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# Merbein P-10 Times

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## Cupper praises school renovations

*By Jessica Ruyg & Tiarna Corrie*

IN 2010, Mr Cupper became Merbein P-10 College's Principal. Mr Cupper began planning for the school renovations, which consisted of new school buildings, extra lands and improvements to existing school facilities. Mr Cupper started working with a team of architects to help design the new renovations. Mr Cupper believes that the renovations turned out greater than expected.

From multiple sources of information, Mr Cupper is quite happy with feedback of the school renovations, "Generally people have given me good feedback and said they think the buildings are great." Mr Cupper said. He believes that the school renovations for the new tech building will be completed in Term 1 2018.

And all the future renovations will be done in a few years.

Earlier this year, the renovations on the interior layout and design of the Merbein p-10 College activity centre started to come together. The renovations included our new gymnasium, music room and dance studio. The outside was also renovated adding a new roof, a paint job and signage.



REBUILD MODE: Merbein P-10 College has undertaken much needed renovations this year.

The music room was completely redone because of the fact that they made the ceilings lower, added new carpet, furniture and painted the walls. As Mackenzie Sutherland states, "The school renovations look really good and it's great that we are finally upgrading the school." In term 3, the long awaited Doctors in Schools building was completely finished. Makayla Dixon said, "It's really spacious inside and has really helpful equipment. It could use a bit of touching up on the roof so it doesn't leak, but other than that it's a great facility." It's a great safe haven for people who are sick or are going in there for counselling. It has a variety of medical and other equipment for sick students.

# New Eftpos machine the easy way to pay!

*By Ema Fuamatu & Brook Boundy*

MERBEIN P-10 College has installed an Eftpos machine in the canteen. Staff and students are very happy about this. Merbein P-10 have been working hard on putting an Eftpos machine in the canteen. Finally, 3 weeks ago at the end of November 2017, the Eftpos machine was installed in the canteen..

“The Eftpos machine in the canteen is a great idea because if you’re paying for something and it cost a lot of money you just have to carry a card around with you and not a big amount of money which isn’t safe!” Miss Hibberd said.

A lot of people also agree that the Eftpos machine is a very helpful thing! The chief operator of the Eftpos machine is head caterer Kylie Liddicoat (right).



# Gun 5/6 students on target in Nerf comp

*By Jessie Price & Douglas Allan*

IT was time for Merbein10 students to bring guns to school, well nerf guns. For the term 2 reading rewards grade 5/6 brought nerf guns to shoot targets that the teachers organised. To be involved they had to complete 45 nights reading at home. Mr Lord said on average about 50 students out of 70 joined in the fun! Some of the activities included shooting targets, hitting cans and cups also shooting a bullseye and shooting inside the basketball hoop. Nerf guns were chosen because every one usually has a nerf gun at home and because Mr Lord



wanted to shoot 2 students. Reading rewards are given to encourage reading so the students can experience the enjoyment they get when they read. Would you like this reading reward?

# Horrrfic floods dampen school spirit

*By Annabelle Knight & Bryleigh Parker*

THE floods have come! While Merbein P-10's 5/6 students were on camp, (15th-16th) there was a horrrific storm that plodded through Sunraysia. The primary school's green building consequently flooded due to the storm. The damage was not too severe except for the music room's Mr Rhodes said. The only damage that unfortunately occurred was the carpet, it was thoroughly soaked. The estimated cost for the repairs are \$200-\$300 (but covered by insurance) Mr Rhodes said. Also the high school music room tiles in the roof also fell through. The damage as you say was pretty saviour but we were lucky that the rain missed all of the electrical live wires embroidered in the ceiling. The damages have been repaired. Props to Mr. Rhodes for the interview and being a reliable source of information.



SAD NOTE: Merbein P-10 College music room was badly impacted by recent flooding.

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## Pirates take over Merbein P-10 College



ARRRHH: Merbein Grade 5/6 staff Kerry Grimmer, Sue Gardiner and Lucy Dunne get into the spirit of the school's Pirate Day.

*By Dawson Kay*

PIRATE day was a day for students to raise money for kids that have cancer.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of June primary students ran around Merbein P-10 College during sessions three and four to look for clues to find a treasure.

The clues that they needed to find were hidden around the school, from the main office to the back oval.

They had to be quick so they could eat all the chocolate gold coins before they melted.

