

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

27th Tuesday

Gr 3-4 Rugby Tag

28th Wednesday

Pri P/T Interviews 2.30-7pm

29th Thursday

Pri Planet Rhythm Incursion

Gr 3-6 from 9.10-10.10am

Gr P-2 from 10.10-11am

30th Friday

-Last day of Term 2

-Casual Dress – Gold coin donation

-Earlier finishing time of 2.30pm

JULY

17th Monday

First day of Term 3

18th Tuesday

Sec Athletics Carnival

19th Wednesday

Pri Athletics Carnival

21st Friday

-Pri Proposed Grandparents Day

-PJ Day (Whole School)

AUGUST

4th Friday

Jeans for Genes Day (Whole School)

7th Monday

Gr 3-6 Australian Folklore

9th Wednesday

-Year 10 Immunisations

-Kinder Visit

13th-19th

China Visit

18th – 25th

Pri Book Week – Escape to

Everywhere

29th & 30th

The BEAT

SEPTEMBER

14th-30th

-China Trip

14th Thursday

-RUOK? Day (Whole School)

22nd Friday

Last day of Term 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

END OF TERM

Next Friday, June 30th is the end of Term 2. School will finish at 2.30pm on that day.

END OF SEMESTER FIESTA!

The SRC have decided to celebrate the end of semester with a fiesta! The last day of term is an out of uniform day with a fiesta/Mexican theme. The cost will be a gold coin donation, which will help to pay for a Green Building Fiesta/Disco and DJ Entertainment at lunchtime in front of the blue building office. The DJ will have prizes up for grabs.

SUNRAYSIA GANG SHOW VISIT

Today, we had a wonderful performance from the Gang Show with their presentation 'Get your Ship Together'. They took us on a cruise ship and entertained us with songs, dance and comedy. P-2 and 5-6 students were lucky enough to see this presentation. This was free for us so we are very thankful that we were included. There is further information about the Gang Show in the Community News.



PREP PRACTICE FOR 2018

For any Kinder Kids who are interested to attend Merbein P-10 College, we are starting our Prep Practice on Wednesday August 9th from 9 – 11.30. Invitations and information have been sent to Merbein Kinder and to other kinders and child care centres in the Mildura area. Please pass this on if you have a family friend or neighbour who has a child who will be starting school next year. There is no RSVP so parents and students can just come along.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

On the last day of this term, Friday 30th June 2017, all School Bus afternoon runs (except the Wentworth bus) will commence one hour earlier than a regular school day. Any children

that would normally catch connecting buses will be required to make their own arrangements. Wherever possible, Buslink Sunraysia staff will be happy to advise and assist. For more enquires phone 50230274.

Please be aware that all public service routes will continue to run at their normal times as per the current timetable. Visit www.buslink.com.au for further information.

SUNRAYSIA INTERSCHOOL CHESS - K Fetherston

Next Monday 26th June there will be a meeting and practice for all students interested in competing in the next Interschool Chess Competition. Please go to the Yellow building at lunchtime or see Mrs Fetherston if you can't make it.

The next Interschool Chess Competition is on Monday 31st July at Sacred Heart Primary School. The cost is \$10 per student, and both Primary and Secondary students are welcome to compete.

We are looking for more senior players so we can enter a team in the Open Secondary section. It is always a fun day, and everyone gets to play 7 games of chess with plenty of 'down time' in between.

Come and see Mrs Fetherston if you want to know more.

LOWER MURRAY WATER (LMW) - Leesa Merrett, (Coordinator Communications, Lower Murray Water)

There are great concerns with the traffic currently using the decommissioned channel and bike path on Ranfurly Way as a thoroughfare to cross to Channel Road. We have received several reports of near misses by pedestrians using the track with crossing traffic including cars and trucks.

As part of the Sunraysia Modernisation Project, the 7kms of channel was decommissioned and replaced with a pipeline. The pipeline is the main supply point for the entire irrigator base in Merbein. If damage to the pipeline caused from the drive-overs was to occur, we potentially lose water for the entire rural community.

