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DATES TO REMEMBER

11th Friday

-Remembrance Day
- Gr 2-6 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
-Merbein Rotary Carols 7.15pm
-Yr 10 Graduation Dinner

5th Monday

Student Free Day

6th Tuesday

-Sec Orientation Day
-Prep Orientation day 9am-3.12pm

7th Wednesday

-Infants Ballet Excursion
-Sec Orientation Day

12th Monday

Whole School Awards Night – Arts Centre Mildura.

13th Tuesday

Yr 6 Dinner @ the Grand Hotel

15th Thursday

Pri Graduation Ceremony @ the Merbein Soccer Club.

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day occurs tomorrow, 11th November. This year's Remembrance Day will mark the 98th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18).

Each year on this day Australians observe one minute's silence at 11am in memory of those who died or suffered in any wars and armed conflicts. Our school will conduct a brief ceremony at 11am tomorrow morning as a mark of respect.

MERBEIN COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

I will be accompanying four of our student leaders to an official ceremony being conducted by the Merbein RSL at the Kenny Park entrance. Another ceremony will follow at Chaffey Aged Care. Our school will be represented by two Year 6 students, Rylan Robertson and Tayla Prat and two Year 10 students, Josh May and Alex Pallot.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following award winners, receiving their awards at assembly today. Well done!

P1A	Samantha Murphy	23B	Chanelle Woodberry
P1B	Cooper Higgins	4A	Riley Nokes
P1B	Ella-Rose Jones	5A	Emma Martin
12A	Daneik Jones	5B	Bella Stjepovic
12A	Max Kassulke	6A	
23A	Will Martin		

7A	Emma Webb	9A	
7B	Harrison Pinyon	9A	Jasmine Matotek
7C	Cooper Dodds	9B	Shakira Robinson
7D	Lachlan Vernon	9C	Georgia Beyer
8A	Jessica Pratt	10A	Zachary Hornby
8B	Lydia Kerr	10B	Chase Carter
8C	Billie Stewart	10C	Ricky Roelofs
8D	Kiara Phillips	10D	Tiarnie Cordwell
		10E	Michael Kirby

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.**

ATHLETE'S FOOT SCHOOL SHOES FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL

The Athletes Foot at Centro have generously offered to give our school \$5.00 for every pair of school shoes our students purchase from the Athletes Foot. Brochures are available from the school office.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS DURING HOLIDAYS

The Uniform Shop will be open on the following days before school resumes next year.

Wednesday, 25th January 2017 from 1.30–6.30pm

Friday, 27th January 2017 from 1.30–6.30pm

Monday, 30th January 2017 from 8.30am–4.30pm

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

IMPORTANT UPDATE! – J. Hudson

Instrumental lessons at Merbein P-10 College have previously been at a very low fee of \$20.00 for the year. It has been decided to increase the fee next year to a yearly sum of \$80.00. This is still extremely low. There will be more information regarding the Instrumental Music Program and fees early in 2017.

ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT – Greg Rhodes

Our Annual Awards Ceremony will be held in the Mildura Arts Centre in the evening of Monday, 12th December this year.

Traditionally this ceremony has been held in the school Activity Centre however this venue will be out of action from 14th November until the beginning of next year.

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.

ORIENTATION DAYS – Greg Rhodes

Next year approximately 115 Year 7 students will begin their secondary education at our school. On 6th and 7th December we will welcome them into the school for a two day Orientation Program.

On these days our Year 10 students will attend the Senior College.

Our new Prep students will also be attending our school on Tuesday, 6th December for an Orientation Day.

These are important days as the new students' first experience of our school can make lasting impressions so we encourage all our students to go out of their way help the new students feel welcome in our school. **We also ask parents to be aware of the increased traffic that is likely on these days.**

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MERBEIN P10 COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

Visit our school's Facebook Page for photos and updates www.facebook.com/merbeinp10college.

MDI SURVEY – YEARS 5–8 STUDENTS

Between 9th November and 2nd December, all students in Years 5, 6, 7 & 8 will be invited to participate in a survey called "Understanding Student Wellbeing: The Middle Years Development Instrument Survey".

The purpose of this survey is to understand how children during the middle childhood years think and feel about their lives both inside and outside of school.

STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF - CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND 2017

YEAR 7 UNIFORM PACK INFORMATION

Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) was established to provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports days and excursions. To find out more about CSEF or to apply for assistance go to www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

In 2017 every Year 7 government school student who is a recipient of CSEF automatically qualifies to receive a uniform pack that is provided through State Schools' Relief.

