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Coming Events.....

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

Staffing

Last Monday we welcomed Mr Ashley Hill to our school teaching Woodwork. Next term he will replace Mr Webb who will be on Long Service Leave. Mr Hill has taken the opportunity to work with Mr Webb at the start of the new Semester.

Semester Two

Work in Semester two classes commenced last Monday 15th June. A new timetable is in operation.

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 continued to do extremely well at the Mildura Eisteddfod. Congratulations to our four dance classes that performed particularly well last week. It was fantastic to have 80 students on stage representing our school so capably. The efforts of Miss Priest's Yrs 9 & 10 class were rewarded with an Honourable Mention.

Laura Tink (Year 7) did really well in the *Pianoforte* competition achieving 3 separate Honourable Mentions. Jordan Kane (Year 9) continued to impress in the *Ballet and Dance* section with a second place and 2 Honourable Mentions.

End of Term 2

The last day of Term 2 is Friday 26th June. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm and afternoon buses will operate one hour earlier than usual.

SCOOTER RULES AND REGULATIONS

Yesterday a meeting with students was held regarding the use of scooters.

Due to O.H & S policies scooters

- must be placed in the locked area of the bike shed
- cannot be ridden at recess or lunch
- cannot be ridden before or after school (within College grounds)

If these rules are not adhered to then we will have to ban them from the school altogether.

SALVATION ARMY VISIT

Year seven students have a guest speaker from the Salvation Army coming to talk to them about the work of the salvo's on Friday 17th July. The Salvation Army has an important role in supporting families at a local and international level. Gideon bibles will also be handed out to students who wish to receive one. The talk will take place during Year Level assembly.

ROCK EISTEDDFOD NEWS

Please note the date for the Rock Eisteddfod performance in Adelaide is **Friday 28th August**. An incorrect date had been given previously, so please note this date as the correct date.

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 then be available through the office next term.

Sets & Costumes

Help with set and costume making would be much appreciated. Parents able to help with set and/or costume making are asked to please call the school and leave their names and areas of skill / expertise with the front office staff.

Rehearsals

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.

DRAMA INVITE

Parents and friends of last semester's 9/10 Drama students are invited to attend their slapstick comedy - 'The Path of True Love' in the Activity Centre on Wednesday 24th June at 6:30pm.

SPORT

Northern Zone Cross Country Results

The NZ Cross Country was held in St Arnaud on Tuesday in perfect conditions, with competitors running on a 'real' cross country track, complete with sandy tracks, puddles and HILLS! Merbein SC was

represented by eight motivated students who gave it their all and came away with some excellent results

Results:

13 yrs	Hannah Boseley	5 th
15 years	Lucy Young	23 rd
	Josh Rogerson	30 th
16 years – Winning team		
	Georgie Whitehead	1 st
	Kate Robertson	5 th
	Tahni Skewes	7 th
	Jasmin Hurst	12 th
	Elyse Carter	14 th

Hannah Boseley proved that training sessions of Pump Hill sprints are worthwhile, coming a commendable 5th in a race of 68 girls. Lucy Young also ran very well. Josh Rogerson did well in a tough field of 62 boys and considering he raced with an injury. Tahni Skewes and Elyse Carter ran above their age groups to form the 16 years girl’s team with Jasmin, Kate and Georgie. These girls proved to be winners, with the best team score of the day. Georgie’s individual effort was excellent, completing the course in a time of 12:09 mins and winning by an impressive distance.

The State Finals will be held in Melbourne on Friday 24th of July.



Interschool Girls Football Results

Game one against Chaffey started strongly for the Merbein girls, whose accurate passing, strong leads and hard tackling made for great footy. Stef Johns got off to a flyer, weaving around her opponents and casually bouncing the ball through the middle. Mac O’Rourke delivered the ball well, Georgia Guest was in fine form and Cassie Barko stood up in defence. Overall, it was a fantastic team effort and everyone did their bit. Ashley Flentjar, Lucy Young and Johnsy managed to put the ball through the big sticks and we ran away winners 19-17.

Next up was Irymple who looked tough from the first bounce. They dominated the first half and we came back hard in the second half and played well. Zoe Martin kicked a goal, Jessica Potter worked hard on the wing, Jessica Morello and Kaidee Kitt were tough in defence. Irymple won 15-8.

Red Cliffs were an extremely skilful team who didn’t give us much opportunity to get the ball into our attacking area. Ainslee Wandel, Lucy Young and Tayla Stevens worked well in the midfield. Despite our best

efforts, their accurate kicking at goal allowed them to take the win 37-nil.

The last game of the day was against St Josephs. The signs of fatigue were beginning to show within the Merbein team but we battled on. There was some great tackling and hard bumps with Stef Johns and Ashley Flentjar again leading by example. St Joes took the points 23-3.

A great effort by the girls, thanks to Amy Collihole, Mady Carter and Alison Makepeace for their assistance. ...Miss Smith and Miss Priest



SCHOOL SOCIAL PICTURES



Pictured above: Teagan Bell, Miss Priest & Mr Stephen getting into the theme of ‘Crazy Hair’.

MARCHING GIRLS

We are seeking expressions from those interested in being part of a brand new Marching Girls Club in Mildura. We need team members, committee members, enthusiastic parents and anyone else interested in seeing the return of this sport to our area. We welcome advice and interest from all past marchers and any information on the whereabouts of boots and other equipment from previous teams would be greatly appreciated.

Contact: Frances on 0437704430 or Kylie on 0419649488.

Mr Garry Costello
PRINCIPAL