DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER
2nd Friday
Prep Tea & 1/2 Sleepover
8th Thursday
Gr 5-6 District Summer Sport Competition
R U OK? Day – whole school
9th Friday
Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Orders due
13th Tuesday
Immunisations
Visiting Performance - Pass the Poetry
Please
14th Wednesday
Sec Parent/Teacher Interviews
16th Friday
-Footy/Sports Colour Day
-Last day for Term 3
-Earlier finishing time of 2.30pm

OCTOBER
11th Tuesday
Variety Night
12th October
Variety Night
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

FOOTY COLOURS DAY
Friday the 16th of September (the last day of school) is our annual Footy Colours Day. Children and staff are able to wear the colours of their favourite footy team.

R U OK DAY – Thursday 8th September
Next Thursday 1st September is a day to check on our friends and family and ask them the question ‘R U OK?’.
By starting a conversation and commenting on the changes you’ve noticed, you could help that family member, friend or workmate open up. And if all is well, that person will know you’re someone who cares enough to ask.
The SRC will be running lunchtime activities on the day for both Primary and Secondary students to share the messages to look out for our friends.
Students can wear yellow accessories such as yellow ribbon, bows, scarves, socks, belts etc to help make the day more fun.

THANKS FOR ASKING R U OK?

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.

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.

FATHERS’ DAY STALL
Students will have the chance to purchase a Fathers’ Day gift in the Canteen tomorrow morning from 8.00am- 9.00am.
**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.

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**PRIMARY NEWS**

**AWSEOME DAY AND NIGHT - PREP TEA/YEAR ONE-TWO SLEEPOVER**
Our Prep/1/2 students are ready to have an AWESOME day and night for our excursion to Ten Pin Bowling and Jaycee Park followed at 5.00 by the Prep tea and One/Two Sleepover. Remember that your child will be making lunch before we head off to Mildura. They will need their recess/playlunch from home–named. Look forward to seeing you all about 7.45 Saturday morning. Please ensure permission notes and money has been returned.

**WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS**
We have been very fortunate to have some Year 10 Work Experience Students with us these last two weeks. Thanks to Mikayla, Jama, Jesse and Enya. Last Friday Jama and Brandon showed the 2-4 unit how to do some basic Tai Kwon Doh which was fantastic.

**DISTRICT SUMMER SPORTS**
Next Thursday, 8th September, the 5/6 unit will compete against Our Lady’s and The Lake schools in the District Summer Sports. The sports involved are basketball, volleyball and softball. Volleyball will be in our gym, the softball will be at The Lake School along with the girls’ basketball. The boy’s basketball will be at Our Lady’s school. Games will start at 11:40am and finish at about 2:15pm. Parents are welcome to come along and support.

**GRADE 5/6 LITERACY GROUP**
Over the past few weeks Mrs Grimmer’s and Mrs Gardiner’s literacy groups have been planning and conducting debates. During the lead up lessons, students have been working with their debating teams to prepare arguments to support their stance. Students have been exploring persuasive language and learning how to speak confidently in front of an audience. The debates were held on Monday and the quality was amazing. It was incredible to see how seriously the students took the activity and the amount of work most had put into preparing their arguments.
GRADE 5/6 NEWS
A big congratulations to all the 5/6 award recipients over the past few weeks. Great effort guys.

BOOK WORKSHOP - Grade 5 students were lucky enough to attend a workshop with award winning author and illustrator Anne Spudvilas last week. Students were given an insight into the process of illustrating a picture book from the initial storyboard through to final copy. Anne also demonstrated many techniques to draw with charcoal. It was a wonderful way to end Book Week celebrations. Special thanks to Mildura Rural City Council Library Service for offering this fabulous opportunity to our students.

Reading Reward - as the end of term approaches, please encourage your child to return their completed Reading Diary week. Students are expected to have read for 45 nights this term to be able to participate.

FATHERS’ DAY STALL
A huge thank you to the Parents’ Club for organising the Fathers’ Day stall again this year. There are still some presents left. If your child did not bring any money today, they can purchase a gift at the Breakfast Club in the morning or from the Green Office area before school.

