

## NEWSLETTER 2017 Thursday, 2 February

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### FEBRUARY

**14th Tuesday**

Sec Assembly

**16th Thursday**

Sec Swimming Carnival

**20th Monday**

P-4 Stamp Out Bullying

Inclusion

**22nd Wednesday**

School Photos

**23rd Thursday**

School Photos

**28th Tuesday**

Pancake Tuesday

#### MARCH

**3rd Friday**

Sec Interschool Swimming

**Carnival**

**6th - 10th**

Yr 8 Camp

**7th - 10th**

Yr 7 Camp

**13th Monday**

Public Holiday - NO School

**14th - 18th**

P-4 MAV Week

**20th - 24th**

P-6 STOMP Music Program

**23rd Thursday**

Sec LMR Swimming

**27th Monday**

Sec I/S Volleyball / Tennis

**29th Wednesday**

Sec I/S Softball / Baseball

Sec Parent/Teacher Interviews

**31st Friday**

Last Day of Term One

Earlier finishing time of 2.30pm

### 2017 TERM DATES

Term 2: 18th Apr - 30th Jun

Term 3: 17th Jul - 22nd Sept

Term 4: 9th Oct - 22nd Dec

### STUDENT DENTAL

#### SERVICE

13th St and Deakin Ave

Mildura

Phone 50210944



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

### WELCOME TO 2017

I would like to welcome all students both new and returning, to a new school year. In particular I am delighted to welcome our new Preps, Year 7s and a substantial number of students who have enrolled in other year levels. I wish them every success in their future education here at Merbein P-10.

It is always a pleasure to see our students start the year off on a positive note and the fact that every student is wearing the Merbein P-10 College uniform indicates respect for our school's expectations and values.

The first day at school for Preps is always a highlight for the children, their families and the school. It marks the commencement of their formal education journey and thanks to the support of parents and our infant staff, the children have coped well.

### STAFFING/CLASS ARRANGEMENTS/LEADERSHIP TEAM - PRIMARY ROLES/CLASSES 2017

Grade P-7 Learning Centre Leaders | Wendy Finn (P-4) ; Rob Morgan (5-7)

#### Primary Class Teachers:

P/1 Tania Rivett	P/1 Brioney Hall	1/2 Carla Piscitelli	2/3 Janelle Costello
3/4 Betty Colbert/Hayley Breewel	3/4 Monica Brown	5 Sue Gardiner	6 Darin Lord/Rebecca Ogden
6 Kerry Grimmer			

Primary Specialists Teachers :	
Literacy Specialist / LCL Wendy Finn	Y2-4 Teacher (9.00 am - 1.30 pm) Jodie Atkinson
Year 5-6 Teacher (5-6 Lit/ FLO / EYKLNPN) Janine Richardson	Maths/ Science Specialist - 0.5 Darin Lord
Maths/ Science Specialist - 0.5 Rebecca Ogden	Specialist - Rebecca Holy
Specialist - Amanda Gratton	Specialist - Josh Hudson
Specialist - Stephen Pay (Music)	

### PARENT- SCHOOL CONTACT

Merbein P-10 College values the establishment of a collaborative partnership between parents and teachers so that any issues affecting your child's learning or well-being are promptly addressed. The evidence clearly shows that when parents, teachers and students work collaboratively together, students achieve significantly greater success in their personal development and learning.

As a general rule, your child's classroom teacher or Form teacher should be the first point of contact should parents feel a need to discuss any issues.

As has been the case in previous years we also have our Learning Centre Leaders who are responsible for both Teaching & Learning and Student Wellbeing. They will also be available to work with students, parents and staff.

The members of these leadership teams are:

Years P-7: Wendy Finn, Rob Morgan

Years 8-10: Chris Blackie , Hayley Hibberd and Bec McClure

### OSHC FAMILIES - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Welcome back to all our OSHC families. It is a requirement that all families re-enrol their children each year for the OSH Program to ensure that all information is correct and up-to-date.

