

Successful Students - Strong Communities

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NEWSLETTER 2018 Thursday, 20 September

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

21st Friday

- -Last Day of Term
- -Footy Colours Day
- -Earlier Finishing time of 2.30pm
- -OSHC earlier finishing time of 5pm

OCTOBER

11th Monday

Loddon Mallee Athletics

15th Monday

P-1 Activity Day

26th Friday

Pri Proposed Grandparents Day

NOVEMBER

7th-9th

Yr 3-4 Adelaide Camp

19th-22nd

Yr 5-6 Melbourne Camp

2018 TERM DATES

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

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

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs Sandra Luitjes

We have come to the end of another very busy term. We started Term 2 by moving into our new Technology Building and playing on a resurfaced Basketball Court. This term we have welcomed our visitors from China and our students and staff are currently enjoying their hospitality. Our students have been involved in camps, sleepovers, visiting performances, work experience, various sporting events and some amazing classroom activities. We celebrated some great Naplan results and welcomed our 2019 Preps to the school for the start of their practice days.

I would like to congratulate students and staff on a wonderful term and I hope everyone has a lovely break and returns ready for an exciting and busy Term 4.

STUDENT VOICE- Rob Morgan - Acting Assistant Principal A key priority and focus for the school is exploring ways we can provide our students with a greater voice and create many opportunities where students have conversations and collaborate with staff and take action. Research demonstrates that by empowering students, we enhance student engagement and help create a positive climate for learning.

This term students raised some concerns regarding their uniform and from these conversations, the school will be making some changes to the secondary school uniform in 2019.

The current black sports jacket will be replaced with a thicker, more comfortable jacket better suited for our cold winter days.





We will also be making a change to the current black and white polo shirts. Next year these shirts will be the same polyester material as the current blue PE shirts, meaning they will be lighter and cooler for the hot summer days. These items will be available for the 2019 school year.

The school still has some of the current uniform in stock and students will still be able to purchase these items until they are out of stock. Students will be allowed to wear the current polo tops and sports jackets in 2019.

If you have any queries regarding these changes please contact Mr Morgan or Judy Hunyadi at the front office.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with this month's Student of the Month Awards at Tuesday's assembly.

Prep	Raylan Elkins	23C	Chloe Moore
P1	Chase Kost	4A	Leland Kelly
1A	Ida Williams-	45A	Holly Black
	Mete		
23A	Shelby Standfield	56A	Will Martin
23B	Miles Fetherston	6A	Ryyan Doherty

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7A	Cody-Lee Dimasi	8E	Kiera Nagyidai
7B	Lily Faulkhead	9A	Jessica Wisneske
7C	Shakira	9B	Makayla
	Kirkpatrick		Couanon
7D	Erin Curtis	9C	Cambelle Hedley
7E	Lachlan Gordon	9D	Katelyn Hancock
7F	Ty Roberts	9E	Colby Berry
7G	April Beyer	10A	Jeremiah
			Ciszkowski
8A	Aimee Geyer	10B	McKenzie Dunne
8B	Alex Kelly	10C	Courtney
			Cordwell
8C	Teagan Finch	10D	Angus Rogers
8D	Saja Al Salman		







CHINA - W. Finn

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The five students representing our college - Renee Bozinovski, David Hogg, Jarred Little, Joel Davis and Noah Dodds - along with 26 students from Red Cliffs Secondary College and St Joseph's College were overwhelmed by the welcome from the Dali students and families when we arrived on Saturday after two days touring Kunming and overcoming jet lag. The Chinese hospitality and friendliness by the students, parents and staff, as well as their high standard of English, has made our trip extremely enjoyable. We have learnt some tai chi and calligraphy, been on a boat trip across Lake Erhai, up a cable car and along a mountain walk, learnt Bai dancing and about their traditions, wandered through the beautiful Old Dali township, been to night school and answered questions (until 10.30-the time they finished) as well as many social activities making new friends and learning a lot. The Chinese way of life is very different and we are very respectful that there is no right way, just many different ways to live our lives. We have experienced some rain, wish we could bring some home and some sunny days. It has not been cold very pleasant. We still have many adventures left but will leave here with heavy hearts and many tears on Sunday to fly to Xian to see the terracotta warriors. Then it's on the bullet train to Beijing, the Great Wall and sites in the city. We return home on Grand Final

It's an amazing experience. We are so fortunate that our students are with such generous and thoughtful families.