SOME PHOTOS FROM BOOK DAY FROM THE GRADE 5/6 STUDENTS

PASS THE POETRY PLEASE PERFORMANCE
A visiting performer will be coming to the Primary students on Tuesday 13th September to present Pass the Poetry Please. Pass the Poetry Please is not a poetry reading, it’s a lively, totally engaging, visually rich theatre experience. Each one of the very different characters has their own style and pace when it comes to delivering poetry. If students have paid their excursion levy, there will be no cost. If not, it will be $5 per child. A note will be sent home next week.

ASSEMBLY IN WEEK 10
An assembly will be held in the last week of this term. The students from Grades 5-6 have been looking at the Election Process in our country and will be presenting information to the Grade 2-4 unit to persuade them to ‘vote’ for their ‘political party’. This will be happening Thursday afternoon. It will be extremely interesting and a very valuable learning experience, so feel free to come and watch. However, our usual assembly will be held from 1.00 to 1.30 on the last day of the term.

ALL SCHOOL SWIM MEET
Are you of primary school age and enjoy swimming? If so, come and participate in the All Schools Swim Meet to be held on Thursday 8th September at Mildura Waves at 5.30pm. (Warm up from 5.00pm)
Enquiries: 0428 291 523 or email Entries by email to enriessunrayriaswimming@gmail.com or directly on our website at www.sunraysia.swimming.org.au and click on the entries tab.
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.

MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE OUTSIDE SCHOOL
HOURS CARE – LAST DAY OF TERM
Can all OSHC families please note that OSHC program will be finishing at 5.00pm on the last day of term – 16th September? All accounts need to be paid by this date.
Cheryl 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
A reminder that orders for Chalk and Parent Direct need to be returned by Friday 9th September.

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

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
This is the last week for our Year 10 students on work experience. 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MERBEIN COBRAS BASKETBALL CLUB
If your child is interested in playing in our Summer Comp, please contact Brock Munn on 0407 096 108 or Cassie Munn on 0409 632 898.

SUNRAYSIA SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION – JUNIOR
TWILIGHT MINI-COMP
Come and try softball. We are running a series of introductory clinics for girls and boys in grades 3 – 6 leading into the regular 2016/2017 season.
Dates and times are:
September 7th & 14th from 4.30pm – 6.00pm
September 18th from 11.00am – 1.00pm
October 5th & 12th from 4.30pm – 6.30pm
To be held at the Old Aerodrome Ovals.
Cost is $40 and includes registration and insurance. Equipment supplied – bring a snack and water bottle.
Contact: info@sunraysia softball@gmail.com.

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 enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au

MUSIC TOGETHER – COME AND TRY FEE CLASSES
Come and Play! Join our Music Together Free Trial Classes Thursday 15th September in Merbein. High quality music learning for 0-5 year olds and their grownups with experienced teacher Catherine Threlfall in our beautiful studio. Register online or email enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au or ring 0420939229. Try something new this Spring!

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 – 6.00 pm
U14 Girls – Thursday 8th & 15th September from 6.00pm – 7.00 pm
@ 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 Talent Search Clinics**
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 9.30 am – 11.00 am.

**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 – 11.00 am.

**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 SPUA 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** 12.00 pm 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 Tae Kwon-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 10 am – 11 am.

**School Holiday Activities – Youth Services Mildura**
**Movie Night** – Friday 16th September. Half light and sound down. Avoid disappointment and buy your tickets early.
Sensory Film Night showing 'Secret Life of Pets' at Deakin Cinema complex. This event is for children, teens and adults on the spectrum and their immediate family members and/or carers.
**Date:** One evening only - 16th September
**Cost:** $6.00 per person (RRP $11.00pp), payable at Cinema.
**Time:** 6pm sharp.
150 Tickets available now from the Deakin Cinema complex. Be quick to pre-purchase your tickets. (no hold on tickets)
This is another event supported by the Mildura Rural City Council. As the MRCC is contributing the other $5.00 towards each ticket sold.
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