



Successful Students – Strong Communities

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NEWSLETTER 2019 Thursday, 28 March

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

29th Friday

- Pri Stomp Performance
- Dentist forms will be sent away

APRIL

2nd Tuesday

- Yr 4-6 Ichoose Day
- Pri Author Visit

3rd Wednesday

- Sec Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-7pm
- Pri Meet & Greet 4-7pm

5th Friday

- Last day of Term 1
- Whole School Assembly at 10am
- Easter Egg Competition at Recess
- Earlier dismissal of 2.30pm
- OSHC finishes at 5pm

23rd Tuesday

- First day of Term 2

24th Wednesday

- ANZAC DAY Assembly

MAY

1st Wednesday

- 'Teeth on Wheels' Visit

2nd Thursday

- 'Teeth on Wheels' Visit
- 19th Sunday
- Pri 'Walk Wentworth Sing' Choir

JULY

31st July – 2nd August

- Yr 3-4 Ballarat Camp

AUGUST

2nd Friday

- Yr 3-4 Ballarat Camp Returns

NOVEMBER

11th – 15th

- Year 5-6 Lake Cullulleraine Camp
- 18th, 19th & 20th**
- Whole School Variety Nights

2019 TERM DATES

- Term 2: 23/04/19 - 28/06/19
- Term 3: 15/07/19 - 20/09/19
- Term 4: 07/10/19 – 20/12/19

STUDENT DENTAL SERVICE

Sunraysia Community Health Services 137, 13th Street Mildura, phone 50210944. visit www.dhsv.org.au

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

SECONDARY PARENT – TEACHER - STUDENT INTERVIEWS

On Wednesday 3rd April, secondary student families will have the opportunity to talk with their child's current teachers between the times of 4-7pm. Education is a three-way partnership between the student, their family and the school (including the teachers). The Parent/Teacher Interviews are designed to be brief giving families an opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss progress and any areas for improvement and excellence. There are no appointment times but the wait will be short as interviews will be kept to a maximum of five minutes per family to enable everyone the opportunity to talk with their child's teachers. If a longer time is required for discussion, an appointment can be arranged for a time suitable for both the teacher and family to continue the discussion further. All secondary teachers will be located in the Blue Building. Students can help their parents to locate their teachers and contribute in the discussions. The following teachers will absent on Wednesday however, they will be available to communicate with parents if requested: Ms Bridget Byrne, Mr Howard Hankinson, Ms Kylie Cummings and Mrs Hayley Willison. Mrs Emma Smith, Mr Brad Hill and Mrs Laura McPhee will be available after 5pm and Mrs Trudi Dunbar will be available from 5:30pm onwards on Wednesday evening. If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact the school and your child's Learning Centre Leaders. We hope to see you at this important event.

STUDENT ARRIVAL TIMES

Students should not be in the school before 8am.

Breakfast Club is only open from 8am onwards.

There are no staff members on duty in the secondary section until 8.15am. Therefore, secondary students who arrive between 8am and 8.15am are to be seated in the canteen area.

For Primary students, staff members are on duty from 8.40am.

Therefore, primary students who arrive between 8am and 8.40am are to be seated in the canteen area.

GENERAL NEWS

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – R. Morgan

Our Whole School Assembly will be held on Friday 5th April at 10am. Students will be presented with Student of the Month Awards.

'TEETH ON WHEELS' VISIT – W. Finn

'Teeth on Wheels' will be visiting our school on 1st and 2nd May. Please check that your child's forms have been completed and returned to school. All forms will be sent off tomorrow Friday 29th March. www.teethonwheels.com.au

CASUAL DRESS DAY

Friday 5th April, the last day of term, will be a whole school casual dress day. Please bring a gold coin donation which will be going to the SRC

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is away from school, please notify the school before 10am in the morning. A text message will be automatically sent to your phone after this time if your child is not at school and the school has not been notified. The school can be notified of absences by phone or by sending an email to the following email address:

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

MELBOURNE RECITAL CENTRE'S BACH COMPETITION

The Melbourne Recital Centre's Bach Competition is dedicated to young musicians passionate about J.S. Bach.

