

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

**Student Free Day**

**20<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

Pri First Aid Sessions

**28<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Primary Adidas School Fun Run

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

Merbein P-10 (Melb) Cup Day

**NOVEMBER**

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

**Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday**

**9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Prep Orientation day 9-11.30am

**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> Wednesday**

Prep Orientation day 9am-2pm

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

Grade 3/4 Camp

**23<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**

Prep Orientation day 9am-3.12pm

**DECEMBER**

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

Yr 10 Exams

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

Yr 10 Exams

**5<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Proposed Student Free Day

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

Orientation Day

Prep Orientation day 9am-3.12pm

**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

**STUDENT FREE DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS TOMORROW**

Tomorrow, Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October is a Student Free Day. There will be NO school for students tomorrow. Staff will be involved in a PD on Student Engagement and Wellbeing.

**VARIETY NIGHT**

The standard of every aspect of our Variety Night has improved each year. It is especially evident in the quality of the performances of the students, from Prep through to Year 10. A big thank you to all the staff involved for a huge effort. Special thanks to our co-ordinators Josh, Emma and Sandra. The shows were very well supported, so thank you to the audience and families and lastly congratulations and well done to all our performers who really shone in a truly fabulous Arts Extravaganza.







# PRIMARY NEWS

## **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](mailto: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.

## **LUNCHTIME CHESS COMPETITION**

A lunchtime chess competition for all year levels is being held each Monday in the Yellow Building. Students will compete in one game against another student. Points will be awarded for winning, coming a draw and attendance. See Mrs Fetherston for more information.

## **VARIETY NIGHT PHOTOS**



## **GRADE P-2 VARIETY PERFORMANCE ON TOUR**

We were so proud of our Grade P-2 Rock'n'Roll medley, Variety Night performance, that we have decided to go on tour. We hope to visit the Merbein Kinder and Chaffey Aged Care next week. **Information for Grade P-2 students will go home today on a separate permission note. Please check that your Grade P-2 child has brought home the note. Please complete the note and return it to school on Monday.**

### **GRADE P-2 ART NEWS** – Jodie Atkinson

The Grade P-2 students had fun creating and decorating kites on Monday. A perfect activity for the windy weather.



### **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. Please note that if your child does not have a school hat, they can bring a hat from home but it must be a wide brimmed hat and please check that it is clearly named. NO CAPS.**

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

We're two weeks out from our Fun-Run event and we hope that students are working hard towards their fundraising goals!

Did you know that you can WIN a Samsung Galaxy Tablet just for setting up your student profile online? Just head over to [schoolfunrun.com.au/students](http://schoolfunrun.com.au/students).

If you're having any trouble setting up your student profile or online fundraising, feel free to get in touch with the Adidas School Fun-Run team on 1300 733 788.

Did you know, you can also help us win a bonus \$1,000 for our school by participating in the Bupa Family Challenge? We're encouraging all of our students' families to register for the Fun-Run Challenge at [www.bupafamilychallenge.com.au](http://www.bupafamilychallenge.com.au). The Fun-Run Challenge has been designed to help you and your child work together to prepare for the Fun-Run. You will have access to fantastic training exercises, nutrition tips, recipes and health guides to help you get ready for your fun run and develop some healthy habits as a family.

The school with the most registrations will win \$1,000 so every family counts! Remember to enter our school name and the FUN RUN promo code when you register.

Thanks for supporting us with your fundraising efforts!

Mrs Rebecca Holy and Mrs. Rebekah McClure

### **GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARDS**

Congratulations to the students from the Green Building who received weekly awards at last week's assembly.



### **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.

### **ST JOHNS FIRST AID VISIT**

The school will be visited by St Johns First Aid next Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October. All our Grade P-6 students will participate in free First Aid sessions throughout the day.

### **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.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## WATER BOTTLES

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

## 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.

## LODDON MALLEE REGIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT - Mr

Morgan

On a cold, windy day this week, three Merbein P-10 students participated in the Loddon Mallee Regional Primary School Athletics Championship in Bendigo. Jack Page participated in the 10-year-old age group for Shot Put, Ella Berryman competed in the 11-year-old age group for High Jump and Montie Beckwith was in the 12-year-old age group for High Jump. Their results were:

Jack came 4th in shot put, Montie equaled her personal best with a height of 125cm and Ella came 1st. Ella will now participate at the State Championships in Melbourne on 24<sup>th</sup> October.

A big thank you to the parents who drove their child to Bendigo so they could compete on Monday and thankyou also to Mr Lord for providing some extra training before the event. Well done to these students for their achievements!



## 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.

## LEGO CLUB

Lego Club will be on this Saturday from 10:30am to 11:30am, 110 Pine Ave Mildura. All welcome.

For more information email [sunraysia.autism@gmail.com](mailto:sunraysia.autism@gmail.com).

## "LET'S DANCE" AT THE MERCY THEATRE

Show to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets available from [www.sjcmda.vic.edu.au](http://www.sjcmda.vic.edu.au). This year Sunraysia Dance Academy will be donating to the McGrath Foundation and Sunraysia Resources from ticket sales. Contact Peta-Lynne Buchanan email [mailto:sun.dance@bigpond.com](mailto:mailto:sun.dance@bigpond.com) for more information.

## CHANCES FOR CHILDREN FUNDING

Chances invests in the future of our children and young people by removing the financial barriers that stand in the way of them achieving their potential. For more information visit [www.chancesforchildren.com.au](http://www.chancesforchildren.com.au) or phone 50217480. Applications to be considered for funding need to be submitted by November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.