

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

22nd Friday

PJ Day - Whole School - gold coin donation

26th Tuesday

Pri Athletics Day

AUGUST

1st Monday

Kinder Visit 9-11.30am

5th Friday

-Jeans for Genes Day

-NAIDOC Day/Chinese Assembly

13th Saturday

Merbein Clean-up Day

5th - 21st

Olympic Games

16th Tuesday

The Beat

16th-19th

Yr 10 Snow Trip

17th Wednesday

The Beat

20th Saturday

Merbein Vanilla Slice Triumph

20th - 26th

Book Week - Theme 'Australia Story Country'

31st August- 2nd September

Year 3-4 camp Adelaide

SEPTEMBER

Pri Sleepover TBA

6th Tuesday

Immunisations

8th Thursday

RUOK? Day - whole school

12th Monday

Visiting Performance - Pass the Poetry

13th Tuesday

Gr 5-6 District Summer Sport Competition

14th Wednesday

Sec Parent/Teacher Interviews

16th Friday

-Footy/Sports Colour Day

-Last day for Term 3

-Earlier finishing time of 2.30pm

OCTOBER

31st Monday

Merbein P-10 (Melb) Cup Day

WHOLE SCHOOL PYJAMA DAY - Jess Williams
Tomorrow Friday, 22nd July, all students in both primary and secondary sections will be participating in a Pyjama Day Fundraiser. Students can wear their Pyjamas to school tomorrow, **if they bring a gold coin donation.** All funds raised will be donated to local Foster Care - MASP.



Please note that students will need to wear warm respectable pyjamas. They will also need to have outside shoes with them for outdoor wear and activities on the day.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

SECONDARY ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY REPORT

The 2016 Athletics Sports Carnival was held for our secondary students today at the Aerodrome Ovals.

Thanks to Mr Hill for the planning of this event and to Sports House Leaders and staff for their valuable assistance in organising competitors, judging, recording results and making announcements. The Coffee Shop and BBQ Team traded steadily throughout the day. A big thank you to the staff and students involved in organising and running these services.

It was also great to see a number of parents coming along to support their daughters/sons.

Congratulations to all the students who participated and to the place-getters and event winners.





BUILDINGS UPDATE

On Tuesday the school hosted a visit from our project Architects who came to consult with staff about designs for our upcoming building works. The first stage will be the gymnasium upgrade. The intention is to complete that task in Term 4 of this year. The remaining works including a new replacement Technology Building, will commence next year.



SECONDARY STUDENT HELPERS - PRIMARY ATHLETICS

Last Friday, over sixty Merbein P-10 College students from Year 7-9 helped out at the Mildura West Primary School Athletics Sports. Staff member Kim McCarty and our FLO Coffee Team also set up shop at the event. A job well done by everyone! These are some appreciative comments made by the principal of Mildura West Primary School, Anne Robinson:

Hi Graeme,

I just wanted to say a BIG THANKYOU for the support provided last Friday at our Athletics day. It was simply amazing! The Merbein Secondary students helping at each event were a delight. I'm not sure how we would have managed without them. Kim and her students were also fantastic, brewing many yummy coffees.

Please pass on our appreciation to the staff and students who contributed to a great day!

Regards Anne

Thanks also to Rob Morgan for coordinating this program.

VANILLA SLICE TRIUMPH – MERBEIN CLEAN-UP DAY

Just a reminder for interested parents that the Merbein Development Association is planning to hold a Clean-Up Day on Saturday, 13th August (ie the week prior to the 2016 Vanilla Slice Triumph). If any school families are interested in assisting, The Clean-up will begin at 9:30am and finish at 12:30pm. A BBQ lunch will be supplied. The paved area alongside the Merbein Post Office will be the point of registration and BBQ lunch. The areas to be cleaned up will be: Main Avenue to O'Bryan Street and Box Street to Game Street.

If you can help, please contact Gloria Wall on phone 5025 3038 or mobile 0418 596 632. Your help will be appreciated.

CHINESE VISITORS

On Thursday, 4th August visiting Chinese Students and their teachers will arrive. This visit is the first part of our annual exchange visit with our Chinese Sister School. On Friday 5th August the school will hold a special assembly to welcome our visitors to the school.

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.

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

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 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.

