Merbein P-10 COLLEGE

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NEWSLETTER 2018 **Thursday, 21 June**

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

25th Monday
-Gr 3-6 First Aid Sessions
-Pri Student Reports sent home

27th Wednesday
Pri Parent/Teacher Interviews

29th Friday
-Last day of Term 2
-Earlier finishing time of 2.30pm
-OCHS finishing time of 5pm.
- Casual Clothes & a gold coin donation.

JULY

16th Monday
First day of Term 3

AUGUST

7th-10th
Yr 7 Adventure Camp

9th Thursday
Prep Practice – 9-11am

21st Aug – 7th September
Yr 10 Work Experience – 2 weeks

2018 TERM DATES

Term 3: 16/7/18 – 21/9/18
Term 4: 08/10/18 – 21/12/18

COMPASS PROGRAM

Parents who are having difficulty logging into the school's new COMPASS Program are welcome to phone the school and talk to Josh, the school's computer technician during school hours. Josh will be very happy to help you to get your COMPASS Program up and running.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Graeme Cupper

EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to all our students who participated in this year's Eisteddfod. Many of them receiving places and honourable mentions.

YEAR 6-7 TRANSITION DISCOVERY EXCURSIONS

Last Thursday and Friday we were pleased to host visits of approximately 140 Year 6 students from local primary schools. This activity, part of a District-Wide Transition Program, enables Year 6 students to spend approximately two hours in a secondary college. The program involved a welcome assembly and a "tour" of our school, followed by two 30-minute classes. The program concluded with a talk from our Student Leaders and current Year 7 students, followed by a brief question and answer session.

Our own Merbein P-10 Year 6 students already know our school well, so they will be having a separate transition activity program.

I would like to thank Mr Morgan, our Year 6-7 Transition Coordinator who carefully planned this event. Thank you also to our Year 10 student leaders and Year 7 helpers who were outstanding ambassadors and guides.

Finally I would like to thank the many teachers and support staff who assisted by preparing information and snacks, providing supervision and running classes. Year 7 student numbers for 2019 are expected to be finalised in the coming weeks.

Thankyou to LRT/VICT

Merbein P-10 College would like to thank LRT/VCT for their donation to our school in transporting goods from Melbourne to Merbein. This generous donation has enabled our sound panels to safely arrive and will benefit our students in the new Technology Building.

For Freight Enquires phone 0350246944 or

Email : irymple@lrt.net.au

END OF TERM – G. Rhodes

Next Friday 29th June is the last day of Term 2. This will be a normal school day for the first four sessions of the day. Lunch will be taken at the normal time of 1.30pm. Secondary students lunch break will conclude at 2.20pm. They will then go to their form rooms for ten minutes, before dismissal at the earlier time of 2.30pm.

'OUT OF UNIFORM' DAY – G. Rhodes

Students are permitted to come to school out of uniform on the last day of term for the cost of a gold coin donation. This donation will be used by the Student Representative Council (SRC) to support their school and community projects.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

A Whole School Assembly will be held next Thursday, 28th June. At this assembly we will celebrate the successes of many of our students and deliver reports from our Primary and Secondary students about important events that have occurred recently.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property in both Primary and Secondary is building up. Please ensure your child's clothing is clearly named.

BUSLINK SUNRAYSIA

On the last day of this school term, Friday 29th June 2018, the Victorian afternoon School Bus runs will commence one hour earlier than a regular school day.

- **The NSW bus will depart at the normal time of 3.05pm.**

NB: All public service routes will continue to run at their normal times as per the current timetable. Any student that would normally catch connecting buses will be required to make their own arrangements.

Wherever possible, Buslink Sunraysia staff will be happy to advise and assist.

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.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS/CAREGIVERS

We currently have a very small group of parents who organise extra events around the school for students, including the Mother's and Father's Day Stalls and general fundraising. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to help us plan and run these events. Our little group of parents don't have meetings, but we do connect via a Facebook group. If you are interested in joining our discussions, either comment on this post, which has also been posted on the school's Facebook Page, or send a quick email to me Fetherston.kyra.j@edumail.vic.gov.au .

MERBEIN P-10 FACEBOOK PAGE

Check the Facebook Page for updates about the school and upcoming events.

www.facebook.com/merbeinp10college

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 also 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, Merbein Uniting Church and Merbein Rotary. 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.

