

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**MAY**

**4th Friday**

- School Cross Country Event
- Sec I/S Girls Soccer
- Mothers Day Stall

**9th Wednesday**

Open Night 5-7pm

**10th Monday**

Sec LMR  
Baseball/Tennis/V/Ball/Softball

**15th – 17th**

NAPLAN

**16th Wednesday**

Reading Rocks – P-1 parents, 6-7pm

**20th Sunday**

Walk Wentworth Sing Concert 5pm

**22nd Tuesday**

Yr 10 Immunisations

**28th – 1st**

Year 9 Camp

**28th Monday**

LMR Girls Soccer + INT Boys

**JUNE**

**4th Monday**

Sec I/S Netball

**6th Wednesday**

Pri Circus of Life

**11th Monday**

Queens Birthday Public Holiday

**14th Thursday**

Sec I/S Hockey

**29th Friday**

Last day of Term 2

**AUGUST**

**7th-10th**

Yr 7 Adventure Camp

**2018 TERM DATES**

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](http://www.dhsv.org.au)

**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY EVENT** – G. Rhodes

Our Whole School Cross Country Event will be held tomorrow Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

**Students are encouraged to come to school wearing appropriate sport attire and in House Colours. Please ensure your child has warm clothing to wear after the event.**

The primary students will begin their events at 12pm at Chaffey Park.

The secondary girls course along the river tracks begins at 1pm and the secondary boys course starts at 1.15pm. Presentations will be made back at the school near the Yellow Building at 2.55pm.

The Merbein Lions Club will be providing a sausage sizzle and drinks at the end of the event.

All parents are welcome to come to the finish area at Chaffey Park and the presentation of trophies later at the school.

**Please check that your child has returned their permission notes (both primary and secondary students).**

**OPEN NIGHT** – G. Rhodes

Next Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 5-7pm the school will hold an ‘Open Night’ for prospective families from both Primary and Secondary to look over our school facilities and receive information about what our school has to offer. There will be a formal briefing for prospective secondary families at 6pm on this day in the activity centre.

**AFRICAN DRUMS REPORT** – B. Hall

Last Friday the Grade P/1A students experienced the fun and joy of music through playing different types of African Drums. Students learnt what the drums are made from and also the different names. Then they wrote some stories about playing the drums. A big thank you to Hazel & Eleanor’s Mum, Catherine for such an engaging lesson.



## STUDENT ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL SURVEYS – G.

Rhodes

These surveys are completed annually by all students in schools throughout Victoria. The results are tabulated and then compared with results from all the other schools in the state.

These surveys will be completed in the school over the next five weeks. Year 7-10 students will complete them next week and the following week, while the Grade 5-6 students will complete them in the week beginning Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

The surveys take approximately half an hour to complete. They provide useful information about how our students feel about their school.

# MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Friday 4th May  
Primary - 9:15am - 11am  
Secondary - Recess  
Green Building  
Gifts \$1 - \$5

## 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).

## 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.

## PLAY GROUP - TOTAL LEARNING CENTRE (TLC)

A free Playgroup for children ages 0-5 and their parent/carer is held at the Merbein P-10 College. 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. Come and check out our fantastic new space! Held every Thursday from 1-2:30pm during the school terms. For more information phone 0437 077 689.



## 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, 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.

**If you have time to volunteer for this community service from 8-8.45am on school days, please contact the school, we would love to hear from you.** Please note that volunteers will need a Working with Children's Check.

## PARENTS/GUARDIANS/CAREGIVERS

We currently have a very small group of parents who organise extra events around the school for students, that include the Mother's and Father's Day Stalls, drinks at the Cross Country and general fundraising. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to help us plan and run these events. Our little group of parents don't have meetings, but we do connect via a Facebook group. If you are interested in joining our discussions, either comment on this post, which has also been posted on the school's Facebook Page, or send a quick email to me [Fetherston.kyra.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:Fetherston.kyra.j@edumail.vic.gov.au).

## STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is away from school, please notify the school by one of the following methods: log into the Compass parent portal, phone the school, send a note or email the following address:

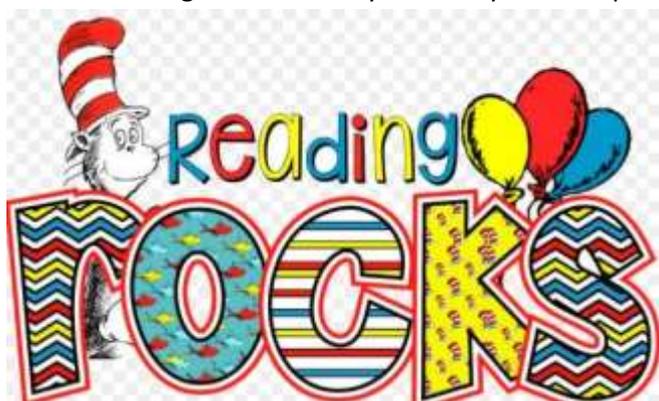
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# PRIMARY NEWS

## READING ROCKS PROGRAM GRADE P-1

For students and their families in Grades Prep and 1. This program is designed to teach you the best way to help your child read at home. You will learn reading strategies, making connections, comprehension and positive language.

