

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

26th Friday

-Pri SOM Assembly 2.45pm

-Sec SOM Assembly

31st Wednesday

Year 7 Immunisations

JUNE

2nd Friday

Sec Interschool Netball

5th Monday

Pri Excuse Me I Was Here First' Inclusion

12th Monday

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

NO School

15th Thursday

-Sec Interschool Hockey

-Pri Eisteddfod Entries 10am onward

16th Friday

Little Day Out Event

19th- 20th

Proposed Advance Camp

29th Thursday

Pri Planet Rhythm Incursion

30th Friday

Last day of Term 2

Earlier finishing time of 2.30pm

JULY

17th Monday

First day of Term 3

AUGUST

7th Monday

Gr 3-6 Australian Folklore

9th Wednesday

Year 10 Immunisations

13th-19th

China Visit

SEPTEMBER

14th-30th

China Trip

22nd Friday

Last day of Term 3

27th Wednesday

Athletics Carnival

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

FIDGET SPINNERS

The current Fidget Spinner fad is generating numerous arguments and distractions, impacting negatively both in class and in the school grounds. Unless your child has a diagnosed sensory condition, I would ask you to ensure that Fidget Spinners be kept at home. Otherwise, if the devices are being used inappropriately at school they may be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

Parents are requested to contact your child's teacher/coordinator if you would like to discuss possible approval for your child to use them for therapeutic reasons. Thanks for your cooperation.

YEAR 9 MELBOURNE CAMP REPORT

Last week Year 9 students participated in the annual Melbourne Trip. Initial feedback indicates that our students found it to be an enjoyable and worthwhile experience. It was also very pleasing to hear they earned many complimentary comments about their respectful behaviour from the various venues they visited.

I would like to thank Mr Blackie, Mrs McClure, Mrs McPhee, Mr Lee and Mrs McCarty who provided 24/7 care and supervision for the students.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA – CUPCAKE PHOTOS

Thank you to the SRC and Miss Williams for the delicious cupcakes today.





SCHOOL MAGAZINE – K. Fetherston

The 2017 School Magazine will showcase highlights from the P-10 year, including photos and displays from every class in the school. Cost is \$15 each. Orders are now being taken from the front office.

R.J. SHIELD CHESS TOURNAMENT REPORT – K. Fetherston

Awesome Effort from Curtis Crabtree and Miles Fetherston who competed at the R.J. Shield Chess Tournament on 21st May. Players ranging in age from 7-28 years played seven games each in a five-hour event.

Curtis won an amazing four games and came 2nd Place in the U/12 Years Division.

Miles scored three points and received an Encouragement Award in the U/10 Years Division.

The next R.J. Shield will be held on Sunday 13th August at the Mildura South Primary School. The tournament is open to any interested persons in the age range.

Cost is \$20 per player.

For those interested the Sunraysia Chess Club meets each Friday night from 5:30-7pm in the MADEC building on Madden Avenue (opposite the RSL). See Mrs Fetherston for more information.



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.

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.

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.

PRIMARY NEWS

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

STUDENT LEADERSHIP - GRIP CONFERENCE - Mr

Morgan

Today some of our Grade 5-6 leaders along with student leaders from several other schools across Sunraysia attended a conference held at the Grand Hotel Mildura to develop and broaden their leadership skills and qualities.

This program is unique. It aims to develop leadership skills that the students can use in their own school right now. The following students attended the GRIP Conference: Alasadair Hogg, Tiarna Corrie, Shayde Szombathy, Taleah Fitzwalter, Emma Martin, Jessica Ruyg, Neria Irumva, Tess Liddicoat, Jorja Ernesti and Mia Corrie. Watch this space next week as some of these students will prepare reports from their GRIP experience for the newsletter.

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.

OPTIONAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LESSONS

AVAILABLE FOR GRADE P-6 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.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH ASSEMBLY – W. Finn

Tomorrow, Friday 26th May the Grades P-6 will hold their Student of the Month Assembly in the Orange Building at 2.45pm. Parents and families are welcome to attend.

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.

