



MERBEIN SECONDARY COLLEGE

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Coming Events.....

15/6 Start of Semester 2 timetable
Girls Footy (twilight games)
18/6 Northern Zone Cross Country
26/6 Last day of Term 2
13/7 First day of Term 3

Term Dates for 2009

Term 2 - 20th April - 26th June
Term 3 - 13th July - 18th September
Term 4 - 5th October - 18th December

....FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Report Writing Day

Students are not required at school tomorrow Friday 12th June as staff will be completing end of Semester One Reports. This is a statewide student free day for all Victorian Government Schools. It is the only student free day for the remainder of this year.

College Council

The next meeting of College Council will be held this Monday 15th June at 7:30pm. The Finance Committee will meet at 7:00pm.

Merbein Schools Merger

Last week the team involved in the site analysis for the new school was in Merbein. We understand that the site will be either at Merbein Secondary College or Merbein Primary School. As work on the new school will start early next year it will be one of these sites as there is no time for other land to be acquired and rezoned. The consultation process into the preferred site continued yesterday. Eight students from each of the four schools participated in a student forum at Merbein West Primary School. Last night members of the four College Councils met with the site analysis team. It is expected that a decision on the site for the new school will be announced early next Term.

Semester Two

Work in Semester two classes will commence on Monday 15th June. A new timetable will start at this time.

Issue of Semester One Reports

Semester One Reports will be issued to students at 3:20pm on Thursday 25th June. If parents have any concerns arising from the reports they should contact the relevant Year Level Coordinator on Friday 26th June which is the last day of Term.

Mildura Eisteddfod

Merbein Secondary College students continue to do extremely well at the Mildura Eisteddfod. In the vocal competition held recently Shenae Breeding (Year 7) and Cassie Barko (Year 8) were very successful. Shenae was placed second in her age group in the *Vocal Solo*

from a Musical Production or Film Score in Costume. She also gained Honourable Mentions in two other categories. Cassie received an Honourable Mention in her age group in the *Vocal Country Music Solo*. Congratulations also to Tahni Skewes who received an Honourable Mention in her section of the Pianoforte competition.

SCHOOL SOCIAL

Merbein Secondary College social will be held tonight Thursday 11th June. The theme is crazy hair, so we invite students to come along with crazy hairstyles, crazy hair colours or wear a wig. The social will be held in the Activity Centre dance studio from 7pm - 10pm. Security guards will be present throughout the evening. Refreshments will be available on the night. Code of conduct note must be signed and returned before the purchase of a ticket. Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased prior to the social. They will not be sold at the door.

NEW TIMETABLE

Next Monday a new semester commences. This will mean a change of elective subjects and days of the week for PE classes. On Monday 9E and 10CD have their practical PE sessions for the week and should bring the appropriate change of clothes.

ROCK EISTEDDFOD

Rehearsals will continue on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes for the next 2 weeks. Gerard will be returning to work with our group during the upcoming holidays. He will be running rehearsals from 9.30 am to 4.00pm on Friday July 3rd. Some families will have arranged holidays for this time and will not be able to attend. It is hoped that most of the students will be able to come as this will be the last time to work with Gerard until a week before the performance. If you have arranged a holiday and are unable to attend could you please notify Mr Rhodes.

TEXTILES NEWS

This week students in Years 7 to 10 had their last Textiles lesson for Semester 1.

Year 7 & 8 students were issued with a small sewing kit (purchased on their book list) consisting of machine needles, pins, an un-picker and 2 bobbins. Over the next few days they will be given their kit to take home for safe keeping ready for use in Textiles next year. Next year students in years 7 to 10 will need to have this basic sewing kit for Textiles. The kit costs \$6 and will be listed on the 2010 book list.

YEAR 7 CAMP

On Tuesday 2nd June we got up early and all excited for our camp to the Grampians. Most of us were there ready for our long journey. We were on the road at 7:30am. At first there was a little murmur on the bus then it eventually got louder with people waking up. We had entertainment on the T.V. where we watched movies which included Madagascar, John Tucker Must Die, Master in Disguise and many more. We had 1 or 2 stops along the way. Eventually we arrived at our destination Noval Lodge, Halls Gap.

We went to our rooms to set up our beds. After a while we got called to the hall to have our lunch then a meeting about how our activities would be set up and run.

Our activities included; The High Ropes Course, Abseiling, Bushwalking and Low Ropes Course/Initiatives. One of our activities was rock climbing but sadly we couldn't do it due to the rain we had although it was good for the town and the area but a letdown for us!

A little bit about each activity:

High Ropes: For the high ropes we need to walk across a wet log or a wire with obstacles it was a challenge for some people but others got through it in a wiz. We had a harness and a helmet on to help protect us from getting hurt, we also had a special harness to help us not do any flips or hurt ourselves if we fall.

Abseiling: For this activity we had to catch the bus to the abseiling area. With this activity we had to wear a harness and a helmet to protect us. In this activity we had to take a risk and lean back over a cliff with our lives in the hands of the instructors, of course they wouldn't have dropped us they were trained professionals.

Bushwalking: We went walking to different place like Venus Baths, McKenzie Falls, The Pinnacle and some others. We had to take our water because it was tiring.

Low Ropes Course/Initiatives: With this activity we had to do some activities which made us think of different ways to work out the problem, we also had to work as a team! At night we had a trivia quiz and a red faces night.

On our last day we went to a lookout and then left to head back to our Merbein.

Every meal we were thankful for because most of us were starving from the tiring day. We ate good food which included chicken schnitzel, hamburgers and cake with custard.

We would like to thank all the parents and teachers that came on the camp and looked after us.

...By Joshua Hay & Will Arney.



Pictured: Waiting to go on the high ropes.



Pictured: Mackenzie Falls



Pictured: Lachlan Kelly trying out the low ropes.

FOR SALE

Simpson top loader washing machine (6kg), near new, excellent condition - \$350 ono. Phone 0428 281221.

Mr Garry Costello
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