LMW is now looking at options to restrict traffic across the area including bollards and fencing as this is a major

concern for not just public safety but also for the longevity of the new pipeline. We urge the community to be careful when using the walking track and hope that the area can continue to be used to enjoy the mosaics now being erected along the track.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP

Open Tuesday 8.30 – 9.30am

Open Thursday 2.00 – 4.00pm

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

BSB - 063 714

Bank Acc Number – 10060535

Account Name - Merbein P-10 College Official Account.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Merbein & District Community Bank & Merbein Development Association are 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 database so you can receive the newsletter in good time each week.

PRIMARY NEWS

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – W. Finn

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held Wednesday, 28th June from 2.30-7pm. Parents are asked to drop into the Green Building Office where they will find an Interview Timetable on the whiteboard. Please fill in a time suitable for your interview. If you are unable to come in to make a booking, please phone Heather Collihole to book a time for you. We look forward to seeing all our parents at the interviews so that we can share information and work together to support the child, explaining strengths and concerns and acknowledging the child's efforts. If parents feel they need longer than the allocated five minutes, we ask that they organise a longer interview with the teacher for a later date.

STUDENT REPORTS – W. Finn

Student Reports have been sent home with primary students today. The reports include the new six-week report plus the End of Semester Report.

PREP CSEF APPLICATIONS

Most applications for CSEF funding have been approved. If you are unsure whether your application was approved, please ask at the main office. If you are waiting for your Prep child's CSEF funded uniform, please call into the main office to collect it.

YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL DISTRICT FINALS – D. Lord

On Tuesday the Year 5/6 football team (boys) competed in the District Finals. We competed against the three other teams that won their respective sections. The other teams were Mildura South, Irymple South and Sacred Heart. All these schools are far bigger than we are but our boys were very competitive. We lost all three matches but did do the best we could under the circumstances.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS DAY – R. Holy

The Primary Athletics Day will be held at the Mildura Aero Ovals on the first Wednesday after the holidays, Wednesday 19th July.

Students will be travelling by bus to the Aero Ovals for the event. A permission note for the bus and a sausage sizzle order will go home with your child next Monday, 26th June, so please check your child's bag next Monday for the note, complete and return their notes to school as soon as possible.

We encourage students to dress in their Sports House colours for the event. If you are unsure what house they belong to, please ask your child's teacher.

The Ziggy's Coffee Van will be in attendance on the day. A percentage of those coffee sales will go the school. We would love families to come along on the day to cheer the students on. If you are able to volunteer to

help out on the day, please see Mrs Holy in the Green Building.

GRADE P-6 PLANET RHYTHM– K. Grimmer

On Thursday, 29th June, the primary students will be entertained by a visiting performer who will take the children on a journey from the earliest beginnings of rhythm through to modern day beats and equipment, incorporating a vast array of amazing world drums and percussion from the four corners of the globe.

Please check that your child's permission note has been returned.

PRIMARY JUMPER UNIFORM SALE

Our old primary sample stock jumpers are on sale for \$15 each while stock lasts.

Size 16 – 2 x small zip and 2 x long zip

Size 14 – 2 x small zip and 2 x long zip

Size 8 – 1 x small zip

Size 4 - 1 x small zip

SCHOOL HOLIDAY MRCC LIBRARY PROGRAM

Activities are designed for students currently attending primary school.

Cost is \$1.80 per child per activity.

Bookings essential.

Website : www.mildura.vic.gov.au/kubart

Facebook : mrcclibrary

Merbein Library – 50188361

4th July @ 11am	Pretend camp Fires
5 th July @ 11am	Lego (free session)
6 th July @11am	Whale pom poms
11 th July @11am	Winter ice skates
12 th July @11am	Lego (Free Session)
13 th July @11am	Tissue Box Cats

Mildura Library – 50188350

4th July @ 10.30am @ 2.30pm	Totes Amazing The Very Cranky Bear
5 th July @ 10.30am	Lego (free session)
6 th July @10.30am @ 2.30pm	Make a Rain Stick Indigenous Art
11 th July @10.30am @ 2.30pm	Indigenous Art Make a Rain Stick
12 th July @10.30am	Lego (Free Session)
13 th July @10.30am @ 2.30pm	The Very Cranky Bear Totes Amazing

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM (OSHC)

Please be aware that OSHC will finish at the earlier time of 5pm on the last day of term, Friday 30th June. Cheryll Hodge is our school's OSHC coordinator and can be contacted on 0428 258035 if you have any queries.

