup> October - 20<sup>th</sup> December

**MERBEIN P-10 FACEBOOK PAGE**

Check the Facebook Page for updates about the school and upcoming events.  
[www.facebook.com/merbeinp10collegепarentsclub](http://www.facebook.com/merbeinp10collegепarentsclub)



**This year's College Magazine is out soon! Students and teachers are hard at work to make sure this is a fitting souvenir of a great year... And they're only \$15!**  
**If you haven't already secured your copy, payments can be made at the College office by Monday 23rd November.**

**GRADE 5/6 LAKE CULLULLERAIN CAMP PHOTOS**



### **MERBEIN AREA ROAD CLOSURES**

We have had notification this week from Leeds Engineering of road closures due to the channel being filled in.

The bridge at Park Street and Channel Road will be closed until tomorrow, 20<sup>th</sup> November. You will be able to turn into Game Street from Park Street. From Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> until Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, the bridge at the top of Pump Hill will be closed and anyone travelling along Ranfurly Way will need to follow the detours along McEdwards Street, McSwain Road, River Avenue, Fifth Street and Main Avenue. A copy of the detour routes is attached.

The bus lines have been advised of the closures.

### **NEW CANTEEN MENU FOR YEARS 4-10**

Due to new management, only the following list of items will be available for purchase at our school canteen for the remainder of the year. Below is the Years 4-10 New Canteen Menu.

Sweet Chilli Wraps	Full \$5.50	Half \$3.00
Salt/Vinegar Wraps	Full \$5.50	Half \$3.00
Marinated BBQ Wrap	Full \$5.50	Half \$3.00
Toasted Sandwich Meal Deal – comes with a drink (BBQ, CCC, HAW, HCT, HC)	With small drink \$5.00	With Large Drink \$6.00
Chicken Crackles	50c each	
Chicken Munchies	\$1 for 4 munchies	
Half Chicken Salad Wrap	\$3.00	
Half Chicken Salad Wrap and drink	With small drink \$4.50	With Large Drink \$5.50

### **Fridays Only**

Pies, Large Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Small Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Party Pie	\$1.00

### **SWITCH TO SAVE AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL**

The Bendigo Bank is offering families the chance to save more than \$500 a year on their power bill by replacing your old 'energy-thirsty' Halogen Down Lights with 'energy-efficient' LED Down Lights. The Bendigo Bank will donate \$1 for every down light replaced in our community to our school. Flyers will be sent home to each family with the eldest child at the school.

For further information contact the Merbein District Community Bank on 5025 1377.

### **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

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

### **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.

### **UP COMING EVENTS**

Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	2016 Prep Students Practice Day
Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School Review
Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	Senior College Enrolment Evening
Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	2016 Prep Students Practice Day
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Graduation evening
Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Free Day
Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	-Orientation Day for Year 6 and 10 -2016 Prep Students Practice Day
Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	Orientation Day for Year 6 and 10
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Awards Evening (Primary & Secondary)
Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	Prep and Yr 6 Official ceremony
Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary Summer Program
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	Clean Up Day - Last Day of school

### **PARENTS' CLUB CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Parents' Club are asking each family to donate a non-perishable item to their Christmas Raffle. Donations can be left at the main office or at the office in the Green Building. Raffle books will sent out at a later date. Please ensure the donated items Use-by-Date has not passed.

### **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](mailto: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. If you are able to volunteer to help in the Breakfast Program, please contact Haley at the Merbein & District Community Bank. The Breakfast Program is held in the school 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.

# PRIMARY NEWS

## MORE GRADE 5/6 LAKE CULLULLERAIN CAMP PHOTOS



### PLAY IT SAFE BY THE WATER PROGRAM

Next Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, the Grade P-4 students will be participating in a FREE program called 'Play it Safe by the Water'. This program focuses on water safety. The Grade 5-6 students will be participating in a Science Lab Incursion.

### GRADE P-3 EXCURSION TO MULAN

The Mildura and District Ballet Guild's performances are always of a high standard. This year's performance is called MULAN. Following the performance every year, the main teacher encourages students to ask the dancers and herself questions regarding the show and the dancers usually join the audience to show case their costumes. On Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, students in Grade P-3 will be travelling to Mildura after recess and having lunch at Jaycee Park before attending the 1pm performance. If the weather is too hot, we will not leave until after lunch and only go to the theatre. **A permission note will be sent home with your child, please complete and return the note to school as soon as possible.** If you have paid the Excursion Levy or have received CSEF Excursion Funding, you will just need to sign the permission note. If not, you will also need to send along \$9.00 per child, total cost for this excursion.

### YEAR 6 SECONDARY ORIENTATION DAYS

Students moving into Year 7 in 2016 will be attending transition days to experience being a Secondary student on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### NEW CANTEEN MENU FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

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### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE BOOKS

Christmas Raffle Books went home last week with students. We ask that every family sell a book of tickets and return the book with money to school as soon as possible. More raffle books are available for collection from the school office.