The competition repertoire needs to be any work of J.S. Bach not exceeding ten minutes in total duration. Soloists and ensembles of up to five members who are 17 years of age and under (at 1 January 2019) are welcome to apply. Applications close on Wednesday 8th May and the finals will be held at the Melbourne Recital Centre on Sunday 16th June 2019.

Cash prizes of up to \$2,000 are available to be won.

For further entry information and competing guidelines, students can visit -

melbournerecital.com.au/bach2019/

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.

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

BSB - 063 714

Bank Acc Number – 10060535

Account Name - Merbein P-10 College Official Account.

BUS PASSES - REPLACEMENTS

Buslink have informed the school that if a student requires a replacement bus pass, they will be required to pay \$10.00 either to the school or to the Buslink office. The new pass will not be printed out and issued to the student until the payment has been received. Please remind students to take care of their bus passes to avoid this additional cost.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - EMAILED

The school distributes a weekly school newsletter to families via email. If you have not received a newsletter by email, please notify the school to either of the following email addresses:

Giddings.beth.l@edumail.vic.gov.au or

merbein.p10@edumail.vic.gov.au, with the subject

Newsletter Email, so this can be rectified.

Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 who would like to take home a printed copy of the newsletter each week, can collect one from the main office every Thursday at 3.15pm.



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Collie & Tierney First National.

Phone 0409 234271 or Email tdavey@collieandtierney.com.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 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.

PRIMARY NEWS

HARMONY DAY REPORT – C. Piscitelli

The Year 4-6 unit had a blast celebrating Harmony Day last Friday.

Some students had created picture storybooks that explored the theme of inclusiveness. They had a great time, sharing their writing with the Year P-1 students! Other students explored the similarities/differences of the cultures that make up our classrooms and made a tree with our different 'hand' cultures, we also enjoyed a spontaneous dance party to celebrate the day!

It is so lovely to see Merbein P-10 students so respectful and inclusive of each other.



YEAR 3-4 BALLARAT CAMP – 'EXPRESSION OF INTEREST' FORM – W. Finn

The Year 3-4 Ballarat Camp will be held from 31st July – 2nd August. The cost will be approximately \$300.00 per student, depending on the number of campers. A Camp 'Expression of Interest' form was sent home with all Year 3-4 students. Please check that your child's form is returned to school as soon as possible so the co-ordinators can budget for the numbers attending.

CONGRATULATIONS – R. Holy

Congratulations to Josh Driscoll who won the under 14's best bowling average at the SCA awards night last week.



STEM PREP/ONE – Ms Richo

The prep/ones have been learning how to construct an algorithm using bee bots. This week they were challenged to come up with an algorithm that would get their bee bot closest to a line. Competition was fierce and all teams were able to create and debug their algorithm to get closer to the line.



PARENTS/CARERS - MEET AND GREET EVENING

A 'Meet and Greet' evening will be held next Wednesday 3rd April from 4-7pm. At this meeting, students will introduce you to their home group teacher and you will be able to share information that will be helpful. Students will show you some of their work and give you a tour of the Learning Centre. The purpose of the meeting is to build relationships between home and school. Each family is allocated a 10 minute time slot. If you do not have a 10 minute time slot, it's not too late to ring the school and talk to Michelle in the Green Building office to make a suitable arrangement. We look forward to meeting everyone.

LATE TO SCHOOL - W. Finn

Primary students who are late to school need to be signed-in by their parent/guardian at the Green Office. Michelle is our Green Office staff. Teachers mark the rolls at 9am. Those students who have been signed-in late are added as present on our Compass Program by Michelle. If a late student

has not been signed-in by the parent, our Compass Program will send a text to the family after 10am in the morning, so please sign-in your child if they are late to school.