This program will be held in the junior end of the Green Building on Wednesday 16th May from 6-7pm.



## SWIMMING PROGRAM – GRADE P-3 – B. Holy

Permission notes about the swimming program went home with all Grade P-3 students this week. The Grade P-1 swimming week will be Monday 14th – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. The Grade 2-3 students swimming week will be Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

The cost for the week of swimming is \$38 per student. The cost covers the lesson each day \$7.60. The school is paying for the bus to and from First Stroke Swim each day.

Swimming is an important part of the curriculum. Students will also learn lifesaving skills during these lessons. If you need to discuss payment methods, please feel free to chat to Heather in the green building.

## HEADLICE CHECKS – H. Collihole

We ask all our parents to please check their children's hair and if eggs or lice are detected, to treat their hair with the necessary products.

There will be head checks conducted next week in the primary area.

If live head lice are detected during checks, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child from school. Students are not to return to school until treated.

## WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – M. Brown

**Merbein P-10 College staff members will be participating in a walk from the Merbein Post Office on 18th May, departing at 8.30am and all our students from Prep to Year 10 are encouraged to meet at the Post Office and walk to school with them.**

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us but it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise, like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Active Kids are Healthy Kids. For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

## WENTWORTH SING COMMUNITY MUSIC

PROJECT – W. Finn

**There has been a change of time for the rehearsal. It is now on Saturday 19th May at 33 Deakin Ave from 2.30-4.30pm.**

Merbein P-10 students are invited to be part of the community performance at Wentworth Town Hall at 5pm on Sunday 20th May. This is a fun informal opportunity to be part of a fantastic musical experience singing alongside kids from other schools and adults from community choirs. Please make the time to bring your child along!

Stay tuned for further information closer to the date!

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM (OSHC)

Children must be booked into OSHC to attend. If bookings need to be cancelled, please notify Cheryl. Cheryl Hodge is our school's OSHC coordinator and can be contacted on 0428 258035 if you have any queries.

## LIBRARY TIMES

Grade P-3 have library on Tuesdays every week and Grade 4-6 have library on Mondays every week.

Please check that your child returns their library book on their library day each week in their blue book bag or a waterproof bag.

## 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.

## 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.

## GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the Grade P-3 students who received awards at our weekly Friday Assembly.



## SECONDARY NEWS

### UNIFORM – G. Rhodes

**Jumpers** - With the cooler mornings, it is important that students have a school uniform jumper they can wear. If for some unforeseen reason your child has to wear an out of uniform top for a short period of time, please provide a note explaining the concern, so we can help if possible to get your child into uniform as soon as possible.

**Leggings** - Some students are wearing leggings to school as uniform. Leggings are allowed to be worn during physical education or dance classes ONLY. Students are to wear correct uniform at school during normal school hours and to and from school, which includes black pants or black track suit pants.

### NAPLAN – G. Rhodes

The NAPLAN Testing Program will be held at the college starting Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May and concluding Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Students in Year 7 and 9 will complete five tests over these three days. The tests will be based around language conventions, writing, reading comprehension. There will also be two maths tests. One where students are permitted to use a calculator and one where students are not permitted to use a calculator.

No one at the school knows the exact content of the tests and they are marked externally. Despite this, teachers have been preparing students, by ensuring the skills likely to be tested are learned.

If any parents wish to withdraw their child from any of the tests they should simply contact their child's Learning Centre Leader or Mr Rhodes who will provide a form for parents to sign. If students are not officially withdrawn, then they will be required to sit the testing regime.

### AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATION FOR KADE ZRNA

– G. Rhodes

Kade Zrna has recently returned from a two week trip to Thailand where he represented Australia as an U/18 player in the U/21 International Volley Ball Tournament. Kade is currently in Year 9 and is 14 years of age.

Kade played as the one of the two setters in the team, which was undefeated in the pool matches playing against opposition that was on average six years older than Kade. The other setter played in the next match, which saw the team knocked out of the tournament in the quarter-final stage.

This is a fantastic achievement for Kade to represent Australia at such a young age and comes off the back of many long trips around Victoria training and playing in State Representative Teams.

If there are any other stories of students excelling in various fields at a state or national level, please give the information to Mr Rhodes.

### YEAR 10 IMMUNISATIONS

The Year 10 Meningococcal Immunisations will take place on Tuesday 22nd May. Immunisation Forms should have been returned this week. If your child has not returned their forms, please do so as soon as possible.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SKATE FIT – AGES 16+

Starting 22nd April on Sundays from 4-5.30pm at the Chaffey Secondary Stadium. No experience necessary. Skates and protective gear provided. To register email [skatefitsunraysia@gmail.com](mailto:skatefitsunraysia@gmail.com)

### **MERBEIN PRESCHOOL KINDERGARTEN**

Merbein Kindergarten is now accepting enrolments for 2019 and beyond.

