**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**
Mr Graeme Cupper

**VANILLA SLICE 2015 REPORT**
I would like to congratulate organisers of the Merbein Vanilla Slice Triumph, for the very successful community event held last Saturday. Thanks also to the many Merbein P-10 College students and staff who contributed in so many ways. In particular, I’d like to thank the students and staff who performed on stage (dancers and singers), those who entered and achieved success in the various ‘Bake-Off Competitions’, those who assisted in setting up one of the car park areas and those who helped deliver and set up audio-visual equipment. The Vanilla Slice Triumph is an important community occasion and Merbein P-10 College is very pleased to be part of this event.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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|           | 3rd Thursday  | Sec I/S Aths         |
|           | 8th Tuesday   | - Sec I/S Hockey     |
|           |              | - Woolworths earn and learn collection ceases. |
|           | 9th Wednesday | China Camp Departs   |
|           | 11th Friday   | Parent Direct and Chalk Toy orders due |
|           | 14th Monday   | CSEF – Excursion Funding Closes |
|           | 16th Wednesday | Sec Parent/Teacher Interviews |
|           | 18th September | Last day of Term 3   |
|           |              | Earlier finishing time of 2.30pm |

| OCTOBER | 5th Monday | First day of Term 4 |
|         | 21st Wednesday | Variety Night – Let Me Entertain You |
|         | 29th Thursday | Pri G’Day Asia performance |

| NOVEMBER | 9th–13th | Grade 5/6 Lake Cullulleraine Camp |
|          | 27th Tuesday | Yr 10 – Enrolment Night MSC 3.30–6.30pm |
PUPIL-FREE DAY
Parents please note that a Pupil-free Day will be held next Friday, 28th August. Students will not be required to attend school on that day.
The day will allow staff to focus on the School Self-Evaluation which is a critical part of the Strategic Review that Merbein P-10 College is undergoing in Terms 3 and 4. Curriculum planning and development will also be a focus.

UNO TOURNAMENT UPDATE
Round 1 of the Uno tournament was fantastic. Students from all year levels came and got involved. Leading the tournament at this stage is Molly Hall from Grade 6 who is tied with Gemma Thomas from Year 7. Round 2 will be commence next Monday.

QUESTACON REPORT – Greg Rhodes
Yesterday, two Master of Science Graduates ran three science sessions for our Years P-8 students. They presented a series of activities and demonstrations that helped students conceptualise some key scientific principles. Today, all students who attended the show yesterday will be given a free child's pass to the Science Circus which is being held this Saturday, 22nd August between 10am-3pm at the St Joseph's College Stadium. I would encourage families to attend the Questacon Circus in Mildura, if their child is interested. If you are not likely to attend, please return the ticket to the school so that we can give them to families that do wish to attend. The other option if you don't wish to go to the circus is to pass the ticket on to a friend who could use it. If families would like extra tickets for other siblings please contact the school.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
Woolworths are handing out Double Stickers this Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. Customers will receive two stickers for every $10 they spend. So if you happen to be shopping at Woolworths this weekend, don’t forget to collect the stickers, add them to your sheet and send completed sheets along to school.

NAPLAN RESULTS
The Individual Student Result Sheets for students in Grades 3/5/7/9 have just arrived in the college and will be distributed to students on Friday. Please look for these important documents in your child’s bag tomorrow.
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The clown stood on the edge of the forest and watched as the sun set behind the trees, casting long shadows across the clear blue sky.

The clown's heart was filled with a sense of longing and a desire to return to the world of the living. But the forest had claimed him, and he knew that there was no going back.

As the full moon rose in the sky, the clown closed his eyes and let go of all his worries. He knew that he would forever be a part of this mystical world, and that was enough for him.

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End of the story.

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GRADE P-2 DRAMA
The Year 8 students have been sharing and teaching the Grade P-2 students Drama Activities this week. Watch this space next week for photos.

GRADE 1/2 MATHS
This week Grade 1/2 students have been measuring the capacity of different containers with water in Maths Class. Watch this space next week for photos.

QUESTACON REPORT
Primary students were treated to a Questacon Science Show yesterday. Students were captivated by the presentations focusing on Gravity, Forces and Movement. Some students were asked to perform experiments.

SLEEPOVER UPDATE
Medical and Permission notes were sent home this week. All Grade 1-2 students sleeping over at the school on Thursday 27th must have these notes completed and returned to school before the day.
STUDENT TEACHERS
We welcome student teacher Giullianna from LaTrobe University to the Infant Learning Centre this week. She will be working with students in their classrooms.
We will also be welcoming, two of our Year 10 students Cassandra and Catharina to the Green Building next week as they complete their work experience with us.
There will also be two Fourth Year LaTrobe University students visiting, who will be testing some of our Prep students, with parent permission, to assist them with their research studies.
Our college is very pleased to be able to support ‘Teachers in the Making’.

