

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

13th Wednesday

Yr 10 Advance Camp

15th Friday

Yr 2-3 Excursion

19th Tuesday

Sec Swimming Carnival

20th Wednesday

School Photos

21st Thursday

Prep Photos

28th Thursday

Yr P-1 Reading Rocks 6-7pm

MARCH

1st Friday

Whole school Assembly

4th – 8th

Year 8 Camp

11th Monday

Labour Day Public Holiday – No school

12th – 15th

Year 7 Camp

15th Friday

Pri Say No To Bullying Poster Competition

20th Wednesday

Pri - Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-7pm

Sec - Parent/Teacher Interviews

21st Thursday

Yr 7 Immunisations

25th-29th

Pri Stomp – Dance

29th Friday

Pri Stomp Performance

2019 TERM DATES

Term 1: 30/01/19 - 05/04/19

Term 2: 23/04/19 - 28/06/19

Term 3: 15/07/19 - 20/09/19

Term 4: 07/10/19 – 20/12/19

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS - 2019

In accordance with DET guidelines, an election of members for the 2019 School Council will be conducted during February and March.

The new 2019 Council will be formed from an election process and will be based on a membership size of 15, with a configuration of 8 parents, 5 staff (including the principal) and 2 co-opted community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

All Victorian government schools with a year 7 cohort and above, now have a mandated, elected Student member category on their school council. Each school's constituting Order is increased by two positions to allow for two student members to be elected to council.

The school council election process for all four categories (Parent, DET Employee, Student and Community member) must be completed by 31 May 2019.

2019 MERBEIN P-10 COLLEGE COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS

Due to the scheduled expiry of their terms of office, several members of Council will be retiring in accordance with DET guidelines and the Council Constituting Order. Consequently, the following vacancies are being declared:

- 4 Parent category vacancies
- 2 DET category vacancies
- 2 Student vacancies

Up to two Co-opted Community positions will be filled by the newly formed council following the conclusion of elections.

I sincerely thank the members of the 2019 School Council for volunteering their time, expertise and energy to enable Merbein P-10 College to continue to grow as a successful community school.

I would also like to specifically thank the following retiring Councillors for their valuable contribution to the ongoing development of Merbein P-10 College over the past year:

Andrew Nemtsas, Scott Gardiner, Michelle Nokes (Parent Category)

Greg Rhodes and Yvonne Matotek (DET Category)

McKenzie Dunne, Reuben Johnson (Student Category)

Graeme Worthington (Co-opted Community member)

I also would like to acknowledge the support and leadership provided by Stephen Liddicoat in his role as School Council President throughout 2018.

If either or both categories (Parent or DET) have more nominations than positions then a ballot will be conducted. All parents or guardians of students enrolled at the school are eligible to vote for parent members, and staff vote for staff members.

Parents who are DET employees may stand for election in the Parent category, but only up to a maximum of two. This is to ensure that the majority of the college council is created through a combination of parent and community members and not DET employees.

Nominations for a position on the Merbein P-10 College Council will open on Friday February 8th and close on Monday February 18th, 2019.

The school council will continue to play a vital role in achieving the best-possible outcomes for our young people and in ensuring that our school continues to build effective connections with the local community. I therefore encourage parents and staff to consider nominating for a position on the Merbein P-10 College Council and to support us in the important work that lies ahead.

Enclosed in this newsletter is an information sheet that provides information about the role and membership of school council. **Parent nomination forms** will be available at the school office for any parent considering nominating. If you would like a nomination form to be emailed directly to you, please contact the General Office.

Nomination Forms can also be downloaded from the school web page.

As mentioned above, if there are more nominations than vacancies, an election will be called and candidates will be invited to prepare a statement of no more than 150 words. More details about the recommended content of statements will be provided for candidates if this occurs.

Merbein P-10 College 2019 School Council Election Process Timetable	
EVENT	DATE
a) Notice of election and call for nominations	Friday 8 February 2019
b) Closing date for nominations	Monday 18 February 2019
c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday 20 February 2019
d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Mon 25 February 2019
e) <u>Close of ballot</u> – 4.00 pm	Tuesday 5 March 2019
f) Vote count and Declaration of ballot – 4.30 pm	Tuesday 5 March 2019
g) Special council meeting to co-opt Community members (the principal will preside)	Wednesday 6 March 2019
h) First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Wednesday 13 March, 2019

Graeme Cupper
Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019 – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are four possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.
- A mandated elected Student member category . This membership category is required for all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. Councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. . What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do

Consider standing for election to council this year

Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photo Days will be held on Wednesday, 20th and Thursday, 21st February. Most photos will be taken on the Wednesday. On Thursday, the Prep students and some students that will be absent on the Wednesday will have their photos taken. The photo packs have arrived and have been sent home with each student. If your child has not brought a pack home please contact the school office.

