

NEWSLETTER 2018 Thursday, 22 November

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

23rd Friday

Final day for Yr 10 Graduation tickets to be reserved.

26th Monday

Yr 10 Final Week Program permission notes need to be returned.

27th Tuesday

Prep Practice 9am-1.30pm

27th – 30th

Yr 7 Camp

DECEMBER

3rd Monday

Year 4-6 Excursion 'Healthy and Happy'

4th Tuesday

Prep Practice 9am-1.30pm

7th Friday

-Merbein Carols 6.30pm

-Yr 10 Graduation

10th Monday

Pupil Free Day

11th Tuesday

-Whole School Orientation Day

-Prep Practice 9am-3.12pm

12th Wednesday

Sec Orientation Day

13th Thursday

-Student Reports Distributed

-P-1 Excursion

-Yr 4-6 Art Exhibition

-Presentation Night Club Da Vinci

14th Friday

Yr 6 Graduation and morning tea

19th Wednesday

Student Reports Distributed

Class Parties after recess

20th Thursday

Pri Pool Day after recess

Sec Lake Day at Cullulleraine

21st Friday

Last Day of Term

Early dismissal time of 2.30pm.

NO OSHC on the last day of term

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs Sandra Luitjes

STATE AWARD FOR OUR AQUAPONICS PROGRAM

Congratulations to the FLO students, Josh Lee and Kim McCarty for taking out the State Award for the Aquaponics Program in the Rural Water Awards - Education and Community Category

Josh and Kim both attended a dinner in Melbourne where it was announced that we were the state winners.

This is a wonderful achievement for a rural school to be recognised at a state level.



AWARDS PRESENTATION EVENING 2018 – G. Rhodes

This year our Annual Awards Presentation Evening will be held at Club Da Vinci on Thursday 13th December commencing at 6.30pm. Students receiving awards will be notified prior to the evening. Students receiving awards on the night are required to attend in school uniform. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Our awards evening acknowledges the contribution to our school and academic excellence of around ninety Primary and Secondary students each year.

Through the generous support of community based organisations and businesses, we distribute over \$4000 in cash and prizes to our award winners each year.

ASTHMA THUNDERSTORM ALERT

The peak season for Thunderstorm Asthma is between October and December so now is the time to be vigilant with your Asthma Plans. If your child has Asthma please ensure the school has an up-to-date Asthma Management Plan. There is a doctor in the school every Tuesday who would be happy to see Secondary students and update their plan if needed. Please contact the school if you wish to make an appointment.

SCHOOL MAGAZINES

Tomorrow, Friday 23rd November will be your last chance to order a copy of the school magazine. The magazine will cost \$15 payable at the school's main office.

This year's magazine has special QR codes that link to YouTube Videos of extra content from Year Level Camps, Swimming Sports and the 'Moe has got to go' Campaign.

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.

YEAR 7 SCHOLARSHIPS 2019

A reminder to parents that scholarship applications for 2019 need to be submitted to the school by 30th November. Further information and application forms are available on the school

website <http://www.merbeinp10.vic.edu.au/index.php/scholarship-program>

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 1.30-3.00pm 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. All families welcome. For more information phone April 0437 077 689. Transport is available.

MERBEIN P-10 FACEBOOK PAGE

Check the Facebook Page for updates about the school and upcoming events.

www.facebook.com/merbeinp10college

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.

PRIMARY NEWS

BOOK CLUB – H. Collihole

Book Club money and orders are due in on Monday 26th November. No late orders will be accepted. Parents can also order online and orders will be delivered to the school.

MERBEIN CAROLS – S. Gardiner

Once again, Merbein P-10 College will be organising for our students to participate in this wonderful annual event, which will be held on Friday 7th December. Pop it on the calendar.

SCHOOL TAKE-HOME BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS

There are only a few weeks until the end of the school year. We ask families to please take the time to have a good check for books at home as they are a very valuable resource for our students' learning and expensive to replace.

All school take-home books and library books need to be returned to the school no later than Friday, 7th December. Accounts will be sent home to all families with overdue books after that date.

YEAR 5-6 SOMERS CAMP – S. Gardiner

On Tuesday, eight of our Year 5-6 students headed off to Somers Camp. They will be enjoying nine days of fun with students from all across the state. We cannot wait to hear all about it when they return.



YEAR 5-6 CAMP UPDATE

Despite the weather, the Year 5-6 campers have managed to stay relatively dry! They have made the most of their time and enjoyed visiting a variety of interesting places. They are heading home today. The estimated arrival time is 6:00 pm.



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.