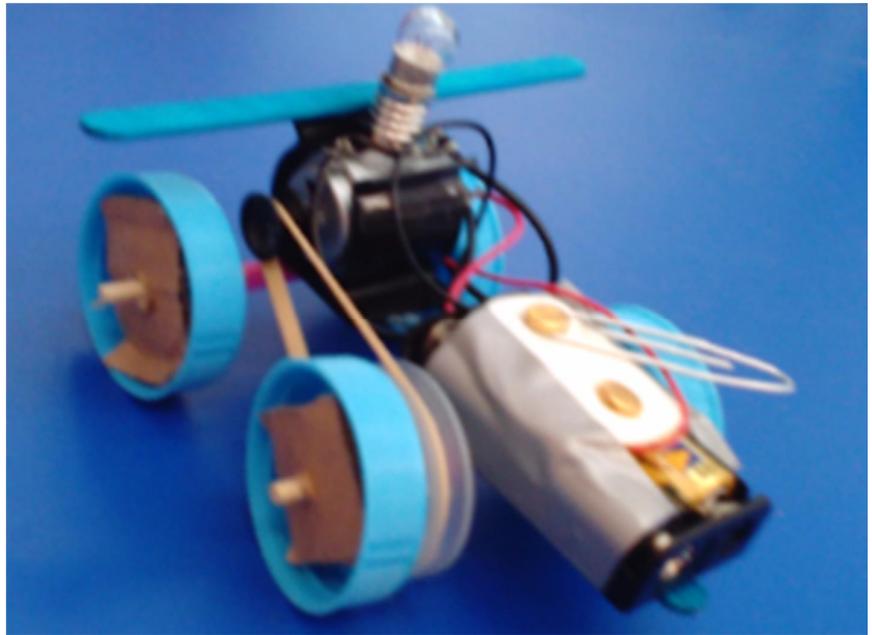
Ms Costello was the organiser of the Pirate Day.

Grades prep to year 6 dressed up like pirates and made a gold coin donation for cancer.

# Students ex-STEM their knowledge

*By Alasdair Hogg & Hayden Knowles*

IN the seventh week of term three, students spent Friday and Monday participating in a unique challenge to create an electric car from bits and pieces like cardboard, paddle-pop sticks, skewers, straws, bottle tops, bottles, ply-wood squares, hot-glue, tape and axels, along with all the important components like motors, wires, gears, rubber bands, light bulbs, buzzers and motor-holders! The winners were, (1<sup>st</sup>) Hayden Gardiner, Riley Nokes and Jorja Ernesti, (2<sup>nd</sup>) Curtis Crabtree, Lola Collings & Nina Smith (3<sup>rd</sup>) Alasadair Hogg and Mackenzie Sutherland. "It involved a lot of trial-and-error," Maximillian Demarkow, one of the competitors said in an interview "Especially getting the car to go straight" he added. "I loved seeing everyone's creativity shine during the two days" Dominic Fasolino stated. All of the competitors also made a video diary of the construction of their car, showing the ups and downs of the whole experience. Now, the students weren't just given an arsenal of materials to choose from, they had to buy it all. With "Stemies" "Stemies" were the currency used for the challenge, they were used to buy materials, and were worth one point each for the end total of points for each team. Teams were scored on a variety of things, like how far their car went, how many "Stemies" they had left over and how good quality their video diary was. Overall, the students had an amazing time, building, filming, buying and racing their cars in ten metres of time.



SCIENCE IN MOTION: One of the electric cars that was created at this year's STEM Day.

## Students Get A GRIP!

*By Tess Liddicoat & Emma Martin*

FOR upper primary school students it was finally time for them to learn what it means to be a real leader and to get a "GRIP". The very special GRIP (G-generosity, R-responsibility, I-integrity and P-people) Leadership Conference only allowed 10 students from each school. 10 lucky Merbein P-10 students were chosen by their peers as well as their teachers which was a very difficult decision to make as all the students deserved to go. Primary student supervisor, Kerry Grimmer, said, "Yes, it was a very difficult decision to choose 10 students so that's why I left it up to their peers to help choose." During the GRIP Conference the students from around Sunraiser including Merbein, had a lot of fun learning new skills on how to become the best leader they can be. This is what Alasadair Hogg, 12, had to say, "It was a great experience and something important I learnt was how to interact with new people better. It has been a big impact on my life to know the rights and wrongs of being an important leader." Alasadair Hogg's peer Jorja Ernesti, 12, had a bit of a different opinion, "I had learnt that nobody needs a badge to be a role-model to anyone and that it has impacted my life in many ways but the most important is that it helped me gain confidence." The students from Merbein all learnt the important skills for later on in their life about becoming a great leader.

# Builders Get Active!



**NOVEL IDEA:** After years using the old library, Merbein P-10 College have turned a new page and built a new library for next year.

*By Liam Hancock & Clayton Hosking*

IT is time to build the new library for Merbein p 10 College. Students won't have access to the new library until next year, 2018.

