

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

5th Friday

-Jeans for Genes Day
-NAIDOC Day/Chinese Assembly

8th Monday

Chinese students visit the Prep Rooms

11th Thursday

Chinese Visitors leave

12th Friday

Pri STEM Day - Science Week

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

-Pri Performances - 11.35-11.50am

-Sec Performances - 12.10-12.55pm

23rd Tuesday

Gr 5 Mini Olympics Excursion

25th Thursday

Pri Book Week Activity Day - Parade & a

Visit to the Merbein Library

31st August- 2nd September

Year 3-4 camp Adelaide

SEPTEMBER

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

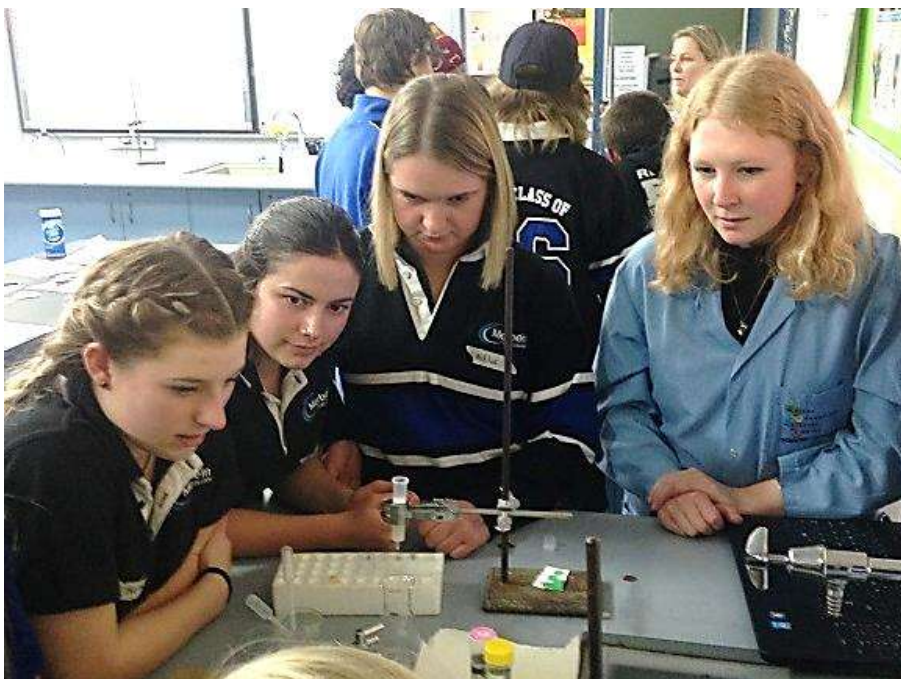
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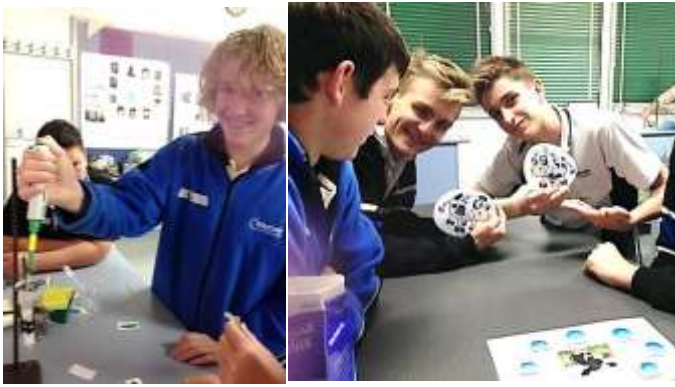
11th Friday

Remembrance Day

GENE TECHNOLOGY ACCESS CENTRE (GTAC) VISIT - Belinda Jenkins

Last Thursday Year 10 students participated in a genetics program here at our school. The program was conducted by the Gene Technology Access Centre (GTAC). They learnt about identifying the desirable components of milk and how to manipulate breeding to maximise the dairy herd population. Teachers also gained PD training from the staff and all involved were scientifically inspired.