All students will have their photo taken as they are used to update our administration system, and are used for student ID and photocopy cards. Please read the instructions on the envelope carefully. All envelopes with the correct payment enclosed, must be returned before the photo days. These envelopes will be kept safe at school and distributed to students on the photo day. Correct payment must be put into each envelope. Please DO NOT place another child's envelope inside a sibling's envelope. If you wish to pay by credit card, then you MUST order online. This information is detailed on the photo envelope. If you lose your envelope, don't use someone else's. Spare blank envelopes can be obtained from the photographers or at the school.

If you would like a family photo, an envelope can be collected from the Main School Office or from the Green Building Office.

FRIENDSHIP/VALENTINES DAY – Mr Morgan

The Senior Student Representative Council (SRC) have organised the annual Friendship/Valentine's Day Stall. Students from Grade 5 and above can purchase relatively inexpensive mementos from the stall to give to friends as a way of acknowledging friendships with students in the school. This stall will also raise funds for the SRC's school based projects.

BUS APPLICATION FORMS

Bus Application Forms are available from the school's main office. For students to be eligible for the bus pass they must live more than 4.8km from the school and this must be their nearest state school. For more information, ask at the front office.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is away from school, please notify the school before 10am in the morning. A text message will be automatically sent to your phone after this time if your child is not at school and the school has not been notified. The school can be notified of absences by phone or by sending an email to the following email address:

Collihole.heather.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

STUDENT RECORDS

Reminder that it is important to notify the school of any changes to your child's address, phone, emergency phone numbers and medical records.

FORM TEACHERS AND LEARNING CENTRE

LEADERS 2019 – R.Morgan

Below is a list of our Secondary Form Teachers and Learning Centre Leaders. Your child's Form Teachers and Learning Centre Leaders are both important points of contact at school. If you wish to contact your child's teachers directly, please email the school. Your email will then be forwarded to your child's Learning Centre Leader who will then notify their Form Teacher if required.

Year 8-10 Learning Centre Leaders		
Chris Blackie	Hayley Hibberd	Andrew Petrie
Year 8-10 Form Teachers		
8A Mrs C. Bettison	8B Mrs B. Byrne	
8C Ms J. Donnelly	8D Ms R. Ogden	
8E Mr A. Willison	8F Mr S. Johnson	
9A Mr J. Callaghan	9B Mrs J. Williams	
9C Mrs A. Gratton	9D Mr C. Nunn	
9E Mr A. Hill		
10A Mr H. Hankinson	10B Mr D. Voegel	
10C Mrs W. Dawson	10D Mr A Cormick	
Year 4-7 Learning Centre Leaders		
Renee Carmes	Kerry Grimmer	
Year 7 Form Teachers		
7A Mrs E. Smith	7B Mr J. Hudson & Mr D. Watson	
7C Mr J. Lee	7D Mrs K. Smith & Mrs K. Fetherston	
7E Mrs K. James & Mrs L. McPhee	7F Mr P. Arney	
7G Mrs R. Drendel-Arthur		

SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

BSB - 063 714

Bank Acc Number – 10060535

Account Name - Merbein P-10 College Official Account.

UNIFORM SHOP

School uniforms, can be purchased from the school's main office between the hours of 8.45am and 4pm during the school week. If these hours are inconvenient for you, please ring the school to make an alternate arrangement.

CANTEEN PRICE LIST

A new canteen price list for primary and secondary sections is attached again to this newsletter. Please note there was a pricing error on a couple of items in last week's newsletter.

2019 YEAR 7 CSEF UNIFORM PACK

Students who have commenced Year 7 in 2019 and are recipients of the CSEF payment, automatically qualify to receive a Uniform Pack through State Schools' Relief.

An order form can be collected from the main office.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

To be eligible for this funding, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending the school must be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR be a temporary foster parent and submit an application to the school before the end of February 2019.