The new library is approximately 4 times as big as the old library. It needs to be this big as the secondary library and the primary library are joining together at last. The new library will also be used as 2 new classrooms said Jill the school librarian.

It was very hard to pack up all the library books. As you can imagine how many boxes were needed, around 200. When you pack up a library, you have to pack in a certain way so when you unpack they will still be in order and go on the shelves relatively easily, she said Merbein P-10 College recently became one campus, this meant that the number of students rose dramatically and the old library facilities no longer were adequate.

## Merbein students dance up a storm

*By Bella Lauder & Dakota Vandermerwe*

WE had an amazing time at the Eisteddfod. We all enjoyed competing in such a great event! In term three the grade 5/6 practised a dance called 'No Money'. We all went on a bus to the Mildura Art Centre and we did a rough practise to the dance. Later on that day we all gathered together and performed our dance against other schools (they had amazing performances as well) and we all had so much fun! Even though we didn't win, the judges gave us an Honourable Mention for our dance routine. We were happy with what we got and proud for representing Merbein P-10 College and the effort that we put in to it. Although most people didn't come to the performance, they still did the practises and did very well. The other performances were all great, especially the very last one. The last one won the judges vote. All the performers had an extraordinary time at the Eisteddfod!

# Merbein Grade 5/6 students are too kind!

*By Marcus Ashmore*

RECENTLY, the grade 5/6 unit started to read *Wonder* then they entered the Choose Kind Challenge to win the ultimate prize of going to see the new movie *Wonder* at Deakin Cinema Complex. Which they won. The challenge was that every time you were nice to somebody you had to write what you did on a sticky note then stick it on a piece of A3 paper then the teachers decided if or if not to put it in the kindness jar. At the end the teachers sent a picture of the jar which ever school had the most counters in the won the ultimate prize.

As we were reading *wonder* I thought that it would be a wonderful opportunity to be involved in the Choose Kind Challenge to promote kindness. It also reinforced that every person can be empathetic and aware others, and that every act of kindness can have a positive effect on everyone around us, Merbein P-10 College Grade 5/6 teacher Sue Gardiner said. It was amazing seeing every student aware of how consciously making decision to be kind. Can have a lot of health benefits to themselves it was important for everyone to see how being kind helped create a positive attitude towards our community.



CHALLENGE ACCEPTED: Merbein P-10 College students proved to be the kindest school in Victoria after winning the kindness challenge.

# BAA-WARE, SHEEP ON THE LOOSE!

*By Tayla Brown and Taleah Fitzwalter*

CODE red! Alert, alert! There are sheep on the loose! Alert, alert! Code red! In term 3 in September, it was recorded that there had been some mysterious sheep on the loose at the Merbein P-10 College. We discovered that there wasn't just a sheep, there were actually two! At the time, there was three people who were trying extremely hard to grab the sheep, two dogs who were gathering up the sheep and two run away sheep. There were no signs of any serious damage caused by the sheep but, there is no actual evidence that they haven't caused any serious, heart-breaking damage to this magnificent school in Merbein. We were lucky enough to interview one person (Wayne Astbury) who was actually associated with catching the sheep. Here is what Wayne said: "The sheep must have come throughout the night and they have stayed at the school in this awfully cold weather. Once the morning had come, I found out that the sheep had actually come all the way from Mildura. I called the owners of the sheep that morning and they came (with their fearless sheep dogs) to the school. They removed the sheep from the school and brought them back to where they belong immediately."

We also found some extremely interesting witnesses from some of the students learning at the Merbein P10 College. Here is what they had to say:

## KAITLIN SHEATHER



"Out of the corner of my eye, I saw two frightened sheep bolting horrifically around the school building. There were people determined to catch the petrified sheep."

## OLIVIA I'ANSON



"I could just see a glimpse of the two sheep dashing around the vast, gigantic oval, while the heroic sheep dogs were hurtling after them."

# Kids Get Active With PJ Day



*By Shakiera Faux & Harry Linklater*

Would you like to roll out of bed and go to work in your PJs? The students of Merbein P-10 College participated in a pyjama day, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July. The playground and classrooms became a rainbow of colours. The students enjoyed the opportunity to stay in their PJs all day and were grateful to the teachers and students council for organising the event. The money that the students raised was for local foster kids. All the teachers dressed up in PJs. The students raised \$160 that went towards helping local foster kids. Fifty percent more primary kids than high school kids took part in PJ the day.

# The magnificent Lake Cullulleraine gets a visit

*By Jazmine Kettle & Makalyla Dixon*

THE bunyips were coming to get us í...  
Not really, just joking, they aren't real, well some people believe in them.

