

NEWSLETTER 2017 Thursday, 30 March

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

31st Friday

Last Day of Term One

-Casual Dress – Gold Coin Donation

**-Class Easter Basket Competition & Raffle
Draw at recess**

-Earlier finishing time of 2.30pm

-OHSC will finish at the earlier time of 5pm

APRIL

18th Tuesday

First day of Term 2

MAY

5th Friday

Cross Country

23rd Tuesday

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JUNE

1st-19th

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29th Thursday

Pri Planet Rhythm

AUGUST

7th Monday

Gr 3-6 Australian Folklore

SEPTEMBER

27th Wednesday

Athletics Carnival

NOVEMBER

13th-17th

Gr 5-6 Lake Cullulleraine camp

2017 TERM DATES

Term 2: 18th Apr – 30th Jun

Term 3: 17th Jul – 22nd Sept

Term 4: 9th Oct – 22nd Dec

STUDENT DENTAL SERVICE

Sunraysia Community Health Services 137,
13th Street Mildura, phone 50210944

visit www.dhsv.org.au

MERBEIN P-10 FACEBOOK PAGE

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

www.facebook.com/merbeinp10college

END OF TERM – G. Cupper

It has been a very busy end of term with the Primary STOMP Performance last week and the informal Primary Parent/Teacher Chats on that same night. Also the secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews this week and the Easter Activities to finish. Thank you to the staff for the huge effort that goes into making these programs a success and thank you to all our families for the wonderful support you've shown.

A final reminder that school will finish at 2.30pm tomorrow. Buses will be running an hour earlier to fit in with the earlier finish time. Students who travel on the NSW Bus Route will need to make alternate arrangements as there is no change to the running time for this bus. If you have any questions, please contact the bus lines on 50230274

I would like to thank staff, students and families for a successful term and wish everyone a relaxing break. I look forward to seeing everyone safe and well when school resumes in Term 2 on Tuesday, 18th April.

STOMP PHOTOS BELOW





WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS REPORT – Mr Rhodes

Our first whole school assembly for the year was held in the newly refurbished Activity Centre on Tuesday. Our College Principal, Mr Cupper and Student Representative Council (SRC) President Nathaniel Rothwell gave presentations, McKenzie Dunne performed a musical item, a Year 7 Camp Report and slide show was presented by two Year 7 students and finally our March Student of the Month winners were presented with their awards.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARD RECIPIENTS

P1A	Cooper Rice	P1B	Derek Gardiner
12A	Sienna Pope	23A	Jarleal Wightman
34A	Chanelle Woodberry	34B	Sharla Arnold
34B	Brock Nokes	5A	Hayden Gardiner
6A	Dakoda Davis	6B	Bella Stjepovic-Lauder
7A	Lilli Rogers	7B	Eleanore Sands
7C	Josie Brigante	7D	Zoe Middleton
7E	Kiera Nagyidai	8A	Emma Hudson
8B	Caelan Beyer	8C	Cooper Dodds
8D	Darcy Liddicoat	9A	Will Felton
9B	Amilea McKerrow	9C	Nathan Milner
9D	David Hogg	10A	Jessica Hall
10B	Karsha Herold	10C	Charles Etrich
10D	Damon Fricke		

CONGRATULATIONS ETHICAH AND MILES

Congratulations to our two competitors at the R.J. Shield Chess Tournament on the weekend.

Ethicah Evans (Year 10), achieved a score of 4 1/2, scoring 2nd Place in the U16 Division and the Best Female Player Medal.

Miles Fetherston (Year 2) achieved a score of 2 1/2, scoring 2nd Place in the U10 Division. Well done, great effort!



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

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

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY – CASUAL DRESS DAY–

Mr Rhodes

Students are encouraged to **wear casual dress and bring a gold coin donation**. All students who bring a gold coin donation will also receive a free raffle ticket for the Easter Basket Competition. All students will have normal classes between 9am and 1.30pm. There will be an Easter Basket Competition held at recess for both the Primary and Secondary sections. Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm.