PLAY GROUP - TOTAL LEARNING CENTRE (TLC)

A free Playgroup for children ages 0-5 and their parent/carer is held at Merbein P-10 College every Thursday from 1-2:30pm during the school terms. Children and their carers share books, make fun stuff, play, dance and sing. Parents can receive information and support, share a cuppa, and get to know other families. Come and check out our fantastic new space! For more information phone 0437 077 689.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is away from school, please notify the school by one of the following methods: log into the Compass parent portal, phone the school, send a note or email the following address: Collihole.heather.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

PRIMARY NEWS

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

On the last day of term, Friday, 29th June students are invited to wear casual dress. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately. Students are required to send along a $1 coin on this 'Out of Uniform Day'.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – W. Finn

Student reports will go home with all Primary students on Monday 25th June. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 27th June from 3.45-7pm. Please put down your preferred Teacher/Parent Interview time on the board in the reception area of the Green building or phone the school and talk to Heather in the Green Building office to book your preferred time.

YEAR P/1 INQUIRY- COLLABORATIVE LEARNING REPORT – B. Hall

Students working together to create buildings to make up a community. We have a Hospital, Police Station, Supermarket, Library, School, Sporting Oval and many more!

CSEF PREP WINTER UNIFORM PACKAGE

We are still waiting on delivery from State Schools Relief for the shoes and track pants ordered by parents for the CSEF Prep Winter Uniform Package. Orders for the jumpers have been given to the students today.

LIBRARY TIMES

Grade P-3 have library on Tuesdays every week and Grade 4-6 have library on Mondays every week. Please check that your child returns their library book on their library day each week in their blue book bag or a waterproof bag.

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 the banking and then drop the bank book back to school before the end of the school day.

PREP PRACTICE – W. Finn

The 2019 Prep students are invited to our college for Prep Practice on Thursday 9th August from 9.00 – 11.00am. Please pass this information on to friends or relatives who would have children starting school next year. All kindergartens and childcare centres will be notified.

GRADE 2-3 CULTURAL EXPO INVITATION TO GRADE 2-3 FAMILIES

GRADE 5-6 MELBOURNE CAMP – D. Lord

This year the Grade 5-6 Melbourne Camp will be held from Monday 19th November until Thursday 22nd November. It is anticipated that the cost of the camp will be approximately (maximum) $400. If you wish to start paying some money off please contact the office.

OPTIONAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LESSONS AVAILABLE FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS – J. Hudson

- **Guitar lessons**, both Group and Individual. For more information and cost, please email iwansoebardi@gmail.com or call Iwan Soebardi on 0418919220.
- **Drum lessons**. Contact Luke McCarthy for more information and costs on 0417 897 906 or email lukemccarthy@lukemccarthy.id.au.
- **Piano or keyboard lessons**, the cost is $27 per 30 minute lesson plus books as required. For further information, please contact Louise Judd by email at louisejudd53@gmail.com or phone 0408596944.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM (OSHC)

OSHC will finish at the earlier time of 5pm on Friday 29th June. Children must be booked into OSHC to attend. If bookings need to be cancelled, please notify Cheryll. Cheryll Hodge is our school's OSHC coordinator and can be contacted on 0428 258035 if you have any queries.

GREEN BUILDING WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the Grade P-3 students who received awards at our weekly Friday Assembly.

SECONDARY NEWS

EISTEDDFOD REPORT – G. Rhodes

I would like to congratulate the students who performed at the Mildura Eisteddfod this year. Many entered as individuals. Our school entered groups in the Dance and Choir Sections. Many won awards. More importantly, all our students were prepared to give their best and to do this they needed to practice hard for long periods. Special congratulations to James Baker who was awarded an additional prestigious award for singing.

UNIFORM NEWS

Secondary Uniform Polo Shirts in all sizes are now in stock. If you have been waiting for one, please call into the College office to purchase one.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE – C. Blackie

Yesterday nine of our students took part in a Model United Nations Conference, discussing and negotiating the terms of a resolution on action to tackle climate change. They were fantastic! Our teams represented Brazil, the United Kingdom and Australia, playing a leading role in shaping the discussion, drafting and negotiating amendments and seeking support from other nations. This was a major challenge that required extensive research, confidence and the ability to put aside personal feelings to represent the interests of a country as a whole. It was nice to catch up with a number of former Merbein students also who are now studying Global Politics at Mildura Senior College. Our students had the opportunity to match their knowledge and skills with their Year 12 peers. We would like to thank Latrobe University and the United Nations Association of Australia for this amazing program.

