

## NEWSLETTER 2017 Thursday, 8 June

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### JUNE

**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 – The school will represented with a stall at this event.**

**19th- 20th**

Proposed Advance Camp

**22nd Thursday**

Pri School Disco

**27th Tuesday**

Gr 3-4 Rugby Tag

**29th Thursday**

Pri Planet Rhythm Incursion

**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

**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

#### SEPTEMBER

**14th-30th**

-China Trip

### PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June is the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday.  
There will be no school on this day.**

### PIRATE DAY REPORT – J. Costello

Shiver me timbers! Pirate Day was a huge success and lot's of fun. With lot's of Pirate activities. Well done to all primary students who dressed up and gave a gold coin donation. We raised over \$160 for children's cancer.



### SEMESTER STUDENT REPORTS – G. Rhodes

Primary student reports will be handed out before the Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews that will be conducted during the last week of term.

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.

### GRADE 1 TO YEAR 10 PAT TESTING – G. Rhodes

Students from Grade 1 to Year 10 have been completing a testing regime from the Progressive Attainment Tests. This testing regime gives teachers important information about student progress and areas for improvement. Most students have completed 2-4 tests over the past few days.

### SCHOOL MAGAZINE – K. Fetherston

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

### 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

### 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.

### 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

### EISTEDDFOD DANCES – W. Finn

The Primary students will be performing their dance routines at the Eisteddfod on Thursday, 15th June. Permission notes have been sent home. Please check that your child's note has been returned.

**Parents are asked to have their Grade P-2 child at the school at the earlier time of 8.30am next Thursday, 15th June so the finishing touches can be added to their costumes before the bus leaves for the Eisteddfod at 9.15am.**

Parents are asked to provide the following articles for their child's costumes.

Grade 2-4 – students who are participating in the Eisteddfod Dance will need to wear a black t-shirt or long sleeve t-shirt and plain black pants with no designs or labels.

Astronauts – black school pants/tracksuit and plain black t-shirt.

Rockets – bright coloured t-shirt and plain black tracksuit pants.

Planets – bright coloured t-shirt and plain black tracksuit pants.

Grade 5-6 - students who are participating in the Eisteddfod Dance will need to wear a hoodie or flannelette shirt with jeans and runners. Dark colours would be preferable.

The Primary Choirs will perform in the morning of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June. There will be two sections. The Grade P-2 are in the 1<sup>st</sup> Section and the Grade 3-6 are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Section. Cost for parents to see the Choirs Perform at the Eisteddfod will be \$6 per person for both sections or \$3 for just one section in the morning.



### BASEBALL CLINIC REPORT – R. Holy

Over the last three weeks, the Grade P-2 students have participated in Baseball Clinics run by Shannon who is part of the Sunraysia Baseball League. They have learnt many skills. Some of those skills include, how to hit a ball off a Tee, throwing and catching whilst wearing a glove, how to be part of a team and how to smash a home run. Thank you to Kirrilly Wakefield for your support in organising this great community experience for our school. Also thanks to our secondary student helpers, Hayden Chase, Ethan Ilsley and Raiden Wakefield who have shared their expertise with our junior classes. More information about the Saints Merbein Baseball Club is available in the Community Section of this newsletter.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:louisejudd53@gmail.com) or phone 0408596944.

### "EXCUSE ME, I WAS HERE FIRST" INCURSION

#### REPORT – S. Gardiner

The Primary students were treated today with the incursion performance "Excuse Me, I Was Here First". Students were shown how everyday conflicts can be resolved peacefully by following these rules.

\*Don't make the situation worse.

\*Tell your story.

\*Listen to the other person.

\*Work together and Find a solution.

The strategies of: win, win; talk, don't tell and yell; and put yourself in the other person's position were also discussed in an entertaining way to provide students with solutions they can confidently use in the knowledge that if these rules and strategies fail, they can always seek outside help to resolve their conflicts harmoniously.



### GRADE P-4 – 'GET YOUR SHIP TOGETHER'

#### CONCERT

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, this local show will be visiting our school to perform for all our primary students. They will enjoy an interactive, entertaining show that showcases the talents of the local Scouts and Guides. This concert will take you sailing on a magical cruise ship. Who knows what might happen or where it will end up. There is no cost for this performance.

### 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



### AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM (OSHC)

OSHC students celebrated the Queen's Birthday this week in fine fashion with a high tea party.