IMMUNISATION CERTIFICATE FOR NEW PREPS

Children starting school are exposed to a large number of people and to a range of potentially dangerous diseases.

Immunisation is a proven and safe way to be protected against diseases that cause serious illness and sometimes death. Enrolling in primary school is a good time to check your child's immunisations are up to date. All children are required by law to have an Immunisation Status Certificate when enrolling in primary school.

This certificate is a statement showing the immunisations your child has received. If your child has not received any immunisations, you must still provide a certificate. The school keeps a copy of the certificate so that, in the event of a disease outbreak, unimmunised children can be quickly identified and excluded from school until the risk of infection has passed.

If you do not provide the certificate to the school your child may also be excluded from school as their immunisation status will be unknown.

The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register will send you an Immunisation Status Certificate when your child turns five years old. However if you do not have a certificate, families can obtain an Immunisation Status Certificate from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) by phone 1800 653 809 or email acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au or visit your local Medicare Office.

You should also contact ACIR if you:

- are moving or have recently moved, to ensure your contact details are up to date
- think your child's statement is incomplete or incorrect.

(If your child is not eligible for a Medicare card, then contact your doctor or local council immunisation service who will be able to assist you in obtaining an Immunisation Status Certificate.)

For more information go to www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

For translated versions of this document go to www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation

GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARDS

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



'EXCUSE ME I WAS HERE FIRST' INCURSION – W. Finn

On Monday 5th June, our primary students will be entertained by a visiting school performance group, with a show called 'Excuse Me I was Here First'. This is a comedy show, promoting positive ways to resolve conflict. **A permission note has gone home today with every student, please check that it is completed and returned as soon as possible.**

SECONDARY NEWS

VCE STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2018

Kids Under Cover administer scholarships on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to young people studying year 11 and 12 or the TAFE equivalent. These scholarships are to the value of \$1100 and can be used to cover any educational items including but not limited to uniforms, course fees, textbooks, public transport and laptops.

To view the eligibility criteria visit <http://www.kuc.org.au/what-we-do/how-we-help/scholarship-programs/dhhs-student-scholarship-program/>

Applications for scholarships for the 2018 academic year are now open and close at midnight on Friday, 30th June, 2017. For more information contact Kate Hull on phone 0394297444 or email scholarship@kuc-org-au

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

FREEZA BATTLE OF THE BANDS COMPETITION

FReeZA Battle of the Bands Competition showcases young musicians from around Victoria, giving them the opportunity to perform, gain local exposure, and win their way to a spot on the Grand Final line up. The Mildura FReeZA Committee hosts the Mallee heat on Friday 2nd June at the Mildura Senior College gymnasium from 7-11pm.

All relevant forms can be downloaded from the Mildura Rural City Council's website.

For more information contact Suzie Christensen email suzie.christensen@mildura.vic.gov.au

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.

Coaching focuses on technical development including;

- *The 'Celtic Turn'
- *Ball Mastery
- *Receiving the ball
- *1x1 (Attacking and Defending)
- *Passing and Moving
- *Small Sided Games
- *Awareness and Control
- *Finishing

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.

CROCHET SCARF WORKSHOP MERBEIN

Spend an afternoon creating your own scarf with teacher Sophie Appleby and share a delicious afternoon tea on Saturday 3rd June from 2-4pm at the studio, 198 Third Street Merbein. Cost is \$60 all inclusive. Register at <http://www.sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au/enrolments/registration/> or phone 0420939229 or email enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au.

JUNIOR/YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION

AFL

Starting 19th June, females aged 11-14 years old are invited to participate in a six-week competition. Experience not required. It is free and its fun so come down and try at the Sarah Oval, Mildura from 4-5pm. For more information contact Samantha Brice on phone 0413461779 or email operations@aflsun.com.au

2017 LITTLE DAY OUT EVENT

The 2017 Little Day Out event to be held on Friday 16th June from 9-00am to 1-00pm at Lifestyle Plus, 3 King Avenue, Mildura.

The Little Day Out is an event to showcase services that are available in our local community for children and their families from pregnancy to six years of age.