

NEWSLETTER 2017 Thursday, 14



DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

15th Friday

- Gr P-2 Sleepover
- Pri Regional Sports in Bendigo

19th Tuesday

Yr 9 Ecology Excursion

20th Wednesday

- Gr 5-6 Merbein Show
- Sec Parent/Teacher Interviews 4pm -7pm

22nd Friday

- Last day of Term 3
- Earlier Dismissal time of 2.30pm
- OSHC earlier dismissal time of 5pm.
- Footy/Sports Colours Day (Whole School)

OCTOBER

9th Monday

First day of Term 4

10th Tuesday

Yr 9 Drug Forum at the Arts Centre

12th Wednesday

Sec State Athletics Carnival

16th Monday

Interschool Basketball

17th Tuesday

Variety Night 7pm

18th Wednesday

Variety Night 7pm

24th Tuesday

Yr 10 Immunisations

GRADE 5-6 BUSINESS UNIT - MERBEIN SHOW – S. Gardiner

Yesterday, the Grade 5-6 Businesses successfully trialled their 'Side Show Alley' activities. After students enjoyed trying out each activity, a Customer Satisfaction Form was completed and collected. These forms will be analysed by the organising business to make modifications.

Next Wednesday, 20th September, each 'customer' from Grade P-4 will be provided with 'money' to attend the Merbein Show for half an hour as per the timetable below. The Grade 5-6 students would love families to attend also, if they would like to!

GRADE 5-6 MERBEIN SHOW TIMETABLE

11:30 – Teams Set Up Games	11:45 – 12:15 – P1A & 34B
12:15 – 12:45 – P1B & 34A	12:45 – 1:15 – 12A & 23A



END OF TERM 3

Next Friday, 22nd September is the last day of Term 3. Students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 2.30pm on this day. School buses will also leave at the earlier time of 2.30pm. Remember to make alternate arrangements if your child catches a connecting bus. School will resume for Term 4 on Monday 9th October.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY – G. Rhodes

On the last day of term, Friday 22nd September students will have the opportunity to come to school wearing their footy team's colours instead of their school uniform. Students need to wear clothing that is safe and appropriate. This means that footwear needs to fully cover feet and tops need to have sleeves and collars.

MERBEIN P-10 WHOLE SCHOOL VARIETY

PERFORMING ARTS SHOW-CASE

Our Whole School Variety Performances will be held on Tuesday, 17th and Wednesday 18th October at the Mildura Arts Centre, with a start time of 7pm. All our students from Prep to Year 10 will have the opportunity to participate. Tickets are available from the Mildura Arts Centre and the Mildura Information Centre. Ticket cost is \$10 adult, \$8 child, concession, and \$20 for a family ticket.

THUNDERSTORM ASTHMA SEASON

Every year during grass pollen season there is an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms, there is also the chance of a Thunderstorm Asthma Event, so please be prepared and also check the weather forecast to avoid the outdoors during thunderstorms.

COLDS AND FLUS

Students who are very unwell with colds and flus are asked to limit contact with others, staying at home until symptoms have passed and please notify the school as to their absence. All students are also required to use proper hygiene, regularly washing their hands and covering their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

Thankyou to the families who have supported the school with this program. This program will finish very soon. Anyone from our School's community, staff, parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends who shop at Woolworths can collect stickers and **either pop them in the school's box in Woolworth's Langtree Avenue Store, or send them along to the school.**

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.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY IN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - 2018

We are offering local businesses the opportunity to advertise in our weekly newsletter commencing in 2018. Our newsletter goes out to over 400 families as well as a number of community organisations. We have 10 business card size advertising spaces available on the back page and the cost is \$200.00 for the year. If you wish to take up this advertising opportunity, please email your expression of interest to merbein.p10@edumail.vic.gov.au.

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, Merbein Uniting Church 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 days learning.

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

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, 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

EARLY NOTICE – GRADE P-6 ADIDAS SCHOOL FUN-RUN! – B. Holy

We will be once again holding the Adidas School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year! The event is pencilled in for Week 4 or 5 of Term 4.

With last year's donations the school was able to purchase some soccer goals, PMP equipment and the equipment in our class borrowing tubs, as well as some fun large games like Giant Jenga to use during lunch times with our VIVO points.

Our wish list for this year includes some portable netball goals, sandpit toys and more exciting equipment for our tubs. The students have chosen these items themselves.

The School Fun-Run promotes healthy and active lifestyles to our students in a fun and engaging way. Keep your eyes peeled for the sponsorship forms which will be sent home with your child early next term. Students who raise just \$10 or more will receive a reward for their efforts.