**New forms are available from the OSHC area in the green building and need to be completed and returned as soon as possible. Can families also confirm what days their child/ren will be attending the program for the year as days are filling up fast.**

**We only have 15 spaces available. Our program runs from the end of school until 6.00pm each school night. Cheryl Hodge is our school's OSHC coordinator and can be contacted on 0428 258035 if you have any queries.**

### SCHOOL PHOTOS – Mr Rhodes

School Photo Days will be held on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Most photos will be taken on the Wednesday. On Thursday, the Prep students and some students that will be absent on the Wednesday will have their photos taken. The photo packs will be distributed as soon as they arrive in school. All students will have their photo taken as they are used to update our administration system and are used for student ID and photocopy cards.

### FRIENDSHIP/VALENTINES DAY – Mr Rhodes

The Senior Student Representative Council (SRC) will be organising the annual Friendship/Valentine's Day Stall. Students from Grade 5 and above can purchase relatively inexpensive mementos from the stall next week to give to friends as a way of acknowledging friendships with students in the school. This stall will also raise funds for the SRC's school based projects.

### MERBEIN P-10 FACEBOOK PAGE

Check the Facebook Page for updates about the school and upcoming events.

[www.facebook.com/merbeinp10college](http://www.facebook.com/merbeinp10college)

### STUDENT RECORDS

Reminder that it is important to notify the school of any changes to your child's address, phone, emergency phone numbers and medical records.

### MOBILE PHONE POLICY – Mr Rhodes

Our Mobile Phone Policy is available on our website and will also be attached to our next newsletter.

Briefly, students in the Primary Section who bring mobile phones to school must hand them to their teacher at the start of the day and collect them from their teacher at the end of the day.

Secondary students are permitted to carry and use their phones appropriately out of class time. When entering class, students are required to turn their phones off. If they need to use their phone in class as an educational aide, they must specifically ask their teacher for permission to do so.

### 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)

### CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE/BUS PASS

Students or parents need to collect an application form from the school's main office if they wish to apply for the allowance in 2017. These need to be completed each year. Forms are available at the main office.

### 2017 YEAR 7 CSEF UNIFORM PACK

Students who have commenced Year 7 in 2017 and are recipients of the CSEF payment this year, automatically qualify to receive a Uniform Pack through State Schools' Relief.

Uniform items are as listed below:

Girls

- Polar Fleece Jacket or a Jumper or a Jacket.
- Summer Dress or a Winter Skirt & Shirt or Trousers & Shirt or Shorts & Polo Shirt.
- A pair of black leather shoes – Lace up/T-bar or Skate.

Boys

- Polar Fleece Jacket or a Jumper or a Jacket.
- Trousers or Shorts.
- Long Sleeve Shirt or a Polo Shirt.
- A pair of black leather shoes – Lace up or Skate.

An order form can be collected from the main office. **Shoes must be ordered through State**

**Schools' Relief.** Students will need to have their foot measured to ensure the correct size is ordered and sent.

More information, order forms and photo of shoes are available on our school website.

<http://www.merbeinp10.vic.edu.au/>

If you were not eligible for CSEF this year and will be next year, please collect an application form from the school's main office. If your application is successful next year, your Year 7 child will qualify to receive a Uniform Pack when the application is processed in March 2017.

### 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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### 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.

### 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.

### MERBEIN P-10 SUNSMART POLICY

This policy applies to all school events on and off site.

#### **Purpose**

- This SunSmart Policy provides guidelines to:
- Ensure all students and staff have some UV exposure for vitamin D.
- Ensure all students and staff are well protected from too much UV exposure by using a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV levels reach 3 and above.
- Ensure the outdoor environment is sun safe and provides shade for students and staff.
- Ensure students are encouraged and supported to develop independent sun protection skills.
- Support duty of care requirements
- Support appropriate OHS strategies to minimise UV risk and associated harms for staff and visitors

#### **Background**

A balance of ultraviolet radiation (UV) exposure is important for health. Too much of the sun's radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Exposure to the sun's UV during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer in later life. Too little exposure from the sun can lead to low vitamin D levels. Vitamin D is essential for healthy bones and muscles, and for general health.

