DATES TO REMEMBER

**JUNE**
- 17th Friday
  - Pri Mildura Eisteddfod Dances from 9.30am
- 23rd Thursday
  - Gr P-4 Inclusion ‘Responsible Pets’
- 24th Friday
  - Last day of Term 2 – early dismissal time of 2.30pm

Casual Dress Day – Gold Coin Donation – Sausage Sizzle Lunch

**AUGUST**
- 22nd Friday
  - Primary PJ Day
- 16th Tuesday
  - The Beat
- 17th Wednesday
  - The Beat
- 20th – 26th
  - Book Week – Theme ‘Australia Story Country’

**SEPTEMBER**
- 6th Tuesday
  - Immunisations
- 12th Monday
  - Visiting Performance - Pass the Poetry

**NOVEMBER**
- 14th Monday
  - Visiting Performance - To Federation And Beyond

**2016 TERM DATES**
- Term 2: 11th April – 24th June
- Term 3: 11th July – 16th September
- Term 4: 3rd October – 20th December

**STUDENT DENTAL SERVICE**
- 13th St and Deakin Ave Mildura
- Phone 50210944

**SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS**
- BSB - 063 714
- Bank Acc Number – 10060535
- Account Name - Merbein P-10 College

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Mr Graeme Cupper

THANKS TO PARENTS

I would like to sincerely thank secondary students and families for the outstanding support you provided last Friday by allowing your children to work/stay at home. We only had a small number of students at school last Friday which allowed many of our staff members to attend the funeral service and support the bereaved family and friends.

This week we have seen a return to normal daily routines and activities. I ask parents/carers to please contact the school if you notice that your son/daughter is experiencing any reactions that concern you. We have a support response team in place who can provide some information and support that may assist you in conversations with your child.

DEPUTY PREMIER VISIT REPORT

Yesterday morning our school hosted a visit from the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Mr James Merlino. Mr Merlino was accompanied by Jaclyn Symes, MLC for Northern Victoria. Jaclyn has been a strong advocate for Merbein P-10 College and a supporter of our on-going campaign to achieve the completion of the promised regeneration. Also joining the official group were Jane Maine, Area Executive Director, NW Region and Gary Weir, Senior Education Improvement Leader, NW Region.

During a tour of the school Mr Merlino spoke to students and inspected our facilities including the old technology building that is to be replaced with a new structure. Mr Merlino also addressed a whole-school assembly, formally announcing around $2.5 million which will used to construct the new Technology building. Mr Merlino also advised the school assembly that he would be open to discussions about completing the further stages in the near future. The next focus will be on relacing the Science, Canteen, Administration and Resource Centre. Such comments from the Deputy Premier were very encouraging and I expect School Council will now be keen to pursue this opportunity.

On behalf of the Merbein P-10 College I would like to sincerely thank Mr Merlino and Ms Symes for their commitment to ensuring our young people get the best-possible opportunity to achieve educational success by investing in the upgrade of our technology facilities. I also thank Mr Merlino for re-energising the Merbein P-10 Regeneration Project.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts many people made to ensure yesterday’s visit was a success. A special mention to Andrew Nemtsas, our School Council President, Alex Pallot and Josh May, College Student Leaders, Mr Rhodes and Mrs Luitjes.
GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY REPORT

It was great to see so many Grandparents and Special Friends join us this morning to spend time with the primary children in their classrooms. We were also pleased to welcome special guests from Chaffey Aged Care. After joining in with classroom activities our guests were treated to a morning tea in the Grade 4-6 Orange Building.

I must thank all of our visitors for making the effort to spend this time with the children. It is important for the children to share and celebrate their school experiences. Such events strengthen the home-school-community partnership which is important in helping our young people to achieve success in their education.

I would like to congratulate all of the primary staff for the extensive planning and preparation that led up to this day. A very big thanks to Kylie Liddicoat and the canteen staff who prepared a very large morning tea which was enjoyed by everyone. Thanks also to the FLO students who assisted with setting up and serving food. The FLO Coffee Team – Kayne Godfrey, Ryan Mosley, Kim McCarty and Sandra Luitjes, also did a roaring trade despite having to wade in ground coffee beans at times.
STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students receiving Student of the Month Awards at the whole school assembly yesterday.