If your child receives CSEF assistance and is in Year 6 in 2016 you can ask for a uniform pack to be provided by State Schools' Relief through the secondary school your child is enrolled to attend in 2017.

For Year 6 students commencing Year 7 in 2017 State Schools' Relief will provide one of each item listed below.

Boys:

- Black Leather Shoes – Lace up / Skate
- Jumper/ Jacket/ Bomber/ Rugby top
- Shorts / Trousers
- Long Sleeve Shirt/ Short Sleeve Shirt

Girls:

- Black Leather Shoes – Lace Up / T-bar / Skate
- Jumper / Jacket / Bomber / Rugby Top
- Summer Dress / Winter Skirt + Shirt / Trousers + Shirt / Shorts + Shirt

If above is NOT a Summer Dress then select either:

- Long Sleeve Shirt / Short Sleeve Shirt
- All students will receive one free pair shoes supplied directly from SSR.

If your child was a CSEF recipient in 2016 you can apply for a CSEF Year 7 Uniform Pack by contacting the secondary school where your child is enrolled.

The secondary school will make an application on your behalf using the order form provided.

Only Year 2017 students who receive CSEF are automatically entitled to a uniform pack. Each student is eligible for only one uniform pack.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The amount payable for eligible primary and secondary students is:

\$125 for Primary school students.

\$225 for Secondary school students.

To be eligible for this funding, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending the school must be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR be a temporary foster parent and submit an application to the school before the end of February 2017.

Ask at the school office if you would like to collect an application form or to enquire about more information.

To find out more about CSEF or to apply for assistance go to www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

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

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.

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.

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.

PRIMARY NEWS

GRADE 5-6 READING GROUPS – Sue Gardiner
Mrs Grimmer's Reciprocal Reading Groups have been working independently extremely well. Discussing all aspects of the text they have read. Here are a couple of those groups enjoying their reading!



GRADE 5-6 T20 BLAST CRICKET COMPETITION REPORT – Mr Lord

Last Thursday two Grade 5-6 Cricket Teams competed in the T20 Blast Competition. The Girls Team played four games, winning one game. They defeated Ranfurly Primary School and finished a creditable 6th Place. The Boys Team also played well. They defeated Red Cliffs East Primary School and finished in 10th Place. The other three games they played were lost by a very small margin. Great effort, congratulations and well done! Another fantastic opportunity for our kids.



GRADE 2-4 T20 CRICKET TEAM COMPETITION REPORT – B. Holy

Congratulations to our Grade 2-4 T20 teams who played their hardest last Friday despite the heat and the bugs. The Girls Team won three of their four games and the Boys Team successfully won one game with some very tough competition. It was great to have parents and grandparents there cheering us on.



GRADE P-1 LITERACY WRITING ACTIVITY – R. McClure

The Grade P-1 students have been learning about adjectives and nouns. Last week they created cute little monsters and wrote a descriptive piece about them using adjectives and nouns.



PRIMARY GRADUATION CEREMONY – EARLY NOTICE – Wendy Finn

The Primary Graduation Ceremony will be held at the Merbein Soccer Club on Thursday 15th December this year. This ceremony celebrates the completion of the Prep students first year of education and our Grade 6 students' final year of primary education. All the primary students will travel there by bus first thing in the morning. There will be no cost for this travel. Parents are invited to attend the ceremony. Following the ceremony the students will be bussed back to the school where there will be a special morning tea provided for the Grade 6 parents, ***so please mark your calendars.***

LIBRARY NEWS

The end of the year is fast approaching. Please start checking at home for any over-due library books and send them back to school as soon as possible so the Library End-Of-Year processes can begin. Class Library borrowing will finish in the first week of December.

2017 PREP ORIENTATION DAYS

Prep Practice this coming Wednesday, 16th November from 9am-2pm.

Children are asked to bring a fruit/vegie snack for brain food, a hat, water bottle and some lunch. Contact Wendy Finn - P-4 Learning Centre Leader if you would like more information on 50252501.

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.

NO HAT – NO PLAY

Reminder that students must bring a wide brimmed hat to school every day, clearly labelled with their name.

DRINK BOTTLES

Please send a clearly named water bottle to school with your child every day.

GRADE 5-6 WEEKLY AWARDS – Sue Gardiner
Congratulations to the Grade 5-6 weekly award recipients for the past two weeks. Fantastic effort guys.



GRADE P-2 ART NEWS – J. Atkinson

Grade P-2 students were very busy creating and using their imagination during Art.



GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARDS

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



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

GIRLS CRICKET SUCCESS – Mr Rhodes

Yesterday nine of our Year 9-10 girls competed in the State Semi Final /Regional Finals of the Girls Cricket.

THEY WON all games including a close fought final against Warrnambool College. The other two schools that they played against and defeated were Monivae College in Hamilton and Trinity College from Colac. Warrnambool had defeated three other teams to make the play-off against Merbein.

It was great to see the contribution all players made to the team win. Some were solid contributions and some were outstanding. Calin took three wickets in her opening over and opened the batting brilliantly. Shania bowled, fielded and led the team on the field well. Nadia bowled and fielded brilliantly. Jordan and Ashlee put on an unbeaten stand when we couldn't afford to lose wickets.

Vhilla batted solidly and didn't lose her wicket while adding valuable runs to the score. Tara was excellent with the bat and ball and fielded brilliantly. Jacqui bowled fantastically and batted well in her partnership. Karsha took four catches, made two run-outs and took two wickets when bowling as well as being not-out while batting. Thanks to Ms Donnelly who did a great job organising the team and the trip arrangements. The team will now play in the State Final at the MCG on Wednesday, 30th November. Extra training has been organised for the next two weeks to improve their game and hopefully win a state title for our College.



SUNSMART – Mr Rhodes

Don't be deceived by the not so hot weather. The SUNSMART App and website information advises that the Ultra Violet Radiation levels are consistently above safe levels between the hours of 10am and 5pm during the day. Students are informed about the UV levels daily and are asked to avoid long periods the direct sunlight unless adequately protected.

Parents can help protect the young and vulnerable skin of their children by supplying sunscreen and encouraging them to apply sunscreen on exposed sections of skin on a daily basis.

SECONDARY ELECTIVES AND BOOKLISTS– Mr Rhodes

All students in Years 7-9 have been shown their electives for 2017. The individual student selections will be attached to the booklists which will be distributed early next week. Students will be asked to take the booklist home so that parents can complete these and return them to the school by the end of November.

ENGLISH AND MATHS COMPETITION WINNERS –

Mr Rhodes

We would like to congratulate all students who participated in the English and Mathematics Competitions held earlier this year. The students who achieved either distinctions or credits in Mathematics and English were acknowledged at today's assembly.

Certificates for Mathematics were awarded to the following students:

The following student received distinctions.	
Yr 10 - Zach Hornby	Yr 9-Jess Hall, Jess also received a certificate for best in school.
Yr 8 - McKenzie Dunne	Yr 7- Aidan Middleton
The following student received credits.	
Yr 10 – James McGregor, Ben Nicholson, Aisea Miki and Annie McPhail	Yr 9 – Corey Sleep, Ayzia Liddicoat, Georgia Beyer
Yr 8 –Mele Miki, Chloe Costa and David Hogg	Yr 7 –Corey Wakefield, Ethan Lane, Lilli-Maree Cox, Bayden Clarke and Sarah Chapman.

The English results have been printed in today's newsletter in a separate report by K. James.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE – Mr Rhodes
 Congratulations to the students that participated in the 2016 Premiers Reading Challenge. These students read a designated number of books from a predetermined book list to qualify. They will receive recognition for their achievements this week and their names will be published in the newsletter next week.

I would like to thank Heather Scott for organising the program.

ENGLISH INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

COMPETITION – FINAL RESULTS – K. James

Last term 76 of our students in Years 7-10 completed the English International Competition and Assessment for Schools 2016. Several students achieved excellent results in the competition with one student in Year 7 receiving a High Distinction, putting him in the top 1% of students who undertook the competition across Australia. Certificates were awarded at the recent whole school assembly to the following students:

Year 10	
Ellen Milner – Credit	Joshua May – Credit
Nathan Pinchbeck – Credit	Emma Dickson – Credit
Zachary Hornby – Merit	
Year 9	
Georgia O'Neil – Merit	Ayzia Liddicoat – Merit
Jessica Hall – Distinction	
Year 8	
McKenzie Dunne – Merit	Kobe Byrne – Credit
Georgia Roberts – Credit	Mitchell Langdon – Credit
Year 7	
Lachlan Vernon – Credit	Ethan Lane – Distinction
Eli Kane – Merit	Brayden Clarke – Credit
Aiden Middleton – High Distinction and Principal's Award	

Well done to all those who participated in the competition. It is great to see so many of our students aim for excellence.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 30th 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 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.

