SCHOOL REVIEW

Mr Graeme Cupper

All schools are required to undertake a review every four years. This is a comprehensive process that provides an important opportunity for schools to reflect on their achievements and identify areas for improvement.

I have recently been advised that Merbein P-10 will be having a priority review in Terms 3 & 4 and so we will be commencing a Self-Evaluation Process at the start of Term 3.

During this process, input will be invited from students, parents and staff.

The reviewer from the Department of Education will be in our school in Week 3 of Term 4 to conduct field work and to consider the conclusions reached in our Self-Evaluation.

One of the key tasks of our Self-Evaluation will be to report on our performance in achieving the goals and priorities set out in our previous Strategic Plan which was developed in 2011. This will be an interesting exercise as much has obviously changed since that plan was made. In 2011 and the school was still operating on four separate campus sites.

We were yet to relocate all of our students and staff to the single site here on Commercial Street and the new buildings were only half finished at that time.

Data analysis will be an important component of the Review Process. Forums will be set up to seek input from students, parents and staff.

The Department of Education Reviewer will then spend time in the school. The findings will subsequently be presented to the School Council and to the school community.

Recommendations for future actions will also be presented to guide the development of our next Strategic Plan (2016-19).

HOT FM RADIO – MERBEIN P-10

On Tuesday I accompanied two Year 6 students, Hayden Chase and Aimee Nairn and One Year 10 student Lachlan Brown to the Hot FM Radio Station where they participated in the monthly community spot. Hayden, Aimee and Lachlan represented our school with distinction and shared recent and up-coming school events with Bernard and the HOT FM audience.
END OF TERM 2
This will be the last newsletter for this term. I would like to thank students and staff for a great term and wish everyone a safe and relaxing break.
Parents are reminded that there will be a 2.30pm dismissal tomorrow.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW
Tomorrow, Friday 26th June will be an Out of Uniform Day. Students have the option of coming in college uniform or non-uniform clothes. Any non-uniform clothes must comply with safety and modesty standards of our current uniform.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS/CARERS ABOUT THE BYOD PROGRAM
Our Information and Technology staff are looking at running an information session for parents/carers about the BYOD Program (Bring Your Own Device) on Wednesday 12th August. Please complete the attached Information Sheet and return it to school by Friday 24th July.

STUDENT REPORTS
Student Reports went home with each student today. If parents would like a copy of the report mailed, please contact the general office.

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.

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.

RECIPE ATTACHED

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.

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 tomorrow, 26 June, 2015. CSEF Applications are due by 26 June – no late applications can be accepted.

NEW JUNIOR WINTER 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 is attached to this newsletter.

PRIMAR Y NEWS

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

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Merbein P-10 Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at the Aerodrome Ovals in Mildura on the corner of 11th Street and Riverside Ave on Tuesday, 21st July, in the second week of Term 3. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours.
Parents are invited to attend. More information will be in the first newsletter in Term 3.

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LAST DAY OF TERM
Students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 2.30pm tomorrow, Friday, 26th June. School Busses will be departing the school approximately one hour earlier than regular departure times.
GREEN NEWS

**Attendance** – At assembly today, students who had attended school every day (100%) as well as those students who attended 95% or above received an attendance award. Congratulations to all of these students. If your child’s attendance is less than 90% of the time, which equates to one day a fortnight, this adds up to 28 weeks over their 7 years of primary schooling, almost 3/4 of one year. EVERY DAY COUNTS!

**Swimming Program** – Our Intensive Swimming Program will be starting Day 1 of Term 3! If your child is participating in the program, please don’t forget! Please send your child along to school with their swimming clothes, goggles, towel, etc. in a named plastic bag. They will get changed at recess time and put their clothes over the top. As the Athletics Day falls during the Swimming Program we will find an alternate swimming day in place of the 21st.

**PREP PRACTICE**

Kinder Visit will be held next term on Monday 3rd August from 9-11am. Please mark your calendars.

