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Coming Events.....

27/4	Interschool Hockey
	School Council Meeting 7.30pm
1/5	School Cross Country
2/5	Immunisations Year 7 Girls Human Papillomavirus (2 nd dose) & Chicken Pox
7/5	Outdoor Ed Camp (7 th & 8 th May)
12/5	Naplan – Year 7 & 9 (12 th – 15/5)
19/5	SSSSA Cross Country
20/5	Year 9 VRAP Melbourne trip (20 th – 22 nd May)
2/6	Year 7 Camp (2 nd – 5 th June)

Term Dates for 2009

Term 2 -	20 th April	-	26 th June
Term 3 -	13 th July	-	18 th September
Term 4 -	5 th October	-	18 th December

...FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that everyone had the opportunity to have an enjoyable two week break.

Public Meeting

Members of our school community and the general public are invited to a meeting at the Merbein Secondary College Activity Centre on Monday 4th May commencing at 7:00pm. The purpose of this meeting will be to identify opportunities for all students that exist now, and in the future, to access the best possible education opportunities and outcomes. There has been considerable speculation in the media in recent times about different models of education provision for our area including a P-10 structure. These possibilities will be examined. To inform the consultation process information will be provided on aggregated data in a number of areas. The meeting will be chaired by Mr Graeme Worthington, College Council President. Public Meetings will also be conducted at Merbein, Merbein South and Merbein West Primary Schools. Details can be obtained from those schools.

Bell Times

We started this Term with some minor changes to bell times. It must be noted that the school day now starts 5 minutes earlier but the day still ends at the usual time.

Morning Bell	8:55am	
Form Assembly	9:00	9:10
Morning Session	9:12	10:48
Recess	10:51	11:15
Middle Session	11:20	12:56pm
Lunch	12:59	1:47
Afternoon Session	1:52	3:28

Cross Country

Our school cross country is scheduled for Friday 1st May.

College Council

There will be a special meeting of College Council this Monday 27th April commencing at 7:30pm.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

'Star' and 'Family favourites' book club order forms are now available in the Library. Order forms and correct money can be returned to the Library in a sealed envelope by Thursday 30th April.

Premier's Reading Challenge

56 students have voluntarily signed up to do this year's Premier's Reading Challenge. Many are using the Library before school and at lunchtime to change their books and to relax and read on the comfy couches. It is not too late to register. Registration of students closes on 26 June. Students can register at the School Library and need to read a total of 15 books prior to the 18th of August 2009.

Please encourage those already registered!

The Challenge aims to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student.

...Mrs Lis Hansen-Lucas

UNIFORM

The cooler weather is just about here so we ask parents to make sure their child has the regulation College winter uniform.

Trousers: Tailored school grey or black pants or pull-ons with elastic waist or tailored fleecy black or grey pants. (**strictly no** jeans or tracksuit pants)

Jumper: Bottle green woollen jumper with V neck with College crest; or polar fleece with College crest; or bottle green windcheater with College crest.

The following retailers supply the College uniform:

- School and Fashion on Lime – 73 Lime Avenue, Mildura
- Mildura Sportzprint - Unit 2, 29-31 Seventh Street, Mildura
- Totally Workwear – 87 Lime Avenue, Mildura

ASX SHAREMARKET GAME

The game continues this term until the final trade on Wednesday 13th May. Our current leader board includes some newcomers;

1. Gold Diggers \$62,861

2. Keldol Tag \$62,192
 3. V8's of Thunder \$61,746
 4. Such is Life \$61,675
 5. Brizgsty \$58,059
 6. Rich Kids \$56,443
 7. Merbein Rep Wutang \$56,200
 8. Smurfs \$56,091
 9. Mae Jimbob \$55,968
 10. The Brokers \$55,957
- Mrs Fetherston

NB: Junior Football results will be published in next week's newsletter.

Madison McSwain – BMX Australian Titles

Good Luck to Madison McSwain in Year 8 who will be competing in Perth at next week's BMX Australian Titles. The Worlds will be held at Adelaide in July, so if Madison is successful in Perth it is possible that she will compete there as well. Go Maddy!

SPORTING NEWS

Badminton Results

Intermediate Girls – The intermediate girl's team finished top of the pool but lost to Red Cliffs in the Semi Final by 1 point in a decider coming 3rd overall. The team consisted of Kirsty Telfer, Laura Maher, Ashley Flentjar and Dana Haig.

Intermediate Boys - The boys won 2 and lost 2 of their games. One of their losses was to Irymple by only 1 point in a decider. They came 3rd overall.

The team consisted of Kert Pay, Jason Gregory, Aaron Bell and Lachie McIntyre.

Junior Girls – These girls did not lose a match therefore were overall winners.

The team members were Carina Spangenberg, Chloe Drganc, Tahni Skewes and Cassie Barko.

Junior Boys – All their games were very close and they were 2nd overall after beating Chaffey in a decider. Jordon and Jarrod went through undefeated.

Team members were Zach Stanbrough, Jack Arney, Jarrod Simmons and Jordon Scheele.



Mr Garry Costello

PRINCIPAL

Football Results

Year 9/10

Yesterday (Wed. 22nd April), 24 boys headed off to participate in the Interschool Football competition at Quandong Park, Red Cliffs.

Our first game against Irymple was a solid hit out with the team finding their feet late in the second half. Unfortunately we lost our first game.

Best Players: Brad Burns, Lewis Makepeace, Josh Whitelaw and Ben Mitchell.

The second game saw a spirited Merbein outfit take the game up to Chaffey and scores were level at the final siren.

Best Players: Matt McGinty, Jayden Collier, Lewis Makepeace and Seane Headland.

The boys took momentum, into their third game which saw the Merbein side convincingly beat Red Cliffs 12.0 (72) to 0.0. (0).

Best Players: Jai Sloane, Ben Mitchell, Brad Burns and Rhys Keating.

A place at the Northern Zone was up for grabs with only St. Joseph's College standing in the way. The final hurdle seemed too large as the boys gave it their all but fell short. St Joseph's ended up winning the game and the competition.

Best Players: Jai Sloane, Josh Whitelaw, Brayden Paver, Matt McGinty and Brad Burns.

A special thank you to Rhys Thouliss and Dane Costa for umpiring and Josh Rogerson and Marlon Fraser for running messages and filling water bottles.