END OF TERM
A reminder that school will finish at 2.30pm tomorrow. Buses will be running an hour earlier to fit in with the earlier finish time. Students who travel on the NSW Bus Route will need to make alternate arrangements as there is no change to the running time.

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 4 on Monday 3rd October 2016.

STUDENT FREE DAY – FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER
School Council has approved a Student Free Day for Friday 14th October. Staff will be involved in a PD on Student Engagement and Wellbeing.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY
Tomorrow will be our annual Footy Colours Day. Children and staff are able to wear the colours of their favourite footy team.

VARIETY NIGHT
This year Merbein P-10 College is presenting an ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA on 11th & 12th October at the Mildura Arts Centre. Tickets are Adults $10, Concession (pensioners and students < 16) $8, Children 1 – 5 $5 and Family $20 (2 adults and 2 children). Last year’s performance was a sell out so please purchase tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be purchased online at http://www.milduraartscentre.com.au/Buy-Tickets.aspx or at Mildura Visitor Information Centre.

SECONDARY PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS
The Parent-Teacher interviews for our secondary students were held last night and were very well attended. Interim reports for students who did not attend last night have been handed out at form assembly this morning and any remaining reports will be posted out tomorrow.
BREAKFAST PROGRAM
The Breakfast Program is being financially supported by the Merbein & District Community Bank & Merbein Development Association. Foodbank Victoria also supports the breakfast program with donations of food. 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.

STUDENT ABSENCES
If your child is away from school, please send a note or email the following address: Colliehole.heather.h@edumail.vic.gov.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.

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

SUN SMART AWARENESS – TERM 4
A reminder that students will need to have a wide brimmed hat to wear during term 4 for recess, lunch and all PE/Sport activities.

WATER BOTTLES
With the warm weather coming, it is important for all students to have a water bottle to keep on their desk.

DISTRICT SUMMER SPORTS
Last Thursday the 5/6 children competed in the District Summer Sports against OLSH and The Lake schools. The results are as follows:

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GRADE 1/2 A NEWS
Mrs Hall’s Home Group celebrated the end of reading THE MAGIC FARAWAY TREE. Students enjoyed the magical and imaginary taste of Toffee Shocks, Google Buns & Pop-Cakes!

GRADE P/1 LITERACY GROUP
P/1 McClure Literacy doing some hands on 'Word Work' with high frequency words in class this week.
GRADE 2 - MATHS
Grade 2-4 students enjoying maths this week! Each class was doing a different fun activity including Sum Dog, Dice Footy and creating Smartie Graphs.

GRADE 2/3/4 READING REWARDS
The grade 2/3/4's who reached the reading reward celebrated with a tabloid sports yesterday morning. Students participated in activities such as kangaroo hop, dress up run, 3 legged race, sack race, egg and spoon and a water activity. The windy morning didn’t stop the students having fun. Thanks to our year 8 reading buddies for coming down to run the activities.

GRADE 5/6 MELBOURNE CAMP
Final arrangements have been made for the Grade 5/6 Melbourne camp that will be held from 14th – 17th November. Payments may be made at the office at any time or by direct deposit into the school's bank account. Please put student’s name and camp as reference.

HEAD LICE
All classes except grades 5 & 6 have had Head lice checks completed. Head checks for these students will be conducted first week of next term. Please remember to be vigilant during the holidays and check your child’s hair and treat if necessary.

SPARE CLOTHES
If your child has grown out of their uniform and you no longer need it, can you send them along to us to use for students who may have a “little accident”. All donations greatly appreciated and can be left at the office in the P-4 building.

MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE –LAST DAY OF TERM
A reminder to all OSHC families that OSHC program will be finishing at 5.00pm tomorrow, 16th September. All accounts need to be paid by this date. Cheryll Hodge is our school’s OSHC coordinator and can be contacted on 0428 258035 if you have any queries.

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

AUGUST STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students on receiving the Student of the Month awards this week. Well done!