If your child was enrolled at this school last year and you were a successful applicant for the funding last year, you will not need to apply for the funding again this year.

Ask at the school office for an application form, or to enquire about more information.

To find out more about CSEF or to apply for assistance go to www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Merbein & District Community Bank & Merbein Development Association are financially supporting the Breakfast Program. Foodbank Victoria also supports the breakfast program with donations of food. The following organisations provide volunteers to assist with the program; Merbein P10 College parents, the Board & Staff of the Merbein & District Community Bank, Merbein Development Association, Merbein Lions Club, and Merbein Uniting Church. 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 days learning.

If you have time to volunteer for this community service from 8-8.45am on school days, please contact the school, we would love to hear from you. Please note that volunteers will need a Working with Children's Check.

COMPASS PROGRAM

The school's Administrative APP Program 'Compass' allows secondary students to access their timetables, daily news and learning tasks. Students use their regular school username and password to log-in. New students were issued with log in details in the first week of school. If you have lost your parent log-in details, please email merbein.p10@edumail.vic.gov.au and our IT staff will assist as soon as possible. Compass log-in details for new parents will be mailed home in the first weeks of school. The Compass App is available in the Android and Apple App stores and can be accessed on a desktop via <https://merbeinp10-vic.compass.education/>

PRIMARY NEWS

YEAR 2-3 INQUIRY EXCURSION – W. Finn

Our Seussville Unit is going to visit Chaffey Aged Care to discuss with the residents there what life was like growing up, how families worked and to meet some lovely senior citizens from our community on Friday 15th February. We will be walking there from our college leaving school approximately 12pm and returning about 1.30pm. A permission form will be sent home today. **Please complete the note**

and return it to school as soon as possible.

There is no cost for this excursion.

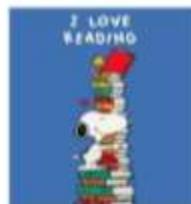
BEFORE SCHOOL

Families please be aware that students who arrive at school before 8.40am can go to the Breakfast Club, held in the Canteen. Alternatively, they may sit on the seats at the back of the Green Building or stand with their parents near the door until 8.40am. Students are not to play out the front of the Green Building until 8.40am when the front playground is supervised and the doors of the Green Building are opened.



Reading Rocks

Please join us with your child on
Thursday 28th February
to learn how to positively support
your child's home reading.



6:00pm-7:00pm

Aimed at Prep/1 students
Green Learning Centre

Succeeding with reading!

Reading strategies
Making connections
Comprehension
Positive language

BOOK CLUB – H. Collihole

Book Club money and orders are due back at school on or before 14th February. A reminder that parents can order online.

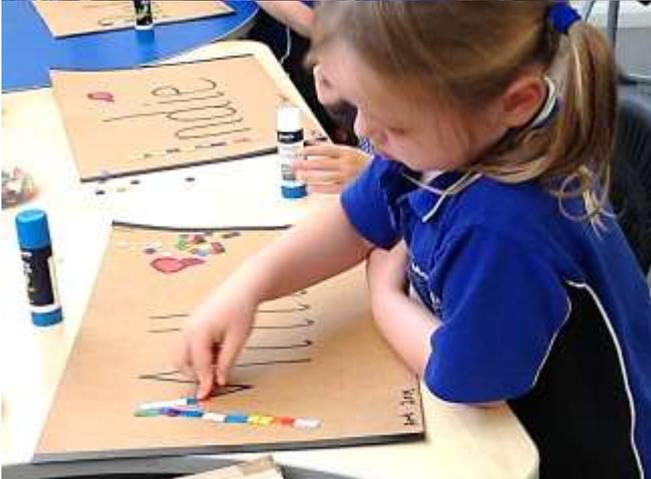
ART SMOCKS

All primary students are required to bring along an art smock or old shirt to protect their school uniform when participating in their Art Program.

AWESOME ART – J. Atkinson

Years P-6 students are enjoying a very inspirational and positive start to the year. Over the past week all primary units have had the opportunity to use our new art space, situated in the main building of our college.

In Term 1 our primary students will be using their fine motor skills to complete and create awesome art.



LIBRARY NEWS

There are still a few overdue books. Any returns of overdue books from past years will always be very much appreciated. Please ensure your child brings a waterproof Library Bag for their Library books on the following days.