YEAR 2 SCIENCE NEWS – W. Finn

Some very excited students watching our new visitors in our 'Watch it Grow' Science Unit. We hope the mealy worms can cope!!



LOST PROPERTY

Please check the Lost Property Box in the Green Building for your child's missing clothing and other personal items. When the box is over-filled with unnamed jumpers, they will be washed and taken to the School Uniform Shop for re-sale or the Merbein Op Shop, depending on the condition of the article.

HATS

During Term 4, students must wear a broad brimmed hat for outdoor activities. Our school policy of "No Hat, No Play" will be enforced this term.

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 that there will be NO OSHC on Friday 21st December.**

SECONDARY NEWS

CONTACT WITH STUDENTS DURING CLASS TIME

– C. Blackie

Merbein P-10 College permits students to bring mobile phones and other devices to classes. We do this because we believe it is important for students to learn to use these devices respectfully and responsibly, and that simply banning phones and devices does not help to achieve this goal. To support students to use their phones respectfully and responsibly, we ask that parents do not contact students during class time.

Students often feel that they must respond straight away to messages from parents, and this can disrupt their learning and that of their classmates.

Students can be contacted during break times from 11.10am to 11.30am and 1.30pm to 2.15pm.

If urgent contact is required, please contact the College office rather than your child's phone. Office staff can then support putting you in contact in a way that minimises stress for your child and minimises disruption to teaching and learning. The College office can also pass on messages to students as needed. We appreciate your support in helping students develop respectful and responsible habits in using their phones, which will benefit them in the workplace and in life.

ORIENTATION DAYS – G. Rhodes

On Tuesday 11th December and Wednesday 12th December our Year 10 students will be attending the Senior College for their orientation days.

Here at Merbein P-10 our 27 Year 6 students will 'step-up' to Year 7 along with 130 visiting Year 6 students from other local primary schools. A special program will be organised for these two days that will help the students to transition from their current Primary School to our P-10 College in 2019.

ELECTIVES AND BOOKLISTS 2019 – G. Rhodes

Mrs Rayson has organised the electives for all Year 8 students in 2019 and these will be attached to the booklists that will be distributed early next week. The Year 9 and 10 electives will be finalised tomorrow by Mr Rhodes, with some students still to be consulted today and tomorrow about their elective options for next year. The electives selected will be attached to the booklist, which will also be distributed early next week.

LOST PROPERTY

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.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS FOR OUR 2019

COLLEGE LEADERS – C. Blackie

Next week we will hold an extended Year 9 Year Level Meeting to discuss nominations and elections for our 2019 College Leaders. Five positions will be available on the Student Representative Council (SRC) Executive, with the President, Vice President and Secretary positions determined by the number of votes received. If you are a Year 9 student and think that you could make a contribution to our College Community in these roles, please start thinking about nominating and discuss this with your family, friends and teachers.

YEAR 10 – FINAL WEEK PROGRAM – C. Blackie

Details of this year's Final Week Program for Year 10 students were issued to students on Thursday and emailed to parents and carers. To allow for planning and preparation, please complete and return permission forms to the College office no later than Monday 26 November.

YEAR 10 – GRADUATION CEREMONY AND

DINNER – C. Blackie

This year's Year 10 Graduation Ceremony and Dinner will be held at Club Da Vinci on Friday 7th December. Tickets are on sale now for \$50.00 per person.

Tickets must be reserved no later than Friday 23rd November, with payment due by Friday 30th November. For further details about Graduation, please see the letter sent home with students and emailed to parents and carers.

2019 YEAR 10 RUGBY JUMPERS

Orders are now open for the 2019 Year 10 Rugby Jumper. Our Rugby Jumpers are made in Adelaide by Silver Fleece, an Australian owned company.

Families need to order and pay for the Rugby Jumpers directly with Silver Fleece online at

<https://silverfleece.com.au/product/merbein-2018-leavers-rugby>.

The design of the 2019 Year 10 Rugby Jumper will be the same as this year's with students having the option to personalise their top with a name or nickname. These will then be sent to the school for approval before printing.

Payment is via Credit Card or PayPal only and you must choose the "Local Pickup" shipping option during checkout – otherwise you will be charged a delivery fee.

Cost is \$84.50 each. **Orders close 22nd**

December 2018. Students will be fitted for their Rugby Jumpers at school. Available sizes showing online are from 10 – 28 but larger sizes can be ordered if needed. Once you get to checkout, you can write the size required in the Order Notes (optional) box.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

RESULTS – D. Ebbels

In August this year, fifty-five Merbein P-10 Secondary students participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. This is an Australia-wide Mathematics Competition that has spread internationally, with students in more than thirty countries attempting the same mathematical problems.

