

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**NOVEMBER**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

**Pri Grandparents' Day**

**6<sup>th</sup> Monday**

-Merbein College (Melbourne Cup Event)

(Whole School)

-Sec Road Smart

**7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

**Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**

**NO SCHOOL on this day.**

**10<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Remembrance Day (Whole School)

**11<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

Remembrance Day

**13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**

Gr 5-6 Lake Cullulleraine camp

**20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>**

Sec Out Ed Camp

**21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Year 10 Transition

**23<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**

LEAP incursion Yr 7 & 8

**27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**

Inter College Debating

**29<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

-Prep Practice 9am-1.30pm

-Yr 7 Immunisation

**DECEMBER**

**6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

Prep Practice 9am-1.30pm

**8<sup>th</sup> Friday**

-Merbein Community Carols 6pm

-Yr 10 Graduation

**12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

-Prep Practice 9am-3.12pm

-Grade 6 Pizza Café

-Orientation Day

**13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

-Prep excursion to the Ballet

**12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**

Yr 10 Orientation

**15<sup>th</sup> Friday**

Gr 6 Graduation

**18<sup>th</sup> Monday**

Awards Night

**MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November is a**

**Public Holiday.**

**There will be no school on this day.**



**GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY TOMORROW – J.**

Costello

The Grade P-6 students and teachers are looking forward to Grandparents and Special Friends Day, which will be held tomorrow Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November in the students' classrooms from 9am-11am.

The morning's events will be similar to last year followed by morning tea for our visitors in the Orange Building.



**SWIMMING PROGRAM PHOTOS**



### **SIX WEEKLY REPORTS** – G. Rhodes

The Student Six Weekly Reports were sent home with all our students last week. Reports were posted home to the families with students who were not at school.

### **STUDENT OF THE MONTH ASSEMBLY** – G. Rhodes

A Whole School Assembly is planned for Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November. At this assembly, the school will celebrate many of the successes our students have achieved over the past few weeks. Student of the Month Awards will also be presented. The assembly will be held in the morning, but at this stage a definite time has not been set.

### **MERBEIN CUP** – G. Rhodes

Next Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November the SRC will be conducting the Annual Class V Class Merbein Cup during lunchtime. There will be three sections. The Green Building, Yellow Building and rest of the school. The classes have been busy designing and making a horse made out of cardboard that will be judged for its creativity and also run in a race. This year there will be a 'Fashions on the Field Event'. Students entering this event will need to change into their fashions from their uniforms at lunchtime.

### **MERBEIN P-10 SCHOOL MAGAZINE 2017**

The collation of the Annual Whole School Magazine for 2017 is underway. Families can purchase a magazine for \$15. Orders and payment can be made at the main office.

### **ALL SCHOOLS SWIM MEET**

Two of our students, Riley Nokes and Latisha de Koning swam well in the All Schools Swim Meet held on 26<sup>th</sup> October. As a result, Merbein P-10 College came 11th in the All Schools Swim Meet. Congratulations to these two students.

### **UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES**

The Uniform Shop will be open on the following days before school resumes next year.

Monday 22nd January 2018 from 1.30–6.30pm  
Wednesday 24th January 2018 from 1.30–6.30pm  
Monday, 29th January 2018 from 8.30am–4.30pm

### **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.

### **NEWSLETTER ON FACEBOOK**

The weekly school newsletter will be posted on the school's Facebook Page every Friday. If you would rather see the newsletter through Facebook instead of email, message Giddings.beth.l@edumail.vic.gov.au and ask to be taken off the newsletter email contact list.

### **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

### **PLAY GROUP - TOTAL LEARNING CENTRE (TLC)**

This playgroup is free of cost and is for children aged 0-5. 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. We have two new facilitators this term, April and Natalie. Most weeks this term playgroup will be held at Merbein P10 College from 9.30-11am. A term program is below, please check for changes to the time and venue. For more information about the Total Learning Centre (TLC) call or text Dani on 0437077689 or 50217476.

Term 4 Program below:

Week	Playgroup Theme
6	Let's talk about Recycling and Nature – What can you make with empty boxes and bottles? Can make a bird feeder?
7	It's MUSIC time! What musical instruments can you make? Have you got your shaker hands and singing voice ready?
8	Christmas Time – let's make some cards and decorations for our friends and family
9	All of TLC Christmas Party at Mildura Waves. Stay tuned for date and time

### **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.

## **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](mailto:merbein.p10@edumail.vic.gov.au).

## **PRIMARY NEWS**

### **GRADE 5-6 LITERACY NEWS** – S. Gardiner

All Literacy groups in the 5-6 Unit have begun reading the book 'Wonder' by Raelin J. Palacio. It tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman. Born with facial differences that up until now have prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Auggie becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade. As his family, his new classmates and the larger community all struggle to discover their compassion and acceptance, Auggie's extraordinary journey will unite them all and prove you can't blend in when you were born to stand out. The entire unit are also participating in the #CHOOSEKIND challenge through [www.choosekind.org.au](http://www.choosekind.org.au) and are encouraged to create and spread kindness in the world. Please support your child as they participate and encourage discussion of the book.



