PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

PRIMARY FAMILY SOCIAL EVENING REPORT

Congratulations to Wendy Finn and all the staff and students involved in the STOMP Program last week. Thank you to the many families who came along to support and watch the Grade P-6 students perform their dances at last Friday’s Open Night/Performance. Feedback was very positive. The students obviously enjoyed themselves immensely throughout the week and it was pleasing to see parents and family coming along in large numbers to see them perform.

2015 TERM DATES

Term 2: 13th April to 26th June
Term 3: 13th July to 18th September
Term 4: 5th October to 18th December

MERBEIN P-10 FACEBOOK PAGE

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

www.facebook.com/merbeinp10collegepar entsclub

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Reminder that the newsletter is uploaded to the school’s website each week - merbeinp10.vic.edu.au.

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

BSB - 063 714
Bank Acc Number – 10060535
Account Name - Merbein P-10 College
Official Account.

UNIFORM SHOP

Open Tuesday 8.30 – 10.00am
Open Thursday 2.00 – 4.00pm
If these times do not suit, please ring the school to make other arrangements.

STUDENT DENTAL SERVICE

13th St and Deakin Ave Mildura
Phone 50210944.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is away from school, please send a note or email the following address:
Collihole.heather.h@edumail.vic.gov.au
GIOVANNA’S MORNING TEA
Yesterday the staff held a morning tea to raise funds for ‘Giovanna’s Gift’ Charity.
Giovanna Ienco was a student at Merbein P-10 College when sadly, Giovanna passed away from Ovarian Cancer a few years ago. Over $300 was raised from the morning tea. A very big thankyou to Jess Williams for organising the event and for all the staff who supported it.

PARENTS’ CLUB EASTER RAFFLE
Parents’ Club are asking every family in the school to send along a donation of ‘Easter Goodies’ for the Whole School Easter Raffle. Raffle ticket books will go home to every family next week.

MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE BREAKFAST PROGRAM
The Program is being financially supported by the Merbein & District Community Bank & Merbein Development Association as well as Board & Staff of the Merbein & District Community Bank, Merbein Development Association & the Merbein Lions Club through volunteers.

The breakfast program is now being held in the 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 day’s learning.

UNIFORM - NEW SPORTS POLO
There is a new Sports Polo Uniform now available from the Uniform Shop. It has a royal blue body with white side inserts and they are priced at $28.00 each. The old style polo is still suitable for students to wear. We have some stock of the old style available for sale at $15.00 each. The sizes available are 10, 12, L, XL, 2 xl, 3xl, 4xl, 5xl and 6xl. We also have new Microfibre shorts available for PE at $15.00 each. Some stock left in the Mesh shorts for $8.

MERBEIN COMMUNITY BANK SCHOOL STUDENT BANKING PROGRAM
The weekly Merbein Community Bank – Bendigo Bank School Student Banking Program has commenced. If you wish to participate in this program, please send your child’s banking passbook to the Green Building Office every Thursday and the Bank will collect them, process and drop them back to the school before the end of the school day.

EMAIL ADDRESSES
The school prefers to send the weekly newsletter and other important information home via email as this is the most reliable method. Please send your email address to: giddings.beth.l@edumail.vic.gov.au asking for the newsletter to be emailed to you.

Please note that those few students in Years 8/9/10 who still require a hardcopy of the newsletter, will need to collect their newsletter from the main office at the finish of their last class at the end of the day each Thursday.

MERBEIN P-10 PARENTS’ CLUB AGM REPORT
The Merbein P-10 Parents’ Club held their 2015 AGM last week. The new President for 2015 is Shelley Stone. The secretary is Trudy Jowett and Treasurer is Kristin Kirkpatrick. Congratulations! Cherie Hocking and Michelle Nokes both stood down as President. Kelly McConnell stood down as secretary for the year to pursue other ventures but they will still be involved within the PC committee. The next Parents’ Club meeting will be held Thursday, 26th February at 2pm in the Orange Building and all parents are invited to come along. Don’t forget to visit our public page www.facebook.com/merbeinp10collegeparentsclub

PRIMARY NEWS

STOMP REPORT
What a fantastic turnout for our very first social event of the year. The Grade P-6 students performing their STOMP dances enthusiastically and professionally after only five lessons. We are very proud of them. It was an extremely warm evening for a picnic but it was great to see so many families sharing a meal together. We were very pleased with the huge turnout to the performance. Thankyou to all who came and thanks once again to the Parents’ Club for sponsoring the event.
DONATION ITEMS FOR ART
If you have cling wrap or Alfoil cardboard rolls Mrs Atkinson would love them. We will be using them in art soon for some Easter activities.
MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
Cheryll Hodge is our school's OSHC coordinator and can be contacted on 0428 258035 if you have any queries.