MERBEIN COMMUNITY BANK SCHOOL STUDENT BANKING PROGRAM

If you wish your child to participate in this program, please send your child's bankbook 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.

FREE DRUM LESSON

Interested primary school students are welcome to have a free drum lesson with our drumming teacher Luke McCarthy. For further information and to make a time, please contact Luke on 0417 897 906 or orlukemccarthy@lukemccarthy.id.au

OPTIONAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LESSONS

AVAILABLE FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS – J. Hudson

- **Guitar lessons**, both Group and Individual. For more information and cost, please email iwansoebardi@gmail.com or call Iwan Soebardi on 0418919220.
- **Drum lessons**. Contact Luke McCarthy for more information and costs on 0417 897 906 or email lukemccarthy@lukemccarthy.id.au.
- **Piano or keyboard lessons**, the cost is \$27 per 30 minute lesson plus books as required. For further information, please contact Louise Judd by email at louisejudd53@gmail.com or phone 0408596944.

GREEN BUILDING LOST PROPERTY CORNER

The lost property is continuing to mount up with unnamed articles. If your child is missing items, please drop in and check through the lost property. We also advise families to check that names are still clearly marked especially on school uniform items.

HEAD LICE

Families are asked to please check their child's hair for Head Lice and treat it if any infestation is found. The school will be carrying out Head lice head checks on all the primary classes next week.

BRAIN FOOD

Students are asked to bring 'Brain Food' to school everyday. 'Brain Food' is eaten at 10am whilst the children are working at their tables. There is strong evidence and research that brain food helps significantly with concentration. 'Brain food' is to be a healthy snack/finger food to be eaten as nibbles, it can be in the form of dried fruit, cut up non messy fruit or vegetables.

Yoghurt, small fruit tubs in syrup, cream cheese & dry biscuits are not permitted. These items can be eaten at recess or lunch only.

Please don't rely on the school to supply your child with their 'brain food'.

SECONDARY NEWS

2017 MRCC FREEZA YOUTH ART

Open to all young artists aged between 12 and 25 years. Categories are Painting, Drawing, Photography and Graphic Design. The Exhibition will be open from Saturday 5th August until Monday, 21st August at the

Mildura Visitor Information Centre. Entries close Friday 28th July. For further information visit www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth or phone Suzie on 0438021126.

SEMESTER STUDENT REPORTS – G. Rhodes

Secondary students will receive their reports in the last week of term.

These reports will contain information similar to this year's previous two reports, having information gathered over the past six weeks about your child's attitude, effort and academic performance based on the level of skill.

Reports will also contain additional information relating to students' progress over the semester as compared to the benchmarks outlined in the Victorian Curriculum Standards.

END OF SEMESTER – G. Rhodes

We are currently in week ten of an eleven week term. Our semester length subjects will change over in the last week of this term.

Students will have an opportunity to modify their electives for next semester during Week 11 of this term.

2018 ALPINE SCHOOL FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP (FOR CURRENT YEAR 8 STUDENTS.) – G. Rhodes

Twenty-one students from Merbein P-10 have attended the School for Student Leadership over the past four years. In the first year, six students attended the Snowy River Campus. The second year five students attend the Dinner Plain Campus situated in the Victorian Alps. Last year and this year, ten of our students attended the Gnurad Gundidj Campus in South Western Victoria.

At these 'Out of Home Living' experiences, students complete a number of activities and accredited courses over a nine-week period. These activities are designed to accelerate the development of community and individual leadership skills.

Some of the students from the most recent camp will be speaking about their experiences to the Year 8 students very soon. Upon their return from the camp, the students indicated that they had had a very exciting time, rating the camp no lower than a 9 out of 10.

Families have an opportunity put their child's name forward as a possible participant in the 2018 Alpine Camp Program. We will not know definitely, what campus or term will be allocated for the camp until Term 3, 2017. It is probable the camp will be at the Snowy River Campus in Term 4 of 2018.

The cost of the program is \$1050 for your child to participate. This cost includes all food, accommodation and equipment used in the outdoor adventure activities like canoeing, lightweight camping and their tuition for the nine weeks. What is not included is the travel to and from the campus. In the past years, families made the trip 2-3 times. Once at

the start, once for a visiting weekend and once at the end to bring their child back to Sunraysia.

