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## NEWSLETTER 2019 Thursday, 9 May

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### MAY

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

Mothers Day

**14th-16th**

NAPLAN Testing

**17th Friday**

-6 Weekly Student Reports sent home

-Yr 2-6 Family Evening notes to be returned

**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**

**24th Friday**

Yr P-6 Kaboom Day Tabloid Sports

**29th Wednesday**

Yr 6 GRIP Leadership Conference

#### JUNE

**10th Monday**

**Queen's Birthday Public Holiday**

**18th Tuesday**

Pri The Barber of Seville performance

**19th Wednesday**

Pri Eisteddfod Performance 10am

**24th Monday**

Student Reports sent home

**26th Wednesday**

**Pri Parent/Teacher Interviews**

**28th Friday**

Last day of Term 2

Earlier Dismissal time of 2.30pm

#### JULY

**31st July – 2nd August**

-Yr 3-4 Ballarat Camp

#### AUGUST

**2nd Friday**

-Yr 3-4 Ballarat Camp Returns

**5th-9th**

Yr 4-6 Swimming Program

**12-16th**

Yr P-1 Swimming Program

## ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Chris Grimmer

### STUDENT FREE DAY

At our recent School Council meeting, a student free day was approved for Wednesday May 22nd. We have organised a presenter from the Mathematics Association Victoria to continue the work with staff around a best practice approach to teaching maths in our primary classes. Secondary staff will be involved in team professional learning and data analysis. There will be no school for students on this day.

### REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REVIEW AT MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE

At our last School Council meeting, the Environmental Sub-committee discussed the concerns for the safety of our students and staff along the front of the school. Currently there are no bollards or railing to prevent cars going onto the footpath or crashing through the front fence and into the school grounds. As a result, contact has been made with the Rural City Council to request a traffic management review at the College. We are asking council to consider railing along the bend at the front of the school as well as alterations to the parking area at the front of the school on Commercial Street: Installation of bollards (to protect pedestrians using the path) Sealing of parking area Angle parking and kerbing

### SHADE SAILS AND NEW TABLES

The shade sails that have been organised near the hardcourt area of the school will be fitted during the Term 2 holiday break to reduce the impact on students during recess and lunch breaks and to enable the concrete to cure fully before the sails are fitted. Mr Morgan has also ordered several new outdoor tables and chairs to provide students with more options to sit and relax during breaks. We are hoping they will arrive very shortly and can be placed out in the yard for students to utilise.

# GENERAL NEWS

## MERBEIN P-10 CROSS COUNTRY EVENT RESULTS

- B. Holy

Our Cross Country was held last Friday the 3rd May and it was a beautiful sunny day.

Well done to all the students who participated on the day and earnt points for their teams.

It was fantastic to see so many parents and families come along to support the participants. Thank you also to the Lions Club for providing us with sausages and to all the staff who helped run the event.

Congratulations to Cowra the winning Sports House Team.

<b>1st Place</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>
Cowra 1525	Kulnene 1493	Yelta 1379

Below are the results from the day.

<b>5/6 Years</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
<b>1st</b>	Braxtyn Hawkins	Hazel Saleta
<b>2nd</b>	Jurell Goodhew	Lahkiah Robinson
<b>3rd</b>	Kaleb Nash	Hayley McGillivray
<b>7 Years</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
<b>1st</b>	Chase Kost	Millie Crouch
<b>2nd</b>	Jackson Szombathy	Miley Mackay
<b>3rd</b>	Isaac Darby	Lacey Higgins
<b>8 Years</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
<b>1st</b>	Chase Faux	Scarlett Quinlivan
<b>2nd</b>	Derek Gardiner	Claire Nokes
<b>3rd</b>	Zac Moore	Chloe Page
<b>9 Years</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
<b>1st</b>	Carter Price	Ashana Sleader
<b>2nd</b>	Heath Mackay	Eleanor Saleta
<b>3rd</b>	Max Kassulke	Kenzie Arnold
<b>10 Years</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
<b>1st</b>	Oscar Vidler	Taya Battin-Fredrickson
<b>2nd</b>	Josh Driscoll	Chloe Moore
<b>3rd</b>	J.D Hawkins	Ella Page
<b>11 Years</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
<b>1st</b>	Daniel Szombathy	Zoe Willison
<b>2nd</b>	Mason Knight	Sapphire Dodds
<b>3rd</b>	Wiley Dixon	Kira Teasdale
<b>12+ Years</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
<b>1st</b>	Xavier Price	Tasharni Quinlivan
<b>2nd</b>	Nate Leggett	Breeanna Parker
<b>3rd</b>	Will Martin	Ikaya Robinson