### **FUN RUN** – B. Holy

We are looking forward to holding a Fun Run on Tuesday, 21st November. Fun Run Sponsorship Forms went home with all our primary students. If your child did not bring one home, please ask for another one from the Green Building Office.

Students can sign-up for a Student Profile Page at the following webpage - [schoolfunrun.com.au](http://schoolfunrun.com.au). Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward and just by jumping online, your family has the chance to win a \$30,000 Ultimate Family Experience!

Keep an eye on the newsletter as well as the schools Facebook Page for more information.

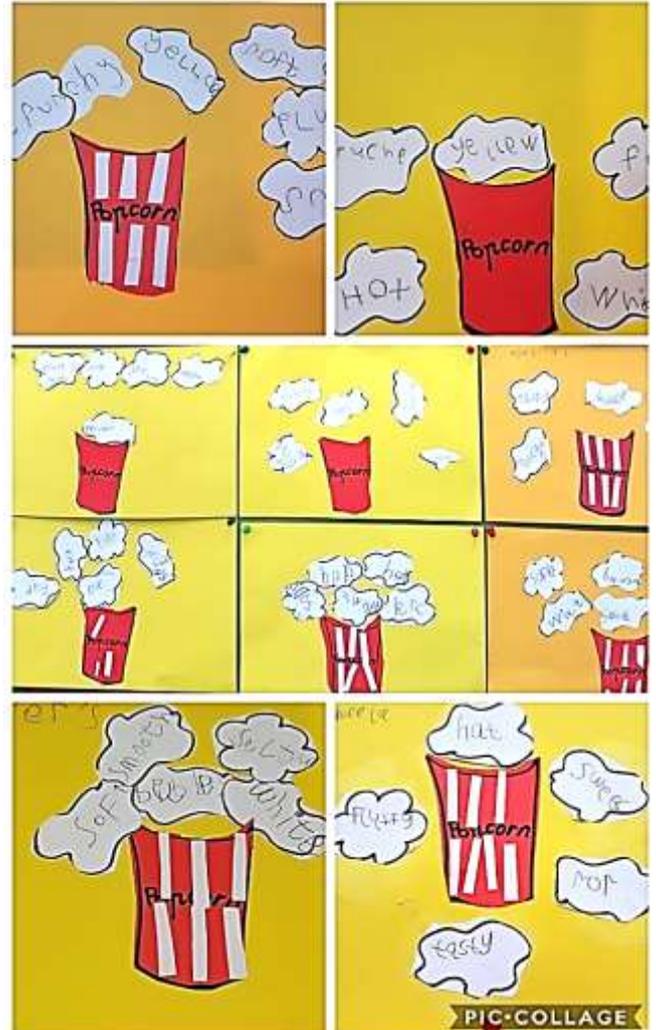
We are hoping to raise enough money for a new sandpit and equipment.

### **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.

### **INFANT LITERACY NEWS** – B. Hall

Students from the Astronaut and Rocket Literacy groups have been learning how to write 'Descriptions' this week. They have produced some amazing work about describing Popcorn and writing about their Monster Creations. The Stars Literacy group has become wombat experts and written fantastic facts about wombats.



## GRADE 5-6 STEM CHALLENGE REPORT – Ms

Ogden

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). This week the Grade 5-6 students were presented with a STEM Challenge. They were to create a structure using engineering skills and using specific materials and instructions.

- They were to construct with spaghetti, marshmallows and lollies.
- They were to work in teams.
- Their structures were to span a gap of 300mm.
- Their structures had to have a platform that could hold weights.

Congratulations to Louca, Douglas, Jordan and Jessie whose structure held 1kg of weight!



## PREP PRACTICE – W. Finn

We look forward to seeing our new 2018 preps on the three Prep Practice Days remaining. The dates are as follows, 29th November and 6th & 12th December. Please send along some fruit/vegetable snack for brain-food, a hat, a water bottle, recess and lunch with your child on these days.

## MERBEIN ROTARY COMMUNITY CAROLS NIGHT

Merbein P-10 will be performing at the Merbein Rotary Community Carols Night on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Students have begun practicing their items.

## GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARDS

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



## SWIMMING PROGRAM – B. Holy

The Swimming Program is underway. The Grade 5-6 have had their swimming lessons this week. The Grade P-2 will start their week of swimming lessons on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Please check that your child's permission note is returned with payment by the due date. The swimming season is nearly here so make the most of this opportunity to ensure your child is water safe.

## 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.

## NO HAT – NO PLAY – W. Finn

The School Sun Smart Policy states that students must wear a broad brimmed hat for all outdoor activities at school in Term 1 & 4. Please note that caps are not permitted.

### WATER DRINK BOTTLE – W. Finn

All students are asked to bring a water bottle to school every day. Please check that it is clearly named and contains water only.

