

NEWSLETTER 2018 Thursday, 31 May

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

9th Thursday

Prep Practice – 9-11am

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

DOCTORS IN SCHOOLS (DIS) BBQ SUCCESS REPORT

On Tuesday, the school provided a special BBQ to promote the new Doctors in Schools Service. Students who obtained a sausage were also given a tour of the new facility. It gave them an opportunity to meet Dr Phillis Jebron and Practice Nurse, Gayle Baker. Students who took the tour were also entered into a \$50 raffle. There was a positive response from participating students and their feedback indicated they were impressed with the professional standard of the facilities. Once again, a big thanks to the Merbein Lions Club who generously provided their time and skills to cook and serve the sausages.



"WRITE RIGHT" FAMILY EVENING REPORT

It was very pleasing to see such a high level of support from Year 2-6 families who attended last night's "Write Right" evening. The purpose of the evening was to promote the importance of Writing in our Literacy Program and to share strategies that parents/carers can use at home to support the development of oral language. A big thank you to Mrs Sue Gardiner and the Year 2-6 staff who prepared an interesting presentation and modelled activities.

BASEBALL REPORT

Yesterday our Year 9-10 Boys Baseball Team travelled to Melbourne to compete in the Victorian State Finals. They played extremely well to finish runners-up, defeating some highly fancied teams along the way. Congratulations to the members of the team and thanks to Mr Astbury and Mr Hill for coaching and accompanying the team.

DECORATE YOUR OWN CUPCAKE DAY – J.

Williams

The Student Representative Council (SRC) holds events to raise money for items they feel would benefit the students and to raise funds to donate to local charities. Friday, 8th June they are running a 'Decorate Your Own Cupcake Day' at Recess time. Cupcakes are \$2.50 each. Students in both Secondary and Primary will have the opportunity to decorate their cupcake with sprinkles, chocolate, MM's, lollies etc. Order forms went home with the Primary Students this week. Please see Heather in the Green Office first thing in the morning if your child did not bring their order form home. Secondary students can pay on the day.



LOST PROPERTY

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

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.

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.

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 .

PRIMARY NEWS

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 – 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.

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.

Times will be:

Group 1 - 1:15–2:00pm (M. Brown and J. McClean's home groups)

Group 2 - 2:00–2:45 (D. Harrop and D. Lord's home groups)

Parents/Caregivers are welcome to go and watch the lessons.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY - B. Holy

Five of our primary students will be competing in the Regional Cross Country in St. Arnaud next Tuesday. We wish them a safe trip and good luck!

'WRITE RIGHT' FAMILY EVENING REPORT – S.

Gardiner

What a wonderful family evening for our Grade 2-6 students and their families! Thank you to everyone who attended to learn about the writing component of our Literacy Curriculum, specifically focusing on improving children's oral language. We can't wait to hear about the fun families will have at home.



CIRCUS OF LIFE PROGRAM

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

GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARDS

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



DISTRICT WINTER SPORTS

Last Thursday the Grade 5-6 students competed against Our Lady's and The Lake schools in netball, football, soccer and hockey. It was very pleasing to see all the students compete to the best of their abilities and display healthy and respectful sportspersonship. The Netball A team were undefeated on the day and will now compete in the district finals in Mildura against the other winning district teams. The results for the sports are as follows:

Football Won 1 / Lost 1 B – Nearly Won 2	Hockey Won 2/ Lost 1
Netball A - Won 4	Soccer Won 2 / Lost 2



PREP NEWS – T. Rivett

We have been learning about 'ai' words in Prep this week. Today we wrote a sentence about Gail the Snail and made a colourful snail.



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.

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.

EISTEDDFOD DANCE – W. Finn

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

Costumes are as follows:

'Owl' classroom (Miss Piscitelli) is tight black pants or leggings and a plain black t-shirt.

'Toucans' classroom (Miss Rivett) – Black tracksuit pants or plain leggings and T-shirts. Accessories will be provided.

'Flamingos' classroom (Mrs Hall) - Black school pants. No shorts or skirts please. The school will supply their dance top and other accessories.

Year 2 - House colour t-shirt (red, yellow or green) and plain black pants.

Grade 3 - Denim pants (jeans) and a bright shirt (can be patterned). Boys will have gelled spiked hair, girls to have party hair (over the top creations).

Grade 4-6 - Casual clothes/streetwear (e.g. jeans, t-shirt, jacket) and closed in shoes.

GRIP LEADERSHIP PROGRAM - K. Grimmer

Yesterday, Mrs Grimmer and eight Grade 6 students attended the 2018 'GRIP' conference at the Mildura Grand Hotel. The 'GRIP' Leadership Team, who travel all around Australia, ran the sessions delivering their highly engaging and interactive seminars to school students. The message clearly highlighted was that everybody has the ability to transform themselves to become a fantastic leader. Here are some thoughts from students who attended the conference:

Mikayla Johnson- "You should show integrity on the inside as well as the outside."

Lola Colling – "It was very interesting and I learned a lot about being a leader. I hope that someday others will look up to me as their leader."

Tayla Brown – It was fun and it taught us lots of things about being a leader. Everybody can be a leader.

Makayla Dixon – "I learnt that anybody can be a leader. It doesn't matter who you are."

Brooke Boundy – "I learnt that you don't need a badge to be a leader."

Curtis Crabtree – "It was quite amazing how it was set up and how they explained things in an interesting way to keep us entertained."

Jazmine Kettle – "It was amazing and I learnt how to lead like a strawberry."





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.

PREP PRACTICE – W. Finn

The 2019 Prep students are invited to our college for Prep Practice on Thursday 9th August from 9.00 – 11.00am. Please pass this information on to friends or relatives who would have children starting school next year. All kindergartens and childcare centres will be notified.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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.

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.

WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS - CREATING MANDALAS

This is a two hour workshop creating and exploring mandalas with local artist and facilitator Kate Cotching. Held at Studio-198 Third St Merbein on 3rd June from 10am-12noon. All materials and morning tea provided. Cost - \$45. Register at <https://www.sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au/enrolments/registration/>

MILDURA WAVES SWIMMING LESSONS

Come & Try Sessions for ages 3-5 on 18th June from 10.30-11.30am and 20th June from 4.30-5.30pm. Come & Try Sessions for ages 5-13 on 18th & 21st June from 4.30-5.30pm.

Ask at the school for a voucher to receive one free swimming lesson. Valid to the end of July.



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