



# MERBEIN SECONDARY COLLEGE

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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 - 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

I hope everyone has the opportunity to have a relaxing and enjoyable two week break during the end of Term holidays.

### Issue of Semester One Reports

Semester One Reports were issued to students at 3:20pm today. It is obvious that the vast majority of students have had a very productive Semester and should be well pleased with their reports. Teachers have made valuable comments about improvements for next Semester and students and parents should read this advice carefully. If parents have any concerns arising from the reports they should contact the relevant Year Level Coordinator tomorrow Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June between 9:00am and 2:30pm.

### Well Done Jayden Milner (Year 10)

Yesterday Jayden represented Merbein Secondary College in the State semi-finals of the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority's *Plain English Speaking Competition* in Melbourne. Jayden was successful in the Regional final last month. There were 30 contestants in the semi-finals from Years 10 to 12 from Victorian Government and Private Schools. Indeed in his semi-final 5 of the other 6 speakers were in Year 12. Jayden has every reason to feel very proud of his performance in both the prepared and the impromptu speeches. I was a member of the audience yesterday and I was very impressed with his efforts.

### End of Term 2

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

## SCOOTERS ARE BANNED!!!!

As from Term 3 scooters will be 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!**

## YEAR 9 NEWS

This week the Year 9 Boostergram raffle was drawn in recognition of the positive efforts Year Nines have made over the last semester. Each time a Year 9 received a Boostergram from a teacher, their name automatically went in the draw for some great prizes. Prizes included cinema tickets, chocolate and café vouchers. This semester's winners were: Jason Leslie, Rebecca Jemmeson, Ashley Field, Braidon Davy, Justin Weight, Brittany Seymour, Maryann Ridings and Jake Wynne. Students have already started to earn Boostergrams from their teachers for the raffle draw at the end of next semester. Teachers write Boostergrams when they wish to recognise positive behaviour, achievement or action. Examples of Boostergrams from this semester included: congratulations on test results, thanks for always saying hello, thanks for helping me at the end of class, great team-work, fantastic projects, being positive and polite and always working well in class. Have a great semester break Year Nines.  
...Miss James

## ROCK EISTEDDFOD NEWS

Please note the date for the Rock Eisteddfod performance in Adelaide is **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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

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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

## PAPER PLANE COMPETITION

Last week we held Merbein's National Paper Plane competition. The competition age groups were 7/8 &

9/10 with two sections, being furthest distance and longest airtime. With fierce competitive heats it was narrowed down to just 4 competitors to take on the mighty Mr Grec and Miss Donnelly. Outright winners were Hayden Scheele with 14.55mts and John Stephenson with 4.32secs. Thanks to judge Miss Priest.



### BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Yesterday Merbein held a Biggest Morning Tea raising money for the cancer council. Students were able to put their artist flair on the cupcakes by decorating them with bright icing, smarties, marshmallows and sprinkles. Total funds raised were \$183. Thanks to those SRC reps and their friends for helping Mrs Smith!



### SPORT

#### Kirsty Telfer – Volleyball

Congratulations to Kirsty Telfer on being selected as Captain of the Under 17 Girl's State Volleyball Team.

### KARATE

Following on from the successful trial of the ZDK Kidz Karate program, for ages 6 to 14 at the Merebin Centre the last two Monday's, Shihan Graeme Loison announced that the program will complete its trial date next **Monday, June 29th** from 5pm to 6pm.

A Seniors Class follows from 6pm to 7pm and also uses training drills and circuit to help the members work out and learn self defense skills.

The first two lessons for kids and seniors are free and thereafter \$4 and \$5 respectively per lesson. The *Tamashii Tigers* Zen Do Kai Karate Club trains twice

weekly at the Irymple Leisure Centre from 5pm-6pm for kids and 6pm-7pm for seniors on Wednesdays and Fridays – all Merbein participants are welcome to cross train at Irymple, or just come for a look.

To register your interest, or for further information, please contact Shihan Graeme on 439 112 440, or Anne on 0409 936 019.

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students in being selected as 'Student of the Month'.

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| 7A Travis Anderson      | 7B Oliver Clementson |
| 7C Laura Tink           | 7D Mikaela Saunders  |
| 7E Kate Vartuli         |                      |
| 8A Benjamin Fitzpatrick | 8B Nathan Beasy      |
| 8C Madison Kane         | 8D Tahni Skewes      |
| 8E Lucy Boseley         | 8F Thomas Holcroft   |
| 9A Braidon Davy         | 9B Rebecca Jemmeson  |
| 9C Anthony Gowers       | 9D Michaela Raggett  |
| 9E Emily Starkey        | 9F Rebecca Kontrec   |
| 9G Kirsten Rowett       |                      |
| 10A Alexandria Baldock  | 10B Rachael Gates    |
| 10C Robert Ollington    | 10D Taylah Drummond  |

### GOLF CLINICS

The following golf clinics at the Sunraysia Golf Range will be conducted during the school holidays: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

The timeslots on the day will be either 10am or 12pm on each of the days. Once we have applications in we will allocate the times according to preference and whose application was received the earliest.

The cost will be \$20- for the four clinics and each participant who attends all four clinics will receive a voucher to the Sunraysia Golf Range (for ball hire or tuition only) for \$20-. So effectively it will be FREE...

We will be conducting clinics at the Range during Term 3 for Juniors as follows:

#### Juniors - 10 weeks

Tuesday 5.30 - 6.30pm or Saturday 9-10 am

Commencing on Tuesday 14 July and Saturday 18 July  
Runs for 10 weeks until 15 September and 19 September respectively

Cost - \$150- for non-members , or \$100- for members of the Range.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us on 5022 9440 OR email us at [salli@sunraysiagolfrange.com.au](mailto:salli@sunraysiagolfrange.com.au)

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