

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

6th Friday

Merbein P-10 Cross Country

9th Monday

-Gr P-6 Indonesia Dance Workshop

-Sec SOM Assembly

12th Thursday

Pri SOM Assembly

10th, 11th 12th

NAPLAN

16th-20th

Year 9 Camp

17th Tuesday

Primary District Cross County

23rd Monday

Pupil Free Day

25th Wednesday

-Gr P-4 National Simultaneous Story Telling

-Sec Interschool Cross Country

26th Thursday

Primary Disabilities Awareness Talk

27th Friday

Primary Disabilities Awareness Talk

JUNE

10th Friday

Primary Grandparents Day

13th Monday

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

17th Friday

Prim Mildura Eisteddfod Dances 9.30am

20th Monday

Pri Student Reports sent home

21st Tuesday

Prim P/T Interviews (after school)

22nd Wednesday

Prim P/T Interviews (after school)

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

OPEN NIGHT REPORT

Tuesday night's Open Night surpassed all expectations. There was a large attendance and we received many positive comments about the school. The presentation format was well-received and the musical items either side were very enjoyable.

There are many people to be thanked:

- Mr Morgan, for re-vamping the format and the extensive engagement with the feeder schools leading up to Open Night.
 - The many staff who set up rooms and explained the range of programs offered at Merbein P-10.
 - Josh Hudson and the music students, who were sensational.
 - The students who assisted in the various classrooms, serving refreshments etc.
 - Jenny Donnelly, Nathan and the Press Gang for the audio-visual presentations.
 - Students, Alex Pallot and Josh May who spoke about the school. Alex, Josh and Ashlee Wakefield also assisted Mr Rhodes and Mrs Luitjes to welcome the visitors and act as guides.
 - The FLO Coffee Team and Home Eco Team who were a hit with the visitors.
 - Thanks also to Wendy Finn and the Infant Team who hosted a number of prospective Prep parents in the Green Building.
- Thanks once again to the staff in general for their efforts, with a very successful result.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA EVENT REPORT

Thank you to all the staff who helped out on Friday.

This event, organised by the Student Representative Council (SRC) made a profit of \$326.50 which will be donated to the Cancer Council. - Jess Williams. Last Friday morning the Secondary SRC representatives helped over 300 students to decorate cupcakes to raise funds for the Cancer Council.

The power of Merbein P-10 at work creating and supporting the community!
- Wendy Finn.





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

Next week, 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 on 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 was sent home last week with all students sitting the NAPLAN test.**

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

INDONESIAN DANCE WORKSHOP

Students are looking forward to the highly recommended Indonesian Presentation on Monday. **Please check that your child has returned their notes and paid the \$6 if the School Excursion Levy has not been paid.** This program is a part of our curriculum so we are expecting all students to attend.

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.

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.

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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST WEEK'S GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS



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.

APRIL STUDENT OF THE MONTH ASSEMBLY

The Primary SOM Assembly for April will be held next Thursday, 12th May at 2.45pm. Students will be nominated by all teachers for these awards and the students who receive the most points from each home room receive the Student of the Month Award for April. Parents of these students will be contacted prior to Thursday, however if your phone is unanswered we will endeavour to leave a message.

The assembly will take place in the middle space of the Grade 5-6 Unit in the Orange Building. Please note that there will be NO Green Building assembly next Thursday. **All families are**

welcome and encouraged to attend the SOM assembly at 2.45pm in the Orange Building.

GRADE 5-6 NEWS

Uniform - Students are required to wear their full school uniform at school. A signed note by the parent must be given to the school if your child is wearing casual clothes.

Permission Notes - Thank you to families who have returned the Eisteddfod Permission Notes. All notes must be returned as soon as possible to help with the planning of the next Electives Program.

Interschool Sports - Beginning next week, students will be participating in their chosen winter sports (hockey, netball, soccer and football) in the lead-up to Interschool Sports, which begins on 2nd June. Here at Merbein P-10 we are fortunate to have some skilled Year 10 students assist in coaching these sport programs.