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CASUAL DRESS DAY – SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Last Day of the Term

On the last day of term, Friday, 24th June, the Student Representative Council will be conducting a fundraiser. Students in both the primary and secondary sections are permitted to wear casual dress to school on this day, if they bring a gold coin donation. There will also be a Sausage Sizzle at lunch time on Friday 24th June for the whole school at a cost of $1 per sausage. The secondary students can pay for their Sausage Sizzle on the day. An order form went home today with every primary student. Please ensure your child’s Sausage Sizzle order form and payment is returned to the school before next Wednesday, 22nd June.
**CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND 2016**

Parents and guardians who hold a Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) that is valid on the first day of Term 2, are eligible to claim the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund. Application forms must be completed and returned to the school by 20th June, for the claims to be processed. Application forms are available from the main school office or the office in the Green Building.

**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

**PLAY GROUP**

If you are interested in coming along to a 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.

**SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS**

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**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 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.

**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.

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**PRIMARY NEWS**

**EISTEDDFOD DANCE PERFORMANCES TOMORROW – FRIDAY, 17TH JUNE**

We are asking parents to please have the **Grade P-2 students at the school ready with their plain black pants on, so they can have their make-up applied at 8.30am**, as the bus will be leaving our college at 9.15am. Could the **Grade P-2 students also bring a packed snack in a paper bag with their name on it and a drink bottle**.

Parents wishing to attend the Eisteddfod can buy a single section ticket for $3. The Grade P-2 section, Section 645.2 begins at 10am, so please allow plenty of time to be seated. This is a primary school event, so there will be lots of parents attending. There are eight items in this section. The Jellyfish dance will be Item 4, the Seahorse dance will be Item 5 and the Starfish dance will be Item 6.

The Grade 2-4 and Grade 5-6 students will perform their dances in Section 646 commencing at approximately 10.45am. The Dolphins will be Item 2 and the 5-6 will be Item 3. **The Grades 2-6 will have recess before they leave. Please send a water bottle for them to take on the excursion**. If your child has not been practising for the Eisteddfod, they will remain at school.

Please make sure your child’s permission note has been returned.

Dance costume requirements are as follows:

- **Grade 2-4 students** are required to wear black pants/track pants and plain black t-shirts. Girls with long hair are required to wear their hair straight back in a ponytail. The rest of the costume will be provided by the school.
- **Starfish students** are required to wear black pants. Hair pulled back. The top will be provided by the school.
- **Seahorse students** are required to wear black pants and plain black tops. Hair pulled back. The rest of their costume will be provided by the school.
- **Jellyfish students** are required to wear black pants. Their tops will be provided by the school. The girls’ hair needs to be in a high ponytail and teased up. A bow for their hair will be provided by the school. The boys need to have their hair spiked with some gel or hair product.
- **Grade 5-6 students** are required to wear camouflage/combat clothing or plain black clothing, top and bottom. Girls with long hair are required to wear their hair straight back in a ponytail. The rest of the costume will be provided by the school.
GRADE 5-6 AWARDS LAST WEEK
Congratulations to the Grade 5-6 students who received an ICT Award today and also our SWPB Award recipient.

GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY REPORT – Mr Lord
A great day was had by all. It was fantastic to see our visitors here sharing their grandchildren’s/special friend’s education. The photos taken this morning highlight the joy this program brings to all of us. This day is one that we all look forward to and the children gain enormously from sharing a small part of their everyday school life with their visitors. A big thank you to all our visitors, helpers, canteen staff, the FLO staff and students and The Parents’ Club.

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.
Parent/Teacher Interviews
We look forward to seeing all our parents next Wednesday, 22nd June at the Parent/Teacher Interviews held between 2.30-7.00pm. If you have not yet made an interview time, please ring the college or talk to Mrs Collinhole in the Green Building office when dropping off or picking your child up from the school. A disco will be held here at the school on this day for all the primary students starting at 5.45pm and finishing at 7pm.

Grade P-4 Weekly Awards
-Wendy Finn
Congratulations to last week’s Grade P-4 award recipients.

