



# MERBEIN SECONDARY COLLEGE

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## Coming Events.....

Thurs	13/8	-Interhouse Athletic Carnival
Mon	24/8	-Work Experience for Year 10's (24/8 to 4/9)
Thurs	27/8	-Rock Eisteddfod
Tues	8/9	-SSSSA Athletics

## Term Dates for 2009

Term 3 -	13 <sup>th</sup> July	-	18 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4 -	5 <sup>th</sup> October	-	18 <sup>th</sup> December

## ....FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Athletics Carnival – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Our school Athletics Carnival will be held tomorrow Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August at the Aero Ovals. As a result school tomorrow will be transferred from our normal site to the Aero Ovals.

The Day commences at 9:15am with rollcall. Students who live in Mildura and have returned the permission slip may attend at this time. These students will be dismissed at the end of proceedings at 3:00pm. Merbein students will be bussed to and from school at no charge.

### Staffing

Mr Grec will be taking 18 months leave to take up a teaching position in the USA. This is a particularly exciting opportunity for him in New York. He will finish this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August. His Maths and Science classes for the remainder of this year will be taken by Mr Ebbels. We are fortunate that Mr Ebbels, an experienced Mathematics and Science teacher, is available. Mr Grec's Electronics class will be taken by Mr Webb in Term 4.

### Asia-Wise 2009

This week approximately 120 students commenced work in the 2009 Asia-Wise Competition. This Competition is open to students in Australia and New Zealand in the following categories:-

1. Upper Secondary – Years 9 & 10
2. Lower Secondary – Years 7 & 8

In order to answer the 50 multiple choice questions students will develop skills in research, cooperative group work as well as analysing and interpreting data. Students are permitted to use atlases and other reference material to help answer the questions. Students will submit their answers online. All participants have been given the username and their unique password. Students needing assistance should see Mrs Fetherston.

### The BEAT 2009

Our school will again have a strong representation at this year's BEAT performances next Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August. Our school rock band *Supertonic* will be performing on both nights. Mrs Dunbar's 9/10 Dance class from first semester will perform on the Tuesday evening and Miss Priest's 9/10

first semester Dance class will perform on the Wednesday evening. We also have Cailean Westhead, Ben Fitzpatrick, Jarrod Lever and Max Rau performing as part of the 'Combined Schools Percussion Ensemble' on both nights. Our students will not be involved in the matinee performances.

Tickets are on sale from the Arts Centre. Parents are advised that tickets usually sell very quickly. Call the Arts Centre Box office on 50188330 or the Visitor Information Centre on 50188376. Prices are \$14 Adult, \$7 Concession, Pensioners and Children. Family (2 adults / 2 children) tickets are \$33 with each additional child \$3.50.

## INTERSCHOOL CHESS COMPETITION

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August, seven students went to Irymple Secondary school to participate in the Interschool Chess Competition. Each student played seven timed matches trying to amass as many wins as possible. The chess team was very successful for the day despite not having complete teams. Juniors Trent Branson and Josh Downing achieved Certificates of Participation for achieving three and two points respectively, while Lachlan Kelly, Patrick Hawkes and Brodie Harding achieved Certificates of Distinction for achieving five or more points. Our two Seniors, Aaron Bell and Jarrod Lever, also earned Certificates of Distinction for achieving five points each from their matches. Congratulations to all of the Merbein players for a fabulous day of excellent chess and great sportsmanship!



## VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

This week is the last week for students to complete their reading for the Challenge and to enter their books online.

If your child has been participating in the Reading Challenge please ensure that their list of titles read has

been signed and returned to the Library no later than next Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> of August.

Library news

Late last month Allen and Unwin publishers provided a free copy of the novel 'Pink' by Lili Wilkinson to the school Library. They asked if students who read the book could come up with a question for the author.

Congratulations to Abbie Mangan and Carla Piscatelli of Year 9 and Stevie Bone of Year 8 who all read the book in a limited time. All three girls have had their question emailed to the author who will post her answers on the Allen and Unwin website.

### MATHEMATICS, MAGIC & MYSTERY

Burkard Polster and Marty Ross are Melbourne's tag team of mathematics. They bring the fun and the funny to mathematics. They write the Maths Masters column for the Melbourne Age and give public lectures in Melbourne.

Burkard and Marty are now coming to Merbein SC, to trick and puzzle you our students and when you're not looking they'll give you some insight into some beautiful mathematics.

There will be three presentations including one for the primary schools, parents are most welcome.

Date: Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August.

### THE REAL GAME

Some students in Year 8 & 9 Humanities are currently participating in an innovative and interactive career exploration program called *The Real Game*. Students play adult roles to learn about many of the aspects of real life such as working, earning money, budgeting for housing, groceries, transportation and other needs and planning for the future.

*The Real Game* program is designed to introduce a wide range of available occupations and give students career exploration skills, not direct them to a particular occupation.

Parental and community involvement is a key element of *The Real Game*. Your child may bring home exercises he or she is working on that relate to real issues in your life or they may ask to 'interview' you about your own work/life experience.

Students who have already started the program are showing genuine excitement in receiving their occupation, choosing their goals and calculating their budgets.

...Mrs Fetherston

Humanities Coordinator

### LOST

A shiny silver clutch purse, with a zip on top and 2 pockets inside was lost near the Year 8 locker area. If you have any information please contact Mrs Breewel at the College.

### ROCK EISTEDDFOD NEWS

Medical forms were handed out to students participating in the RE last week. Please return the completed forms to the office as soon as possible. If you did not receive a form or have misplaced it, please collect one from the College office.

#### Rehearsals

Gerard Veltre will be attending rehearsals again at Merbein SC on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August. Rehearsals will start at **2pm** and conclude at **5pm**.

**ALL DANCERS and BACKSTAGE crew must attend.**

A two hour rehearsal will also be held during school hours on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August.



### UNDERSTANDING HOW FOOD AFFECTS YOUR CHILD

A group of local mothers have organised for Sue Dengate, International Food Intolerance Expert and the Author of bestselling books Fed Up, Fed Up with Asthma and the Failsafe Cookbook, to speak in Mildura on food intolerance to help parents understand the effects in children and what you can do to positively change their lives and yours.

If your child is oppositional, demanding, easily annoyed, defiant, argumentative, has difficulty concentrating on reading or homework, is easily distracted, restless, makes silly noises or has difficulty settling down to sleep, think food!

Other conditions associated with food intolerances include, asthma, eczema, constipation, bedwetting, headaches, stomach aches and itchy rashes.

Sue will be speaking at the Lecture Theatre in the Brian Grogan Building at Latrobe University, Mildura on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 7-9pm. Tickets are on sale now at Health on Eighth for \$10 each or two for \$15. Seating is limited.

For more information contact Monica Hopgood 0400 899 706 or Peta Cameron 0427 083 337

### MERBEIN CENTENARY

A reminder to the College community that the Merbein Centenary will take place from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

For further information please go to [www.merbeincentenary.com.au](http://www.merbeincentenary.com.au)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Costello'.

Mr Garry Costello  
**PRINCIPAL**