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



### REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT – D. Lord

Congratulations to all those who participated. Just to be selected is a fantastic achievement regardless of the placing on the day, considering they were competing against the best in this region. Special mention to Mady Casey who came 6th in her event, she is now eligible to compete at the State Championships at Bundoora on Thursday 20th July against all the best runners from Victoria. Other results below, taking into account there were up to seventy participants in each event. Thanks to the parents who drove their children down to cold, frosty St. Arnauld.

Tess Liddicoat - 16th	Makayla Dixon - 21st
Tayla Brown - 39th	Shayde Szombathy - 51st
Seth Colling - 37th	Tasharni Quinlivan - 34th

### DISTRICT WINTER SPORTS – D. Lord

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#### Football

Merbein Def OLSH	76 to 1
Merbein Def The Lake	37 to 6

#### Hockey

Merbein Def OLSH	7 to 1
Lake Def Merbein	6 to 0

#### Netball

Lake 1 Def Merbein A	8 to 2
Merbein A Def Lake 2	28 to 1
Merbein A Def Merbein B	9 to 0
OLSH Def Merbein A	8 to 1
Lake 1 Def Merbein B	10 to 0
Merbein B Def Lake 2	5 to 1
OLSH Def Merbein B	25 to 0

#### Soccer Girls

Merbein Drew OLSH	2 to 2
Lake Def Merbein	3 to 0

#### Soccer Boys

Merbein Def OLSH	5 to 0
Lake Def Merbein	12 to 0



### 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.



## PIRATE DAY PHOTOS







### MUSIC PHOTOS

Photos of the Grade P-2 students Music Class with Mr Pay.





# SECONDARY NEWS

## MILDURA EISTEDDFOD REPORT – J. Hudson

Our school choir consisting of twenty students from Year 7-10 performed at the Mildura Eisteddfod on Monday. They performed very well and received some positive comments from the adjudicator.



Our Merbein P-10 Years 5-8 Guitar Ensemble also performed. They were given a very pleasing score of 86/100. A special mention was given to Brandon Kitt for his excellent improvisational skills.



There are many more talented students entered in the Mildura Eisteddfod over the next few weeks and we wish them well.

## STUDENT ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL SURVEY – G. Rhodes

Students have begun a process that will give feedback to their teachers through a formal feedback survey tool. This process will be continuing next term. All schools are required to complete this survey about their school. Our students will be completing this survey in the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The surveys will be completed online and will be supervised by the Learning Centre Leaders.

## END OF SEMESTER – G. Rhodes

We are currently in week eight of an eleven week term. Our semester length subjects will change over in the last week of this term. This means that students have only two weeks to complete work before reports are written and new subjects are started.

Students will have an opportunity to modify their electives for next semester during Week 9 and week 11 of this term.

## YEAR 10 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

### LATROB UNIVERSITY REPORT – C. Blackie

Last week Year 10 students visited La Trobe University, Mildura Campus for some hands-on experience in science and technology. Students chose from workshops on robotics, genetics, psychology and IT network infrastructure and security. It was great to see Year 10 engaged with science and technology as they begin to consider their subject choices for Year 11&12 and their future careers.



## YEAR 7 ICT CONGRATULATIONS – J. Donnelly

Year 7E ICT class received third place in a Typing Tournament the class entered. It is an online touch-typing program that students complete for fifteen minutes each lesson. The results are averaged for the class and then they are ranked in the state. This term 7E came third, narrowly in front of 7D. Next term's competition will be highly competitive.





## **GIRLS FOOTBALL REPORT** – J. Donnelly

Merbein P10 Girls Football Teams were highly competitive at the Inter School Girls Football Competition. The Junior Girls Team won one game against Coomealla High School and only lost their other two by a point and a goal. The Year 10 Girls Team were a strong force up against all the other teams. They had a big win over Coomealla High School but struggled against the size and strength of Mildura Senior College. It was a great effort by all.



## **YEAR 10 ENGLISH COMMON ASSESSMENT TASK**

- Laura McPhee (English Co-ordinator)

On Thursday 29th June the Year 10 students will sit a Common Assessment Task (CAT) in English. This task is based on Issue Units that they have been working on this term. The CAT is important for two reasons. It gives our students the experience of sitting an exam before the End-of-Year Exams at Merbein P-10 and helps them to prepare for VCE assessments. It also gives the English teachers the opportunity to benchmark work and moderate samples to ensure consistent marking across the KLA and to inform future teaching.

