EASTER FESTIVITIES

Today the whole school enjoyed various Easter Activities including the Easter Basket Competition and the Easter Hat Parade. We also held a Casual Dress Day with a gold coin donation raising funds for the Hospital Appeal and School Facilities Projects.
PARENTS’ CLUB THANKYOU
I would like to thank the Parents’ Club for holding the Annual Easter Raffle. The funds raised by the Parents’ Club will also support the ongoing development of facilities and resources for our students.

SECONDARY PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS REPORT
Thank you to the many secondary students and families who attended last night’s Parent/Teacher Interviews. I encourage parents/guardians who were unable to attend last night, to get-in-touch with your child’s teachers next term, even if their report was good.

END OF TERM
Although this term has been relatively short, it has been very busy with a lot packed in. I would like to thank students and staff for their commitment and for ensuring our school provides a safe and successful learning environment. Have a safe and relaxing holiday and we’ll see you in two weeks’ time for a big second term.

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who have received the Student of the Month Awards today. Watch this space next term for photos.

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THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS’ CLUB
A very big thank you to our Parents’ Club for their huge efforts this term organising the Easter Egg Hunt for the primary children and the Hot Cross Bun Drive, the funds of which will ultimately benefit the students in the school.

MERBEIN P10 COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE
Visit our school’s Facebook Page for photos and updates www.facebook.com/merbeinp10college.

EMAIL ADDRESSES
The school prefers to send the weekly newsletter 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.

PLAY GROUP
If you are interested in coming along to a new playgroup held here at Merbein P10 College, on Thursdays from 9.30-11am, please contact the coordinator Danielle Mazza on 0437 077 689 or phone the school office for more information.

MILDURA INTERSCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT
REPORT - Kyra Fetherston
Last Wednesday, 16th March the Mildura Interschool Chess Tournament was held, hosting one of the largest school based Chess Tournaments seen in recent years. Held in the Trinity Lutheran College this event had the potential for up to 200 students, 100 chess boards, pieces and timers. Statistics are as follows:

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623 chess games played on the day.

44 games won or drawn by Merbein students.

While we didn’t win any medals, some students stood out in their scores for the day. The highest any student can score is seven (they play seven games). Anything over three is considered successful, anything over five is considered excellent. Nate Bull achieved four points ranking him 12th in the Middle Years Section. Other high scoring students included Corey Wakefield with three and a half points, Aiden Middleton, Vincent Martin, Byron Lang, Xander Gibson-Rice and Jesse Johnson scoring three points each.

In the Open Secondary, Dorraine Bagacay, Jaymon Symens and Kayne Godfrey all scored three points. More chess practices will be held next term, so keep your eye out for more information.

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
**PRIMARY NEWS**

**HEAD LICE AND EGGS**
Recently Headlice Eggs have been detected on some children in the primary section. To assist the school in preventing further infestations we are asking parents to please check and treat your child's hair over the holidays. **The school will perform a head check on all the primary children in the first week of next term.**

Thank you to all parents for your cooperation.

**GRADE 2-4 PUBLIC PLACES EXCURSION REPORT**
- Janelle Costello
The Grade 2-4 students have been studying 'Public Places' and how we use them. Last Thursday we travelled to Mildura to explore the Riverfront and to Kenny Park in Merbein as part of this study. Photos follow.

**GRADE 5-6 NEWS** – Sue Gardiner

*Home Reading* - Congratulations to the Grade 5-6 students who completed their home reading this term. Despite a cooler day, they enjoyed their reward of a water fight yesterday. Keep up the excellent hard work guys!
Koorie Boys Camp at Mungo Report - Grade 5-6
Koorie boys attended an overnight camp at Mungo National Park as part of a joint program with Ranfurly Primary School called 'Getting on Country'. This program is all about cultural learning and teachings on Barkindji Country and is conducted by Barkindji Elders and respected leaders in the community. Similar excursions are planned during Terms 2 and 3 with a final three day camp during Term 4. Photos below.

GREEN BUILDING EASTER BASKET PHOTOS BELOW

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LAST TWO WEEKS GRADE 5-6 WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS BELOW
**LAST WEEK’S GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following Grade P-4 Award Winners.
- Taj Wheatland
- Amber Hancock
- Alana Teasdale
- Harper Nemtsas
- Chloe Page
- Demi Stone
- Aiden Williams and Kenzie Arnold

**SECONDARY NEWS**

**SECONDARY INTERIM STUDENT REPORTS** – Mr Rhodes

Last night over 85 families took the opportunity to talk with teachers concerning their child’s progress in key areas. The Interim Reports that formed the basis for these discussions have been given to each child today. Some will be posted directly to parents.