UNIFORM – SPORT JACKET – J. Hunyadi

A number of our new jackets have an issue with the side seams coming undone. If your child has a new jacket and the side seams have come undone, please wash, ensure it is named and return it to school before the end of term and we will have it sent back to the supplier to be repaired.

END OF SEMESTER – G. Rhodes

Secondary Student Reports will be finalised this week, ready for distribution to students on Thursday 28th June. Students in Years 8-10 will be changing their electives in the first week of Term 3. The students' selections will be distributed late in Week 10 and students will have Week 11 of this term and Week 1 of Term 3 to make any changes.

EISTEDDFOD DANCING RESULTS – T. Dunbar

Year 7 dancers – 1st Place.
Year 8 dancers - 2nd Place to "Mi Gente".
Years 9 and 10 dancers - 1st Place to "Finesse".
Congratulations to the students who participated. A wonderful performance.

YEAR 10 TRANSITION – C. Blackie

Last week Year 10 students met with Tracy Marr and Andrew Banks, Assistant Principals from Mildura Senior College (MSC). Tracy and Andrew discussed course options at MSC including VCAL, VCE and VET Pathways. They also spoke about the College's values of Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Independence and Success and the unique student life on offer at Mildura Senior College. Year 10 students will have further opportunities to meet with MSC staff in Term 3 as they begin to make their subject selections for Year 11. In the meantime, students are strongly encouraged to discuss their goals and plans with their families, their teachers and Learning Centre Leaders at Merbein P-10. To help with these discussions, Pathway and Subject Information is available online at www.milsen.vic.edu.au

YEAR 7 CAMP – R. Morgan

A reminder that the permission and medical forms must be returned to school by Tuesday 26th June. Final payments are due Monday 6th August (day before the camp).

SECONDARY UNIFORM JUMPERS - READY FOR COLLECTION

We are still waiting on the Jackets to arrive but we have received a shipment of Secondary Uniform ½ and Full Zip Jumpers in most sizes. If you have been waiting for a jumper in your size, please drop into the main office to purchase one.

DOCTORS IN SCHOOLS – FREE SERVICE FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

Parents and students are reminded that our Doctors in Schools program is now operating every Tuesday from 10am-3pm. This is a fantastic, free service for Secondary students. Students can attend appointments during class time if required. To make an appointment, students may call Merbein Family Practice on 5025 2511, ask a staff member to make an appointment on their behalf or simply drop into the consulting room at school on Tuesdays. Parents are welcome to attend appointments if students wish them to.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MERBEIN PRESCHOOL KINDERGARTEN

Merbein Kindergarten is now accepting enrolments for 2019 and beyond.

Our current 4 Year Old Kindergarten Program offers 15 hours per week and our 3 Year Old Program offers 5 hours per week. Enthusiastic and caring staff provide a developmentally appropriate and educational program to meet the needs of every child. Only ten minutes from Mildura. Enrolments are taken directly through the Kindergarten as they are not a part of Central Enrolment.

Please contact the Kindergarten on (03) 50252491 for enrolment enquiries or call into the kinder at 18 O'Bryan Street Merbein.

MILDURA WAVES SWIMMING LESSONS

Come & Try Sessions for ages 3–5 on 18th June from 10.30-11.30am and 20th June from 4.30–5.30pm.

Come & Try Sessions for ages 5-13 on 18th & 21st June from 4.30–5.30pm.

Ask at the school for a voucher to receive one free swimming lesson. Valid to the end of July.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12-16 YEARS

Drop off and pick up from the Mildura Scut Hall, 39 Twelfth Street Mildura.

For further information, contact Mildura Rural City Council Youth Service on 50188280. Enrolments close 22nd June.