This program is an outstanding opportunity for students to develop important skills including independence, teamwork, environmental awareness and self-responsibility.

If you wish to express an interest in your child attending the camp in 2018 please contact Mr Rhodes at the College.

Mr Rhodes will be giving each interested student a similar letter in the near future.

COMMUNITY NEWS

YOUTH SERVICES MILDURA SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Enrolments for the July School Holiday Program are NOW OPEN!

The School Holiday Program offers a wide variety of fully supervised activities for young people aged 12 – 16 with free or discounted social, recreational and educational activities.

Registration forms, more detailed programs and further information are available by contacting youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au or by visiting www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth or phoning Youth Services Mildura - 5018 8280.

Enrolments close Friday, 30th June 2017

Monday 3 July Basketball Fun Day Cost: FREE	Friday 14 July Mildura Waves Cost: FREE
Tuesday 4 July Inflatable World @ Lifestyle Plus Cost: \$15	Thursday 6 July Freestyle Art Session Cost: FREE
Wednesday 5 July Golf Range & Ten Pin Bowling Cost: FREE	Friday 7 July Movies & Pizza Cost: \$15
Wednesday 12 July Laserforce Cost: \$15	Monday 10 July FootGolf @ Red Cliffs Golf Course Cost: FREE
Thursday 13 July Dance Workshop Cost: FREE	Tuesday 11 July Mungo National Park Tour Cost: \$15

SUNRAYSIA GANG SHOW 'GET YOUR SHIP TOGETHER'

A youth stage production from the Scouts and Guides of Sunraysia. They will be performing seven shows during the school holidays from 7th-15th July at St Joseph's Mercy Theatre, corner Riverside Avenue

and 11th Street. Tickets can be acquired via the website www.sunraysiagangshow.org.au or by phoning the Ticket Hotline on 0439 662 888.

FOOTBALL (SOCCER) CLINIC

CELTIC FC INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

Coaching Staff from the world famous Celtic FC International Academy are coming to Mildura on 6th and 7th July as part of the winter coaching tour.

A great opportunity, for boys and girls of all abilities from ages 5 to 18 to attend camps and be coached by youth coaches from one of the world's leading Professional Clubs.

Times	Thursday 6th July	Friday 7th July
9.00am To 10.00am	Miniroos 5 -7 Years \$30 Per Player (Plus Booking Fee)	Miniroos 5-7 Years
10.30am To 2.30pm	Community 8-12 Years \$120 Per Player (Plus Booking Fee)	Community 8-12 Years
	Elite Youth 13-16 Years \$120 Per Player (Plus Booking Fee)	Elite Youth 13-16 Years

To Register go to www.eventbrite.com.au or submit details to Susan Watts phone 0410557485 or email swatts@ffs.org.au and process payment by paying the Sunraysia Football Federation direct.

WINTER ICE SKATING IN THE MILDURA CITY HEART

Starting 20th June through to 22nd July in the Langtree Mall.

Daily one-hour sessions at 10am, 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3pm and 5pm, plus 7pm on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Cost is :

Over 16years \$20 Under 16years \$15

Family ticket 2 & 2 \$60 -Extra child \$13

Spectator \$3. Book tickets online

<http://www.mildura.starsonice.com.au/tickets/>



2018 Prep Practice



Wednesday 9th August 9am - 11:30 am

Wednesday 23rd August 9am - 11.30 am

Wednesday 29th November 9am - 1.30 pm

Wednesday 6th December 9am - 1.30 pm

Tuesday 12th December 9am - 3:12pm



For the first visit

9.00 Meet the teachers and new friends and practise being a Prep.

9.20 Information for parents from Mr Cupper, our college Principal

9.40 Tour of the college

10.15 Parents' Morning Tea

10.30 Enjoy watching your child at work

11.00 Recess

11.30 Back to the real world

For each visit please bring a fruit/vegie snack

for brain food, hat, water bottle and recess food

For the last 3 visits, please also bring lunch.



The Green P-4 Learning Centre

Commercial St, Merbein

For more details 50252501 Wendy Finn – P-4 Learning Centre Leader