In the blink of an eye nearly all the grade 5/6 were at the bus stop waiting to board the bus. We were on our way to Lake Cullulleraine a thirty minute to an hour drive out of Merbein. On the 13th to the 17th. The lake Cullulleraine camp was really fun but there was a bit unfortunate drama. Without the help of Mrs grimmer this camp wouldn't have happened. Some of the activities were kayaking and we had a couple of challenges to do while kayaking also playing some games.

T-shirt parade: with the creative t-shirt walking down the cat walk while they dance to their team's song. The winners of the t-shirts [drum roll] were Emma and Zak well done. The winners were congratulated and rewarded before we left to head back to Merbein.

Lake-a-thon: so all our groups did little activities that we did throw out the camp it was like a relay so all of our team members had a partner except for the bike riders and the runners as well as the bean bag thrower. The lake-a-thon was a challenge, but Adam Bellinger was a very persistent competitor he never gave up even when he was puffed!



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# Grade 6s prepare for pizza and pasta fiesta

*By Montana Dixon & Mia Regan*

OMG it's nearly the end of the year we all are in a rush because on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December we have our grade 6 celebration dinner at the pizza café, Langtree Avenue, between 6.00-7.30pm. We have interviewed a few students and teachers.

Grade six student Maddy said "Excited and happy to graduate." Max also said "Casual clothes" Mackenzie said "I'm really excited and nervous and I'm also excited to dress up." Kayne said "Yes I'm very excited about it I can't wait to dress up." the last person was Tadeah "Yes and no because we go there every year and it gets a little boring and yes because it has great food and not just one thing to choose from [pasta/pizza]." After all the students had their say we asked Mrs grimmer "Yes everything is ready and I'm going to wear Dressy casual clothes." By the sound of it, it is going to be a brobdingnagian amount of fun.

# Grade 5 and 6s split it, banana style!



*By Olivia I'Anson & Kaitlin Sheather*

AS a result of students reading each night those who read to the expected goal (45 nights) get rewarded with a special surprise. Term 1 Thursday 29 of March 2017 everyone who reached the reading goal earned the right to create their very own banana split. Mr Lord who drowned everyone's banana split in toppings had no other reason but to put everyone in misery! Many of those who were involved loved it and thought it was an amazing reading reward. Although a lot of people thought it was tremendously mouth-watering some thought it was morbid and it made them feel sick, and even some people were a little hypo from the sugar in all the toppings there was (Mr Lord's fault). Obviously you need ice-cream for a banana split so Mrs Grimmer volunteered to scoop the ice-cream for everyone, we had lots of ice-cream flavours including: marshmallow, cookies & cream, double chocolate and bubble gum/rainbow. Everyone lined up in one line and we went past and chose what we wanted. There was a station where you cut your banana in half, and another station to get whatever ice-cream you wanted and a couple more for toppings. Mr Lord said, "It was great watching all the joy the kids had on their face but most entertaining was seeing all the ice-creams and toppings all over their faces". Mrs Grimmer said, "It was alright, there were lots of students to serve and lots of ice-cream but afterwards my wrist hurt a bit from scooping". Meanwhile we asked some students and this is what some of them said: "Even though I wasn't that keen on the reward at first. I actually ended up enjoying the scrumptious treat!"

# Book Characters Come To Life

*By Jenieka Pope & Jorja Ernesti*

BOOK day was at day full of fun and adventure. This event was held in the gym and the School Representative Council Members from the Grade 5/6 unit. The students walked around the gym to show off the outfits and then half way there was a raffle that Mrs. Kerry Grimmer created for the students to win a prize. They asked most of the students what they came as and whose costume was there favourite. Some students and one teacher have said something about the fantastic book day!



**Miles**

Miles came as an incredible inflatable Pikachu. I quote "My favourite part was showing off my outfit in the parade and seeing Dean's outfit a Minecraft creeper."



**Sienna**

Sienna showed up as a doll called Raggedy-Anne. Sienna loved the parade and said "My favourite part was the raffle as part of the parade." She loved her big brother's costume as Freddy Faze Bear.



**Lucy**

Lucy came to school as Fox in Socks. Lucy loved the parade like most people. Lucy loved Miles costume and loved the people stood out the front with (the SRC's Tayla Olympian, Neria Snapchat, Jenieka Devil and Jorja Periwinkle Angel.)



**Mrs Wendy Finn**

Mrs Finn as well as the teachers down in the lower years came as big black scary spiders. Mrs Finn loved seeing the SRC run the parade. She loved also seeing people's outfits and didn't have a favourite, but loved watching everyone at the parade with big smiles.

