

NEWSLETTER 2018 Thursday, 24 May

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

28th – 1st

Year 9 Camp

28th Monday

LMR Girls Soccer + INT Boys

30th Wednesday

-Yr 2-6 Write Right! Family Evening
6.15-7.15pm.

- Selected Gr 6 GRIP Leadership
Conference

JUNE

1st Friday

-Gr 3-6 Ecolinc Travelling Science Show

-Yr 9 Camp returns

4th Monday

Sec I/S Netball

6th Wednesday

Pri Circus of Life

11th Monday

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

13th Wednesday

Pri Eisteddfod Dance 10am

14th Thursday

-Sec I/S Hockey

-Sec Eisteddfod

29th Friday

Last day of Term 2

AUGUST

7th-10th

Yr 7 Adventure Camp

21st Aug – 7th September

Yr 10 Work Experience – 2 weeks

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

MERBEIN P-10 FACEBOOK PAGE

Check the Facebook Page for updates
about the school and upcoming events.
www.facebook.com/merbeinp10college

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

ICHOOSE DAY REPORT

Yesterday students in Years 4-6 participated in a special activity called "IChoose Day". Students were offered choices as they took part in a range of engaging activities that were offered by their teachers during the entire day. It was clear that the children enjoyed the activities, which included technology, health/wellbeing and creative arts.



PRESTIGIOUS AWARD TO FORMER MERBEIN P-10 STUDENT

I would like to share some great news regarding a former Merbein P-10 College student Harper Banks, who recently received a Premier's Award for her outstanding VCE score in the subject of Dance. The Minister for Education, James Merlino, recently presented the Premier's Awards at the Melbourne Convention and Entertainment Centre. This prestigious award is presented to the top two students from each VCE/VET subject where the scores were over 46/50. Harper's score of 48 was the second highest in the state. Although most of our exiting Year 10 students transition to the Senior College, TAFE or employment, Harper moved from Merbein P-10 directly to the



National Theatre Ballet School to pursue a Diploma of Dance in St Kilda, Melbourne. Harper attempted three VCE subjects in 2017 through the Distance Education Centre of Victoria, they were English, Literature as well as the VET subject of Dance. Harper attained an ATAR of 90.15. It is very pleasing to know that Harper's education at Merbein P-10 College was a contributing factor in preparing her to forge such a unique and successful pathway. Harper hopes to pursue a career in a dance, auditioning for a dance company at the end of this year. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

PHOTOS OF LAST FRIDAY'S AWARD WINNERS





STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a Student of the Month Award at last Friday's Whole School Assembly.

P1A	Kaleb	Nash
PREP	Isaac	Darby
1A	Cooper	Rice
23A	Alana	Teasdale
23B	Koby	Brown
23C	Jaylen	Crouch
45A	Tasharni	Quinlivan
4A	Nathaniel	Stares
56A	Grace	Gordon
6A	Ireana	Nemtsas
7A	Indiana	Hansen
7B	Lily	Faulkhead
7C	Jenieka	Pope
7D	Erin	Curtis
7E	Antonio	Palamara
7F	Darci	Eastmond
7G	April	Beyer
8A	Tess	Palamara
8B	Josie	Brigante
8C	Erin	Garraway
8D	Oscar	Ferry
8E	Lahni	Graham
9A	Amelia	Dalton
9B	Emily	Davis
9C	Jordan	Cox
9D	Jack	Bithell
9E	Colby	Berry
10A	Byron	Lang
10B	Kelsey	Butcher
10C	Shelby	Livens
10D	Jake	Hartley



NAPLAN AND OTHER DATA – G. Rhodes

The NAPLAN tests were completed last week and have been collected from the school to be externally marked. The NAPLAN testing process gives the school some information about students learning. It is a supplement to other data collection and analysis programs that are ongoing in the school and help us to understand students' strengths and weaknesses in their learning areas.

