

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

7th Tuesday

Mother's Day Stall

9th Thursday

Pri Book Club orders due

14th-16th

NAPLAN Testing

17th Friday

Student Reports sent home

19th Sunday

-Pri 'Walk Wentworth Sing' Choir

20th Monday

Yr 2-6 Young Authors in Action Family

Evening 6.15-7.15pm

22nd Wednesday

Pupil Free Day – No School

JUNE

10th Monday

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

24th Monday

Student Reports sent home

26th Wednesday

Pri Parent/Teacher Interviews

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

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Chris Grimmer

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

I would like to thank all the staff and students for making me feel so welcome at Merbein P-10 College. It was great to have the opportunity to attend the final Term 1 assembly as many students across all year levels were awarded for their terrific work throughout March. I also joined students and staff at the recent ANZAC Day Service where our school leaders did a wonderful job during the march, wreath laying ceremony and service. Congratulations to Emma Hudson and Brandon Kitt who did a wonderful job with their rendition of the National Anthem.

We are looking forward to another busy and rewarding term with staff continuing their focus on building their skills, knowledge and understanding around the teaching of literacy and numeracy as well as continuing to develop our School Wide Positive Behaviours.

Having come into Merbein P-10 College from another setting, it's clear that College staff have high expectations for all students in regards to behaviour and learning which is fantastic. Maintaining these standards is extremely important and can only be achieved in partnership with families. I look forward to building strong relationships with our college community throughout this term and know you will continue to support our staff as they endeavour to provide the best opportunities for your children.



Thank you to the RSL members Rob Vigor and Brian Munro who spoke at our school's ANZAC Ceremony held on Wednesday last week.



ARE YOU A PARENT OF A CHILD AGED 2 TO 12?

The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is conducting research into parents' opinions about parenting and parenting programs. If you have a child between 2 and 12 years, we would love to hear your views on parenting and the services that are available to you as a parent. You will need to complete a short survey. To find out more or to participate please visit

<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parenting>

GENERAL NEWS

MERBEIN ANZAC DAY MARCH REPORT – C.

Blackie

Last Thursday morning Merbein P-10 students represented our school at the Merbein ANZAC Day march and service. The Merbein community has a strong connection to ANZAC and other returned service men and women through its history as a soldier settlement and we are proud that our students continue to honour that legacy. Lest we forget.



PHOTOS: Anzac Day in Sunraysia 2019



Photo above from the Sunraysia Daily

CROSS COUNTRY EVENT – C. Blackie

The Merbein P-10 College Cross Country Event will be held tomorrow, Friday, 3rd May. The Cross Country is an opportunity for students to compete and represent the College, to strive for a 'Personal Best' and enjoy being outdoors and active with friends. Everyone is encouraged to wear their Sports House colours to earn points for their Sports House. Students will participate in normal classes during the morning. The Cross Country Event will begin at 12.00 with the Preps and other age groups will follow. Presentations will be back at school at the conclusion of the races. It is important for all students to attend school. **All**

students received permission notes and they must be returned by Friday morning!

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.



'TEETH ON WHEELS' VISIT – W. Finn

Thank you to 'Teeth on Wheels' who visited our school this week giving students treatment where necessary and providing lots of good healthy advice. They will return in a few weeks' time to complete appointments.

EARN AND LEARN – W. Finn

The school has entered the Woolworths Earn and Learn Offer again this year. If you, or your friends or family shop at Woolworths, please collect and either send the vouchers to school or pop them into the Merbein P-10 box at both stores.

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.

NAPLAN FOR YEARS 3/5/7/9 – R Morgan

The NAPLAN Testing Program will be held at the college starting Tuesday 14th May and concluding Thursday 16th May. Students in Years 3,5,7 and 9 will complete five tests over these three days. The tests will be based around language conventions, writing, reading comprehension. There will also be two maths tests, one where students are permitted to use a calculator and one where students are not permitted to use a calculator.

No one at the school knows the exact content of the tests and they are marked externally. Despite this, teachers have been preparing students, by ensuring the skills likely to be tested are learned.

If any parents wish to withdraw their child from any of the tests they should simply contact their child's Learning Centre Leader or Mr Morgan who will provide a form for parents to sign. If students are not officially withdrawn, then they will be required to sit the testing regime.