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BUS TIMES FOR LAST DAY OF TERM

Bus runs will commence 1 hour earlier this Friday 21st September, the last day of term. Any student that would normally catch connecting buses will be required to make their own arrangements. The Wentworth bus will be leaving at normal time.

EVACUATION PROCEDURE – G. Rhodes

The Education Department mandates that we have one Emergency Drill each term. In Term 1 we held a 'Lock Down' Procedure, last term we held an 'Onsite' Evacuation Procedure and in the last week of this term we will hold an 'Off-Site' Evacuation Procedure, which will see us leaving the school grounds and assembling on the open space on the way to Chaffey Park where the old channel was located.

MILDURA SCHOOL LANDS TRUST

Hi, this is an open letter to all parents and guardians of students.

It's about the Mildura Schools Lands Trust (often called College Lease) and how it works for our school and your child and children.

Each year our school receives money from this trust. Over the past year, we have received just over \$100.000

Your school Council has used this money for new Netbook computers, resurfacing of the basketball court and to add to the school building project. Trust money adds to funding we get from both the State and Federal Governments, and our parent payments.

Every Victorian school in Sunraysia, and therefore every student benefits from the money raised by this trust. How much each school receives is based on how many students attend that school.

How brilliant is that!

SOME INFORMATION & HISTORY

protect and improve the trust.

Our trust is now 101 years old and it is the most unique, community education trust in Australia. Mildura Schools Lands is a trust that owns 183 parcels of land spread throughout Mildura city and the original irrigation area. Each land title is leased for fifty years. Leases can be bought and sold, and developed by the lessee, with approval from council. Commercial rental from each lease raises the money for schools. The Chaffey brothers first allocated these lands and it was then legislated for in 1916. In Jan 2011 it became a part of the Education act. A representative beneficiaries' committee works to

This committee works with the trust's manager (Sandhurst Trustees), community and the Department of Education and Training to ensure that the trust is secure for the benefit of all Sunraysia primary and secondary students.

If you would like further information, please ask your principal.

COMMUNITY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES – G.

Rhodes

In the Community Section of the newsletter there are two community projects asking for your support by logging onto a web site to lodge your vote.

Both are meritorious projects and both put funds into our local Merbein Community. Please make the effort to access the website and place your vote. It would be great to have these projects funded and have an injection of money put into our local community.

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.

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 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, and Merbein Uniting Church. 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.

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SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

BSB - 063 714

Bank Acc Number – 10060535 Account Name - Merbein P-10 College Official Account.

PRIMARY NEWS

YEAR 3/4 ADELAIDE CAMP - B. Colbert

This camp will take place from the 7th-9th of November. Permission forms were handed out last Friday 14th September. Payment and forms are due Friday 12th October.

GREEN BUILDING ASSEMBLY

Reminder that there is no assembly this Friday for the year P-3 as there was a whole school assembly on Tuesday.

HATS - R. Holy

The weather is beginning to get warmer. It would be appreciated if students could start packing hats to wear on PE days. This will be good preparation for next term when our Hat Policy, "No Hat, No Play" will be enforced.

LIBRARY TIMES –TERM 3

Years P-1 have library on Wednesdays every week. Years 2-3 have library on Tuesdays every week. Years 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.

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 bankbook back to school before the end of the school 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. Please note OSHC will finish early at 5pm on 21st September, last day of term.

4/5/6 READING REWARD

Last Thursday, eligible year 4/5/6 students took part in a highly enjoyable party game tabloid sports. The session was planned and run by ten students who had demonstrated amazing home reading routines throughout the term. The games included a balloon relay, dress-up relay, sack race, stamp the target, obstacle course and quoits. The whole event ended with a gigantic pass the parcel. Well done to all our awesome home readers!!!







