BOOK WEEK REPORT

It was great to see the primary children dressed up as a variety of book characters this morning. A very colourful parade was held in the gymnasium which allowed the students to proudly display their costumes.

Thanks to the staff for coordinating the event and dressing up as well. Thanks also to the parents who attended the parade and no doubt dedicated a considerable amount of time, effort and creativity into the students’ costumes.

PREP TEA AND GRADE 1-2 SLEEP-OVER

Tonight the Grade 1-2 students will be sleeping over as part of our school’s Camps and Excursions Program. The Preps will be attending the Thursday night tea and the disco, after which they will leave to go home.

I would like thank the primary staff who will be assisting with the activities and especially the staff who will be sleeping over. Hopefully everyone will get a reasonable amount of sleep!
SNOW TRIP REPORT
The Year 10 Snow Trip held last week, was an outstanding success. There was a good quantity of snow which was enjoyed by students and staff alike. It was particularly pleasing to hear many positive reports about the respectful and cooperative manner in which our students conducted themselves. Thanks to Mr Nunn and the staff who supported the trip. This week all Year 10s are taking part in the Two-Week Work Experience Program.

THE BEAT REPORT
Last night students from Merbein P-10 College performed in The Beat 2015 - Shining Stars, at the Mildura Arts Centre. The Beat is an annual event where students from local state primary and secondary schools showcase their singing, musical and dancing talents. Tyson Whitford - guitar soloist, the Guitar Ensemble and the Rock Band all put in terrific performances (Mr Rhodes has acknowledged the individual students in his report). I would also like to congratulate Marcus Hennig and his team of Instrumental Music Teachers for tutoring our students and for putting the show together. Thanks also to Amanda Gratton, our school’s Music Coordinator, for supporting the students and lastly thank you to Mr Rhodes who stepped in to be an usher last night. He handled the torch with great dexterity.

PUPIL-FREE DAY
Parents please note that a Pupil-free Day will be held tomorrow Friday, 28th August. Students will not be required to attend school tomorrow. 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.

MERBEIN P10 COLLEGE FATHER’S DAY STALL
This is a great program organised by our Parents’ Club for all our students. There will be a variety of gifts available and friendly faces to help them choose that perfect gift for Dad (or a Special Friend). Don’t forget to send along some cash to school with your child/ren next Wednesday so they can participate in this program and purchase a gift for their Dad or ‘Special Friend’ for Father’s Day. Check the poster alongside for details.

NSW CONVEYANCE
Transport for NSW have advised the school that they have been reviewing PVC subsidy claims for accuracy because they have introduced a new computer system. This has caused a delay of several weeks compared to the usual processing time. Transport for NSW has advised us they are apologetic for the inconvenience. If you have any further enquiries please contact Transport for NSW direct on 1800 010 123.

TOY FUNDRAISER
Parent Direct and Chalk Toy Catalogues have a great variety of educational toys and games in them and would make ideal presents for Christmas. Help raise funds for our school by ordering some of these great buys through Merbein P10 College, as 20 cents from every dollar is donated back to us to purchase classroom resources for our primary students. Orders and money need to be in by Friday, 11th September. You can also place orders online if you wish. Information is on the inside cover of the catalogues. Ask at the Green Office if you would like another catalogue.

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

CAMPs, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUNDING
Parents/Carers are still able to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Funding (CSEF) if they hold a valid Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC). Claims must be submitted by Monday, 14th September. The CSEF will be paid directly to the school ($125 for primary students and $225 for secondary students) and will be allocated to any outstanding camps, sports or excursions fees owing. Any remaining CSEF money will be carried forward towards next year’s camps, sports and excursion expenses.

Application forms are available from the main office or the office in the P-3 building.

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 3

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SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS
BSB - 063 714
Bank Acc Number – 10060535
Account Name - Merbein P-10 College Official

UNIFORM SHOP
Open Tuesday 8.30 – 9.30am
Open Thursday 2.00 – 4.00pm
If these times do not suit, please ring the school to make other arrangements.

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.

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.

MERBEIN P-10 FACEBOOK PAGE
Check the Facebook Page for updates about the school and upcoming events.
www.facebook.com/merbeinp10collegeparentsclub

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

PRIMARY NEWS

SUNRAYSIa DISTRICT MINI OLYMPICS
On Monday, 31st August a team of twenty seven Grade 4-6 students will be travelling to the Mildura Aero Oval to represent our school in the Sunraysia District Mini Olympic Sports Event. They will be accompanied on the day by Mrs Grimmer and Mr Morgan. Students have been practising for their events and I’m sure their best efforts will produce some great results. We wish them all the best. Watch this space for a report from the day in next week’s newsletter. GO MERBEIN!

QUESTACON SCIENCE CIRCUS STUDENT REPORT
By Kira
The Science Show was held at Merbein P-10 last Wednesday from 10am until 11am. They taught us which shapes were the strongest for building and explained how planes fly. I enjoyed the show because it was funny sometimes.

QUESTACON SCIENCE CIRCUS STUDENT REPORT
By Aleisha
Tom and Charlotte from Questacon presented a science show last Wednesday from 10am until 11am. We learnt about which shapes make the strongest bridges and it was funny when Isabella stood on it.

