**DISABILITY AWARENESS PROGRAM REPORT** – Ms B. Hall

A very big thank you to Elena and Tanya from Mallee Sports Assembly who visited the school last week to teach the primary students about what it can be like having a disability.

The Disability Awareness Program provided students with opportunities to be engaged with interactive ‘hands-on’ activities and encourages awareness and understanding of the challenges that may face children and adults with a disability.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### JUNE

- **3rd Friday**
  - Gr P-4 AFL Footy Clinic 11.30-1.30 school oval
- **6th Monday**
  - Yr 9/10 to support AFL Clinics in Mildura
- **8th Wednesday**
  - Gr P-4 Rugby Clinic school oval
  - Yr 10 Driver Education Program
  - Discovery Day 9.15-11.40am

#### 10th Friday

**Primary Grandparents Day 9-11.30am**

#### 13th Monday

**Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday**

- **14th Tuesday**
  - Yr 10 Advance Camp
- **15th Wednesday**
  - Gr P-4 Rugby Clinic school oval
  - Deputy Premier & Minister for Education, James Merlino visit 10am
  - SOM Assembly

- **16th Thursday**
  - Sec Interschool Hockey

- **17th Friday**
  - Pri Mildura Eisteddfod Dances from 9.30am
  - Sec Mildura Eisteddfod 11.30-2.45 (E. Smith T. Dunbar)
  - Sec last day of Semester 1 electives

- **20th Monday**
  - Pri Student Reports sent home
  - Sec Semester 2 Electives begin

- **21st Tuesday**
  - Pri P/T Interviews (after school)

- **22nd Wednesday**
  - Pri 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

- **16th Tuesday**
  - The Beat

- **17th Wednesday**
  - The Beat

- **20th – 26th Book Week – Theme ‘Australia Story Country’**
**DISABILITY AWARENESS PROGRAM PHOTOS**

**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.

**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.bethl@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 hard copy 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.

**Grade 6 Discovery Day Transition Information**
Grade 6 students are invited to attend a ‘Secondary Excursion’ for their school according to the schedule identified in the table below. Grade 6 students from primary schools will visit the Secondary College of their choice on that day.

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**Grade 6 Transition Information – Mr Morgan**
Next Wednesday, 8th June ninety five Grade 6 primary students will be visiting our school from six different primary schools around the Sunraysia District. This is an opportunity for those students to see the wonderful facilities we have here at Merbein P-10 and gain a small ‘taste’ of secondary school life. The school is very fortunate to have an awesome group of current Year 7 students who will be assisting on the day to ensure the Grade 6 students have a positive experience.

The Merbein P-10 Grade 6 students will not be participating in these activities on Wednesday, 8th June. A separate program specially tailored to our students needs has been organised for our Grade 6 students. This program will occur during Term 3 while our Year 10’s are on Work Experience.

**Merbein P10 College Facebook Page**
Visit our school’s Facebook Page for photos and updates www.facebook.com/merbeinp10college.

**Low Cost Dental Services for All Children 12 & Under**
The service includes emergency care, general care (fillings, extractions & sealants) and dental health advice. All children aged 0-12 have priority access which means there is no waiting. They will be given the next available appointment. Concession Card holders receive the service for free. For more information or to make an appointment phone Sunraysia Community Health Services 50210944. Address 137 Thirteenth Street Mildura.
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
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.

PRIMARY NEWS

GRADE P-2 ART NEWS – Mrs Atkinson
The Grade P-2 students have been working on their fine motor skills during Art.

GRADE 5-6 INTERSCHOOL WINTER SPORTS
The students participated in the Interschool Winter Sports today at Kenny Park. Keep an eye on the school’s Facebook Page for some great action shots!

VICTORIAN SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS – Mr Lord
On Tuesday, 31st May, Brooklyn Tarrant and Makayla Dixon competed in the Victorian School Cross Country Championships in St Arnaud. Brooklyn finished 47th and Makayla 46th. To put these results in perspective, they competed against the best children in their age group from the whole western and central areas of Victoria. A sensational effort on the part of both girls. Congratulations and well done!