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- All formal class photos
- Photos and reports of Primary and Secondary events
- Prep and Year 10 individual profiles
- Year 10 Graduation photos

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 for 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.

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.

2016 THE BEAT INFORMATION BELOW

THE BEAT STATE SCHOOLS SHOWCASE PRESENTS

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

7.30pm,
Tuesday 16th and
Wednesday 17th August
11.00am Matinee,
Wednesday 17th August
at Mildura Arts Centre

Tickets:			
Adult	\$15	Matinee	\$6
Concession	\$12	Groups 20+	\$4
Student	\$10		
Family	\$40		

For bookings and more information:
Mildura Arts Centre 199 Curleton Avenue Mildura VIC 3500 Tel: (03) 5018 8330
milduraartscentre.com.au

CHINESE VISITORS

Today, visiting Chinese Students and their teachers arrived. 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

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

GRADE P-6 BOOK WEEK ACTIVITY DAY - EARLY NOTICE

This year we will hold our Annual Book Week Activity Day on Thursday, 25th August. We will begin the day in the usual way with a Book Week Parade. The 2016 Book Week Theme is 'Australia! Story Country'. However, **we have decided to centre our theme on 'Olympics - Sport or Country'** which will tie in with the Olympic Games. Students are encouraged to come to school on this day dressed up in the 'Olympics' theme. Parents and family are welcome to stay and watch the parade. The parade will then be followed by a rotation of activities until approximately 11am. The Grade P-2 and Grade 5 classes will then take it in turns to travel by bus to the Merbein Library where they will hear a presentation from visiting author/illustrator Anne Spudvilas. There will be no cost for this excursion. A permission note will be sent home with each child as the day draws closer.

MERBEIN VANILLA SLICE TRIUMPH PERFORMANCES

The Merbein P-10 College primary students have been asked to perform at this year's Merbein Vanilla Slice Triumph on Saturday, 20th August, 2016.

We hope to have the Grade 5-6 dance, Grade P-4 song, Grade P-2 dance and the Grade 2-4 dance. Numbers will determine which performances we present.

A note is attached to today's newsletter asking parents to please indicate if they are willing to have their children perform at this event.

It is important that notes are returned as soon as possible so that performances can be well organised.

NAIDOC DAY - TOMORROW

The primary section will be acknowledging NAIDOC Day by participating in a number of relevant activities here at the school tomorrow Friday, 5th August from 9.30 - 11.55am.

These activities have been planned with assistance from visitors in the community.

Our Chinese visitors will also participate in the activities and learn a little about the Australian Aboriginal Culture.

GRADE 5-6 READING LOGS - Sue Gardiner

Please be aware that it is important for students to complete their Reading Logs nightly and return them each week. **GRADE P-2 'SCHOOLYARD**

SAFARI' REPORT - Brioney Hall

The Grade P-2 students have started a new topic this term that we've called 'Schoolyard Safari'. Last Friday they created a habitat for Earthworms. They will have the opportunity to observe the features and behaviour of small animals. Thankyou Mr Lord for a great Science lesson.



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.

KINDER VISIT REPORT – Wendy Finn

It was great to have the Kinder children visit the school on Monday, getting to know the environment and becoming familiar with school life. The children enjoyed making and reading their own book (so clever), they sang and made music with Mr Pay (all very talented) and made their own Rainbow Fish. The children progressed through the mornings' routine, having Brain Food, stories, songs, counting and play lunch, having lots of fun. Unfortunately it was raining before school so our very enthusiastic School Leaders could not greet the excited Practising Preps at the gate. Instead they met them inside the door. The constant rain also meant we could not go out for a play at recess so this afternoon the children returned to school for a 'Play Date'.

Our Transition Program for 2017 Preps will continue in November and December, when there will be a further five Prep Practice sessions. Times and dates will be published at the beginning of Term 4. We encourage our new Prep parents to complete their enrolment forms for next year and drop them off at the school, at either school office.



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

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.