GREEN NEWS – Grade 2-3 Beetles & Grade P-1 Bugs
Partners In Print – The school is hosting a 'Partners in Print' Program for Grade P-1 students and their parents at our college on Tuesday, 10th March and Thursday, 19th March. A flyer went home this week to the Grade P-1 families. The program will be presented by the authors of this successful program. The program gives parents opportunities to try different literacy activities at school with their child so that they have a better understanding of to support their child's learning with activities at home. It is lots of fun. The evening will start at 5.45pm and finish at 7.00pm. More information will follow but please keep the dates free. It is a wonderful opportunity to share with your child.
School Nurse Forms – There are still some outstanding so please return these as soon as possible.
Brain Gym – Students begin their Brain Gym at 8.55am every morning in the Bugs End of the Green Building. Please encourage your child to be independent by having them sort their diary, books, word rings and drink bottle by themselves in the mornings. Word rings can be read by the teachers before school.
GRADE 5/6 ART REPORT
Grade 5/6 students have been introduced to the Artist, Andy Warhol's 'Pop Art'. Over the next few weeks they will be experimenting with images and colour. They have been working with vibrant colours and producing their own 'Pop Art'.
GRADE P-3 AWARDS WINNERS LAST WEEK
Zhoe Willison  Demi Stone  Alana Teasdale  Liam Gardiner  Tyler Hawkes  Taya Battin  Sharla Arnold  Emily Wilkinson-Reynolds  Jayden Doherty  Sapphire Dodds  Jake Ball  Khye Davis-Pratt  Tasharni Quinlivan  Max Kassulke  Jonathon Powell

SECONDARY NEWS

PHOTO BELOW FROM THE INTERSCHOOL SWIM SPORTS YESTERDAY
Congratulations to all our swimmers. Merbein P10 College came in, overall 3rd Place at yesterday’s Interschool Swim Sports.

MERBEIN ANZAC DAY CEREMONY
An organiser of Merbein’s ANZAC Day Parade and Ceremony, Tom Storer has asked the school for 2 - 4 students who have had a relative that served in either WW1 or WW2 who would like to speak at this year’s service.
Tom has offered to help with research and our English and Humanities staff will help students prepare a short speech.
If your child is interested please ask them to see Mr Hankinson or Mrs McPhee at school.

YEAR 10 INFORMATION
The school website contains a Year 10 page with links to information including the Graduation Policy and Transition Key Dates. If you have any queries about either of these events please refer to the Year 10 page or contact Mr Dreyer by phone or email.

YEAR 7 CAMP UPDATE
We have heard from the happy campers this week. All is well and going to plan and the Year 7 campers will get back to school ready to be collected at 4pm tomorrow afternoon.

SNOW TRIP
There are still approximately ten places left on the Snow Trip. Numbers will be finalised in the coming weeks at which point we will begin having regular meetings and sending information and medical forms home. A reminder that all outstanding camp fees need to be paid for students to attend the Snow Trip.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TENNIS COACHING
Blayk Rhodes Tennis Academy coaching clinic will be held on 8th March at Kenny Park, Merbein. Half hour sessions from 8.30-10.30am. Cost is free for members, $10 for non-members. To register email kennyparktennisclub@gmail.com or text 0437418418.
Registration close 5pm on 6th March.

MILDURA EISTEDDFOD
Held from 4th-22nd June 2015. Entries are now open. Entries close 21st March 2015. Enter online through the website http://milduraeisteddfod.org/ or Mildura Eisteddfod Facebook Page. For more information contact Michele McGauchie mobile: 0429 481 898 or Email: milduraeisteddfod@gmail.com.
MILDURA WENTWORTH ARTS FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS

Mudra's Bollywood Dance Workshops
5th March: 5-6pm & 7th March: 11am-12midday
Sunraysia Mallee Ethic Communities Council (SMECC), 38-40 Madden Avenue, Mildura

Children's Art Class at Artback
7th March: 10.30am-12.00midday at the Artback Gallery & Cafe, 6-8 Adelaide Street, Wentworth, with Steve and Anne Hederics.

Printmaking Workshop
7th March: 11am-4pm. Riverbank Press, Wentworth

Know Your Mediums
8th March – 10am-4pm at the Artback Gallery and Cafe, 83-89 Wentworth Street, Wentworth.

Writers Victoria Storytelling Masterclass with Duncan Graham
14th March: 10am – 4pm at the Mildura Brewery Theatre Club, 20 Langtree Avenue, Mildura

Ukulele Workshop with AJ Leonard and Jenny Rowlands
14th March: 1-2.30pm at a venue to be confirmed. For booking information visit www.artsmildura.com.au.

AUSKICK MERBEIN 2015 SEASON START
Auskick Merbein training will commence May 5th at 4.30pm, Kenny Park Merbein.
Boys and girls are welcome to come along.
Training/game days will alternate between Tuesday at 4.30pm and Sunday at 10am to give parents an option. A schedule of dates is available upon request and at the training sessions.
For further information contact the Merbein Coordinator Brad Martin on 0418 136 432.

MERBEIN GOLF CLUB JUNIOR CLINIC
Would you like to learn how to play golf. Register for the Merbein Golf Club Junior Clinic.
355 McEdward Street, Cabarita
Dates: March 1st, 8th, 15th and 21st from 9.30-11am
March 22nd - Merbein Junior Clinic Competition
Boys and Girls from Grade 3 – Year 8 are eligible.
Cost $15 includes entry into Competition and Sausage sizzle after each clinic.
For more information contact the Club via Facebook, email royal.merbein@gmail.com or Secretary Melinda Binding on 0447 790 949.

OUTDOOR BIG SCREEN 9-12th MARCH
Bring a blanket or a chair to watch the Outdoor Big Screen at the Homestead Lawns on the following nights beginning at 8.30pm for $2 per person.
9th March - The Water Diviner plus The Spirit of Anzac
11th March – The Man from Coxs River plus The Spirit of Anzac.
12th March – They're a Weird Mob plus The Spirit of Anzac.