

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

28th Friday

'Relay for Life' in the afternoon.

MAY

2nd Tuesday

Sec I/S Girls Soccer

3rd Wednesday

Keys Please 2.15 Yr 10

5th Friday

Mother's Day Stall

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

14th Sunday

Mother's Day

16th Tuesday

Pri Interschool Cross Country

15th-19th

Yr 9 Camp

23rd Tuesday

Pri incursion Excuse Me I was here First 10am

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

Earlier finishing time of 2.30pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

ANZAC DAY REPORT

A special ANZAC Day Assembly was held in our College Gym on Monday 24th April. We were privileged to host a guest speaker, Mr Tom Storer from the Merbein RSL. Mr Storer addressed the students and explained the meaning and significance of ANZAC Day. It was a significant assembly and the respect shown by every student at that service was most impressive.



It was pleasing to see a large group of Merbein P-10 students and staff participate in the ANZAC Day March on Tuesday, 25th April. I would like to thank the students for attending, especially our student leaders Shakira Robinson, Jessica Hall, Nikita Whitford and Dorraine Bagacay, who led the March and laid the wreath at Kenny Park's Gates. Thanks also to Mr Rhodes, Mrs Grimmer, Mrs Gardiner and Ms Hall for their support.



Mother's Day Stall

Friday 5th May
9:15—11:30am
Primary and Secondary

Parent Helpers Wanted

Send us a message via the school Facebook page, email to fetherston.kyra.j@edumail.vic.gov.au, or just turn up on the day.

Green Building  Gifts from \$1 - \$5

Proudly organised by Merbein P-10 College Parents Club 

SCHOOL ANZAC CEREMONY REPORT – G. Rhodes

Last Monday we held a very poignant and respectful ANZAC Ceremony in the newly refurbished Activity Centre. A big thanks to Mr Tom Storer and his wife Cheryle who were guests of the school and spoke about the settlement of our area by war veterans.

MERBEIN TOWNSHIP ANZAC CEREMONY REPORT – G. Rhodes

On Tuesday, 25th April from 9.15-10.15am, a very large contingent of Merbein P-10 students and their parents marched behind and beside our school banner at the Merbein ANZAC March. I want to send out a big thank you to all the families that represented our school at this important community event.



MOTHER'S DAY STALL – K. Fetherston

The Parents Club will be holding a Mother's Day Stall next Friday 5th May in the middle of the Green building. Gift prices will be from \$1-\$5. The Primary students will be able to purchase their gift during class time prior to recess. Secondary students can purchase during recess. Parent Helpers are needed to help with the stall. If you can help on the day please send a message via the school Facebook page or email Fetherston.kyra.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

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.*

RELAY FOR LIFE– G. Rhodes

To raise awareness about cancer we will be conducting our own relay here at the school tomorrow 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.

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.

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

STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEYS REPORT – G.

Rhodes

Most students have completed a short survey about one or two of their teachers over the past week. The students answered eight questions about their teacher which will be used by the teacher to help them understand the thoughts of their students. These surveys will be completed at regular intervals throughout the year.

MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

– G. Rhodes

Our College Cross Country Event will be held on Friday, 12th May at Chaffey Park, Merbein. The Junior Primary will commence their Cross Country at 12.00pm and will conclude at around 1.15pm. At 1.30pm the Grade P-4 students will return to school after having a sausage sizzle and drink at Chaffey Park. The Year 5-7 students will start their 3km Cross Country at 1pm and finish from 1.15pm onwards. Those students will have a sausage sizzle and drink returning to school at 2.45pm for the presentation of individual trophies and team awards.

Parents are welcome to attend the Cross Country Event held at Chaffey Park on the top of Pump Hill. Permission notes will be sent home a week prior to the Cross Country Event. All permission notes will need to be returned to the school before Friday, 12th May. Students are encouraged to wear their Sport House Colours and appropriate running attire for the event. Parents are asked to look carefully at the weather forecast to ensure students have adequate clothing for the conditions. Normal classes will be held in the morning, so please ensure they are wearing clothing that is also safe to be worn in the classroom.

The Primary Interschool Cross Country is scheduled for Wednesday, 16th May. Students who qualify for the Interschool Cross Country Event will be issued a permission note for that event on Friday, 12th May.

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.

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.

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

PRIMARY NEWS

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.