### 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](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.

#### GRADE 3-4 BALLARAT CAMP PHOTOS – J. Costello



## SECONDARY NEWS

### YEAR 9 GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP

CONFERENCE - Rebekah McClure, Year 9 Learning Centre Leader

**Please arrive at school no later than 8:30am for an 8:40am departure from school.** The first session will begin at 9:00am sharp at The Grand Hotel. The final session will conclude at 2:30pm and students will depart the venue at 2:40pm back to Merbein P-10 College.

Catering is not included in the conference registration.

**Students are required to bring a packed morning tea and lunch. Please also bring a drink bottle with water for the day.**

All students to wear full school uniform.

Students need to bring a pen/pencil and notebook.

### ADVANCE CAMP REPORT – G. Rhodes

This week twenty five Year 10 students and their teachers, Mr Petrie, Mrs E. Smith, Mr Arney and Miss Williams have been participating in a canoeing and walking expedition in Southern Victoria to satisfy one of the requirements needed to acquire the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. As part of the Advance Program, these students were also required to commit to completing a community service activity, learn a new skill and participate in some form of physical activity over a period ranging from three to six months. The camp is a key part of the Advance Program, which is offered to Year 10 students at our college.

As these teachers on camp have been away all week, up to six replacement teachers have been in the school covering their other classes. This can be challenging for some students, but I am pleased to report that the students have responded well to the changes.

## **2018 NOMINATIONS - FReeZA YOUTH**

### **COMMITTEE**

Mildura Rural City Council FReeZA Program is part of the Victorian State Government funded FReeZA initiative that gives young people the opportunity to lead the planning and staging of live music and cultural events in our community. This position is for a committee member in a voluntary capacity.

Nominees must be between 16 – 25 years of age and be involved in the program as an active participant until November 2018.

Mildura Rural City Council Youth Services must receive entries by 5.00pm on Friday 1 December 2017. For more information visit

[www.mildura.vic.gov.au/Services/Youth/FReeZA-Committee](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au/Services/Youth/FReeZA-Committee) or call Rachel Brook – Youth Program & Participation Officer on 5018 8280.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **MERBEIN PRESCHOOL KINDERGARTEN**

Enrolments are now open. Places are available for 2018 in the 3 Year Old Program and the 4 Year Old Program. Enrolments are taken at the Merbein Kindergarten as they are not part of Central Enrolment. Contact the Kindergarten on 50252491 or call into the Kinder at 18 O'Bryan Street, Merbein.

### **MERBEIN MARLINS SWIMMING CLUB**

Information for new swimmers. The season begins at the end of October and finishes at the end of March. Training is on Mondays and Thursdays each week from 4.45-6pm. All members must commit to at least three competitions throughout the season and most training days.

If you are able to swim a length of freestyle and backstroke and are interested in joining a swimming club where you can compete and improve skills please contact Brad on phone 0401917565 or Christine on phone 0438256282 or email

[merbswimclub14@gmail.com](mailto:merbswimclub14@gmail.com) for more information.

Like them on Facebook.

### **MERBEIN ROTARY COMMUNITY CAROLS**

Held at Kenny Park Merbein on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Entertainment from 6.30pm. The Main Program starts at 7.30pm. Food & Drink stalls and Brass Band entertainment. Carols singing with local schools and community choirs. Free Glow Candles. Santa (approx. 9.15pm). This is an Alcohol Free Event. BYO Chairs/Picnic Rugs.

## **EBZ DANCE SCHOOL CONCERT**

A concert with EBZ students showcasing dance styles such as tap, jazz and hip hop. This year's concert featuring dances from "The Movies", "Ghostbusters", "Harry Potter", "Me Too", entertainment for the whole family. Held 18<sup>th</sup> November 12.30pm & 6.30pm and 19<sup>th</sup> November 12.30pm.

Tickets cost \$24 adult, \$20 child and are now on sale from the Mildura Arts Centre and Information Centre.

### **NDIS - WORKSHOPS**

Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS), have funding from the Victorian Government to help young people with disability across Victoria get ready for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The workshops will explain and answer any questions you have about NDIS.

**Youth workshop ages 12-25** - Held 14<sup>th</sup> November from 10-11.30am.

**Parents and teachers workshop** – Held 14<sup>th</sup> November from 11.30-1pm.

**Assistive technology workshop** – Assisting with learning in the age of the 'Device' for students with learning difficulties and or disability – Held 14<sup>th</sup> November from 1-3pm.

All three workshops will be held at SunTAFE Auditorium, Benetook Ave Mildura. For more information email Janet Nunn [jnunn@sunitafe.edu.au](mailto:jnunn@sunitafe.edu.au) or phone 50223629. Visit [www.ydas.org.au](http://www.ydas.org.au)

### **REDCLIFFS PLAYERS PERFORM 'DAISY PULLS IT OFF'**

Held at the Cardross Hall on November 17/18/23/24/25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm and 19<sup>th</sup> November at noon. All performances include a meal and Bar Service. No BYO by law. Tickets available at Green Goddess Flowers, 10<sup>th</sup> Street Mildura and [www.trybooking.com/RSYD/](http://www.trybooking.com/RSYD/) 19<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> tickets cost \$35 (\$245 a table of 8) 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> tickets cost \$40 (\$280 table of 8).