

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**OCTOBER**

**11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Variety Night - whole school - 7pm

**12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Variety Night - whole school - 7pm

**14<sup>th</sup> Friday**

**Student Free Day**

**31<sup>st</sup> Monday**

Merbein P-10 (Melb) Cup Day

**NOVEMBER**

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday**

**Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday**

**11<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Remembrance Day

**14<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Visiting Performance - To Federation And Beyond

**14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**

Grade 5/6 Camp - Melbourne

**16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>**

Grade 3/4 Camp

**DECEMBER**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**

Yr 10 Exams

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday**

Yr 10 Exams

**6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Orientation Day

**7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Infants Ballet Excursion

Orientation Day

**15<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Student reports sent home

**16<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Sec - Lake Day

Pri - Pool Day

**20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

Last Day of Term 4

Early dismissal time of 1.30pm

**2017 TERM DATES**

Term 1: 30<sup>th</sup> January - teachers return

31<sup>st</sup> January - 31<sup>st</sup> March

Term 2: 18<sup>th</sup> April - 30<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3: 17<sup>th</sup> July - 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Term 4: 9<sup>th</sup> October - 22<sup>nd</sup> December

**STUDENT DENTAL SERVICE**

13th St and Deakin Ave Mildura

Phone 50210944

**WELCOME BACK**

We begin this term with an Arts Extravaganza! Next week, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October, the school will present its 2016 Whole School Variety Night. It is a show not to be missed. All our students from Prep to Year 10 will be performing in this Arts Extravaganza that will be held in the Mildura Arts Centre next week, beginning at 7pm on both nights. It was decided to hold the Variety Night over two nights this year as tickets were sold out last year and some families missed out. **If you have not done so already, please purchase your tickets as soon as possible.** Information is provided on the flyer below.



**MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE PRESENTS**

**ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA**

**MILDURA ARTS CENTRE**

**11TH OCTOBER**  
**12TH OCTOBER**  
**7PM**

**\$10 ADULTS**  
**\$8 CONCESSION**  
**\$5 CHILD (1-5YRS)**  
**\$20 FAMILY**  
**(2 ADULTS/2 CHILDREN)**

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

### **LAST TERM'S PRIMARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARD WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following students who received their awards at assembly on the last week of Term 3.

|     |                    |     |                 |
|-----|--------------------|-----|-----------------|
| P1A | Jasper Demarkow    | P1B | Harper Nemtsas  |
| 12A | Eleanor Saleta     | 23A | Ikaya Robinson  |
| 23B | Jerri Liddicoat    | 4A  | Hayden Gardiner |
| 5A  | Dakota Vandermerwe | 5B  | Montana Dixon   |
| 6A  | Montana Beckwith   |     |                 |



### **STUDENT FREE DAY**

School Council has approved a Student Free Day for Friday, 14th October. Staff will be involved in a PD on Student Engagement and Wellbeing.

### **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.

**SUNRAYSIA CHESS CLUB** – Kira Fetherston Sunraysia Chess Club will be hosting the next R.J. Shield Competition this Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October at Chaffey Secondary College from 12:30pm - 5pm. \$20 per player can be paid on the day or online to Sunraysia Chess Club Account BSB 633 000 A/C 138603220. Contact Kathie McManus for further information 0400134899.

### **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](http://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](mailto: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.

### **SWPBIS FOCUS - TERM 4**

Quality Learning - What can we do in class to improve our own learning and the learning of others?

Some aims will be to have all work completed well and to listen quietly while others are talking.

## **PRIMARY NEWS**

### **NO HAT - NO PLAY - TERM 4**

A reminder that students must have a wide brimmed hat to wear during recess, lunch and all PE/Sport activities. Students without their hat at school will sit in the shade during outdoor activity times. **Reminder also to ensure your child's hat is clearly named.**

### **WATER BOTTLES**

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

### **GRADE 5/6 MELBOURNE CAMP**

Final arrangements have been made for the Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp that will be held from 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 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. It is expected that all camps are paid in full before they take place.

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### **MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE VARIETY NIGHT 2016**

Our end of year primary and secondary performances will be held together as a whole school Variety Night on two nights next week making it possible for every family to attend on either one of the nights. It is one huge Variety Arts Extravaganza not to be missed. All families are urged to purchase their tickets as soon as possible as they will not want to miss seeing their children and the overall creative talents of the Merbein P-10 College for 2016. A reminder that every student in the school is involved.

### **INFANT ROOMS VARIETY NIGHT COSTUMES**

A note concerning costumes for the Variety Night went home in the last week of last term. Some of the students costumes are provided, however families are asked to provide the following articles. Please ensure that all pieces of clothing are clearly named.

#### ***Mrs Hall - Jellyfish Room***

Boys – Plain black pants/trackpants and black socks.

Girls – Plain black tights or black leggings with black socks.

#### ***Mrs McClure – Sea Horse room***

Boys – Plain Black pants/tracksuit pants and black socks. Plain white t-shirt.

Girls – Plain white t-shirt and black leggings with black socks or black tights.

#### ***Mrs Rivett – Starfish Room***

Boys – Jeans or plain black pants (no trackpants) and a plain white t-shirt.

Girls – Plain white t-shirt.

PS: White t-shirts can be purchased from Kmart for \$4. Please see your child's teacher if you have any problems.

### **GRADE 5-6 NEWS** – Sue Gardiner

Our students are looking forward to their performance next Tuesday and Wednesday at the Whole School Arts Extravaganza. Each student has been allocated to either the Vocalist or Instrumental Group. The clothing requirements for each group are as follows:

Vocalists - long black pants (school uniform is acceptable) with a yellow, orange or red top.

