DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER
12th-16th
Advance Camp
19th Monday
Girls Cricket
20th Tuesday
Boys Cricket
21st Wednesday
Variety Night – Let Me Entertain You
28-30th
Grade 3-4 Camp
29th Thursday
Pri G’Day Asia performance

NOVEMBER
3rd Tuesday
Melbourne Cup Holiday
9th-13th
Grade 5/6 Lake Cullulleraine Camp
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
24th Tuesday
Head Start Days (for students who have selected a Yr 12 subject)
25th Wednesday
Play it Safe by the water Session
27th Tuesday
Yr 10 – Enrolment Night MSC 3.30-6.30pm

DECEMBER
4th Friday
Year 10 Graduation Ceremony
7th Monday
Pupil Free Day – Report Writing
8th Tuesday
Senior College Orientation Day
9th Wednesday
Senior College Orientation Day
10th Thursday
Awards Night
11th Friday
Grade P/6 Graduation Ceremony

2015 TERM DATES
Term 4: 5th October to 18th December

Merbein P-10 College presents

Let Us Entertain You

When: 21st October 2015 at 7pm
Venue: Mildura Arts Centre
Cost: $10 Adults $8 Concession
$20 Family (2 adults & 2 children)

Tickets available online or in person from Mildura Arts Centre or in person at Mildura Visitor Information Centre
WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH OCTOBER
October is Walk to School Month. Victorian Primary School students are encouraged to walk, ride or scoot to and from school to highlight ways children can improve their health and wellbeing. 60 minutes of physical activity is recommended for children each day. Walking to school can also help reduce traffic congestion, parking difficulties and associated environmental impacts. Get involved and get active.

Merbein P10 College supports this program. Participating students will receive certificates.

UP COMING EVENTS
Oct 15th - Primary Sports Basketball
Oct 19th - Girls Interschool Cricket (Secondary)
Oct 20th - Boys Interschool Cricket (Secondary)
Oct 21st - Variety Night
Oct 28th - Grade 3-4 camp. Returns Friday 30th
Nov 3rd - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Nov 6th - 2016 Prep Students Practice Day
Nov 9th - Grade 5-6 camp. Returns on 13th Oct.
Nov 13th - 2016 Prep Students Practice Day
Nov 20th - 2016 Prep Students Practice Day
Nov 23rd - School Review
Nov 27th - 2016 Prep Students Practice Day
Dec 4th - Year 10 Graduation evening
Dec 7th - Pupil Free Day
Dec 8th - Orientation Day and 2016 Prep Students Practice Day
Dec 9th - Orientation Day
Dec 10th - Awards Evening (Primary and Sec)
Dec 11th - Prep and Yr 6 Official ceremony
Dec 16th - Secondary Summer Program
Dec 18th - Last Day of school.

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

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

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

PRIMARY NEWS

ILLNESS/ABSENCES
We have an incredibly contagious virus affecting about 40% of our infant classes this week. Please keep your child at home until they are 100% to stop the spread of the virus. Not only are they unwell to work, they can also spread the virus to others.

2016 PREP PRACTICE DAYS
Prep practice days for our 2016 preps will be held on the following days. Students will need to bring along a hat and water bottle.

Friday 6th and 13th November – 9.00am – 11.30am- also need to bring along recess
Friday 13th November – 9.00am – 2.00pm – will need to bring recess and lunch

Friday 27th November and Tuesday 8th December – 9.00am – 3.15pm – will need to bring recess and lunch.

REMINDER-NO HAT NO PLAY POLICY
The 'No Hat - No Play' policy will be implemented from Day 1 of Term 4. Please ensure your child comes to school with an approved hat (ie. NO Baseball Caps) and a pop-top bottle of water for the classroom.

LUNCH CONTAINERS – LOST PROPERTY
Once again our lost property box is overflowing with school jumpers and lunch containers. The jumpers will be transferred to the second hand uniform rack and the containers will be binned next week if no one claims them.
LAST WEEK’S GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY
AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to the following Grade P-3 Award Winners. (Front Row) Chloe Moore, Liam Gardner, Shauna Lawson, Oscar Vidler, Layla Connors (Back Row) Alana Young, Jesse Philippe, Makayla Dixon, Taya Battin-Frederickson, Tasharni Quinlivan, Tyler Hawkes, Jessica Smith, Renisha Fuamatu & Jesse Price.

ELECTIVE SELECTION BOOKLETS
Elective selection booklets for 2016 were handed out to year 8 and 9 students last Thursday and to year 7 students on Friday. Students have been briefed about the expectations and timelines for the elective selection process. It is important that parents discuss these electives with their children as parents MUST sign the selections sheets before they are returned to the school office. The selection sheets should be returned prior to October 21st. The earlier the sheets are returned the better chance of getting the electives selected for students.

YEAR 8 SURF CAMP 2016
Planning is well underway for the Year 8 Surf Camp in 2016. Students will be travelling to Ocean Grove for a week from the 7th March through to the 11th where they will get to experience surfing, body boarding, snorkelling, kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding as well as many other beach activities. All current Year 7 students have received notes this week detailing the cost and payment requirements for this camp. We are asking students to return their expression of interest form along with a $50 deposit by Friday 30th October. We are also looking for a few parents to come along on the camp to help out with the cooking. There is no cost for the parent helpers and they will be provided with cabin accommodation. Should you be interested in helping out, please indicate this on the expression of interest form. Should any students misplace their note, spares are available from the front office.

