Merbein P-10 COLLEGE

Successful Students – Strong Communities

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

10th Friday

-Grandparents Day POSTPONED
-NO LUNCH ORDERS
-BREAKFAST CLUB STILL RUNNING

13th Monday

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

14th Tuesday

Yr 10 Advance Camp

15th Wednesday

-Gr P-4 Rugby Clinic school oval
-Deputy Premier & Minister for Education, James Merlino visit 10am
-SOM Assembly

16th Thursday

-Sec Interschool Hockey

-Primary Grandparents Day & Special Persons Day. 9-11am

17th Friday

-Pri Mildura Eisteddfod Dances from 9.30am
-Sec Mildura Eisteddfod 11.30-2.45 (E. Smith T. Dunbar)
-Sec last day of Semester 1 electives

20th Monday

-Pri Student Reports sent home
-Sec Semester 2 Electives begin

22nd Wednesday

Pri P/T Interviews 2.30-7pm

24th Friday

Last day of Term 2 – early dismissal time of 2.30pm

JULY

22nd Friday

Primary PJ Day

AUGUST

16th Tuesday

The Beat

17th Wednesday

The Beat

20th – 26th

Book Week – Theme 'Australia Story Country'

SEPTEMBER

6th Tuesday

Immunisations

12th Monday

Visiting Performance - Pass the Poetry

GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO UNFORESEEABLE SAD CIRCUMSTANCES.

This event has been rescheduled for next Thursday. 16th June from 9-11am.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY – QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Next Monday, 13th June is a Public Holiday.
There will be no school on this day.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

SCHOOL COMMUNITY LOSS

As most parents and carers would now be aware, one of our former students died suddenly last weekend. The former student's sister also attended Merbein P-10 College a number of years ago and his mother was a valued staff colleague in the secondary section for several years. Consequently this sad event has impacted heavily on both older students and staff alike. Our thoughts are with the family and friends.

As explained in a bulletin sent home to parents of secondary students yesterday, a support response team has been set up to help students and staff process and cope with this tragic event. Although it's likely that the majority of affected staff and students will be in the secondary end of the school, it is also acknowledged some younger students may also experience effects. For parents of younger children, if are concerned about your child's reaction or their expressions of feelings about this event, please contact the school. Our wellbeing staff can provide some information and support that may assist you in conversations that your child may wish to have with you.

The school will focus on supporting all our students and staff as we progress through the next stages of management and recovery. A key part of this process will be returning the school to normal routines. However parents should not hesitate to contact the school for advice and guidance if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing.

The majority of our secondary staff (teachers and ES support staff) will be attending a funeral service tomorrow Friday, 10th June at 10.30am so secondary classes will not be running as normal. We have received wonderful support from a significant proportion of secondary students and their parents/carers who have arranged for their sons/daughters to work at home tomorrow. I sincerely thank you for this support which will allow staff wishing to pay their respects to attend the funeral service.
Primary classes will run normally. Could parents of primary students please note that the canteen will not be running tomorrow, so please ensure your child brings a packed lunch and snack to school tomorrow, Friday 10th June.

DEPUTY PREMIER TO VISIT MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE

I am pleased to confirm that Mr James Merlino, Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, will be visiting Merbein P-10 College next Wednesday, 15th June. Mr Merlino will make a formal announcement about the funding allocated in the Victorian State Government's 2016-17 Budget to replace our Technology Building. Mr Merlino is also keen to meet with Merbein P-10 students, staff, parents and members of the wider community. Mr Merlino will address students, staff, parents and community representatives at a special assembly to be held at 10.15am. Parents are most welcome to attend this assembly. **The May/June Student of the Month Assembly for primary and secondary sections will follow this special assembly**.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION EXCURSION REPORT

Yesterday morning Merbein P-10 hosted approximately 100, Year 6 students who visited Merbein P-10 College as part of the annual transition process.
The visit went very smoothly even though Mr Morgan had to make some late changes to the program due to the rain. It was pleasing to receive feedback from students and parents that indicated the excursion was an enjoyable and beneficial experience.
I would like to thank the many staff and students who assisted with the planning and running of the program including the teachers who conducted lessons, staff who assisted with supervision and transport, the canteen and office staff and the student helpers and leaders. A special thanks must go to Mr Rob Morgan who worked closely with the primary schools to ensure our visiting students were welcomed and able to enjoy a well-planned visit.
We hope to see many of our visitors return in 2017 as Merbein P-10 College Year 7 students.
Our Merbein P-10 Year 6 students will be given the opportunity to have their own special Transition Day in early Term 3 when the Year 10s are out on work experience.

NO LUNCH ORDERS/BREAKFAST CLUB AS USUAL – TOMORROW, FRIDAY 10TH JUNE

Please note that tomorrow, 10th June, there will be no lunch orders available due to the unusual events of the day. Breakfast Club however, will proceed as normal first thing in the morning.

