2016 NEWSLETTER Thursday, 11 August

SUCCESSFUL CHINA EXCHANGE VISIT REPORT – Mr Cupper

This morning our visitors from Dali No 1 Middle School China flew out from Mildura after spending the past week with us. Once again it was a most enjoyable and rewarding experience for our school community, students, parents and staff alike.

The visit culminated in a formal whole school assembly held yesterday afternoon. At that assembly our students and staff were entertained by the Dali students who performed several musical items. Merbein students also provided a musical performance.

The 2016 Sister School exchange is the seventh since its inception in 2010 and it continues to be a highly successful program, establishing strong levels of friendship and mutual respect between the two schools.

Much work and planning has gone into this program so there are a lot of people to thank:

*Firstly, my sincere thanks to the parents and students of the host families for the generosity and care they provided to the Chinese students.
*Liz Rankin and Chris Blackie who have planned this program so meticulously ensuring that everything ran extremely smoothly.
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*All the Merbein P-10 school staff who supported the program in numerous ways which include helping the school continue to run smoothly over the past week.
*Our partner schools, Irymple and Red Cliffs Secondary Colleges.

Merbein P-10 students and staff will leave for a return visit next month.
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- All formal class photos
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- Prep and Year 10 individual profiles
- Year 10 Graduation photos
JULY 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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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.

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. Light refreshments will be available (please note this change). The paved area alongside the Merbein Post Office will be the point for registration and Light refreshments. 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.

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.

FATHER’S DAY STALL – Kyra Fetherston
Thursday 1st September
9:30-11am Primary Students
11-11:30am Secondary Students
Gifts starting from $1

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

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.

MERBEIN P10 COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE
Visit our school’s Facebook Page for photos and updates www.facebook.com/merbeinp10college.

2016 THE BEAT INFORMATION BELOW

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.
SCHOOL HOURS – Mrs Finn
Please avoid sending your child to school too early in the morning unless they are going to Breakfast Club. Teacher supervision is provided from 8.40am onward. If your child is at school before this time they must wait in the school canteen or around the back of the green building.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) CHALLENGE DAY TOMORROW - Mr Lord
Tomorrow, Friday 12th August our Primary students will be celebrating Science Week with a (STEM) Challenge Day. 

Parents will be able to view the final products from 2.45pm tomorrow in the following learning centres.
Grade P-2 in the prep end of the Green Building.
Grade 3-6 in the Orange Building.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADE 5-6 WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS

GRADE P-2 CHINESE LESSON REPORT – Wendy Finn
The Merbein Grade P-2 students had lots of fun seeing their names written in Chinese and learning to say some Chinese words.

GRADE P-6 BOOK WEEK ACTIVITY DAY
This year we will be celebrating the Olympics together with our Annual Book Week Activity Day on Thursday, 25th August. We will begin the day in the usual way with a Book Week Parade. Your child can wear sporting clothes or clothes that represent a country to school on this day. Parents and family are welcome to stay and watch the parade. The parade will then be followed by a rotation of activities in our units. The Grade P-2 will visit the Merbein Library after recess and the Grade 5 classes will visit the Merbein Library after lunch to hear a presentation from author/illustrator Anne Spudvilas who now lives in this area.
NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS REPORT – Brioney Hall
Last week the P-6 students participated in NAIDOC Celebrations, the morning started with a special assembly followed by activities including - Dance, Games, Culture and Art/Story Telling. Thank-you to our Special Guests for making the activities enjoyable & engaging for our students.

CHA LK AND PARENT DIRECT TOY FUNDRAISER
Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Catalogues were sent home with every family in the Primary Section. The catalogues were given to the youngest child in each family. These catalogues are filled with lots of fun and educational toys for all ages. Free delivery is offered on all orders over $150 and 20 cents from every dollar you spend on toys will be donated back to our school to spend on educational resources. Please return the order forms to the school’s main office by Friday, 9th September so the orders can be processed during the school holidays. If we do receive any late orders, they will be processed in Term 4.

ART NEWS – Jodie Atkinson
This week in Art, Grade 5-6 students, have been moulding and manipulating aluminium foil to create 'Olympic Athlete Sculptures'. Students have done a fabulous job creating some excellent pieces.

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.

MERBEIN VANILLA SLICE TRIUMPH PERFORMANCES
A huge thankyou to the parents who have returned their notes concerning the primary performances at this year’s Merbein Vanilla Slice Triumph which will be held on Saturday, 20th August, 2016.

If you haven't returned your child’s note, please do so as soon as possible so that performances can be well organised. More notes can be collected from the Green Building office. We hope to have the Grade 5-6 dance, Grade P-4 song, Grade P-2 dance and the Grade 2-4 dance.
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

CHINESE VISIT REPORT – Mr Rhodes
The visit has been a fantastic success again this year. Some of the highlights of the exchange were as follows:

- An official whole school assembly was held yesterday. Our Principal, Mr Cupper and a Chinese Representative - Mr Duan gave a formal speech each. We were surprised when Mr Duan’s speech was interpreted by their English teacher, Tony. Three students also gave speeches. They were Vhilla Evans and Ellen Milner from our school and Yi Ling, a student from Dali who had the audience laughing at his excellent sense of humour. The Chinese students performed five songs, our Year 9 students performed a song and our staff band performed a song also. The staff band consisted of our Principal, Mr Cupper who played guitar and sang lead vocals, Mr Lee on Drums, Mr Hudson and Mr Pay on Guitar.