**NEW NETBOOK COMPUTERS** – Mr Rhodes

The college has purchased 100 new netbook computers for student use. These will replace the outdated netbook computers used in the college. Students are still encouraged to use the BYOD Computer Access if possible for their school work.

**COLLEGE UNIFORM** – Mr Rhodes

Students look fantastic in our uniform. Wearing our uniform with pride is something that most students in our college do.

The weather has been very hot recently; therefore jumpers and warm clothing have not been required. Please note that after the Easter holidays the mornings will become cooler and warm clothing will be required. Please ensure your child has appropriate warm clothing ready for the impending colder weather. The Uniform Shop opens on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. The Uniform Shop can be accessed at other times if needed. Enquire at the school’s main office.

**VOLLEYBALL SPORTING SUCCESS** – Mr Rhodes

Congratulations to the Volleyball Teams who represented our college on Monday. The two Girls’ Teams came second in their age groups, winning three games out of four. The Junior Boys came third in their age group and the Intermediate Boys were undefeated, winning through to the next level of the competition. Well done to all the students who committed to training at lunchtimes in readiness for the competition. Thanks to Mr Nunn for training the teams.

**BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SPORTING SUCCESS** – Mr Rhodes

Our Girls Softball Team easily won through to the next level by winning all games played. The Junior Boys Baseball Team also won through to the next level. Our Intermediate Boys represented the College well, but were bettered by a strong Irymple team. Thanks to Mr Hill, Ms Donnelly and Mr Petrie for coaching the teams.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**FEMALE PLAYERS SOUGHT**

3 Colours SC is looking for female players in the Under 14/15 girls and Senior Women’s sections.
Further information: Vince Maiorana 0416 054 372 or threecoloursccc@live.com.au.

**SUNRAYSIA VOLLEYBALL AUTUMN SPIKE ZONE PROGRAM**

The Sunraysia Volleyball Autumn Spike Zone Program is a new program for ages 7-14. It begins 16th April and ends 18th June, each Saturday from 9:30-11:00am at the SJC Stadium. Cost is $5 per week. Come along and bring your friends!!
For more information phone Allen Hassell on 50243721 or email info@wildsideoutdoors.com.au

**SARNIA TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY**

To be held 3rd April at Sarnia Tennis Club from 11:00am-1:00pm. If you are interested in playing for Sarnia during the winter season you are welcome to come down and have a hit and register with the club. A light BBQ lunch will be provided.
Junior training will commence on 14th April at 4pm, followed by senior training at 5pm.
For more information contact Andrea Rose on 50236038 or 0428236038.
FREEZA PUSH START BATTLE OF THE BANDS
2016
The Battle of the Bands Competition will be held on 22nd April 2016 at the Mildura Senior College (details to be advised soon).
The FReeZA Push Start Battle of the Bands Competition showcases young musicians from around Victoria, giving them the opportunity to preform, gain local exposure, and win their way to a spot on the Grand Final line up. Nominations are now open with applications closing 5pm on 18th March 2016. Forms can be downloaded from mildura.vic.gov.au/youth
For more information contact Barbara Clifford 5018 8293 or 0428 997 514 or email barbara.clifford@mildura.vic.gov.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12-16 YEARS
Drop off and pick up venue is the Mildura Scout Hall, 39 Twelfth Street, Mildura. 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.

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Free lunch provided except 5th April. Book and complete registration forms early so you don’t miss out.

SUNRAYSIA VOLLEYBALL SENIOR COMPETITION
The Sunraysia Volleyball Senior Competition begins Wednesday, 20th April with the introduction of a new Social Sevens Competition. This competition will run for 10 weeks. A one off entry fee for the team with no weekly fees and then anybody can play. Matches go for 45 minutes with modified rules to suit social and beginner players. Teams have to have at least four players there each week with a maximum of six allowed on the court. For more information phone Allen Hassell on 50243721 or email info@wildsideoutdoors.com.au

SAINTS BASEBALL CLUB - MERBEIN COME AND TRY BASEBALL DAY
First Training for 2016:
Wednesday, 6th April from 4:30-6pm @Chaffey Park (Top of Pump Hill) Merbein.
U7 Tee ball. U10, U13, U15 and U17 Baseball.
Free Sausage Sizzle. New players are very welcome to come and see if baseball is for you.
Phone: Greg Stewart 0438519069.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Activities designed for primary aged children.
Cost $1.70 per session. Bookings essential.
Merbein Library – Phone 50188361
Sessions from 11am-12pm
29th March Rainbow Fish, 30th March Lego fun
31st March Angry Birds, 5th April Seaside sewing
6th April Lego Fun, 7th April Rock Monsters