HEAD LICE REPORT
As notified in last week’s newsletter, all primary students will be having Head Lice Checks this week. To date, two classes have been checked with eggs and lice being detected in both. The College is appealing to parents to carefully inspect your children’s hair on a regular basis and if eggs or lice are present, seek a reliable treatment from the chemist to treat your child’s hair and keep treating their hair on a 7-10 day rotation until no lice or eggs can be found, washing all bedding and clothing that has come into contact each time to help prevent reinfection.
Head Lice is an ongoing problem in all schools, so to keep it under control, we really need parent cooperation in this matter.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
Jump Rope for Heart will be held Wednesday, 2nd September. Students are practicing at school. Please keep collecting donations from family and friends and KEEP JUMPING!
If you have any questions please come in and talk to Rebecca Holy or Rebekah McClure the Jump Off coordinators.
Don’t forget to use the Jump Rope for Heart Online Donation Page. For more information about the extra incentives, available, visit the site http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/sites/jumpropeforheart/Kids/Pages/EventsandCompetitions.aspx

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.

LAST WEEK’S GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to the following Grade P-3 Award Winners. Jayden Doherty, Archie Ruttley-Higgins, Mady Phillips, Dylan Arnold, Tasharni Quinlivan, Douglas Allan, Jerri Liddicoat, Emily Wilkinson, Alana Young, Sarnie Cramp, Mia Brewer, Eleanor Saleta, Sebastian Pope, Oliver Hosking and Frederiko Solis-Dixon.

SECONDARY NEWS

YEAR 10 A BUSY TIME – Greg Rhodes
Over the next four weeks there are many extra-curricular activities for Year 10 students that will disrupt their learning classes.
• From August 24th, ALL Year 10 students will be on a two week Work Experience Program. These extra-curricular activities add to the breadth of our students’ educational experience but our students will still need to ensure they complete their set class work to ensure satisfactory results at the end of the year.
At the end of Year 10 we have a Graduation Ceremony which celebrates the achievements of our successful Year 10 students. To be able to attend, students must have a minimum attendance of 80% and have satisfactorily completed at least 12 of 16 subjects.

YEAR 9 BOYS/GIRLS TALK PROGRAM
While our Year 10 students are out of the school on Work Experience, many of our teachers will be running our Annual Year 9 Boys/Girls Talk Program coordinated by Wendy Dawson during Elective Class Time. During this program students will be divided into small groups to complete activities that are specifically designed for students in Year 9.

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 the bank book back to the school before the end of the school day.
VANILLA SLICE RESULTS – Greg Rhodes

Last weekend was a great success for the Merbein community. The contribution from our students and staff entertaining and setting up some of the infrastructure for the event was significant. Our Food Technology Staff have also been busy encouraging and teaching students to make a variety of slices for the competition.

This year six of our student’s entries were successful. They scooped the pool in the Sun-Muscat Slice Section.

1st Place and $100 - Jack Howarth.
2nd Place and $75 - Lachlan Anderson.
3rd Place and $50 - Arki Colling.

Vanilla Slice Student Section
1st Place - Abby Nichols
3rd Place - Chelsea Henderson

Mason Sleader came 2nd Place in the Sultana Muffin Section. We have some photos of the successful entrants below. Chelsea is away on the Snow Trip and will receive her award when she returns to school.

I would like to congratulate all those who entered and particularly the winners. Thank you to Mrs Byrne and Mrs Brown for co-ordinating the entries for the students.

VANILLA SLICE COMPETITION REPORT - Ms Bridget Byrne and Mrs Rhonda Brown

Congratulations to our students who have been preparing entries for the Merbein Great Australian Vanilla Slice Triumph over the last number of weeks and well done to many of our students who achieved success. There were many wonderful entries, it must have been difficult for the judges to choose between them.

Mr Rhodes has already given the results in his report.

Thanks again to our two sponsors, Sunbeam and Australian Premium Dried Fruits who donated sultanas and SunMuscats for students to use in their entries.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MERBEIN COBRA'S BASKETBALL CLUB

Registration Day to be held 30th August, 2015 at the Merbein Football/Netball Club Social Rooms Kenny Park Merbein from 2-4pm.

Contact Brock Munn 0407096108, Janene Pitt 0413415608 or Contessa O'Connor 0439031240 for more information. Email cobrabasketballclub@gmail.com to express interest or visit the website www.mildurabasketball.com.au to register online. Information also available on Facebook at www.facebook.com/officialmerbeincobras.

Parent coaching and committee assistance would be appreciated, please phone the above contacts if interested.

MERBEIN PRESCHOOL KINDERGARTEN

Have you enrolled your child in Kindergarten yet? Merbein Preschool Kindergarten is currently accepting enrolments for 2016. Offering both 3 and 4 year old Kindergarten Programs in a fun and welcoming environment. Please contact the Kindergarten on 50252491 or call in to collect a Pre Enrolment Form.

MUSIC TOGETHER® IN MERBEIN!

Sunraysia Arts and Learning is offering new music classes in Term 4 for children 0-5 years. Share the benefits of making music with your child in fun-filled classes. Join them in singing, dancing, musical exploration, instrumental play and good old fashioned fun.

