DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER
1st Thursday
Father's Day Stall
2nd Friday
Prep Tea & 1/2 Sleepover
6th Tuesday
Immunisations
8th Thursday
RUOK? Day – whole school
9th Friday
Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Orders due
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

NOVEMBER
1st Tuesday
Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
11th Friday
Remembrance Day
14th Monday
Visiting Performance - To Federation And Beyond
14th – 17th
5/6 camp – Melbourne

DECEMBER
7th Wednesday
Infants Ballet Excursion

2016 TERM DATES
Term 4: 3rd October – 20th December

2017 TERM DATES
Term 1: 30th January – teachers return
31st January – 31st March
Term 2: 18th April – 30th June
Term 3: 17th July – 22nd September
Term 4: 9th October – 22nd December

STUDENT DENTAL SERVICE
13th St and Deakin Ave Mildura
Phone 50210944

SUPERVISON OF CHILDREN USING PLAY EQUIPMENT AFTER SCHOOL
We have had a few primary students who have suffered minor injuries while playing on the play equipment after school. Could parents please ensure children are closely supervised, especially toddlers?

VARIETY NIGHT
This year Merbein P-10 College is presenting an ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA on 11th & 12th October at the Mildura Arts Centre. Please see attached flyer for information.

MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE 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: Collihole.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.
On Tuesday, 28 students from grades 3-6 participated in the Sunraysia District Mini Olympics. Competition was tough as the top competitors from schools around the district strived for success in a range of track and field events. The students that attended from our school demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and upheld our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Quality. Throughout the day we had quite a few successes which are listed below:

Ikaya R - 3rd 9/10yo high jump
Montie B - 2nd 12yo high jump
Jack P - 2nd 9/10yo shot put
Tess L - 2nd 11yo long jump
Holly S - 3rd 11yo discus
Girls relay team - 1st 9/10yo
Ella B - 1st 11yo high jump setting a new record (129cm)

Excellent job everyone. Good luck to those students who have been invited to compete at the next level in Bendigo.
HEATING OF STUDENTS’ FOOD
Please note that staff are not able to heat food for students due to safety concerns.

PREP TEA/YEAR ONE-TWO SLEEPOVER
The Prep Tea and Grade 1-2 Sleepover will be held next Friday 1st September. Permission notes and information were sent home earlier in the week. Cost is $15 for prep students and $20 for grade 1-2 students.

BOOK DAY
We had a terrific parade this morning with students dressed as an athlete or in a national costume. The students worked in groups completing activities after listening to the Short Listed Books. Students in the Sea End of the Green Learning Centre enjoyed a visit to the Merbein Library where they participated in some Book Week activities. Year 5 students were treated to a talk by Anne Spudvillas, a successful artist/illustrator/author, also at the Merbein Library.

HEAD LICE
There has been head lice detected in some students in our primary area. Please be vigilant in checking and treating your child’s hair to help this from becoming a problem. We will be conducting head lice checks next week.

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.

CHALK 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 20cents 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.

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

SNOW TRIP
Year 10 students returned from the Alpine Snow trip at around 4.30pm last Friday after a quick, but fantastic trip to Mt Buller. A full report with pictures will come in a later edition of the Newsletter, but I will give a taster of things to come. We departed at 10.30pm on Tuesday evening and drove until 5.30am when we arrived at Mansfield. We were fitted for skis and snow boards and all the appropriate safety equipment including helmets and wrist guards. We had a very large breakfast consisting of cereal, toast, fruit and yoghurt and a selection of many hot foods. On Wednesday we departed for Mr Buller at around 8.30am and arrived at 9.30am on the mountain. For many students this was the first time seeing snow. The weather was overcast, which in the snow means we were in a fog because that is the height of the clouds. All students were given their first lesson for an hour and a half. We then met for a hot lunch. After lunch we stayed on the little Bourke St and Bourke St runs to consolidate our learning. Some of the students had Go Pro cameras which made for great viewing. All students had a red hot go at skiing and boarding and almost all had mastered the art of stopping and turning in some way. For some
people, stopping meant falling over before sliding too quickly.