**LIBRARY BOOKS**

Please check all Library books have been returned.

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. **Reminder that OSHC finishes at the earlier time of 5pm tomorrow, 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.

LAST WEEK’S GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following Grade P-3 Award Winners.

Hayden Gardiner, Tasharni Quinlivan, Christian Isaacs, Will Martin, Jack Page, Liam Gardiner, Tyler Cardilini, Jordan Kilpatrick, Aiden Williams, Sapphire Dodds, Daniel Szombathy, Mia Brewer, Layla Connors, Jordy Hosking, Nate Leggett and Demi Stone.

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.

SECONDARY NEWS

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Normal classes will run from 9am to 1.30pm. At 1.30pm students will have an extended lunch and a short form meeting to clean lockers before being dismissed at the earlier time of 2.30pm. School Busses will be departing the school approximately one hour earlier than regular departure times.

**LIBRARY BOOKS**

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**ALPINE SCHOOL STUDENT PRESENTATION**
Student representatives from our college who have been attending the Alpine School for Student Leadership presented their Community Learning Project to over eighty students and parents at the camp and our school via Polycom last Thursday. It was a well-constructed presentation that informed us about their project’s purpose and proposed outcome. Their project focus will be on the construction of a Memorial Garden to acknowledge past students and teachers who have passed away while still attending our school.

**INAUGURAL EQUINE CAMP REPORT - Hayley Willison**
On Monday, 25th May, the Equine Studies students accompanied by parent, Krystal Tatchell and myself departed the College for our nine hour trek past Mansfield to Camp Howqua in the High Country. We arrived in the dark and found that our accommodation was self-contained units, with no TV or phone reception! However the heaters worked so we were warm and once we had our meal of lasagne we were happy and ready for bed. In the morning Michael, the owner of Watsons Mountain Country Trails matched up riders with horses depending on their riding capability. We had a varied group ranging from competent to beginners.

The first day proved challenging, riding on small trails, rocky areas, crossing creeks and the Howqua River as well as going up and down mountains. The ride was challenging but the scenery was breathtaking, everyone was in awe of it. We ended the first day’s ride at Camp Howqua after being in the saddle for four hours. The horses remained here for the next couple of days. Everybody was tired that night and after some yummy Satay Chicken and a couple of indoor games, it was off to bed, in readiness for the next day’s big ride.

Wednesday was our longest day in the saddle. We departed the camp site at 10am and rode along mountain cliffs, crossing the Howqua River numerous times (16 times in fact) stopping for lunch and some recovery time. On this day, the confident riders were able to canter along various tracks and jump over some logs. The terrain in the afternoon proved to be very challenging. We were riding along the side of a mountain on a very narrow track which was slippery and rocky in places. Our horses knew the track like the back of their hooves and plugged away unfazed by it. Again we were amazed by the beauty of our surroundings. The wildlife that we encountered along our rides included deer, wombats, rosellas, many beautiful birds and heaps of kangaroos, including some congregating at the front of our cabins.

Day Three of riding proved much easier than the past two. Although our bodies were feeling it, the tracks were a lot wider and provided some great trotting and cantering at times. In saying that, the weather was not so kind. At the top of the mountain it was extremely windy and we did get wet. We rode on to a small hut where ‘Master Chef’ had been filmed and enjoyed the hot soup and rolls that were awaiting us. It also gave us a chance to stand by the fire and dry off. We were soon back in the saddle and although it was cold, the rain gods looked after us and it ceased raining whilst we rode for home.
Friday morning we woke with mixed emotions, tired, sore, happy to be going home to see our loved ones and yet sad to be leaving our new four legged friends that we had developed a bond with and had looked after us on our amazing journey. We made our way to the paddock and saddled our trusty steeds one last time. With the sun out, we made our way, up, up, up the mountain. When we reached the top we could see where they filmed the downhill scene of ‘The Man From Snowy River’ and we were shocked that someone could actually ride down the edge of a mountain so steep, let alone at a canter! We worked our way back down the mountain and back to Watsons Mountain Country Trails Stables. We then unsaddled, brushed our horses and said our farewells. With a healthy lunch of wraps to fill our bellies, we thanked our hosts, Michael, Sally and Will for a wonderful experience and piled onto the bus, to begin our journey home. This camp was a once in a lifetime opportunity for many of us. I will never forget the breathtakingly beautiful scenery and wildlife, nor the challenge of riding on such terrain. Thank you to all the students who came on the camp, Maddie Beckwith, Georgia Holcroft, Claudia Tatchell, Rebecca Griffiths and Zhoe Willison, for making this such a special and memorable excursion. Your behaviour, commitment and enthusiasm were outstanding. A big thankyou to Krystal Tatchell for her help and company on the camp.