PRIMARY STOMP DANCE PERFORMANCE – W. Finn

The Prep-Year 6 students have had a wonderful week working together with Erin. All your family and friends are invited to attend our college gym for the performance from 6pm to 7pm tomorrow. You are welcome to bring a picnic tea to enjoy with your family from 5pm.

All students are encouraged to wear bright clothes – (closed in shoes for safety, remember they will be performing on a stage – no dresses, skirts)

EASTER BASKET COMPETITION – W. Finn

Thank you to those families who have sent in Easter Donations for the competition. Every class needs a generous number of eggs to create a quality basket and have the opportunity to win the prize, so please send those donations in as soon as possible as the creating will begin next week.

These Easter Baskets will be judged and then raffled off at recess on the last day of term, Friday 5th April. Students will receive a raffle ticket with every Easter Egg/Donation they bring to school. More raffle tickets can be purchased for 50c per ticket, outside the Orange and Green Buildings before school and at recess in the last week of school. There will be a Secondary and a Primary class winner. The winning class gets to keep their basket of eggs.



2/3 STUDENTS LIBRARY INFORMATION – Sue Gardiner

Next Tuesday ALL grade 2/3 students will have their last chance for the term to borrow books from library. A reminder for them to return all borrowed books in their waterproof library bag.

GREEN LEARNING CENTRE ASSEMBLY

There will **NOT** be an assembly until next term. This Friday we will be having STOMP practice in readiness for our big performance that night. There will be a Student of the Month Whole College Assembly at 10am in the gym on the last day of term, Friday 5th April. School holidays will start at 2.30pm. Thanks to the families who have come along and joined our student-run afternoon assemblies.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM (OSHC)

OSHC finishes at 5pm on the last day of term, Friday 5th April.

Cheryll Hodge is our school's OSHC coordinator and can be contacted on 0428 258035 if you have any queries.

LIBRARY NEWS

Please ensure your child returns their books each week and brings a waterproof Library Bag for their Library books on the following days.

Year 4-6 students have Library on Mondays

Year P-3 students have library on Thursdays

Year 2-3A students have library on Mondays

Year 2-3B students have library on Tuesdays

Year 2-3C students have library on Thursdays

Next week is the last week of the term.

Please check at home for overdue library books and send them back to school next week.



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.

SECONDARY NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE COMPETITION – J Dawson

It's that time of the year again!! Easter is in the upcoming holidays so we are again doing the Easter Egg Basket Competition for all forms. Each form member is to bring along an Easter egg in exchange for a raffle ticket/s depending on the size and quality of your eggs. The forms will then decide on a theme and create the best looking basket with their eggs. Judges usually rate baskets with lots of quality eggs and a very creative theme, highly. Past winners have included a Friends Theme, a camping theme, Beyonce

theme, junkfood theme baskets. Be creative and baskets will need to be finished by recess by Friday last week of term. The winning form will get to keep their basket and share their eggs amongst the form. All the rest will be raffled off to those who bought along eggs. Happy Designing!



Daniel Kiel 0417 590 179 Matt Herrick 0405 809 329 www.elite.kitchen

CHINA EXCHANGE – S. Johnson

The 2019 China Exchange trip still has positions available for any interested students in Year 10. Any student or parent wishing to find out more information is encouraged to contact Scott Johnson at the College on 50252501 or via email on johnson.scott.n@edumail.vic.gov.au Bookings will be made next week so don't miss out!

SCHOOL JUMPERS

As the weather is cooling down please make sure your child has a correct school jumper and that names are on students school jumpers and jackets. There are already some items that have been left in the gym with no names on them. If they have names on them we can return them to the students.

ANNUAL YEAR 10 SHARE MARKET GAME

Year 10 students are currently learning about the Share Market by being involved in the ASX Share Market game. Students in groups or individually are given \$50,000 to invest in the share market over an 8 week period. Discussions are held with the students as to the possibility of making money in the share market especially over a long period and volatility of investing short term (ie 8 week).

