

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

22nd Friday

- Pri Book Club orders closing date
- ANZAC Ceremony 1.10pm

25th Monday

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

29th Friday

Biggest Morning Tea

MAY

3rd Tuesday

- Secondary Open Night 5-7pm
- Immunisations

4th Wednesday

Partners in Learning

6th Friday

Merbein P-10 Cross Country

10th, 11th 12th

NAPLAN

16th-20th

Year 9 Camp

23rd Monday

Pupil Free Day

25th Wednesday

- Gr P-4 National Simultaneous Story Telling
- Sec Interschool Cross Country

JUNE

10th Friday

Primary Grandparents Day

13th Monday

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

16th -19th

Mildura Eisteddfod Dances

24th Friday

Last day of Term 2 - early dismissal time of 2.30pm

JULY

22nd Friday

Primary PJ Day

AUGUST

20th - 26th

Book Week - Theme 'Australia Story Country'

SEPTEMBER

6th Tuesday

Immunisations

12th Monday

Visiting Performance - Pass the Poetry Please

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Monday, 25th April is a Public Holiday.
There will be NO school on this day.**

MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE ANZAC CEREMONY - Mr Rhodes Tomorrow, Friday 22nd April, students will attend an ANZAC Ceremony at the flagpole in the front of our school between 1.10pm to 1.30pm. Mr Robert Lauder who is the Vice President of the Merbein RSL will lead the service. Some of our students will be laying wreaths at the school flagpole.

OFFICIAL MERBEIN ANZAC CEREMONY - Mr Rhodes On Monday, 25th April, the official Merbein ANZAC Ceremony will be held. A group of students from our college will meet at the RSL building in Commercial Street at around 9.15am to join the March. At present twenty students wearing school uniform will be marching. **Any student who would like to is welcome to march with the school on Monday morning as long as they are wearing full school uniform.**

If students have medals from a relative and provided they have their permission, they are encouraged to wear them in the march. The procession will march to the gates of Kenny Park where our SRC Leaders will lay a wreath along with other community organisations. The official ceremony will follow and will take place at the rotunda in Kenny Park, concluding approximately 10.45am. We encourage students and families to attend the ceremony. It is good opportunity to commemorate this important day as it is the 101st Anniversary of ANZAC this year.



WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Mother's Day Stall



Beautiful Gifts for Mum,
Grandma, Nanna or that
Special Lady in your life

Thursday 5th May

9:30am ~ 11am Primary Students
11am ~ 11:30am Secondary Students

Gifts starting at \$1

Proudly organised by Merbein P-10 College Parents Club



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. A walk through the school will be conducted at 5pm followed by refreshments at the Merbein Citizens Club at 6.00pm. For Further information please contact Tegan Lawn on tegan@selectevents.com.au

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.

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

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

ANZAC DAY WORK

The infant students, Grade P-2, have been looking at the meaning of ANZAC Day. They have completed some activities to broaden their experiences and understanding. They made medals, baked ANZAC Biscuits, made ANZAC ice-cream cakes and each class made a wreath for our service at the school on Friday.





PREP UNIFORM PACKAGE - CSEF
 As part of the Victorian Government's Affordable Uniform Program, prep students who are recipients of the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund are automatically eligible for uniform support and will receive a polar fleece jumper and a pair of track pants. **Please contact the office to collect these items.**

GRADE P-2 ART NEWS - Jodie Anderson
 Students in Grades P-2, using their hands in art. Focussing on fine motor activities.



MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

The event will be held on Friday, 6th May. Students have started training. Students are encouraged to wear their team colour of either Red, Yellow or Green along with appropriate footwear on the day.

PARTNERS IN LEARNING – GRADES P-2 –

Rebekah McClure

This program for Grade P-2 students will be held Wednesday, 27th April from 5:30-7:00pm in the Grade P-2 end of the Green Building.

A fun reading activity program for students and parents to share together, making meaning from reading. Kinder children and siblings welcome.

Toasted sandwiches will be provided for children, tea, coffee and biscuits for adults.

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents.”



- Jane D. Hull

CONGRATUATIONS TO LAST WEEK’S GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS



BOOK CLUB

The closing date for Book Club orders is tomorrow, Friday, 22nd April.

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.

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.

SECONDARY NEWS

YEAR 10 STOCK MARKET GAME REPORT –

Howard Hankinson

Overall a slightly better week on the Stock Market saw a few more syndicates claw back over the initial \$50,000 starting amount. 31 of our 54 syndicates (57%) have over \$50,000 in stock and cash in their portfolio.

Continuing in 1st Place at Merbein P-10 and by a reasonable amount is Ethan Axton on \$54,794 nearly \$5000 in profit and placed 72nd in Australia and 20th in Victoria out of 16,603 syndicates. A great job Ethan. The Prize for our school’s leading syndicate will be lunch in Mildura with their Humanities Teacher.

Bishang (Tiarnie Bishop & Jack Lang) remain in 2nd Place with \$52,908 and in 3rd Place Shanhan (Shannarah Maher & Hannah Nicholson) with \$52,703. The leading syndicate in Australia has \$58,555. The game continues until the 18th May.

‘WRITE ON’ COMPETITION –

Laura McPhee
The English Department is very pleased to announce the winners of this year’s ‘Write On’ Writing Competition. In Term 1, each year level was given two different prompts which students had to address. Every student in Years 7-10 wrote two pieces and finalists were decided by their English Teachers. Winners were chosen by a panel of guest judges including Mrs Luitjes, Mrs Matotek, Mr Rhodes and Mr Cupper. Congratulations to all participating students, especially the placegetters and sincere thanks to the panel of judges. Prizes and certificates will be handed out at Year Level Assemblies in the near future.