SUNRAYSIA YOUTH DRUG FORUM 2015
Julie Mann, Harper Banks, Daniel Wakefield, Lachlan Brown and Olivia Beyen, all year 10 students, were involved in the organisation and running of the Sunraysia Youth Forum 2015 that was held at the Mercy Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The students are pictured receiving their acknowledgement certificates from the Victorian Police along with students from other local schools. Congratulations and well done.

SECONDARY NEWS

HOME READING – GREEN BUILDING
There will be a reading reward again this term. Every child should read each night and return their reading diary signed and dated each morning. Students who reach a total of 45 nights for the term will be rewarded with a special treat.

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.

AFTER-SCHOOL ENGLISH SESSIONS
Every Tuesday and Thursday during term 4, teachers from the English department will be offering after-school sessions from 3.30-4.30pm in the Blue Building. All secondary students are welcome to attend to catch up on class work, assignments and homework. Students will have access to computers and the internet, and teachers will be on hand to offer advice and one-on-one assistance. Along with frequent lunchtime catch-up sessions, this is a great opportunity for students to ensure they’re up-to-date with work and extending their knowledge and skills.
MILDURA INTERSCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT

"A strong memory, concentration, imagination, and strong will is required to become a great chess player" Bobby Fischer

We went in with realistic expectations that we might win a few games but probably lose more. With much delight we surpassed our expectations with our Secondary Team winning Second place in the Open Secondary Division. Congratulations to our 4 highest Secondary players; Atticus Banks 4, Gemma Thomas 3, Melissa Kirby 3 and Nathan Milner 3 (pictured below). Our other players scored; Ryan Moseley 2½, Maddy Deale 2, Byron Lang 1½ and Riley Roberston 1½.

Our Primary team all won several games with; Corey Wakefield 3½, Vincent Martin 3, Jesse Johnson 3, Zac Lynch 3, Jacob I'Anson 3 and Xander Gibson-Rice 2.

Thank you to Sacred Heart Primary School for hosting the event. It was a great day which allowed all of the students from different schools to practice their chess skills.

The next interschool tournament will be in March 2016. We are hoping to send both a Primary and a Secondary team again. Start-up practice sessions will be held at lunchtimes for Year 4/5/6 students on Mondays in the yellow building, Year Prep/1/2/3 on Thursdays in the green building and General Practice on Fridays in the yellow building. Please see Mrs Fetherston or your teacher if you are interested in learning how to play chess.

....Mrs Fetherston

START UP CHESS CLASSES

Lunchtime 1:40pm

Monday Year 4/5/6
Yellow building (secondary end)

Thursday Year Prep/1/2/3
Green building (beetles end)

Friday General Practice
Yellow building (secondary end)

For more information see
Mrs Fetherston or
your class teacher.

fetherston.kyra.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
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.

MERBEIN SOUTH CRICKET CLUB - MILO
Boys and girls between 5 and 8 years of age are invited to a Come and Try Day on Sunday 18th October, 2015 at Chaffey Park from 11am. Training will take one hour with a BBQ lunch to follow. Contact Aaron Walder 0408315746 for more information. There is no cost for this event.

MERBEIN SOUTH CRICKET CLUB – JUNIORS
Training for U/12s to U/16’s on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Chaffey Park Merbein at 4.30pm. Any interested boys and girls, at any level, are most welcome to come along for a tryout. Contact Ross Griffiths 0428234964 for more information.

MERBEIN COBRAS BASKETBALL CLUB
Online Registrations are now available at www.mildurabasketball.com.au
Click on the Club Websites tab, select Cobras & click the link on the right hand side titled Player to Club Summer Comp 2015/2016.
Age Groups for Summer Season are U10/12/14/16/18. For further information contact Brock Munn (President) 0407 096 108 Cassie Munn (Treasurer) 0409 632 898.

MUSIC TOGETHER IN MERBEIN
Special Free Class on Friday October 23rd at Merbein Kindergarten.
Music Together is a research based developmental music program for children aged 0-5 years and their grownups. Sunraysia Arts and Learning in Merbein is a licensed provider for this fantastic program.
All families are invited to come along and sing, dance, play and be a little bit silly in a fantastic community atmosphere! Register now for our special free trial class in conjunction with Merbein Kinder on Friday October 23rd at 2.45pm.
Term 4 Enrolments open now. Please call 0420939229 or visit our website www.sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au for details.

SUNRAYSIA VOLLEYBALL COME AND TRY DAY
Starts: 9:30am Saturday October 17th.
Junior Summer Competition begins the following Saturday and ends in December, 2015.
Held at the SJC Stadium, 11th Street, Mildura. Competition games are for Junior Girls, Junior Boys and Junior Social (Mixed).
This is a great opportunity to play competition volleyball if you have never tried it before! Beginners more than welcome.

‘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.

SUNITAFE 2016 CREATIVE ARTS COURSE STUDY INTERVIEWS
Thursday 26 November
11am to 3pm
Contact: Hannah Burke (03)5022 3673.
Students must show a current portfolio of work.

TWILIGHT SESSIONS AT MILDURA ART CENTRE
Friday 23rd October from 5pm – 8.30pm.