Year 4-6 students have Library on Mondays

Year P-3 students have library on Thursdays

Year 2-3A students have library on Mondays

Year 2-3B students have library on Tuesdays

Year 2-3C students have library on Thursdays

YEAR 2-3 NEWS - H. Breeuel

Yesterday morning, the Year 2-3 students completed their first Cold Write entitled Summer Holidays! Students were required to write a recount about the holidays. Their work was amazing, with most students remaining focussed for the entire forty minutes! Well done everyone.



NAMING ARTICLES

Please remember it is very important to name all your children's property clearly, especially hats and jumpers, bags, drink bottles and lunch containers.

LOST PROPERTY

There are articles of unnamed uniforms in the Green building Lost Property Box already. **Please ensure you child's articles are clearly named.**

BRAIN FOOD

Each child is encouraged to bring some 'brain food' to have every morning. Studies have shown that small amounts of healthy food continually throughout the day, helps with concentration and energy. Examples are dried fruit, crackers, grapes, carrots, celery, cheese, plain popcorn. No nuts please. (Please do not send roll ups, or chips).

SECONDARY NEWS

WATER BOTTLES – PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS A WATER BOTTLE EVERY DAY.

Every student needs to bring along a plastic sport bottle of water (not soft drink or cordial or fruit drink) to school every day to sit on their desks during class.

This is even more important during this hot weather. Studies have proven that the brain does not function well if dehydrated. It is best practice to drink plenty of water throughout the day.

We have a refrigerated water fountain at school where the children can refill their bottles during the day.

SEVERE FOOD ALLERGIES

There are students at the school with severe food allergies. Please remind your child that their food is not to be shared.

BLUE BOOK/LIBRARY BAGS

Reminder that all students will need a suitable waterproof bag to put their library and reading books in to take home. Blue book/library bags are for sale at the school uniform shop. Students are to return their diaries, books and bags every day after reading their book at home.

PREP REST DAYS

Reminder that during the month of February, the Prep students will have every Wednesday off to rest and for testing.

PRIMARY FAMILY PAYMENT SCHEDULE 2019

The Primary Family Payment Schedule for 2019 was attached to last week's newsletter. It gave a detailed explanation of the costs included in this compulsory payment for the year. Payment can be made at the school's main office or you can arrange for the payment to be made in instalments. Payment can also be made electronically.

NO HAT – NO PLAY

Students must bring a wide brimmed hat to school every day, clearly labelled with their name. The hat does not need to be the uniform hat. **Caps are not acceptable.**

MERBEIN COMMUNITY BANK SCHOOL STUDENT BANKING PROGRAM

If you wish your child to participate in this program, please send your child's bankbook 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.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM (OSHC)

Cheryll Hodge is our school's OSHC coordinator and can be contacted on 0428 258035 if you have any queries.

SECONDARY SCHOOL VACCINATIONS IN 2019

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose for year 7 students
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for year 7 students
- Meningococcal A,C,W,Y – one dose for year 10 students

Parents/guardians of Year 7 students should have received the vaccine consent card booklet in a pack last year. Parents/guardians of year 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Mildura Rural City Council immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. **Contact the school by 28 February 2019 if you do not want your contact details given to the Mildura Rural City Council immunisation service.**

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au Additionally, the Commonwealth government is funding vaccinations for all children under 20 years of age who missed any scheduled vaccines, including a catch up program for Meningococcal ACWY vaccine for adolescents aged 15-19 years of age who have not already received the vaccine in school. If students have missed vaccines, either in childhood or adolescence, and require catch-up vaccines, they should speak with their immunisation provider. (ie. local council or GP).

PE/HEALTH NEWS – E. Smith

Please note that all secondary students need to purchase the health books that are required for PE/Health lessons. Cost for the book is \$30 and can be paid for at the school's main office. Students will then receive their book in the next health class. Also, students are required to wear the blue PE shirt for all their practical PE lessons. These PE shirts can be purchased from the school's Uniform Shop.

LOCKS ON LOCKERS – Mr Morgan

Students are responsible for the security of their personal equipment at school. We have supplied lockable lockers and have cameras set up at most locker locations. If a student has a BYOD computer or Ipad they MUST use a lock on their lockers. It is strongly advised for all other students to use a lock on their lockers also, to ensure security.