## **Legislation and Standards**

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004

Education and Training Reform Act 2006: Sch.5 Reg.1 (1.2)

## **Procedures**

Staff and students are encouraged to access the daily local sun protection times at sunsmart.com.au or on the free SunSmart app to assist with the implementation of this policy.

A combination of sun protection measures are used for all outdoor activities from September to the end of April and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above.

Healthy physical environment

### **1. Seek shade**

A shade audit is conducted regularly to determine the current availability and quality of shade.

The school council makes sure there is a sufficient number of shelters and trees providing shade in the school grounds particularly in areas where students congregate e.g. lunch, canteen, outdoor lesson areas and popular play areas.

The availability of shade is considered when planning all other outdoor activities and excursions.

In consultation with the school council, shade provision is considered in plans for future buildings and grounds.

Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.

Students who do not have appropriate hats or outdoor clothing are asked to play in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun.

Healthy social environment

### **2. Slip on sun protective clothing**

Sun protective clothing is included in our school uniform / dress code and sports uniform. School clothing is cool, loose fitting and made of densely woven fabric. It includes shirts with collars and elbow length sleeves, longer style dresses and shorts and rash vests or t-shirts for outdoor swimming.

### **3. Slap on a hat**

All Primary aged students and all staff are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears, whenever they are outside during term1 and 4.

### **4. Slop on sunscreen**

Students must provide their own SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen.

AND / OR

The school provides SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen for staff and student's use during outdoor activities.

Sunscreen is applied at least 20 minutes (where possible) before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours if outdoors.

Strategies are in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors (e.g. reminder notices, sunscreen monitors, sunscreen buddies).

With parental consent, students with naturally very dark skin are not required to wear sunscreen.

### **5. Slide on sunglasses [if practical]**

Where practical students and staff are encouraged to wear close fitting, wrap-around sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067 (Sunglasses: Category 2, 3 or 4) and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

## **Learning and skills**

- Programs on skin cancer prevention and vitamin D are included in the curriculum for all year levels.
- Daily reminders are placed in the student bulletin on days when the UV index is 3 or above
- SunSmart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through newsletters, school homepage, parent meetings, staff meetings, school assemblies, student and teacher activities and on student enrolment.
- Engaging children, educators, staff and families
- Staff and families are provided with information on sun protection through family newsletters, noticeboards and the website.

As part of OHS UV risk controls and role-modelling, when the UV is 3 and above staff, families and visitors:

- wear a sun protective hat, covering clothing and, if practical, sunglasses when outside
- apply sunscreen
- seek shade whenever possible

## **Monitoring and review**

The School Council and staff regularly monitor and review the effectiveness of the SunSmart policy (at least once every three years) and revise the policy when required by completing a policy review and membership renewal with SunSmart at sunsmart.com.au.

SunSmart policy updates and requirements will be made available to staff, families and visitors.

## **Relevant documents / links**

*The Compact: Roles and Responsibilities in Victorian government school education: Principle 3 (2012)*

*DEECD School Policy & Advisory Guide (SPAG) Sun & UV protection (2011)*

*DEECD Health, Safety & Workcover*

*Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV)*

*Occupational Health & Safety Guidelines*

*Independent Schools Victoria (ISV) Compliance Framework*  
*Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework (VEYLDF)*

*Building Quality Standards Handbook (BQSH): Section 8.5.5 Shade Areas (Oct 2011)*

*Education and Training Parliamentary Committee Inquiry into Dress Codes and School Uniforms in Victorian Schools - Government Response*

*Safe Work Australia: Guidance Note for the Protection of Workers from the Ultraviolet Radiation in Sunlight (2008)*



# PRIMARY NEWS

## BEFORE SCHOOL

Families please be aware that students who arrive at school before 8.40am can either go to the Breakfast Club, held in the Canteen or sit on the seats at the back of the Green Building or stand with their parents near the door until 8.40am. Students are not to play out the front of the Green Building until 8.40am when the front playground is supervised and the doors of the Green Building are opened.