Music Together® is a research based, high quality developmental music program serving 2500 communities in over 40 countries.

Register now for a free trial class at the Sunraysia Arts and Learning Studio in Merbein. Visit the website www.sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au to register today. Find us on Facebook or call Catherine for further information 0420939229.

QUESTACON SCIENCE CIRCUS – MILDURA

Hands-on exhibits, an opportunity for parents and children to discover and explore science together. There will be spectacular science shows presented regularly during opening hours. You may see giant smoke rings, bricks being smashed on someone’s stomach or a Science Circus presenter holding fire in their hands.

To be held at the St Joseph’s College Stadium, Mildura on 22nd August, 2015. Come anytime between 10am-3pm. Admission $18-family, $6-adult, student/concession-$5, children under 5 FREE. Enquires 0439499700 or visit www.questacon.edu.au
ELECTRIC LIGHT THEATRE AUDITION DATES
Dates: 5th/6th/12th & 13th September. Time: 1-4pm. Venue: The Lake Primary School. For ages 10-26 years of age. Register now 0432107115 or 0439347986 or visit the ELT Facebook Page.

MILDURA AND DISTRICT LITTLE ATHLETICS
2015/16 Track And Field Season Registration and Information Sessions for interested persons, 3-17 years of age, will be held 20th September 2015 at MADEC, Mildura from 10-11.30am.
The Track and Field Season commences 4th October 2015 at Oval 8, Aerodrome Oval Mildura.
For more information contact Steve Erlandsen 0427 233 504. Check out the Facebook Page.

AUSTSWIM TEACHER COURSE
Held 12th and 13th September from 8.30-5.15pm at the Alfred Deakin Centre – Benetook Room for Theory and Mildura Waves for Practical. Cost is $348. Enrolments close 28th August. Phone 1300885666 or email vic@austswim.com.au

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Open Day at the school will be held 24th October from 10am–4pm. All past students, families and staff of Romsey Primary School are invited to our 150th celebration at the current school site in Station Street, Romsey. Visits to the old school will be available. There will be displays, demonstrations, a mini market, and gourmet BBQ lunch on the day. An official ceremony will be held at 2.30pm. Other activities in Romsey over that weekend include a special screening of Dusty with an old time supper afterwards, a special World Children’s Day activity program and a family picnic day at the old school For further information visit the Romsey Primary school website www.romseyps.vic.edu.au or call 03 5429 5099.
Email your attendance to romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 12-16
Drop off and pick up at Mildura Scout Hall Twelfth street. Registration essential. Registration forms available by contacting youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au or ring MRCC Youth Services 50188280.
21 Sept - Movies and Pizza - $15
22 Sept – Laserforce - $15
23 Sept – Masterchef Challenge $15
24 Sept – Freestyle Art - Free
25 Sept – Inflatable World @ Lifestyle Plus - $15
28 Sept – The Amazing Race - $15
29 Sept – Outdoor Sporting Challenge - Free
30 Sept – Tobogganing at Perry Sandhills - Free
1 Oct – House of Bounce - $15
2 Oct – Tradies Day - $15

MILDURA MAGAZINE
Young girls and guys, have you ever wanted to be part of creating a magazine? Here is your chance! Headspace Mildura combined with Mildura Living Magazine are in the process of putting together a magazine which will be created and produced by young people, for young people.
The magazine is likely to involve stories about local issues for young people as well as ideas such as fashion tips, people profiles, party page photos and many more.
Set to be released every sixth months, the magazine hopes it will give those of you who take part a sense of pride in their community and talk about things people your own age will be interested in reading about.
Do you want to shape what goes into these publications? If so, we are looking for expressions of interest from local people aged between 12 and 25 in the following areas:
- Writing
- Photography
- Modelling/make up
- Graphic design
- Artwork
- Advertising
Basic training in each of these areas is available as well to help hone your skills.
If you’re considering a career in any of these areas, or maybe they just take your interest, we encourage you to get in touch. Please call Headspace Mildura manager Larni Baird on 5021 2400 or email Community Awareness and Engagement Officer Mitch Rodd mitch.rodd@headspacemildura.com.au.

ALL SCHOOLS SWIM MEET – COME AND TRY
Held 10th September at the Mildura Waves, time 5.30pm. Free and open to students form all primary schools in the Sunraysia Area. For more information phone 0407099617 or email entriessunraysia@swimming@gmail.com or visit the website www.sunraysia.swimming.org.au
**THREE COLOURS SC**
Three Colours SC is proud to be an official provider of the AIA Vitality MiniRoos Program in Mildura
Program commences 13th October 2015 for children between 4–9 years old.
To register please visit
For more information contact Vince
0416054372/0429200193

**AFL VICTORIA HOLIDAY PROGRAM**
Held 23rd September at the Sara Oval Mildura. 9am-3pm – Cost $65. Register at
www.aflvicholidayprograms.com.au

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**The Beat State Schools Showcase**
**Presents:**
**SHINING STARS**

**Wednesday 26 August - 7.30pm**
**Thursday 27 August - 11am, 7.30pm**

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