



Successful Students – Strong Communities

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NEWSLETTER 2018 Thursday, 22 February

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

27th Tuesday

Yr 7 Immunisations 9:15–11am

MARCH

2nd Friday

Sec Interschool Swimming Carnival

5th – 9th

Yr 8 Camp

7th Wednesday

Pri 'Meet & Greet' 3.30-7pm

12th Monday

Labour Day Public Holiday

13th Tuesday

Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day

19th – 20th

Advance Camp

19th – 23rd

Pri STOMP Dance program

22nd Thursday

LMR Sec Swimming - Swan Hill

23rd Friday

Pri STOMP Performance in the evening

-Whole School Assembly

26th Monday

-Sec Interschool Tennis

-Sec Interschool Volleyball

28th Wednesday

-Sec Interschool Baseball

-Sec Interschool Softball

-Sec Parent/Teacher Interviews

29th Thursday

-Last day of Term 1

-Easter Basket Competition

-Early Dismissal time of 2.30pm

2018 TERM DATES

Term 2: 16/4/18 - 29/5/18

Term 3: 16/7/18 – 21/9/18

Term 4: 08/10/18 – 21/12/18

STUDENT DENTAL SERVICE

Sunraysia Community Health Services 137,

13th Street Mildura, phone 50210944

visit www.dhsv.org.au

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY REPORT

Last Friday, 16th February our school held a Whole School Assembly for 2018. Student leaders were inducted and Student of the Month Awards were presented. Photos will be posted in next week's newsletter. Congratulations to all our students leaders and Award Winners.

SECONDARY HOUSE LEADERS

Cowra

Captains - Kaycee Fleming and Courtney Cordwell

Vice Captains - Angus Rogers and Hannah Rogers

Kulkine

Captains - Mitchell Langdon and Katrina Garraway

Vice Captains - Jonah Logan and Gideon Sands

Yelta

Captains - Jade King and Chloe Costa

Vice Captains - Benjamin Roberts and Abbey Hudson

PRIMARY HOUSE CAPTAINS

Cowra - Harry Linklater & Tayla Brown

Kulkine - Curtis Crabtree & Lola Colling

Yelta - Lochie McConnell & Makayla Dixon

SECONDARY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

President – Reuben Johnson

Vice President – McKenzie Dunne

Secretary – Mele Miki

David Hogg and Katrina Garraway

PRIMARY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

Gr 4 – Sebastian Pope Gr 5 – Tasharni Quinlivan

Gr 6 – Jazmine Kettle & Mikayla Johnson

STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who received the Student of the Month Award at last Friday's assembly. Well done!

7A – Charli Hocking	8A – Jesse Crisp
7B Ryan Saunders	8B – Ethen Rayner
7C Jorja Donohue	8C – Nikea Champion
7D Alasadair Hogg	8D – Vanessa Rodi
7E Lily Moore	8E – Lachlan Antonie
7F Hamish Baird	
7G Tiarna Corrie	
9A – Sean Fawdry	10A – Heidi Linklater
9B – Stephanie O'Loughlin	10B – Lydia Kerr
9C – Brandon Kitt	10C – Noah Dodds
9D – Chenaye Fitzwalter	10D – Mele Miki
9E – Colby Storer	

Primary Student of the Month		
PREP – Henry Cochrane	P1A – Amelia Crouch	1A – Azarlia Adams
23A – Liam Gardiner	23B – Claire Nokes	23C – Eleanor Saleta
4A – Sapphire Dodds	45A - Dylan Arnold	56A – Caydence Head
6A – Tayla Brown		

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist staff with the Breakfast Program from 8-8.45am. Volunteers do need a Working with Children's Check. If you are happy to be a part of a roster that includes volunteers from the community and parent groups please contact Marianne Glover from the Merbein Development Association on 0455111246.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The school is participating in the Coles Sports for Schools Program this year. If you or your family and friends shop at Coles, please support the school by placing your vouchers in the box at Coles or sending your vouchers into the school office.

BUS FORMS

Bus Forms are available from the school's main office for students who are in our school zone and live more than 4.8km from school.

2018 YEAR 7 CSEF UNIFORM PACK

Students who have commenced Year 7 in 2018 and are recipients of the CSEF payment this year, automatically qualify to receive a Uniform Pack through State Schools' Relief.

An order form can be collected from the main office. More information, order forms and photo of shoes are available on our school website.

<http://www.merbeinp10.vic.edu.au/>

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

To be eligible for this funding, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending the school must be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR be a temporary foster parent and submit an application to the school before the end of February 2018.

Ask at the school office if you would like to collect an application form or to enquire about more information.

To find out more about CSEF or to apply for assistance go to www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

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.

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. Most weeks, playgroup is held at Merbein P10 College from 9.30-11am during the school terms, please ring to check the venue each week. For more information about the Total Learning Centre (TLC) call or text Dani on 0437077689 or 50217476.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is away from school, please notify the school by phone or send a note or email the following address: Collihole.heather.h@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. 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.

STUDENT RECORDS

Reminder that it is important to notify the school of any changes to your child's address, phone, emergency phone numbers and medical records.