ENGLISH NEWS – Kirstin James

ICAS English Competition - This week eighty students across all year levels participated in the UNSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools English Competition. Students were required to read a variety of different texts and answer between 50-60 questions testing their knowledge and skill level about the mechanics of the English Language. Results of the competition will be available to schools later in the year and certificates will be distributed during a school assembly. Well done to the students who participated and we look forward to seeing your results.





Speak Off - Term 3 brings us to our annual public speaking competition 'Speak Off'. Each year level will be provided with a prompt and from there, students will prepare a short speech to be presented in class. Winners of the Form Group Round will then compete against each other. Prizes for first, second and third will be awarded for the best presenters.

We understand that many students may feel uneasy about public speaking and for some, this can lead to an increase in anxiety levels. Oral presentations are an important part of our curriculum and we do our best to encourage and support every student to feel safe and comfortable when giving a speech. Support from home also plays an important role in preparing students to deliver a confident oral presentation. Ways in which you can support your child if they are experiencing unease about public speaking include:

- Asking your child what their speech needs to be about and discussing ideas with them.
- Assisting them with writing their speech, providing suggestions and support with the structure.
- Encouraging them to use strategies to assist with their nerves such as using palm cards or focussing on a point in the room.
- Allowing them to rehearse with you and other family members so they become familiar with their speech and therefore feel confident with their content.
- Providing supportive, positive feedback to enable them to make improvements with their delivery (such as reminding them to slow down and look up).

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's English Teacher for further support if you think your child is struggling with their 'Speak Off' preparation as it is very important that they complete this task. We often find that once students conquer their fear of public speaking they become more and more confident with the process. We can't wait to share some of our 'Speak Off' prompts with you and of course the winners of this fun competition.

IMPORTANT MILDURA SENIOR COLLEGE TRANSITION PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION -

Chris Blackie

Last week Year 10 students visited the Mildura Senior College. The teachers spoke to them about all subject areas and the opportunities available for study in Years 11-12. It was also pleasing to see a number of Merbein P-10 families taking the opportunity to attend the Mildura Senior College's Parent and Student Information Evening last Wednesday.

Mildura Senior College's 2017 Information Pack.

Last week Year 10 students were issued with an Information Pack which contains the 2017 College Handbook and the 2017 Enrolment Application Booklet. Students were also given the Mildura Senior College's 2017 Subject Selection Handbook which contains a set of blue 2017 Subject Selection Forms. Please note that students only need to complete the appropriate form for their chosen pathway (VCE or VCAL). These subject selections are preliminary only. Students are able to make changes to their subject selections prior to their final enrolment in late November.

In addition to the subject selection forms,

students who wish to undertake a Unit 3&4 Subject in 2017 must complete the

Accelerated Studies Expression of Interest

Form. This form asks students to provide evidence demonstrating their capacity to successfully manage a Year 12 level of classwork and homework.

If your child has not brought these documents home, please contact the school and we can organise replacement copies.

Both the 2017 Enrolment Application Booklet and 2017 Subject Selection Forms must be completed and returned to Merbein P-10 College tomorrow, Friday, 5th August.

Please feel free to contact the school if you would like any further information or assistance with the transition process.

INTERSCHOOL HOCKEY REPORT – Mr Rhodes ***Intermediate Boys***

Game One V St Joseph's College - In the first half, most of the play saw Merbein attacking with five separate penalty corners. A few excellent saves by their goalie saw the score nil-all at half time. In the second half, two field goals and a converted penalty corner along with a great save from goalie Logan Dunne saw a 3-nil win. Goal scorers were Jayden Curtis - 2 and Jamie Hood - 1.

Game Two V Red Cliffs Secondary College - Our team started strongly with two field goals and a penalty corner in the first half along with another excellent save at our defensive end to see us leading 3-nil at half time. In the second half we had many attacking opportunities but more of the play occurred in the MDI field as the St Joseph's team played a strong brand of hockey. Goal scorers were Will Smith - 2 and Jamie Hood - 1.