- Last Friday, the Chinese students helped our infant primary students to learn some basic Chinese words and writing. This was one of their first experiences in our school.

- The Chinese students also spent some time learning how to cook in an Australian classroom. School life in China is very different. On a normal school day at Dali No 1 Middle School in China the students start school at 7:40am and work until 12midday. They then have a two hour lunch break and return to work until 5pm when they have a one hour dinner break and return to work again until 9pm. They attend school six days a week. The subjects they study are predominantly theoretical subjects such as Mathematics, Politics, English, Physics and Chemistry. The students value their education system and it is important to them to compete for places in the best universities in China.

CHINA EXCHANGE VISIT REPORT – Chris Blackie
Our 2016 Exchange Visitors from Dali No. 1 Middle School in Yunnan, China arrived a day late thanks to some flight problems but they were very excited for the week ahead! Last Friday afternoon the students met their hosts and toured Merbein P-10, saying hello to students in Grade P-10 along the way. This week they’ve shared school life, home life and community life with their Australian host families.

‘MEET THE MAKERS’ GAME DESIGN VIDEOCONFERENCE – Chris Blackie
Game designers are an important part of a comprehensive team of designers and developers that coordinate the complex task of creating a new video game. Last Thursday, 4th August, twenty two of our Year 7-10 students attended a videoconference hosted by the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) as part of their ‘Meet the Makers’ series, connecting students with working professionals in the arts & entertainment area. This interactive event featured Emilie Poissenot, a lead game designer at Firemonkeys, an EA Studio based in Melbourne.

Our students gained an insight into the everyday work of a game designer, the business and marketing considerations that inform game design and the challenges of trying to stop a game character’s arm from getting stuck in a high-five position at random moments. Merbein P-10 students were active participants in the discussion and asked some great questions. Further ‘Meet the Makers’ events will be held later in the year.
COMMUNITY NEWS

**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.


**SOCCER 4 ALL**

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

**SUNRAYSA STEINER PLAYGROUP FUNDRAISER**

**NEEDLE FELTING FAIRY WORKSHOP**

To be held on 27th August at 9.30am. Cost is $30 per person. Workshop held at Steiner Hall, 658 Koorlong Ave Irymple. Purchase tickets from Fine and Sunny, 141 Eighth Street. For more information call Peg 0400148353. Check out the Playgroup Facebook Page.

**ELECTRIC LIGHT THEATRE AUDITIONS**

Electric Light Theatre (ELT) teaches young people the skills of stagecraft. Everything from lighting, sound, stage set design and construction and costume design and creation. They will also learn leadership, team work and people management skills.

Auditions will be held on 28th and 29th August at the Irymple Masonic Lodge. Register at [www.eltmildura.org](http://www.eltmildura.org). Rehearsals will begin on 3rd October on Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings (with some Friday night and weekend rehearsals). Performances will be held the last weekend in January 2017.

For more information email: eltmildura@gmail.com or phone: 0439347986 Kim Trigg or 0419655500 Lynde Adams.

**CROCHET AND COILED BASKET WORKSHOPS**

Conscious Living Crochet Workshop held 3rd and 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

**SPECIAL AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP WITH SHABBA!**

A one hour workshop will be held 30th August at 7.30pm. Venue: Sunraysia Arts and Learning Studio. Workshop is for all ages. Cost is $20 for members and $25 for visitors.


**IRYMPLE TIGERS BASKETBALL CLUB**

**SUMMER REGISTRATION & TRAINING DAY**

Held 14th August at the Mildura Basketball Stadium, Court 3 & 4. Times are as follows:

- U/10 Boys 2008/2009 2-3pm
- U/10 Girls 2008/2009 2-3pm
- U/12 Girls 2006/2007 2-3pm
- U/12 Boys 2006/2007 3-4pm
- U/14 Boys 2004/2005 3-4pm
- U/14 Girls 2004/2005 4-5pm

New and intending players must attend. If you need more information, email the club at irympletigers1965@hotmail.com.

**REDCLIFFS LITTLE RED DUCK RACE**

Held on the 13th August at 1pm to celebrate the Red Cliffs channel to pipeline upgrade. The first 700 ducks are significant as they relate to the properties allocated to the return serviceman. Do you have a connection to the first Red Cliffs settlers? The list of property owners can be viewed on the following website.


Ducks can be purchased at a cost of $5 from the following local Redcliffs shops; Newsagents, Lever's Jewellers and Poppy's on Ilex. The ducks can also be purchased at Lower Murray Water offices and from the website. All welcome.

For more information phone Leesa Merrett on 0409 930 991.

**MERBEIN FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB – NET SET GO**

A Net-Set-Go Program for ages 5-7 and 8-10 will be offered from 4-5pm beginning 30th August 2016 at Kenny Park. Cost is $50. Online registrations can be completed by going to the following link https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/oauth/olregstart.aspx?type=6&entityid=45346&fld=1&id=19965

For further information phone Sue Mulder 0403 316 782 or email pmulder@bigpond.net.au.

**DE GARIS KINDER – ENROLMENTS FOR 2017**
