DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER
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
3rd – 7th
Advance Camp
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
16th – 18th
Grade 3/4 Camp

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

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS
BSB - 063 714
Bank Acc Number - 10060535
Account Name - Merbein P-10 College

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.

LAST DAY OF TERM – 16th SEPTEMBER
A reminder that school will finish at 2.30pm on the last day of term. Buses will be running an hour earlier to fit in with the earlier finish time. Students who travel on the NSW Bus Route will need to make alternate arrangements as there is no change to the running time.

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.

SAVER PLUS
Can $500 from Saver Plus assist you with school costs? Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself. You will need internet access and be contactable by email.
  - school uniforms and text books
  - computers, laptops and tablets
  - excursions and camps
  - sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
  - music tuition and instrument purchase.
Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in your area by the Brotherhood of St Laurence. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.
Contact your Saver Plus Coordinator: Call or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355 or email saverplus@bsl.org.au

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.

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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.

PRIMARY NEWS

ASSEMBLY P-4
An assembly will be held tomorrow at 2.45pm in the green building.

WATER BOTTLES
With the warm weather coming, it is important for all students to have a water bottle to keep on their desk.

PREP TEA/YEAR ONE-TWO SLEEPOVER REPORT
Students started off their day with making their own lunch for a picnic at the park. They then caught the bus into Ten-Pin Bowling. When returning to school at 5pm, students set up their beds and participated in various activities. They then had delicious Lasagne and Salad for dinner (thank you to Kylie from the cafe and her family, plus the year 8’s). After dinner, students loved going on a night walk and then enjoyed supper whilst listening to Mr.Pay play his guitar to 'Kumbaya' around the pretend campfire. Students then put on their PJ’s for a movie and popcorn time before nodding off in their beds. In the morning, they woke up and had a healthy breakfast.

VARIETY NIGHT
Notes went home earlier this week with all the information regarding Variety Night.
Congratulations to the P-4 students who received an award last week.

GRADE 5/6 READING
Congratulations to the many students who have already achieved the 45 nights of reading for this term. The Reading Reward will be held next week.

GRADE 5/6 “POLITICAL CAMPAIGN”
The 5/6 students have been very busy preparing for their political Campaign Trail which will take place on Monday at 2.15pm in the 2-4 learning space. Leaders of 5 political parties will give their campaign speeches to the ‘citizens’ to outline their platforms and to convince them to vote for their parties. Promotional posters and ‘How to Vote’ pamphlets will be handed out and parents are most welcome to come along. The ‘Electoral Commission’ students have prepared ballot papers in readiness for the election that will take place after recess on Thursday. The preferential voting will be carefully counted and the successful candidate will be announced on Thursday at 3.00pm in the 2-4 learning space at which time the leader of the party that forms government will give their maiden speech.

SOMERS CAMP
Last Tuesday, 8 grade 5/6 students headed off on the long bus ride to Somers’ Camp. The students will participate in a variety of activities while attending the camp and they are sure to make many new friends from around the state. We can’t wait to hear their stories when they return!

GRADE 5/6 MELBOURNE CAMP
Final arrangements are being made for the Grade 5/6 Melbourne camp that will be held from 14th – 17th November. Payments may be made at the office at any time or by direct deposit into the school’s bank account. Please put student’s name and camp as reference.

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 has been sent home this week.

SUN SMART AWARENESS – TERM 4
A reminder that students will need to have a wide brimmed hat to wear during term 4 for recess, lunch and all PE/Sport activities.

SPARE CLOTHES
If your child has grown out of their uniform and you no longer need it, can you send them along to us to use for students who may have a “little accident”. All donations greatly appreciated and can be left at the office in the P-4 building.

LIBRARY BOOKS
Can all students please check at home or in their locker for any library books they may have. We are missing a lot of books, especially our school readers. Please return before the end of term.

HEAD LICE
A head check has been conducted and notes sent home to parents/carers of students who were detected with either live lice or eggs. Please be vigilant in checking and treating your child’s hair.

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. 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
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.
This is an IMPORTANT NIGHT.
Parent – Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday September 14th between 4.00pm and 7.00 pm.
Over the past week teachers have been preparing interim reports that give an indication about students’ progress in some key areas. These reports will be available for collection on the parent- student- teacher interview night. This
night is an opportunity to talk with teachers about your child's progress.
The teachers will be located in the blue building in rooms and the interim reports can be collected from the main entrance of the Blue building.
Interviews are kept to a maximum of 5 minutes and are meant to touch base about progress.
If a longer time is required then a mutually agreeable time will be made to further discuss any
areas of concern.
No appointments are necessary as the interviews are kept to a short time frame, and wait times to see teachers are usually quite short.
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.