All students will be given time and resources to assist them with their revision and study prior to the exam. Please encourage your child to prepare adequately for the CAT so they can do their best. If you have any queries regarding the CAT, please contact your child's English teacher or myself by phoning the school office.

### **YEAR 10 SNOW TRIP**– G. Rhodes

Mr Nunn has organised two of our previous Year 10 trips to Mt Buller in the Victorian Highlands. The trip exposes our students to an Alpine environment and aims to teach them how to safely negotiate in the snow and experience associated Alpine sports. Information about the trip was given to our Year 10 students and a meeting was held to explain further information to the students.

### **YEAR 10 CHINA TRIP** – G. Rhodes

Our Year 10 students have an opportunity to experience China through our Annual School Cultural Exchange Program. The trip is scheduled to leave in the last week of Term 3 and will continue into the first week of the Term 3 school holidays. We have had some excellent reports from families that have participated in the past. The program gives families an opportunity to host a student from China for a week in their home, a great experience for both the host and the visiting student.

The trip to China includes visits to fantastic and famous historical and cultural Chinese sites such as the Great Wall, The Terracotta Warriors and The City of the 44 Chinese Nationalities. They travel on a 'Fast Train' through mainland China and have many more experiences but more importantly the students are hosted by the Chinese family from beautiful 'Dali Old Town', a return exchange with the family that they have hosted in Australia. Generally, for the students this experience is a highlight.

The trip is approximately seventeen days long. When the students are not with the host family, they stay in good quality hotels.

There are still vacancies for this program. If you would like more information, please talk with Mr Blackie, as he and Mrs Luitjes will be accompanying the Year 10 China Trip this year.



## **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.

## **YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE** – G. Rhodes

The Year 10 students are required to participate in a two week Work Experience Program beginning in the last week of August. Students are also required to arrange their own work experience placements.

## **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 \$1,100 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, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017. For more information contact Kate Hull on phone 0394297444 or email [scholarship@kuc-org-au](mailto:scholarship@kuc-org-au)

## **YEAR 10 STOCK MARKET GAME – “WINNERS ARE GRINNERS”** – H. Hankinson

Our winner of the Stock Market Game, Chris Martin had a choice of a voucher at a shop of his choice, or a meal. Chris decided to take the meal and invited his friends Darcy & Lucas who actually came 2nd overall, so they enjoyed a luncheon at Hoggs last Friday. The boys were keen to prolong the lunch to ensure they did not get back too early for their last lesson.





# COMMUNITY NEWS

## 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'
- \*Passing and Moving
- \*Ball Mastery
- \*Small Sided Games
- \*Receiving the ball
- \*Awareness and Control
- \*1x1 (Attacking and Defending)
- \*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](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) or submit details to Susan Watts phone 0410557485 or email [swatts@ffs.org.au](mailto:swatts@ffs.org.au) and process payment by paying the Sunraysia Football Federation direct.

### JUNIOR/YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION

#### AFL

Starting 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## MALLEE LOCAL TRANSPORT OPTIONS SURVEY

A Mallee Local Transport Options Paper is currently being developed. It will identify transport services within the Mallee, identify gaps in those services and how we can innovatively make use of the services that are currently in place. They are covering the four Local Government Areas within the Mallee and hope to speak with, gather information and feedback from as many community service providers, community members and community groups as possible. They have produced a survey that will assist in capturing data from community members and service providers and assist in building a base line of what is currently accessible for the community. Visit this site for the survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLTOPSurvey>

If you are unable to either, access internet or complete the survey yourself, please ring this phone number 50231906 to complete the survey over the phone.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July at St Joseph's Mercy Theatre, corner Riverside Avenue and 11th Street. Tickets can be acquired via the website [www.sunraysiagangshow.org.au](http://www.sunraysiagangshow.org.au) or by phoning the Ticket Hotline on 0439 662 888.

### SAINTS COME & TRY BASEBALL

Age Groups U7, U10, U13, U15, U17. Free Registration. Training 5pm, Wednesday afternoons at Chaffey Park Merbein. For more information phone Greg 0438519069 or Kirrilly 0427942255.