DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY
8th Friday
Primary Interschool Cross Country
11th Tuesday
Secondary Interschool Cross Country
26th Tuesday
Primary Open Day/Night 9-11am or 5-6pm
25th -26th
Equine Studies Camp

JUNE
2nd Tuesday
Secondary Interschool Cross Country
20th Wednesday
Primary Open Day/Night 9-11am or 5-6pm
5th Friday
Advance Camp

PRIMARY OPEN DAY/NIGHT
The Primary Section of our school will be holding an Open Day/Night to visitors and prospective families for 2016 on Tuesday 26th May. Families are invited to attend between 9-11am and/or 5-6pm.

BEANIES FOR BRAIN CANCER DAY – TOMORROW
As part of Brain Cancer Action Week, the SRC have decided to show our support and hold our own ‘Beanies for Brain Cancer Day’. All students are encouraged to wear a beanie tomorrow, Friday 8th May in support of Brain Cancer Research. Students will have the opportunity to donate on the day if they wish. All proceeds will go to Cure Brain Cancer Council Australia.

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**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.

**PARENTS’ CLUB RECIPE BOOK FUNDRAISER**
**RECIPES NEEDED**
The Parents’ Club are inviting every family from Merbein P10 College to send in their favourite recipes to be included in the new 2015 Merbein P10 College Recipe Book. Please support this fundraiser and the school by sending your best recipes as soon as possible to the Parents’ Club via their email address: parent@merbeinp10.vic.edu.au.

**FAMILY DATA COLLECTION FORMS AND STATEMENTS**
Last week the school posted a Data Collection Form to each family. This form is important, so please check that you have completed and returned your form to the school.

A family statement was also included for families with fees owing.

If you have any queries regarding the form, please contact the school office.

**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.beth1@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.*

**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.

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| 2nd Tuesday                 |
| LMR Cross Country            |
| Whole School Assembly       |
| 3rd Wednesday               |
| Advance Camp returns        |
| Thursday afternoon          |
| 5th Friday                  |
| Pupil Free Day – Report Writing |
| 8th Monday                  |
| Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday |
| 12th Friday                 |
| Secondary Interschool Girls Netball |

**PRIMARY NEWS**

**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.

**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.

**GRADE P-6 ASSEMBLY TOMORROW**
The Grade P-6 Assembly to present the Student of the Month Awards for April will be held tomorrow, Friday 8th May at 1pm in the college gym. All parents are welcome to attend. A student from each home room will be presented with a certificate for the Student of the Month. All the classroom teachers vote on the students. These students are nominated and the one with the most points is the winner for the month. Congratulations to those students who were nominated and who won. Keep up the great work. Each unit will also do a short presentation at assembly to show the work they have been doing.
GRANDPARENTS DAY 24th MAY, PHOTOS GRADES 4-6
GREEN BUILDING AWARDS FOR LAST WEEK
Keigan Pope, Kaide Aitken, Oscar Vidler, Emily Wilkinson-Reynolds, Shakiera Faux, Megan Young, Gladys Kirby, Sarnie Cramp, Isabella Forrester, Christian Isaacs, Craig Ball, Millie Ernesti, Demi Stone, Eleanor Saleta, Jesse Philippe and Emjae Chambers.

GREEN NEWS – Grade 2-3 Beetles & Grade P-1 Bugs
Cross-Country – Students have been practising for this event. Yesterday the students in the Bugs end of the Green Building went to Chaffey Park to walk around the track and tomorrow afternoon they will have a practice run at Chaffey Park. We require students to have their permission note returned to participate in the practice. Some students have had two notes sent home. Please check your child’s bag today.
The Cross-Country Event will be held next Friday, 15th May. The Ages 5-8 year olds event will begin about 1pm to complete a 1km course. The Age 9-11 year olds event will complete a 2km course.
All students have been advised of their House Colours. We encourage all students to wear their House Colour on the day along with their running gear.
A BBQ lunch of sausages will be provided by the college.
Our FLO students will be selling cappuccinos – so bring some coins to buy and enjoy a coffee while you are there.
Open Day – Education Week at Merbein P-10 College is from 25–29th May. To celebrate we are opening our Green Learning Centre to interested parents and kinder students from 9-11am and 5–6pm on Tuesday, 26th May. Come along and see how our students work in the open areas. Any children who might be interested are welcome to get involved in some activities that will give them some practice at being a Prep. Posters and invites will be available at the Kinder and Child Care Centres.
Beanie Day – Our amazing SRC Representatives have decided to support ‘Beanies for Brain Cancer’ tomorrow. You can choose to donate a gold coin. It is not an out of uniform day, just wear a beanie to show your support. They have lots of other great ideas and activities planned throughout the year.