### PREP PRACTICE

Last week the Kinder Kids were able to change their books and take home another book that they can 'read'. They have settled into the routine of school really well. They will stay at school until lunch time tomorrow, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 9am-2pm. Children should bring some recess, a hat, a plastic bottle filled with water and a packed lunch.

### MERBEIN CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

**The Primary Section has been asked to perform at this year's Merbein Carols by Candlelight to be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

Those students showing an interest have been practising with Mrs Atkinson during lunch and the infant students have been doing extra practice during class time.

Parents are asked to take their child/ren to the Carols at Kenny Park on the 4<sup>th</sup> December and provide supervision for their child on the night. This is a great community event. We hope that all our families can come along and bring a blanket or chair to sit on and join in the season's festivities together. The evening begins at 6.30pm. More information will go home soon.

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### 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. Jason Ruttley-Higgins, Matilda Smith, Eleanor Saleta, Louise Smith, Daniel Szombathy, Mia Brewer, Jessica Smith, Isabella Smith, Riley Nokes, Jessie Price, Jazmine Kettle and Liam Hancock.



### **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.

## **SECONDARY NEWS**

### **STATE LEVEL SPORTS REPORT**

Congratulations are extended to our **Girls Cricket Team** who won their way through to the Regional Finals that was held last week. The girls came a close second in the Regional Finals which meant they were unable to progress to the State Level Event.

Yesterday, the **Boys Baseball Team** played in the State Finals. They played three games for a win, draw and loss placing them fourth in the state. This is a fantastic effort. Many thanks are extended to Mr Hill for coaching the team in the tournament and at lunchtimes during the weeks leading up to the event.

### **END OF YEAR STUDENT WORK**

This is Week 7 of an 11 week term. Many classes will have major assignments and tests to complete over the next four weeks. Students need to be taking work home to revise content and processes learnt at school and we can't over state the importance of this. There will also be assignments and projects to complete.

### **SECONDARY END OF YEAR REPORTS**

All Secondary Student Reports will be distributed on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### **SECONDARY END OF YEAR PROGRAM**

All secondary students will have regular classes with their teachers up until Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December. The following three days, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> they will participate in a Summer Program designed around safety in the outdoors and during physical activity. Information about this program will be sent home next week.

### **FREEZA ART WINNERS**

Congratulations to Ashleigh Cantwell and Nathan Mitchell who have both won in their respective sections of the Annual Sunraysia FREEZA Art Awards. They have both won a cash prize and a certificate.

### **BOOKLISTS/ELECTIVES**

All students in Year 7-9 will be given a booklist for 2016 that has their selected electives included. If parents have any questions about this process, please contact the general office. If you have questions about electives you can contact Greg Rhodes.

### **SENIOR COLLEGE ENROLMENT EVENING**

The Senior College Enrolment evening will be held next Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November from 3:30-6:30 pm.

### **YEAR 10 FINAL WEEK PROGRAM**

Yesterday a letter was sent home with all Year 10 students, outlining their final week of school at Merbein P10 College, from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

For your convenience, the letter has also been attached to this newsletter.

### **YEAR 10 GRADUATION**

The Year 10 Graduation will be held at Club Da Vinci on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December from 6.00-10.30pm. Tickets can be purchased from the school's main office. Cost will be \$40 per person. Each student is able to purchase a ticket for themselves plus a ticket for two adult family members. Up to four adult tickets may be purchased but this will depend on family circumstances. The price of the ticket includes a two course meal. Soft drink will be available for purchase on the night at bar prices. This is strictly an alcohol free event.

Tables will be allocated at the time of purchase, please present your ticket on the night. Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December will also be the last official school day for Year 10 students. Classes will not run for Year 10 students after this date.

Please feel free to contact Mr Dreyer if you have any questions. [dreyer.timothy.b@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:dreyer.timothy.b@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## **BE SUNSMART**

The UV levels in this area are regularly above safe levels during Term 1 and 4. It is a policy in our school that students are to protect themselves if they are expecting to be exposed to direct sunlight for more than fifteen minutes on days when the UV rating is above safe levels. Their personal protection can be in the form of clothing and sunscreen. We encourage students to apply sunscreen at home at the beginning of the day. If they need to top up their application they can bring sunscreen to school and lock it securely in their school provided locker. The policy also states that students should avoid prolonged exposure to UV radiation when possible. The school encourages students to stay out of direct sunlight by opening the air-conditioned buildings for students to use at lunchtimes on days of extreme heat.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **FREEZA - PUSH START BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

FReeZA are hosting an outdoor music event to celebrate this year's FReeZA Push Start Battle of the Bands Wimmera Mallee Regional Final held 6pm at Nowingi Place on 4<sup>th</sup> December. Cost \$20, early bird \$15, families \$45. Bands performing will be Kingswood, Torque, Soul, Loose Bricks, Levi Smith, and TVL Trio. No Drugs, Alcohol or Smoking. Local band, We are a Band Thing will compete against Horsham band, Empire. The winning band wins a spot in the State Wide Grand. Tickets can be purchased from <http://www.milduraartscentre.com.au/Ticket-Sales/Other-Events.aspx>.

