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Coming Events.....

- 29/10 Outdoor Ed Camp (29th - 30th Oct)
- 3/11 Melbourne Cup Day public holiday
- 9/11 Advance Camp (9th - 12th Nov)
- Adelaide Year 9 Leadership Trip (9th - 10th 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 (30th Nov - 4th 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 1st February - 26th March
- Term 2 12th April - 25th June
- Term 3 12th July - 17th September
- Term 4 4th October - 17th December

....FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It is very pleasing to see the outstanding results from our students who exhibited items at the Mildura Show. These successes are a wonderful endorsement for our Arts and Materials Technology programs.

Congratulations to Bree Henkel, Jessica Cavallaro, Michaela Raggett, Brodie Henderson and Tegan Kemp who represented our school so well at yesterday's District "Speak Off" finals. Our results were outstanding and overall the best in the District (a detailed report will feature in next week's newsletter). Also congratulations to students who have been involved in State and Northern Zone sports. Mady Carter achieved a bronze medal at the State Athletics finals at Olympic Park in Melbourne last Tuesday.

College Council

College Council meets next Monday 26th October at 7:30pm. The Finance Committee meets at 7:00pm.

YEAR 8 ELECTIVE CHOICES FOR 2010

All Year 7 students will receive information about their Arts Technology subject choices for 2010 at their Year Level assembly tomorrow. The selection sheet needs to be completed and returned to the College office by Tuesday 27th October.

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.

MOBILE SKATE PARK - FOR SALE BY TENDER

The College is selling the Mobile Skate Park by tender. This consists of 8 ramps and 3 grinding rails which will be sold as a complete unit. If anyone would like to view the Skate Park please contact the office.

Tenders will be accepted up until 4pm, Friday 6th November. For any enquiries please contact Tim Rix.

SPORTING NEWS

Northern Zone Hockey Report

Held in Mildura this year, these finals were tightly contested by three teams in the intermediate girls section. Our team consisted of Cazna Harrison as goalkeeper, Mikaela Peake, Mady Carter, Amy Collihole, Jessica Ferguson, Cassie Barko, Ashleigh Knight, Elyse Carter, Georgie Whitehead, Cassie Malic, Kate Robertson and Amelia McInnes. Unfortunately Brittany Barko (knee) and Lucy Young (ankle) were both out of the team due to injury. The girls played two games for the day against Flora Hill and Kerang. Georgie Whitehead scored in the first minute of the game against Flora Hill, with a great set up from her teammates. From then on, Merbein dominated the play, rarely allowing their opponents into their forward half. Cassie Barko worked well from centre half, providing her forwards with plenty of opportunities. Elyse Carter scored two impressive goals, a deflection from a short corner and hard hit from field play. Cassie Malic proved her time in Singapore representing Vic Country during the holidays was worthwhile, with lots of hard running and skilful movement of the ball around the Flora Hill Girls. The end result was 3-nil. The second game against Kerang was a much tougher affair. Teams worked hard in the midfield, pushing to gain ground into their attacking circles. Both had shots at goal which missed by only a small margin. It was a real nail biter and with only three minutes remaining in the game, we finally managed to put one in the back of the net. Congratulations to the team for winning the Northern Zone Final and progressing to the State Finals in Melbourne on Tuesday 13th November. In the previous two years we have finished 3rd and 2nd at these finals, so hopefully this is our year to take 1st position.



Pictured Above: Our Northern Zone Hockey Champions

Northern Zone Basketball Report

In a first for Merbein Secondary College, the Year 7 / 8 Boys Basketball team have won their way through to the State Finals to be held on the 24th November. The team of 9 boys including, Daniel and Nathan Shaw, Dylan Saunders, Danny Jones, Torben McFarlane, Josef Moisisdis, Fraizer Mulder, Alex Mitchell and Tim Irvin easily accounted for the best the Northern Zone had to offer.

In the first game, the boys were pushed hard by Bendigo South East (BSE). This team had arguably the best player for the day, but with determination and grit the boys hung on to win by nine points. A couple of clutch 3 pointers from Torben helped keep the BSE at bay.