Game Three V Irymple Secondary College - Irymple had been undefeated in their first two games as had Merbein so effectively this was the final. The quality of the hockey played was fitting of a final, with both teams having the ball in scoring positions only to be denied by solid defence. The score at half time was nil-all. In the second half Irymple went all out to score knowing they needed to win to progress to the next stage. Again we defended strongly and the best chance for the game was narrowly missed by Anthony Colluccio late in the second half. The game ended in a nil-all draw meaning that our boys won the day and will progress to the next stage to be played in Bendigo early next term.

The nucleus of the team was made up of regular hockey players. Jack Smith, Jayden Curtis, Will Smith, Luke Perry and Jamie Hood. They were ably supported by Lachlan Cavallaro, Larry Colluccio, Logan Dunne, Sam Green, Jack Howarth, James McGregor, Nolo Miki and Nathan Pinchbeck who all contributed to the successes. Congratulations to the team on their win. The boys will now look forward to training sessions over the next few weeks where they will refine some set plays to assist with another success at the next level.

Intermediate Girls

The Intermediate Girls Team was an enthusiastic group with limited experience on the Hockey Field. It was great to see how well they competed and worked well as a team.

Game One V Redcliffs Secondary College - The first game saw us 2-nil down at half time. Our girls were working hard to repel a strong attacking foray. After an inspirational 'pep talk' by Shae Congress at half time, the girls came out with renewed vigour and were running hard to retackle missed opportunities. The second half saw some excellent defence. A late goal by Tara Martin saw the final result a respectable 2-1 loss.

Game Two V St Joseph's College - These teams were evenly matched with St Joseph's having two experienced players to our one. The game saw many opportunities to score being saved by a strong defence inside the circle by both goalies and full backs. The game ended in a nil-all draw.

Game Three V Trinity Lutheran College - Trinity Lutheran College had two exceptional players on their team who ran hard from defence to attack throughout to whole game and they dominated much of their teams play. Their team was undefeated for the day and soundly defeated our girl's 5-nil.

The team members were: Ashlee Battin (Goal Keeper), Bella Connell, Shae Congress, Courtney Cordwell, Tiarnie Cordwell, Vhilla Evans, Jarni Hay, Jordan Kerr, Nikita Lindsay, Ashlyn Livens, Tara Martin, Alex Pallot, Chelsea Prothero and Chloe Storer.

I would like to thank Shae Congress who was the captain and coach of the team and played a huge role in helping all the girls play well and enjoy the day.

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.

TELSTRA MILDURA BMX OPEN

This Sunday 7th August the Telstra Mildura BMX Open will be run at the Mildura BMX Track. It's the first round of the Victorian Series. Entry is free, so support the local riders and watch some top racing. Racing starts at 10.30am with food and drinks available.

**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

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

SASSG BOWLING NIGHT FOR 13-17 YEAR OLDS

Open to male and females who are on the spectrum and are aged 13-17 years. Held 7th August from 6.00-7.30pm. (Siblings in the same age group welcomed). Cost: \$5.00 per game (includes shoe hire). Location: 1 King Ave, Mda.

Strictly NO BYO food or drinks except water, or special dietary requirements. RSVP name and number of attendees by 6pm 04/08/16 to the following email address
sunraysia.autism@gmail.com

LEGO CLUB

Lego Club is on again this Saturday from 10:30-11:30am, held at 110 Pine Ave Mildura.

All welcome. For more information email
sunraysia.autism@gmail.com.

**MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE
GRADE P-6
MERBEIN VANILLA SLICE TRIUMPH
PERFORMANCES
SATURDAY 20th AUGUST, 2016
RETURN NOTE**

Dear Parents

The Merbein P-10 College primary students have been asked to perform at this year's Merbein Vanilla Slice Triumph on Saturday, 20th August, 2016.

Please indicate below if you are willing to have your children perform at this event.

Yes I am happy for my child/ren _____ to perform at the Merbein Vanilla Slice Triumph from 11.35-11.50am.

I understand that before and after the performance, my child will be my responsibility.

Signed Parent _____ Date _____