Mildura Library – Phone 50188350
29th March Dream-catcher 10.30-11.30am
Decorate a Birdhouse 2.30-3.30pm
31st March Stained Glass Frame 10.30-11.30am
Pine Cone Animals 2.30-3.30pm
5th April - Pine Cone Animals 10.30-11.30am
Stained Glass Frame 2.30-3.30pm
6th April – Lego Fun 2.30-3.30pm
7th April - Decorate a Birdhouse 10.30-11.30am
Dream-catcher 2.30-3.30pm

THE ROYALTY CLUB OF MERBEIN INC.
60’S THEME ~ FUNDRAISING DINNER
A fun evening with a two course dinner, tea/coffee & yummy slices to follow. Drinks at bar available run by the Soccer Club - no BYO.
Dress 60s, wear something from the 60’s Rock n’ Roll era!
Entertainment includes a Juke Box – all your favourite 60s hits. Trivia with a 60’s theme. $10 raffle ticket with continuous draws during the evening and a bonus, your ticket number stays in giving you the chance of winning multi prizes! Over ten auction items, including: Week’s Timeshare Holiday, Electric Trawling Motor, Dinner for Two on the MV Wentworth, ‘Goodies’ from Harvey Norman and Seasol Liquid Fertilizer, plus many, many more items.
Held at the Soccer Club Rooms Kenny Park, Merbein on 9th April from 6.30-7pm. Cost $30 per person.
Tickets available from Leon & Kay Wagner - 5025 2585, 0427 252 586 (L), 0498 252 580 (K) Robyn Blackie – 5024 3848
Joe Wright - 0418 890 907
Funds raised will support:
• Local Merbein Schools’ Scholarship Program – Yr 6 & Yr 10
• Books for Babies program – in Merbein
• Australian Rotary Health – Mental Health Research
• Rotary Support to bush fire victims
• Rotary International Projects – to aid disaster stricken overseas projects.

OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH MERBEIN – FIRST EUCHARIST
• Lessons for the Sacraments of the Confirmation and First Eucharist begin 21st April at 7pm at the school. Children would have already made their First Reconciliation. For more information phone Janine Dannatt 0419371284.
MILDURA LAWN TENNIS CLUB HOLIDAY CLINIC
Dates are 29th March – 1st April and 4th April – 7th April.
Offering full or half days.
Half Days 8:30am to 12:30pm, cost $44 per half day or $143 for 4 half days.
Full Days 8:30am to 3:00pm, $55 per day or $192.50 for 4 full days. (last day finishes at 12:30pm)
Please bring a plate of food to share.
Coaching all levels, Games and Fun Tournaments
Presentation Last Day, Every Player receives a Prize
Mornings - Stroke development.
Afternoons - Round Robin Tournament and learn to score.
To book go to www.tennismildura.com.au/coach
For more information phone Dean Kyle on 0414 826 318 or email: ontourtennis1@gmail.com.

MINIROOS REGISTRATION DAY
3 COLOURS SC MINIROOS REGISTRATION
Held Wednesday, 13th April 2016 at Pitch 10, Soccer Park, Flora Ave Mildura from 5.30-6.30pm.
New and existing players welcome to register
Players are requested to self-register BEFORE the Registration Day. Instructions on how to self-register are available at www.threecolours.com.au
For further information phone Vince Maiorana 0416 054 372 or email threecolourscc@live.com.au.

SUNRAYSIA RUGBY LEAGUE COACH COURSE
The Sunraysia Rugby League will be holding a Modified Games Coach (MGC) course Modified Games Coach in Mildura on 2nd April from 9am-2pm. This course is designed for people who wish to coach children from the age of 5-12.
This opportunity is open to all members of the public and school systems who wish to expand their knowledge of Rugby League and coaching in general.
At the low cost of $55 this course provides you with an ncasnoas accreditation for four years.
For more information visit https://education-nrl.sportingpulse.com/event.asp?ID=5815.

SUNRAYSIA MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL
Will be held 30th April at the SMECC Community Cultural Centre on 12th Street from 10.30-3.30pm.
The festival will have live music and dance, traditional food and drinks, Henna Art and Face Painting, Children’s Activities Area and Jumping Castles, Afghan Community Workshop Space, Art and Craft Stalls.
Entry is free. Gold coin donations are welcome.
Visit their Facebook Page for more information about the event and updates as they occur.
https://www.facebook.com/events/809554692506880/
or phone Andrew J. Rankin 5022 1006.

MILDURA NETBALL FREE UMPIRING SESSIONS
Held 10th April from 1-5pm on Mansell Reserve.
Bring drink bottle, whistle, hair band and wear appropriate footwear. Must have completed Level 1 online umpiring course prior to session. Bring a copy of certificate. Automatic entry into their Umpire Mentoring Program for winter 2016.
For more information contact Lisa Jackson 0428596685.

If anyone is interested in doing their netball umpiring course, there is a team looking for an umpire, they will be paid $20 per game. Contact Mrs Holy, email rebeccaholy80@gmail.com