5/6 SUMMER SPORTS RESULTS

Last Friday the 14th of September the 5/6 Unit competed against OLSH, The Lake and Mildura West in the Summer Sports (basketball, volleyball and softball). Congratulations to the girls' softball team who won, and will advance to the next stage in Mildura against the other winning schools in the district. Whilst the other results don't show many winning scores it is very pleasing to report that all children participated to the best of their abilities and represented the school with distinction. Most kids played sports that they had never had any previous experience in so can be congratulated for displaying a growth mindset.

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SPORT	GIRLS	BOYS
Softball	WON 3 (6-1 / 8-1 / 10-1)	WON LOST 2
Basketball	LOST 3	DREW 1 LOST 2
Volleyball	LOST 3	WON 1

I would like to thank the secondary students who umpired on the day, they did a sensational job.

LAST FRIDAY'S GREEN BUILDING AWARDS

Congratulations to those students who received awards at last Friday's assembly. Well done!



HEAD LICE

Head Lice continues to be a problem. Please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. Thank you to the parents who have rung the school to let us know that their child is being treated. Several treatments over several weeks are necessary to eradicate them completely. There is a topical spray called 'NitWits' available from chemists as an everyday repellent.

OPTIONAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LESSONS AVAILABLE FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS – J. Hudson

- <u>Guitar lessons</u>, both Group and Individual. For more information and cost, please email iwansoebardi@gmail.com or call Iwan Soebardi on 0418919220.
- <u>Drum lessons</u>. 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.

SECONDARY NEWS

ELECTIVES INFORMATION 2019 – G. Rhodes

Last week all students in Year 7-9 were issued with Electives Booklets to make Elective Class Selections for 2019. The students have had the selection process explained to them in year level meetings, and have been asked to take the Selection Forms home to discuss their selections with their **parents**, **who**

MUST sign the Elective Selection Form. It is in the students' best interest to return these forms as soon as possible.

This morning about two thirds of the forms had been returned from all 3 year levels. If your child has not brought an elective selection sheet home, please remind them or contact the general office. Students

who return their sheets early have a better chance of getting their chosen electives.

YEAR 9-10 ELECTIVES - G. Rhodes

At this school, the Year 10 students are given priority for their electives, however we do try to allocate as many students as possible to their first elective choices. When allocating students to their elective choices we put their first six choices in the Selection Program.

If we have to make decisions about which students are allocated electives, we place the 2019 Year 10 students first (provided they have returned their Elective Selection Sheet by the due date) then we place them in order of receipt of the Elective Sheet. Students in all year levels who return their sheets early, have a better chance of getting their chosen electives than students who return their Elective Sheet later.

YEAR 8 ELECTIVES - G. Rhodes

Students in year 8 are asked to select 12 electives from the 20 on offer. The top 10 selections are placed into the selection program, which tries to allocate as many students preferences as possible. If there are clashes, the students that return their selection form quickest will get priority.

LODDON MALLEE ATHLETICS

Notes will be going out tomorrow Friday 21st
September to those students that qualified for the athletics. Notes and payment must be returned to the office on the first Monday of Term 4, Monday 8th October to ensure relay replacements can be found if necessary.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property is building up. Please ensure your child's clothing is clearly named. If your child is missing articles, please have them check the lost property box located in the main entrance to the school.

DOCTORS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Remember our doctor's room is open every Tuesday from 10am-3pm for secondary students. 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. Students will need to give their Medicare Card details to the GP clinic. An easy way to do this is for the student to take a photo of the card on their **phone.** Parents do not need to attend appointments with students but are very welcome to come along if the students wish.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINIC

Calvin Henry will be running skills clinics throughout the September/October School Holidays. The sessions are open to any players who fit the age groups and are 100% wanting to improve their game and skill. Session Times and Dates

Thursday September 25th, Thursday September 27th and Wednesday 3rd October.