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## NAIDOC celebrations at Merbein P-10

*By Alan Bugmy*

The primary end of Merbein p-10 college celebrated NAIDOC day while Chinese visitors stayed for a week. The day was packed full of fun and the kids got to play many entertaining games. Merbein P-10 College celebrates NAIDOC day at the school on the 14 of August Mr Rhodes and Orion set the program up. They celebrate NAIDOC day to acknowledge and pay our respects to elders both past and present at our school. Mr Rhodes had to ring Uncle Willie and organise him for the day. The primary kids can't wait to see the next program featuring Uncle Willie, Corey, Orion and many more.

# Traditional China Times in Merbein

*By Lola Colling*

STUDENTS, students, students, so many different types of wonderful students! After a long period of time, the day had finally come to meet the Chinese exchange students. Despite the fact that the Chinese kids came, they also wanted to see how our schools education has been displayed in Merbein P-10 College. Meanwhile, a Chinese girl named Cherry displayed a Traditional Chinese Dance (TCD) in our school, (she was a Chinese model). When Cherry finished the TCD, they had the plenty of time to tell some relevant facts about their extraordinary life in China like their costume/clothes, food, transport, life in China and the differences between Australia and China. Merbein p-10 college teacher Mr.Blacky said: "It is always surprising how easy it is to become friends with someone even if you don't speak the same language".

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# Elderlies visit for a grand old time

*By Caydence Head*

GRANDPARENTS of students from Merbein P-10 had an opportunity to spend some time in grades prep to six. The school held an annual special day for grandparents and special friends to go to school again but this time for fun. On Friday the third of November 2017 was the day of grandparent's day where children of Merbein P-10 College see a special friend or a grandparent.

Some students didn't get to have grandparents come to school.

Grandparents didn't just get to come they got morning tea, they got fruit, biscuits, cakes and slices yum!

They all had an outstanding time. If you're a grandparent or know someone like a special friend come on down to Merbein P-10!



**GRANDPARENT GET TOGETHER:**Grandparents Colin Lennox and Michelle Lennox, with granddaughter Caydence Head reading a book together.



**NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN:**Elderly visitors spend some time in the classroom as part of term four's Grandparent's Day.

# Merbein P-10 students have a sweet time at maths competition

*By Hayden Gardiner*

DURING term 2, six students participated in an interschool math competition, titled 'How Much Sugar Is Too Much Sugar for Breakfast?'. Six students from Merbein P-10 college, participated. These students split into groups of two and researched a part of the question that the duo was assigned. They had to do things look at websites, do surveys and ring the doctors. These teams eventually came together to put all their research and findings together. These students then made a document and put all the research onto a document and emailed the document to the M.A.V

(Mathematics Association of Victoria) Quest Competition. A couple of months later they found out what place they had finished. They didn't finish in the top three but they received an honourable mention. Lochlan, a student that participated in the math competition stated that 'I liked the competition because it helped us improve our researching abilities and our mathematical strategies and I really think our honourable mention is an amazing achievement for our group of six students.



**MATHEMATICAL MASTERMINDS:** Merbein P-10 College students Hayden Gardiner, 11, Alasdair Hogg, 12, Lochlan McConnell, 11, Emma Martin, 11, Holly Strickland, 12, and Jenieka Pope 12 (grade 6) took part in Term two's interschool maths competition.

## Students put their best foot forward

*By Jimmy Black & Jeremiah Ross*

**MERBEIN P-10 College had 128 students participate in the 2017 annual walk to school day. Students of Merbein p-10 College walked 1688 times in one week to have fun and get energised before school. Local Teacher Mrs Finn organised the 2017 walk to school day. Mrs Brown a Merbein P-10 teacher organised a walk to school parade to get people involved in being active before school. She got a Victorian police officer Mark Baumann to assist the students to school safely.**

# Students showcase night of nights

*By Renisha Fuamatu & Nina Smith*

ON the 17th and 18th of October Merbein P-10 College had a showcase night. It took place at the Mildura Arts Centre. The 5/6 unit danced to the Lion King which went for 5 minutes.

The whole school participated, prep to year ten. Variety Night happens annually in the second week of term 4. The Art Centre was packed both nights. Everyone was excited and nervous. "It was exciting. It felt nice in front of people we didn't know. It added a wow to the night," said Jenieka Pope, a grade six student.

The public paid to see their favourite students on stage. The money from door sales helped pay for the use of the stage to give student the experience of performing for an audience. This allows students to learn about performing on stage, as well as learning back stage skills like lighting and sound.

After the showcase night the students at Merbein P-10 College had to wait for their parents then the students went home.



SHOWING OFF: Merbein P-10 College Grade 3 students at this year's Showcase Night.