Students and Humanities teachers have commenced purchasing shares in the top 200 companies on the Australian Stock Exchange with some success and some failure. A number of students had purchased shares in Afterpay, which lost \$1.17 per share on Monday and are struggling to get back to where they were.

The game has been going for 3 weeks this Thursday and the top syndicate from schools across Australia has a portfolio of \$54,824. A very handy \$4,800 profit in 3 weeks.

After 3 weeks our leading team is Goal Scorer (Sarah Chapman) with \$50,426 ahead of Emily-Kaitlyn (Emily Wright & Kaitlyn Cavallaro) with \$50,251 & in 3rd Apathy (Cambelle Hedley) with \$50,162. Only 7 of our 50 syndicates are in the black (profit) at the moment, noting that 18 teams were above \$50,000 on Monday.

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.



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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

On Monday the 18th March 3 Students, Ryan Champion, Dylan Boseley and Latisha de Koning competed in the North-West Field and Game Clay target shooting School Event in Bar-rook competing against approx 80 students from all over Victoria. Congratulations to Ryan and Dylan placing in the Top 10 in the junior boys and Latisha for taking out 2nd place in junior girls. Well Done



COMMUNITY NEWS

YOUTH SERVICES SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

AGES 12-16

Bookings for the School Holiday Program in April close 5th April. Full payment and enrolment must be submitted before the closing date. Maximum of three activities per week per participant.

8 th	Street Art – No Cost
9 th	The Waves – No Cost
10 th	Aqua coaster & Putt Putt Cost \$15
11 th	Movies and Pizza Cost \$15
12 th	Games Day - \$15
15 th	Laser force - \$15
16 th	Fishing Day – No Cost
17 th	Inflatable World - \$15
18 th	Art Day - Free

For more information, see the School Holiday Fact Sheet

<http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au/Services/Youth/School-Holiday-Activities> or phone the Mildura Rural City Council Youth Services 50188280.

FREE BOWLS PROGRAM FOR UNDER 18S

Bowls that is fast and fun for Under 18s at the Mildura Bowls Club on Wednesdays' at 4.30pm. Starting on 17th April. For boys and girls. No experience needed food, drinks and music. Free to play. Coaching and equipment provided. Contact Chris Mitchell on phone 0409248600. Registration day is 3rd April at the Mildura Bowls Club, Cureton Ave from 4-6pm.



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SCOUTS AUSTRALIA

Congratulations to Claire Nokes in Grade 3 for earning the Joey Scout Promise Challenge with the 2nd Mildura Joey Mob.

COME AND TRY BASEBALL

Saints Baseball Club is having a come and try day on April 2nd at Chaffey Park Merbein between 5pm and 6pm. There is a free Sausage Sizzle and drink.

Activities and Games will be held for Age Groups Under 7, Under 10, Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17

For more information contact

Greg – 0438 519 069 or Kirrilly – 0427 942 255

or email merbeinsaints@gmail.com

MERBEIN LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 9 April

10am to 4pm: Pine cone and seed pod creatures FREE

Wednesday 10 April

10am to 4pm: LEGO Session FREE

Thursday 11 April

11am to 12pm: Tricky Turtles \$2.00

Friday 12 April

10am to 4pm: Creation Station FREE

Tuesday 16 April

10am to 4pm: Paper craft eggs FREE

Wednesday 17 April

10am to 4pm: LEGO session FREE

Thursday 18 April

11am to 12pm: Bunny bunting \$2.00



Bistro open every day for lunch 12pm-2pm and Monday to Saturday for dinner 6pm-8pm with great meal specials every day!!

Wednesday Pot n Parma just \$15 as well as

Kids Eat Free (Dinner only)

Free dessert with every kids meal every day!!

Don't forget Members' Draws and Meat Raffles and FREE Kids Raffle every Thursday and Friday from 6pm. Joker Poker every Friday!!!

ADVENTURE CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Adventure Jam. A fun filled school holiday program. Games, Stories, Crafts, Live Music, Awesome Meals and lots more. For more information contact Josh on 0417 554 341 or email josh@milduracofc.org.au