<b>13&amp;Under Years</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
<b>1st</b>	Ethan Dwyer	Summer Roberts
<b>2nd</b>	Atreyu Cochrane	Tess Liddicoat
<b>3rd</b>	Caden Hanstock	Tayla Brown
<b>14 Years</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
<b>1st</b>	Seth Colling	Shayde Szombathy
<b>2nd</b>	Lleyton Pain	Morna Naquto
<b>3rd</b>	Jeremiah Ross	Erin Curtis
<b>15 Years</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
<b>1st</b>	Kayne Versteeg	Erin Garraway
<b>2nd</b>	Sam Pratt	Shavonne Emanuelli
<b>3rd</b>	Angus Garraway	Nikea Champion
<b>17 Years</b>	<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
<b>1st</b>	Cain Berryman	Emma Hudson
<b>2nd</b>	Leo Kisombola	Darcy Liddicoat
<b>3rd</b>	Aldray Hill	Sarah Chapman



## **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.

**Secondary students - For each test, students will need to bring a 2B or HB pencil, sharpener, eraser and a bottle of water. Students will also need to bring a calculator for the Maths test on Thursday.**

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.

## **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.

## **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



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## **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.

## **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](mailto:Giddings.beth.l@edumail.vic.gov.au) or [merbein.p10@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto: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.

## **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.

## EARN AND LEARN – W. Finn

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



## PRIMARY NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS AYVA KELLY, NATIONAL FINALIST FOR 'SAY NO TO BULLYING' POSTER – J. Atkinson

Last term, all students from Year P-6 participated in a national competition to "Say No to Bullying", in which they had to design a poster that demonstrates kindness and how to lend a hand!

Ayva Kelly from 4/5A has been selected as one of forty finalists across the country in Interrelate's "Say No to Bullying" Poster Competition for Australian Primary Schools.

Ayva and her parents have been invited to attend the Awards Ceremony at Government House in Sydney on Friday, 21st June 2019 where she will find out if her poster is the official winner. Merbein P-10 College community congratulates Ayva on her outstanding efforts and we wish Ayva all the very best.



## WALK WENTWORTH SING 2019 PERFORMANCE

The Performance Day will be held Sunday 19th May at the Wentworth Town Hall.

Entry is by donation. The day's performances begins at midday finishing with the Big Sing Performance from 5-6pm. All welcome. For more information contact Catherine with any questions on 0420939229 or [enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au](mailto:enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au)

### SYDNEY ROYAL SUCCESS

Congratulations to Zhoë Willison, of Year 6, who competed at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, with her two ponies Hamlot Park Holy's Silk (Holy) and Barindale Pirouette (Smartie).

To compete at the Royal Show, Zhoë had to qualify her ponies by winning a minimum of six first places on each individual horse, at Agricultural Shows across Australia, within the calendar year.

The competition showcases the best horses in the country and Zhoë did an exceptional job, finishing with two firsts, a second and four thirds.



### 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.



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## YEAR 2-3 INQUIRY UNIT – DONATIONS NEEDED –

W. Finn

The Year 2-3 Unit will need lots of boxes and cylinders of all sizes for our Inquiry Unit next week. Please send donations along to the 2-3 end of the Green Learning Centre.

## DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY EVENT REPORT – B.

Holy

Congratulations to the 30 students who were chosen to compete at the Primary Division Cross Country on Tuesday. It was a very tough race and you all did amazing.

We were lucky enough to have 6 students finish in the top 12 positions and they will be going on to St. Arnaud on the 4<sup>th</sup> June. Special congratulations to Tasharni Quinlivan who came 3rd in the 12 year old girls event. This is an amazing effort.