## GUITAR PROGRAM 2017 (OPTIONAL PROGRAM)

– Josh Hudson

Welcome back to another exciting year of guitar lessons for Grade P-6 students!

We are pleased to announce that Joel Anderson will be replacing Phil McDonald who has decided to travel this year.

There are still spots available for both Group and Individual Guitar lessons for this term.

If you wish to enrol for guitar lessons or to find out the cost or if you need more information email [iwansoebardi@gmail.com](mailto:iwansoebardi@gmail.com) or call Iwan Soebardi on 0418919220.

## WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

The Green Building will hold their weekly assembly on Thursday afternoons at 2.45pm.

The Grade 5-6 assembly will be held 12.40pm every Friday. Weekly awards and certificates will be presented at these assemblies. Families are welcome to attend.

## BLUE BOOK/LIBRARY BAGS

Reminder that all students will need a suitable waterproof bag to put their library and reading books in to take home. Blue book/library bags are for sale at the school uniform shop. All Preps received theirs today. They are to return their diaries, books and bags every day after reading their book at home.

## ART SMOCKS

All primary students are required to bring along an art smock or old shirt to protect their school uniform when participating in their Art Program.

## SEVERE FOOD ALLERGIES

There are students at the school with severe food allergies. Please remind your child that their food is not to be shared.

## BRAIN FOOD

Each child is encouraged to bring some 'brain food' to have every morning. Studies have shown that small amounts of healthy food continually throughout the day, helps with concentration and energy. Examples are: dried fruit, crackers, grapes, carrots, celery, cheese, plain popcorn. No nuts please. (Not roll ups, or chips).

## JUNIOR LIBRARY NEWS

Your child will enjoy borrowing from our school's fantastic Junior Library this year. Please note that every child will need to bring along a book bag to protect the books they borrow. These school books are valuable learning tools for our children and very expensive to replace, so please be diligent in having your child return their library books every week. (Books can then be re-borrowed if they have not finished with them).

Also note that any returned overdue books from past years will always be very much appreciated.

## WATER BOTTLES

Every student needs to bring along a plastic sport bottle of water (not soft drink or cordial or fruit drink, just water) to school every day to sit on their desks during class. Studies have proven that the brain does not function well if dehydrated. So it is best practice to drink plenty of water throughout the day.

NB: We have the refrigerated water fountain at school where the children can refill their bottles during the day.

## HEADLICE

Headlice is always a problem in schools. Below is a list of recommendations for parents to follow:

- Parents are asked to keep their child/ren's hair tied back neatly at all times.
- Parents are asked to check their child/ren's hair regularly.
- If Head Lice is detected on your child, prompt notification to the principal is important and will be kept confidential.
- If Head Lice is detected, please seek treatment from your local chemist, doctor or the MRCC Health Department.
- If you or the school detects headlice on your child, it is necessary for your child to remain at home until they have been treated and then checked by you to make sure they are clear of any headlice before they return to school.

These precautions will help the school to nip any further infestations in the bud.

## PREP REST DAYS

Tuesday was the first day of school for our 2017 Preps. Reminder that during the month of February, the Prep students will have every Wednesday off to rest and for testing.

## LEVIES – PRIMARY PARENT PAYMENT 2017

Thank you to the parents who have paid their levies. If you have not paid your levies, please call into the school office and do so as soon as possible or make arrangements to pay by instalments.

The Levies Form is attached at the end of this newsletter.

## NAMING ARTICLES

Please remember it is very important to name all your children's property clearly, especially hats and jumpers, bags, drink bottles and lunch containers.

## 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.

## NO HAT - NO PLAY

Students must bring a wide brimmed hat to school every day, clearly labelled with their name. The hat does not need to be the uniform hat. **Caps are not acceptable.**

## STOMP DANCE PROGRAM- GRADES P-6

Stomp Dance is coming to Merbein P-10 College.

From 20th-24th March, the Stomp Dance Group will be teaching all students from Grade P-6 during their PE classes throughout the week. Those lessons will be a valuable part of these students ARTS Curriculum which consists of Music, Dance, Performance and Drama. The cost for these performances and lessons is covered by the 2017 Excursion Levy. A permission note will be sent home closer to the event with every primary child.