SUNRAYSIA PRIMARY SPORTS ASSOCIATION AFL CLINIC REPORT – Rebecca Holy

A fantastic group of Merbein P-10 Year 10 students helped run a major schools event on Monday, 6th June, for around 500 primary students to learn the skills of AFL Football. Well done! You should be very proud of yourselves.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND 2016

Parents and guardians who hold a Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) that is valid on the first day of Term 2, are eligible to claim the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund. Application forms must be completed and returned to the school by 20th June, for the claims to be processed. Application forms are available from the main school office or the office in the Green Building.

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

PLAY GROUP

If you are interested in coming along to a playgroup held here at Merbein P10 College, on Thursdays from 9.30-11am, please contact the coordinator Danielle Mazza on 0437 077 689 or phone the school office for more information.

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.

MERBEIN P10 COLLEGE FACEBOOK PAGE

Visit our school's Facebook Page for photos and updates www.facebook.com/merbeinp10college.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

The school prefers to send the weekly newsletter 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 at the end of the day 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. If you are able to volunteer to help in the Breakfast Program, please contact Haley at the Merbein & District Community Bank. The Breakfast Program is held in the school 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.

PRIMARY NEWS

GRADE P-6 GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY - POSTPONED – Mr Lord

Due to unforeseeable circumstances Grandparents and Special Friends Day has been postponed. The event has been rescheduled for next Thursday 16th June from 9-11am.

We look forward to seeing all the Grandparents and Special Friends next Thursday as we celebrate the very significant contribution they make in the lives of our students.

Grandparents and special friends are invited into our classrooms between 9am and 11am. Morning Tea will follow and will be held in the Orange Building. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience.

Please note: If any Grandparents and Special Friends plans cannot be changed at this late stage, they are very welcome to attend the school tomorrow morning and see the children at work; however it will not be the Grandparents and Special Friends morning program.

The program has been rescheduled to next Thursday, 6th June and we are really hoping you can come then.

PARENT STUDENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent/Student/Teacher meetings will be held Wednesday 22nd June from 2.30-7pm. Interview Booking Notes went home with every primary child yesterday. Please note that you can book an meeting with your child's specialist teachers as well as their classroom teacher. **More booking sheets can be collected from the Green Building office**. Please get your booking sheets with your time preferences back to the school as soon as possible as spots will fill up quickly.

EISTEDDFOD DANCE INFORMATION

The primary students will be participating in the Mildura Eisteddfod on Friday, 17th June.

Dance costume requirements are as follows:

- ***Grade 2-4 students*** are required to wear black pants/track pants and plain black t-shirts. Girls with long hair are required to wear their hair straight back in a ponytail. The rest of the costume will be provided by the school.
- ***Starfish students*** are required to wear black pants. Hair pulled back. The top will be provided by the school.
- ***Seahorse students*** are required to wear black pants and plain black tops. Hair pulled back. The rest of their costume will be provided by the school.
- ***Jellyfish students*** are required to wear black pants. Their tops will be provided by the school. The girls' hair needs to be in a high pony tail and teased up. A bow for their hair will be provided by the school. The boys need to have their hair spiked with some gel or hair product.
- ***Grade 5-6 students*** are required to wear camouflage/combat clothing or plain black clothing, top and bottom. Girls with long hair are required to wear their hair straight back in a ponytail. The rest of the costume will be provided by the school.

Permission notes went home with every Grade P-2 student and all those Grade 3-6 students who are participating. Please complete and return the notes as soon as possible.

HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH

Parents please be aware that we have had notice of an unconfirmed case of Hand, Foot and Mouth Virus at the school. Do not be alarmed. This virus presents as a mild virus in children that can last a week to ten days. Symptoms can be blisters on the child's hands, soles of the feet or in the mouth. Good personal hygiene is important to prevent the spread of the infection to others. So please be diligent in persisting your children wash their hands often, covering their mouth when coughing or sneezing, then washing their hands again.

If your child presents with blisters, please inform the school and visit your doctor for advice.

THE PRIMARY VIVO REWARDS SHOP IS OPEN!

This week all primary students logged into their VIVO Accounts to explore and 'spend' their well-earned points. The 'Sea' Grade P-2 students had some extra help from their Buddies. A letter informing families of the program has been sent home with every primary student. Please keep an eye out for it.

GRADE 5-6 WEEKLY AWARDS – Sue Gardiner

Congratulations to last week's Grade 5-6 award recipients.

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 school before the end of the school day.

GRADE P-4 WEEKLY AWARDS – Wendy Finn

Congratulations to last week's Grade P-4 award recipients and well done to Brooke, Shakiera and Jasmine who performed at our assembly.

