50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MERBEIN HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

On Thursday, 11th June the school was pleased to welcome some past students and members of the Merbein and District Historical Society. The purpose of the visit was to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Historical Official Opening of the Merbein Secondary new buildings.

One of the original School Council members, Mr Max Whiting who was present on 11th June 1965, shared with us a unique insight into the ceremony and some of the challenges encountered in the early days. Max also had a copy of the actual program that was handed out to people present on that day, which included the names of the dignitaries present.

A very big thankyou for the tasty morning tea that was provided courtesy of our school canteen and thankyou also for the coffees that were made on the spot by our FLO Program staff and students.

Thankyou to the following Year 10 students, Jessica Barko, Shannon Stevens, Ahlise Hurst, Sarah Ferguson, Taylah Morrish and Nikita Arbuckle who welcomed our visitors and took them on a tour of the school.

It was a valuable opportunity for our current student leaders to learn more about an important part of our community’s history. I would also take the opportunity to acknowledge the significant and important work that the Merbein District Historical Society does to ensure our history and heritage is preserved for future generations.
STUDENT REPORTS
Next Thursday, 25th June every student will be given a copy of their Semester Reports to take home. If parents would like a copy mailed to them, please contact the general office with the request.

IMPORTANT DATES

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RECIPEs NEEDED
If you have a great recipe to share, please send it to our Parents’ Club to be printed in our new Merbein P10 College Recipe Book. Email your recipe to parent@merbeinp10.vic.edu.au.

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 each Thursday.

NEW VICTORIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (DET) SCHOOLMATE APP
Victoria’s Department of Education and Training has released a new app that is designed to help parents become more engaged in their child’s education.

SchoolMate provides parents with a roadmap to help aid their child’s learning at home and at school. It:
- Shows parents what their children are learning in each subject, at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides parents with tips for helping their child in the best way possible
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

SchoolMate was created by the Department with input from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority and Victoria’s professional teaching associations.

We encourage you to visit the App Store or Google Play and download SchoolMate today. The Department will begin updating SchoolMate soon, so please let us know if you have any feedback you would like us to share with them, or you can email the SchoolMate team directly at online.comms.unit@edumail.vic.gov.au

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
The Victorian Government has introduced the CSEF to ensure that all students have access to camps, sports and excursions.

To be eligible to apply for this allowance you must hold a valid means-tested concession card (such as Health Care or Pension card) or be a temporary foster parent. The allowance will be paid directly to school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for your child. The annual CSEF amount will be $125 for Primary students and $225 for Secondary students. If you wish to apply for the allowance, please fill in an application form (available at the school office) by 26 June, 2015.

CSEF Applications are due by 26 June – no late applications can be accepted.

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

MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE BREAKFAST PROGRAM
The Breakfast program is being financially supported by the Merbein & District Community Bank & Merbein Development Association. The following organisations also provide volunteers to assist with the program – Merbein P10 College Parents’ Club, the Board & Staff of the Merbein & District Community Bank, Merbein Development Association, Merbein Lions Club and Merbein Rotary.

The breakfast program is 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.

PRIMARY NEWS

CHANGES TO CANTEEN MENU- TERM 3
There will be a few changes to the Canteen Menu, commencing from the start of Term 3. Meal Deals will be available on Monday and Fridays only for the Primary Students and some items will have a small price increase.

A copy of the menu will be attached to next week’s newsletter.

LOST PROPERTY
Please check the lost property at the office in the Green Building. The nameless items are mounting up.

LAST DAY OF TERM
Reminder that students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 2.30pm next Friday, 26th June.

PREP PRACTICE
Kinder Visit will be held next term on Monday 3rd August from 9-11am. Please mark your calendars. More information will go home soon.
PHOTOS BELOW OF THE PRIMARY DANCE GROUPS FOR THE MILDURA EISTEDDFOD
EISTEDDFOD RESULTS

We were so proud of our Primary Students who performed in the School Dance Section of the Mildura Eisteddfod last Friday. They looked fantastic in their costumes and face paint. A huge thank you to Mrs Gratton and her drama students, as well as many parents, who helped decorate faces. They looked amazing. The dance routines were terrific and the audience really loved their performances. Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who came to support us.

Congratulations to the Year 2 Butterflies Dance Group who performed to Que Sera and came 1st Place in the Grade P–2 section against eight other competitors.

We were very proud of them all. Sarah, our STOMP Dance Teacher was rapt when she heard how well they all had done.

The adjudicator’s remarks were as follows:

**Butterflies Dance** – Score of 76. Great Costume, Great choice of music. Very cool choreography well executed. Keep working as a team for more unison. Enjoyable performance. Keep working together for the bow and exit off stage also.

**Ladybirds Dance** – Score of 70. Great song choice, cool costumes. Be sure to listen to your music carefully. Keep working for more unison together. Very enthusiastic finishing section. Keep working together for the bow and exit off stage also. Enjoyable performance.
Bees Dance – Score of 70. Well-spaced opening. Great costume and fantastic makeup. Keep working as a team for more unison together, using the same arm at the same time. Enjoyable performance. Keep working together for the bow and exit off stage also.

Green Team Dance – Score of 70. Great choice of music. Listen carefully to your music for unison. Well executed choreography in the Lion King Section. Keep working for more pattern and line work for more secure performance. Take more care with the placement of being together or apart. Work for a bow and clear exit from the stage or request curtain down to complete this performance.