The problems are designed to test mathematical thinking and they become more difficult as students' progress through the competition.

We were very pleased with the fantastic results again this year. Nearly half of our student's involved received a credit or better.

Year 7	
Codi-Lee Dimasi	Distinction and best in school
Mathias Moisidis	Credit
Patrick Wisneske	Credit
Hamish Baird	Credit
Alasadair Hogg	Credit
Tiarna Corrie	Credit
Jenieka Pope	Credit
Harmony Brougham	Credit
Luke Harmer	Credit
Elana Dekoning	Credit

Year 8	
Kyla Cornish	Credit
Amber King	Credit
Zoe Middleton	Credit
Bailey Edgar	Credit
Jade Barlow	Credit
Sam Pratt	Credit
Brianna Bagnall	Credit

Year 9	
Aidan Middleton	Distinction
Lilli-Maree Cox	Distinction
Kade Zrna	Distinction
Sarah Chapman	Credit

Year 10	
Chloe Costa	Credit
Tobias Iden	Credit
Mele Miki	Credit

YEAR 10 - MILDURA SENIOR COLLEGE

ENROLMENT EVENING – C. Blackie

This year's MSC enrolment evening for students from Merbein P-10 College will take place on Tuesday 27 November from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. It is essential that students and parents attend the enrolment evening. Students and parents are welcome to attend at any convenient time during these hours. However, it is important to leave sufficient time to complete all required steps. Students should start making arrangements as soon as possible to ensure they are free to attend. If students are unable to attend on Tuesday 27 November, they must see Mr. Blackie as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements.

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.

CHANGES TO SECONDARY UNIFORMS

We are phasing out our summer skirt, white girls blouse and Microfiber Sports Jacket to cut down on the number of uniform elements available to students. These items can still be worn as the school uniform but we will not be reordering them once supplies have been depleted. Therefore the items below have been reduced in price as follows. Please note there may be limited sizes available in these items.

Summer Skirt - \$30.00

White Blouse – \$30.00

Microfiber Jacket - \$50.00

The Microfiber Sports Jacket is being replaced with a new Arena Jacket shown in the picture. It is a much warmer option and is priced at \$80.00.

Arena Jacket



COMMUNITY NEWS

DEADLY CHOICES MALLEE DISTRICT ABORIGINAL SERVICES (MDAS)

Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS), are hosting 'The Deadly Choices Roadshow' on 14th December from 10-3pm at Nowingi Place, Mildura. The day is all about connecting with the community and we invite everyone to come join in on some deadly activities.

Deadly Choices is an indigenous term used to describe and promote living a healthy lifestyle. 'A Deadly Choice is a Healthy Choice'. This event is sugar, drug and alcohol free. Encouraging everyone to utilize our local services and feel connected within the community through cultural activities, Elder storytelling, mini touch rugby competition, yoga/ pilates/ line dancing sessions, jumping castle, artist workshops and local artists performing on the day. For further enquires phone 03 5018 4100 Ext: 139 or email: egeyer@mdas.org.au.

MERBEIN MARLINS SWIMMING CLUB

If you are able to swim a length of freestyle and are interested in joining a swimming club, come and try your local Merbein Marlins.

With supportive coaching at training on Tuesday and Thursday from 4.45-6.15pm at the Merbein Pool you will soon be representing your community club at the Friday night competitions.

The new season starts in November and goes through to March 2019, so now is the time!

For more information please contact Leusanne on 0428 960 085 or email merbswimclub14@gmail.com

MERBEIN ROTARY COMMUNITY CAROLS

Held at Kenny Park Merbein on Friday 7th December.

Food & drink stalls and brass band entertainment from 6.30pm. Main program starts 7.30pm.

Carols singing with Local Schools and Community Choirs. Free Glow Candles. Santa (approx. 9pm)

This is an 'Alcohol Free Event'. BYO chairs/picnic rugs. For more information, contact Kay Wagner 5025 2585.

STUDENT EXCHANGE

For students in Years 8-10. Choose from over twenty-six countries. For more information visit wep.org.au or email info@wep.org.au.

2019 RELAY FOR LIFE

The 2019 Relay for Life will be held on 23rd March at 2pm and 24th March at 8am at the Soccer Park, Old Aerodrome Ovals, 11th Street, Mildura. Start thinking about registering a team and get your fundraising underway.

For more information contact Rosemary Smallman, Team Liaison, Mildura Relay for Life, on email teamsmildurarfl@gmail.com.



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