Year 7

Narrative	Creative
1st – Connie Elze	1st – Pukohu Dalton
2nd – Hannah Matotek	2nd – Aidan Middleton
3rd – Aidan Middleton	3rd – Cambelle Hedley

Year 8

Narrative	Creative
1st - McKenzie Dunne	1st – Wes Beckwith
2nd – Kobe Byrne	2nd – Amelia McKerrow
3rd – Chloe Costa	3rd – Raiden Wakefield

Year 9

Narrative	Creative
1st – India Dove	1st – Jess Hall
2nd – Brock Stevens	2nd – Nathaniel Rothwell
3rd – Georgia O’Neil	3rd – Nikita Whitford

Year 10

Narrative	Creative
1st – Jarrod Frost	1st – Josh May
2nd - Kristen Stjepovic	2nd – Jordan Kerr
3rd – Jack Lang	3rd – Enya Nemtsas

YEAR 9 MELBOURNE CAMP – Chris Blackie

The Year 9 Melbourne Camp is fast approaching! Students will have an opportunity to visit and learn at some of Victoria's major cultural institutions and experience urban life firsthand. An Information Booklet, an itinerary and the final Parental Consent and Medical Information Forms were either given to Year 9 students or emailed to parents/carers this week. Please return these notices to the College as soon as possible. Total cost for the camp is \$440.00, less any deposits already paid. Payment must be finalised before Monday, 16th May. Please talk with Yvonne Matotek at the College Front Office to arrange payment plans to help with the camp costs if necessary. For further information about the camp, contact Chris Blackie, email blackie.christopher.j@edumail.vic.gov.au.

STUDENTS ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL SURVEY – Mr Rhodes

Over the next week all students in Years 5-10 will complete a survey about our school. The scope of the survey includes their views on their teachers, class room behaviour and their efforts at the studies.

The information from these anonymous surveys is collated in Melbourne and our school is sent the results, which helps us make decisions about our school. When doing these surveys we ask that students are honest.

NAPLAN TESTING – GRADES 3/5/7/9 – Mr Rhodes

During the week of May 10th-12th, most students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 around Australia will be sitting the NAPLAN Tests. Teachers have been preparing students in their classes for these tests. There will be two tests on Tuesday based on English skills, one Writing test Wednesday and either one or two Maths tests on Thursday depending on the year level. This is a very rigorous program that can be quite challenging for students.

If you do not wish your child to sit one or all of these tests, please contact your child's Learning Centre Leader or Mr Rhodes, as a special form will need to be completed to excuse your child from the testing.

The students who will be sitting the test need to have a 2B pencil a pencil sharpener and rubber for every test. All the test papers and writing paper will be supplied. Secondary students will also need a calculator for one of the maths tests on the Thursday. Mobile phones or other electronic devices apart from calculators are NOT permitted. The format of the tests, means that there will be a disruption to normal classes on these days. An official NAPLAN flyer will be distributed to families of students who are eligible to sit the NAPLAN tests as soon as they become available.

OPEN NIGHT (SECONDARY)– Mr Rhodes

On Tuesday, 3rd May, we will be conducting our Annual Open Night from 5-7pm. This is an opportunity for families of prospective Year 7 students to come to the school and talk with teachers and students about our school. Some of our teachers will be asking students to assist on the night. To be asked and to help is an honour. Students helping will need to wear full school uniform. These students will be provided with a snack at about 4.30pm. Parents are asked to pick them up at the conclusion of the event at around 7pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MERBEIN GOLF CLUB 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Step back in time with the Merbein Golf Club Inc. celebrating its 90th Anniversary with a Family Fun Day on 24th April at 11.30am.

Events include Jumping Castle, Face Painting, Historical Display, Go Go Golf Activity, Launch of the Merbein Golf Club Magazine 1926 – 2016 featuring local recipes.

Gourmet BBQ lunch available \$5 a head.

For catering purposes please contact the Club on Facebook or email royal.merbein@gmail.com by 20th April.

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.

HIPPO! HIPPO! MUSICAL AT THE ARTS CENTRE

Performances at the Mildura Arts Centre on 17th May at 10am, 11.45am and 1.30pm. Shows for schools. Phone 50188330 for more information.

HEADSPACE MILDURA - JOB SEARCH GROUP SESSIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Headspace Mildura and Melinda Binding (MADEC worker) are offering a four week course, commencing Monday, 2nd May at 4pm, to help young people with goal setting, creating a resume and cover letter and learning how to prepare for the interview. Held in the Headspace building. If you know of someone who could benefit from this, please see Headspace Mildura reception or phone 5021 2400 to book your place.

COME TOGETHER SUNRAYSIA FESTIVAL
BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION

Churches in the region are coming together to host these events FREE, for everyone. All events will be held at Nowingi Place.

Friday 29th April at 6pm – Games, activities and live music – a youth focus.

Saturday 30th April at 11am – Kidsfest with jumping castles, crafts, games and live music.

Saturday 30th April at 7pm – Live music, real-life stories and a message of hope for everyone, young and old.

Contact Sarah by email sarahrmonks@gmail.com or phone 04055695381 for more information.

THREE COLOURS SC - MINI ROOS SOCCER

Mini Roos Soccer Training is held Wednesday nights from 5.30-6.30pm for U6 to U11.

Season starts 24th April. For registration information call Vince Maiorana on 0416054372 or go to www.myfootballclub.com.au.