

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

3rd Thursday

Pygmalion Performance 6-7pm

4th Friday

-Year 10 Graduation Ceremony

-Final Day of School for Year 10

-Merbein Carols from 6.30pm

7th Monday

Pupil Free Day

8th Tuesday

Senior College Yr 10 Orientation Day

-2016 Prep Practice Day 9-3.15pm.

- Yr 6 Orientation Day

9th Wednesday

Senior College Yr 10 Orientation Day

-Yr 6 Orientation Day

-Christmas Raffle drawn

10th Thursday

Awards Night (Primary & Secondary)

11th Friday

Grade Prep & 6 Graduation

Ceremony 9.30am

14th Monday

Grade 6 Celebration Dinner – Pizza

Café

16th Wednesday

-Secondary Summer Program

-Primary Class Parties

17th Thursday

Primary Pool Day Excursion

18th Friday

Last Day of School – Clean-Up Day

Earlier Dismissal Time of 2.30pm.

FEBRUARY 2016

15th – 19th

Gr P-6 Stomp Dance Lessons

2016 TERM DATES

Term 1: 28th January – 24th March

(Teachers return 27th January)

Term 2: 11th April – 24th June

Term 3: 11th July – 16th September

Term 4: 3rd October – 20th December

MERBEIN P-10 FACEBOOK PAGE

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

www.facebook.com/merbeinp10collegепarentsclub

PUPIL FREE DAY MONDAY

I would like to remind parents and guardians that next Monday, 7th December will be a Pupil-Free Day. The day will be used by staff for course writing and planning for 2016. There will be NO school for students on this day.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

END OF YEAR

We are rapidly approaching the end of 2015 and as usual many important college functions and activities are occurring.

THE YEAR 10 GRADUATION

Tomorrow will be the last day for our Year 10s. A special breakfast and farewell assembly will be held tomorrow morning. After starting as nervous Year 7s in 2012 our Year 10s now leave to take on the next stage of their lives as young adults.

On behalf of Merbein P-10 College I would like to wish them well and thank them for their contribution to our school community over the past four years. They have helped to make Merbein P-10 College a great place in which to learn and work.

Tomorrow evening the Year 10s will dress up in formal attire to attend the annual Year 10 Graduation Ball which is being held at the Club Da Vinci. They will receive Graduation Certificates and celebrate the completion of their first four years of secondary education at Merbein P-10 College with friends, family and staff.

PREP ORIENTATION

Our 2016 Preps have been participating in a Transition Program over the past few weeks and are now more familiar with the school, the teachers and what primary school will be like. Thank you to Mrs Finn and the Infant Staff for implementing this most successful Transition Program.

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY – PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

Our Annual Awards Ceremony will be held next Thursday, 10th December in the school gym. The program commences at 6.30pm and will include the presentation of both Primary and Secondary Awards. Parents and family members are most welcome.

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week our 2016 Year 7 students will participate in an Annual Orientation Program. Rob Morgan has been regularly meeting with the 2016 Year7s in their feeder schools and has prepared a Transition Program that will greatly assist the students with their transition to secondary school.

FLO (FLEXIBLE LEARNING OPTIONS) GRADUATION

Yesterday afternoon a Graduation Ceremony was held for our 2015 FLO students. It was well attended by parents who were present to celebrate the successful outcomes achieved by these students.

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of our FLO team, Kim McCarty, Sandra Luitjes, Janine Richardson, Russell Bennett and numerous additional staff. I thank them for running such an engaging and successful program.

YEAR 7 UNIFORM PACKAGE INITIATIVE 2016

A STATE SCHOOL'S RELIEF PROGRAM

Every Year 7 government school student enrolled in 2016 who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a free uniform pack to the approximate value of \$225.

The 2015 CSEF recipients can apply for a pack from 1st December 2015 from the school office.

Included in the Uniform Pack are basic items.

Jumper x 1, PE shirt x 1, PE shorts x 1.

For girls a dress (or shorts or trousers) x 1 and a shirt x 1 (long or short sleeve).

For boys a shirt x 1 (long or short sleeve) and shorts or trousers x 1.

When a family application has been approved a voucher will be sent to the school and then given to the family. The voucher is valid for 75 days only.