In preparation for the Interschool Sports, **students will need a pair of black shorts or skirt and black tracksuit pants so they can compete.** The teams will be using the new uniform tops/singlets which will look fantastic!

Grade 5-6 Science - Students have been busy learning about light rays, shadows and reflection. Please encourage your child to discuss their 'hands-on' science class experiments at home.

GRADE 5-6 AWARDS

Congratulations to the Grade 5-6 students who received an award over the past two weeks. Students are chosen for their personal achievements, positive attitude and behaviour and for applying the school values towards their learning. The awards have now been extended to include Literacy, Maths, Science, Art, Music, ICT and our School Wide Positive Behaviours. Outstanding effort everyone!



SECONDARY NEWS

WHOLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY DAY

Our Annual Whole School Cross Country Day will be held tomorrow, Friday 6th May at Chaffey Park. Students are asked to wear their house colours which are: Cowra – red, Yelta – yellow, Kulnine – green.

Primary students aged 6 and under to 10 years of age will be walking down to Chaffey Park Reserve at 11:50am. The Police will be manning the crossing to Chaffey Park at this time to stop the traffic for our students.

Our 5,6 and 7 year old students will race at 12:00pm (1km or 1lap) followed about fifteen minutes later by the 9 and 10 year olds (2km or 2laps).

The 11 and 12+ years students will be bussed down to the start of the 3km course opposite River Road Pottery and will begin racing at 12:45pm.

Secondary girls will start at 1pm, followed by the boys at 1.15pm. Their circuit starts at River Road Pottery and follows the river up Pump Hill finishing at Chaffey Park.

Students will return back to school after a free sausage sizzle and a cool drink.

You might like to send extra lunch with your child. They will be able to take their lunch with them to the track if necessary as there will only be one sausage per student.

Please note: There will be NO canteen at lunch time on this day. Primary students will not be able to order lunch. Secondary students will have access to the canteen at recess. Presentations will be held at the end of the day on the college oval.

All permission notes must be returned by Friday morning to ensure students can participate on the day.

GRADE P-6 GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL

FRIENDS DAY – Mr Lord
To help celebrate the very significant contribution 'Grandparents' play in our student's lives, we will be holding a special day for them on Friday, 10th June. Grandparents and special friends are invited into our classrooms between 9am and 11:00am on this day. Morning Tea will follow, held in the Orange Building.



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.

OPEN NIGHT REPORT – Mr Rhodes

I would like to extend a very big thank you to the many students that assisted on Open Night. The school was presented in a very positive light.

CROSS COUNTRY INFORMATION – Mr Rhodes
Tomorrow, Friday 6th May we will run the Cross Country. Secondary and older Primary students will be leaving school on buses just before 1pm and running a 3km course finishing at Chaffey Park. The Primary students will be leaving school earlier to run their 1km and 2km courses at Chaffey Park. The presentations of medallions and the House Shield will take place back at school behind the yellow building at approximately 2.50pm.

Students MUST return their permission notes.

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT TEAMS REPORT – Mr Rhodes

Two of our sport teams represented our school at the District Zone Level last Monday.

Intermediate Boys Volley Ball Team

The team has been training hard at lunchtimes in preparation. Team members are Will Smith, Jack Smith, Jayden Curtis, Lachlan Crouch, Jeremy Rodi, Logan Dunne and Kyle Stephens.

The matches were to be the best of three sets. The first two sets to twenty and the third set if required to fifteen. In the first game they played St Augustine's from Kyabram. Our team started strongly and won the first two sets 20-12 and 20-13. The team then watched the other two teams that they were to play. Those teams were Crusoe College from Bendigo and McKillop College from Swan Hill. Crusoe College played a good team-game and soundly defeated McKillop College.

Our team played Crusoe College in their next set. We had determined that this would be the key match for the day. Our team began this set brilliantly and caught the more highly fancied Crusoe Team napping. We won the first game 20-15. The next game was won by Crusoe 20-16. The third game saw Crusoe get three points in front early. Our team played brilliantly to bridge the gap, but fell just short losing the third and deciding game 15-12.