PARENTAL SUPERVISION OF TV WATCHING – G. Rhodes

An alert has been brought to our attention from outside our school that there are some programs particularly on NETFLIX that are unsuitable for viewing by developing minds of adolescents and younger children. Parents need to be vigilant about the types of games and programs their children are viewing.

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 Merbein P-10 College every Thursday from 1-2:30pm during the school terms. 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! For more information phone 0437 077 689.

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:

Collihole.heather.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

PARENTS/GUARDIANS/CAREGIVERS

We currently have a very small group of parents who organise extra events around the school for students, including the Mother's and Father's Day Stalls 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 .

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.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property in both Primary and Secondary is building up. Please ensure your child's clothing is clearly named.

PRIMARY NEWS

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TELLING TIME REPORT – W. Finn

The students in Grade P-1 enjoyed participating in the National Simultaneous Story Telling Time yesterday. It's pretty amazing to have over one million other students listening to a story at the same time as we did. The book was called Hickory Dickory Dash.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH 'STEM' REPORT – M. Brown

Last week, the Grade 4/5A students worked on a 'STEM' Challenge with Mrs Cole and Miss Ljubic (Pre-service Teachers).

Their challenge was to build a 'junk boat' with recyclable materials and to see which boat could hold the most amount of dice before sinking. A fun and engaging task that enabled students to work collaboratively.





WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY REPORT – M.

Brown

A number of students and staff participated in the 'Walk Safely to School Day' Program last Friday morning. A brisk walk is a great way to start the day, feeling energised and ready for learning!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – H. Collihole

Reminder to parents that Book Club orders are due Monday 28th May.

PRIMARY SPORT NEWS – G. Rhodes

Our Primary students are participating in interschool sports today and we hope they enjoy the day and represent themselves well.

SWIMMING PROGRAM REPORT – B. Holy

The Grade 2-3 students have enjoyed the swimming program this week, travelling to First Stroke and learning stroke technique, survival skills and survival strokes. They have enjoyed swimming in the heated pool. Thank you to the parents for ensuring the students have had dry bathers, a towel, goggles and thongs each day. It has been wonderful to watch the students' confidence grow over the week.

The Grade 4-6 students will begin their Swimming Program on Monday, 4th June. It's not too late to hand in a note. The CSEF funding can be used to pay for this excursion. Otherwise the total cost of the week of swimming lessons is \$38 per student.

ICHOOSE DAY REPORT – K. Grimmer

Yesterday, the Year 4-6 students took part in iChoose Day. This involved teachers coming up with a highly engaging, educational activity that ran for the whole day. Students were given the opportunity to attend spruiking sessions last Friday, which involved teachers attempting to 'sell' their activity to the students. Students then selected which activity they wished to take part in during iChoose Day. The activities offered were: knitting, mosaicking, iMovie, battery operated car building and health/wellbeing. Both teachers and students really enjoyed iChoose Day and are already discussing the idea of holding another one next term.



GRADE 3-6 ECOLINK PROGRAM

There is no cost for this program to be held on Thursday 1st June. It is a Department of Education funded Science Program focusing on Environment, Conservation and Sustainability.

CIRCUS OF LIFE PROGRAM

This visiting program will be held on the 6th June. The main themes of the performance are cyber bullying and resilience.

STEM SCHOOL CHALLENGE REPORT - Darin Lord

Last Monday our Year 6 STEM Team challenged fourteen other teams from around the district. The task was to design and make a 'rocket' that could be shot into space and land whilst protecting its precious cargo (an egg). They also had to make a vehicle that transported their rocket to the launching pad. They successfully protected the egg from being scrambled and had a lot of fun in the process. Congratulations to Ryan, Lola, Jazmine and Curtis for their efforts and especially the way they represented themselves and the school.



Who : Year 2-6 students and their families

When : Wednesday 30th May, 2018

Time : 6.15 -7.15pm

Where : Green Learning Centre

Why : To learn about how to improve writing and ways to support your child at home.