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LEE KWON DOW SCHOLARSHIP
Any student in year 10 considering a university degree at Melbourne University can access the above named scholarship. If you are interested please contact Greg Rhodes at the College.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Our school uniform has many options for students and is a very good uniform. With summer approaching it is important that you check that the summer uniform still fits your child. Some of the children at school have grown significantly over the winter months.
If you wish to access the uniform shop it is open weekly on Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. If these days do not suit you can contact the office and they will accommodate your request.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MERBEIN SWIMMING CLUB
Training begins 6.10.16
4.45pm Mildura Waves
November
Tuesdays and Thursdays
Merbein Pool.

For more information email Merbswimclub14@gmail.com
Or ph: Christine Mazza 0438256282.

MERBEIN COBRAS BASKETBALL CLUB
If your child is interested in playing in our Summer Comp, please contact Brock Munn on 0407 096 108 or Cassie Munn on 0409 632 898.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM – LIBRARY
MERBEIN – Phone 5018 8361
Tuesday 20th Sept – 11.00 am – Daisy the Cow
Wednesday 21st Sept – 11.00am – Lego Fun
Thursday 22nd Sept – 11.00am – Pokémon fun
Tuesday 27th Sept – 11.00am – Sand pictures
Wednesday 28th Sept – 11.00am – Lego Fun
Thursday 29th Sept – 11.00am – Pet monsters

MILDURA – Phone 5018 8350
Tuesday 20th Sept – 10.30am – Pete’s Dragon
2.30pm – Paper cities
Wednesday 21st Sept – 2.30 Lego Fun
Thursday 22nd Sept – 10.00am – Talking puppet
2.30pm – Tissue box monsters
Tuesday 27th Sept – 10.30 Tissue box monsters
2.30pm – Talking puppet
Wednesday 28th Sept – 2.30pm – Lego fun
Thursday 29th Sept – 10.30am – Paper cities
2.30pm – Pete’s Dragon

ELECTRIC LIGHT THEATRE
Due to outstanding interest in registrations for cast for Electric Light Theatre this year, we have extended our registration date to October 3rd, with an opportunity to audition on this date (which is our first rehearsal day). Registrations can be made via our webpage at www.eltmildura.org

SUNRAYSIA SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION – JUNIOR TWILIGHT MINI-COMP
Come and try softball. We are running a series of introductory clinics for girls and boys in grades 3 – 6 leading into the regular 2016/2017 season.
Dates and times are:
September 18th from 11.00am – 1.00pm
October 5th & 12th from 4.30pm – 6.30pm
To be held at the Old Aerodrome Ovals.
Cost is $40 and includes registration and insurance. Equipment supplied – bring a snack and water bottle.
Contact: info@sunsayssoftball@gmail.com.

COME AND PLAY SOFTBALL
Registration and Skills session for 8 years and under T-ball for boys and girls on Saturday 8th October at the Aero Ovals at 9.00am. For more information, please contact Angela Anderson on 0418 817541.
Other grades also commencing in October are U15 Mixed Softball and Senior Women’s Softball. New Players Welcome.

CROCHET AND COILED BASKET WORKSHOPS
Conscious Living Crochet Workshop held 17th September from 2-4pm. Cost is $48 per workshop.
Crochet Coiled Basketry Workshop held 11th September from 2-5pm. Cost $65.
Venue: 198, 3rd Street Merbein. For more information phone 0420939229 or email enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au

MUSIC TOGETHER – COME AND TRY FREE CLASSES
Come and Play! Join our Music Together Free Trial Classes tonight 15th September in Merbein. High quality music learning for 0-5 year olds and their grownups with experienced teacher Catherine Threlfall in our beautiful studio. Register online http://www.sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au/enquiry/registration/ or email enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au or ring 0420939229. Try something new this Spring!

SUNRAYSIA DIVERSITY HOLIDAY PROGRAM
AFL FOOTBALL ACTIVITY’S & UMPIRING SESSION
Come and experience Game of AFL Football/Umpiring within its own diversity development holiday program here in Sunraysia.
Age groups from 10 to 18 can come along and are a part of this participation/development program for all multicultural and Indigenous boys and girls to experience the game of AFL right here in Sunraysia.
We encourage you all to get along and enjoy the great opportunity to develop the skills to play or umpire our great game of Australian rules. All who register to take part in attending the day will receive a diversity holiday program training top.
The program will be conducted by AFL Vic staff and SFUA academy coaches.
All attendees will be provided with a football giveaway pack. This is a free program for all who attend.