VARIETY NIGHT- EARLY NOTICE

All the primary students will be participating in the School's End-Of-Year Performance. It will be held on Tuesday, 17th and Wednesday 18th October at the Mildura Arts Centre, starting at 7pm on both nights. Tickets available from the Arts Centre or the Mildura Information Centre.

A note with costume requirements will go home on Monday. Please mark this date on your calendar now, don't miss this wonderful annual End-Of-Year performance.

GRADE P-2 EXCURSION

The Grade P-2 students have an excursion tomorrow, 15th September. They are very excited. Please note that the students will be going to Park for Play (not Jaycee Park) for lunch.

INFANT SLEEPOVER PROGRAM - W. Finn

The Sleepover will be held tomorrow Friday 15th September. **The Grade P-2 students will go home after school at 3.12pm as usual and return to school showered and changed at 5pm to take part in the Sleepover Activities and have a meal together.** Please check that your child's clothing is clearly labelled as there is always at least one sock left!! The Prep students will need to be collected at 7.30pm on Friday 15th September. The Grade 1-2 students will sleepover Friday night and they will need to be collected at 8am on Saturday 16th September.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM (OSHC)

OSCH will finish at the earlier time of 5pm on Friday 22nd September. 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 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 WEEKLY AWARDS

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



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.

SECONDARY NEWS

SIX WEEKLY REPORTS – G. Rhodes

The Six Weekly Student Reports were distributed to students last week. They will be useful for the upcoming Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews.

'SPEAK OFF' – L. McPhee

The end of Term 3 brings us to our annual public speaking competition 'Speak Off'. Each year level will be provided with a prompt and from there, students will prepare a short speech to be presented in class. Winners of the Form Group Round will then compete against each other. Prizes for first, second and third will be awarded for the best presenters. We understand that many students may feel uneasy about public speaking and for some, this can lead to an increase in anxiety levels. Oral presentations are an important part of our curriculum and we do our best to encourage and support every student to feel safe and comfortable when giving a speech. Support from home also plays an important role in preparing students to deliver a confident oral presentation. Ways in which you can support your child if they are experiencing unease about public speaking include:

- Asking your child what their speech needs to be about and discussing ideas with them.
- Assisting them with writing their speech, providing suggestions and support with the structure.
- Encouraging them to use strategies to assist with their nerves such as using palm cards or focussing on a point in the room.
- Allowing them to rehearse with you and other family members so they become familiar with their speech and therefore feel confident with their content.
- Providing supportive, positive feedback to enable them to make improvements with their delivery (such as reminding them to slow down and look up).

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's English Teacher for further support if you think your child is struggling with their 'Speak Off' preparation as it is very important that they complete this task. We often find that once students conquer their fear of public speaking they become more and more confident with the process. We can't wait to share some of our 'Speak Off' prompts with you and of course the winners of this fun competition.

GIRLS AND BOYS TALK – W. Dawson

Whilst Year 10's were on Work Experience our Year 9 students were involved in a special program – The Girls and Boys Talk. All students were engaged and staff enjoyed getting to know our fantastic Year 9's better. Below is some of the feedback from students. What the students identified as having learnt from the program:

- About CONSENT
- Birth and pregnancy
- Boys can listen and ask responsible questions
- Not to be afraid to say NO
- One Punch Laws
- "Firsts" can be embarrassing

Some of the activities students have enjoyed:

- Ten Pin Bowling
- Speed Dating
- Group Challenges
- Manly Olympics
- Decorating our potato

Some reasons the students liked the program:

- There was great teamwork and everyone got along
- Free to be open and accepted
- Learning life lessons and new things
- Having Fun
- Everyone was understanding and supportive

Comments:

- "We all had so much fun and learnt a lot about growing up" Chloe
- "It nearly blew my kilt off" Ben
- "It was really fun. I wish it didn't have to end!" Ella
- "Life isn't about the distance or the roads between, it's about the journey" Ethan
- "Get keen Year 8's"
- "Very fun! Be excited for it in the future"



PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – G. Rhodes

Secondary Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be held next Wednesday, 20th September between 4-7pm. Parents do not need to make appointments to see their teachers as the interviews are kept to five minutes. All the interviews will take place in the Blue Building classrooms. Parents and students are encouraged to attend, as this is an opportunity to communicate directly with your child's teachers about their progress.

FIRST WEEKS AFTER THE HOLIDAYS – G. Rhodes

Some major activities will be held in the first two weeks after the holidays. Permission notes have been sent home for some of these activities. These notes need to be completed and returned as soon as possible. On the first Tuesday back, 10th October, a district wide Drug Forum will be held at the Arts Centre for all Year 9 students in the district. On the first Thursday back, 12th October the Regional Athletics Carnival will be held in Bendigo. In the second week, Monday 16th October, the Interschool Basketball will be held and on Tuesday, 17th and Wednesday 18th October we will hold our Whole School Variety Performances.