## SECONDARY SWIM CARNIVAL– Mr Rhodes

The Annual Secondary Swim Carnival will be held during the day on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February. On this day all students in the secondary section will be encouraged to enter the water and swim, walk or float to the other end of the pool at least once for the day to gain important points for each student's Sports House. More detailed information will be given to students in the near future.

## OPEN WATER LEARNING EXPERIENCE– Mr Rhodes

As part of our school's commitment to water safety in the Murray River and inland waterways, our Year 7 students have been booked to attend the Open Water Learning Experience which will be held on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February in the afternoon. I encourage all our Year 7 students to participate and attend this fun and educational experience, conducted by Lifesaving Victoria. Further information about this education opportunity will be distributed to the Year 7 students tomorrow.

## LOCKS ON LOCKERS– Mr Rhodes

Students are responsible for the security of their personal equipment at school. We have supplied lockable lockers and have cameras set up at most locker locations. If a student has a BYOD computer or Ipad they MUST use a lock on their lockers. It is strongly advised for all other students to use a lock on their lockers also, to ensure security.

## SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS (SWPBIS) – Mr Rhodes

Our first focus for SWPBIS in 2017 is centred around students being punctual to class with the correct equipment and completing good quality work. Over the next few weeks, this will be the expectation for all our students. Those who consistently do the expected will be acknowledged and rewarded. The students that are not punctual or do not bring equipment will have a graduated set of consequences that are designed to help them improve their behaviour patterns.

## SUN SMART– Mr Rhodes

All students have had our Sun Smart Policy explained at a whole school assembly. The policy is also included earlier in this newsletter. The key messages for students are that they need to take measures to protect themselves against over exposure from rays of the sun. At this time of the year the UV levels are regularly above safe levels between 9.30am and 5.20pm each day whether the temperature is hot or cool. Each day our students receive information about temperature and UV levels in the daily bulletin. Please ensure you supply your child with appropriate sunscreen that they can lock in their lockers and use when required.

# SECONDARY NEWS

## FORM TEACHERS AND LEARNING CENTRE

### LEADERS– Mr Rhodes

Below is a list of Form Teachers and Learning Centre Leaders. Your Form Teachers and Learning Centre Leaders are both important points of contact at school. If you wish to contact directly please forward your email address to these teachers who will forward them on to their class teacher if required.

Year 8-10 Learning Centre Leaders	Chris Blackie, Hayley Hibberd and Rebekah McClure
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Form teachers are:

8A - Ms J Williams	8B – Mr A Hill
8C – Mrs E Smith	8D Mr D Watson
9A – Ms B Byrne	9B – Mr B Hill
9C – Mr S Johnson	9D Ms J Donnelly
10A – Mr H Hankinson	10B – Mrs Dawson
10C – Mrs Bettison	10D – Mr D Voegel

Year 5 - 7 Learning Centre Leader	Mr Morgan
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Year 7 Form teachers:

7A - Mr P Arney	7B – Mr J Hudson
7C – Mr J Lee	7D – Mrs L Mc Phee and MS J Kames

## IMPORTANT DATES – Mr Rhodes

<b>February</b>	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school Assembly for student leader induction
14 <sup>th</sup>	Friends and Valentine's Day activities
16 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary Swimming Carnival
22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Photo Day
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Prep Photos and back up day for absentees
21 <sup>st</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Stomp Dance performance Evening
24 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Secondary Swimming Sports
<b>March</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Camp Departs - Returns Friday March 10th
7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Camp departs - Returns Friday March 10th.
13 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day Holiday
23 <sup>rd</sup>	LMR Secondary Swimming Swan Hill
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sec interschool Volleyball and Tennis
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sec Interschool Baseball and Softball
31 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of term early dismissal - Easter basket

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HOOK IN 2 HOCKEY 2017

This is an eight week skill development program. It will be run at the Sunraysia Hockey Turf, Eleventh St, Mildura. The cost is \$85 per child. This fee includes a terrific pack which includes a stick, ball, shinguards, and playing singlet.

