G’DAY ASIA PERFORMANCE REPORT

The primary students were entertained today by the G’Day Asia Performance. It was extremely educational, interesting and full of great puppets and costumes from Asian neighbouring countries like Indonesia, India, Japan and China. Students learnt about a number of celebrations that are vastly different from ours in Australia, especially the Indonesia New Years which is held at the end of March. It was an exceptional performance. Photos below.
UP COMING EVENTS

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PARENTS’ CLUB CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Parents’ Club are asking each family to donate a non-perishable item to their Christmas Raffle. Donations can be left at the main office or at the office in the Green Building. Raffle books will sent out at a later date. Please ensure the donated items Used-by-Date has not passed.

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:

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giddings.beth.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
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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.
SCHOOL WEBSITE
Reminder that the newsletter is uploaded to the school's website each week - merbeinp10.vic.edu.au

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

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.

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

PRIMARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – NEXT THURSDAY
Student of the Month Awards will be presented at the Monthly Whole School Assemblies held next Thursday, 5th November. The Primary Assembly will start at 12.30pm. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Please note that we will not be holding the weekly Green Building Assembly next Thursday because of the Whole School Assembly earlier in the day.

PREP PRACTICE
The first of our Prep Practices will be next Friday, 6th November from 9-11.30am. If you know of any families with children that they plan to enrol in the Prep Grade at our college next year, please invite them to attend. The Kinder Kids will need to bring their hat, water bottle and recess to school on this day.

GRADES 3-4 BROKEN HILL CAMP UPDATE
The students in Grades 3-4 are having a fantastic time on their school camp in Broken Hill. They are loving all the activities. The happy travellers will return to school at 3pm tomorrow.

GRADE P-2 KITCHEN SCIENCE REPORT
Kitchen Science with the Grade P-2 Bugs End of the Green Building. Students looked at changes in solids, liquids and gases as well as making yummy things to eat.
GRADE 6 CELEBRATION DINNER
The Grade 6 Celebration Dinner will be held at the Pizza Café this year on Monday 14th December. Please mark your calendars.

Celebrate Walk to School month.
Students are invited to meet at the Merbein Uniting Church at 8.30 to 'Walk to School' together with teachers tomorrow, Friday, 30th October.

LAST WEEK’S GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to the following Grade P-3 Award Winners. Shauna Lawson, Lola Colling, Jerri Liddicoat, Taylor Lewis, Hayden Gardiner, Demi Stone, Derek Bagacay, Sapphire Dodds, Jake Ball, Daniel Szombathy, Sarnie Cramp, Eleanor Saleta, Frederiko Solis-Dixon, Liam Hansford and Jesse Philippe.

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. OSHC children celebrated Halloween this week with a party of fun food and healthy snacks.
SECONDARY NEWS

ELECTIVE SELECTIONS
Most students in Year 7-9 have submitted their Elective Selections for 2016. Mr Rhodes will be setting up subject grids in an effort to ensure that students have access to as many of their selected subjects as possible. Some subjects will be cancelled as they have insufficient numbers to run them. In this case, those students will be allocated another of their selections and counselled to assist them to choose their best possible elective subject selections.

UNIFORM
Our College Uniform has many elements that give students options for variation. Visitors to the school often comment on how practical it is and also very striking in appearance. It is important for parents to make every effort to ensure their child is in uniform as we are coming to the end of the year. The Uniform Shop can be opened upon request at the school main office during school hours. Orders can also be arranged over the phone if this is an easier option. If a student in Year 10 is having difficulties with their uniform, parents should contact Mr Dreyer.

LEADERSHIP – YEAR 9
Next Friday, 6th November, approximately twenty Year 9 students will attend a Leadership Day held in Mildura. These students will gain knowledge and skills to help them in leadership roles within the school and the general community.

Information for 2016 House Leaders has been distributed by Mr Hill. If you would like your child to apply for a Sports House Leadership Position you should talk with them and contact Mr Hill.

The process for selection of Student Representative Council (SRC) Executive Positions for 2016 will start in mid-November. Mr Rhodes will be coordinating this process.

STATE LEVEL SPORTS REPORT
We extend our congratulations and good luck to our Girls Hockey and Cricket Teams. They have won their way through to the State Finals which will be held in two weeks' time. Mrs Dawson and Ms Donnelly will be coaching the teams.

MERBEIN CUP SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
This year's Merbein Cup Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4th November. Each Home Group will create a horse and enter it into the Merbein Cup. The race will be held at lunchtime on the oval. At recess on the day there will be the Fashions on the Field Event for those who would like to make a dress or suit out of garbage bags and tape only. Please see Miss Williams or Mrs Bettison for further details on how to enter.

YEAR 10 ADVANCE CAMP 2015 REPORT
Twenty Year 10 students recently returned from the Annual Advance Camp. Students spent the week camping, kayaking, hiking and caving along the Glenelg River. The Advance Camp is the culmination of the Year 10 Outdoor Education Course and encourages students to put their resourcefulness and skills to the test out in the wild. We’re glad to report that they passed and made it home safe! Photo below as displayed in the Sunraysia Daily this week.
END OF YEAR – STUDENT WORK TO COMPLETE
This is the fourth week 4 of an 11 week term. Many classes have major assignments and tests to complete over the next six weeks. It is important that students take work home to revise the content and processes learnt at school. There will also be assignments and projects to complete.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MERBEIN MARLINS SWIMMING CLUB
The Merbein Swimming Club will return to training on 5th November at the Merbein Swimming Pool. Training will be held Wednesdays. Juniors and new to swimming at 4.15-5.00pm. Seniors at 5-6.00pm. All new comers are welcome. For more information please contact Christine Mazza, on 0438256282.

MILDURA RURAL CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY EXPO
Community Safety Expos with Emergency and Health Services Demonstrations, Entertainment and Interactive Activities including a free Outdoor Cinema Night will be held Saturday 14th November. Movie: Minions held at Nowingi Place (Mildura Riverfront) from 5pm onwards. Food and drinks for purchase. Bring your picnic rugs and chairs. This is an alcohol and smoke free event. For more information phone (03) 5018 8100. Or visit the website www.mildura.vic.gov.au/events.

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

BAREFOOT BOWLING – MERBEIN BOWLING CLUB
Twelve fun weeks. Starting Tuesday, 27th October 6.30-8.30pm. Teams of three or we will find you a team. Bring your bare feet or wear flat sole shoes. Coaching available and BBQ Tea provided. $5 to play. Heaps of prizes and meat raffles. To register call Brian Davey 0427502071, Scotty Pollock 0417111732, Darren Cordwell 0458022314 or the Club 50252355.

MILDURA PRIDE PROJECT – A FREE EVENT GROWING UP GAY – A public conversation with Benjamin Law. Hosted by Sheridan Stewart. Benjamin is a journalist, screenwriter and author of two books. Event to be held 11th November from 6-7.30pm at the Theatre Club, Mildura Brewery, Langtree Ave Mildura. Bookings required. Contact Ashleah Black phone 50222988 or email ablack@mildurabrewery.com.au.

SUNRAYSIA FOOTBALL TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER
Fundraising for a six year old local Sunraysia girl. Proceeds will go towards a high-low bed. Event to be held at the Irymple Bocce Club on 21st November at 7pm. $20 per ticket. Come dressed as your favourite movie character (optional). Phone 0498735916 for tickets. 18+ event. Supper provided. Drinks at bar prices.

LEGO CLUB
Lego Club is on this Saturday from 10:30-11:30am, held at 110 Pine Ave Mildura. All welcome. For more information email sunraysia.autism@gmail.com