

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**28th Friday**

Primary Adidas School Fun Run

**31st Monday**

Merbein P-10 (Melb) Cup Day

**NOVEMBER**

**1st Tuesday**

**Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday**

**9th Wednesday**

Prep Orientation day 9-11.30am

**11th Friday**

Remembrance Day

**14th Monday**

Visiting Performance - To Federation and Beyond

**14th - 17th**

Grade 5/6 Camp - Melbourne

**16th Wednesday**

Prep Orientation day 9am-2pm

**16th - 18th**

Grade 3/4 Camp

**23rd Wednesday**

Prep Orientation day 9am-3.12pm

**DECEMBER**

**1st Thursday**

Yr 10 Exams

**2nd Friday**

Yr 10 Exams

**5th Monday**

Proposed Student Free Day

**6th Tuesday**

Orientation Day

Prep Orientation day 9am-3.12pm

**7th Wednesday**

Infants Ballet Excursion

Orientation Day

**15th Thursday**

Student reports sent home

**16th Friday**

Sec - Lake Day

Pri - Pool Day

**20th Tuesday**

Last Day of Term 4

Early dismissal time of 1.30pm

**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

**FIRST AID DAY REPORT**

St John Ambulance Australia visited our school today to administer a First Aid Schools Program. All our students in Grades P-6 participated in practical First Aid sessions relevant to their age group throughout the day. A very big thankyou to the presenters. For more information on St John First Aid visit [stjohnvic.com.au](http://stjohnvic.com.au) Below are some photos of students learning DRS ABCD. Ask your Grade 5-6 child what the initials stand for.



### **EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL**

Recently, quite a few students have been arriving at school very early in the morning. Would parents please note that there is no supervision and no access to the school buildings for students until 8am when Breakfast Club starts. **Any students that arrive at school before this time will be unsupervised in the school yard so it is advisable that students do not arrive before 8am.**

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **SCHOOL MAGAZINE**

Don't forget to order your 2016 school magazine. The magazine will have a very comprehensive compilation of photos, articles, events and students work, detailing what has been a huge year for students in Grade Prep to Year 10 at Merbein P-10 College. Cost is just \$15.00 and needs to be paid the office. **Please get your orders in soon as no spare copies will be printed.**

## **PRIMARY NEWS**

### **BOOK CLUB**

Our Scholastic Book Club orders close on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> October.

### **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!**

Next week is our Adidas School Fun-Run! Keep collecting money from your sponsors and stay active so you are ready to begin our Fun Run/Tabloid Sport morning next Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October!

Mrs. McClure and Mrs. Holy are hard at work coming up with a fantastic fun morning for all our primary students. We encourage students to come dressed in their sports gear on this day. Each child who participates will receive a healthy Juicy-Fruit Icy-Pole at the end of the event. Don't forget to return your Sponsorship Form and send the money collected to school along with your chosen prize on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October. For those who have sponsored online, thank you for your donations, however we ask that you still please complete the information on the form and send it in on Friday too. Stay active!



**ART NEWS** – Jodie Anderson

Our Grade P-6 students entered art in the Mildura Show this year, many receiving awards. Well done to those students for their great artistic effort!



**GRADE 5-6 NEWS** – Sue Gardiner

**Maths Budgeting** - Mrs Grimmer's class has been looking at creating and sticking to a budget during Maths over the past two weeks. Students have previously learned how to calculate prices based on percentage discounts and have been working out 'best buys' based on multiplicative thinking strategies. They were given the task to maintain a Budget Running Sheet whilst purchasing items to create an outfit made out of recycled type materials that could be worn during the Spring Racing Carnival. The unit culminated in a Cat Walk Fashion Show that was capably judged by renowned fashion gurus, Mr Lord and Mrs Gardiner. Here are some pictures showcasing the



**Grade 5-6 Weekly Awards**- Congratulations to last week's award winners below.



**Science Donations Needed** - Grade 5-6 students have begun a new Chemical Science Primary Connections Unit this term titled "Change Detectives". As part of their learning we would appreciate any clean empty jars of various sizes to be brought to the Grade 5-6 Building by next Tuesday please.

**Melbourne Camp** - Camp is getting closer. Please ensure that all notes have been returned and payment is made as soon as possible.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY AT PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF** - Wendy Finn

For the students' safety, please note the following:

- Do not do U turns in front of the college.
- It is against the law for children to travel without a seat belt. **Please ensure your child is buckled up safely before you drive away.**
- Ensure your child uses the designated school crossing at all times when they cross the road to approach or leave the school grounds.

**VARIETY NIGHT VIDEO** - Wendy Finn  
The school has video of each class act from the Variety Night. If parents would like a video, please send a USB in an envelope to school, clearly labelled with your child's full name, their year level and what you would like included from the Variety Night.

The Variety Night has been taped in four parts.