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.

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.

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

LOST PROPERTY – H. Collihole

There are lots of school windcheaters piling up in our lost property box. Parents are welcome to come in and take home windcheaters that are unnamed. Please check that your child's school jumpers and hats are clearly named.

CROSS COUNTRY PERMISSION NOTES

A reminder to parents of primary students to return their child's Cross Country permission notes. Families are welcome to come and cheer the students on from 12.00 onward.

AWESOME ART – J. Atkinson

Students from Prep to Year 1 created Spectacular Soldier Silhouettes' in the spirit of ANZAC Day.



YEAR 2-3 MILLEWA PIONEER PARK EXCURSION REPORT – S. Gardiner

Our Year 2-3 students were very excited when they arrived at the Millewa Pioneer Park earlier this week. They explored the many buildings, machinery and items on display, learning about the lifestyle of days gone by. A special thank you to volunteers Glenda and Ruth from the Millewa Community Pioneer Forest & Historical Society Inc. for taking the time to share their knowledge with the students.





BOOK CLUB – H. Collihole

Scholastic Book Club orders close on Thursday 9th May. Online orders are also an option for parents.

CONGRATULATIONS XAVIER PRICE – R. Holy
 Congratulations to Merbein P-10 College student Xavier Price who was selected as a representative from Sunraysia to go through to the next stage of the School Sport Victoria State Basketball Trials. Xavier was one of three boys selected from the Sunraysia Region. He will now participate at the next stage and continue the selection process for the Victorian Primary School State Basketball Team. A fantastic effort. Good luck Xavier!



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

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. **Please check that your child’s Expression of Interest form is returned to school as soon as possible so the co-ordinators can budget for the numbers attending.**

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. Heather 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 Heather. **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.**



JAR DONATIONS – R. Holy

If anyone has some clean empty jars they could donate to the art room by next week they would be greatly appreciated. They can be left in the box near Heather in the green building office. Thank you



PREP SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM FORMS – H.

Collihole

Parents of our Prep students need to return the 'School Nursing Program' forms that were handed out last week.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM (OSHC)

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

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.

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 students have library on Mondays

Year 3 students have library on Tuesdays

Please note the change of Library Days for Years 2 & 3.



YEAR 2-3 PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE REPORT – S.

Gardiner

What a surprise for the Year 2-3 students to walk into their working space and see the Merbein Museum on display. It was a part of this term's Inquiry Unit "Past, Present, Future"! Students were amazed and intrigued at the many items on display and hearing parents and staff reliving parts of their childhoods. Special thank you to Scarlett and Derek's grandparents for allowing their numerous items to be displayed.



For a complimentary valuation on your Home/investment Property or just all things real estate.

Contact Tim Davey

Collie & Tierney First National.

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

SECONDARY NEWS

SCHOOL JUMPERS

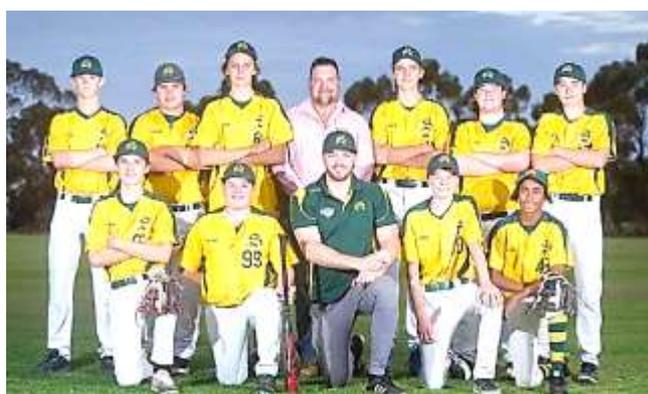
As the weather is cooling down please check that your child has a correct school jumper and that their name is clearly labelled on their school jumpers and jackets. If lost clothing is named it can be returned to the students.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS – J. Williams

Congratulations to our students Ronan Scott, Bailey Edgar and Hayden Chase who are a part of the Sunraysia Baseball Junior Team that will compete in the Under 17s National Championships. What a huge achievement and all the best for your games.



