DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE
- 24th Friday
  - Last day of Term 2 – early dismissal time of 2.30pm
  - OSCH finishes at the earlier time of 5pm.
- Casual Dress Day – Gold Coin Donation – Sausage Sizzle Lunch

JULY
- 21st Thursday
  Sec Athletics Day
- 22nd Friday
  Primary PJ Day
- 26th Tuesday
  Pri Athletics Day

AUGUST
- 5th Friday
  Jeans for Genes Day
- 5th – 21st
  Olympic Games
- 16th Tuesday
  The Beat
- 17th Wednesday
  The Beat
- 20th – 26th
  Book Week – Theme ‘Australia Story Country’
- 31st August- 2nd September
  Year 3-4 camp Adelaide

SEPTEMBER
- Pri Sleepover ??
- 6th Tuesday
  Immunisations
- 8th Thursday
  RUOK? Day
- 12th Monday
  Visiting Performance - Pass the Poetry
- 16th Friday
  Footy/Sports Colour Day

OCTOBER
- 31st Monday
  Merbein P-10 (Melb) Cup Day

NOVEMBER
- 11th Friday
  Remembrance Day
- 14th Monday
  Visiting Performance - To Federation And Beyond
- 14th – 17th
  5/6 camp - Melbourne

2016 TERM DATES
- Term 3: 11th July – 16th September

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

GRADE P-6 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW REPORT

Yesterday, Parent/Teacher Interviews were held in the evening for our Grade Prep-6 student families. It was well attended and I thank the many parents who made the time to meet with teachers and have an important conversation about their child’s learning.

The school also ran a disco in the Gym Dance Studio from 5.45-7.00pm for primary children whose parents attended an interview. The response from the children who participated in the disco was very positive and I would like to thank the following people for making this all possible:

* Our Year 10 DJs (Nathan Mitchell and Aydan Menegaldo), who did a terrific job presenting the music.
* Ms Williams (SRC Coordinator) and her helpers in the disco.
* Mr Pay who worked at the front of house to manage tickets and refreshments.
* Mrs Luitjes, Mr Rhodes, Mr Morgan and staff who provided supervision and support.
* Thanks also to parents for either waiting, or making an extra trip to allow their children to join-in the disco.
END OF TERM
I would like to wish students, families and staff a relaxing break. This term has been both busy and difficult and I would especially like to thank the staff for the care, commitment and support they have provided.
I look forward to seeing everyone safe and well when school resumes in Term 3 on Monday 11th July.

REMINDER ABOUT END-OF-DAY ROUTINES
On Monday afternoon, one of our infant children headed off home without waiting for his mum. I believe he “attached himself” to one of his young friends who was walking home with his grandfather. Upon discovering the child was missing, an urgent search was conducted and fortunately the child was found safe and well. The college and his family would like to thank the parents, grandparent and community members who helped us in the search. We are greatly appreciative of the efforts of the grandfather who tried to return the young boy to school.
The staff have reinforced to students that they are only to go home as arranged with their family. Parents are also reminded that there is always a staff member on duty until the last student is picked up at the end of the day. However, if you are going to be late, please telephone the college, so that your child is not worried.

CASUAL DRESS DAY – SAUSAGE SIZZLE
LAST DAY OF THE TERM – Jess Williams
Tomorrow, Friday, 24th June, the Student Representative Council (SRC) 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 tomorrow 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 this week with every primary student. If your Primary student has not already returned their order form, they will need to bring their lunch to school tomorrow.

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

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.

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.

**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.

**PRIMARY NEWS**

**HEAD LICE**
To help the school prevent the spread of Head Lice, we ask that parents please be diligent in checking your child’s head for Head Lice or eggs. If lice are detected, please seek medication from the chemist to treat your child before returning them to school.

**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.

**LOST PROPERTY**
Please take time to check the lost property at the office in the Green Building. There is a lot of lost jumpers.
PRIMARY EISTEDDFOD REPORTS
Grade 5-6 students were rewarded for all of their hard work at the Mildura Eisteddfod last Friday by placing equal second! Approximately forty students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Including the waiting in the backstage room, performing on stage, being an audience member and celebrating their success afterwards. Congratulations to all involved.
Sue Gardiner

Grade 2-4 students participated in the Mildura Eisteddfod last Friday and received an Honourable Mention. They were honoured to win the Peter and Betty Johnston Perpetual Award for the entire primary dance sections. Their hard work paid. Well done! Everyone did an amazing job!
Janelle Costello

Grade P-2 students participated in the Mildura Eisteddfod last Friday. All students were amazing on stage. A big thank you to the parent helpers! Well done to the Starfish Room on receiving equal 2nd Place and to the Jellyfish and Seahorse Rooms for both receiving an Honourable Mention. Great effort! We are so proud of you all.
Brioney Hall

RESPONSIBLE PET PROGRAM REPORT – Wendy Finn
The students in Grade P-4 enjoyed a visit from Bonnie, a Cairn Terrier Dog and her owner Leonie, a pet educator with the Education Department. They learnt about safely approaching animals and how to best care for them. Please ask your child what they learnt and reinforce that behaviour around animals.

GRADE P-2 READING REWARD DISCO TODAY
MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
Reminder that OSHC finishes at the earlier time of 5pm tomorrow. Cheryl Hodge is our school’s OSHC coordinator and can be contacted on 0428 258035 if you have any queries.

SECONDARY NEWS

MILDURA EISTEDDFOD RESULTS – Emma Smith
Last Friday fifty five excited secondary students performed at the Mildura Eisteddfod. Throughout the term they have been working very hard on their dance routines ready to perform. It was fantastic to see them all on the Arts Centre stage under lights, bursting with confidence in front of the audience!!

Comments from the Adjudicator included a great choice of music, fantastic costumes, terrific commitment and energy by all dancers. Well-rehearsed. Well done!

Results were: Year 7 - Honourable mention, Year 8 - 2nd Place and Year 9-10 - 1st Place.

Well done to everyone who participated. It was a fantastic day and you should all be very proud of yourselves!!

Photo below: Year 7 Dance Group with a Rock Theme, performing to We Will Rock You!

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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
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.

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

Sunraysia Arts and Learning - Term 3 Enrolments Now Open!

TERM 3 - SUNRAYSIA ARTS AND LEARNING
The following classes, Music Together (for kids 0-5 and their big people), Drum Circle for Kids, Drum Circle for Adults and Music for Life (for learners with additional needs) will start 14th and 16th July.

YOUTH SERVICES MILDURA SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AGES 12-16 YEARS
June/July Holiday program for young people ages 12-16 years. The program runs 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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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

SPECIAL NEEDS’ SEMINAR - JULY
SuniTAFE, Swinburne University, iCAN Network and Learning Difficulties Australia are holding a ‘Spotlight on Special Needs’ seminar series commencing in July.
Monday 18 July
- Quiet Magic Method, presented by Chris Varney iCAN Network.
- Autism in Context, facilitated by SuniTAFE and Swinburne University.
Friday 29 July
- Dyslexia and other learning disorders.
- The impact of poor working memory on learning.
Saturday 30 July
- Working with complex behaviours.
- Learning to read with explicit phonics.
Presented by Kristin Anthian, Education and Development Consultant, Learning Difficulties Australia.
Register by visiting www.gticketing.com.au/sunitafe or for further information email seminars@sunitafe.edu.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

GIRL GUIDES VACANCIES - GIRLS AGED 5–18 YEARS
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