**Date is Monday the 19th of September at Sara Oval (SMFG) Mildura**

**Start Time 12.00pm to 4.00**

All who wish to attend please register with Trevor Ryan Sunraysia Football Manager by email [trevor.ryan@aflvic.com.au](mailto:trevor.ryan@aflvic.com.au) or call 0427 750 283.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES – YOUTH SERVICES MILDURA**

Held at the Mildura Scout Hall.

- Monday 19th September – Laserforce
- Tuesday 20th September – Fishing Day
- Wednesday 21st September – Inflatable World @ Lifestyle Plus
- Thursday 22nd September – Sand Tobogganing at Perry Sand Hills
- Friday 23rd September – Digital Scavenger Hunt
- Monday 26th September – Movies & Pizza
- Tuesday 27th September – MasterChef Challenging
- Wednesday 28th September – House of Bounce
- Thursday 29th September – Gold Range & Ten Pin Bowling
- Friday 30th September – Public Holiday

An enrolment form must be completed for each person and enrolments are taken on a First in First Served basis. Closing dates for enrolments is Thursday 15th September. Enrolment forms and information are available from the reception area in the Green Building.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ADVENTURE PROGRAM**

**PADDLE – CLIMB – RIDE**

**PADDLE**

WHERE: Psyche Bend (Kings Billabong)

**WHEN:** 10:00am – 12:00pm, Monday, September 26

**CLIMB**

WHERE: SJF Stadium, 11th Street

**WHEN:** 10:00am – 12:00pm, Wednesday, September 28

**RIDE**

WHERE: Psyche Bend (Kings Billabong)

**WHEN:** 10:00am – 12:00pm, Friday, September 30

Available for families and/or children 12 and over. Qualified instructors and all activity equipment provided.

**Bookings Essential!**

To book contact Wild Side Outdoors by email at: [info@wildsideoutdoors.com.au](mailto:info@wildsideoutdoors.com.au) or by phone: 0350243721

Note: Bookings must be made 48 hours before each activity session.

**LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE SO BE QUICK!!**

**SUNRAYSIA AUTISM SPECTRUM SUPPORT GROUP ACTIVITIES**

**MOVIE NIGHT – Friday 16th September.** Half light and sound down. Avoid disappointment and buy your tickets early.

Sensory Film Night showing 'Secret Life of Pets' at Deakin Cinema complex. This event is for children, teens and adults on the spectrum and their immediate family members and/or carers.

**Date:** One evening only - 16th September

**Cost:** $6.00 per person (RRP $11.00pp), payable at Cinema.

**Time:** 6pm sharp.

150 Tickets available now from the Deakin Cinema complex. Be quick to pre-purchase your tickets. (no hold on tickets)

This is another event supported by the Mildura Rural City Council. As the MRCC is contributing the other $5.00 towards each ticket sold.

**MILDURA 4 WHEEL DRIVE CLUB – SAND DAY**

Mildura 4WD Club will be holding a Come and Try Open Day on Sunday 25th September. If you have a 4WD and would like to learn some sand driving tips and techniques, please join us for a fun day out. No previous experience is required.

A BBQ lunch and drinks will be provided on the day. A fee of $20 per vehicle will secure you a temporary membership which will enable you to participate in club activities on the day and to join in on two additional trips. If you would like to attend this event please contact Jann on 0417 072 142 or gfgirardi@hotmail.com Pre-registration is a must.

Meet at 8:30am Sunday, 25th September at Fotherby Park, Wentworth.
MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE PRESENTS

ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA

MILDURA ARTS CENTRE

11TH OCTOBER
12TH OCTOBER
7PM

$10 ADULTS
$8 CONCESSION
$5 CHILD (1-5YRS)
$20 FAMILY (2 ADULTS/2 CHILDREN)

Tickets available online or in person from Mildura Arts Centre or in person at Mildura Visitor Information Centre