DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER
11th Friday
Parent Direct and Chalk Toy orders due
14th Monday
CSEF – Excursion Funding Closes
18th September
Wear Footy Colours Day
Last day of Term 3
Earlier finishing time of 2.30pm
OSHC finishes at the earlier time of 5pm

OCTOBER
5th Monday
First day of Term 4
7th Wednesday
Sec Parent/Teacher Interviews
21st Wednesday
Variety Night – Let Me Entertain You
29th Thursday
Pri G’Day Asia performance

NOVEMBER
10th Tuesday
Family Information Night for Language Backgrounds Other Than English students
11th Wednesday
Family Information Night for Pacific Islander students
12th Thursday
Family Information Night for Koorie students
9th-13th
Grade 5/6 Lake Cullulleraine Camp
24th Tuesday
Head Start Days (for students who have selected a Yr 12 subject)
27th Tuesday
Yr 10 – Enrolment Night MSC 3.30–6.30pm

DECEMBER
4th Friday
Year 10 Graduation Ceremony
8th Tuesday
Senior College Orientation Day
9th Wednesday
Senior College Orientation Day

2015 TERM DATES
Term 3: 13th July to 18th September
Term 4: 5th October to 18th December

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

CHINA EXCHANGE
Today a very excited group of seven students, along with Miss Rankin, Mr Blackie and students and staff from Red Cliffs and Irymple, departed on the first leg of their trip to China. Their bus to Melbourne departed as scheduled and they will fly out of Melbourne tonight. We wish them a safe and exciting trip and look forward to hearing all about it on their return.
FOOTY COLOURS DAY – LAST DAY OF TERM
Next Friday, 18th September will be Footy Colours Day/Sporting Team Day at school. **Students are encouraged to come to school dressed in their favourite Footy Colours on this day.**

Cost of day is a Gold Coin Donation. There will be Teachers Vs Student Footy Game at lunchtime and a Longest Kick Competition with some prizes for BOG and the Longest Kick in the Primary and Secondary Sections. If students would like anything else added to the day please let Mr Rhodes, SRC members or Ms Jessica Williams know.

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FOOTY COLOURS DAY
SPECIAL CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS FOR FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
In keeping with the Footy Theme for the last day of school, the school canteen is offering a "Footy Food" menu for both Primary and Secondary students. Secondary students will have their special menu at recess time and the primary students at lunch time. **Secondary students will need to pre-order and pay for their recess at the canteen by Wednesday 16th September,** menu is attached to the newsletter and **primary students are to complete the order form attached to today's newsletter and return to school with money no later than Wednesday 16th September.**

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LOST - PANDORA RING
A reward is offered for the return of a silver Pandora Ring with diamonds that was lost at school on Tuesday. If found, please contact the school office.

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Woolworths Earn & Learn Program Ends
As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn Claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

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EARLY DISMISSAL NEXT FRIDAY
On the last day of term, Friday 18th September, student will be dismissed at the earlier time of 2.30pm. Lunch will commence at 1.30pm and student activities will be run during lunchtime. Normal classes will be run all morning.

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

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 next 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.

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DIRECT AND CHALK TOY FUNDRAISER
Orders are due tomorrow, Friday 11th September.

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IMPORTANT DATES TERM 3

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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.

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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
**SCHOOL BOOKS**
Please have all Merbein P-10 College books returned before the holidays, both Take Home and Library Books. Students may borrow books to read over the holidays but they will need to return all books first.

**LIBRARY VISITS**
The Ladybirds and Mrs Breewel’s class have visited the local Merbein Library this week. It is such a well-resourced facility, that is free to join and members can borrow up to ten items at a time. The Merbein Library will be delivering some great Holiday Programs (free) as well.

**NEW CANTEEN MENU FOR THE GREEN BUILDING – 3rd TERM**
The School Canteen is excited about introducing the new Spring/Summer Menu, which will start on the first day of Term 3. It has lots of new healthy choices and two categories, Everyday Items and Occasional Items. 

- **Everyday Items** are those that can be chosen and eaten every day of the week.
- **Occasional Items** are those that should be chosen wisely as there is less nutritional value in these items. We recommend that you try to restrict these Occasional Items to once or twice a week.

The new menu for Term 3 will be sent home on next week’s newsletter.

**CANTEEN MENU FOR THE ORANGE BUILDING**
Next term the Grade 4/5/6 students will be able to order off the Senior Menu as we have found that some children are now looking for a bigger item.

**BUGS VISIT TO WENTWORTH**
The excursion will take place Wednesday, 16th September. Please check that your child’s note has been returned to school no later than Monday. The cost for the trip is $10.00 which includes payment for the bus and entry to the Old Gaol and Museum. If families have paid the 2015 Excursion Levy, there is no cost for this excursion.

**HATS**
As the weather is warming up, we are encouraging our students to wear their hats again. The Term 4 ruling is ‘No Hat, No Play’.
LAST WEEK'S GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to the following Grade P-3 Award Winners.
Isabela Smith, Maddy Carter, Jerri Liddicoat, Kaide Aitkens, Brooke Boundy, William Tarrant, Kira Teasdale, Oscar Vidler, Olivia Corrie, Jessica Smith, Cody Riley, Daniel Szombathy, Johnathon Powell, Liam Hansford, Alana Young and Wylie Smith.

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.