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## Kids + S.T.E.M = Fun

*By Hayden Gardiner*



**SUPER STEMMERS:** Alasadair Hogg, 12, Hayden Gardiner, 11, Douglas Allan, 11, Tess Liddicoat, 11, Emma Martin, 11, and Shayde Szombathy, 11, took part in the S.T.E.M Challenge.

STUDENTS from all over Sunraysia participated in an interschool challenge, S.T.E.M (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)! Students made some "robotic" hands to transplant a heart and liver into a patient (who was made out of cardboard), and hardest of all, they only saw themselves from an aerial view from a camera. Ms Ogden, a teacher that watched over the students, stated that, "What I really wanted to see was how well students worked in collaborative teams to solve problems and construct the robotic hand." Six students from Merbein P-10 took up this challenge. They travelled to Henderson College to compete against other local schools in 2 teams. Both teams had to create an "iMovie" to show their progress and what they had completed. Tess Liddicoat from the girls' team stated, "I did enjoy it, I really liked the hands on part of it and the cooperative working together and the iMovie's, even though I wasn't good at it!" During the competition / challenge many students failed to complete the challenge (including both Merbein P-10 College's team) but all that mattered was that was they had fun!

# Grade 5/6s partipate in Discovery Program

*By Cody Jones & Adam Bellinger*

HELPFUL programs for schools are successful for helping students make friends and make strong connection with teachers.

öStudents report are also assessed on social capabilities & teamwork not just academic skills. The discovery program provides support and opportunities to develop these skills , in selected students,ö Mrs Richo said. öSchool leadership believe that some students require additional support to engage them in their education and support their social development . The discovery program provides this through interesting students activities from building and flying kites to programing on computers.ö

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## Students reflect on crystal growing



*By Dakota Vandermerwe*

IN term three the öArt and Science Of Crystal Growing 2017ö held a crystal growing competition. Most of the Victoria schools took part of this event but only a maximum of 12 people could contribute in this activity and it went only from prep to year 10.

Now you're probably thinking. öCrystal growing, that sounds easy!ö Well matter of fact there was more to the challenge then growing crystals. Firstly we had to get into groups/ partners and we all got given a crystal growing journal that we had to fill out along the way.

Each week we did them we had to do the same steps to do the crystal growing. Week by week the crystals grew bigger and better, we knew that they got better because we had to measure the: height, width, and the length of the crystals.

After a whole team Ms Ogden gave us another task, we had to take photos of the crystals! We got given a camera and a variety of different materials to use to help the crystal reflect and look good.

After every one had there amazing photos taken Ms Ogden collected the photos and sent them to the company so they could judge them, the crystals were judged on there: rate of growth, shape and size, light, shade, reflection, refraction and diffraction patterns and different backgrounds. Each group also had to write a 25 word paragraph for there öartistic picture.ö

After a few months the scores were in, sadly we didn't win but we all received an Acknowledgement Award for our great effort we put into them.

# Merbein P-10 staff: meet the people behind the profession

*By Mackenzie Sutherland & Maddison Casey*

## *Mr Darin Lord*



**Age/D.O.B:** 11/10/64 (21) 53 years old.  
**Marriage/spouse:** Samantha (partner.)  
**Kids/how many:** 2 boys 19/16.  
**Favourite hobbies:** Golf and music.  
**Favourite thing to teach:** Maths.  
**Favourite AFL team:** Richmond (premiers ø17.)  
**Favourite thing to do on the weekend:** Golf, relax on the couch and music.  
**Favourite food:** Chinese and steak.  
**Favourite thing about coming to school:** Watching young people learn and blossom.ø  
**Favourite school memories:** Being taught by Miss OøBrian in year 1 (1970) í she was gorgeous.  
**What made you become a teacher:** The joy of watching young people develop academically, emotionally and socially.

## Mrs Sue Gardiner

**Age/D.O.B:** 43  
**Marriage/spouse:** Married- Scott Gardiner  
**Kids/how many:** 3 boys, Hayden 11, Liam 8 and Derek 6  
**Favourite hobbies:** Reading  
**Favourite thing to teach:** Challenge Your Thinking!  
**Favourite AFL footy team:** None!  
**Favourite thing to do on the weekend:** Spend time with family  
**Favourite food:** Chicken pumpkin lasagne  
**Favourite thing about coming to school:** Seeing everyone grow academically in one year  
**Favourite school memory:** Pirate Day  
**What made you become a teacher:** I loved working with younger children



