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Coming Events.....

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 - 13th July - 18th September
Term 4 - 5th October - 18th December

....FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Parent Opinion Surveys

This year 75 families have been randomly selected to complete the Parent Opinion Survey. These parents will soon receive their copies of the survey in the mail. In order for the survey to be valid it is important that all 75 families respond. The information from these questionnaires has proved to be very valuable ensuring that we continually seek to meet the needs of students and our school community. Confidentiality is ensured because the envelopes do not get opened at school. It is important that parents return the completed survey to the school by Friday 28th August. We hope this does not inconvenience parents of Year 10 students doing Work Experience.

College Council

The first meeting of the Steering Committee for the new P-10 school is next Monday 24th August at 7pm at Merbein Secondary College. As a result the Facilities sub-committee will not be meeting. The Policy & Planning sub-committee will still meet at 7:00pm in Mr Rhodes' office.

Police Concerns with School Zones Traffic

We have been notified that police will be diligently patrolling local school zones including Merbein Secondary College. Motorists will be aware that a 40km/hr speed restriction applies on school days between 8:00 – 9:30am and 2:30 – 4:00pm. Last Monday afternoon laser radar clocked a motorist at 90km/hr outside Merbein Secondary College. Police informed us that this person was not local and had no connection with our school. They also pointed out that although this speed was unusually high they were concerned that a number of drivers were not adhering to the speed restrictions.

Merbein Centenary

A number of our staff and students have assisted with recent celebrations for the Merbein Centenary.

- Cassie Barko and Matt Rodi (under the guidance of Mr Menhennett) represented our school at the Centenary Concert last Saturday evening. Other

students including Jordan Kane also performed during the evening.

- Mr Avery convened the children's activities at the Settlers Picnic last Sunday. He was ably assisted by Declan Burt and Simone Godfrey.
- Our school was open last Saturday afternoon for a number of class reunions.

Merbein Centenary Parade

We will have about 80 students representing our school in the Centenary Parade tomorrow afternoon. A number of other students will be participating as part of organisations such as Guides and the Merbein Football Club.

All of our students will view the parade from the front of our school between 1:45pm and 3:15pm. This will provide an excellent viewing position as the Parade moves to Chaffey Park. **Students should bring a hat or cap when outside at this time.** We will provide sunscreen.

Buses will leave our school at the usual times. Students representing our school in the Parade are expected to be back in time for the buses.

NB: Commercial Street at the front of the school will be closed from approximately 12noon until 5pm. Parents will either use the Game St (off Reilly St) entrance or Park St via Channel Road.

Asia-Wise 2009

Students selected to participate in this year's Asia-Wise Competition should ensure that their answers are entered online by tomorrow at the latest.

The BEAT 2009

Congratulations to those students who represented our school so capably at The BEAT last night and Tuesday night. Our two dance performances were excellent and our rock band *Supertonic* maintained the high standard of recent years. It was also pleasing to see a number of our students in the combined schools percussion ensemble. I was in attendance last night and it was a great night of entertainment as usual.

Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

Please note that parent / teacher / student interviews will be held on Tuesday 15th September between 4:00pm and 7:00pm in the Activity Centre. Mid Semester 2 reports will issued on arrival by Mr Costello and Mr Rhodes. They will also be available to assist parents with the arrangements for the interviews.

INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS - 2009

In perfect conditions, MSC students took to the track at the Aerodrome Ovals for the annual Athletics Carnival. The athleticism, strength and speed displayed by some students was very impressive! Congratulations to all students who participated to the best of their ability – which was the aim of the day.

Thanks to all staff for their assistance in organising and ensuring the day ran smoothly. Well done to Wallakarpa who won the day with 1528 points, followed by Yakkandi (1249) and Jungarin (1247).

Records broken:

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| Stefan Cifra - | 13 years 100m, 200m & 800m |
| Lachlan Carter - | 13 years Javelin |
| Lucy Boseley - | 13 years High Jump |
| Josh Hay - | 13 years 1500m |
| Zoe Martin - | 14 years Discus |
| Ashlee Matthews - | = record 15 years High Jump |
| Brooke Lindsay - | 17 years High Jump |
| Georgie Whitehead - | 17 years 800m & 1500m |

Age Group Champions:

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| 13 years - | Stefan Cifra and Lucy Boseley |
| 14 years - | Jack Arney/Corbin Weston & Tahni Skewes |
| 15 years - | Bradley Burns & Elyse Carter |
| 17 years - | Matt McGinty/Ben Mitchell & Brooke Lindsay |

Interscholar Athletics is on Tuesday 8th September, students who have qualified will be notified this week.

...Miss Priest

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded 'Student of the Month' of July/August.

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| 7A Holly Mazza | 7B Rebekah Gowers |
| 7C Kira Haig | 7D Rebecca Hayes |
| 7E Will Arney | |
| 8A Ben Meredith | 8B Lachlan Pierce |
| 8C Maddie Matthews | 8D Michelle Schmidt |
| 8E Chloe Drganc | 8F Shelby Allen |
| 9A Kala Stephenson | 9B Rebecca Jemmeson |
| 9C Simone Godfrey | 9D Ainslee Wandel |
| 9E Cailean Westhead | 9F Marlon Fraser |
| 9G Shae DeGoumois | |
| 10A Hannah Stephenson | 10B Ashleigh Knight |
| 10C Kirsty Telfer | 10D Jasmin Darley |

ROCK EISTEDDFOD NEWS

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. We would appreciate payments being finalised by Tuesday 25th August. Contact Yvonne Matotek at the College if you're having difficulty in meeting this deadline.