### **SUNRAYSIA FOOTBALL TRIVIA NIGHT**

Fundraising for a six year old local Sunraysia girl. Proceeds will go towards a high-low bed. Event to be held at the Irymple Bocce Club on 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm. \$20 per ticket. Come dressed as your favourite movie character (optional). Phone 0498735916 for tickets. 18+ event. Supper provided. Drinks at bar prices.

### **DRAG RACING EVENT -KOORLONG**

Event to be held on Mercer Street Koorlong (Sunsetstrip). **Friday, 4th December** – Cost: Adults \$10 & U17 free, Time: 5-9.30pm.

**Saturday, 5th December** – Cost: Adults \$25 Pensioners \$15 Students 12-17 \$10 & U12 free, Time: 11.30am-10pm. Tickets available at the gate. BYO everything. Website [sunsetstrip.org.au](http://sunsetstrip.org.au). For more information call 0438548747.

### **SUNITAFE 2016 CREATIVE ARTS COURSE STUDY INTERVIEWS**

Will be held 26<sup>th</sup> November from 11am to 3pm. Contact: Hannah Burke (03)5022 3673.

## **MRCC SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12 to 16 YEARS**

11 January \$15	Putt Putt & Aqua Coaster
12 January \$15	Laserforce
13 January Free	Mildura Waves
14 January \$15	Movies & Pizza
15 January \$15	House of Bounce
18 January \$15	Cupcakes & Nail Art
19 January \$15	Inflatable World @ Lifestyle Plus
20 January \$15	Lawn Bowls & Ten Pin Bowling
21 January Free	Merbein Pool
22 January Free	Freestyle Art

Don't miss out. Registration is essential. Closing date will be Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2015 at 5pm. Registration forms are available by contacting [youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au](mailto:youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au) or [www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth)

For further information contact Mildura Rural City Council Youth Services on 5018 8280.

### **2016 BENDIGO AND ADELAIDE BANK SCHOLARSHIPS FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL STUDENTS.**

To be eligible, the following criteria must be met.

- Australian citizen or permanent resident from a rural or regional location.
- First year undergraduate in 2016.
- Studying full-time in 2016 in an approved Australian course.
- Graduated from Secondary School in either 2015 or in 2014.
- Able to demonstrate the economic or social disadvantage hindering further study.
- Outstanding academic achievement and community involvement.

Applications open 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 and close 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Visit [bendigobank.com.au/scholarships](http://bendigobank.com.au/scholarships) for more information or contact Community Enterprise Foundation on 1300304541.



Merbein Rotary  
Community Carols

Kenny Park  
Friday December 4th

Food & Drink Stalls  
- from 6.30 pm

Program starts 7.15 pm

Santa  
(approx. 9.15 pm)

The poster features a background image of a person in a Santa hat and a lit candle.



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**Year 10 Program: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of December**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of the year is fast approaching for our Yr. 10 students. It has been a great year and we have planned a mix of extra-curricular and reward activities for their final week. There will be **no cost** to participate in these activities.

<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Classes as normal
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Latrobe University Visit, Sessions 1 – 4. Students will need to wear full school uniform and take a packed lunch.
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Financial Literacy, Merbein P10 – Session 1. Deakin Cinema, 'He named me Malala' Sessions 2 – 4.
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b> (weather permitting)	Mildura City Heart, 'Amazing Race'. Students are able to wear casual clothing, a pizza lunch will be provided at Jaycee Park. Sessions 2 – 5. Students who have overdue work will be required to stay at school to finish these tasks.
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Graduation Breakfast from 8.20am. Assembly, slide shows and shirt signing Sessions 1 & 2. Students are dismissed at 11.30.

Transportation on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is by bus. All students will travel together from Merbein P-10 to each destination. If you would like your child to be dismissed directly from La Trobe University or Jaycee Park, please indicate on the permission slip below.

Kind Regards,  
Learning Centre Leader

Tim Dreyer

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Yr. 10 activities in week 9.

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to be dismissed from:

La Trobe University on Tuesday

Jaycee Park on Thursday

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Primary Section Green Building Canteen Lunch Menu

½ Sweet Chilli Wrap	\$3.00	
½ Salt /Vinegar Wrap	\$3.00	
½ BBQ Wrap	\$3.00	
½ Chicken Salad Wrap	\$3.00	
Chicken Crackles	50c each	
Chicken Munchies	4 for	
Small Chocolate Milk	\$2.00	
Small Strawberry Milk	\$2.00	
Small Banana Milk	\$2.00	
Water	\$1.50	
Small Focus Water -ABC	\$2.00	
-Raspberry	\$2.00	
-Lemon	\$2.00	
Small Orange Juice	\$2.00	
Small Apple Juice	\$2.00	

### Fridays Only

- Pie \$3.50
- Small Sausage Roll \$3.00
- Large Sausage Roll \$3.50
- Party Pie \$1.00
- Sauce

Name .....

Grade ..... TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

**MAP SHOWING MERBEIN AREA ROAD CLOSURE DETOURS FROM 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