# Merbein P-10 staff: meet the people behind the profession

*By Mackenzie Sutherland & Maddison Casey*

## *Mrs Kerry Grimmer*



**Age/D.O.B:** 50 years/ 13/12/67

**Marriage/spouse:** Chris Grimmer

**Kids/ how many:** 2 boys: Kye, 20 and Jaylin, 18

**Favourite hobbies:** Water skiing, horse riding, gardening and soccer

**Favourite thing to teach:** Literacy

**Favourite AFL footy team:** The Mighty Tigers!

**Favourite thing to do on the weekend:** Go out for breakfast

**Favourite food:** Pretty much anything Thai or chicken and mushroom risotto

**Favourite thing about coming to school:** Being surrounded by all the kids

**Favourite school memories:** Going on the Melbourne camps

**What made you become a teacher:** I thought it would be an interesting profession

## *Ms Beck Ogden*

**Age/D.O.B:** Says this is classified information

**Marriage/spouse:** Not married

**Kids/how many:** 4 boys

**Favourite hobbies:** Horse riding, gardening, fishing/yabbying. Anything really that lets me be outside. I hate being cooped up!

**Favourite thing to teach:** S.T.E.M science

**Favourite AFL footy team:** Bulldogs of course!

**Favourite thing to do on the weekend:** Spending time at with family. Being outdoors and enjoying the sunshine

**Favourite food:** You can't beat a good roast pork!! But I do love eating Thai food

**Favourite thing about coming to school:** I really enjoy getting to know the students. I love having banter with each person, but most of all I LOVE watching educational growth

**Favourite school memories:** I think the best memories I have are when I represented Dunedoo Central School in state sporting comps

**What made you become a teacher:** I wanted to become a teacher to help kids develop socially and academically so they can become the best they can be.



# Merbein P-10 Sports Shorts

## *Merbein look to rebound after interschool basketball*

*By Bailey Woodberry & Liam Brewer*

THIS year some of the year 5/6ø played interschool basketball. Our year 5/6ø had training on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Their coach was Mr. Lord. We had a boysø team and a girlsø team. The boysø team consisted of Liam, Bailey, Alan, Jessie, Adam and Lochie. The girlsø team consisted of Jess, Jorga, Dakota, Jaz, Lola, Tayla. and Brooke. On the day of the games, the year 5/6ø caught the bus to The Lake School. When they arrived there they got prepared for their big day. It was a great experience for our players. All the game were close but our boysø team lost both of their games and The girlø team won one game and lost the other. The competition was pretty tough. Our teams had a fantastic time and we are very proud of them.

Here are the Words from one of our players in the boys team Lochie:

öI enjoyed being able to make it there and having a good time.ö öIt makes me feel good being able to help out the team.ö

Here are the words from one of our players in the girls team Lola:

öIt was fun because we got to meet new people from other schools. I was excited to play basketball for the first time, it was a fun day.ö

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## *Merbein net some soccer success*

*By Ryyan Doherty & Jordan Urquhart-Jones*

ON the day of interschool sport Merbein-P10 College the soccer players went to play soccer. They left on the bus and arrived at Kenny Park where they played against O.L.S.H. and The Lake, first they played O.L.S.H. and won but when they played the lake. ÆIt was really hardø the soccer players said, but most importantly they had fun. Their Goal keeper, Jordan Jones, Stopped 7 Goals in total. The Lake won the game but everyone was happy after a day of hardworking fun. This is what they scored to the lake they won 11 nil and then we won against O.L.S.H. 4 to 1. At the end of the game there legs were hurting but they fought through it and had a really good game.

And now it is the girls turn to go against O.L.S.H and The Lake, They scored 4-5 against O.L.S.H they won but unfortunately lost to the Lake 8 nil. The teams went great but sadly they didnø get through. At the end of the soccer games everyone who played soccer even though they didnø get through they had a lot of fun. Maybe they will try next yearø soccer game against O.L.S.H and the Lake and hopefully get through next time. Hopefully they can build a better team next year.

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## Cross Country results

*By Curtis Crabtree & Riley Nokes*

OUR school held its 2017 Cross Country Event at Chaffey Park. It was a most enjoyable day that included enthusiastic student participation and a well-organised program. A big thanks to Mrs Holy and Mr Rhodes for their thorough planning and the many staff who assisted. Thanks also to the community, the Merbein Police Officers who supervised the road crossings, the Lions Club who again provided their delicious barbeque skills, the Parents Club who provided drinks and the many parents who attended to support their children. Merbein P-10 College is very fortunate to have such great community support.



# Students have a blast at T20 comp



*By Neria Irumva & Shayde Szombathy*

BOOM! CRASH! There goes another ball over the boundaries because Merbein P-10 are on their way taking out their last game for the day. Sixteen 5/6 students from Merbein P-10 College participated in the T-20 Blast cricket for 2017.

