



# 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 -	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

### Report Writing Day

Students are not required at school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Mildura Eisteddfod

The Merbein Secondary College school choir was placed equal second at the Mildura Eisteddfod. Thanks to Mrs Deckert for her hard work in the preparation for the event.

Congratulations to our concert band who were last night placed first in the school's 7 – 10 section. The adjudicator's comments were extremely complimentary. Thanks to Mr Menhennett and Mrs Smith.

### End of Semester One

Students are now working towards finalising work requirements for the end of Semester One next Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

### Semester Two

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

### Grade 6 Visits

Today we hosted Grade 6 students from Our Lady's Primary School. They were given a tour of the school looking in on a number of classes providing them with a "slice of life" at secondary college. They stayed for recess before returning to their school.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students named 'Student of the Month' of May.

7A Lachlan Kelly	7B Mitchell Wakefield
7C Torben McFarlane	7D Brianna Henkel
7E Rheanna Oppenlander	
8A Luke McSwain	8B Daniel Shaw
8C Jack Wilson	8D Stevie Bone

8E Cameron Tilley	8F Leah Day
9A James Madigan	9B Chelsea Emanuelli
9C James Herbert & Abbie Mangan	
9D Ashley Flentjar	9E Brandon Lyell
9F Hannah Connolly	
9G Kaidee Kitt & Carla Piscitelli	
10A Rebecca McDonald & Jayden Milner	
10B Laura Maher	10C Gabriella Dichiera
10D Aaron Bell	

## SCHOOL SOCIAL

Merbein Secondary College social will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## DANCERS IN MILDURA EISTEDDFOD

This year Merbein Secondary College have four dance groups entered in the Mildura Eisteddfod. There are two Year 8 classes, and two Years 9/10 combined groups who will compete in Item: 648 Group Secondary Schools Jazz Dance. The groups will be competing in the afternoon session on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June which begins at 1.30pm.

This year there are nine entrants in this competition including teams from St. Joseph's College, Irymple Secondary College and Mildura Senior College. I anticipate this section will finish around 3.30pm. Parents may collect students from the Mildura Arts Centre at 3.30pm.

If you would like to attend the Eisteddfod to support our students, tickets can be purchased at the door. Tickets are not available through the box office.

## ROCK EISTEDDFOD

Rock Eisteddfod practice will continue at lunchtimes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from next week. Gerard Veltre will be returning on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Students not going on family holidays are asked to please keep this date free. More information on this will be published at a later date

## MALLEE 12

An invitation is extended to the schools community to attend or participate in our own premier regional running event.

*Mallee 12* now in its third year, will provide local athletes an opportunity to showcase their talents against entrants already in from Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Perth, and the Yarra Valley.

The Historic Homestead race venue brings an element of history to the event, the riverfront location provides a beautiful regional backdrop, and a selection of small marketeers with supporting coffee and food stalls should attract a healthy spectator crowd.

Scheduled for the June 7<sup>th</sup> long weekend the race has found its way strategically into national race calendars, club newsletters, and tiny Mallee townships in the hope of drawing people from and into the region.

Substantial prize money, handcrafted redgum trophies, and a wonderful random draw prize pool will ensure plenty of participation interest.

*\*A great new inclusion in 2009 is our M4 Mallee Rat Race, a single 4km lap of the M12 course just for the U18's. All finishers receive an inaugural Rat Race medal. A wonderful opportunity for the kids to build on recent cross country participation & fun\**

Once again, we encourage you to our June 7<sup>th</sup> race day. Race start is 9am.

Further event details can be provided by contacting Mark Wilgar on (03) 5021 5127 or go to the website [www.runningwateradventures.com.au](http://www.runningwateradventures.com.au) which will also provide access to an easily completed online entry form.

## KARATE

Zen Do Kai KIDZ Karate is coming to Merbein The Kidz Karate program is for ages 6 to 14 and will be trialing dates in Merbein at the Merebin Centre on Monday, June 15, 22 and 29th from 5pm to 6pm.

Give your kids the advantage they need. This is a no nonsense program in fitness, health and self defense with a whole lot of fun thrown in. Bring them along to the first two lessons free for an adventure they'll never forget!

"Our Kidz karate class is about teaching children and teens respect and honour. They will learn the basic fundamentals of karate through set drills, forms and fitness activities whilst having fun." said Shihan Graeme Loison. "We have a very successful program running in Irymple and want to offer the same to kids in Merbein. A Seniors' Class will follow from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm and also uses training drills and circuit to help the member work out and learn self defense skills at the same time. The first two lessons are also free for Seniors."

To register your interest or for further information, please contact Shihan Graeme on 0439 112 440, or Anne on 0409 936 019.



Mr Garry Costello  
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