SUPPER PROVIDED

Could families please return the slips attached to the notice that went home last week. It would be very much appreciated.

THE LITTLE DAY OUT – W. Finn

Merbein P-10 College will be represented at this event once again this year. The 'Little Day Out' is aimed at all families with children from pregnancy through to early primary school. It is a free program to be held on Friday 22nd June from 9am-1pm at Lifestyle Plus, 3 King Ave Mildura. There will be a range of fun activities for infants, give-aways and information for parents on the day.

GRADE 5-6 MELBOURNE CAMP – D. Lord

This year the Grade 5-6 Melbourne Camp will be held from Monday 19th November until Thursday 22nd November. It is anticipated that the cost of the camp will be approximately (maximum) \$400. If you wish to start paying some money off please contact the office.

SWIMMING PROGRAM REPORT – B. Holy

The Grade 4-6 students swimming program dates are Monday 4th to Friday 8th June.

Please check that your child has returned their permission notes and payment. Please note that if you have CSEF funding, those funds can be used to pay for the swimming program.

Students need to bring bathers, a towel, goggles (if they have them) and thongs or sandals in a plastic bag to school every day.

They will change into their bathers at school before traveling by bus to the pool and returning by bus to school before changing back into their clothes.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM (OSHC)

Children must be booked into OSHC to attend. If bookings need to be cancelled, please notify Cheryll. Cheryll 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 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.

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 the banking and then drop the bank book back to school before the end of the school day.

SUNRAYSIA FOOTBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION JUNIOR TEAM – R. Holy

Congratulations to the six Merbein P-10 College students who participated in the Sunraysia Football Umpires Association Junior team. Umpiring is a great part time paid job, that promotes confidence, friendship and fitness. If this sounds like something you or your children may be interested in check out the umpires website/Facebook.

EISTEDDFOD DANCE – W. Finn

Our primary students will be performing on Wednesday 13th June at 10am.

WALK WENTWORTH SING PERFORMANCE – S. Gardiner

Congratulations to all involved in the Walk Wentworth Sing performance at the Wentworth Town Hall earlier today. Merbein P-10 College was represented, along with many other schools and groups from across Sunraysia, to perform several songs. Thank you to the organisers for providing our students with this opportunity.



SECONDARY NEWS

SPORTS NEWS – G. Rhodes

Our Year 9-10 Baseball team has had success and will go through to the State Finals to be played next week. We wish them well. Our Junior Girls were undefeated in the Interschool Competition held on Monday of this week.

DOCTORS IN SCHOOLS – FREE BBQ!

To celebrate the opening of our Doctors in Secondary Schools Service, a free sausage in bread will go to the first 200 Secondary Students who come to the doctor's room at the beginning of lunch next Tuesday, 29th May. If students come into the rooms to meet Dr Phillis and our nurse, Gayle and have a short tour of the rooms they will also receive a ticket in a raffle for a \$50 voucher!

Remember our doctor's room is open every Tuesday from 10am–3pm. Student appointments can be made through staff at the school or by calling the Merbein Family Practice on 03 5025 2511 or students can simply drop into the rooms at recess or lunch on Tuesdays. This is a great service, not just when students are sick but for things like prescriptions, asthma and anaphylaxis plans, catch-up immunisations, mental health and any other issues facing secondary students.