There were a lot of students who wanted to go but of course there could only be 8 on each team. The boys that were qualified to go were; Dom, Zak, Jessy, Seth, Josh, Sam, Harry, Dawson. They lost their first two games and won their last by about 100 runs. And the girls that were qualified to go were Neria, Shayde, Tess, Maddy, Mackenzie, Holly, Lola, and Tayla. For their first game they had played against Irymple south 1 and lost by around 30 runs, the second game we played against Koorlong/ Cardross primary, it was a close one but Merbein P-10 College had lost by 9 runs, and the last game was our best game. We played against Irymple South 3 and Merbein P-10 won by 104 runs. Merbein P-10 College teacher Darin Lord boys coach said that "the star player for the day was Dom Fasolino because he performed well and tried his best." He also said that "the team tried their best, played fairly they won one and could of won more." He says that, "most of my team put in 100% effort most of the time." He also said that yes the training was worth it because they performed closer to their potential and they understood the game better." The other coach [for the girls] Adam Luitjes Merbein P-10 College teacher said that "the star players for the day were Tess, Shayde and Neria because of their great sportsmanship and had a great attitude. And the girls played great cricket and represented the school with pride." "The girls absolutely gave their all at all times and I definitely enjoyed coaching the girls and I'm glad that we managed to get a win." Over all the day was great and everyone enjoy themselves.

# Merbs students horse around: The race that stopped the nation

*By Damon Spicer & Lochlan McConnell*

AS the gun shot the horses were off! As the jockeys knew there was a big prize on the line but the horses just wanted the carrots. The first Amazing race was the Prep/1/2. Here are the names: Night mare, Super fireworks and rainbow dash, winning team: Night mare Jockeys (Emjae & Johnathan)

The second spectacular race was grade 3-6 Names are Richmond, Red flash, Dusty4, Buttons and Daisy, Winning team: Buttons Jockeys (Damon & Tess) .

## Behind The Scenes: Interviewing Jockeys

### Prep-grade 2

Miss Päs jockeys ðloved to create the house we call night-mare,ð said Emjae  
ðFelt great! To make night mare,ð said Johnathan  
Miss Halløs Jockeys ðloved to run in it even though I didn't even make it,ð Lochlan and Lucy  
Mrs Rivetøs jockeys ðso close to winning 2<sup>nd</sup>,ð said Chase and Dimity

### Grade 3-6

Mrs Costelloøs jockeys ðcreating Richmond was a great thing to do,ð  
JD & Sapphire  
Mrs Brownøs jockeys ðmaking Rainbow 4 was an amazing experience,ð Tash & Adrian  
Mrs Colbertøs jockeys ðHad some experience because Zoe/ I ride horses,ð Zoe & Wiley  
Mrs Gardinerøs jockeys ðHard to run in a card board box because it is so flimsy,ð  
Lochie & Tayla  
Miss Ogdenøs jockeys ðreally hard to run because we have a wooden stick in between our legs  
And because we couldn't lift our legs up properly,ð Kayne & Mia  
Mrs Grimmerøs jockeys ðnice to be able to win and we even got to eat Pizza for lunch,ð  
ðYUM!ð Damon & Tess

### History

About 20 years ago the Merbein cup was decided from the SRC that it would be a yearly Thing that is done with jockeys. Rules: you have to make your horse, used to be a left to Right race boys went left, then the boy would change over with the girl and the girl would Run back. Now it is in an oval shape and the boys would run first to the half way line and Would change over with the girl and the girl would finish the race.

# Merbein stars for the win

*By Jessie Brown & Zak Peterson*

THE Merbein Stars return for revenge to clean up the mistakes they made last season. Friday June the 2<sup>nd</sup>, they played 2 games in total at Kenny Park they played OLSH up first up. In the first quarter the Merbs instantly knew that they had a chance because of OLSH's horrible back line they couldn't defend against Merbz forward line because of the lack of defending. From then on they knew they were going to smash OLSH the score was 76 to 1 Merbs way. Their second game was against The Lake this game was an astonishing game from each team but the lakes mid field wasn't good enough for the Merbs backline. The score was 37 to 6 Merbs way. Their brilliant team is coached by Mr Lord we got to have an exclusive interview with the man himself, here's what he had to say "The star players were Alan Bugmy and the Norme Smith award goes to Alan Bugmy". We asked Alan Bugmy for a statement here's what he had to say "I would like to thank my coach for coaching the team and my teammates for passing the ball to me". And that's all he had to say, Merbein stars came across some old mates from previous years of their footy career.



Merbein Star Jessie Brown takes a "speccie" on teammate Zak Peterson during the school district football competition earlier this year. PHOTO: Damon Spicer.