Parents who missed this year's CSEF applications or were ineligible in 2015, can apply in 2016.

Notification about applications will be advertised very early next year via the school newsletters.

For more information about the CSEF Application visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

PYGMALION PERFORMANCE TONIGHT - 6-7pm

A group of very talented and committed Year 10 students will stage a production of Pygmalion tonight.

These students volunteered to be involved after reading the play in their English class and have been rehearsing for three months

during lunchtimes. Those who were in the audience at the school's Variety Night were treated to a sneak peak of the first scene.

All students of the college, family members and friends are invited to attend.

Date: Tonight, Thursday, 3rd December

Time: 6pm

Venue: Merbein P-10 College Gym.

Cost: Tickets are \$2 each and a light supper is included in the cost.

The performance is expected to be finished by 7pm.

Tickets are available at the door on the night.

Please come along to support the cast and crew and also to enjoy this fantastic performance!

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

Dec 4 th	Year 10 Graduation Evening & Final Year 10 Assembly
Dec 7 th	Pupil Free Day
Dec 8 th	-Orientation Day for Year 6 and 10 -2016 Prep Students Practice Day
Dec 9 th	Orientation Day for Year 6 and 10
Dec 10 th	Awards Evening (Primary & Secondary)
Dec 11 th	Prep and Yr 6 Official Ceremony
Dec 16 th	Secondary Summer Program
Dec 18 th	Clean Up Day - Last Day of school



MERRY CHRISTMAS

PARENTS' CLUB CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Thank you to the families who have donated items to the Christmas Hamper. **The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn next Wednesday 9th December so please ensure all raffle tickets and money have been returned** to the school no later than first thing Wednesday morning. There are just a couple of days left to sell your tickets and send in donations. Please note that more raffle books can be collected from the Green Building Office.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

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

GUITAR LESSONS 2016

Expressions of Interest are requested for the 2016 Guitar Program (Primary Grades 1-6 only).

To register your interest, please collect an 'Expression of Interest' form from the main office. Alternatively you can call or text the Guitar Teacher, Iwan Soebardi directly by phone 04189 19220 or email iwansoebardi@gmail.com.



GRADE P-2 ART REPORT

Ms Atkinson Students from Grade P-2 have started getting in the mood for Christmas by participating in fun Christmassy activities, decorating biscuit baubles and Christmas cups. The Christmas cups were put together to construct the Grade P-2 Christmas tree. It's beginning to feel a bit like Christmas!



PRIMARY PERFORMANCE AT MERBEIN CAROLS

Merbein Carols will be held tomorrow night, Friday 4th December at Kenny Park. Students are asked to meet to the left of the stage at 7.15pm. Our performance is scheduled for 7.40 pm. All students need to wear their school uniform and a Christmas hat or hair decoration. Students will be returned to their parents' care following their performance. We would love to see all of our Grade P-2 students performing tomorrow night. They have been practising their Christmas songs enthusiastically in readiness for the performance. Mrs Atkinson group of students and the Grade P-2 students will be performing at the same time.

CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES AND KRIS KRINGLE

The class Christmas parties will be held on Wednesday, 16th December. Notes will go home next week with details.

MISSING SCHOOL BOOKS

Please check at home for missing take-home reading books and library books. They are very expensive to replace, so please check in all the unusual, obscure places at home, like under the bed and behind the cupboards because we would love to have them found and returned as soon as possible.

LAST WEEK'S GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY

AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following Grade P-3 Award Winners. Chris Bizimana, Bella Parker, Aleisha Moore, Cara Graham, Shauna Lawson, Makayla Dixon, Tyler Hawkes, Jasper Dwyer, Beauden Vandermerwe, Will Martin, Marcus Ashmore, Brooke Boundy, Miles Fetherston, Eleanor Saleta, Chloe Moore, Liam Hansford, Addison Kost, Layla Connors, Amber Hancock and Jake Ball.



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

Cheryll Hodge is our school's OSHC coordinator and can be contacted on 0428 258035 if you have any queries. This week in OSHC, the children celebrated Christmas.



PREP AND GRADE 6 GRADUATION CEREMONY

A special Prep and Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony will be held at a Primary Assembly in the School Gym next Friday, 11th December at 9.30am. Families are welcome to attend.