GRADE 5-6 WEEKLY AWARDS – Sue Gardiner
Congratulations to the Grade 5-6 award recipients for the past two weeks. It is wonderful to see that these students have been working so hard in all areas of their learning.
GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARDS
Congratulations to the recipients of last week's Grade P-4 weekly awards. Well done!

‘VIVO’ – NEW INCENTIVE PROGRAM – Sue Gardiner
This week all primary students will receive a letter informing families of the College's Incentive Program VIVO. This is a fabulous Web-Based Program that keeps families up-to-date on how students are displaying the College's Core Values of Quality, Respect and Responsibility. We encourage families to log in to the site with their child/ren at home and have discussions around this and to acknowledge their positive interactions and achievements at school.

SUNRAYSIA AFL & RUGBY CLINIC REPORT – Rebecca Holy
Grades P-6 students have had the opportunity to learn Rugby Tag and AFL skills from specialist coaches here at the school over the last few weeks. Kristopher Tonner from Rugby Australia will teach the Grade 4-6 students the rules and skills required in the game of Rugby Tag over a four week period. Trevor Ryan and Dylan from AFL Sunraysia have run two Auskick Style Clinics for the Grade P-3 students here at the school over the last week. All students who have participated have enjoyed them. Our school was successful in obtaining the Sporting Schools Victoria Grant that gives students the opportunity to learn from real coaches. Trevor and Kris have commented on the talent we have here at Merbein P-10 and they have encouraged the students to take up the sports which are both offered in and around Merbein and Mildura.
EISTEDDFOD DANCE COSTUMES
The primary students will be participating in the Mildura Eisteddfod on Friday, 17th June.
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. The top will be provided by the school.
- **Seahorse students** are required to wear black pants and plain black tops. 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 pony tail 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.

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.

GRADE P-6 GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY – Mr Lord
**Just one week until Grandparents and Special Friends Day.**
To help celebrate the very significant contribution ‘Grandparents’ play in our students’ 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 11am on this day. Morning Tea will follow and will be held in the Orange Building.

SECONDARY NEWS

END OF SEMESTER – Mr Rhodes
All students in Years 7-10 will finish their Arts/Technology Extension Subjects on 17th June. This will be Week 10, the second last week of term. At this point a new timetable will be published with the new subject selections included. 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 will take place at the beginning of Week 10 which will be Tuesday, 14th June. Students will have the opportunity to re-select for two weeks.

UNIFORM – Mr Rhodes
The cooler weather is coming quickly. Year 10 students have received their special uniform tops which look fantastic. 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.

YEYAR 10 SEMESTER ONE ASSESSMENT CUT-OFF
In order to receive a ‘satisfactory’ result in Semester 1 subjects, Year 10 students must submit all assessment tasks by the end of the school day on Monday, 6th June.
This cut-off date is designed to help prepare students for the demands of senior secondary schooling through better time management and development of a regular homework routine. Subject teachers have clearly communicated to students the tasks that need to be completed. Lunchtime ‘Catch-Up’ Sessions have been offered over the last week and a half. Students can still attend the remaining ‘Catch-Up’ session tomorrow. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s progress, please contact their teachers or the Year 10 Coordinator, Liz Rankin.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 teegan@selectevents.com.au
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 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.

ADULT DRUM CIRCLES - FREE TRIAL
Sunraysia Arts and Learning are offering a free trial class on 18th June at 11am. Drums are provided and beginners welcome! Register on 0420939229, email enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au or online at www.sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au. Class Location - 198 Third St, Merbein.

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.

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.
WEPE - SEEKING VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES
FOR ITALIAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS
WEPE is seeking a number of volunteer families across NSW and VIC to host Italian boys for a term and a semester who are due to arrive this July. Host families choose their student and are responsible for providing the exchange student with a room (can be shared with sibling of same sex and similar age), meals and most importantly a welcoming family environment. In return, families will gain a new family member and friend for life.
All WEP students come with their own spending money and insurance. For more information contact Sylvia Kelly, World Education Program Australia on phone 1300 884 733 or email info@wep.org.au or visit www.wep.org.au

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.