GRADE 2-4 NEWS – B. Holy

The Grade 2-4 students kept warm yesterday participating in a Rugby League Clinic run by Henry from Sunraysia Rugby League. Students learnt how to score a try, how to pass backwards and play the ball. We are looking forward to two more weeks of clinics in preparation for the Grade 3-4 Rugby League Tag Competition.



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. 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, please 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.

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.

SECONDARY NEWS

'WRITE ON' COMPETITION – L. McPhee

The English Department is very pleased to announce the winners of this year's 'Write On' Writing Competition. In Term 1, each year level was given two different prompts that students had to address. Every student in Years 7-10 wrote two pieces. Finalists were decided by their English teachers. A panel of guest judges including Mrs Luitjes, Mrs Matotek, Ms Razis and Mr Cupper chose the winners. Congratulations to all students, especially the placegetters and sincere thanks to the panel of judges. Prizes and certificates will be handed out at Year Level Assemblies in the near future.

Year 7	
TBA	
Year 8	
Narrative	Persuasive
1st Claudia Dimasi	1st Colby Smythe
2nd Cooper Dodds	2nd Hannah Matotek
3rd Aiden Middleton	3rd Aiden Middleton
Year 9	
Narrative	Persuasive
1st Mele Miki	1st Jade King
2nd Georgia Roberts	2nd Wes Beckwith
3rd McKenzie Dunne	3rd Hannah Rogers
Year 10	
Narrative	Persuasive
1st – Jess Hall	1st
2nd	2nd Jess Hall
3rd	3rd Shania McKinnon

TEXILES ART REPORT – B. Bynes

Students in Mrs Brown's Year 9-10 class have produced textiles art with a poppy theme for Anzac Day. These are on display in the front foyer window.



RELAY FOR LIFE – G. Rhodes

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Relay for Life Event last weekend. The school is holding our own event with a PURPLE theme tomorrow afternoon, Friday, 28th April.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 on 19th May at 7pm, 20th May at 2pm and 21st May at 11am & 2pm. For more information phone 50188322 or visit www.miludraartscentre.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.

MAAD (MANAGING ANGRY ADOLESCENTS DIFFERENTLY)

A FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

This is free two hour workshop presented by Kenneth Nathan on Friday 5th May at the Mildura Golf Club, 287 Twelfth Street Mildura between 7-9.45pm. For parents and carers who would appreciate some advice and knowledge in managing and dealing with an angry or violent teenager. For any enquires or to register contact Stephen Williams on 0437752 or email Stephen.williams@midura.vic.gov.au. Please inform if there are any dietary requirements for catering.

PARENT & TEACHER WORKSHOP: HOW TO SHAPE THE WORLD OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

This workshop will be held 2nd May from 6.30-8.30pm at Club Aquarius Gym, 47 Seventh Street Mildura. Cost is a Gold Coin Donation to Mirabel Foundation. The workshop will be helpful to you if you currently have children entering or enrolled at school. If you are concerned with their behaviour, social or academic performance, if they become stressed, intense, frustrated or anxious about school and if you are stressed and anxious in response to their behaviour and situation. If you struggle to get them motivated about school work, homework, assignments, tests, or exams. If there are difficulties in relationships in the family home, resulting in a stream of disagreements.

If they respond by shutting down, ignoring or being emotional. If you are concerned about their future. This introductory evening is designed specifically to meet the needs of adolescents of all ages, their families and support people. The presenter will address the many issues facing parents and educators in the home, school and community environments today.

During the workshop 3 KEY PRINCIPLES to creating immediate change will be discussed as well as strategies for now and future moments. The workshop will be followed by further engagement opportunities for you and your family.

Presenter: Scott Hardie

University Lecturer in Education; Health & Community Services; Adjunct Lecturer in Speech Pathology
Speech Pathologist, Learning & Behavioural Clinician
Master Coach / Trainer of Coaching; NLP; Time Line Therapy®; Clinical Hypnotherapy & Mindfulness
For further information contact Cameron Matthew on 0418-856-297 or email

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THREE COLOURS SOCCER CLUB

If you are interested in playing Mini Roos Soccer for ages 6 to 11 or U12s come and try any Wednesday night at 5.30pm. The season kicks off on 30th April. For Playing and Registration information call Lucy Fotia on 0439 302 090 or email threecolourssc@live.com.au