MERBEIN P10 COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

Visit our school's Facebook Page for photos and updates www.facebook.com/merbeinp10college.

PRIMARY NEWS

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.

ART NEWS - Jodie Atkinson

This week Grade P-2 have had a little taste of what will be happening in Art throughout Term 3. Three activities were designed for the students to explore, investigate and create sculptures using pegs, play-dough, material and a clothes basket. Term 3 will be all about using our imagination. Stay tuned for some spectacular pieces from our students.



The Grade 5-6 students have been making paper sculptures.



GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the students from the Green Building who received weekly awards at last week's assembly.



NAIDOC DAY

The primary section will be acknowledging NAIDOC Day by participating in a number of relevant activities here at the school. These activities have been planned with the assistance from visitors in the community. This activity day will be held on Friday, 5th August from 9.30 – 11.55am.

MORE BOTTLES NEEDED FOR GRADE 5-6

SCIENCE - Sue Gardiner

The Grade 5-6 area needs some washed 500ml or 1L plastic bottles. Please hand them into the Orange Building as soon as possible. These bottles will be used in their science unit for completing 'What's the Matter?' science experiments.

GRADE 5-6 SUMMER SPORTS - Darin Lord

Following the Athletics Sports Day on Tuesday, our focus turns to the summer sports of softball, volleyball and basketball. We will focus on these three sports for the remainder of the term. On Tuesday, 13th September we will compete at the district level against Our Ladies Sacred Heart Primary School and The Lake Primary School. The teams for this competition will consist of; softball - 12 students, basketball - 8 students and volleyball - 10 students. These teams will be selected based on the student's ability, behaviour at school, attitude at school and attendance.

THE GRADE 4 RUGBY 9

TOURNAMENT REPORT - Josh Lee

Well done to the students chosen to participate in the Grade 3-4 Billy Slater Rugby Tag Competition Tuesday. Fantastic weather and a fun day.



GRADE 4 RUGBY 9 TOURNAMENT STUDENT REPORT - Ireana and Curtis

On Tuesday, 19th July eleven Grade 4 students went to the Aerodrome Ovals for the Billy Slater Rugby Clinic. At the start we did some practice activities such as passing, how to throw backwards and getting a try. Our first game was against Nichols Point Primary School. We lost 3-0. Our next game we won against Mildura Primary School. We won 3-1. Next game was against Irymple South Primary School. It was 2-1.

The last game was against Sacred Heart Primary School, 1-3. Our best players were Douglas, Riley, Lochie, Curtis, Ireana and Mady.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY –

Bec Holy

The Primary School Athletics Sports Day will be held next Tuesday, 26th July. Students will participate in eight events; shot put, vortex throw, discus, high jump, long jump, long distance, sprints, a novelty event and the house relays.

We encourage family members and friends to come along and support your child from 9:30am onwards. You may like to buy a hot drink from Ziggy's Coffee Van. Ziggy's have promised to donate 10% of sales back to the school to be used for lunch time sports equipment.

Students have been practicing hard for the Athletics events over the last few weeks during their sport lessons and they are eager to run, jump and throw their very best to earn points for their house teams on Tuesday.

Students are asked to come dressed in their Sports House colour. The Sports House Colours are as follows : Yelta -Yellow, Cowra- Red or Kulnine-Green. If your child is unsure of what Sports House they belong, please ask your child's classroom teacher.

Students will also need warm clothes to wear between events, their hats, snacks and their drink bottles.

Students will travel to and from the Aero Ovals in Mildura by bus. Please note that there is no cost for the bus transport to and from the Aerodrome Ovals on this day.

A permission note went home with every primary student earlier this week. Please check that your child's permission note has been returned no later than tomorrow, Friday 22nd July. **If you would like to take your child home from the ovals at the conclusion of the days events, you must sign your child out at the scorer's desk.**

The Merbein Lions Club will be cooking a BBQ sausage sizzle at the oval on the day for both parents and students. Sausages will need to be pre-ordered. The cost of sausages is \$1.50 each. An order form was sent home with every primary student attached to the permission note. If you and your child are interested in having a sausage lunch at the oval on the Athletics Sports Day, **please check that your order form has been completed and returned with payment by tomorrow, Friday 22nd August,** to ensure we have enough sausages on the day.