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

BSB - 063 714

Bank Acc Number – 10060535

Account Name - Merbein P-10 College Official Account.'

UNIFORM SHOP

School uniforms, can be purchased from the school's main office between the hours of 8.45am and 4pm during the school week. If these hours are inconvenient for you, please ring the school to make an alternate arrangement.

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.

PRIMARY NEWS

PARENTS/CARERS - MEET AND GREET EVENING

Families are invited to a 'Meet and Greet' evening on Wednesday 7th March from 3.30-7pm, where students will introduce you to their home group teacher and you will be able to share information that will be helpful. Students will show you some of their work and give you a tour of the Learning Centre. The purpose of the meeting is to build relationships between home and school. There will also be a sausage sizzle available. **There is a time sheet in the Green Learning Centre Office. Could families please fill in a 10-minute time slot that would suit you.** We hope you can come!

STOMP DANCE – GRADES P-6 – W. Finn

Stomp Dance is coming to Merbein P-10 for a 5 Day Program from 19th-23rd March. The Stomp Dance Group will be teaching dances to all our Year P-6 students throughout the week. This program will cover a huge section (Music, Dance, Performance and Drama) of the Primary ARTS Curriculum. **All students are expected to participate.** The cost for this special program is covered by the 2018 Excursion Levy. If you have not paid the levy the cost is \$10 per child. A permission note will go home soon.



PRIMARY STOMP DANCE PERFORMANCE – W. Finn

A Primary Stomp Dance Performance by our students will be held in the college gym on Friday evening, 23rd March. More details to come closer to the event. It has been one of our college highlights each year with nearly every student participating in the performance. **WATCH THIS SPACE.....**

NO MORE PREP REST DAYS

There will be no more Prep rest days on Wednesdays. Next week will be the Preps first full time week.

GRADE 2-3 NEWS – H. Breewel

The Grade 2-3 students have been using a variety of resources to learn about place value. Some students even helped Mrs Finn count the number of Coles Vouchers collected so far for the school!



BLUE BOOK/LIBRARY BAGS

Reminder that all students will need a suitable waterproof bag to put their library and reading books in to take home. Blue book/library bags are for sale at the school uniform shop. Students are to return their diaries, books and bags every day after reading their book at home.

SEVERE FOOD ALLERGIES

There are students at the school with severe food allergies. Please remind your child that their food is not to be shared.

NAMING ARTICLES

Please remember it is very important to name all your children's property clearly, especially hats and jumpers, bags, drink bottles and lunch containers.

WATER BOTTLES – PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS A WATER BOTTLE EVERY DAY

Every student needs to bring along a plastic sport bottle of water (not soft drink or cordial or fruit drink) to school every day to sit on their desks during class. Studies have proven that the brain does not function well if dehydrated. So it is best practice to drink plenty of water throughout the day.

NB: We have the refrigerated water fountain at school where the children can refill their bottles during the day.

LEVIES – PRIMARY PARENT PAYMENT 2018

Thank you to the parents who have paid their levies. If you have not paid your levies, please call into the school office and do so as soon as possible or make arrangements to pay by instalments.

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.

GRADE 2-3 EXCURSION REPORT – W. Finn

The Grade 2-3 students had a fantastic time seeing the different Community Groups in Merbein. They learnt about the benefits of being in a community group. We passed the Merbein Pool and were able to see our secondary students at their swimming carnival, we cheered them on through the fence. We also visited the Merbein Library, the Merbein CFA Station and past lots of shops and other community places. The students members of our Student Representative Council (SRC) thanked each of our presenters. All our students represented the school very well. We were very proud of them all.

GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

The Grade P-3 students in the Green Building will celebrate weekly achievements at an assembly each Friday afternoon at 2.45pm. **Families are welcome to attend.**

GRADE 2-3 HOMEWORK – W. Finn

Literacy – We expect each student to read each night and return their signed diary each morning before school. In Writing, we have been looking at Nouns (naming words) and adjectives (describing words). We'd like your child to use describing words when talking about things – like the cold milk, the interesting house, etc. You could play a game in the car as you drive along, each adding a describing word for something you've seen, until you run out. In Numeracy, we are continuing to look at Place Value 1's, 10's, 100's, 1000's, 10,000's. Could students have fun finding numbers and making a list of numbers they find around the house – 3, 4, 5 digit numbers? It is up to each family if they want to support their children with these activities.

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.

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.

PMP PROGRAM – R. Holy

The Grade P-1 students enjoyed using the gym this week for PE. They participated in the PMP Program which focuses on gross motor skills and perceptual development.



SECONDARY NEWS

SECONDARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The weather was perfect for our secondary swimming carnival today. Results and photos will be posted in next week's newsletter.

YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS

Immunisations for Year 7 and 10 students will take place on Tuesday, 27th February from 9:15–11am. The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 students.

ENGLISH NEWS – K. James

Secondary English Teachers are currently working hard to mark all the submitted narratives in order to shortlist finalists at each Year Level for the 'Write On' Competition. So far some of the plots include tsunamis, cyclones, war, killer cruises, magical trees, finding long lost loved ones, escaping magical realms and winning academic competitions.