YEAR 7 CAMP – R. Carmes

All Year 7 students have the opportunity to attend a four day Adventure Camp to Halls Gap as part of the Year 7 Program. The camp dates are Tuesday 12th - Friday 15th March. A permission and information note was sent home with students today. **Please**

complete and return the note as soon as possible. The total cost for the camp is \$490.

Whilst on camp students will be involved in activities such as; rock climbing, initiative activities, high ropes, abseiling, pinnacle walks, mountain bike riding, canoeing, the Clematis Falls Tour and attending the Halls Gap Zoo. Please contact the school for more information.

YEAR 8 SURF CAMP – J. Williams

The Year 8 Surf Camp Expression of Interest Form with \$50 deposit needs to be returned by tomorrow, Friday 8th

February, as booking arrangements will need to be arranged over the weekend. If you have any questions please see Miss Williams or Mr Lee.

SECONDARY SWIM CARNIVAL – Mr Morgan

The Annual Secondary Swim Carnival will be held during the day on Tuesday, 19th February. On this day all students in the secondary section will be encouraged to enter the water and swim, walk or float to the other end of the pool at least once for the day to gain important points for each student's Sports House. More detailed information will be given to students in the near future at House meetings. A permission note was given out today and needs to be returned asap to assist with catering and organizing buses.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY – Mr Morgan

Our Mobile Phone Policy is available on our website and will also be attached to our next newsletter. In brief, Primary Students who bring mobile phones to school must leave them with their teacher at the start of the day and pick them up at the end of the day. Secondary students are permitted to carry and use their phones appropriately out of class time. When entering class, students are required to turn their phones off and remove phone ear-pieces if being used. If students need to use their phone in class as an educational aid they need to specifically ask for permission to do so and be granted permission by the teacher for that specific purpose.

ENGLISH NEWS – K. James

Welcome to English for 2019.

English Folders

This year we are trialling something new with our students. Last week in our very first English session for the year each student was provided with a zippered binder, dividers, plastic pockets and paper. Each section will be used for specific tasks in our English classes and is part of a larger plan to encourage successful reading and writing strategies. It would be great if you could have a conversation with your child and ask them what the six sections are in their folder. They may not be able to explain each section just yet, but they should be able to identify them. Students will be provided with paper throughout the year, but if their binder or dividers become damaged or are lost, they will need to replace them. So, please make sure the binders are clearly labelled, and, to cover the cost of supplying this equipment to your child, please ensure you pay the English consumables fee. Thank you if you have already done so. We appreciate your support in trialling something new within our classes.

Write On- Narrative

Our annual writing competition is back...with prizes...once again. This year we will run the competition over two terms. Term One we will focus on narrative writing and this week students have been tuning into what makes a great story. Ask your child what their favourite genre might be and perhaps share your favourite genre with them. It will be great help for when they start to write their own story next week. We can't wait to read all the entries and hopefully uncover the next J.K Rowling.

SPaG Textbooks

Each student should have their own copy of the SPaG text book. If you are yet to purchase one, please get in touch with Collins Bookstore as soon as you can. If you are having issues purchasing a copy, please let your child's English teacher know.

We look forward to having a productive and successful Term One with all of our students.

YEAR 10 POLO SHIRTS – C. Blackie

All Year 10 Polo Shirts orders that were placed before Christmas have now arrived and were distributed to students today. A second order for families who weren't able to place orders before Christmas or would like extra shirts was opened at the end of January. This second order will close tomorrow, Friday 8th February. Please note that there must be a minimum of ten orders for the second batch to proceed. If you would like to place an order, please use this link to our suppliers Reform Clothing Co.: <https://shop.reformclothing.com/join/zf4203>

YEAR 10 INFORMATION – C. Blackie

A Year 10 meeting was held today to discuss the following topics, Snow Camp, Work Experience, China Exchange, Graduation, Assessment and Transition to Mildura Senior College. There will be further discussion between students, families and teachers in the coming weeks and months regarding this information. Hard copies of the 2019 Year 10 Handbook was given to students today and copies of all documents will be emailed to students and families.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

INTERVENTION PROGRAM (SWPBIS) – R. Morgan
Over the next two weeks students are reminded that our SWPBIS focus is to be punctual to class and being ready to learn. Students are required to come to class with the equipment needed and to focus on the content covered in that class. Teachers will acknowledge students who regularly display these habits and qualities.