AFL FOOTBALL CLINIC REPORT – Janelle Costello

Our Grade 3-4 students enjoyed the Football Clinic held in Mildura on Monday, 6th June with some of the Carlton Football Club players!

EISTEDDFOD NEWS – Brioney Hall

Congratulations to Brooke Boundy who earned herself a first place and an honorable mention in Pianoforte. Well done on your amazing efforts!

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.

GRADE 5-6 WINTER INTERSCHOOL SPORTS REPORT – Mr Lord

Last Thursday, 2nd June, our Grade 5-6 students (plus some Grade 4 students) competed against The Lake and Our Lady's Primary Schools. It was very pleasing to witness our students participating to the best of their abilities whilst displaying excellent sportsmanship. Unfortunately none of our teams will be going onto the next level but it certainly wasn't from a lack of effort. Well done to all. A report on each sport follows.

I would like to thank the following Year 10 students who assisted with the coaching over the last month and/or umpiring on the day. Jarni Hay, Vhilla Evans, Steph White, Shae Congress, Jayden Curtis, Will Smith, Kyle Stevens, Jeremy Rodi, Oscar Riley, Josef Dolenec, Shania McKinnon and Ashlee Battin. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by all.

Football Results- Merbein P-10 scored 7-6-48 defeating OLSH Primary School scored 0-3-3.
Best Players: Alan, Josh H., Rylan, Brayden, Samuel and Dawson.
Goals: Alan-3, Josh H.-2, Rylan-1 and Brayden-1.
The Lake Primary School scored 11-7-73 defeating Merbein P-10 scored 2-0-12.
Best Players: Bradley, Alan, Rylan, Josh L., Henry and Dominic. Goals: Bradley-2.

Netball Results - Two teams participated in the Netball Competition playing against The Lake and OLSH. The girls improved their understanding of the game and the different positions on court. Their skills improved throughout each game and all displayed a positive attitude.

Soccer Results - The soccer team played four games throughout the day. Scores were:
Merbein P-10 drew 0-0 with The Lake Primary School Girls.
Merbein P-10 defeated Our Lady's Primary School Team #2, 3-0.
Merbein P-10 defeated Our Lady's Primary School Team #1, 3-0
The Lake Primary School Boys Team defeated Merbein P-10 8-0.
It was fantastic to see the improvement the students made with their soccer skills and knowledge of the game over the past few weeks. All the players did an amazing job considering that none of them play competition soccer and for many it was the first time they had played a game of soccer. Some outstanding players on the day were Omer Baykurt, Zak Peterson, Zac Lynch, Seth Colling, Montie Beckwith and Holly Strickland. Well done to all players who displayed determination, great sportsmanship and most of all had a lot of fun.

Hockey Results- Students had a reasonably successful day playing hockey for Interschool Sports. Merbein P-10 played The Lake Primary school who proved to be tough competition for all schools playing against them. Merbein P-10 did an extremely good job to shut down their scoring in the first half. The Lake Primary School defeated Merbein P-10, 5-0. Merbein P-10 then played against Our Ladies for the final game. Ella Berryman scored 2 goals, Jade Follet and Brooklyn Tarrant scored 1 goal and Damon Spicer scored 2 goals. Merbein P-10 defeated Our Lady's Primary School 9-3.

SECONDARY NEWS

END OF SEMESTER – Mr Rhodes

All students in Years 7-10 will finish their Arts/Technology Extension Subjects next Friday 17th June. This will be Week 10, the second last week of term. At this point a new timetable will be published with the new subject selections included. All students pre-selected their subjects last year. Students in Years 8-10 will have an opportunity to re-select their elective subject contingent on subject availability, not having completed the subject previously and curriculum balance. The process of re-selecting electives will take place at the beginning of Week 10 which will be Tuesday, 14th June. Students will have the opportunity to re-select for two weeks.

SPORTS JACKET UNIFORM

There has been an issue with some of the new Sports Jackets coming unstitched on the side seams. If this happens, please return it to the school and we will send it back to the supplier to have them repaired.