9/10 Boys	Carter Price	8th
	Heath Mackay	12th
	Max Kassulke	23rd
	Josh Driscoll	24th
	Oscar Vidler	45th
9/10 Girls	Chloe Moore	12th
	Emjae Chambers	26th
	Ella Page	35th
	Taya Battin- Fredrickson	41st
	Ashana Sleader	45th
11 Year old Boys	Daniel Szombathy	6th
	Mason Knight	17th
	Lucas Crabtree	35th
	Wiley Dixon	46th
	Maxie Brown	48th
11 Girls	Sapphire Dodds	12th
	Zoe Willison	13th
	Kira Teasdale	16th
	Kira Page	30th
	Ayva Kelly	37th
12 Boys	Xavier Price	6th
	Nate Leggett	13th
	Billy Millard	37th
	Will Martin	44th
	Mason Arnold	46th
12 Girls	Tasharni Quinlivan	3rd
	Breeanna Parker	4th
	Ikaya Robinson	30th
	Gladys Kirby	31st
	Imogen Wisneske	DNF

Congratulations Tash



## YEAR 2-3 NEWS – W. Finn

The Year 2-3 students had a visit from a 1920's car. We compared the differences in cars from then to now. We loved looking at the interesting body parts of the vintage car, especially the wooden rims on the wheels. Thanks to Gerry East for bringing this classic treasure to our college.



## 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.**



## YEAR 2-6 YOUNG AUTHORS IN ACTION FAMILY

### EVENING – S. Gardiner

Our Year 2-6 students and their families are invited to a Young Authors in Action Family Evening on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May from 6.15-7.15pm, held in the Orange Learning Centre Building.

The aim of the session is to assist families to learn how students can improve their writing and discover ways to support their child at home.

Information notes went home with each child last week. There was a return note at the bottom indicating how many family members will be attending. **Please check that your child's note has been returned to school before Friday 17th May.**

## YEAR 3-4 BALLARAT CAMP – ‘EXPRESSION OF INTEREST’ FORM – W. Finn

The Year 3-4 Ballarat Camp will be held from 31<sup>st</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

## 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.



## 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.

## 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.**



## SECONDARY NEWS

### 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.

**REGIONAL SPORTS WINNERS** – R. Morgan  
Congratulations to the Year 7-8 Boys Baseball Team and the Year 9-10 Volleyball Girls Team. These two teams played against schools from Bendigo and Swan Hill. Both teams were undefeated for the day and now progress to the State Finals later in the year.



#### **YEAR 10 SHARE MARKET GAME REPORT** – W. Dawson

The Annual Year 10 Share-Market Game, which is played in our Humanities classes has come to an end. The aim of the game is to help students learn about investment options and the long term benefit of investment in the share-market. Fifty teams were entered in either groups or individually and students had \$50,000 to invest over the eight week game. The final winner was "Dreamer" (Abbey Bobos 10C) with \$54,422.59. In 2nd Place was "Hman" (Mr.H) \$54,379 and in 3rd Place "Big Red" (Mr Cormick) with \$54,000. "Wrinkles" and "Two Young Girls" rounded out the top five. Nineteen teams finished with more than \$50,000.

First prize is lunch in Mildura at a place of the winner's choice with their Humanities teacher. Congratulations Abbey!

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **SPRAY DEODORANT** – C. Blackie

Spray deodorant is not permitted at school. This is a health and safety requirement. Only roll-on deodorant is acceptable for use at school. If students are found using spray deodorant, it will be confiscated and will need to be collected by a parent or carer.

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **SCRIBBLES AND GIGGLES WITH KATE COTCHING**

This is a six week program for pre-pre-schoolers and their grown-ups. Enjoy 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](mailto:enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au)

#### **ART CLUB**

This art club is for kids aged 5-10. Sessions start 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](mailto:enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au)

#### **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.

## **MILDURA MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC**

If you're looking for something to do on Mother's Day come down to Nowingi Place at 8.30am and take a stroll with the family or go for a run. Afterwards you can visit the food vans and have a yummy breakfast. It's a great morning to spend with loved ones whilst raising awareness and funds to fight against breast cancer.