U12 Girls and Boys 9:00am - 11:30am

U14 Girls and Boys 11:45am - 1:15pm

U16 Girls and Boys 1:30pm - 3:00pm

U18 Girls and Boys 3:15pm - 4:30pm

\$10.00 Per session, per day (Cash Only)

Contact Calvin Henry to reserve a spot –

0428 178 693/calvinhenry15@gmail.com

COBRAS BASKETBALL CLUB

For all junior and senior registrations contact Josh Lee or Cassie Munn.

cobrasbasketballclub@gmail.com or Facebook. For further information contact Josh Lee (President) 0427 024 610 or Cassie Munn 0409 632 898.

GOOD MORNING WEDNESDAY AT THE MERBEIN LIBRARY

A social morning of puzzles and activities, shared with a cuppa every Wednesday, 10am to 11am. Bookings not required.

MERBEIN GOLF CLUB – PICK MY PROJECT

Merbein Golf Club and Cabarita Post Office have been selected for a Pick My Project, which is a Victorian-first community grants initiative. Could you please click on the following link,

https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/rounds/pick-my-project/ideas/merbein-golf-club-and-cabarita-post-office-re-build, register and vote, which will give the club and post office an opportunity to receive \$200,000 in funding to go towards the re-build of the club house. Once logged in, could you also please consider sharing the link with your friends and family on Facebook. Melinda Binding is the club's point of contact on phone 0447 790 949.

MERBEIN COMMUNITY ART TRAIL BBQ

Merbein District Historical Society has partnered with Lower Murray Water to develop the Merbein Community Art Trail as part of the 'Pick My Project' Initiative.

The Merbein Community Art Trail Project is costed at almost \$200,000. Ultimately, securing the funding depends on the amount of public support our project receives.

Voting closes on 17th September 2018. Voters must be Victorian & over 16 years old.

Voting is online or by phone 1800 797 818 (for those with no email address)

https://www.lmw.vic.gov.au/about-lower-murray-water/our-community/pick-my-project/ (or google Pick My Project)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

This service will be held at the Merbein Uniting Church on 23rd September at 2pm. This service will include individual blessing of pets. All welcome.

ART DIRECTIONS 2018

Exhibition held at the Mildura Arts Centre from Thursday 30 August - Sunday 14 October.

Through this exhibition, we celebrate the practise of arts educators in our region from primary, secondary and tertiary institutions as well as community arts educators. Try to find time to get along to this fantastic arts exhibition. Showcasing artwork from local art teachers. **Keep an eye out for artwork**

from two of our Merbein P-10 College Art teachers. Duncan Watson and Bridget Byrne

VICTORIAN ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION (VEWSA)

The VEWSA is a community based, non-profit association run by players, volunteers and parents. VEWSA provides sporting opportunities for people who use powerchairs for mobility at local, regional, national and international levels of competition. The Victorian Powerchair Sports League (VPSL) will launch in October 2018. A new and exciting competitive league for people with a physical disability.

VPSL displays the all-round skills of each athlete in the three sports of Football/Soccer, Hockey and Rugby. It is open to all ages, genders and disabilities. Information can be found on the website: http://vewsa.org.au/2018/08/21/launching-the-victorian-powerchair-sports-league/ There is a survey online aimed at giving an indication if any new players are interested in joining the league. The survey will also help to indicate what areas to expand in the future. The survey can be completed at

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VictorianPowerch airSportsLeague.

TENNIS OPEN DAY

Mildura Lawn Tennis Club is having an Open Day on Saturday 6th October 2018 at the Mildura Lawn Tennis Club, Hugh King Drive. Entry is Free. For information about the day contact Wendy on 0409 222 094 or Tennis Coach Bill Madafferi on 0419 752 210

MERBEIN LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Activities are designed for students currently attending primary school.