Mothers’ Day Stall Report – A huge thank you to our fantastic Parents’ Club for organising and running a very successful Mothers’ Day Stall yesterday. We hope all of our mothers have a wonderful day being spoilt by their children.

Happy Mothers’ Day from the Bugs and Beetles.

Special Welcome – We welcome Ms Deb Delbridge who is helping in the Infant (Bug) end of the Green Building for the next twenty weeks. Deb has been listening to the children read and helping out with other jobs to support our students’ learning. Two 2nd Year LaTrobe University Students will be starting work experience in the Green Building on Monday for a period of three weeks. Dylan Darby will be working in the Ladybirds Room with Wendy and Kelly. Clare Wilkinson will be working in the Butterflies Room with Broney. We hope they enjoy their time here with us at Merbein P-10 College.

SECONDARY NEWS

SECOND-HAND SCHOOL JUMPER FOR SALE
Second-hand school jumper Adult Size 10 Polar Fleece Jumper for sale. Excellent condition $15.00. For more information email Tania May maysey72@internode.on.net

THE SECOND-LAST YEAR 10 SHARE MARKET GAME REPORT – Howard Hankinson
The second-last week of the game was not all that productive for most. Only ten of the forty nine teams are now above the starting amount of $50,000. The top few however are doing well. Leading is Team Money Addicts, Deegan Phillips and Alex Theil with $54,982. Coming second is Team DGSC, Hayden Bishop and Tyler Korney Cooper with $54,068. Third is Team Surize, Olivia Greenwood-Jack with $52,850. Fourth is Team Kawai, Olivia Beyen and Julia Mann with $52,747.

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**REPRESENTING OUR SCHOOL** – Mr Rhodes

*The Boys Soccer Teams* represented our school on Tuesday of this week. Thanks to Miss Donnelly and Mr Bennett for coaching the teams. A report will be found in another section of the newsletter.

*The Interschool Girls Soccer Tournament*, today. I was able to check in for a short time and I was pleased to see our students were well behaved and displaying excellent sportsmanship as we have come to expect. Results will go in next week’s newsletter.

**SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS (SWPBIS)**

The SWPBIS focus this term is for students to be wearing correct uniform and attending classes on time with all the required equipment. Students in full uniform will be acknowledged daily. Parents of students who are consistently out of uniform will be contacted to ascertain how we can support them to get their child in uniform. Students will also be acknowledged every session they are at class on time with all of their required equipment.

**BOYS YEAR 9-10 SOCCER TEAM REPORT**

On Tuesday, 5th May the Intermediate Boys (Year 9-10) Merbein P-10 Soccer Team played in a Round Robin Tournament at the Aero Ovals. The boys played some excellent team soccer, scored a couple of brilliant goals and conducted themselves admirably on an awfully cold, windy and dusty day. Well done boys!

Results: We came 3rd in our pool, narrowly missing out on a semi final spot by one goal difference.

- **Game 1** – Versus St Josephs College. We lost 4-1. Scorer: Lewin Davis
- **Game 2** – Versus Red Cliffs Secondary College. We Drew 1-1. Scorer: Alby Donaldson
- **Game 3** – Versus Trinity Lutheran College. Score 0-0. Draw after penalties (1-1 in shootout).

The team:


Best players:


Thank you to Jaylin, Joey, Alby, Chase and Lewin for refereeing.

**UPCOMING CAMPS**

We consider our Camps Program to be an important part of the whole education process for your children. There are three camps coming up for students in the secondary section. The Annual Year 9 Camp will see sixty students and six teachers in Melbourne between May 18th and 22nd. The following week, our Inaugural Equine Camp will be held as part of our Years 9-10 Elective Program. The Advance Practice Expedition will be held 3rd - 4th June. These camps require a large amount of organising and adjustments for teachers to be away from regular classes. It is important for the students who remain at school to continue with the coursework that has been set for them by their teachers so that their academic progress will continue to improve.

**YEAR 10 ‘KEYS PLEASE’ PRESENTATION**

This is a program that is offered to most Secondary students in Sunraysia. A presenter will be coming up from Horsham on Wednesday 20th May from 2.20-3.10pm, to talk to our students about road safety, obtaining a drivers licence and the learner process. The presentation will be held in the new classrooms in the Blue Building.