2nd July	Fishing Day Free
3rd July	Self Defence – Cost $15
4th July	Mildura Waves Free
5th July	T-Shirt Printing Free
6th July	Movie and Pizza Cost $15
9th July	Ten Pin Rollerama Free
10th July	Sand Tobogganing at the Perry Sand Hills Free
11th July	MasterChef Cost $15
12th July	Laser force Cost $15
13th July	Hip Hop Workshop Free

THE 2018 GREAT AUSTRALIAN VANILLA SLICE TRIUMPH AMATEUR BAKING COMPETITION

Mildura City Heart would like to invite you to participate in the 2018 Great Australian Vanilla Slice Triumph Amateur Baking Competition to be held 18th August.

An entry form for the Amateur Competition, Prize List, and two Vanilla Slice Recipes to get you started can be found online at:

https://www.milduracity.com.au/event/enter-now-great-australian-vanilla-slice-triumph

If you require more information, you can call the Mildura City Heart office on 03 5023 8010, or email admin@milduracity.com.au.

MERBEIN GOLF CLUB

The end of financial year is almost here and Merbein Golf Club needs your help!

They are fundraising in partnership with the Australian Sports Foundation to allow tax-deductible donations.

They are hoping to raise $300,000, which will enable them to start building a new Club House and Cabarita Post Office that will create a more inclusive building for our community, including people with disabilities! The new building will be more accessible to current users of the Golf Club, Post Office and wider community. It will also include better change rooms for women to help boost membership. Our current building has no wheel chair access. Please donate via the project page on the Australian Sports Foundation website https://asf.org.au/projects/merbein-golf-club/.

Once you have donated and the transaction is complete, you will receive your tax-deductible receipt from the Australian Sports Foundation, which you can include in your tax return.

Every donation counts, no matter how small!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

OUTDOOR CINEMA UNDER THE PAVILION IN THE LANGTREE MALL

Come along to the Mildura City Heart this school holidays and enjoy the Outdoor Cinema under the pavilion in the Langtree Mall for FREE.
Rug up, bring your beanbag and a blanket, find a spot on the turf, buy a hot drink or some popcorn from the Wallis Cinema Candy Bar Caravan, sit back and enjoy the movie on the Optus Big Screen!

2nd July	10.30am 1.00pm	Zootopia Beauty and the Beast
3rd July	10.30am 1.00pm	Frozen Tomorrowland
4th July	10.30am 1.00pm	Sing Paper Planes
5th July	10.30am 1.00pm	Zootopia Beauty and the Beast
9th July	10.30am 1.00pm	Frozen Tomorrowland
10th July	10.30am 1.00pm	Sing Paper Planes
11th July	10.30am 1.00pm	Zootopia Beauty and the Beast
12th July	10.30am 1.00pm	Frozen Tomorrowland
13th July	10.30am 1.00pm	Sing Paper Planes

If you require more information, you can call the Mildura City Heart office on 03 5023 8010, or email admin@milduracity.com.au

LITTLE DAY OUT

Get the latest local information from pregnancy to primary school. Fun, informative, family friendly and children's entertainment. No cost. Held Friday 22nd June from 9am-1pm at Lifestyle Plus, 3 King Ave Mildura. For more information, contact Centacare on 50510050.

MUSIC TOGETHER

Music Together is fabulous quality music learning for 0-5 years and 5-7 year olds and their grown ups!
A Free Trial Class for 0-5 years will be held 23rd June at the Mildura Ecovillage Education Centre.
Term Three classes begin 17th July, finishing 10th September. Enrol Now! Class Times for 0-5 year olds are held Thursdays or Saturdays, 5-7 year olds are held Wednesdays.
enquiries@sunraysiaartsandlearning.com.au.

MALLEE KIDS WONDERFEST

For Primary School children. Interactive educational program of music, art science and sport on Tuesday 18th July. Held at the Sacred Heart Primary School Mildura. Purchase a ticket at www.malleekidswonderfest.com.au. For more information email info@malleekidswonderfest.com.au

FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND SUPERVISORS OF LEARNER DRIVERS

You can learn all the simple steps on how to tach a learner driver. Held at the Coomealla High School Dareton on 26th June at 6pm. If you would like to attend this helpful program send your name to the Wentworth Shire Council via email mahaela.jackson@wentworth.nsw.gov.au or phone Mahaela Jackson 50275027.

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Monday Steak Night only $25

Tuesday Pot n Parma just $15

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CLUB MERBEIN

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