The 2017 program will be starting soon in February! For more information please contact Jodie Morvell on phone 0409 835470 or email [jmorvell@bigpond.com](mailto:jmorvell@bigpond.com) or visit Sunraysia Hockey [www.sunraysiahockey.com](http://www.sunraysiahockey.com)

### MUSIC TOGETHER

Music learning for 0-5 year olds and their grown-ups. Sing, dance, play instruments. Classes are held in Red Cliffs (Monday) and Merbein (Thursday, Friday, Saturday). Come and try the first class for free! Contact us 0420939229 or [enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au](mailto:enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au)

### DRUM CIRCLE FOR KIDS

For kids 8-12 years of age. Learn djembe and a range of African percussion. Classes are Wednesdays 5-5.30pm at the studio in Merbein. Contact details are: email [enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au](mailto:enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au) or phone 0420939229.

### 39TH MILDURA EISTEDDFOD (MAY 31-JUNE 19)

Entries are now open. Entries close Friday 17th March 2017. Information can be found at our website <http://www.milduraeisteddfod.org/> and on Facebook Mildura Eisteddfod Timeline. Email: [milduraeisteddfod@gmail.com](mailto:milduraeisteddfod@gmail.com) Mobile: 0429 481 898

# PRIMARY FAMILY PAYMENT SCHEDULE 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Schools can request payments from parents under three categories: Essential Student Learning Items, Optional Items or Voluntary Financial Contributions.

**1. Essential Student Learning Items** are items, activities or services that the school deems essential to student learning of the standard curriculum. Where practical and appropriate parents may choose to purchase items through the school or provide their own. These items may be: items the student takes possession of (e.g. stationery, text books, activity books, cooking ingredients, materials for products that students take home, school uniforms) and activities associated with instruction that students are expected to attend (e.g. excursions, incursions, school sports, work placements). Any costs associated with Essential Student Learning will be kept to a minimum.

**2. Optional Extras** are items, activities or services that are optional and are offered in addition to the standard curriculum. They are accessed on a user-pays basis and parents and guardians may **choose** whether their child accesses or participates in them (e.g. school magazines, instrumental music tuition, graduation dinners, camps).

**3. Voluntary Financial Contributions** which parents and guardians may be **invited** to donate to the school (e.g. grounds beautification, building or library fund, general voluntary contribution).

The school bulk purchases all essential student learning items for our primary students and the \$210.00 Essential Student Learning Items charge covers these costs as well as all incursions, travel to and from sports and local excursions, use of school hire bus as required and ICT and software access.

Essential School Items		Amount
ICT/Software Levy	Netbooks and iPads - All children will have access to iPads and Netbooks in their classrooms. Software subscription for Mathletics and SpellDrome Please note: This amount is reduced by \$40.00 for any grade 4 – 6 students who brings their own Device.	\$110.00
*Excursion Levy	Incursions, travel to and from sports, local excursions and use of school hire bus as required. *This is covered by the Camps, Sports and Excursion Funding (CSEF) if you are eligible to claim it.	\$60.00
Requisites	All classroom supplies which may include (depending on grade level): Exercise books, Scrap books, Student Diaries/Reading Diaries, Pencil case including items such as pencils, pens, erasers, glue sticks, textas, highlighters, colouring pencils, etc	\$40.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$210.00</b>

## PAYMENT OF FEES – Options

- Online - BPay** (Quote BPAY Biller code and Family Reference Number from your Statement)
- Direct Deposit** (Quote Family ID Reference Number or Student Full Name)  
Account Name: Merbein P-10 College  
Bank: Commonwealth Bank  
BSB: 063-714  
Account Number: 10060535
- Credit Card by Phone** General Office on 5025 2501
- General Office** Cash/cheque/EFTPOS

### Consideration of Hardship

Parents who experience difficulties providing, or paying the school to provide essential student learning items should contact the Business Manager at the school by attending the school office, or by phone on (03) 5025 2501 or by email merbein.p10@edumail.vic.gov.au to discuss options for support.