Our current 4 Year Old Kindergarten Program offers 15 hours per week and our 3 Year Old Program offers 5 hours per week. Enthusiastic and caring staff provide a developmentally appropriate and educational program to meet the needs of every child. Only ten minutes from Mildura. Enrolments are taken directly through the Kindergarten as they are not a part of Central Enrolment.

Please contact the Kindergarten on 03) 50252491 for enrolment enquiries or call into the kinder at 18 O'Bryan Street Merbein.

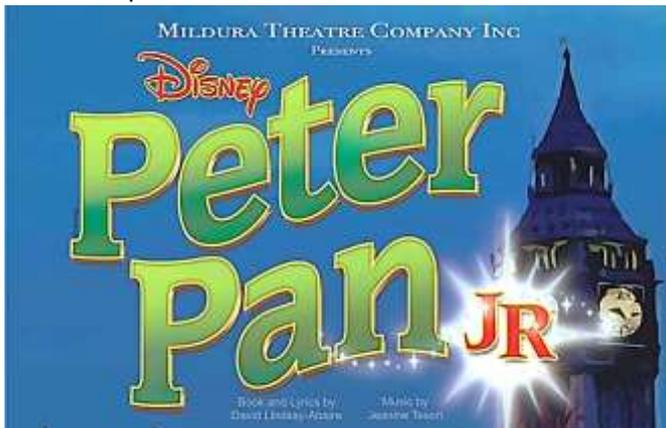
### **MILDURA THEATRE COMPANY INC PRESENTS**

#### **DISNEY PETER PAN JR**

Held at the Mildura Arts Centre on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 11am and 2pm. For tickets and information visit [www.milduraartscentre.com.au](http://www.milduraartscentre.com.au) or phone 50188322.

Mildura Theatre Company is performing Peter Pan JR next month.

See an amazing performance and keep your eye out for a few of our Merbein P10-College students who are in the production.



### **PLAYGROUP 'OPEN DAY' AT MILDURA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

To be held 17th May from 9.30am – 12.00pm.

Morning Tea provided, along with fun activities for children and families including cooking, gardening, craft and face-painting. Come and meet the families and staff that make TLC a wonderful place to play, learn and make friends!

### **NORTHERN SUNS SOCCER CLUB**

The Northern Suns Soccer Club is still looking for players aged 4-10+ years to play this season. Training is 4:45-5:30pm Wednesday nights at the back oval of Mildura Senior College.

Games are played Sunday mornings at the Old Aerodrome Ovals.

No experience necessary. Come and join in the fun!!! Contact Jenny Donnelly 0417 382 608 for more information.

### **JUNIOR FOOTY UMPIRES WANTED**

The SFUA would like to attract new umpires this year. Looking for boys and girls from Year 7-12 to come and give umpiring a go. It is a paid part time job and a great way to build confidence and meet new mates. You don't have to be great at sport. If you enjoy footy, being fit, running or keeping active... then umpiring is for you!

For more information contact James Sammut on phone 0437 711 680 or email [jsammut@shmildura.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jsammut@shmildura.catholic.edu.au) or check out the Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/SunraysiaUmpires/> Number 1 Oval, Wednesdays 6pm.

### **DRAMA CLASSES**

Held at the Mildura Brass Band Hall, 99 8th Street. Offering Stage One and Two classes.

Stage One (For ages 5– 8) on Thursdays 4-5 pm and Stage Two (For ages 9-12) on Mondays 5-6 pm.

Expression of interest for other times and Stage Three (For ages 13-16) available online.

For more information contact Alise Amarant on phone 544 33 462 or email [director@propstheatre.com.au](mailto:director@propstheatre.com.au) check out the Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/propstheatre/](http://www.facebook.com/propstheatre/)

### **LITTLE ATHLETICS CROSS COUNTRY SEASON**

The cross-country season for under 6 to under 17 commences on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

The season runs for seven sessions over nine weeks at seven venues.

New members are welcome – registration fee is \$60, all done on line. Organised training is available for registered athletes on a Tuesday afternoon at Jaycee Park at 4.30pm. For more information phone Stephen Erlandsen on 0427 233 504.

### **MONASH RURAL HEALTH MILDURA CAREERS INFORMATION NIGHT**

Information night for interested students in Year 10, 11 or 12. If you are thinking about a career in medicine, nursing or Allied Health you are invited to an information evening at Monash Rural Health Mildura.

Great opportunity to find out about courses, application processes, eligibility, hear from current and former students, meet local senior Monash academic staff.

To be held at Monash Rural Health Mildura on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. RSVP Friday, 11 May 2018

- 5.15pm Nursing and Allied Health

- 6.30pm Medicine

Enquiries: Carlie Storer T: 03 5022 5506 E: [carlie.storer@monash.edu](mailto:carlie.storer@monash.edu)



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