NEWSLETTER EMAILED

Families who have not received the newsletter via email are asked to email the newsletter co-ordinator at the following email address:

Giddings.beth.l@edumail.vic.gov.au. Please add your name and your child's name. We will then update our data base so you can receive the newsletter in good time each week.

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 - TOTAL LEARNING CENTRE (TLC)

This playgroup is free of cost and is for children aged 0-5. **It is held at Merbein P-10 College from 9.30-11am every Thursday during the school term.**

Children and their carers share books, make fun stuff, play, dance and sing. Parents can receive information and support and share a cuppa and get to know other families. For more information about the Total Learning Centre (TLC) call or text Dani on 0437077689 or 50217476.

PRIMARY NEWS

GRADE 3-4 NEWS

There were some budding architects and builders in Mrs Breewel's and Mrs Colbert's Maths Group this week. Students had to create their own buildings using unifix blocks. They then had to write a plan using numbers only, draw front views and side views with the intention of a classmate recreating their building. Lots of fun had by all!



GRADE P-2 NEWS

The Grade P-2 students have been looking 'UP, DOWN and ALL AROUND' for their Science Topic this week, deciding what is Man-Made or Natural.



STOMP PERFORMANCE REPORT – W. Finn

Well done to all of our wonderful students for a very successful night of presenting STOMP to the school community.

Thank you to all our families for your support.

Your faces during all the acts demonstrated your pride and enjoyment.

LOST CHAIN

On the night of the Stomp Performance a student lost a solid silver neck chain between the front of the school and the gym. If anyone has found this chain could you please return it to the office as soon as possible.

TOMORROW - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL REMINDERS

Casual Dress Day – Students may wear casual dress tomorrow, if students bring a gold coin donation for their casual dress, they will also receive a free raffle ticket.

Easter Raffle – Thanks to all our families who have sold Easter Raffle Books. The Junior SRC are very excited to be running the raffle this year. Please check that all raffle tickets and money have been returned to the school office first thing tomorrow morning, as the raffle will be drawn tomorrow, Friday 31st March after recess.

End of Day – School finishes at the earlier time of 2.30pm tomorrow. **OSHC will finish at the earlier time of 5pm tomorrow.**

READING REWARDS – W. Finn

Students enjoyed their reading rewards this week. Congratulations to those students for their consistent good work.

CROSS COUNTRY – W. Finn

Our Merbein P10 College Cross Country Event will be held Friday, 5th May, so students will be focusing on training for the event from the first week in Term 2. Please send appropriate shoes to school for running every day in the first two weeks of school next term. Students might like to practise over the holidays.

GRADE 5-6 LAKE CULLULLERAIN CAMP – K. Grimmer

This year the Grade 5-6 students will be given the opportunity to participate in a five-day camp at Lake Cullulleraine. The date of this camp is November 13th-17th. This is a very early notification that the total cost of the camp will be approximately \$300 per student. If you would like to start making small payments at the office to lessen the burden at the end of the year you are most welcome.

OVERDUE SCHOOL BOOKS

Please check at home for overdue books. All overdue books need to be returned or re-borrowed before the holidays.

PRIMARY DRUM LESSONS (OPTIONAL PROGRAM) – J. Hudson

Luke McCarthy, the primary school drum teacher at Merbein P10 has a number of vacant spots available if anyone is looking to learn the drums in Term 2. He can be contacted on 0417 897 906 or email lukemccarthy@lukemccarthy.id.au for more information.



MERBEIN PRIMARY KEYBOARD/PIANO LESSONS (OPTIONAL PROGRAM) – J. Hudson

Expressions of Interest are invited for students interested in commencing piano or keyboard lessons with Louise Judd.

The cost is \$27 per 30-minute lesson plus books as required. Fees to be paid in advance or as arranged.

Lessons are offered during school hours on a weekly basis and missed lessons are not charged if prior notice is given.

For further information please contact Louise by email at louisejudd53@gmail.com or phone 0408596944.

GUITAR PROGRAM 2017 (OPTIONAL PROGRAM)

– J. Hudson

There are still a few spots available for both Group and Individual Guitar lessons for Grade P-6 students. If you wish to enrol for guitar lessons, find out the cost or if you need more information, please email iwansoebardi@gmail.com or call Iwan Soebardi on 0418919220.

