



# MERBEIN SECONDARY COLLEGE

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## Coming Events.....

- 9/11 Advance Camp (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Nov)
- Adelaide Year 9 Leadership Trip (9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Nov)
- 24/11 State Basketball Final in Melbourne – Year 7/8 Boys
- Year 9/10 Performance Night @ MSC
- 26/11 Music Fest for Instrumental students @ Senior College
- Year 10 Maths exam
- 27/11 Year 10 English exam
- 30/11 Year 8 Surf Camp (30<sup>th</sup> Nov – 4<sup>th</sup> Dec)
- 1/12 Orientation Day for Grade 6 students
- Orientation Day for Year 10 students to Senior College
- 3/12 Year 10 Graduation Evening
- 10/12 Presentation Night
- 16/12 Reports issued at 3.20pm
- 18/12 Clean up / last day of school year.

## Term Dates for 2010

- Term 1 1<sup>st</sup> February - 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Term 2 12<sup>th</sup> April - 25<sup>th</sup> June
- Term 3 12<sup>th</sup> July - 17<sup>th</sup> September
- Term 4 4<sup>th</sup> October - 17<sup>th</sup> December

## ....FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### China Visit

Next week Graeme Worthington, College Council President, and myself will be part of a delegation going to China to explore opportunities to develop links with schools in the Dali Prefecture. We will be accompanied by the Principal and College Council President from Red Cliffs Secondary College, Robyn Blackie (Regional Network Leader – Mallee) and John Arnold (Mildura Rural City Council). Indeed the MRCC already has a strong association with this prefecture and TAFE has hosted a significant number of visiting students. Two schools from the prefecture have been identified by local Chinese school authorities.

### Grade 6 Students and Parents Information Evening

We will be holding an Information Evening for parents and Year 7 students for 2010 in the Activity Centre on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 7:00 to 8:00pm. Information will be provided on the second year of the student Netbook Program as well as information about booklists, uniforms, the School Start Bonus and Orientation Day on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. We will also be explaining that our Transition Program will not be affected by the setting up of the new P-10 school. All Grade 6 students who have enrolled at our school for 2010 will receive an individual invitation to attend this Information Evening.

## LATENESS

There are a growing number of students who are arriving to school after form assembly and sometimes during recess. All students arriving late **MUST** sign in at the office immediately. Students who do not sign in will be given a lunch time detention.

## YEAR 8 SURF CAMP

A reminder to all Year 8 students participating in the Surf Camp to return their medical permission forms and finalise payment as soon as possible.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Constant reminding (otherwise known as nagging) sometimes pays off!

Yesterday two books were returned to the library by two Year 10 students.

What was unusual about this? Well one book had been on loan to female student since April 2008. Let's hope she enjoyed it!

The other had been on loan to a male student since November 2006! After having the book at home for 3 years the student had not managed to finish it...leaving only 4 pages unread! He said he lost interest! Hmm...

As we are heading to the last ½ term of school for 2009 please encourage your children to search for books belonging to the school and return or re-borrow them. With a good search books do turn up that have been misplaced for a long time!

## MERBEIN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BANK

Customers and shareholders are invited to celebrate the 2009 Annual General Meeting / Grants Night of the Merbein and District Community @ Bank. The evening will take place at the Merbein Football Club Rooms, Kenny Park, Merbein on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm. Drinks and light refreshments will be served. For further information please call into the branch or phone 5025 1377.



## NICHOLS POINT COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Nichols Point PS Country Carnival is being held on November 6<sup>th</sup> 5.30-9.30 p.m. There are many stalls and attractions for all family members from jumping castles, mini golf, a haunted house to a Harley and Hot Rod car display, entertainment from our band, students and tae kwon do. The night finishes with a fantastic fireworks

display (which we are told is always better than the one at the show). All types of food and refreshments are available – BBQ, hot dogs, baked potatoes, hot chips, donuts, coffee/tea and cupcakes, snow cones, soft drinks etc. This is a community event and everyone is most welcome.

**MILDURA YOUTH SERVICES – FREEZA  
COMMITTEE**

Come along and join the FReeZA Committee and learn about the music and entertainment industry. Bring your friends and make some new ones. Learn about organising local events that everyone will talk about for years – be a part of the music scene. Come along and have some fun!

**Where:** Hungry Jacks  
**When:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
**Time:** 6:00pm

**AUTISM SPECTRUM SUPPORT GROUP**

An information session with Pam Langford will be held at the Grand Hotel in 'Don's Room' on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 6:45pm.

Pam is a clinical psychologist who specialises in supporting people of all ages who have Autism.

Cost includes a light supper - \$10 for parents & carers.

To register please phone 5025 2816 or 0400 057676.



Mr Garry Costello  
**PRINCIPAL**