AFL FOOTBALL CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations and good luck to Nathan Pinchbeck and Kyle Stevens, two of our Year 9 students who will be playing three games in the Sunraysia Squad next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday against Bendigo, Central Murray and North Central Teams. There will be scouts watching the games and they will pick boys from each of the teams to play in the Bendigo Pioneers next year.
YEAR 10 TRANSITION EVENTS
Below is a list of the Mildura Senior College upcoming Transition Events for Year 10 students and families to assist with the transition to Mildura Senior College in 2016. If you have any questions, please contact the College on 03 5021 2911.

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END OF SEMESTER ELECTIVES CHANGES
At the start of this week all Elective and Arts/Technology Subjects for students in Year 7-10 changed. 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 tomorrow and for the first week of next 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. Approximately seventy students have changed one or more of their original selections to date.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MILDURA BMX COME AND TRY
All interested persons are invited to a ‘Come and Try’ Day at the Mildura BMX Track starting at 11am this Sunday, 28th June.

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

| 29 June | Create and build an online web presence |
| Time: 9am-2pm. No Cost. Lunch provided. |
| 30 June | Fishing @ Lock 11 |
| Time: 9am-2pm. No Cost. Lunch provided. |
| 1 July  | Masterchef Challenge |
| Time: 9am-2pm. Cost: $15 Participants will cook a 2 course meal which they will have for lunch |
| 2 July  | Basketball Clinic |
| Time: 9am-2pm. Cost: $15 & Lunch provided |
| 3 July  | Freestyle Art Session |
| Time: 9am-2pm. No Cost. Lunch provided. |
| 6 July  | Inflatable World @ Lifestyle Plus |
| Time: 9am-2pm. Cost: $15 & Lunch Provided |
| 7 July  | Laserforce |
| Time: 9am-2pm. Cost: $15 & Lunch Provided |
| 8 July  | Movies & Pizza |
| Time: 9am-2pm. Cost: $15 & Lunch Provided |
| 9 July  | Mungo National Park Tour |
| Time: 8.30am-4.30pm. Cost: $15 & Lunch Provided |
| 10 July | Mega Splash Pool Party at Mildura Waves |
| Time: 9am-2pm. No Cost. Lunch can be purchased at The Waves |

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 50217480.

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.
MILDURA CITY HEART SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Mildura City Heart are running some fun school holiday activities.

**Make Your Own Minion**
Monday 29 June – Saturday 4 July 2015
10am-2pm weekdays & 9am-1pm Saturday
run by the qualified staff from Bright Futures, and coinciding with the release of the kids movie ‘Minions’, kids can get crafty at the old Camera House site in the Langtree Mall.
There is a cost of $2 for each child, and they get to make and take home 2 mini-Minions.

**Arnie’s Laser Force**
Tuesday 7 July – Friday 10 July 2015
10am-2pm daily.
* due to NAIDOC celebrations on Monday 6 July, this activity will only run Tuesday-Friday.
Get lost in the fully-enclosed inflatable maze and test your skills in the laser tag arena. There is a cost of $2 per person to play.