<mailto:sun.dance@bigpond.com> for more information.

MERBEIN ROTARY CHRISTMAS

Early notice that this year's Community Carols evening will take place adjacent to the Band Rotunda in Kenny Park on Friday, 2nd December, starting at 7.15pm (Food & drinks available from 6.30 pm). Everyone welcome. For more information phone Leon Wagner 5025 2585 or 0427 252 586.

RED CLIFFS SECONDARY COLLEGE FASHION CLOTHING EXCHANGE DAY

Red Cliffs Secondary College Year 10 and 11's are holding a Clothing Exchange Day as a part of their sustainability assignment in VET Fashion. Held at Red Cliffs Secondary College Activity Centre on Saturday, 19th November from 2:30—4:30pm. You are invited to bring quality unwanted clothes to SWAP! Bring up to 6 quality items—accessories are equal to an item. All left over clothing will be donated to Salvation Army Red Cliffs.

There will be lucky tickets and a raffle on the day. Afternoon tea and coffee will be available.

Cost is \$10 per ticket. Tickets are available from Red Cliffs Secondary College, Ghanda in Langtree Mall, Poppies on Ilex in Red Cliffs or at the door.

For more information contact Tina Binding email tbinding@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone 0448 801 656.

CROCHET FESTIVE BUNTING WORKSHOP MERBEIN

Prepare for the festive season with a joyful crochet workshop with artisan Sophie Appleby. Create your own Crochet Festive Bunting while enjoying great company, delicious afternoon tea and the beautiful surrounds of our rural studio. Saturday 19th November 2-4pm. 198 Third St Merbein \$50 including your creation, a crochet hook and afternoon tea. Book now

on <http://www.sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au/enrolments/registration/> or 0420939229 or enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au

2016 SUNRAYZIA REGIONAL VIRAL HEPATITIS FREE FORUM

Held 17th November from 9-30am-3-30pm. No cost for this Forum which will be held at MADEC Community College, 133 – 137 Madden Avenue, Mildura VIC 3500.

To register visit

<http://www.hepvic.org.au/events/40/sunraysia-viral-hep-forum>

Refreshments and lunch provided.

The FREE Forum is suitable for all people working/living with those affected by viral hepatitis and anyone interested in updating their knowledge about liver health and viral hepatitis.

The Victorian Hepatitis B Alliance (VHBA) and Hepatitis Victoria acknowledge the support of the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services for this forum.

For more information email admin@hepvic.org.au or phone 0393804644.

AFL 9'S SUNRAYZIA

AFL Sunraysia and Mallee Sports Assembly would like to introduce AFL 9's to Sunraysia.

The competition will run over eleven weeks commencing on 14th November through to 12th December 2016, re-commencing on 23rd January through to 27th February 2017. The cost will be \$20 per team, \$9 per player per week.

AFL 9's has been developed to provide all Australia Football enthusiasts as well as those new to the game with a match play experience that has strong parallels with the traditional game. Importantly, AFL 9's is easy to play, non-contact and provides an environment whereby participation enjoyment and safety are a priority.

There are nine players per team on the field at one time. Games will be played on Oval Number 7 at Aerodrome Oval Complex, Mildura.

For further information or to register a team visit the <http://afl9s.com.au> enter in postcode 3500 or contact Trevor Ryan on 04 27750283 or Tanya Wild on 0417 925 539.

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (SCCE) will again be welcoming cultural exchange students to Australia in February 2017.

SCCE is currently seeking community-minded, supportive and caring volunteer host families.

For more information contact

Kirsten Young, phone 1800 500 501 or email kirsten.y@scce.com.au.

LOWER MURRAY WATER – MERBEIN PROJECT **'HOW TO CREATE A MOSAIC'**

You are invited to take part in the second workshop for 'How to Create a Mosaic' for the Lower Murray Water Merbein Cluster Box Project.

Create Mixed-Media Mosaic environmental artwork for Supply Box Panels located at the entrance of the Merbein Township. These will become iconic points along the newly established walkway that weaves its way through the town. The project aims to

- Promote community engagement and cross-collaboration between business, education, cultural, creative and intergenerational groups.
- Promote and enhance perception of the Merbein district through cultural and arts based activities/permanent environmental artwork outcomes.
- Promote hand and project skill development of participants.

Click on the link to register your attendance.

For further information contact Mark Haynes on 0419 364 365 or email info@cultivator.net.au

We invite community members who have an interest in history, the arts or would like to provide input into the project. Please bring along your creative spirit and your own lunch.