EISTEDDFOD NEWS – Sue Gardiner
Well done to the Merbein P-10 College Guitar Ensemble who performed at the Eisteddfod this week.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOCAL CENSUS JOBS AVAILABLE NOW
Make a difference in your community and join Australia's largest logistical peacetime operation, The 2016 Census of Population and Housing. Census night is August 9 and the Australian Bureau of Statistics is right now looking for dedicated, enthusiastic self-starters to fill up to 6,900 Field Officer Positions across Victoria. If you are community minded and comfortable using a mobile or tablet device the ABS wants to hear from you. Field Officers play a critical role by visiting households and ensuring everyone makes the Census count. They also earn around $21 an hour and enjoy flexible, part-time work hours for up to 3 months. To do the job you'll need to be a good communicator, reasonably fit, licensed to drive and able to travel and work independently.
To apply or find more information, visit www.abs.gov.au/careers

MILDURA WEEKLY WINTER FOOD DRIVE
EasyMix 1467AM and the Mildura Weekly are working together to encourage donations of non-perishable food for a Foodbank in this area. Foodbank distributes packages through local organisations including:
* Schools, as part of the Breakfast Programs.
* Charitable groups including the Salvation Army and St Vinnies.
Foodbank will ensure all donations made to the EasyMix 1467/Mildura Weekly Winter Food Drive will be distributed in Sunraysia.
If you can donate non-perishable foods to this cause, please contact Daniel Brewer Promotions / Announcer on phone 5023 3311 or drop the donations into Easymix 1467AM 130 Ninth Street Mildura.

GRIP NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CAMP 2016
Would you like to develop valuable leadership skills whilst having enormous fun during the July school holidays? Students in Yrs 10-12 are invited to participate in a National Leadership Camp being held in Sydney, hosted by the GRIP Leadership Team. Teenagers from around Australia will be gathering for this four day camp from July 3rd-6th. GRIP Leadership is well known for organising Australia's largest student leadership events and helping students reach their potential as a leader. Full details available at www.gripleadership.com.au/camp.

YOUTH SERVICES MILDURA SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AGES 12-16 YEARS
June/July Holiday program for young people ages 12-16 years. The program run from 9am-2pm each day, lunch is provided and there is no cost unless otherwise specified in the table below. Home base for this program is the Mildura Scout Hall at 39 Twelfth Street Mildura. Bookings are essential. Registration forms available by contacting youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au or www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth
Phone the Mildura Rural City Council on 50188280 for more information.

27th June	Fishing Day
28th June	Cupcakes and Nail Art
29th June	Mungo National Park Tour : Cost $15 8.30am-4.45pm
30th June	House of Bounce : Cost $15
1st July	Arts Day
4th July	Basketball Fun Day : Cost $15
5th July	Movies & Pizza : Cost $15
6th July	Rugby League – Come Try Day
7th July	Laserforce : Cost $15
8th July	Golf Range & Ten Pin Bowling

FREE – LITTLE DAY OUT
This program provides an opportunity to discover the latest local information from pregnancy to primary school. To be held Friday 17th June from 9am-1pm at Lifestyle Plus, 3 King Avenue Mildura. A day of fun, information and family friendly children's entertainment for free.

WALK TO REDUCE YOUR FOOTPRINT
On the 19th June the Sacred Heart Environmental Committee is hosting this day to teach people about the importance of reducing our use of energy and to think about living more sustainably. The walk will begin at 10am at Nowingi Place, Mildura and walk to the Art Centre where ideas and information will be shared. All welcome.

MALLEE SPORTS ASSEMBLY SAFER SPORT COURSES

To be held at the South Mildura Football Club Rooms on the corner of 12th street and San Mateo Ave Mildura.

Level 1 Sports Trainer – 19th Jun from 1-5pm and 20th June from 5-9pm. Cost $200. Participants must attend both sessions.

Advanced Taping – 19th June from 5-9pm. Cost $85.

For more information contact Tanya at Mallee Sports Assembly on 50213464 or email tanya@malleesportsassembly.org.au.

HEADSPACE MILDURA JUNE NEWS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12-25

Megan Johnson will begin fitness classes out of Headspace Mildura on 12th July at 4pm. Sessions will run for 30 minutes over a six week period. Ring Headspace to make bookings.

June is NAIDOC month at Headspace and Headspace is running a Yarn Safe Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Young People between the ages of 12 and 25. The message is 'No shame in talking it out' and that the Headspace centre is a safe place to have a chat to somebody. Phone Headspace Mildura on 50212400 for more information.

MUSIC TOGETHER FREE TRIAL CLASS

Held 23rd June at the Sunraysia Arts and Learning Studio, 198 Third St, Merbein. Music Together is high quality music learning for 0-5 year olds and their grown-ups. Join experienced teacher Catherine for singing, dancing, instruments and some belly laughs! Register online at http://www.sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au. For more information phone 0420939229 or email enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au.

SUNRAYSIA BASEBALL LEAGUE 'FINDING DORY' FUNDRAISER

Held 16th June at 6.30pm at the Deakin Cinema Complex. Tickets cost $20, includes movie and supper at the Mildura Club afterwards. Contact Terri Zaccone on 0428847946 for more information.

2001 -2004 MERBEIN HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Ex–students and staff who attended Merbein Secondary College from 2001-2004 are invited to a reunion on Saturday, 30th July beginning at 5pm. For Further information please contact Tegan Lawn on tegan@selectevents.com.au