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 school before the end of the school day.

Secondary News

Sports Jacket Uniform
There has been an issue with some of the new Sports Jackets coming unstitched on the side seams. If this happens, please return it to the school and we will send it back to the supplier to have them repaired.

End of Semester – Mr Rhodes
All students in Years 7-10 will finish their Arts/Technology Extension Subjects tomorrow, Friday 17th June. Students will receive their new timetable at the beginning of next week. All students pre-selected their subjects last year. Students in Years 8-10 will have an opportunity to re-select their elective subject contingent on subject availability, not having completed the subject previously and curriculum balance. The process of re-selecting electives has commenced with many students checking their selections and some changing their selections.

Uniform – Mr Rhodes
The cooler weather has arrived. All students have many acceptable uniform options to keep them warm. It is important that ALL students have the correct uniform to wear to school. If parents need some assistance in obtaining uniforms for their children, they should contact Mrs Judy Hunyadi in the main office or Mr Greg Rhodes to make suitable arrangements. Students are not permitted to wear Hoodies to school. If students are out of uniform for a short period of time they should bring a signed note to school.

Report Distribution for Secondary Students – Mr Rhodes
All Secondary Student Reports will be handed to students next Thursday, 23rd June. If you would prefer your report to be posted or collected directly please contact the general office prior to next Thursday.
On Monday, 16th May, thirteen girls from Merbein P-10 Year 7-10, Judy Donnelly and JD left for Melbourne to compete in the SSV State Softball Finals. The day began with an early start and trip from North Melbourne to Glen Waverley to be at the grounds and ready to play at 9:30am. Our first game was against Glen Waverley Secondary College. This should have been an easy win as the girls were less experienced compared to us. However a few errors here and there let them score many runs that should have been outs. We just scraped over the line in the end winning 14-13. The second game was against Viewbank College. This was the tough game. We fought our hardest against them leading into the last field; however a few errors and safe hits for the other team brought in two runs and finished the game. We lost 7-9. Our third and final game was against Broadford Secondary College. We started off with a strong field, however after the first inning was complete and we could not possibly lose, we decided to change things up and let everyone have a go at something different. It was great to see some girls step-up and give a different position a go. Margaret, Shania and Vhilla had a go at pitching and Ashlee had a go at catching (many laughs included). We ended up winning the game 21-3. As we had more runs than any other team in Division 1, we placed third in the state. A great achievement for our team. Many thanks to the following people: Judy Donnelly for driving the bus and putting up with the loudness and music, JD for coaching us and Jordan Kerr for taking the quality photos. From my perspective of captain, it was fantastic to see everyone so keen to learn and have a go at anything. Team Members: Alex Pallot (Captain), Tara Martin (Vice Captain), Issy McKinnon, Ashlee Battin, Shania McKinnon, Margaret McDonald, Vhilla Evans, Anne-Marie McPhail, Mac Ogden, Kailee Phillipe, Calin Graham, Gemma Thomas and Nadia.

LOCAL CENSUS JOBS AVAILABLE NOW
Make a difference in your community and join Australia’s largest logistical peacetime operation, the 2016 Census of Population and Housing. Census night is August 9 and the Australian Bureau of Statistics is right now looking for dedicated, enthusiastic self-starters to fill up to 6,900 Field Officer Positions across Victoria. If you are community minded and comfortable using a mobile or tablet device the ABS wants to hear from you. Field Officers play a critical role by visiting households and ensuring everyone makes the Census count. They also earn around $21 an hour and enjoy flexible, part-time work hours for up to 3 months. To do the job you’ll need to be a good communicator, reasonably fit, licensed to drive and able to travel and work independently.
To apply or find more information, visit www.abs.gov.au/careers

MILDURA WEEKLY WINTER FOOD DRIVE
EasyMix 1467AM and the Mildura Weekly are working together to encourage donations of non-perishable food for a Foodbank in this area. Foodbank distributes packages through local organisations including: * Schools, as part of the Breakfast Programs. * Charitable groups including the Salvation Army and St Vinnies. Foodbank will ensure all donations made to the EasyMix 1467/Mildura Weekly Winter Food Drive will be distributed in Sunraysia.
If you can donate non-perishable foods to this cause, please contact Daniel Brewer Promotions / Announcer on phone 5023 3311 or drop the donations into EasyMix 1467AM 130 Ninth Street Mildura.