DOCTORS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Remember our doctor's room is open every Tuesday from 10am–3pm for secondary students. Student appointments can be made through staff at the school or by calling the Merbein Family Practice on 03 5025 2511 or students can simply drop into the rooms at recess or lunch on Tuesdays. This is a great service, not just when students are sick but for things like prescriptions, asthma and anaphylaxis plans, catch-up immunisations, mental health and any other issues facing secondary students. **Students will need to give their Medicare Card details to the GP clinic. An easy way to do this is for the student to take a photo of the card on their phone.** Parents do not need to attend appointments with students but are very welcome to come along if the students wish.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ELECTRIC LIGHT THEATRE 2019 PRESENTS 'IT'S SHOWTIME'

Held Friday 8th February at 7,30pm, Saturday 9th February at 2pm and 7.30pm and Sunday 10th February at 2pm.

Tickets available from the Mildura Arts Centre 50188330. Enquires 0419655500. Visit the website www.eltmildura.org

MY GOLF

This is an introductory program for 5 to 12 year olds. Register at MYGOLF.ORG.AU. First term starts on 9th February at 9.30am. Held at the Mildura Golf Resort. Cost is \$50 per term. Contact Ed Parker in the golf Shop on phone 50228089 or visit mygolfing.au to register.

SUNRAYSIA ARTS AND LEARNING

Guitar classes for adults are held Wednesdays from 6-7pm at the Merbein studio, 198 Third Street Merbein starting on 30th January. Cost is \$180 for eight classes including a workbook. BYO guitar and capo.

Beginners very welcome. Enrol now on <http://www.sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au/enrolments/registration/> or 0420939229 or enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au

African Drumming New Rhythms. This five week series runs on Saturdays from 10-11am starting 9th February. Cost is \$100 for five weeks, or \$85 with your own drum. Drums provided or bring your own.

All levels including beginners welcome. Book now on <http://www.sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au/enrolments/registration/> or 0420939229 or enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au

MILDURA RURAL CITY COUNCIL'S YOUTH AWARDS HAVE OPENED!

The Awards celebrate and recognise the amazing young people aged between 12 and 25 years of age who live, work or study within the local government area. To find out more go to www.mildura.vic.gov.au/Services/Youth/Youth-Awards

Award Categories and Criteria

- Youth Carer Award

This award recognises an individual who is a carer for a family member, relative or friend with a disability, mental illness or chronic condition.

- Youth Volunteer Award

This category recognises a young person who regularly gives up his or her valuable time and effort for the benefit of the community or an organisation.

- Youth Community Group Award

This category recognises a group of young people who have shown outstanding dedication through their involvement or participation in the community and have made a significant difference.

- Youth Artist Individual Award

This category recognises a young person who has demonstrated initiative, innovation and made a positive community contribution through drama, visual arts, performing arts, technical support, debating, literacy pursuits or music.

- Youth Artist Group Award

This category recognises a group of young people who have shown outstanding dedication through their involvement or participation in the community and have made a significant difference.

- Youth Environmental Group Award

This category is for young people who are committed to living a sustainable lifestyle, advocate for positive change and is passionate about the conservation of the natural environment.

PORTSEA CAMP

The Portsea Camp is for local children. This camp is a fantastic experience for children of the outback to spend a week by the ocean.

A group of volunteers take children from our area to the Portsea Camp which will be held in the Easter School Holidays from April 11-17, 2019.

Cost is \$343 per child all inclusive (limited funding available for families in need).

For Application forms email

milduratoportsea@outlook.com or visit the Mildura Visitor Information Centre. Applications close March 14th.

SUNRAYSA COMMUNITY CHOIR

Starts on 13th February for ages 7-15 years. Held Wednesdays from 6-6.45pm at the Church of Christ Hall Mildura. Cost is \$2 per week. For more information phone the Choir Leader - Mavis Francis on phone 0437976524.

SPORTS TRAINER COURSE IN MILDURA

Mallee Sports Assembly and Sports Medicine Australia are coordinating a Level 1 Sports Trainer Course, Reaccreditation and Advanced Taping in the Mildura. This will be on the 24th & 31st March, at South Mildura Football Club Rooms.