KINDER VISIT

The next Kinder Visit will be held on Monday 1st August from 9-11.30am in the Green Building. All children eligible for prep next year are welcome to come along. This program helps children get ready for their first year of school. Please ring the school if you would like more information.

PE CLASS REPORT – Bec Holy

Some of our Year 10 students came over to show our Prep students some throwing, catching and skipping games during PE class on Tuesday. All the students had so much fun and learnt a lot from each other.



LIBRARY TIMES

Library borrowing days for this term are as follows:

Grade 5-6 will borrow Mondays.

Grade P-1 will borrow Mondays.

Grade 2-4 will borrow Tuesdays.

Please ensure your child returns their library books every week on their library days. Please note that every child will need to bring along a book bag to protect the books they borrow. These school books are valuable learning tools for our children and very expensive to replace, so **please be diligent in having your child return their library books every week.** (Books can then be re-borrowed if they have not finished with them).

SECONDARY NEWS

YEAR 8-9 STUDENTS ATHLETICS DAY

VOLUNTEERS REPORT - Rob Morgan

On Friday, 15th July a group of our Year 8-9 students went along to the Mildura West Primary School Athletics Day to help teachers in the running of different athletics events throughout the day and support the primary students as they competed in their events. Well done to our Year 8-9 student volunteers. It was great to see them active in the community in such a positive way. We hope that we can continue this successful partnership well into the future. More of our Year 8-9 students will have the opportunity to assist at our own Primary School Athletics Day next Tuesday, 26th July and also at the Ranfurly Primary School later this term. Congratulations to everyone involved.





MILDURA SENIOR COLLEGE TRANSITION PARTNERSHIP – UPCOMING EVENTS - Chris

Blackie – Year 10 Transition Coordinator.

The transition partnership between our College and Mildura Senior College is designed to ensure that all Year 10 students are able to progress to the next stage in their education confidently and successfully.

This year's process began last term with a visit to our College from the MSC Principal Mr. Andrew Ough and Transition Coordinator Mrs. Ineke Rogers.

In the coming weeks, all Year 10 students, parents and carers are invited to attend a series of events to be held at Mildura Senior College. We strongly encourage students and families to make the most of these opportunities to meet MSC staff and students, to ask questions and to get a feel for life at MSC.

<i>Parent and Student Information Evening</i>	Wednesday 27 th July - 5.30pm to 6.30pm (MSC Gym)
An opportunity for students, parents and carers to learn about courses, career pathways and get advice, student wellbeing, extra-curricular activities and other information.	
<i>Student Transition Visits to MSC</i>	Friday 29 th July
An opportunity for Merbein P-10 students to visit MSC and learn about all subject areas on offer.	
<i>Permission notes have been sent home for this excursion and must be returned as soon as possible.</i>	
<i>Mildura Senior College Open Day</i>	Sunday 31 st July – 11.00am to 2.00pm
Families are invited to tour the college, view displays, watch performances and gain course advice and other information from teachers and current students. Please register at the front office on the day.	

MISSING JUMPER

One of our Year 10 students has lost her Year 10 Rugby Jumper Size 18. If anyone has found one could they please return it to the main office.

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

SOCCER 4 ALL

This program is for anyone interested in learning Soccer, even if you have a disability. Held at the Soccer Park, Mildura. Held Wednesdays from 5.15-6.15pm. Cost is free. For more information contact Tanya Wild 0417925539 or email tanya@malleesportsassembly.org.au

SMALL TALK PLAYGROUPS – MILDURA RURAL CITY COUNCIL

The Mildura Rural City Council currently has a number of supported Small Talk Playgroups in the area. Contact Alexandra Vagelatos - MRCC for more information on phone 5018 8298 or email Alexandra.Vagelatos@mildura.vic.gov.au.

POWERCOR TOUR DE DEPOT SCHOOLS PROGRAM MILDURA

It is a family friendly ride, run in conjunction with the Bicycle Network. Includes a competitive time trial event, community ride and a community festival at the finishing line with free rides, face painting, market stalls and a sausage sizzle. To be held on Sunday 21st August, 2016 to bring the community together to raise funds for the Mildura Region School Breakfast Partnership and the Sunraysia Cancer Resources Charities. All funds raised goes to the charities.

Register at www.tourdedepot.com.au