GRIP NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CAMP 2016
Would you like to develop valuable leadership skills whilst having enormous fun during the July school holidays? Students in Yrs 10-12 are invited to participate in a National Leadership Camp being held in Sydney, hosted by the GRIP Leadership Team. Teenagers from around Australia will be gathering for this four day camp from July 3rd-6th. GRIP Leadership is well known for organising Australia's largest student leadership events and helping students reach their potential as a leader. Full details available at www.gripleadership.com.au/camp.
YOUTH SERVICES MILDURA SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AGES 12-16 YEARS
June/July Holiday program for young people ages 12-16 years. The program run from 9am-2pm each day, lunch is provided and there is no cost unless otherwise specified in the table below. Home base for this program is the Mildura Scout Hall at 39 Twelfth Street Mildura. Bookings are essential. Registration forms available by contacting youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au or www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth
Phone the Mildura Rural City Council on 50188280 for more information.

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FREE – LITTLE DAY OUT
This program provides an opportunity to discover the latest local information from pregnancy to primary school. To be held Friday 17th June from 9am-1pm at Lifestyle Plus, 3 King Avenue Mildura. A day of fun, information and family friendly children’s entertainment for free.

WALK TO REDUCE YOUR FOOTPRINT
On the 19th June the Sacred Heart Environmental Committee is hosting this day to teach people about the importance of reducing our use of energy and to think about living more sustainably. The walk will begin at 10am at Nowingi Place, Mildura and walk to the Art Centre where ideas and information will be shared. All welcome.

MALLEE SPORTS ASSEMBLY SAFER SPORT COURSES
To be held at the South Mildura Football Club Rooms on the corner of 12th street and San Mateo Ave Mildura.

**Level 1 Sports Trainer** – 19th Jun from 1-5pm and 20th June from 5-9pm. Cost $200. Participants must attend both sessions.

**Advanced Taping** – 19th June from 5-9pm. Cost $85.

For more information contact Tanya at Mallee Sports Assembly on 50213464 or email tanya@malleesportsassembly.org.au.

2001 - 2004 MERBEIN HIGH SCHOOL REUNION
Ex-students and staff who attended Merbein Secondary College from 2001-2004 are invited to a reunion on Saturday, 30th July beginning at 5pm. For further information please contact Tegan Lawn on tegan@selectevents.com.au

WEP ITALIAN OR FRENCH-SPEAKING EXCHANGE STUDENTS – HOST FAMILIES URGENTLY NEEDED
WEP is urgently looking for four loving, volunteer host families to host their Italian and French-speaking exchange students who will arrive in Australia this July, as their previously confirmed host families had to withdraw for personal reasons.
If this is of interest, please contact Sylvia Kelly at WEP today to receive a detailed program and student information: www.wep.org.au, sylviakelly@wep.org.au, 1300 884 733.

SUNRAYSIA GANG SHOW IS TURNING 40!
Watch the Scouts and Guides of Sunraysia perform the 40th Sunraysia Gang Show during the school holidays. Performances held from 1st to the 9th July at St Joseph’s Mercy Theatre on the corner of Riverside Avenue and 11th Street, Mildura. Tickets can be purchased via our website www.sunraysiagangshow.org.au or email Cheree R Hoyle, for more information.

hoyle.cheree.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

ON TOUR TENNIS HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Held at the Mildura Lawn Tennis Club.
Dates: 27th and 30th June, 4th and 7th July.
Mornings: Stroke development
Afternoons: Round Robin Tournament and learn to score.
Coaching all levels, Games and Fun Tournaments.
Every Player receives a prize on the last day.
Cost: Half Days 9-12, $33 per day or $122 for 4 half days. Full Days 9-3, for 3 full days and last day half day $50 per day or $173 for 3 full days + 1 half day
All prices include GST. Free BBQ on last day.
For bookings go to www.tennismildura.com.au/coach
or for more information contact Dean Kyle, phone 0414826318, email, ontourtennis1@gmail.com.