The sports trainer plays an important role in ensuring safety and wellbeing of participants at sporting clubs.

The course will recognise you as an industry accredited sports trainer, providing skills on how to prevent and manage injuries on and off the field.

Topics covered include: preventing sports injuries, principles of injury management, sports taping, sports nutrition, transporting the injured athlete and common sporting illnesses, injuries and medical conditions. Industry accreditation from this 8 hour course is the standard requirement to work as a sports trainer in many of the country's sporting codes. Pre-requisite required is to have a current first aid certificate. Successful completion of the Level 1 Sports Trainer course provides an opportunity for participants to become an SMA National accredited Sports Trainer. The cost of this course is \$285 and \$120 for Reaccreditation and \$60 for Advanced Taping course.

Further information please contact Mallee Sports Assembly office, Mildura, phone 5021 3464 or visit our office at 101-101A Ninth St, Mildura.

LIBRARY LOVERS DAY COMPETITION

To enter write a story of 200 words or less from the prompt 'there was love to be found in the library'. Submissions due 5pm on 21st February. Email entries to media@alia.org.au. Winners notified early May. By entering the competition, you also give permission for the work to be published. Copyright of the work remains with the author.

BIG RED KIDNEY WALK

Walk to The Walk to fight Kidney Disease will be held 16th March beginning at 7am. Distance is 35km. The location is Mildura-Wentworth Wharf to Acacia Apartments. Contact Gail Peters on phone 0417318488. Register online

www.bigredkidneywalk.org.au

MERBEIN FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

Merbein Football Netball Club Junior Football (U/10 > U/16) & Junior Netball (U/11 > U/15) Registration Days will be held at the Merbein FNC Clubrooms 12th February from 5:45-7pm and 14th February from 5:45-7pm. All players intending to play for Merbein this year are encouraged to register. If you are unable to attend the registration nights and wish to register your child, please email merbeinfnc@outlook.com. Merchandise will be available to order & purchase on the night. For more information contact Secretary Karina Johnson 0435275747.

Please note the following trial dates to take place at Kenny Park Courts, Merbein

Sunday 10 February 2019

U13 9am - 10 am skills and drills

U15 & U17 10.30 - 11.30 am

Monday 11 February 2019

U13 5pm - 6pm skills and drills

U15 & U17 6pm - 7pm

U9 & U11 (expression of interest only) please email to Sue Mulder your child's name, date of birth, school and your contact details to pmulder@bigpond.net.au

Please note the following age groups

Under 17 = Born 2002 and 2003

Under 15 = Born 2004 and 2005

Under 13 = Born 2006 and 2007

Under 11 = Born 2008 and 2009

Under 9 = Born 2010 and 2011

If you are unable to make a session please text one of the following people. Sharon Walder 0427130873 Gill Trinnick 0409868695 or Sue Mulder 0403316782.

Pre Season Training

MFNC would like to invite all previous and new players in age groups Under 14, 13 and 12 to attend preseason training commencing on Monday 11th February at Kenny park from 4.30pm – 6.00 pm

We encourage all intending players to attend where possible to get a head start on season 2019

Any new players interested in joining the Merbein Football club for 2019 of transferring players from another club will be most welcome and we look forward to seeing you all again this year.

All existing players are encouraged to bring a mate along. We are looking forward to a great season in 2019. For further information please contact President Tony Hurly 0439619168 or Graeme Dunne 0407325751.

HOOK IN2 HOCKEY

Come to our Come and Try sessions to see if hockey is for you will be held 16th February from 9-10am or 20th February at 6-7pm.

Sunraysia Hockey Association is running two Hook in2 Hockey Programs. One on Saturdays 9-10am and one on Wednesdays 6-7pm. Both programs run for eight weeks with week one including a Come and Try session. The program is held at the Sunraysia Hockey grounds on the Old Aerodrome Ovals, Eleventh Street, Gate C. For more information contact Sunraysia Hockey on email sunraysiahockey@gmail.com or phone Renee Drelaud on 0448936566.

NICHOLS POINT FOOTBALL CLUB (SOCCER)

If your child would like to play soccer contact Ollie Szeto on phone 0417309394 or email admin@nicholspointsc.com.au.

MILDURA ALL ABILITIES REGIONAL BOWLS

CARNIVAL

Bowls Victoria, Bowls Sunraysia and Mallee Sports Assembly are proud to announce that we will be host a Regional Lawn Bowls Carnival in Mildura on the 21st March, 2019.