- Tuesday - First half  
- Second half  
Wednesday - First half  
- Second half

You will need a 16gb USB for one half night video and a 32gb USB for one whole nights video. Please ensure your USB is large enough to hold all the information and send it into the school as soon as possible.

**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.

**INFANTS 'ON TOUR' REPORT** - Wendy Finn  
Our Grade P-2 students went 'On Tour' yesterday performing their Variety Night Rock'n'Roll dances. They visited the Merbein Kinder, performing for the children in an 'outdoor theatre'. They were sensational, teaching the Kinder kids how to rock'n'roll, twist and crank. The next performance was at Chaffey Aged Care. The audience was in awe of their talent and just loved it. It was very special. Well done to all the stars of our Infant troop.



**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.

**WATER BOTTLES**

Please send a water bottle, clearly labelled with your child’s name to school each day.

**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.

**SECONDARY NEWS**

**ROCK BAND TREAT** – D. Watson

Last Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October the students were treated to some live music from the Rock Band “Torque” during their lunch break.



**ARTWORK AT THE MILDURA SHOW** – D. Watson (Art Teacher)

Congratulations to all the students from Merbein P-10 College who displayed their work at this year’s Mildura Show. Following is the list of prizes awarded to the secondary students.

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Billie Stewart	Drawing
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Nadia Siniremera	Photography
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Caelan Beyer	Drawing
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Ethica Evans	Photography
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Nicky Sae-Heng	Drawing
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Margaret McDonald	Painting
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Caelan Beyer	Painting
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Lydia Kerr	Drawing
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Katelyn Hancock	Drawing

All the work on display was of a high standard and showed fantastic creativity and skill.

**LOST PROPERTY**

There are many un-named lost property items at the main office. If your child is missing any items, please ask them to come to the office to check through our lost property box. Any items that have not been collected by **next Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October** will be put into our second hand uniform stock for re-sale and non-uniform items will be donated to the local op shop.

**EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC REPORT** - Marcus Hennig (Instrumental Music Coordinator - Sunraysia District. Ph - 0404 139 779)

The following students undertook ANZCA Music Exams at the end of last term. They were tested on their performing ability, theory, aural and general knowledge in their chosen instruments/voice. These students from Merbein P-10 College put in extra hours of work to prepare their programs for examination by an adjudicator from Melbourne. I am very proud to announce the following results:

<b>Joshua May</b>	<b>Carlton Beyen</b>
Modern Guitar	Modern Guitar
First Class Honours 95/100	First Class Honours 98/100



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## **MERBEIN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of the Merbein Junior Football Club Inc. will be held on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 4pm at Merbein Football Club Social Rooms, Kenny Park.

Business:

1. Receiving of annual reports
2. Election of Office Bearers

## **MERBEIN AUSKICK, JUNIOR FOOTBALL AND NETBALL COACHING POSITIONS FOR 2017 SEASON**

Applications are invited for Auskick, Junior Football and Netball Coaching Positions and Sports Trainers for the 2017 season. Applications to be received by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 addressed to:

The Secretary, Merbein Junior Football Club,  
PO Box 161, Merbein 3505

For further information phone Geoff Stevens 0407 502 465 or Graeme Dunne 0407 325 751 – Football and Sue Mulder 0403 316 782 – Netball.

## **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.

## **"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.sjcnda.vic.edu.au](http://www.sjcnda.vic.edu.au). This year Sunraysia Dance Academy will be donating to the McGrath Foundation and Sunraysia Resources.

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.



## **THE POSITIVE PARENTING TELEPHONE SERVICE: SUPPORT FOR RURAL FAMILIES, FATHERS AND GRANDPARENTS CARING FOR GRANDCHILDREN**

Parenting has the biggest impact on how well children do in life, but contrary to popular belief, people are not born knowing how to be good parents. Parenting is a set of skills that are learnt 'on the job' and, they can always be improved.

Gateway Health is trialling a parenting support program delivered via telephone or online specifically for grandparents, fathers and rural families from across Victoria who sometimes find it difficult to attend parent support services in person.

The Positive Parenting Telephone Service (PPTS) makes it easy to access a proven parenting support program delivered by qualified parent support workers from your home at a time that suits you – daytime, evenings and weekends.

PPTS will help parents and carers develop the skills to:

- build better relationships with your children
- encourage the behaviours you want to see from your children
- teach children to think before they act and to keep busy without constant adult attention
- teach your children new skills, to solve problems for themselves
- to know when to ask for help set family rules that are realistic and followed.

Parents and carers will be supported by weekly telephone calls over 6 to 10 weeks. You can also participate in PPTS online - with or without telephone support.

The program is currently free to all grandparents caring for grandchildren, fathers and rural families from across Victoria.

Positive Parenting Telephone Service phone number is 1800 880 660. For more information, google Positive Parenting Telephone Service.

## **NIPA EXTENSION PROGRAM MILDURA**

A program to enhance students abilities in Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical and Contemporary. Email [info@npal.com.au](mailto:info@npal.com.au) for more information.