Our third game saw us win 20-13 and 20-12. This was a great effort from the students who represented the college magnificently.

Junior Baseball Team

This team won their game 10 runs to 3. Well done to all that represented the college.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH ASSEMBLIES – Mr Rhodes

These will be held next week. The Secondary Assembly will be held on Monday, 9th May.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MERBEIN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Places available in all age groups for the 2016 football season. All new and existing players are welcome.

Training is held at Kenny Park Merbein.

Training days and times as follows:

U16 - Tuesday and Thursdays from 4.30-6.00pm.

U14 - Tuesday & Thursdays from 4.30 to 5.45pm

U10 & U12 - Thursdays only from 4.30 to 5.30pm

Auskick Registrations are to be completed Online via website <http://aflauskick.com.au/register/>

For further information please contact:

Graeme Dunne (President) - 0407 235 751

Melissa McNally (Secretary) - 0427 502 303

Geoff Stevens (Coaching) - 0407 502 465

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

NAB AFL AUSKICK PROGRAM - BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5+

Learn skills of the football game in an exciting, social and safe environment.

Visit the website AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU to register and find the local Auskick Centre closest to you.

Registrations close May 20th.

For more information contact Trevor Ryan phone 0427 750 283 or E-mail

Trevor.Ryan@aflvic.com.au

MERBEIN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

The 2016 Auskick Season training will be held at Kenny Park Merbein beginning Sunday 8th May, at 11:30am.

Boys and girls are welcome to come along and have some fun at a great family club.

Training and Game days will alternate between Thursday afternoons at 4.30pm and Sunday mornings at 11:30am to give parents an option, a schedule of dates is available upon request and at the training sessions.

Training is structured but with an emphasis on the kids having fun. If you have any queries please call the Merbein coordinator Todd Rigby on 0499 504 599. Registration for Auskick is to be completed online. Visit <http://aflauskick.com.au/register/>

SAVER PLUS - FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDED

Saver Plus encourages people to build a savings habit and rewards them by matching their savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500!

The Saver Plus Program has officially re-opened and is looking for new participants.

To be eligible to join Saver Plus, participants must meet all criteria below:

- have a Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card.
- be over 18.
- have a child at school now or starting next year, or be studying themselves.
- have some form of household income from work, for example, themselves or their partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.
- have an email address and internet access.

Call or SMS your name and postcode to 1300610355 or email saverplus@bsl.org.au for more information.

DRUM CIRCLE FOR KIDS - MERBEIN

Program for kids 8-12 years to learn and build on their music skills using West African djembes, hand percussion and voice. Classes are led by experienced teacher Catherine Threlfall at the Sunraysia Arts and Learning Studio, 198 Third St Merbein. This is an introductory program starting 19th May until 16th June. Classes run from 3.55 - 4.25pm. All instruments are provided. Five classes total cost is \$50.

To register go to

www.sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au. For

enquiries contact 0420939229 or

enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au.

PASADENA PRE-SCHOOL OPEN DAY - 60 YEARS

Pasadena Pre-school will be having an 'Open Day' on 21st May from 9.30-11.30am and celebrating sixty years of providing pre-school education. For more information phone Nikki Milner on 50231105.

MILDURA VOLUNTEER BRANCH OF MAKE-A-WISH® AUSTRALIA

The Make-A-Wish foundation gives seriously ill children hope for the future, strength to face the challenges of their illness and joy from their incredible wish experience.

On Sunday, 19th June at 2pm the foundation will be hosting a Cinema Fundraiser at the Mildura Deakin Cinema featuring the much anticipated movie "Finding Dory". Cost is \$18.00 or \$25.00 with a small drink & popcorn. Book at the Deakin Cinema on phone 50234452 or contact Samantha on phone 0438 836 363.

MINIROOS

Three Colours SC has a few spots left for children aged 5-7 who wish to play Minirosos this Season. Contact Coach Vince Maiorana 0416 054 372 for more information.