YEAR 10 CHINA TRIP – G. Rhodes

Mr Blackie and the contingent of students and staff from Red Cliffs Secondary and Merbein P-10 departed for Melbourne today to catch a midnight flight to China. The groups will be experiencing some amazing and challenging experiences over the next two and a half weeks. The opportunity to live with a Chinese family in Dali, China, enables our students to develop life-long friendships. The group will also see amazing historical icons like the Terracotta Warriors and the Great Wall of China.

COMMUNITY NEWS

AN EVENING WITH SOPHIE

The session will be conducted by Greening Mildura and MRCC. The speaker is ABC Gardening Presenter Sophie Thomson. The session will be held at the Mildura Club on 11th October at 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased from Mildura Visitor Information Centre from September 1. Cost \$20 includes supper by Wings for Kids. For more information or a Gardening Competition Entry Form email greeningmildura@gmail.com.

KB GIRL SQUAD FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLINIC

Held on the 3rd October at the Mildura Sara Oval 3. 9am-3pm for girls 7-16 years of age a cost of \$59 6-8pm for girls 17+ years of age at a cost of \$49. For more information kbperformance.com.au.

RAISING HAPPY KIDS SESSION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Presented by Tim O'Leary, therapist, educator and author offering parenting tips and advice. Held 18th October in the Benetook Room at the Alfred Deakin Centre from 6.30-8.30pm. Cost \$15 per person. Book your ticket before 6th October at <https://raisinghappykids.eventbrite.com.au>

OPEN DAY AT MILDURA LAWN TENNIS CLUB

To be held Saturday 7th October from 9am-12.30pm. Free entry, tennis, ball machine, serve radar, hit the target, tennis coaching and sausage sizzle with prizes and give-aways. Free hearing test from Country Hearing Care and Foot Screenings from Irymple Foot Clinic. Contact Wendy Dickie 0409222094 or email info@tennismildura.com.au

MILDURA YOUTH SERVICES SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Enrolments for the September 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.

For more information go to the link below or call Youth Services on (03) 5018 8280.

Closing date for Enrolments is Friday 15 September at 5.00pm.

To stay up to date please follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/YouthServicesMildura.

MUSIC TOGETHER IN MILDURA

Come and Try a Free Class on 26th September at the Mildura Ecovillage.

Music Together is a music class for 0-5 year olds and their grown-ups. To register please go to <http://www.sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au/enrolments/registration/> or ring 0420939229 or email enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au for further information.

AUSTRALIA POST GRANT

MSA wishes to announce that the Australia Post Grant is now open. This grant round will focus on inclusion and supporting clubs that grow diversity in sport and among people of all cultures, abilities, ages, and genders.

Grants of up to \$10,000 will be given to clubs whose programs meet these criteria. Australia Post's public ancillary fund, Our Neighbourhood Trust, has contributed \$350,000 to Giving4Grassroots™ with the aim that it will help to build a healthier, more vibrant and more inclusive communities by supporting community organisations at the grass roots level. Applications close 19 September 2017. Further information and application details at <https://asf.org.au/giving4grassroots/>

LITTLE ATHLETICS

The season starts on 8th October running through to early March 2018. Registration is done online on the South Australian Little Athletics Association webpage from approximately 1st September 2017.

<<https://salaaportal.myrcrm.com/.../membershipregistrationfor.../>>.

If your child is interested in Little Athletics, Registration day is Sunday 17 September 2017, 10 am – 11.30am at MADEC, Madden Avenue, Mildura. All new and existing members are urged to attend. Registration and credit card payment must be completed online.

Registration and payment on line takes about 4 minutes. For those children who are uncertain we will allow two “come and try” days on any competition day, but you will still need to fill in a shortened registration on line as a “come and try”.

Little Athletics caters for athletes from the ages of 3 - 16 (DOB 01/10/14 – 30/09/00). For each local competition day, athletes compete in a set number of events which rotate on a three week cycle. The events (depending on age group) include sprints, middle distance, walks, hurdles, long jump, triple jump, high jump, discus, shot put and javelin (or vortex). Tiny Tots participate in a special program between 9-10 am specifically designed to develop movement and coordination skills via fun activities. Supervised training for U6 to U17 athletes is held on Thursdays, 5.30-7.00pm.

KERANG SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL - 50 YEARS

Invite all past students, families and staff to the Back-to, to celebrate 50 years of education from 1967-2017.

Held at Kerang South Primary School, Mitchell Street Kerang on Saturday 28th October from 10am-4pm. Souvenirs must be pre-ordered and they are available from the school via email or via Facebook . For more information about the day phone 54503900 or email Kerang.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.