Instrumentalists - long black pants (school uniform is acceptable) with a blue, green or purple top.

All students must meet at the Art Centre in Mildura no later than 8pm on Tuesday and Wednesday night (or during intermission if they are an audience member for the first half).

### **LOWER MURRAY RIVER (LMR) PRIMARY TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS** – Mr Lord

We wish Jack Page, Ella Berryman and Montie Beckwith all the best on Monday when they compete in the LMR Primary Track & Field Championships in Bendigo.

### **GRADE P-6 ADIDAS SCHOOL FUN-RUN!**

The primary section of our school will be running an Adidas School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year! The event will be held Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October. This is a sponsorship based fundraiser. We are hoping to raise \$1000, so all help will be appreciated!

The School Fun-Run aims to promote to our students a healthy and active lifestyle in a fun and engaging way. It's all about participation. We are organising an enjoyable tabloids sports morning for our primary students. Family support is the key to our fundraising success. We are encouraging all the students to get involved.

Keep your eyes peeled for the sponsorship forms which will be sent home with your child this week. Students who raise just \$10 or more will receive a reward for their effort. You will also find that there are many other rewards when you read the Sponsorship Form including the chance to win a Samsung Tablet!

#### ***Make the most of social media and online***

***fundraising*** - Students can sign up for a Student Profile Page at [schoolfunrun.com.au](http://schoolfunrun.com.au). They'll be able to do online fundraising and track their progress.... Plus they can win a Samsung Galaxy just for signing up!

The upcoming event sends a positive message to students about having fun while getting involved and being active. Students will be encouraged to dress up in their "sports" clothes on the day.

Thanks for supporting your child's wellbeing and our school in raising money towards new playground sports equipment.

Mrs Rebecca Holy and Mrs Rebekah McClure - Fun Run Coordinators

### **2017 PREP ORIENTATION DAYS**

The Merbein P-10 College Orientation Days for our new 2017 preps will be held on the following days this term.

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Wednesday 9th November  | 9-11.30am  |
| Wednesday 16th November | 9am-2pm    |
| Wednesday 23rd November | 9am-3.12pm |
| Tuesday 6th December    | 9am-3.12pm |

Children are asked to bring a fruit/vegie snack for brain food, a hat and water bottle each day and some lunch as well on the last three days.

Contact Wendy Finn - P-4 Learning Centre Leader if you would like more information on 50252501.

#### **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.



## **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.

### **ART NEWS** - Jodie Atkinson

Welcome to Term 4 Art. This week students from Grade 5-6 excelled in Half Face Portraits. Detail was the aim of this task. Students worked well.



## **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**

### **ENGLISH NEWS TERM FOUR** – Kristin James

Welcome to 2016 Term 4 English.

***Annual Speak-Off Competition Results*** - At the end of last term, students in Years 7-9 competed in the school's Annual Speak-Off Competition. Finals were held in the last week of term and our winners for each year level were:

| Year 7                        |                   |                 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>               | 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Xander Rothwell               | Aiden Middleton   | Aimee-Lee Nairn |
| Year 8                        |                   |                 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>               | 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Chloe Costa                   | Courtney Cordwell | Amilea McKerrow |
| Year 9                        |                   |                 |
| Equal 1 <sup>st</sup>         |                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Hannah Millard/Aula Al Salman |                   | Cayla Fawdry    |

Congratulations to the winners! Certificates and prizes will be distributed very shortly at year level assemblies. Well done to all the finalists. We look forward to hearing their entries next year. Public speaking can be a challenge for some students so it was pleasing to see all our students building confidence as they presented information to an audience. Due to the busy calendar of events that our senior students have at present, the Year 10 Speak-Off Finals will take place in Week 3 this term.

***English International Competition and Assessment for Schools 2016 Report*** - Last term 76 students from Year 7-10 completed the English International Competition and Assessment for Schools 2016. The certificates for these students will be distributed at year level assemblies this week. Several students achieved excellent results in the competition. One student in Year 7 received a High Distinction and was placed in the top 1% of students who undertook the competition across Australia. Several other students also received Distinctions, Credits and Merits. Certificates for these students will be presented at the next whole school assembly. Well done to all our students who participated in the competition. It is always great to see so many of our students aim for excellence.

***Home Reading Reminder*** – Please be aware that your child should be reading regularly at home and should also be completing English homework on a regular basis. Year 10s will have a busy term in English completing current areas of study and preparing for their English exam at the end of the term. Please support your child's learning by having a conversation with them about what topics or texts they are currently studying in their English class and feel free to contact your child's English teacher via phone or email should you wish to discuss how your child is doing in class. We look forward to a busy and productive term in English and seeing some great work from all our students.

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **MERBEIN SWIMMING CLUB**

Training at the Merbein Pool in November on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information email [Merbswimclub14@gmail.com](mailto:Merbswimclub14@gmail.com) or phone Christine Mazza 0438256282.

### **MERBEIN COBRAS BASKETBALL CLUB**

If your child is interested in playing in the Summer Competition, contact Brock Munn on 0407 096 108 or Cassie Munn on 0409 632 898.

### **SPIKEZONE AND VOLLEYSTARS**

Program Registration from 9:30am-11:00am on 8<sup>th</sup> October at the SJC Stadium, 11th Street, Mildura. For boys and girls U/14. All Welcome! Volleyball for all!!