Orange Team Dance – Score of 70. Fantastic makeup and great costumes. Keep working in unison, be sure you are on the same leg at the same time. Good choice of music and choreography for this age group. Keep working for more pattern work and line for more secure performance. A curtain drop at the beginning and end would assist this performance. Well Done.

BOOK CLUB
Orders have been closed for this term.

MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
Cheryl Hodge is our school’s OSHC coordinator and can be contacted on 0428 258035 if you have any queries. Reminder that OSHC finishes at the earlier time of 5pm next Friday 26th June.

MERBEIN COMMUNITY BANK SCHOOL STUDENT BANKING PROGRAM
If you wish your child to participate in this program, send your child’s bank book along to the Green Building Office every Thursday morning. The Bank will collect and process your child’s banking and then drop your child’s bank book back to the school before the end of the school day.

LIBRARY BOOKS
Please check all Library books have been returned before the holidays.

ART REPORT
Grade P-2 students have been creative with vegetables in Art class this week. Making Vegetable Sculptures. Photos below.

LAST WEEK’S GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to the following Grade P-3 Award Winners.
Ireana Nemtsas, Ashley Araipu, Jarleal Wightman, Matilda Smith, Marcus Ashmore, Jerri Liddicoat, Craig Ball, Chris Bizimana, William Tarrant, Wiley Dixon, Tyler Hawkes, Daniel Szombathy and Mia Brewer.
SECONDARY NEWS

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END OF SEMESTER
This term is eleven weeks long. At the end of this week all students in Years 7–10 will change their Elective and Arts/Technology Subjects. All students in Years 8–10 selected Elective Subjects at the end of last year. These students will have an opportunity to modify their selections before the end of term, depending on availability and compliance with our electives selection criteria. If students wish to look at changing electives, they have the opportunity to do this at recess and lunchtimes.

Tomorrow, Friday, 19th June is the last opportunity to submit overdue work for Semester 1.
Teachers are making every effort to remind students of their responsibilities to complete and submit work so that they can improve in their learning and satisfy the requirements of each individual course.

UNIFORM
Parents please ensure your child has the appropriate uniform elements to wear so they comply with the school’s uniform requirements. If the regular opening times of Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon are too difficult to access, please call the school office to arrange a time to access the Uniform Shop during normal school office hours.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the last day of this term and wish you all the very best for your final exam preparations.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**HEADSPACE MILDURA - AGES 12 - 25**

Mildura Headspace Centre is situated in the Cottey's building, 2/125 Pine Ave, Mildura.

The June monthly theme is based around substance use. Alcohol and other drugs, especially combined with mental health issues, can be tough for a young person to handle. If you know someone between 12 and 25 years old, who could use some support, contact Headspace Mildura.

**Information Session for Community – 17th June**

An information session for parents/carers/family and community members in regards to 'Same Sex Attracted, Transgender and Gender Diverse SSATGD' youth and mental health will be held at the Mildura Working Man's Club beginning at 7pm on Wednesday, 17th June. To register your interest contact Kerry Knight on 5022 3537 or email knightkerry@ramsayhealth.com.au by 12th June.

Feedback forms will soon be sent to schools. Opinions from people aged 12-25 years old are sort. Prizes will be on offer for those that take part.

Check out the Headspace Facebook Page. For more information contact Mitch Rodd via email on Mitch.Rodd@headspacemildura.com.au or phone 5021 2400.

**MILDURA FREEZA**

Mildura FReeZA Committee are asking local artists under the age of 25 years to nominate for Battle of the Bands Competition to be held at Mildura Senior College on Friday, 7th August.

The competition showcases young musicians from around Victoria. It is open to any style of music, including bands, soloists, duos, hip hop artists, electronic acts, acoustic acts, etc. It is of most benefit to artists performing original material. Cash prizes for this year Winner, Runner up and most popular band via door vote.

Application form can be located on Council's Website or call into Youth Services at 78 Pine Avenue Mildura. Keep up to date on facebook.com/youthservicesmildura

Application close on Friday, 24th July at 4pm.

For more information contact Barbara Clifford phone: 5018 8293|0428997514.

Email: barbara.clifford@mildura.vic.gov.au

website: www.mildura.vic.gov.au

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR YEARS 7-12**

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Drop off and pick up from the Mildura Scout Hall, 39 Twelfth Street, Mildura.

Registration forms are available by contacting youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au or www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth

For further information contact Mildura Rural City Council Youth Services on 5018 8280.

To secure your child's place in activities, full payment must be made and an Enrolment Form completed and sent into the Deakin Avenue or Madden Avenue Customer Service counter.

**SAVE THE DATE - CHANCES GALA BALL**

Chances Dare to Dream 15th Anniversary. Dinner, Drinks and Dancing. August 22nd at the Quality Hotel Mildura Grand Ball Room. To register or for more information phone 502 17 480.

**LITTLE DAY OUT MILDURA- FREE**

Free program for families where they can hear about the latest local information about pregnancy to primary school. Lots of entertainment on the day for the children. Friday 19th June 2015 from 9am-1pm at Lifestyle Plus Mildura.

**ON TOUR TENNIS HOLIDAY CLINICS**

Dates: 29th June-2nd July and 6th - 9th July.

Four days each week, coaching all levels with games and fun tournaments.

Cost: Half day 8:30-12:30 $40 per day or $130 for four half days. Full days 8:30-3:00 $170 for four days.

For Bookings or for more information contact

Dean Kyle: 0414826318 or Bill McDonald: 0429770857. Email: ontourtennis1@gmail.com.