We left the mountain at about 4.30pm and returned to the Alzberg Motel in Mansfield. We were sharing the accommodation with 3 other school groups. We had a swim and spa and showered before a lovely meal of soup, roast and vegetables and chocolate mousse and ice cream. After dinner we were all very tired so by 10pm we were all asleep and ready to rise at 6am the next morning.

Thursday saw clear skies, so we could see all of the lifts and other mountains. Before lunch, the teachers worked with students to ensure their stopping and control skills were up to scratch. After lunch we took the students to other runs on the other side of the mountain. This gave students a better perspective of the whole mountain.

We departed again at 4.30pm and had a similar night to the first. We departed for Mildura at 8.30am and returned at about 4.30pm on the Friday.

Some of the notable things from the trip were:
- All students were able to ski or board well at the end of the trip. This is exceptional as in many schools there are students that give up because they find the activity too difficult.
- For some this will be their only experience in the snow during their lifetime, but for others they will return to the snow fields and the basics they have learnt will put them in good stead.
- The cooperation, good will and good behaviour of our students on the trip was outstanding.
- I would like to thank Mr Nunn and Mr Bennett who did a lot of the initial organisation for the trip starting in 2015 and the commitment of Mrs Smith and Mrs Williams to the students while on the camp.

SECONDARY PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS

WEDNESDAY SEPT 14.

Parent – Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday September 14th between 4.00 and 7.00 pm. This is an opportunity to talk with teachers about your child’s progress. Please make an effort to attend this night with your child as it leads to improved communication which in turn can lead to improved educational outcomes.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

All year 10 students are out in the work force this week and next week. You may see some of them in the community in street clothes appropriate to their work experience type. Mr Willison has made over 150 placements for students this year. This program is an important part of our year 10 curriculum as it helps prepare students for future vocational pathways and the rigours of the world of work.

COOKING COMPETITION WINNERS

Over the two weeks leading up to the vanilla slice competition, each food class has used a double lesson to prepare a food item that could be entered into the various sections of the Merbein Great Vanilla Slice Triumph. Our year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to enter in the Sultana Muffin and Sun Muscat Slice sections and our Year 9, 10 and other students from across the secondary school had the opportunity to enter in Vanilla Slice section. Well done to all our students who participated and chose to enter.

Congratulations to the following prize winners from our school;

Vanilla Slice – Student Section - Hayley Thomas 3rd (Year 10)
Sun Muscat Slice – Student Section – Bailey Peel 1st (Year 7), Arki Colling 2nd (Year 8) and Noah Edwards 3rd (Year 8)
Sultana Muffin – Rebecca Stirrat 2nd (Year 7)

Our thanks go to the local organisers of the Merbein Great Australian Vanilla Slice Triumph. Also thanks to our sponsors, Sunbeam and Australian Premium Dried Fruit for providing us with sultanas and Sun Muscats.

Bridget Byrne and Rhonda Brown

Noah Edwards’ Sun Muscat Slice, Hayley Thomas’ Vanilla Slice and Rebecca Stirrat’s Sultana Muffins.

SUNRAYSIA MATHS GAMES DAY

On Friday the 19th of August Merbein P-10 College took two teams of 4 year 7 students each, to participate in the inaugural Sunraysia Maths Games Day held at Trinity Lutheran College. The day started with registration at 9:00 am followed by a presentation from a local young business owner who demonstrated a number of drones used to take photos, as a part of celebrating Science Week. The competition between the 13 teams then started at 10am and finished at 2:45pm. Merbein’s two teams consisted of; Team 1, Lilli-Marlee Cox, Ethan Lane, Aiden Middleton and Sarah Chapman and Team 2, Kade Zrna, Colby Storer, Jack Bithell and Lachlan Vernon. We also took Arseni Mugiraneza as a reserve and to his credit he joined and helped one of the Robinvale P-12 College teams that were one team member short. In all there were 13 teams that participated: 2 each from Merbein, St Josephs,
Irymple, Trinity, Robinvale and Coomealla and 1 team from Chaffey. The competition started with a range of problem solving tasks and ended with some origami. While both of our teams participated well, Merbein's Team 1 were the eventual winners narrowly defeating one of the St Joes teams, with one of the Coomealla teams coming in third. In all I think everyone that participated had a great day. I would like to thank the Trinity Lutheran College for a fantastic day.

Duane Ebbels, Mathematics Coordinator.

