

NEWSLETTER 2017 Thursday, 20 April

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

25th Tuesday

ANZAC Day Public Holiday NO School

27th Thursday

Sec I/S Boys Soccer

28th Friday

'Relay for Life' in the afternoon.

MAY

2nd Tuesday

Sec I/S Girls Soccer

3rd Wednesday

Keys Please 2.15 Yr 10

9th Tuesday – 11th Thursday

NAPLAN Testing for Year 3,5,7 and 9

9th Tuesday

Open Night 5-7pm

12th Friday

Merbein P-10 Cross Country

16th Tuesday

Pri Interschool Cross Country

15th-19th

Yr 9 Camp

23rd Tuesday

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24th Wednesday

Sec Interschool Cross Country

JUNE

2nd Friday

Sec I/S Netball

1st-19th

Eisteddfod

12th Monday

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

NO School

15th Thursday

Sec I/S Hockey

19th- 20th

Proposed Advance Camp

29th Thursday

Pri Planet Rhythm

30th Friday

Last day of Term 2



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

TERM 2 COMMENCEMENT

I hope students, families and staff managed to have a relaxing and safe term break. I am pleased to report that the refurbishment of the Activity Centre is almost completed. Classes have now resumed in both the Music and Gym learning areas.



CONTRACT SIGNING FOR THE NEXT CAPITAL WORKS PROJECT

Yesterday contracts were signed for the construction of the new Technology Facility. Weir's Constructions, the Building Contractors for our Gym Upgrade, have also been awarded the contract for this project. Representatives from Weirs Constructions, K2LD Architects and Merbein P10 College were present at the Contract Signing. The school is looking forward to continuing a positive working partnership with Weirs.



A refurbishment of both ends of the main wing is also included in the upcoming project; however, School Council has been lobbying for more funding in this year's May State Government Budget. The School Council has taken this action to enable the completion the regeneration of all facilities as promised when the four former schools agreed to merge to form Merbein P-10 College in 2009. If we are successful in gaining funding in the 2017 State Budget, our current plans will need to be changed.

We are hopeful that the new Technology building will be ready for occupation in Term 1, 2018.



NAPLAN TESTING – G. Rhodes

Australian Year 3,5,7 and 9 school students will be sitting the NAPLAN tests on Tuesday 9th Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th May. On the Tuesday, there will be Language Conventions and Writing tests that have a duration of approximately fifty minutes each. On the Wednesday, there will be a Reading test with a duration of just over an hour.

On the Thursday, the students will sit Numeracy tests. The older students will sit two tests approximately 45 minutes in duration and the younger students will sit one test approximately 45 minutes in duration.

All students in these year levels are required to sit the NAPLAN tests.

However, parents can request their child to be withdrawn from the testing process. Our students have been well prepared for the testing process, although completing these tests may not be in the best interests of the child. If you are thinking about withdrawing your child, please contact your class teacher to seek their advice.

A special withdrawal form needs to be generated through the school and signed by the parent and returned to the school.

MERBEIN P10 COLLEGE ANZAC CEREMONY – G. Rhodes

Our school will be holding an ANZAC Ceremony by the flagpole at the front of the school on Monday, 24th April. We are expecting members from the RSL to attend with a bugler.

MERBEIN TOWNSHIP ANZAC CEREMONY – G. Rhodes

On Tuesday, 25th April, our school has been invited to join the ANZAC March through Merbein and lay a wreath during the Merbein ANZAC Ceremony. The march begins at Fishers in Merbein at 9am. Students who wish to march with our school group are welcome to do so. We ask that they march in school uniform. Mr Rhodes and other teachers will be there to help organise the students in the march. Parents will be responsible for their child's transport and supervision at this event. The march will conclude at the Rotunda near the Merbein Football and Soccer Club.

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

RELAY FOR LIFE– G. Rhodes

This weekend we have quite a few students participating in the official Relay for Life Event which will be held in Mildura.

To support these students and to raise awareness about cancer we will be conducting our own relay for life at the school next Friday, 28th April. The colour theme for the day will be PURPLE. Students are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation, and bring along purple pieces of clothing to wear while participating in the relay held in the afternoon. Students are permitted to get creative. Some past ideas have been Purple Cheerleaders, Donatello Ninja Turtles, a Bunch of Purple Grapes, Purple Hippies, Purple Fairies, Purple 80s, Purple Op Shop.

MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY – G. Rhodes

This event was scheduled to be held on Friday 5th May. **It has now been rescheduled to the following Friday, 12th May.** Parents are invited to attend the cross country which will be held at Chaffey Park at the top of Pump Hill. Students will be encouraged to wear their Sport House colours and appropriate running attire for the event. More information will be forwarded to parents in the coming weeks.

STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEYS– G. Rhodes

Next week all students will be asked to complete a short survey about one of their teachers. This is the first of these surveys that will be completed at regular intervals throughout the year. Mr Rhodes will be taking one class at a time for these surveys. The students will answer ten questions about their teacher. These surveys will be used by the teachers as feedback to assist them in their teaching.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Merbein & District Community Bank & Merbein Development Association is financially supporting the Breakfast Program. Foodbank Victoria also supports the breakfast program with donations of food. The following organisations also provide volunteers to assist with the program; Merbein P10 College Parents' Club, the Board & Staff of the Merbein & District Community Bank, Merbein Development Association, Merbein Lions Club and Merbein Rotary. If you are able to volunteer to help in the Breakfast Program, please contact Haley at the Merbein & District Community Bank. The Breakfast Program is held in the school cafeteria. All students are welcome to come along between 8.00am and 8.45am each morning if they would like a FREE tasty breakfast to kick-start their day's learning.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is away from school, please send a note or email the following address:
Collihole.heather.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

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.

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

BOOK CLUB

Book Club is due back on Thursday 27th April.

GRADE 5-6 LAKE CULLULLERAINE 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.

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.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM (OSHC)

Cheryll Hodge is our school's OSHC coordinator and can be contacted on 0428 258035 if you have any queries.

EASTER BASKET REPORT – Brioney Hall

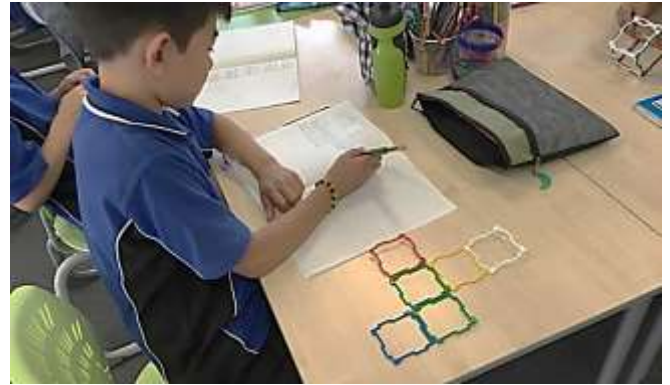
The Primary Easter Basket Creations were judged on the last day of Term 1. Well done to Mrs. Gardiner's class for being the overall winner.

Thankyou to our parents and families for selling their raffle books and supporting Merbein P-10 College. The SRC students did a fantastic job of organising the event.



GRADE 23A NEWS – H. Breewel

Making Cubes! What better way to spend our first Mathematics lesson after the holidays. We then made as many nets as we could with the cubes.



We learnt how to play an Indonesian game called Congklak! The students really enjoyed playing it.



CROSS COUNTRY – W. Finn

Our Merbein P10 College Cross Country Event has been postponed until Friday, 12th May. Students will be training every week until then for the event. Please send appropriate shoes to school for running every day. More information will be sent as it becomes available.

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.

SECONDARY NEWS

MERBEIN COBRAS WIN – R. Holy

In the last week of Term 1, Wednesday 29th March, the Merbein Cobras faced Hawks at the Hot House Basketball Stadium. The Cobras came back from behind and thrashed the Hawks 42 to 21. Kirrilly Wakefield coaches the Cobras and the team members consist of Jake Hartley, Reuben Johnson, Gus Rogers, Jed O'Connor, Raiden Wakefield, Cooper O'Connor, Lucas Munn and Josh Hartley. Big thanks goes to coach Kirrilly for putting in all her spare time after school to train and coach the boys. Cooper O'Connor took out Most Valuable Player (MVP) for the league. Massive congratulations to all!



COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNRAYSIA HOCKEY

Sunraysia Hockey Association is looking for new players in U11s, U13s, U15 Boys & U16 Girls, Senior Men and Women. Training and games are held at the hockey field off 11th Street Mildura. For more information, contact President Andrew Carrigan on 0417072559 or one of the other club contacts below. Club training nights are as follows.