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.

A fun way to test your skills and knowledge with other students from all over our area.

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**

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM (OSHC)

OSHC will finish at the earlier time of 5pm tomorrow Friday, 31st March. Cheryll Hodge is our school's OSHC coordinator and can be contacted on 0428 258035 if you have any queries.

GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARDS

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



SECONDARY NEWS

SECONDARY PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS – Mr Rhodes

Interviews were conducted in the blue building last night. Parents who were unable to attend can contact the college if they wish to speak with their child's teachers.

YEAR 10 SHARE MARKET GAME REPORT – H.

Hankinson

The Annual Ten Week Share Market Game commenced three weeks ago. Individuals and teams of two or three have been researching and purchasing shares from the \$50,000 they were given.

Of our 34 teams 29 have made a profit to the end of Week 3.

The leader at our school has \$53,500, a profit of a little over \$1000 per week. In the state the leader is \$59800, \$3300 profit per week.

Students can continue buying and selling shares over the holidays.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT – G. Rhodes

Boys Team - The Junior Boys played against two Lutheran Trinity School teams, Henderson College and St Joseph's College.

The first game against 'Trinity White' team resulted in a tie, a win in the first set, a loss in the second set and a tie in the last.

The second game was played against St Joes team.

One of the St Joes players was tall, approximately 190cm and he dominated the front court. It was a close match losing the first two sets by a single point and winning the third by a point.

In the third game against 'Trinity Blue' team we lost 3-0. All games were very close losing the first two by a point and the third by three points.

The final game was against Henderson College and we won all three sets easily. Overall the team finished in 3rd Place.

The best player of the tournament was Kade Zrna, with Colby Storer being judged most improved. All other players contributed evenly to the strong results. The other team members were Harry Pinyon, Will Stephens, Zac Lynch, Aresene Mugiraneza, Brayth Munn and Mike Sheather.

Intermediate Boys Team - With limited practice due to our gym being out of action, the Intermediate Boys team used the two hours prior to their scheduled first match to hone their skills.

The team consisted of Charlie Etrich, Jack Howarth, Kevin Mc Donald, Nolo Miki, Luke Perry, Jake Robinson, Brady Rowles and Team Manager Junior Vea.

Their first game was against the strong St Joseph's College Team, losing the first set by a point, tying the second set 11-all and winning the third set 12-7.

Their second game was against Henderson College. We won the first two sets then took the foot off the accelerator and tied the third set.

This meant we were the winners of our division and played against Trinity Lutheran College in the Semi Final, while St Joseph's battled in the other semi against Chaffey. Trinity College had a Senior A Grade player who opened the serving with six straight aces, some were touched, but could not be controlled.

After this we clawed back valuable points but when time was blown for set one we were down 8-12.

We won the second set 14-10 with some excellent back court scrambling and great front court play from Braidy Rowles and Kevin McDonald.

The deciding set was close all the way through. As the final rally was being played with the score at 10-all, the timekeeper got off her seat in readiness to blow time. We won the point then time was blown.

We made the final where our opponent would once again be St Joseph's College.

In the Final we played some excellent power volleyball to win the first set 14-6 and the second set 11-9. This saw the Intermediate Boys into the Interschool Level. This will hopefully progress to the Zone Level, which will be played in May.

Girls Team – Both our Year 9-10 team and our Year 8 team played in the two competitions. Our Year 7 Team was also ready to play but due to constraints of the draw and a lack of opposition were unable to contest at the Interschool Level.

Year 8 Team - The competition was played at Chaffey Gymnasium. The Year 8 Team consisted of Hannah Matotek, Sharae Curtis, Sarah Chapman, Tegan Maher, Imogen Corrie, Bree Antonie, Makayla Couanon and Chenaye Fitzwalter.

After the Round Robin Games there were three teams in the pool with two wins each. Merbein had the best percentage so won the right to play off in the Semi-Final. The girls easily won the Semi, then played in the Final against Trinity College. This match was very close with all sets being decided by a single point at the end of time. Unfortunately, Trinity were one point in front in two of the three sets. The final score was a 2-1 win to Trinity.