We certainly have some budding writers in our community!

COMMUNITY NEWS

COACHING POSITIONS

MERBEIN FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB – SEASON 2018

Football coaches are needed for the Under 13 & Under 12 Colts.

Training & assistance will be provided. Applications are also invited for Assistant Coaches in all age groups.

For further information, please phone
Graeme Dunne 0407 325 751 - Football
Sue Mulder 0403 316 782 - Netball

MILDURA RELAY FOR LIFE 2018

The relay will be held 24th March at 2pm and 25th March at 8am. Registrations are now open on the Mildura Relay for Life 2018 webpage. There will be a Team Information Night tonight, 1st February at 7pm at Sunitafe Mildura for anyone interested in the Relay. Everyone welcome. For further information phone Rosemary Smallman 0400036443 or email teamsmildurarfl@gmail.com.

COME AND TRY HOCKEY – WARATAHS HOCKEY CLUB

Juniors and Seniors. Held 5th March from 5.30-8pm. Learn new skills, play some games and have a great time. BBQ Dinner. Family friendly meet new people. For more information email sarah.edlington@bigpond.com.

NICHOLS POINT SOCCER CLUB TERM 1 HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Nichols Point Soccer Club will once again run another two-day fun holiday program for primary school students based around the game of soccer. The program will run during the second week of Term 1 school holidays on 11th & 12th April at Nichols Point Reserve. Cost is \$60 which includes a soccer ball, t-shirt and sports pack.

For more information, contact Ollie SZETO on email ollie_9394@hotmail.com

MILDURA RURAL CITY COUNCIL (MRCC) YOUTH AWARDS

The MRCC Youth Awards have been established to recognise young people 12 to 25 years of age, for their achievements and contributions to our community. Do you know a young person or a group who has made an outstanding contribution to our community? Why not nominate them?

2018 Categories:

Youth Carer

Youth Volunteer

Youth Community Group

Youth Environment Group

Youth Artist Group

Youth Artist Individual.

For more information and how to make a nomination, visit www.mildura.vic.gov.au/Services/Youth/Youth-Awards or call the Youth Services Team on 50188100. Nomination Close 2nd March 2018. www.facebook.com/YouthServicesmildura

VOLLEY STARS 2018

Held every Saturday morning from 9:30-11:00am at SJC Stadium, 11th Street, Mildura. Volley Stars is a skill based learning program conducted by NCAS Qualified coaches. For interested boys and girls Under 13.

Learn how to play volleyball, have fun, play games, become a Volley Star! Cost is \$50 registration fee per level (includes a sign up pack) plus \$5 per week. All welcome! Email Allan for more information on allanhassell@me.com.

FREE MINIROOS COACHING CLINIC

Football Federation Sunraysia will be holding a FREE Miniroos Coaching Clinic to be presented by Chris McGinty on Friday 23rd February from 6.30-9.30pm. This course is a great introduction to coaching and anyone who would like to coach junior teams this season should attend.

IT IS FREE and you will get a certificate.

For all other details phone Susan Watts 0410 557 485 or email swatts@ffs.org.au.

THREE COLOURS SC

Interested in playing Mini Roos Soccer for ages 6-11 or U12s in 2018. The season kicks off in early April 2018.

Registration Fees are: Mini Roos (U6-U11) \$150.00
Juniors (U12-U16) \$170.00

One pair of socks is included with each player registration.

For Playing and Registration information call Lucy Fotia on 0439 302 090 or email

threecolourssc@live.com.au

MILDURA'S KIDNEY KIDS WALK – WENTWORTH TO MILDURA

To be held 17th March. Help raise funds for kids with kidney disease. Walk all the way or some of the way. Contact Gail on 0417318488 or Desley on 0400694599

Check out the Facebook Page.

SAVERPLUS

Join Saver Plus and they'll match your savings dollar for dollar up to \$500 for education costs.

To join you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card. Be at least 18 years old. Have some regular income from work and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

Phone or SMS your postcode to 1300610355 or email saverplus@bsl.or.au or visit the website www.saverplus.org.au.

SPONSORED COACHING COURSES FOR FEMALES

FFV are offering sponsored coaching courses for females. This year we are offering the chance for females to apply for fully subsidised courses in the following certificates:

- Game Training Certificate (10 places)
- Skills Training Certificate (10 places)
- C-Licence Course (5 places)
- B-Licence Course (2 places)
- A-Licence Course (1 place)

Contact Susan Watts, General Manager of Football Federation Sunraysia INC. on phone 0410 557 485 or email swatts@ffs.org.au. Expression of Interest Applications close 19 March 2018 and recipients of the sponsored positions will be notified by email on 23 March 2018.

TUPPERWARE PARTY FUNDRAISER

A Tupperware Party Fundraiser will be held on the 4th March at the Mildura Gateway Tavern at 2pm to raise funds for Giovanna's Gift. For more information phone 0432262999. Visit the website:

<https://empower.tupperware.com.au/OrderSystem/partyregistration/registrationEntry.htm?token=uLWagqi1lp>



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