FIRST AID DAY REPORT
St John Ambulance Australia visited our school today to administer a First Aid Schools Program. All our students in Grades P-6 participated in practical First Aid sessions relevant to their age group throughout the day. A very big thankyou to the presenters. For more information on St John First Aid visit stjohnvic.com.au
Below are some photos of students learning DRS ABCD. Ask your Grade 5-6 child what the initials stand for.
EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL
Recently, quite a few students have been arriving at school very early in the morning. Would parents please note that there is no supervision and no access to the school buildings for students until 8am when Breakfast Club starts. Any students that arrive at school before this time will be unsupervised in the school yard so it is advisable that students do not arrive before 8am.

LUNCHTIME CHESS COMPETITION
A lunchtime chess competition for all year levels is being held each Monday in the Yellow Building. Students will compete in one game against another student. Points will be awarded for winning, coming a draw and attendance. See Mrs Fetherston for more information.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM
The Breakfast Program is being financially supported by the Merbein & District Community Bank & Merbein Development Association. Foodbank Victoria also supports the breakfast program with donations of food. 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.

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.

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

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.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE
Don’t forget to order your 2016 school magazine. The magazine will have a very comprehensive compilation of photos, articles, events and students work, detailing what has been a huge year for students in Grade Prep to Year 10 at Merbein P-10 College. Cost is just $15.00 and needs to be paid the office. Please get your orders in soon as no spare copies will be printed.

PRIMARY NEWS

BOOK CLUB
Our Scholastic Book Club orders close on Monday, 24th October.

NO HAT – NO PLAY – TERM 4
A reminder that students must have a wide brimmed hat to wear during recess, lunch and all PE/Sport activities. Students without their hat at school will sit in the shade during outdoor activity times. Reminder also to ensure your child’s hat is clearly named. Please note that if your child does not have a school hat, they can bring a hat from home but it must be a wide brimmed hat and please check that it is clearly named. NO CAPS.

GRADE P-6 ADIDAS SCHOOL FUN-RUN!
Next week is our Adidas School Fun-Run! Keep collecting money from your sponsors and stay active so you are ready to begin our Fun Run/Tabloid Sport morning next Friday, 28th October!

Mrs. McClure and Mrs. Holy are hard at work coming up with a fantastic fun morning for all our primary students. We encourage students to come dressed in their sports gear on this day. Each child who participates will receive a healthy Juicy-Fruit Icy-Pole at the end of the event.

Don’t forget to return your Sponsorship Form and send the money collected to school along with your chosen prize on Friday, 28th October. For those who have sponsored online, thankyou for your donations, however we ask that you still please complete the information on the form and send it in on Friday too. Stay active!
ART NEWS – Jodie Anderson
Our Grade P-6 students entered art in the Mildura Show this year, many receiving awards. Well done to those students for their great artistic effort!

GRADE 5-6 NEWS – Sue Gardiner
Maths Budgeting - Mrs Grimmer’s class has been looking at creating and sticking to a budget during Maths over the past two weeks. Students have previously learned how to calculate prices based on percentage discounts and have been working out ‘best buys’ based on multiplicative thinking strategies. They were given the task to maintain a Budget Running Sheet whilst purchasing items to create an outfit made out of recycled type materials that could be worn during the Spring Racing Carnival. The unit culminated in a Cat Walk Fashion Show that was capably judged by renowned fashion gurus, Mr Lord and Mrs Gardiner. Here are some pictures showcasing the
**Grade 5-6 Weekly Awards** - Congratulations to last week's award winners below.

**Science Donations Needed** - Grade 5-6 students have begun a new Chemical Science Primary Connections Unit this term titled “Change Detectives”. As part of their learning we would appreciate any clean empty jars of various sizes to be brought to the Grade 5-6 Building by next Tuesday please.

**Melbourne Camp** - Camp is getting closer. Please ensure that all notes have been returned and payment is made as soon as possible.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY AT PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF** – Wendy Finn
For the students’ safety, please note the following:

- Do not do U turns in front of the college.
- It is against the law for children to travel without a seat belt. **Please ensure your child is buckled up safely before you drive away.**
- Ensure your child uses the designated school crossing at all times when they cross the road to approach or leave the school grounds.

**VARIETY NIGHT VIDEO** – Wendy Finn
The school has video of each class act from the Variety Night. If parents would like a video, please send a USB in an envelope to school, clearly labelled with your child’s full name, their year level and what you would like included from the Variety Night.

The Variety Night has been taped in four parts.

- **Tuesday** – First half
- **Second half**
- **Wednesday** – First half
- **Second half**

You will need a 16gb USB for one half night video and a 32gb USB for one whole nights video. Please ensure your USB is large enough to hold all the information and send it into the school as soon as possible.

**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.

**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.

**INFANTS 'ON TOUR' REPORT** – Wendy Finn
Our Grade P-2 students went 'On Tour' yesterday performing their Variety Night Rock’n’Roll dances. They visited the Merbein Kinder, performing for the children in an 'outdoor theatre'. They were sensational, teaching the Kinder kids how to rock’n’roll, twist and crank. The next performance was at Chaffey Aged Care. The audience was in awe of their talent and just loved it. It was very special. Well done to all the stars of our Infant troop.
WATER BOTTLES
Please send a water bottle, clearly labelled with your child’s name to school each day.

GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARDS
Congratulations to the students from the Green Building who received weekly awards at last week’s assembly.

2017 PREP ORIENTATION DAYS
The Merbein P-10 College Orientation Days for our new 2017 preps will be held on the following days this term.

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Children are asked to bring a fruit/vegie snack for brain food, a hat and water bottle each day and some lunch as well on the last three days.

Contact Wendy Finn - P-4 Learning Centre Leader if you would like more information on 50252501.

SECONDARY NEWS

ROCK BAND TREAT – D. Watson
Last Thursday, 13th October the students were treated to some live music from the Rock Band “Torque” during their lunch break.

ARTWORK AT THE MILDURA SHOW – D. Watson
(Art Teacher)
Congratulations to all the students from Merbein P-10 College who displayed their work at this year’s Mildura Show. Following is the list of prizes awarded to the secondary students.

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<td>Katelyn Hancock</td>
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All the work on display was of a high standard and showed fantastic creativity and skill.

LOST PROPERTY
There are many un-named lost property items at the main office. If your child is missing any items, please ask them to come to the office to check through our lost property box. Any items that have not been collected by next Friday, 28th October will be put into our second hand uniform stock for re-sale and non-uniform items will be donated to the local op shop.

EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC REPORT - Marcus Hennig (Instrumental Music Coordinator - Sunraysia District. Ph - 0404 139 779)
The following students undertook ANZCA Music Exams at the end of last term. They were tested on their performing ability, theory, aural and general knowledge in their chosen instruments/voice. These students from Merbein P-10 College put in extra hours of work to prepare their programs for examination by an adjudicator from Melbourne.

I am very proud to announce the following results:

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<td>Joshua May</td>
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<td>Modern Guitar</td>
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COMMUNITY NEWS

MERBEIN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB AGM
The Annual General Meeting of the Merbein Junior Football Club Inc. will be held on Sunday, 6th November 2016 at 4pm at Merbein Football Club Social Rooms, Kenny Park.

Business:
1. Receiving of annual reports
2. Election of Office Bearers

MERBEIN AUSKICK, JUNIOR FOOTBALL AND NETBALL COACHING POSITIONS FOR 2017 SEASON
Applications are invited for Auskick, Junior Football and Netball Coaching Positions and Sports Trainers for the 2017 season. Applications to be received by 30th November 2016 addressed to:
The Secretary, Merbein Junior Football Club,
PO Box 161, Merbein 3505
For further information phone Geoff Stevens 0407 502 465 or Graeme Dunne 0407 325 751 – Football and Sue Mulder 0403 316 782 – Netball.

MERBEIN SWIMMING CLUB
Training at the Merbein Pool in November on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information email Merbswimclub14@gmail.com or phone Christine Mazza 0438256282.

MERBEIN COBRAS BASKETBALL CLUB
If your child is interested in playing in the Summer Competition, contact Brock Munn on 0407 096 108 or Cassie Munn on 0409 632 898.

“LET’S DANCE” AT THE MERCY THEATRE
Show to be held on 5th and 6th November. Tickets available from www.sjcmda.vic.edu.au. This year Sunraysia Dance Academy will be donating to the McGrath Foundation and Sunraysia Resources. Contact Peta-Lynne Buchanan email mailto:sun.dance@bigpond.com for more information.

CHANCES FOR CHILDREN FUNDING
Chances invests in the future of our children and young people by removing the financial barriers that stand in the way of them achieving their potential. For more information visit www.chancesforchildren.com.au or phone 50217480. Applications to be considered for funding need to be submitted by November 11th, 2016.

THE POSITIVE PARENTING TELEPHONE SERVICE: SUPPORT FOR RURAL FAMILIES, FATHERS AND GRANDPARENTS CARING FOR GRANDCHILDREN
Parenting has the biggest impact on how well children do in life, but contrary to popular belief, people are not born knowing how to be good parents. Parenting is a set of skills that are learnt ‘on the job’ and, they can always be improved. Gateway Health is trialling a parenting support program delivered via telephone or online specifically for grandparents, fathers and rural families from across Victoria who sometimes find it difficult to attend parent support services in person.
The Positive Parenting Telephone Service (PPTS) makes it easy to access a proven parenting support program delivered by qualified parent support workers from your home at a time that suits you – daytime, evenings and weekends.
PPTS will help parents and carers develop the skills to:
- build better relationships with your children
- encourage the behaviours you want to see from your children
- teach children to think before they act and to keep busy without constant adult attention
- teach your children new skills, to solve problems for themselves
- to know when to ask for help set family rules that are realistic and followed.

Parents and carers will be supported by weekly telephone calls over 6 to 10 weeks. You can also participate in PPTS online - with or without telephone support.
The program is currently free to all grandparents caring for grandchildren, fathers and rural families from across Victoria.
Positive Parenting Telephone Service phone number is 1800 880 660. For more information, google Positive Parenting Telephone Service.

NIPA EXTENSION PROGRAM MILDURA
A program to enhance students abilities in Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical and Contemporary. Email info@npal.com.au for more information.