It was a fantastic day for the Primary Athletics Sports Day on Tuesday. Thank you for the huge effort from all the staff involved on the day and thank you to all the secondary student helpers, they deserve a huge pat on the back for all their work and fantastic conduct throughout the day’s events, a credit to our school. Thanks also to the Merbein Lions Club for cooking up hundreds of much needed sausages and to Ziggy’s Cafe Coffee Van for the much needed warm beverages.

Congratulations to all students who participated, putting in a super effort for their teams.

Very importantly thanks to the parents that showed their support by coming down to watch.

Cowra was our winning Sports House on the day with Yelta in 2nd Place and Kulnine in 3rd Place.

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.
2016 THE BEAT INFORMATION BELOW

ASTHMA AUSTRALIA TERM 3 NEWS
September marks the first month of spring and most people with asthma or allergies need to take extra care. Pollens from grasses, weeds or trees can trigger allergic responses causing asthma and Hay-fever to flare-up. Asthma and Hay-fever are closely linked and approximately 80% of people with Asthma also have Hay-fever. Treating Hay-fever can help keep Asthma under control. Find out what triggers a student’s Hay-fever and try to avoid these allergens where possible. Corticosteroid nasal sprays are the most effective medicine for persistent Hay-fever. They need to be taken regularly to work properly. Antihistamine tablets or nasal sprays are the most common choice for people with Hay-fever. They help to relieve the symptoms such as a runny nose, sneezing, itchy eyes and nasal congestion. Continue to take asthma preventer medication every day as prescribed to reduce the likelihood of Hay-fever and Asthma flare-ups. 

Asthma App - The new Asthma Australia Asthma App is now available through the Apple iTunes Store (Android version coming soon). Not only is the app convenient, it also significantly reduces our environmental impact. The app provides all the resources needed to inform good Asthma management and includes the protocol for Asthma First Aid. Asthma Australia is currently developing an Asthma App specifically for young people with goal setting functions. This is now in the testing stage and will be available early in 2017.

INTER SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS - Mrs Fetherston
To be held on Monday, 1st August. Students need to return their notes and payment of $10 by tomorrow, Friday, 29th July. Remember to wear full school uniform and bring snacks, lunch and a drink bottle. We will leave the school at 9:15am and return approximately 3pm.

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.

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.

CHINESE VISITORS
Next 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.
**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

**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.

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**PRIMAR Y NEWS**

**CANTEEN SPENDING FOR INFANT CLASSES** – Mrs Finn
Some students in the Infant classes are bringing as much as $4.00 to school to spend on extras at the canteen. There is not a lot of time for students to eat what they purchase. It is important to note that **students are not to buy food for other students.** Eating their lunch takes priority over food bought from the canteen as extras.

Please check that your child brings only enough money to buy something extra for themselves after lunch.

**PRIMARY LIBRARY NEWS**
Thankyou very much to Molly and Maia Hall and Lochlan and Makenzie Holy for donating lots of their own loved books to the library. Primary students will enjoy reading these books for years to come.

**BOOK CLUB**
Book Club orders close tomorrow, Friday 29th July. If you would like to order from Book Club, check that your order is in first thing in the morning.

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**THANK TO FOR AGED CARE SERVICES - PYJAMA DAY DONATION**
A big THANK YOU to the staff at Aged Care Services for supporting our National Pyjama Day by raising $47.00 to go towards funds for children in foster care within our local community.

**PYJAMA DAY – A GREAT SUCCESS**
Some of our shining students showing off their P.J’s and gorgeous smiles for National Pyjama Day last Friday. $497.50 was raised for Mallee Family Care. Well done!
PRIMARY ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY RESULTS – Bec Holy
The Age Group Presentations were held yesterday afternoon. The age group champions were awarded their trophies. Well done to all our champions. They are as follows.

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NATIONAL DAY
The primary section will be acknowledging NAICOC 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.

KINDER VISIT
On Monday 1st August the Kinder children will be visiting in the Green Building from 9-11.30am. 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.

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

BADMINTON RESULTS – Howard Hankinson
The Inter-College Badminton Event was held at Chaffey Secondary College on Tuesday. It was a very successful day. Five teams from our college participated resulting in a 1st position in three of the four age groups.

The Year 7 & 8 Girls matches against Chaffey & Irymple Secondary Colleges saw our four girls win all four singles and the two doubles games in both rubbers. The Year 7 & 8 Boys were scheduled to play against Chaffey & Irymple Secondary College teams but unfortunately both teams forfeited on the morning. The boys played scratch matches against Chaffey Year 9-10 boys and our Year 9-10 girls.

We entered two teams in the Year 9 & 10 Girls Competition with our girls meeting in the 1st round. This saw the Year 10 Girls eventually overpower the Year 9 Girls in a close encounter. The Year 10’s beat Chaffey and drew with Irymple while the Year 9’s beat both. This meant our Year 10’s were 1st and the Year 9 Girls 2nd.

Unfortunately the Year 9-10 Boys competition was very strong with many playing in the local competition. Our boys tried hard and won individual games but not the overall match against either Irymple or Chaffey Secondary Colleges.

Well done to all twenty students who came along to the trials (40+ students tried out) and through practice became good competitive players. Many of the Year 7’s were beginners to the sport and have progressed. They can now play and score in games.
**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.

**MUSIC NEWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS** – Josh Hudson

The last two weeks have been busy for Year 9 students Nathaniel Rothwell and Jodine Closter. Last week the duo was invited to play at SuniTAFE’s ‘Welcome Back to Term 3’ celebrations and this week they performed the National Anthem at Mildura’s Citizenship Ceremony. Well done!

**SECONDARY ATHLETICS SPORTS RESULTS**

Congratulations to everyone who participated. Congratulations to Cowra House, the winning Sports House with 1476 points. Kulnine came second with 1251 points followed by Yelta with 1053 points. The Year Champions are as follows:

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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.
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.

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<td>Student Transition Visits to MSC</td>
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<td>An opportunity for Merbein P-10 students to visit MSC and learn about all subject areas on offer.</td>
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<td>Mildura Senior College Open Day</td>
<td>Sunday 31st July</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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COMMUNITY NEWS

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

AUTISM – ADVANCES IN EARLY DETECTION
The La Trobe Mildura Alumni Chapter invites you to hear from a leading researcher on Autism Spectrum Disorders. Please join Dr Josephine Barbaro from La Trobe's Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre (OTARC) for an insightful discussion on 4th August. Held at the Brian Grogan Lecture Theatre, La Trobe University, Mildura from 6-7pm.
RSVP Latrobe.edu.au/alumni/events by 2nd August. RSVP Essential to attend.

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