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. Next Friday, 18th September OSHC will finish at the earlier time of 5pm.

SECONDARY NEWS

CHINA TRIP DEPARTED TODAY – Mr Rhodes
Students and staff embarking on the second half of this fantastic cultural experience departed for Melbourne today and will fly to China overnight. I strongly recommend this program and opportunity for students and their families. Eligible Year 9 students will have the option to participate in this extremely rewarding program next year. Those choosing to do so will share their home with a Chinese student for a week, then fly to China to do the same in a Chinese family, an amazing experience.

HOCKEY AND ATHLETICS SUCCESS – Mr Rhodes
Hockey - Well done to the Hockey Teams that represented our college last Tuesday. Thanks to Mrs Dawson and Miss Donnelly for coaching and supervising them.
Interschool Athletics - A strong and enthusiastic team of students represented our college at the Interschool Athletics on Monday. Well done to all the students who participated and thank you to Mr Hill and Mr Willison who supervised and supported them. A full report will appear in another section of the newsletter.
R U OK DAY – Mr Rhodes
Today a number of activities were held in the college to acknowledge R U OK Day. Students were encouraged to wear a yellow arm band and participate in activities at lunchtime. Thanks to Bev Thompson and Kyra Fetherston for organising this event.

YEAR 10 INFORMATION – Mr Dreyer
Term 3 is rapidly coming to a close. It has been a very busy term for all Year 10 students and they are to be congratulated on the manner they handled their increased workload and extra-curricular commitments.

Senior College Enrolments - There are still a number of Senior College Enrolments that are outstanding and must be returned to the Merbein P10 Front Office by Wednesday, 16th September.

Graduation - A reminder that the Graduation Ceremony will be held at Club Da Vinci on the 4th December. The full Graduation Policy is available on the school website.

YEAR 10 UPCOMING SENIOR COLLEGE DATES

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If you have any questions regarding the Transition Process, please feel free to contact Mr Dreyer by phone or email: dreyer.timothy.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

MILDURA 4WD CLUB 'COME AND TRY' OPEN DAY
The Mildura 4WD Club will be holding a 'Come and Try' Open Day on Sunday, 27th September. If you have a 4WD and would like to learn some sand driving tips and techniques, please join us for a fun day out for the whole family. No previous experience is required and those with a 4WD who have never been off-road are encouraged to attend. A BBQ lunch and drinks will be provided on the day. A fee of $20 per vehicle will secure you a temporary membership which will enable you to participate in club activities. Pre-registration is a must. For more information and to register your attendance for this event, please contact Jann on 0417 072 142 or gfgirardi@hotmail.com or check out our website www.mildura4wdclub.com.au.

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.

For more information contact Steve Erlandsen 0427 233 504. Or check out the FaceBook Page.

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.

AFL VICTORIA HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Held 23rd September at the Sara Oval Mildura. 9am-3pm – Cost $65. Ring Trevor Ryan on 0427 750 283 for more information.

Register at www.aflvicholidayprograms.com.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
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CHANCES FOR CHILDREN CONNECTING KIDS WITH COMMUNITY FUND
This program has re-opened. The Connecting Kids with Community Fund provides young people with the opportunity to participate in an extracurricular activity that otherwise they would not be able to undertake due to financial constraints. An Application Form will be available on the Chances website in the near future which has additional information and eligibility details.
For more information phone 03 5021 7474 on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday or email TMcCarruth@tanglefamilycare.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 03 96292648 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 opened 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.

MILDURA LAWN TENNIS CLUB
Dates are 21st, 24th, 28th September and 1st October. Coaching all levels as well as games and fun tournaments. Half Days held from 8:30am-12:30pm, cost $40 per day or $130 for 4 half days. Full Day held from 8:30am-3:00pm, $50 per day or $175 for 4 full days. For bookings contact Dean Kyle on phone 0414 826 318 or email ontourtennis1@gmail.com

SA FOOTBALL ACADEMY
SA Football Academy is holding soccer clinics on the 19th September 2015. The aim is to further the capabilities of new and present players to competitive standards. For further information contact Tony Burns 0413819854
tony@safootballacademy.com.au
www.safootballacademy.com.au

THERE’S SO MUCH TO GAIN FROM A WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE!
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SEPTEMBER HEADSPACE MILDURA FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 16-25 YEARS OF AGE
If you use some help with education or employment, make an appointment with Melinda at Headspace office. Melinda can help with finding a course that suits your needs, study options, choosing work experience, employment support, job interview preparations, resume writing, career direction advice. Melinda is available on Mondays.
To make an appointment phone 50122400.

Jump Start Expo – September 10 from 6pm onward at the Senior College. If you are coming to the end of school and would like some help with life skills or some advice for the future, there will be demonstrations on cooking, changing a tyre on a car, preparing for a job interview and more. There will also be fun things during the night like makeup demonstrations and live music. If you are interested go to Facebook.com/jumpstartyouthconference.

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MISSING DOG
Much loved family member - Jack Russell male missing from Merbein near Kenny Park. Contact Tracy Russell trrussell@bigpond.com
### FOOTY COLOURS DAY – SECONDARY STUDENTS RECESS MENU

Please pre-order and pay at the canteen by **Wednesday 16th September**

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### FOOTY COLOURS DAY - PRIMARY LUNCH ORDER

**FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER**

**ORDERS TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER**

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