



# MERBEIN SECONDARY COLLEGE

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## Coming Events.....

27/3	SSSSA Volleyball
30/3	SSSSA Baseball Competition
2/4	SSSSA Tennis
3/4	Last day of Term 1
20/4	Term 2 starts.

## 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

### NEWSLETTER – End of Term

Please note that next week's newsletter will be issued to students on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April which is the last day of Term.

### Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

These will be held in the Activity Centre next 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.

### College Council

The AGM for the College Council was held last Monday evening. Brodie Henderson and Graham Willcock were coopted as community members. Congratulations and thank you to the following who have taken up positions of office bearers:-

President – Graeme Worthington

Vice President – Chris Davis

Treasurer – Greg Rhodes

### Trainee

Alison Makepeace commenced a 12 month traineeship today. She is doing a Certificate III in Education. Alison will be working with our teacher aides and assisting in Literacy and Numeracy support classes as well as LOTE.

### End of Term

The last day of Term One is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. Arrangements for afternoon buses will therefore be one hour earlier than usual.

### Interschol Sport

The end of this Term is very busy with Interschol sport. Boys volleyball is tomorrow, baseball next Tuesday and tennis next Thursday. Kate Robertson and Simone Godfrey will represent our school at the State Swimming Championships in Melbourne also next Thursday.

The start of Term 2 is also very busy with Merbein Secondary College teams involved in Interschol sport. On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April (Week 1, Term2) there will be badminton and boys football. On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April (Week 2, Term2) there will be boys and girls hockey.

### Cross Country

Our school cross country is scheduled for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May which is Week 2 of next term.

## FUNDRAISER FOR CANCER

Tomorrow, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March is a **Casual Dress Day** aimed at raising money to go towards cancer research. We have 2 separate teams aiming to raise money. A 'Relay for Life' team and 'Shave for a Cure'. If \$1000 is raised for Kaidee Kitt she has offered to shave her head. Kaidee has already raised over \$300 already but needs the support of the school. If everyone brings a \$2 donation for out of uniform we will raise \$950 for cancer research. Half of the money raised on the day will go towards the Relay for Life and Shave for a Cure. **NB: Casual Dress** - Students must wear covered footwear, no singlet tops and T-shirts are not to have material printed on them that is considered offensive.

## ASX SHAREMARKET GAME

"The art is not in making money, but in keeping it", this proverb describes the ASX Sharemarket game perfectly. We have seen some low points in the market over the past few weeks, but we are at a high point now. Many syndicates had lost over \$1000 in one day of trading, and now that have made it back with interest! Our current leaders are:

1. V8's of Thunder \$58,668
2. Such is Life \$58,056
3. Keldol Tag \$57,882
4. Gold Diggers \$56,863
5. Mae Jimbob \$56,036
6. Official Girls \$56,026
7. Brigzsty \$55,808
8. Lone Wolf \$54,535
9. Merbein Rep Wutang \$54,238
10. Milze \$53,977

...Mrs Fetherston

### RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Well done to the 127 students who walked, rode or scootered to school yesterday. The breakfast was put on by the SRC with thanks to Gemma and Jodie in the Café. All names went into a raffle and the winners of the helmets were Ashleigh Quinlivan and Zac Hornsby and several other students won puncture repair kits.

### SPORTING NEWS

#### Northern Zone Swimming Finals Results

Merbein Secondary was represented by six students at the Northern Zone Swimming Finals in Swan Hill last Friday. Despite the particularly cold pool, we came away with some very pleasing results including 9 Gold Medals and 1 Silver Medal.

Simone Godfrey swam exceptionally well winning the 200m freestyle, 50m butterfly, freestyle and backstroke and coming second in the 200m individual medley. Anthony Gowers put in a great effort to come middle of the field in both the 15 years butterfly and freestyle events. Kate Robertson again blitzed her peers, winning all of her individual events, some by a margin of at least half a pool. She also set a new record in the Girls 16-20 years Individual Medley.

The relay team of Kate, Elyse Carter, Ashlee Matthews and Amy Collihole competed in both the medley and freestyle events. Being just touched out for third position in the medley, the girls were looking good for the freestyle. The team swam very well and won this event in an extremely tight finish, but were unlucky to be disqualified for an incorrect start during the second leg. A very small and controversial mistake! Despite this, a great day was had and well done to all students involved. Best of luck to Simone and Kate who will compete at the VSSSA state finals in Melbourne next Thursday.

...Miss Priest

#### Junior Cricket Success

Congratulations to the Under 15 Merbein South Cricket team who won their grand final last weekend.

### MERBEIN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

The Merbein Junior Football Club is seeking interested players in all grades from Under 10's to Under 16's. Training and registration takes place at Merbein Secondary College oval from 4.30pm Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information phone club Secretary Paul Mulder on 0417 566 132.

### JUNIOR GIRLS CRICKET FOR 2009/10 SEASON

Girls between the age of 8 and 15 who are interested in playing in all girls cricket teams in the Mildura 09/10 season are invited to have their parents/guardians contact Darryl Pearl on 0439 550 531 or email [pearls2@iinet.net.au](mailto:pearls2@iinet.net.au) You will then be contacted before the next season. If you have any questions please contact Keith Arnott on 5023 6146 BH or Darryl Pearl on 0439 550 531.

### THREE COLOURS SOCCER CLUB

Three Colours Soccer Club is accepting registrations for both girls and boys. Training commences today, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at Soccer Park from 5pm. If interested please contact Cindy on 5023 7693 or Lucy on 5024 7017 or simply turn up and have some fun.

### SOUTH MILDURA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

The South Mildura Junior Football Club commences training next week on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All training will take place at No 3 Oval, Cnr San Mateo & Eleventh St., Mildura

For further information please contact Phil Newey on 0428 618 201.

### FLIGHTCAMP

**Flightcamp** is a specially designed school holiday program for young aviation enthusiasts aged from 15 years to 20 years of age. Students experience hands on flying training, helicopters, guest speakers, airport tours, air displays and much more.

All hours accrued on Flightcamp count towards Year 11 and Year 12 Aviation.

A brochure with more comprehensive information regarding this camp can be obtained from the College office.

### FOR SALE

3 pairs Footy Boots in sizes 9, 10 & 11. All in excellent condition. \$50 per pair. Phone Cheryl on 0458 360803

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