Bookings essential: Cost is \$2.00 per child, per activity'

Tuesday 25 Sept	11am - Flying Fun
Wednesday 26 Sept	10am -12pm - Lego (FREE)
Thursday 27 Sept	11am - Making Music
Tuesday 2 Oct	11am - Dragon Eggs
Wednesday 3 Oct	10am - 12pm - Lego (FREE)
Thursday 4 Oct	11am - Bopping Whales

LGBTQI+ PARENTS AND CARERS GROUP

Information & Resources on supporting LQBTQI+ young people 17th of September at Centacare

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

There is a list of free workshops below that will be held in the school holidays at the Mildura Arts Centre

- Alas! Through the Looking Glass at 10.30am on Tuesday 2nd October (13-17 years old).
- Abstract Hands-on Art on Wednesday 3rd October (8-12 years old).

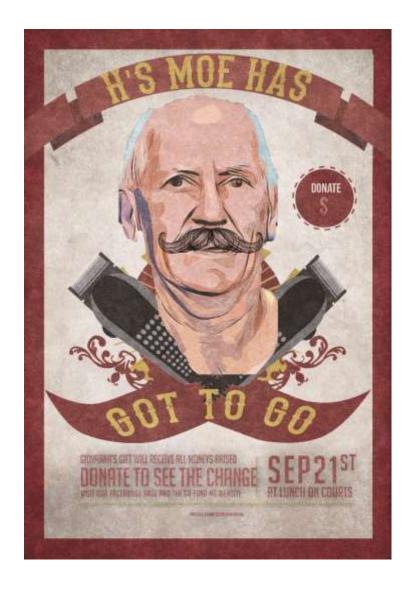
Panel Discussion on the importance of Arts
 Education at 11am on Saturday 8th September.
 For more information and to secure a place, phone the Mildura Arts Centre.

YOUTH SERVICES SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

For young people aged 12-16 years.

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24 th September	Lazerforce
25 th September	Street Art
26 th September	Pool Day
27 th September	MasterChef
1 st October	Ten Pin Bowling & Rollerama
2 nd October	Movies & Pizza
3 rd October	Geocaching Treasure Hunt
4 th October	Fishing Day
5 th October	Getting ready for Year 7

Enrolments close 21st September. For further information, contact the Mildura Rural City Council Youth Services on 50188280. To register visit www.mildura.vic.gov.au/outh or email youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au.



CANTEEN NEWS

Below are the prices for junior lunch order. Please make sure you check the price list when ordering your child's lunch. Any change is put in your child's bag so please remind them to check their bag and collect their change before throwing out the bag.

Feel free to call and speak with Kylie Liddicoat if you have any questions.

Everyday Itei	ms					
Birds Nest 4 Chicken Crackles Salad					\$5.00	
Wrapped Up	Wrapped Up Chicken & Salad Wrap					\$4.00
	Ham 8	& Salad V	Vrap			\$4.00
	Sweet	Chilli &	Salad Wr	ар		\$4.00
	Salt &	Vinegar	& Salad	Wrap		\$4.00
Sandwiches Chicken Salad Sandwich – with drink					\$6.00	
	Ham Salad	Sandwid	ch – with	drink		\$6.00
Drinks						
Water					\$1.50	
Flavoured Wate	er – 350ml	ABC	RASP	LEM	\$2.00	
Milk – 300ml	Chocolate	Strawl	berry		\$2.00	
Juice - 300ml	Orange	Apple			\$2.00	
Fresh Fruit piec	es (in season)					\$1.00

Occasional Items

Vegemite Sandwich \$2.00

Cheese Sandwich Fresh Toasted \$3.00

BBQ Chicken Pizza

Hawaiian Pizza (\$2.20 each or 2 for \$4.00)

Chicken Crackles \$0.50c Chicken Munchies (4 for \$1.00)

> BBQ Chicken Wrap Toasted \$4.00 Hawaiian Wrap Toasted \$4.00

Monday Only		Friday Only			
Hot Dog Hot Dog & Che	ese	\$4.00 \$4.50	Pie Pastie	\$3.50 \$3.50	
Sauce	.20		Small Sau Large Sau Party Pie Sauce	isage Roll isage Roll	\$3.00 \$3.50 \$1.00 .20
Packets of Pota	to Chips	5			
Plain	\$1.00			Honey Soy	\$1.00



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