QUIET STUDY/HOMEWORK TIMES IN LIBRARY 1

– L. Palamara

Secondary students will be able to use Room 1 in the Library again this term for quiet study and homework, at lunchtimes. The room will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be supervised by a teacher. Students will also be able to use the computers to assist them with completing their work. Students will not be able to use their phones, nor bring food or drinks to the Library.

ENGLISH NEWS – K. James

Write On – Narrative

Recently our students completed a narrative task based on the mysterious tent in our school yard. The top two narratives from each class were then submitted to our highly dedicated judges to read over the holidays.

Despite the competitive field, our judges have awarded first, second and third for each year level.

Our winners are as follows:

Year 7		Year 8	
1 st	Mikayla Johnson	1 st	Jasmine McDermott
2 nd	Shae Zrna	2 nd	Kate Crouch
3 rd	Lani Mulvihill	3 rd	Ashton McMullan
Year 9		Year 10	
1 st	Elizabeth Mazzini	1 st	Aidan Middleton
2 nd	Eleanor Sands	2 nd	Emma Webb
3 rd	mysterious no name, but we will find out	3 rd	Brandon Kitt

Congratulations to all our winners. You will receive an awesome certificate to put on the fridge at home to brag about your achievements and a Coles/Myer gift certificate.

Well done to all our students. We enjoyed reading your narratives and seeing improvement in your writing.

Next round of the 'Write On' will be persuasive. Some of our students have already started honing their skills of persuasion in class. We've been learning about F.R.I.E.S and M.E.A.T and CC's. Ask your child what these mean.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP SCHOOL REPORT – C.

Blackie

Year 9 students Bailey, Lilli, Amber, Kira and Zac have arrived at the School for Student Leadership and are settling in. While we often call this the 'Alpine School', this year our group will be spending the rest of the Term at the Gnurad-Gundidj Campus at Glenormiston in the Western District. They will be working together with students from across Victoria to build their leadership skills and to bring the benefits of those skills back to our school and community. We hope they keep warm, get along with the cows and make the most of this incredible experience!



MALLEE SPORTS ASSEMBLY 'THIS GIRL CAN SUPPLEMENT'

Zoe Smith is one of our Year 10 students and was published in the Mallee Sports Assembly 'This Girl Can Supplement' to Celebrate our Women and Girls in the Mallee. Zoe has played for Victoria in the Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Titles in WA in April this year. She has been travelling to Melbourne nearly every weekend to trial train and play in preparation. After getting back from WA, Zoe headed off to Thailand to tour with the Australian Girls Youth team for Indoor Volleyball. Zoë participates in local Sunraysia Volleyball, playing A & B Grade in local competition as well as refereeing most competition nights.



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!!!

YEAR 10 NEWS

A reminder that immunisation Forms need to be returned.



COMMUNITY NEWS

SCRIBBLES AND GIGGLES WITH KATE COTCHING

This is a six week program for pre-pre-schoolers and their grown-ups. In this program you will explore ways in which you can connect with your own inner artist while enjoying making art with your child.

These sessions will be run from 17th May until 28th June at 9.30-10.15am at Sunraysia Arts and Learning studio at 198 Third St Merbein. Cost is \$165. For enquires email

enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au

ART CLUB

This art club for kids aged 5-10. Using Art to communicate and connect with others. Sessions start Friday 10th May and run for eight weeks from 4-5pm at the Merbein studio at 198 Third St Merbein.

Cost is \$220. For enquires email

enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au

AFL JUNIOR GIRLS COMP 2019

For young women aged 12-15. Coached by Jason Wilkie, players wanted, training has commenced at Gol Gol Oval Carramar Drive Buronga NSW.

Registration held May 6th at the GGFNC from 5.30pm. AFL Junior Girls competition commences on 13th May at the South Mildura Oval. Contact Barb Budd for further information on 0427248791.

MERBEIN BUSH PLAYGROUP – MERBEIN COMMON

Held at the Merbein Common on Tuesdays from 9.30-11am. Provides parents and children the opportunity to run, jump explore and learn in a natural bush setting no matter the weather. Call Claire and Ofa for more information 0437077689. Transport is available.