



# MERBEIN SECONDARY COLLEGE

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## Coming Events.....

13/3	SSSSA Volleyball / SSSSA Baseball
20/3	Northern Zone Swimming Carnival
23/3	School council meeting at 7:30pm

## Term Dates for 2009

Term 1 -	28 <sup>th</sup> January - 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
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

Unfortunately there has been recent media speculation about school mergers in Merbein. At this stage all that has happened is that College Council has agreed to start to discuss with cluster councils about the education provisions within our cluster.

## Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

These will be held in the Activity Centre on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. **Parents will receive the mid-semester report on arrival** that will provide some progress indicators. Parents are then invited to meet with teachers and use these reports as the basis for discussion. This is a very important evening and students are encouraged to attend with parents. New parents to our school will be met by Mr Costello and Mr Rhodes on arrival who will explain the format for the interviews.

## DO NOT TEXT YOUR PARENTS!!!!

If a student falls ill while at school he/she must notify the office staff so that parents can be contacted. Students are **not** permitted to contact parents by text messaging.

## MATHS

The annual Australian Mathematics Competition will be held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> August. Students will be invited to participate in this competition or interested students can see their maths teacher to enter the competition.

**Homework:** Each student has been given a display folder to keep their homework sheets in order. Generally, students will have one homework sheet each week to complete. Most students are keeping up with the homework schedule, but some students are already one or two sheets behind. It would be appreciated if parents could remind students of their homework commitments.

**Calculators:** Each student requires a calculator for Maths. These can be purchased from the main office for \$20. Again some students need a reminder to bring their calculator to each class.

**Textbooks:** Each student should have their own textbook and again this should be brought to all classes.

**NB:** Dimensions 8 Maths textbook is now available for collection along with Developmental Maths Books 3 and 4 from the Merbein Newsagency. If you ordered one of these books and have since bought it elsewhere, could you please notify the newsagency.

## ASX SHAREMARKET GAME

Year 10 students as a part of Humanities have started trading in The ASX Sharemarket Game. Each syndicate has been given an imaginary \$50,000 to spend on shares. Trading is open between Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009. The current leaders as of end of trade on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March are:

1. The Brokers \$51,900.50
2. Merbein Rep Wutang \$51,418.92
3. V8's of Thunder \$51,375.05
4. Lone Wolf \$51,343.10
5. Joshua \$51,102.38

Happy Trading!!

...Mrs Fetherston

## ROCK EISTEDDFOD 2009

Auditions will be held for the dancers in the 2009 Rock Eisteddfod on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 4pm to 5.30pm for Year 9 and 10 and on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 4pm to 5.30 pm for Year 7 and 8.

## UNIFORM

Parents are asked to please ensure that their child is wearing the correct school uniform. The College regulation windcheaters and woollen jumpers can be purchased from School and Fashion on Lime or Totally Workwear. We also have some secondhand windcheaters now on display available for \$10 each.

## VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

There are now 49 students who have registered to participate in this year's Reading Challenge. It has been very pleasing to hear students discuss the titles they have been reading and to see the enthusiasm participating students are displaying.

Parents are asked to encourage their child to register to 'take the challenge' before school or at lunch time in the Library.

## CAFÉ MENU

Parents can access the café menu on the school's website. Menus will be updated or revised on a regular basis.

## CONTAINERS WANTED!

Students in all Food subjects are required to bring a container to transport their food home in. This need not be expensive – a 4 litre or 2 litre ice-cream container would be satisfactory.

If anyone has clean 2 or 4 litre containers that they would like to donate to the Home Economics room, they would be most welcome.

## SPORTING NEWS

### Speedway

Josephine Barraclough has this year started to race in the Junior Sedan Class in Speedway.

On Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, Josephine raced at Renmark in the Riverland Junior Sedan Championships where there were 36 cars racing on the night. This being only her second race meeting she was nervous but drove very well. She came midfield every race except one when she spun out after hitting a hole in the track. In another race Josie got the wobbles but another car hit her which straightened her up which got her in front of the driver who hit her!

So at the end of the night Josie came 24<sup>th</sup> overall, a great achievement. This weekend she will be racing at Timmis Speedway – little yellow car No 15!

Good Luck Josie.

## MRCC LIBRARY SERVICES

What should our libraries of the future look like? What services should they provide? How should they operate? Mildura Rural City Council is seeking your views on these questions and more as it develops a Library Service Strategic Plan.

The plan will guide the development and provision of library services throughout the municipality for the next five years and beyond.

As part of the consultation process, meetings will be held throughout the municipality during March, with regular library users and non-library users encouraged to come along.

Meeting will be held:

- In Merbein at the Merebin Centre, corner of Chaffey Avenue and O'Bryan Street, on Monday 16 March from 5:30pm

## MERBEIN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Registration Day will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at Kenny Park from 12noon to 3pm for Under 10's to Under 16's including Colts sides. Fees are \$75 for first child, \$55 for second child and \$40 for third or more children. For further details contact Michael Vartuli on 0438 539020 or Paul Mulder on 0417 566132.

### Netball

Registration Day for all u/15's u/13's & u/11's Merbein Football/Netball club players will be held this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at the Kenny Park clubrooms. All girls & their parents that are interested please come along.

## JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS

The Sunraysia Golf Range with assistance from the Victorian Golf Foundation is offering Junior clinics

aimed at ages between 10 and 18 years who have little or no golf experience and want to learn about the fundamentals of golf. The first clinics are planned to be held during the school holidays with dates and times to be determined. To register your interest please collect an application form from the College office.

## SAINTS BASEBALL CLUB

### Club Training and Fees

Training for all junior grades resumes on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at Chaffey Park, Merbein. Fees for this season are \$90.

4-5pm	8 & Under	Tee Ball
	10 & Under	Coach Pitch
	12 & Under	Baseball
4:30-6pm	14 & Under	Baseball
	16 & Under	Baseball
6-7:30pm	Seniors -	A Grade
(Mon & Wed)		B Grade
(Begins 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb)		C Grade

*Brochures with all relevant information regarding the Saints Baseball Club can be obtained from the College Office.*

## WARATAHS HOCKEY CLUB

Waratahs training and AGM starts Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm at the Aero ovals. Meeting starts at 7pm. New players welcome.

## NICHOLS POINT SOCCER CLUB

The Nichols Point Soccer Club needs players in all age groups including seniors and ladies. For further information please contact Bruce on 0409 997840

## FOR SALE

BMX specialised Fuse II - \$230 ONO.  
Phone: 0427 276289

## LOST – REWARD OFFERED

Tanya Knightley (dance teacher) lost her mobile phone last Thursday evening after dance classes. It is a pink flip Nokia. Tanya is offering a reward for the return of the phone. Please contact the College office if you have any information.

**Mr Garry Costello**  
**PRINCIPAL**