This event will be open to schools and disability organisations from across the region. Over three weeks leading into the carnival we will have practice training days on the 28th Feb, 7th and 14th March, at Mildura Workers Bowls Club.

Bowls Victoria and Bowls Sunraysia are very supportive of the event and would like to encourage people of all ages and disabilities to get involved.

Mildura Workers Bowls Club will be providing a BBQ lunch for everyone at the carnival. This is a free event for people to enter and participate in.

For more information and to register, please contact Tanya Wild, at Mallee Sports Assembly, 5021 3464; tanya@malleesportsassembly.org.au.

CANTEEN PRICES

Primary Canteen Menu and Prices

Below are the prices for Primary Student lunch orders. Primary students need to complete lunch orders on paper bags supplied in the Green Building office in the mornings and include the payment. Please make sure you check the price list when ordering your child's lunch. Any change is put in your child's bag so please remind them to check their bag and collect their change before throwing out the bag.

Feel free to phone the school and speak with Kylie Liddicoat in the Canteen, if you have any questions.

Everyday Items							
Wrapped Up	½ Chicken & Salad Wrap					\$4.50	
	½ Ham & Salad Wrap					\$4.50	
	½ Sweet Chilli Wrap					\$4.50	
	½ Salt & Vinegar Wrap					\$4.50	
Sandwiches	Chicken Salad Sandwich (with small drink) choc milk		strawberry milk		water		\$6.00
	Ham Salad Sandwich (with small drink) choc milk		strawberry milk		water		\$6.00
Fresh Fruit pieces (in season)						\$1.00	
Drinks							
Water						\$1.50	
Flavoured Water – 350ml	ABC		Raspberry		Lemon		\$2.00
Milk – 300ml	Chocolate		Strawberry				\$2.00
Juice - 300ml	Orange		Apple				\$2.00
Occasional Items							
Vegemite Sandwich						\$2.00	
Cheese Sandwich	Fresh		Toasted				\$3.00
Pizza	Hawaiian		BBQ				\$2.50 each or 2 for \$4.50
Chicken Crackles						\$0.50c	
Chicken Munchies						4 for \$1.00	
Toasted Wrap	BBQ		Hawaiian				\$4.50
Potato Chips	Plain		Honey Soy		Salt & Vinegar		\$1.00
Monday Only			Friday Only				
Hot Dog	\$4.00		Pie			\$3.50 sauce 20c	
Hot Dog & Cheese	\$4.50		Party Pie			\$1.00 sauce 20c	
Sauce	\$0.20		Small Sausage Roll			\$3.00 sauce 20c	
			Large Sausage Roll			\$3.50 sauce 20c	

ICY POLES ARE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE CANTEEN DURING LUNCH TIME

Secondary Canteen Menu and Prices

Secondary students can order their lunch and pay for it at lunchtime.

Crackles	50c	Munchies	4 for \$1.00		
Pizza	1 for \$2.50 2 for \$4.50	Caesar Salad (Contains egg)	\$7.50		
Chicken Salad Bowl (egg extra 50c)	\$7.50	Fruit	\$1.00		
Chips	\$1.00	Slices	\$2.50		
Cookies	\$2.00	Burgers	\$5.50		
Sandwich/Toasted	\$4.50	Sandwich/Toasted with small drink	\$6.00		
Sandwich/Toasted with Large Drink	\$7.50	Wraps Full	\$6.50		
Wraps Half	\$4.50	Focaccia	\$7.00		
Specials					
Mondays		Thursdays		Fridays	
Hotdog	\$4.00	Burger & Small Drink	\$6.50	Pie	\$3.50
H/Dog with Cheese	\$4.50	Burger & Large Drink	\$8.00	Pastie	\$3.50
Sauce	20c			Small Salad Roll	\$3.00
				Large Salad Roll	\$3.50
				Party Pie	\$1.00
				Sauce	20c
Drinks					
Oak Milk	Small Large	\$2.00 \$3.50	Icebreak		\$3.50
Lencia Orange Juice	Small Large Orange Mango	\$2.00 \$2.50 \$2.50	Nippys	ABC Apple	\$3.00 \$2.00
Focus Water		\$2.00	Milky Max		\$2.00
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