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Coming Events.....

16/2	Interhouse Swimming Carnival
18/2	School Photos
24/2	Year 7 Information Night @ 6pm
26/2	SSSSA Swimming Carnival
2/3	Year 8 Surf Camp (2 nd – 6 th March)
5/3	Immunisations – Year 7 & 10
9/3	Public Holiday – Labour Day
20/3	Northern Zone Swimming Carnival

Term Dates for 2009

Term 1 -	28 th January - 3 rd April
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

Swimming Sports

Our school's Interhouse Swimming Sports will be held this Monday 16th February at the Merbein Pool from 5:00pm to approximately 8:15pm. This event is for competitors only and parents of the competitors are certainly welcome. Staff will be assisting with the running of the sports and we would welcome any parent volunteers to assist with time keeping. If you are able to assist, please contact the school on Friday or Monday.

School will commence at the usual time of 9:00am on Tuesday 17th February. This is different from some previous occasions when there was a 12 noon start following Swimming Sports.

Year 7 Information Evening

A Year 7 student / parent / teacher evening will be held at the school on Tuesday 24th February. There will be an information session between 6:00pm and 6:45pm followed by a free smorgasbord meal for all the family. An information sheet has been attached for all Year 7 students.

Casual Dress Day

Tomorrow, Friday 13th February, will be a statewide casual dress day to raise money to assist victims of last weekend's Victorian bushfires. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation. A special bank account has been established by the DEECD where these funds will be deposited as part of the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund administered by the Australian Government and Red Cross. **(If every student donates at least \$2 we will raise over \$1000)**

Tomorrow all students must wear covered footwear. No singlet tops or tops with offensive writing.

Northern Mallee Sports Star of the Year Awards

2008 was certainly the most successful year Merbein Secondary College has had in school sport and this was further confirmed at the Northern Mallee Sports Assembly Sports Star of the Year Awards last Friday night. Our students were successful in both categories for Juniors.

- Kate Robertson was named Junior Sports Star of the Year for her successes in Swimming (2 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze at VSSSA State Championships) and Cross Country (1 gold at VSSSA State).
- U/15 Girls Cross Country Team (Georgie Whitehead, Elyse Carter, Tahleesha Mayes, Kate Robertson and Brittany Watt) was named Junior Team of the Year. This team won gold at the VSSSA State Championships and in winning gold at Northern Zone level set a new aggregate record that can never be beaten.



Pictured: Georgie, Kate, Elyse, Tahleesha & Brittany

LOTE - INDONESIAN

Every student in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 studying Indonesian has a list of ten new Indonesian words to learn each week. With each list is a homework task to be completed to assist them in learning these words.

Parents and carers are able to help their children learn these words in a number of ways. The students are encouraged to learn a few words at a time over the week and to ask their parents or carers to test them. They are also given a number of strategies to help them learn the words and are advised to use the strategies suited to their learning style.

Students will be tested on one of the days they have Indonesian each week. The homework task for each list is also due that day. Students in Year 7A, 7B and 7C are currently learning Indonesian with Miss Mayes. Students in Year 8C, 8D, 8E and 8F and Year 9/10 are currently learning Indonesian with Mrs Breewel. Feel

free to ring either of us at the college with any questions you may have regarding Indonesian.

.....Mrs Hayley Breewel (LOTE Coordinator)

PHOTOS

School photos will take place on Wednesday 18th February. Photo envelopes were attached to last week's newsletter. Please return the completed envelope with full payment on or before photo day. If you wish to order a family photo then please collect a family envelope from the College office.

SURF CAMP

Year 8 Camp is now only 3 weeks away! All students should have received their permission forms and they should be coming back into the office. If anyone has lost their form, a new one can be collected from the office. Students will be having their first camp meeting this Friday where we will be discussing the do's and don'ts for the week as well as what to bring. A big thank-you goes out to the numerous parents who volunteered to help us on Camp, we had over 20 offers but could only take 4!

Please remember to contact the office ladies should you be experiencing any difficulty with payment – we will be able to sort something out! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Tim Rix at school.

...Liz Rankin

YEAR 7 & 10 IMMUNISATIONS

Immunisations for Year 7 and Year 10 students will be conducted at the College on Thursday 5th March. The immunisation cards and more detailed information will be given to students within the coming weeks.

UNIFORM

A reminder to parents (due to the cooler weather) of the specified winter uniform which is:

- Tailored plain school grey or black pants or pull-ons with elastic waist. They may be fleecy material, but are **not** permitted to have stripes or logos.
- Bottle green woollen jumper with V neck with College crest; or polar fleece with College crest; or bottle green windcheater with College crest.

NB: School shorts with checks, stripes etc. are **not** part of the College uniform. Students are to wear either plain grey or black shorts.

Students who are not in uniform need to bring an explanatory note from their parents. Please ensure that **all** clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

We're asking parents to please support us in our endeavour to have our students in correct school uniform.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

If you wish to have your newsletter sent electronically then please ring or send an email to Heather at collihole.heather.h@edumail.vic.gov.au and she will add you to the current list of recipients.

TANIA'S FUN DANCE CLASSES

Tanya Knightley's dance classes will resume this evening at the Merbein S.C. Activity Centre.

5 - 7 year olds from 5:30 – 6:30pm

8 – 11 year olds from 6:30 – 7:30pm

12 years and over from 7:30pm – 8:30pm.

For further information please contact Tanya on 5024 5577 or 0427 547624.

'STOP THE BULLYING' - WORKSHOP

A workshop to help parents with issues of bullying will be held on Wednesday 4th & 11th March from 7:15pm – 9:30pm at the Mildura Private Hospital Conference Room. Facilitators for the evenings will be Richard Vaughan and Garry Webb. The workshop is free of charge.

To register or for more information please contact Centacare on 5022 0470.

HEY DAD!

Are you a Dad who wants more information about fathering? Are you interested in talking with other Dads and sharing your experiences? Then come along to 'Hey Dad' on February 23rd, March 2nd, 10th, 16th, 23rd, 30th at 129 Langtree Avenue from 7:30pm – 9:30pm. Facilitators for the evenings will be Richard Vaughan and Garry Webb. The evenings are free of charge.

To register or for more information please contact Centacare on 5022 0470.

MERBEIN PRIMARY BUSHFIRE APPEAL

The Merbein Primary School in conjunction with St Vincent DePaul is asking for donations of bikes, toys and blankets for the children.

Donations can be dropped off at the Merbein Primary School today and tomorrow (Friday) where they will be directly transported to the victims of the bushfires.

NB: Bikes and toys must be in good working order.

MERBEIN SWIMMING CLUB

Come and try day at Merbein Pool for all ages this Sunday 15th February from 11am – 1pm.

BBQ Lunch provided.

For more information phone Bruce Gill on 5025 2180.

STH MILDURA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

South Mildura Junior Football Club will be holding their registration day on Sunday 15th March 2009 commencing at 12.00pm-3.00pm At No 3 Oval, on the corner of San Mateo Ave & Eleventh St .BBQ will be provided.

All new & existing players and their families will be made most welcome. Payment of registration fees would be appreciated on the day. For further information ring Phil Newey 0421 618 201

FOR SALE

Mapex Drum Kit in good condition. \$700 ono.

Contact Mrs Worthington at the College on 5025 2501.