R U OK? DAY
At school today students were reminded about the importance of looking out for others to make sure they are OK. At our school we encourage this throughout the year as part of our SWPBIS. At lunchtime today, there were special activities arranged by the SRC for students to engage with.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Our school uniform has many options for students and is a very good uniform. With summer approaching it is important that you check that the summer uniform still fits your child. Some of the children at school have grown significantly over the winter months.
If you wish to access the uniform shop it is open weekly on Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. If these days do not suit you can contact the office and they will accommodate your request.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MERBEIN JUNIOR FOOTBALL PRESENTATIONS
This Sunday 11th September from 4.00 pm – 8.30pm
Family & friends are invited as we wind up &
celebrate season 2016
4.30 pm -Under 10’s presentation
5.15 pm - Under 12’s presentation
6.00pm - BBQ Tea & Salad (meat provided by MJFC)
6.30pm - Under 13’s vote count & presentation
7.15pm - Under 14’s vote count & presentation
8.00pm - Under 16’s vote count & presentation

Cordial will be provided for the kids.
Other drinks available to be purchased from the bar.
MJFC will be cooking a BBQ tea & is requesting that families bring a salad or sweet to share for tea, Please see allocation below :-
U/10 Families – Salad
U12 Families – Salad
U13 Families – Salad
U14 Families – Sweet
U16 Families – Sweet
Please RSVP to bstevens@atlasfairdinkum.com.au
or text 0427 502 465 your child’s name & how many family members will be attending for tea so we can get numbers for catering.
If you have already RSVP to the Team App, please don’t reply via email or text.

MERBEIN SOUTH CRICKET CLUB
Family registration day this Sunday 11th September from 11.00am – 2.00pm.
Seniors - $350.00 – including kit
Women - $190.00
Junior Boys/Girls – U16 - $140.00
U12 - $100.00
U10/T20 Blast - $99.00
Milo Cricket - $75.00
Free sausage sizzle, jumping castle and willow whack
Join us at Chaffey Park, River Ave Merbein.
Any enquiries to Matt O’Connor - 0432 682 620

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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM – LIBRARY
MERBEIN – Phone 5018 8361
Tuesday 20th Sept – 11.00 am – Daisy the Cow
Wednesday 21st Sept – 11.00am – Lego Fun
Thursday 22nd Sept – 11.00am – Pokémon fun
Tuesday 27th Sept – 11.00am – Sand pictures
Wednesday 28th Sept –11.00am – Lego Fun
Thursday 29th Sept – 11.00am – Pet monsters

MILDURA – Phone 5018 8350
Tuesday 20th Sept – 10.30am – Pete’s Dragon
2.30pm – Paper cities
Wednesday 21st Sept - 2.30 Lego Fun
Thursday 22nd Sept – 10.00am – Talking puppet
2.30pm – Tissue box monsters
Tuesday 27th Sept - 10.30 Tissue box monsters
2.30pm - Talking puppet
Wednesday 28th Sept – 2.30pm – Lego fun
Thursday 29th Sept - 10.30am – Paper cities
2.30pm – Pete’s Dragon

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: inforsunraysiasoftball@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 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 http://www.sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au/en.../registration/ 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 13th September from 4.00pm – 5.00 pm

**U12 Girls** – Tuesday 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.

**VOLLEYSTARS TALENT SEARCH 2ND TRIAL**

9:30am – 11:00am Saturday, September 10 SJ C Stadium, 11th Street Mildura

All welcome!

VolleyStars is a sequential Volleyball Skill Development Program conducted by qualified coaches from Sunraysia Volleyball aimed at preparing athletes to play competition volleyball and for entry into high performance programs such as the Sunraysia Academy of Sport Volleyball Program.

Target age group – Under 13.

**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.

**RHE 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.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES – YOUTH SERVICES MILDURA**

Held at the Mildura Scout Hall.

Monday 19th September – Laserforce
Tuesday 20th September – Fishing Day
Wednesday 21st September – Inflatable World @ Lifestyle Plus
Thursday 22nd September – Sand Tobogganing at Perry Sand Hills
Friday 23rd September – Digital Scavenger Hunt
Monday 26th September – Movies & Pizza
Tuesday 27th September – MasterChef Challenging
Wednesday 28th September – House of Bounce
Thursday 29th September – Gold Range & Ten Pin Bowling
Friday 30th September – Public Holiday
An enrolment form must be completed for each person and enrolments are taken on a First in First Served basis. Closing dates for enrolments is Thursday 15th September. Enrolment forms and information are available from the reception area in the Green Building.

**SUNRAYSIA AUTISM SPECTRUM SUPPORT GROUP ACTIVITIES**

**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.

**MILDURA 4 WHEEL DRIVE CLUB – SAND DAY**
Mildura 4WD Club will be holding a Come and Try Open Day on Sunday 25th September. If you have a 4WD and would like to learn some sand driving tips and techniques, please join us for a fun day out. No previous experience is required. A BBQ lunch and drinks will be provided on the day. A fee of $20 per vehicle will secure you a temporary membership which will enable you to participate in club activities on the day and to join in on two additional trips. If you would like to attend this event please contact Jann on 0417 072 142 or gfgirardi@hotmail.com Pre-registration is a must. Meet at 8:30am Sunday, 25th September at Fotherby Park, Wentworth.