

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**MAY**

**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**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>**

Yr 4-10 - Attitude to School Survey

**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**

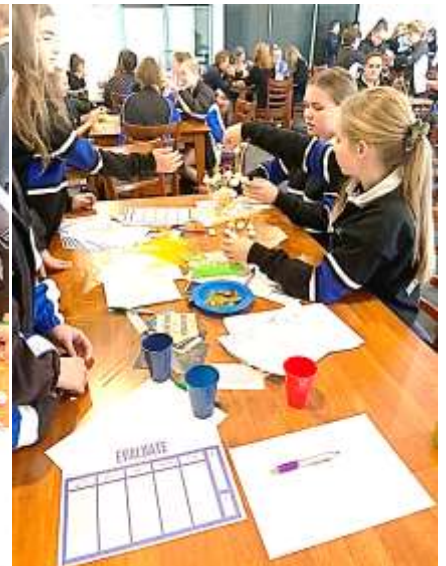
Yr P-1 Swimming Program

**19th-23rd**

Yr 2-3 Swimming Program

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP REPORT** – J. Williams

Thank you to the Frank Team and Mildura Youth Services for Monday's Youth Leadership Workshop. The kids learnt a vast range of leadership skills ready to be implemented back at school in their roles as Student Representative Council (SRC) members and House Captains.



# GENERAL NEWS

## 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 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.



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# PRIMARY NEWS

## YEAR 3-4 BALLARAT CAMP – W. Finn

The Year 3-4 Ballarat Camp will be held from 31st July – 2nd August. The final cost of the camp is yet to be confirmed. We have been sourcing some donations to lessen the cost of the camp to approximately \$300 per student, we are waiting to hear confirmation.

**A Ballarat Camp information notice has been sent home with all Year 3-4 students advising families of a \$50 deposit that is required to be paid before the end of May.**

The total cost of the camp is expected to be paid by the end of this term.

### YEAR 2-3 LITERACY EXCURSION – W. Finn

The Year 2-3 students are looking at 'Letter Writing' as their next text type. We have organised with our lovely local post office workers to visit in two weeks, on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May. A permission note will be sent home. There is no cost for this excursion.

### EARLY NOTICE EISTEDDFOD PERFORMANCES –

W. Finn

The Primary Eisteddfod School Dance Performances will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June this year, beginning at 10am.

All our Year P-3 students will be participating. The Year P-2 students will be in the first section and the Year 3 students will be in the second section.

The Year 4-6 students have been given the choice to participate this year and those choosing to perform will be in either the second or third section. We will know closer to the date. It is hard to know the exact times as the sections follow each other and times can change. Teachers will be sending home permission notices closer to the date with more information including costumes, hair, etc.

### 2020 PREP INFORMATION NIGHT FOR KINDER

PARENTS – W. Finn

Kinder parents with children starting school in 2020 are invited to our Prep Information Night to be held Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May from 6–7pm in the Green Learning Centre. This information has been sent to the Merbein Kindergarten. If you aware of anyone else who might like to attend, please pass this invitation on.

### WENTWORTH BIG SING 2019 PERFORMANCE –

W. Finn

The Performance Day will be held Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at the Wentworth Town Hall. **All our Year 2-3**

**students will be taking part and any other students from Year 1-6 who have learnt the songs with James are welcome to participate also.**

Parents are required to transport their child to and from the event and to supervise during the event. If parents could take other Year 2-3 students as well that would be great. This is a fun informal opportunity to be part of a fantastic musical experience singing alongside kids from other schools and adults from community choirs. Please make the time to bring your child along! **Students performing need to meet at the town hall no later than 4.45pm ready for the 'Big Sing' at 5pm.**

### HEAD LICE – H. Collihole

Head lice have been detected in the Prep-1 end of the Green Learning Centre. Please be vigilant and check your child's hair on a regular basis.

If head lice or eggs are found, please treat the hair with commercial products or a proven natural remedy.

### 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.



**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](mailto:tdavey@collieandtierney.com.au).**

### YEAR P-1 SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) PROGRAM REPORT

– S. Gardiner

During STEM the Year P-1 students have been learning to identify and explore digital systems by using applications on the iPads to mark-up photos and create collages. They have used colour as a theme to make a collage using "PicCollage" and dressed up a naked crayon using the mark-up tools available in iPhoto. They followed and represented a sequence of steps and decisions (algorithms) to colour, cut, paste and pin a crayon of their own design. The end result looks amazing!



### 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.**



### CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN AYVA! – B. Holy

Check out today's Sunraysia Daily! Ayva is featured in an article about her anti-bullying poster finalist place. Congratulations again Ayva!



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.**

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

### INTERMEDIATE GIRLS SOCCER REPORT – J.

Donnelly

The Intermediate Girls Soccer won the day, undefeated at the District Interschool Sports last Friday. Game one was played against Trinity Lutheran College. The score was a 2-nil win. They then played St Joseph's College with a winning score of 4-nil. In the Semi Final, they played Irymple Secondary College and won with a score of 3-1. The final came close with a goal scorer in the last five minutes to secure the day and a spot in the Regional Finals.



### FREEZA ART COMPETITION – D. Watson

The Freeza Art Competition entry is open for 2019. Any students who are aspiring artists and would like the chance to win \$100 can enter. The conditions of entry are on the back of the application form available from the school front office. The closing date is the 29th July 2019. Successful works will be displayed in an Exhibition at the Mildura Visitors Centre, next to the Waves.

## 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.

## 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.

## SCHOOL FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP UPDATE – C. Blackie

It's been a big first two weeks for our students at the School for Student Leadership Gnurad Gundidj Campus. It's worth a few encounters with leeches to experience these incredible Great Ocean Walk views!



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## 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.



## GATEWAY HEALTH – VICTOIRAN FREE POSITIVE PARENTING TELEPHONE SERVICE

This is a FREE telephone based parenting education program is for parents, grandparents caring for their grandchildren and carers of children aged 2 to 12 years, living in Victoria. Our aim is to increase access for all families including fathers, grandparents, kinship carers and rural families. Participants will be provided with a workbook or online modules and will be supported by weekly 30 minute phone calls from a trained Parent Educator over a 6 to 10 week period. Appointments are available daytime and evenings. This service is funded by The Department of Health and Human Services. For more information phone 1800 880 660 or email [ppts@gatewayhealth.org.au](mailto:ppts@gatewayhealth.org.au) or visit [www.gatewayhealth.org.au](http://www.gatewayhealth.org.au)