Mr Nunn has organised for the team to play in the local volleyball competition. This will help improve their skills and enjoyment of the game. The team would like to thank Mr Nunn for coaching them on the day.

Year 9-10 Team - The Year 9-10 Team was a very strong team consisting of Cayla Fawdry, Danika Moisisdis, Shania McKinnon, Dorraine Bagacay, Karsha Herold, Zoe Smith and Chloe Costa.

The first game was against St Joseph's College who they defeated in three straight sets with big margins in each. Scores were 24-14, 26-17 and 25-17.

The second game was against Henderson College winning all three sets. Scores were 20-9, 29-1 and 26-6. This meant they would play against Trinity College in the Semi-Final.

They again won the Semi-Final in three straight sets which earned them the right to play against the also undefeated Chaffey College side.

The first set saw Chaffey College win 25 to 24.

The second set was won by Merbein 26-25 which brought the final down to a deciding set. At the end of time in the third set, Chaffey College was three points in front with the score 23-20. Our girls had a better whole court game but were defeated by a team that kept getting the ball in play.

Well done to all teams that played so well during the day and again were extremely good ambassadors for our college.

COMMUNITY NEWS

YEAR 7 & 8 CAMP PAYMENTS – Mr Morgan

Reminder to families of Year 7 & 8 campers that the final payment for the camp is due at the end of Term

2. It would be greatly appreciated if instalments could be paid regularly before this time.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – MILDURA YOUTH PARLIAMENT PROGRAM

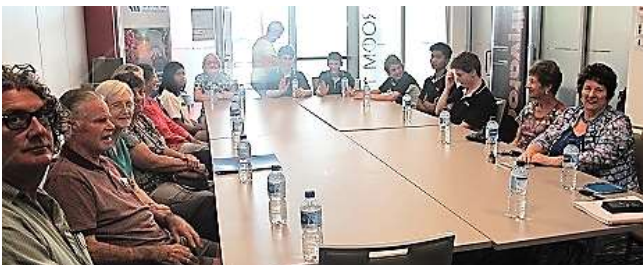
This is an opportunity for young people 16-25 years of age who have an interest in politics or issues that affect youth to be heard at the highest levels of State Government. Mildura Rural City Council are asking you to submit an Expressions of Interest to be part of the YMCA Youth Parliament Program Mildura Team. Expressions close 5pm today Thursday, 30 March. For more information visit bit.ly/2mZuRgE or contact our Youth Services Team on (03) 5018 8100 or via Youth Services Mildura

CULTIVATOR COMMUNITY MURAL WORKSHOP -

Mr. Watson

On Friday, 24th March six Year 9/10 students from Merbein P-10 College attended the "Cultivator Mural Workshop" at the community hub in the Merbein Library. The "Cultivator" project aims to design and create mosaic murals for the recently added cluster boxes in Merbein. Headed by Mark Haynes of Haynes Design - the project is a collaborative enterprise including Lower Murray Water, The Merbein Historical Society, Merbein P-10 College and other interested community members. Students were given a variety of interesting and enlightening presentations about the history of Merbein, the Cluster Box Projects, Aboriginal History and ideas about mural design. The students are now looking forward to the next phase of the Cultivator Project which will involve the creation of a mural panel to be attached to a Cluster Box.

Students in attendance were Mason Sleader, Rohan Edlington, Sirbastian Price, Karsha Herold, Nick Sae-Heng and Ashleigh Cantwell.



THREE COLOURS SOCCER CLUB - COME AND TRY

Kids aged 6 to 11 or U12s interested in playing Mini Roos Soccer in 2017 are invited to an Information and 'Come and Try' Night for Mini Roos to be held on Wednesday 19th April from 5.30pm.

The season kicks off on 30th April.

Phone Vural Karakurt on 0418363362 for U12s.

For playing and registration information phone Lucy Fotia on 0439 302 090 or email threecolourssc@live.com.au.

FREE TRIAL MUSIC TOGETHER

Free Trial Music Together class held 9.30am on 3rd April at the Red Cliffs Community Resource Centre! This is a family music program with singing, dancing, playing instruments for 0-5 year olds and their grownups.

Email enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au or ring 0420939229 for further information.

