



# MERBEIN SECONDARY COLLEGE

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## Coming Events.....

TONIGHT SSSSA Swimming Carnival  
2/3 Year 8 Surf Camp (2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> January - 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Term 2 - 20<sup>th</sup> April - 26<sup>th</sup> June  
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

### Congratulations Jayden Milner – Year 10

Jayden has just received a personal written invitation to participate in the 2009 trials for the *Victorian Schools Debating Team*. These trials will take place in Melbourne this Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March. Jayden has been invited because of his outstanding performances in last year's local schools debating competition. This is a fantastic opportunity for Jayden to get some practice before the Schools Competition and to learn from some of the best adjudicators and debaters in Victoria.

### Year 7 Information Evening

Thank you to all the families who came along to our information evening last Tuesday. It was a terrific night and we were delighted with the number of parents who took the opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss their child's start to the year.

### Student Leaders Induction

The induction of our student leaders for 2009 took place yesterday in a ceremony in the Activity Centre. The SRC Executive, House Captains and Vice Captains were presented with their badges of office by Mr Dennis Norton, Principal Mildura Senior College.



**Pictured:** Student leaders for 2009

### Today's attachments:

- Year 7 & 10 Immunisations cards.
- Chickenpox vaccinations cards are also available from the College office.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded February's 'Student of the Month'. This award is in recognition of student's behaviour, academic achievements and/or sporting success during each month of the school year.

7A Teisha Pay	7B Joseph Redman
7C Gemma Mottershead	7D Josef Moisisid
7E Claire Collihole	
8A Jai Bildstien	8B Jemma Forrester
8C Zachary Stanbrough	8D Abigail-Rose Malycha
8E Jack Arney	8F Caitlyn Bottomley
9A Kaitlin-Maree Roberts	9B Liam Nicolaou
9C Lucy Young	9D Seane Headland
9E Jesse Mottershead	9F Brianna Harvey
9G Tayla Stevens	
10A Daimon Breeding	10B Brianna Smythe
10C Brooke Lindsay	10D Jarrod Lever

## ROCK EISTEDDFOD UPDATE

The 2009 Rock Eisteddfod preparations are well underway. Since 4<sup>th</sup> term last year we have had a senior group of students who have been working with Gerard Veltre who is our production director and choreographer. This group was formed out of a meeting with interested students last year. The group has worked on the development of a theme, storyline and have now developed the soundtrack.

The production this year has themes that explore peer pressure and bullying. There is a nightmare sequence with some monsters and some of the scenes are set in a school situation. The finale is planned to be an energetic celebration with all cast members on stage.

The sound track includes pieces of music and sound effects from over 15 different sources.

### Auditions

The purposes of the auditions will be to

- select the dancers who will form part of the production in 2009
- Use the information from the independent dance teachers and Gerard to select the key roles in the production.

This year our production requires a group of strong dancers. That is why we are giving all students some opportunity to practice the audition piece for a few days prior to the auditions. The short audition piece has been developed by Gerard and some year 11 students who have participated in past Rock Eisteddfods.

It is planned to have 3 independent dance teachers assess dancers in an audition where students will be asked to dance the audition piece 3 to 5 times in a group of 4 to 5

dancers. These auditions will take place within the next 3 weeks.

The dates for auditions are being negotiated with the dance teachers. When these are finalised all students will be notified of the timelines.

### YEAR 7 & 10 IMMUNISATIONS

Immunisations for Year 7 and Year 10 students are attached to today's newsletter. They need to be completed and returned to the office regardless of whether your child is receiving an immunisation or not.

### SURF CAMP

Time is ticking down until we leave for Surf Camp 2009! All students will have their last camp meeting on Friday – make sure you come with any questions! Medical forms must be returned to the office no later than tomorrow and at least \$100 deposit paid before departure.

A reminder that we need to depart by 7am, which means all students are required at the bus shelter at 6:30am – bright and early! Students should make sure that all of their gear is clearly labelled and that their lunch is kept in a day pack, separate from their luggage. Any questions, please contact either myself or Tim Rix at school a.s.a.p.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

The photographers will be returning to the school early in term 2 to take any photos missed. This will be important for ID cards, class photographs and students who may have been absent but wish to have a photo package made up. The photograph packages from the shots taken recently will be returned to the school in the next few weeks for distribution to the students.

### SPORT

#### Golf

On Tuesday 90 students from local secondary schools participated in the annual schools golf day. Our school was represented by Jordan McBain, Sam Razis, Lucy Young, Fraizer Mulder, Dane Costa, Lachie Logan, Teagan Bell, Josef Moisisdis and Jay Madigan. The students all represented the school well through their display of golf etiquette and sportsmanship. Our Junior team of Sam Razis, Dane Costa, Fraizer Mulder and Josef Moisisdis were placed second in the teams event behind St Josephs College. Individually Lucy Young scored an excellent net 66 to win the Junior girls event, and Teagan Bell won the Senior girls event. Josef Moisisdis won the Junior boys Handicap event with a 66 net and Jay Madigan came third in the Junior participation event with a score of 52.

Well done to all participants.

...Greg Rhodes

### CONTAINERS WANTED!

Students in all Food subjects are required to bring a container to transport their food home in. This need not be expensive – a 4 litre or 2 litre ice-cream container would be satisfactory.

If anyone has clean 2 or 4 litre containers that they would like to donate to the Home Economics room, they would be most welcome.

### SKATE RAMPS

The skate ramps will be set up on Friday, lunch time only. Students are to ensure they use the ramps safely and responsibly. We also encourage students to bring along safety gear such as knee, elbow and wrist pads.

### SAINTS BASEBALL CLUB

#### Junior Registration and Fun Day

Come along on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 10:30am – 12noon at Chaffey Park for a free BBQ lunch and drinks and see if Tee Ball, Coach Pitch or Baseball is for you.

#### Club Training and Fees

Training for all junior grades resumes on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at Chaffey Park, Merbein. Fees for this season are \$90.

4-5pm	8 & Under	Tee Ball
	10 & Under	Coach Pitch
	12 & Under	Baseball
4:30-6pm	14 & Under	Baseball
	16 & Under	Baseball
6-7:30pm	Seniors -	A Grade
(Mon & Wed)		B Grade
(Begins 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb)		C Grade

*Brochures with all relevant information regarding the Saints Baseball Club can be obtained from the College Office.*

### THREE COLOURS SOCCER CLUB

Registration will be held at Soccer Park on the following days:

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	6pm – 7:30pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	5:30 – 7pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm – 7:30pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	5:30 – 7pm

For further information please phone Cindy on 5023 7693 or Lucy 5024 7017.

**Mr Garry Costello**  
**PRINCIPAL**