CONGRATULATIONS – AUGUSTUS MCCALLUM
Our school is extremely proud of our Year 10 student, Augustas McCallum, on winning the Junior WORLD Title in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu over in the U.S.A on August 21st!! All your hard work and commitment has paid off.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNRAYSIA 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
Auditions will be held on 28th and 29th August at the Irymple Masonic Lodge. Register at 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.

MERBEIN GOLF CLUB LADIES CLINIC
If you would like to learn how to play golf, please register for the Ladies Clinic at Merbein Golf Club. Clinics commence Friday August 26 from 5pm for 6 weeks with Golf Professional Mike McKenzie conducting the lessons.$30 entry for the six weeks includes coaching and refreshments after the lesson.Places are limited, so contact the Merbein Golf Club via Facebook, email royal.merbein@gmail.com or phone the Secretary Melinda Binding on 0447 790 949.

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 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 enquires@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.

For more information visit the website http://www.sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au/enr

2016 FReeZA Youth Arts Prize:
Congratulations to Cayla Wickens, Year 7, for winning a First Prize in the 2016 FReeZA Youth Art competition. As a winner, Cayla received a Certificate and a money prize. The Exhibition is on show at the Mildura Visitor Centre until September 1st, and Cayla's artwork can be seen there.
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&fl=1&id=19965
For further information phone Sue Mulder 0403 316 782 or email pmulder@bigpond.net.au.

GIRLS BASKETBALL FUNDAMENTALS!
COME AND TRY OUR FEE CLINICS!
With Mildura Basketball’s Russell Knights and Heat player Calvin Henry.
U10 Girls – Tuesday 6th & 13th September from 4.00pm – 5.00 pm
U12 Girls – Tuesday 6th & 13th September from 5.00pm – 6.00pm
U14 Girls – Thursday 8th & 15th September from 6.00pm – 7.00pm
@ The Toyota Hothouse. Please phone 5023 2241 for enquiries or go www.mildurabasketball.com.au to register.
2016/17 Summer Season starts on 5th October.

VOLLEY STARS “COME AND TRY VOLLEYBALL DAY”
This week will be the second Volley Stars “Come and Try Volleyball Day” that are open to all boys and girls aged between 6 and 14. These FREE sessions provide an opportunity to come along and play the exciting fun game of volleyball. To be held on Saturday 27th August at the SJC Stadium from 9.30am – 11.00am.

VOLLEY STARS TALENT SEARCH TRIALS
Sunraysia Volleyball has been running Volley Stars Talent Search Clinics in schools over the past couple of weeks. Boys and girls identified AND any other boys and girls aged between 6 and 14 who are keen to come along can attend the FREE Volley Stars Trials. To be held at the SJC Stadium on Saturday 3rd and Saturday 10th September from 9.30am – 11.00am

VOLLEY STARS PROGRAM AND COMPETITION
The Volley Stars Program and Competition will begin on October 8 and run during Term 4. Any boys and girls that are aged between 6 and 14 keen to take part should come along to the Registration Day (Registration fees $50 annual sign up + $5/week). Registration day is on Saturday 8th October at the SJC Stadium from 9.30 am – 11.00am.

“All are Welcome!”

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 the 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 or call 0427 750 283.

RHEE TAEKWON-DO FREE COME & TRY DAY
Rhee Tae Kwon-Do are offering a Free Come & Try Day on Saturday 10th September at the Trinity Lutheran College, Mallee Sports Hall, 920 Fifteenth Street (please enter via gate closest to Ontario Avenue) from 10am – 11am.
To register your interest, please call 1300 743 853. www.rheekd.info
Victorian School of Languages

We are pleased to announce to Years 1-10 students living in Sunraysia the opportunity to study:

Greek & French (Years 1-10)
on Wednesday (4:00pm-6:30pm)

at the Mildura VSL Centre
(Mildura Senior College – Cnr Deakin Ave & 14th St)
Classes will commence in 2017 if there are sufficient enrolments

For information on this and other languages and centres,
phone: Kevin Ryan 9802 4326
MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE PRESENTS

ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA

11TH OCTOBER
12TH OCTOBER
7PM

MILDURA ARTS CENTRE

$10 ADULTS
$8 CONCESSION
$20 FAMILY
(2 ADULTS/2 CHILDREN)

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