Rehearsals

Gerard Veltre will be attending rehearsals again at Merbein SC on Sunday 23rd August. Students must bring along their costume in a named costume bag.

Sunday 23rd August

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| 2pm – 5pm | All 'B' Gang |
| 3:30 – 5pm | All cast members |

Monday 24th August

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| 9:15am – 1pm | Cassie & Brodie |
| 11:15am- 1pm | Monsters |
| 1:42pm – 3:30pm | Silks |
| 3:30pm – 5pm | Whole cast rehearsal |

Tuesday 25th August

(Rehearsal times for during the day to be announced)

3:30pm – 5:15pm Whole cast & full dress rehearsal

NB: Parents are invited to come and watch full dress rehearsals from **4:45pm to 5:15pm** on Tuesday 25th August. There will be two run-throughs.

Wednesday 26th August

11:15am – 3:30pm Full dress rehearsal.

Thursday 27th August

Bus departs MSC at 6am.

All students performing must have their full costume in a named costume bag.



SPORT

Interscholar Basketball Report

The WHK Hothouse played host to the region's best basketball talent on Monday the 17th of August. Merbein was very well represented by a group of 8 Year 9/10 boys. The team consisted of Dane Costa, Lachlan Logan, Josh Rogerson, Matt Rodi, Judd Dean, Lewis Makepeace, Rhys Keating and Jesse Mottershead. The boys should be very pleased with their efforts, sportsmanship and general behaviour.

The boys unfortunately found the competition a little too hot, competing against some very talented and generally much bigger boys. They started the day against Irymple Secondary College. Irymple were well drilled with many talented players and our boys just couldn't keep up. The final score wasn't flattering and therefore won't be published in this newsletter.

In the second game against Red Cliffs the boys played much better. They were able to control the ball in a more settled fashioned and made good decisions of when to shoot and pass. In the end the boys just couldn't quite get their noses in front, beaten by a single point! Matt Rodi played well using his height and extra long arms to good effect in and around the key. Rhys Keating was another good player, like Matt, using his strength to push his way through the defence. Dane, Lachlan and Josh also had good games, taking shots at will and teaming well to bring the ball through the mid court.

In the final game, the boys took on another very strong team in St. Josephs. They were led by ex-Merbein student Sam Kerridge, and whilst giving away plenty of height to their counterparts, the boys were right in the game at half time. Lewis and Jesse worked well protecting the ball in the middle of the court. Lewis obviously thought it was a shooting gallery as he continually took shots from all over the offensive area. Again Matt Rodi provided a presence in the key. Judd Dean was also a good contributor in this game, providing good leadership and a calming influence with

his basketball knowledge. Unfortunately the St. Joes boys continually scored and were able to force a number of turnovers, running out winners by 14 points.

As mentioned earlier the boys should be congratulated on their efforts and thanked for the way they represented the College.

The Junior Boys team have made their way through to the next round after getting beaten by St. Joes in the final. A full report will be in next week's newsletter.

Year 9&10 Girls Results

On Monday 17th August, eight enthusiastic girls made their way down to the WHK Hothouse to represent MSC in basketball. The team consisted of Ashlee Matthews, Rachael Costello, Stef Johns, Jasmin Hurst, Elyse Carter, Lucy Young, Laura Maher and Amy Collihole. The girls conducted themselves very well, as all girls displayed great teamwork and sportsmanship. The girls were very confident in placing overall.

The day consisted of four matches. The first match was against Trinity Lutheran College, with the girls winning this match by 13 points. The second match was against the competitive Irymple Secondary College. The girls unfortunately found Irymple too strong, losing this match by 3 points. The third match was against St Joseph College, the girls came out strong and managed to hold onto the lead, beating them by 8 points. The final game was against Red Cliffs Secondary College. Red Cliffs was no match for our girls, beating them by 52 points.

Overall, the 9&10 girls placed second overall on percentage.

...By 9&10 Girls Basketball team

NB: The Year 7/8 Basketball reports will appear in next week's newsletter.



Pictured: Top- Jayden Milner. Middle – A smooth baton exchange between Lachie and Sam. Below – Age Group Champions. Back Row: Elyse Carter, Brad Burns, Ben Mitchell, Brooke Lindsay. Front Row: Hannah Boseley, Jack Arney, Stefan Cifra, Corbin Weston, Tahni Skewes.



UNDER 13 FOOTBALL TEAM – GRAND FINAL

This Sunday at 10am, the Merbein Junior Football Club's Under 13 team are competing against Irymple in the Grand Final. After 14 home and away games, the side finished third. Now they have gained a berth in the Grand Final by beating South Mildura by 60 points in the 1st Semi-final and then Mildura by 3 points in the Preliminary Final.

The team, coached by Peter Lindsay is Jack Wilson, Fraizer Mulder, Jake Scambler, Tim Irvine, Danny Jones, Nathan Benton, James Stewart, Zac Stanbrough, Jayden Kitt, Darcy Hopley-Willcock, Ryan Beer, Callum Smith, Matthew Rix, Alex Mitchell, Thomas Mitchell, Jack Fallon, Jordan Appleby, Blake Nichols, Jono Cavallo, Sean Munro, Jack Lambert and Mark Thompson. Others to have contributed this year are Grayden Russell, Jacob O'Connor and Joey Redman.

Good luck boys and hope you have a great day. GO PIES!!!!

FOR SALE

Staffordshire Bull Terrier Cross pups for sale (9 weeks old)

2 x male, 1 x female. \$100 each or ONO.

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