If you need any further information, please don’t hesitate to contact our office on 03 5023 8010 or visit our website www.milduracity.com.au

EXPERIENCE LA TROBE MILDURA CAMPUS

Experience being a Uni Student from 10am-1.15pm followed by a free lunch at Mildura La Trobe on 3rd July. The days schedule includes two sessions.
Session A at 10.45am and Session B at 12pm. You choose from the following session headings:

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Register for the day at latrobe.edu.au/experience. To read more about courses visit latrobe.edu.au/courses. For more information contact 1300135045 or latrobe.edu.au/ask or .atrobe.edu.au/chat

ADVERTISING YOUR JOB VACANCIES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH LA-TROBE CAREER HUB

La Trobe University has an online database that advertises job vacancies and volunteer opportunities directly to La Trobe students and graduates via our online job board called Career Hub.

Career Hub allows the following types of job vacancies:
- Graduate and Vacation Employment Programs
- Full time, part-time and casual vacancies
- Work experience opportunities
- Volunteering positions (available to not-for-profit organisations)
- Household jobs such as tutoring, babysitting and gardening.

Importantly, there is no cost to advertise and the process to register and add a job vacancy is simple. We encourage you to place your own positions on our database. Please go to http://www.latrobe.edu.au/careers/advertise
Register online by clicking on Login/Register and then the Register button on the top right-hand side of the page. Choose the Organisation/Employer Registration and complete the simple form. You will then be able to enter your jobs.

For more information contact Natasha Baker, Student Engagement and Employment Officer for La Trobe University, Mildura Campus on (03) 5051 4024 or email n.baker@latrobe.edu.au.

HEALTHY HEADSPACE FREE WORKSHOPS FOR 14-18 YEAR OLD YOUTH

Learn about why our brains do what they do and how best we can cope with stress and negative emotions in a positive and adaptive way. Held 1st July at Headspace Mildura Centre, Site 2/125 Pine Ave (The Old Cottee’s Building) from 4-5.30pm. Light snacks provided. Phone 50212400 if you would like to attend.

There will also be a Four Week Fortnightly Program for 14-18 year old girls, along similar lines and all about building self-esteem on 22nd July 4-5.30pm.
25th June 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

The Information and Technology staff are looking at running an information session for parents/carers about the BYOD Program (Bring Your Own Device) on Wednesday 12th August. Topics covered will be:

- Outlining the aims of the program
- Specifications required for your child
- Advantages for your child
- Programmes used and software that is provided by the school
- Outline program current status.

If you are interested in attending, please complete the form below and return to school by 24th July.

IT Department.

Expression of Interest - Session on BYOD

Please return completed form to the front office or by email to merbein.p10@edumail.vic.gov.au by Friday 24th July.

I ........................................................................... am interested in attending an information technology night on Wednesday 12th August and my preferred time would be:

☐ Wednesday 4:00pm
☐ Wednesday 5:00pm
☐ Wednesday 6:00pm

Signed:........................................................................................................................................

Date:   /   /2015
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## Pizza:

- Small ($2.00 each or 2 for $3.50)
  - BBQ chicken
  - Hawaiian

## Drinks:

- Water $1.50
- Flavoured Water: ABC RASP LEM 350ml $2.00
- Juice: 300ml Orange Apple $2.00
- Milk: Chocolate Strawberry Banana 300ml $2.00

## Packets of Potato Chips:

- Honey Soy $1.00
- Plain $1.00

### Monday:

- □ Hot Dog $3.50
- □ Hot Dog Cheese $4.00
- □ Hot Dog Bac/Oni/Ch $5.00

### Friday:

- □ Pie $3.50
- □ Pastie $3.50
- □ Small Sausage Roll $3.00
- □ Large Sausage Roll $3.50
- □ Party Pie $1.00
- □ With Sauce

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**NAME:** 

**GRADE:** 

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** $