MERBEIN 'A PICNIC IN THE PARK'

The Rotary Club of Merbein in conjunction with Mildura Brass Band, invites everyone to come and enjoy an afternoon of music with the Brass Band playing in the Band Rotunda at Kenny Park Merbein on Sunday, 2nd April from 12.30pm.

A BBQ Lunch will be available together with Coffee, Cold Drinks, Ice-Cream etc.

So bring the family and your picnic rug & chairs and come along for a relaxing time.

Colouring Competition for the children. Prizes for the competition will be kindly donated by Lower Murray Water.

Free entry – Strictly Alcohol Free Event.

MERBEIN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB COACHING POSITIONS

The Merbein Junior Football Club is seeking additional coaches for their Junior Football teams during the 2017 Season. Applicants must like working with kids. Training & assistance will be provided and they must also have a current Working with Children's Certificate For more information, please contact:

Graeme Dunne – President 0407 235 751

Melissa McNally – Secretary 0427 502 303

MILDURA LAWN TENNIS CLUB HOLIDAY CLINIC

Week 1: April 4/5&6. Week 2: April 10/11&12

For children aged 5-15years. Mornings: Stroke

development. Afternoons: Match play, learn to score.

Half Days 9am-12pm \$33 per day. Full Days 9am-3pm

\$50 per day. All Bookings go to

www.tennismildura.com.au/coach or more Info Dean

Kyle: 0414826318 Email: ontourtennis1@gmail.com

SOCIAL 7S

Sunraysia Softball Association is launching a 4-week twilight competition on 22nd March. The competition is mixed, all ages. It doesn't matter if you've never played before. It is a relaxed family friendly atmosphere with bbq dinner available. Registration is open. \$70 per tam per week or \$10 each based on seven players. To register visit

<https://social7s.com.au/choose-registraion-type/?competition>. No uniform needed.

<https://social7s.com.au/about-social-7s>.

For more information email

infosunraysiasoftball@gmail.com

WICKED – MUSICAL SOCIETY MILDURA

Five performances on 25, 26, 27th August.

Looking for singers, dances and actors as well as crew to help with makeup, costumes, props, set building, orchestra, lighting operators and backstage crew.

Information session to be held 10th April at the Power House, Hugh King Drive, Mildura at 7.30pm.

Contact Musical.society.mildura@gmail.com. Check out FB Page Musical Society Mildura.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG

PEOPLE AGED 12-16 YEARS

School holidays are just around the corner and Youth Services Mildura have heaps of cool stuff planned for high school aged students.

Think fishing, MasterChef... challenge, geocaching treasure hunt, tobogganing, canoeing, inflatable world, movie and pizza, laser force and more. Make sure you book in now for these great low-cost activities. Find out all you need to know at bit.ly/2h41WUW

NAB AFL AUSKICK - MERBEIN

NAB AFL Auskick is a great way for kids to have fun, make friends and learn skills of Australian Football. Held at Kenny Park Merbein, Thursdays & Sundays from 4.30-5.30pm. Starting 20th April and finishing 29th June. Cost is \$90. To register

1 Visit aflauskick.com.au

2 Enter your postcode in the centre locator

3 Select the centre you would like to attend

4 Complete the registration process

For more information contact Coordinator Brendon Greenwood on phone 0438060809 or email bgreenwood@milduratruck.com.au

KIDS COMEDIANS 'THE LISTIES'

Australia's most sought after kid's comedians 'The Listies' are coming to Mildura Arts Centre on 3rd & 4th April.

Tickets Prices are \$20, Concession \$18, Child 1-16 \$10 Group 4+ \$12.50 pp. Buy online

www.milduraartscentre.com or phone 50188330.

FREE PLAYNRL JUNIOR HOLIDAY CLINIC

Held at the Aerodrome Oval Mildura on 13th April from 10am – 12noon. The program is for kids aged 4-13 of any gender. Bring water bottles and runners. Registration opens at 9.45am or register earlier online at playnrl.com. A BBQ will be arranged - \$1 sausage in bread and \$2 for a bottle of water.

For more information phone 0417229755 or email hstreet@nrl.com.au.