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Coming Events.....

Term Dates for 2009

Term 3 - 13th July - 18th September
Term 4 - 5th October - 18th December

....FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I hope everyone had the opportunity to have a relaxing and enjoyable two week break during the end of Term holidays. This is certainly a very busy Term with Rock Eisteddfod and Year 10 Work Experience.

All Schools Cross Country

This Saturday 18th July Georgie Whitehead (Year 10) and Rachael Brade (Year 9) will represent Merbein Secondary College at the All Schools State Cross Country Championships (Government and Private Schools) to be held at Bundoora in Melbourne. Both girls go into the event having won their respective age groups at the Northern Zone Championships conducted in St Arnaud last month. Georgie won the U/16 event and Rachael the U/15 competition. Both girls have been training very hard recently and we wish them well.

National Secondary Schools Computer Fund (NSSCF)

Our school will soon receive \$64,000 under the Commonwealth Government's NSSCF. This funding will purchase 64 new computers for our two Computer Labs. Recently the school spent considerable funds upgrading the infrastructure for our computer network. These infrastructure improvements in conjunction with the new computers will ensure that our students continue to have access to the very best in the delivery of Information Technology.

P-10 School

Recently a team of architects completed a site analysis of our school and Merbein Primary School which are the two possible sites for the new P-10 school. The consultation process involved meetings with students and school council representatives. It is expected that the architects will soon report back to a combined meeting of the four school councils on the preferred site.

Science Competition

Congratulations to all students who entered the 2009 National Science Competition. Our school is again extremely pleased with these results.

High Distinctions

Year 8 – Jack Arney

Year 10 – Jarrod Lever

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Year 7 – Claire Collihole

Year 9 – James Herberte

Year 10 – Brianna Smyth, Brittany Barko

Credits

Year 7 – Trent Branson, Tyler Costa, Torben McFarlane, Alex Mitchell, Lachlan Kelly, Mitchell Rogerson

Year 8 – Hannah Boseley, Pia Davis, Alex Dawson, Tahni Skewes, Josh Vartuli, Fraizer Mulder

Year 9 – Ellen Ferguson, Carla Piscitelli, Ainslee Wandel, Madeleine Alessi, Aiden Blow, Simone Godfrey, Abbie Mangan, Sophie Wakefield, Lucy Young

Year 10 – Aaron Bell, Alexandria Baldock, Amy Ryczel, Jake Casey, Letitia Maher, Michelle Higginbotham, Bianca Hocking



Pictured: Jarrod Lever, Brittany Barko, James Herberte, Claire Collihole and Jack Arney. (Absent: Brianna Smyth)

SCOOTERS

A reminder to all students that scooters are now banned from the College grounds. Under no circumstances are scooters to be brought to school. Students disobeying this rule will have their scooter confiscated and their parents will have to collect it from the College. **There will be no exceptions!**

CHAFFEY AGED CARE VISIT

On a recent visit to Chaffey Aged Care students were able to present Ray Slade, aged ninety nine with a booklet containing his Life Story. Ray's story was compiled by students who worked over many months to link all the memories, happy and sad experiences into the one story that can be handed on to future generations. Ray's daughter, Merle was there to accept the book on behalf of the family and extend her thanks to students for their efforts. Ray is already succeeded by five generations and looks forward to his 100th birthday in January. We look forward to being able to celebrate it with him on one of our regular visits.



Pictured: (Back row) Ebony Martin, Jenene Worthington, Kirsty Telfer, Merle, Braidon Davy, Samantha Brown, Emily Starkey, Brittany Seymour
(Front row) Brooke Lindsay, Ray Slade, Carla Piscitelli and Kirsten Rowett.

ROCK EISTEDDFOD NEWS

Please note the date for the Rock Eisteddfod performance in Adelaide is **Friday 28th August.** Parents and family wishing to purchase tickets for the Rock Eisteddfod performance in Adelaide should call the school to give an indication of the number of tickets required. Tickets will be \$49.00 each. Performers do not need to purchase tickets.

Rehearsals

Gerard Veltre will be coming to Merbein SC on Sunday 2nd August. It is planned there will be rehearsals held for much of that day as well as some smaller group rehearsals during school on Monday 3rd August. ALL DANCERS and BACKSTAGE crew must attend.

INTERSCHOOL NETBALL

Interschool netball will be held on Tuesday 28th July at Mansell reserve from 9am – 2pm. We would gratefully appreciate any assistance from parents who have some spare time. We particularly need umpires for the day. Please contact Liz Rankin or Jane Priest at the College if you are able to help us out.

BENDIGO COMMUNITY BANK 5TH BIRTHDAY

Customers and shareholders are invited to celebrate the 5th Birthday of the Merbein and District Community Bank. The celebrations will take place at the Mildura City Soccer Clubrooms, Kenny Park, Merbein on Wednesday 22nd July at 6pm. Guest speakers include Kate Robertson and Georgie Whitehead from our College. Drinks and light refreshments will be served. For further information please call into the branch or phone 5025 1377.

JARROD LEVER – MUSIC AWARD

Jarrold Lever of 10D attended the Wimmera Bands Group Music School which is held during the first week of the June school holidays every year. This year it was held at Donald and Jarrold was amongst 65 music students of all age groups attending from various Regional Victorian towns.

Jarrold studied Grade 4 Music Theory this year and was awarded the bronze medallion at this level, scoring 2.5% behind the gold medallist. He was also awarded the overall Percussion Award as recognition of the high standard of his playing and the mentor role he took on board with the junior percussionists in the Concert Band. Well done Jarrold!

KARATE

Zen Do Kai Karate training will continue at the Merebin Centre for a further two weeks on Monday 20th and 27th July, within which time ZDK aims to have at least 10 member applications to ensure viability of establishing a club in Merbein. Our Instructors are registered for Working With Children.

Kidz Karate is from 5pm-6pm and Seniors (Adults and Intermediates - 14+) from 6pm-7pm. The first two lessons are free. Other costs thereafter are \$4 per lesson for Kidz and \$5 Seniors.

To register your interest, or for further information, please contact Shihan Graeme on 0439 112 440, or Anne on 0409 936 019 or just come along to the next session on the 20th July.

Mr Garry Costello
PRINCIPAL