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

'WRITE ON' WINNERS 2018 – L. McPhee

The English Department is very happy to announce the winners of this year's 'Write on Writing' Competition. All students should be commended for their efforts in both the narrative and persuasive categories. Certificates and prizes were awarded at last week's assembly. The winners are:

<u>Year 7 Narrative</u> 1 Jenieka Pope 2 Patrick Wisneske 3 Alasadair Hogg	<u>Year 7 Persuasive</u> 1 Jeneika Pope 2 Mia Symes 3 Alasadair Hogg
<u>Year 8 Narrative</u> 1 Amy Green 1 Nikita Tiltins 2 Campbel Murray 3 Olivia Hutcheon	<u>Year 8 Persuasive</u> 1 Amy Green 2 Nikita Tiltins 3 Madison Linklater
<u>Year 9 Narrative</u> 1 Aidan Middleton 2 Phoebe Stephens 3 Tegan Maher	<u>Year 9 Persuasive</u> 1 Phoebe Stephens 2 Lilli Cox 3 Mikayla Couanon
<u>Year 10 Narrative</u> 1 Georgia Roberts 2 Marla Collins 3 Mitchell Langdon	<u>Year 10 Persuasive</u> 1 Jake Hartley 2 McKenzie Dunne 3 Rohan Edlington

INTERSCHOOL AUSSIE RULES CHAMPIONSHIPS

REPORT – R. Morgan

On Monday 21st May, nineteen Year 7 and 8 girls participated in the Interschool Aussie Rules Championships held at the Aero Oval Complex. The girls played four games that consisted of 2x12 minute halves with a three minute half time.

The first game was against Irymple Secondary College. The girls hit the ground running kicking 4 goals 2 and held ISC scoreless. Even after numerous positional changes in the second half, we still dominated, again keeping Irymple Secondary College scoreless, then we kicked another three goals straight. All players put in a great effort, with Illy Sovau, Shakira Kirkpatrick, Lilly Rogers and Tayla Pratt dominating their positions. Game 2 was against Coomie and with our confidence sky high the girls attacked the ball with sureness and

played some impressive football kicking 4 goals 3 for the game and kept Coomie scoreless. Impressive performers were Alannah Woodhart, Demi Rogers, Kara Alexander, Lizzy Smallbon and Lilly McHugh. With no break, the girls had to get ready for Game 3 against Red Cliffs who had several big and talented players. The umpires started the game before our backline was in position and Red Cliffs got a quick goal. This sapped some confidence from us so we did not play as well as the previous games. At half time, we were one point and Red Cliffs had scored 2 goals 1. After some positional changes, inspiring words from Mr Morgan (and kicking with a strong breeze) we came out fired up and scored our first goal within three minutes. We totally dominated the second half scoring 4 goals 2 and kept them scoreless. Illy, Lola, Georgia, Indi and Laci were strong performers. The final game was against St Joe's and we were kicking with a handy breeze and scored 2 goals keeping St Joe's scoreless. It seemed as though the three and half games of footy had caught up with us as St Joe's completely dominated the second half and a majority of the half was played in our backline with St Joe's kicking a goal. Alannah, Illy, Lola, Lilli and Tayla were extremely determined and ensured we were still in front when the siren sounded, with us winning by a goal.

It was a pleasure to coach the girls as they were all great ambassadors for the school both on and off the oval. A special thanks to Keenan and Jake for doing the umpiring and running messages during our games. Also a special thanks to J. Donnelly and K. Smith for taking most of the training sessions and getting the girls organized.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

LITTLE DAY OUT

Get the latest local information from pregnancy to primary school. Fun, informative, family friendly and children's entertainment. No cost. Held Friday 22nd June from 9am-1pm at Lifestyle Plus, 3 King Ave Mildura. For more information, contact Centacare on 50510050.

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN IN 2019

All children who turn four by 30th April, 2019 are eligible to attend a funded kindergarten program next year. Kindergarten is an important step in every child's journey of lifelong learning. Contact your local kindergarten or visit an upcoming 'Open Day' to learn more. Phone the Mildura Rural City Council for more information on 50188100 or email earlyyears@mildura.vic.gov.au for enrolment information.

MERINGUR JUNIOR GIRLS AFL

Seeking players aged 11-14 to participate in the Inaugural Sunraysia AFL Girls Football competition. . Please contact Coach Marcus Parker on 50188039 to register your interest.



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