Monday - **Wanderers**. Contact Wendy Kelly
0488041965

Tuesday - **Waratahs**. Contact Jodie Morvell
0409835470

Wed/Sunday – **Rivaside**. Contact Jess Melsen
0400131254

Thursday – **Koowinda**. Contact Sue Wakefield
0417053489

AUSKICK PROGRAM - MERBEIN

The Merbein Football Netball club are running The Auskick program again this year.

The first session will be held today 20th April from 4.30-5.30pm. If you are interested, phone Brendon Greenwood on phone 0438060809 or email bgreenwood@milduratruck.com.au

SUNRAYSIA ARTS AND LEARNING TERM 2

Leap into Learning this Autumn! Enrol for our high quality programs for adults and kids of all ages and abilities!

Music Together – 0-5 year olds. Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays in Merbein and Red Cliffs.

Kids Drum Circle – Kids 8-12 years. Wednesdays 5pm at Merbein. Free trial Wednesday 26th April.

Adult Drum Circle – beginners welcome, drums provided. Thursday 7.30pm and Saturdays 10am Merbein.

Music for Life – Supported music learning for adults with additional needs. Wednesdays 5.30pm.

Guitar for Grown Ups – Group guitar classes for adults in families enrolled in Music Together classes.

Family Art Sessions for 3-6 year olds and their grownups. TBA.

Extreme Crochet Scarf – June 3rd 2-4pm.

Supportive Music Together for children with additional needs – smaller supported groups for kids with additional needs.

Coming Soon – Rhythm Kids for 5-7 year olds.

For more information email

enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au or phone 0420939229.

HARVEY NORMAN RAINBOW RUN

Is a fun run to raise money for charities - Sunassist.

The run will be held at the Mildura Racecourse, Racecourse Rd, Nichols Point on 23rd April. Gates open 10am – Spectators \$5 entry. There will be colour packs and t-shirts, Club Aquarius warm up at 11.30am, jumping castle, food, entertainment, prizes, give-aways and more. For more information, registrations and cost of registrations go to www.sunassist.org.au or call 50231906.

MILDURA BASKETBALL WINTER COMPETITION

The U10, U12, U14 and U17 Girls Team registration cut off dates have been extended. Beginning on 24th April but if your teams are registered before Wednesday 26th April they will receive five free coaching sessions with the coaching director Russell Knights. To register a team visit <https://www.mildurabasketballassociation.com.au>. Contact Chelsea on phone 0417667222 or email chelsea@mildurabasketball.com.au for more information.

THREE COLOURS SOCCER CLUB

An information and 'Come and Try' night for any one ages 6 to 11 or U12s who are interested in playing for Mini Roos Soccer will be held on Wednesday 19th April from 5.30pm. Season kicks off Sunday 30th April.

For more information about the U12s, phone Vural Karakurt on 0418363362.

For Playing and Registration information call Lucy Fotia on 0439 302 090 or email threecolourssc@live.com.au.

SUNRAYSIA MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

The Festival will be held on 6th May from 11am-6pm at Nowingi Place Mildura. Entry is free. Special guests will be Asanti Dane Theatre and Ras Jahknow Band.

For more information visit www.smeccinc.org or www.facebook.com.smeccinc

SAINTS BASEBALL CLUB - MERBEIN

The Saints Baseball Club is looking for junior players in all age groups (5yo - 17yo).

Training is held @ Chaffey Park on Wednesday nights at 5pm. Come along and have a go. See if baseball is for you. For more information phone Greg on 0438519069 or Kirrilly on 0427942255.

MILDURA THEATRE COMPANY INC.

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS SHREK THE MUSICAL JR.

Held 19th May at 7pm, 20th May at 2pm and 21st May at 11am & 2pm. For more information phone 50188322 or visit www.milduraartscentre.com.au. A number of Merbein kids are performing in this show.

DANCE CLASSES!!

Contemporary/hip hop based dance classes.

4-6yrs – 4pm (30 mins) and 7-12yrs – 4.45pm (45 mins). Held Tuesdays in the Merbein P-10 College Activity Centre. Now taking expressions of interest for 13+yrs. Contact Kira on phone 0438 967 802 or email kmdanceco@gmail.com for further information.