VICTORIA POLICE COLOURING-IN COMPETITION

Visit the Victoria Police Kids website to download a Colour-in Sheet to enter. There are three Colour-in Sheets to choose from (a police dog, horse and officers). There will also be a hardcopy lift-out available in the Summer edition of Police Life, due out in December.

The entries will be judged by three age categories. Ages 2-4 years, 5-7 years and 8+ years. The winning entries from each age category will be selected and join the CCP on a visit to the new Attwood Facility in February next year to meet the Dog Squad and Mounted Branch.

The competition is open to all residents of Victoria. Entries close 8th January, 2016.

SECONDARY NEWS

2015 RISE CAMP REPORT - Janine Richardson

"RISE" is a Residential Indigenous Science Experience. Dale Versteeg and Jennifer Hamm have returned from a week long RISE Camp sponsored by The University of Melbourne and GTAC. This is a unique event for indigenous students in Years 9-10 to join other indigenous students from around Australia and interact with young scientists to learn more about the principles and real-world applications of cutting-edge science.

The Academic Program offers presentations and hands-on practical workshops exploring current themes in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Maths, and Computer Science. Live-in indigenous and scientist mentors provided support to the participants throughout the week.

In the laboratory workshops, they explored contemporary science guided by some of Melbourne's brightest young research scientists.

They also toured some outstanding, world-class science facilities to see applications in industry. They also had social opportunities to discover the highlights of Melbourne and Indigenous culture.



FLO GRADUATION REPORT - Kim McCarty

Last night we celebrated the graduation of our FLO students who received their Certificates in General Education. Congratulations to all those students. Thanks to all the parents who attended the graduation and helped celebrate another successful year. Well done!



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. For more information call 0438548747.

CHILD RESTRAINT CHECKING DAY

RoadSafe Mildura together with KidSafe Victoria have organised a day to check, inspect and adjust your child vehicle restraints to ensure they are being used properly and that your child is safe. Don't risk your child's safety, have your restraints checked on 8th December, from 10.30am–2.30pm at Big W Car Park, Mildura. For more information ring Community RoadSafe Mildura on 0434044118.

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, 22nd December, 2015 at 5pm. Registration forms are available by contacting youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au or www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth

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

SUNRAYZIA AUTISM SPECTRUM SUPPORT GROUP FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

6th December from 4:30-6:30pm at Lifestyle Plus, Mildura. Everyone welcome. There will be something for all age groups. For further information phone 0447112507 or email sunraysia.autism@gmail.com

HEADSPACE MILDURA

Sexual Health Month, an important issue for young people. Check it out on Facebook. Headspace closes from 24th December to 4th January. Headspace buildings can be found at 2/215 Pine Ave Mildura. Phone 50212400 for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MERBEIN GOLF CLUB FAMILY CHRISTMAS NIGHT

To be held at 355 McEdward Street, Cabarita on 5th December, from 5.30pm onwards. Jumping Castle, Sausage Sizzle, Raffles and Santa arrives at 6pm. For more information contact the Merbein Golf Club on 5025 6421 or by email royal.merbein@gmail.com or FaceBook the Merbein Golf Club.

SUNRAYZIA VOLLEYBALL COACHING PROGRAM

Currently Sunraysia Volleyball is running a Saturday morning Spike Zone Coaching Program at the SJC Stadium, 11th Street from 9:30-11:00am for juniors aged between 8 and 14. The program is open to any players interested in trying the sport. Cost is free for the first session, after that \$5 per week.

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 4th 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>.

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 1st December 2015 and close 25th January 2016. Visit bendigobank.com.au/scholarships for more information or contact Community Enterprise Foundation on 1300304541.

SOCIAL STORIES – FAMILY TIME

‘Social Stories’ is an App Program, structured and used to explain social situations to children with autism and learning delays. Helping children learn socially appropriate behaviour and responses. These stories are appropriate for the majority of ages and skill levels of children. ‘Social Stories’ can also be used for teaching typically developing children appropriate behaviour and can be used in kindergartens, schools and group settings. Download on Apple IBooks.



www.itunes.apple.com/au/author/alissa-tucker/id1010561671?mt=11

***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)**

Face Painting

Local Artists performing

Alcohol Free Event

The Rotary Club of Merbein Inc.