BOOK CLUB
Book Club money and orders are due back on Monday, 31st August.

MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE OUTSIDE SCHOOL

CHERYLL HODGE is our school’s OSHC coordinator and can be contacted on 0428 258035 if you have any queries.
GRADE P-2 DRAMA
The Year 8 students have been sharing and teaching the Grade P-2 students Drama Activities last week. Photos below.

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.
GRADE 1/2 MATHS
Last week Grade 1/2 students were measuring the capacity of different containers with water in Maths Class. Photos below.

LAST WEEK'S GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to the following Grade P-3 Award Winners.
BOOK WEEK ACTIVITY DAY REPORT AND PHOTOS
The Book Week theme this year is ‘Books Light up Your World’. We began the day with the book week parade, which was followed by lots of fun activities linked to this year’s Short Listed Books.

GRADE P-3 MERBEIN LIBRARY EXCURSIONS
The Grades P-3 will be visiting the local Merbein Library as part of our Book Week Celebrations over the next few weeks. The classes will travel there on the college bus. Permission notes will go home today. Please return the notes as soon as possible. Dates and times for classes are as follows:

Tuesday, 1st September
Mr Lords Class will visit from 11am-12pm,
Mrs Hall’s class will visit from 1.30 – 2.30pm,

Wednesday, 9th September
Mrs Breewel’s class will visit from 11am-12pm

Thursday, 10th September
Miss Mangan’s class will visit from 11am-12pm

Tuesday, 15th September
Mrs McClure’s class will visit from 1.30 – 2.30pm
GRADE 1-2 SLEEPOVER & PREP TEA
The Grade 1-2 students are all very excited to be sleeping over at the school tonight. Teachers will be looking forward to seeing the parents tomorrow morning between 7.45 and 8.00am after a good night’s sleep.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART – NEXT WEDNESDAY
Jump Rope for Heart will be held Wednesday, 2nd September from 12-1.30pm with lots of jumping, skipping and having fun. A very big thankyou to the families who have been collecting sponsorship. All sponsor money and forms need to be returned to the school on this day. Jump Rope For Heart have expressed their thanks for supporting their cause. 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

PUPIL FREE DAY TOMORROW
Tomorrow, Friday 28th August, all our staff will be participating in professional development activities that are associated with further improving our teaching practices, reviewing our current practices and planning units of work in line with AUSVELS.

THE BEAT 2015 REPORT – Mr Rhodes
Last night I had the privilege of ushering at the 2015 ‘The Beat’ Concert. On show were student performers from many government schools. The students that performed from our school were: Tyson Whitford, Atticus Banks, Taylah Morrish, Jessica Hall, Dorraine Bagacay, Keith Nadal, Shane McGaffin, Liam Anderson, Rebecca Griffiths and Jodine Closter. There were past students from our school also, who performed in the Senior College Stage Band and in solo performances throughout the evening. They were Rhiannon Curtis, Philly McKinnon and Sharni Stimm.

The quality of the performances was outstanding. I would like to extend a thank you to the Instrumental Music Teachers who visit all Government Schools and our College Music Coordinator Mrs Gratton who has worked closely with all parties concerned.

There is another performance tonight. There are some tickets still available for purchase at the Arts Centre prior to the 7.30pm start.

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.

ZORB SOCCER PE - MAKING EXERCISE FUN!!
This week students have had the opportunity to try out Miss Williams’ Zorb Soccer during their PE sessions. As you can see from the photo attached, they’ve really enjoyed it.

SECONDARY NEWS
SUCCESSFUL YEAR 10 SNOW TRIP – Report by Greg Rhodes
I would like to extend a big thanks to the staff who accompanied our students on the Snow Trip last week. Mr Nunn and Mr Dreyer were the organisers and were capably supported by Mrs McPhee, Mr Bennett and Mrs Hopley. We have received reports about the exceptional way our students conducted themselves from the staff at the accommodation and from their teachers. It is always pleasing to hear this kind of feedback. Well done to the students for making the trip an enjoyable and memorable experience that enhances the community perception of our college.
COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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 Ovals Mildura. For more information contact Steve Erlandsen 0427 233 504. Check out the FaceBook Page.

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

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 them on Facebook or call Catherine for further information 0420939229.

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

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.

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.romseys.vic.edu.au or call 03 5429 5099.

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

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 entriessunraysiaswimming@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 http://www.miniroos.com.au/mildura
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
HEADSPACE 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.

‘CARRY ON’ – SECONDARY AND POSSIBLY TERTIARY EDUCATION GRANTS
If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces, you can apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2016 and it may be possible for Tertiary Education as well. Phone Carry On Victoria on 0396292648 to establish eligibility and request an application form. All grants are income tested. Applications should be submitted before 29th October 2015.

CHANCES FOR CHILDREN FUNDING
Families are advised that the next Chances for Children funding round will open 7th September 2015.
If you would like to know more about Chances, or would like to discuss a potential application, contact them on 5021 7480.

IRYMPLE BOCCE CLUB
Antipasto & Zippoli held 20th September at 6pm. Members $10 and Non Members $15. Bookings Essential. To confirm your attendance phone Lena Leonardis 0418 570 840 or Aurora Littore 0407 274 340. Memberships are $15 and can be obtained prior to the night and are valid for a year.