The next game against Kyabram should have been the easiest win of the day, but the boys dropped off their intensity in a tight and scrappy game. At the end of the game the boys held sway by 8 points, getting home 34 – 26. With things getting tight on the ladder, the boys had the opportunity to win the day by beating Kerang, or losing by less than about 15 points. Whilst this took the pressure off the wannabe coach, the boys again showed determination, romping home by 11 and claiming the Northern Zone title.

The team had many highlights for the day. Daniel Shaw was excellent in all 3 games. Dylan, Danny, Torben, Fraizer, Alex and Tim did the hard work in and around the basket. All of these boys scored many points, grabbed plenty of boards and defended well. The pocket rockets of Josef and Nathan worked tirelessly, especially on defense to keep the pressure on the opposition in every game. The boys should be proud of their efforts so far. Their sportsmanship was first rate and they only have themselves to thank as their coach was really not that much help at all! Hopefully with some help from Mr. Hill in the coming weeks, the boys will acquit themselves well at the State Finals. Just getting to this point is an awesome effort, let's hope they can have some success against the State's best school teams. Well done boys!

...Mr Willison (Coach)

MILDURA SHOW RESULTS

MSC students put on a fantastic exhibition of their work at this year's Mildura show. The work included drawing, painting, printmaking, needlework and cooking created by Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 students. The work looked fantastic on display and caught the attention of many who attended the show.

1st Prizes

Tayla Stevens	- Decorated Fruit Cake
Chelsea Wildman	- Gingerbread House
Joshua Kuhn-Linklater	- Marble Cake
Breanna Hall	- Cross Stitch Cushion
Jessica Tisler	- Machined Cushion (Best Artitled Sewing Yr 7-10)
Claire Collihole	- Pencil Case (sewing)
Letitia Maher	- Ring (jewellery)
Georgie Whitehead	- Drawing
Georgie Whitehead	- Painting
Tahni Skewes	- Print making
Rebecca Kontrec	- Drawing
Dillon Dunnett	- Drawing
Shae DeGoumois	- Mirror (mosaics)
Jacob O'Connor	- Embroidery

2nd Prizes

Abbey Kitt	- Gingerbread House
Ale Baldock	- Garment
Kirsten Rowett	- Cross Stitch Cushion
Maddie Matthews	- Machined Cushion
Sharlee Burge	- Felt Article
Letitia Maher	- Bracelet (jewellery)
Georgia Benham	- Painting
Jessica Cavallaro	- Painting
Lucy Young	- Drawing
Lucy Young	- Painting
Frances Barraclough	- Painting
Letitia Maher	- Jewellery
Andrew Dolheguy	- Embroidery
Ale Baldock	- Patchwork

3rd Prizes

Emma Allinson	- Variety of Biscuits
Kert Pay	- Cross Stitch Pin Cushion
Holly Mazza	- Pin Cushion
Tarnie-Lee Grose	- Print Making
Samantha Sinclair	- Embroidery

Award of Merit

Jordan McBain	- Embroidery
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NB: We are waiting on confirmation of further results

Congratulations to all the students who received encouragement awards. We have a number of the prize winner's entries on display at the College.

FOR SALE

3 x green MSC polo shirts Size L

1 x white MSC polo shirt Size L

All in excellent condition - \$30 the lot or ONO.

Phone : 0429 897811

LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS CAKES

The College has a number of Lions Club Christmas cakes for sale. They can be purchased for \$13 each from the College office and all moneys raised go to a worthy cause.

A NIGHT OF INDULGENCE

Merbein South Primary School invites parents from our neighbouring schools and their friends to 'A Night of Indulgence'.

Available on the evening will be representatives of the following:

- * Chocoholics Anonymous
- * Lorraine Lea Linen
- * Partylights
- * Tupperware
- * Little Treasures Photography
- * Melissa Plant - Masseur

A great starting point for your Christmas Shopping!

Where: Merbein South PS Hall

Sturt Highway Merbein South

When: Tuesday 27th October at 7:30 pm

Entry cost of just \$5.00 per person

GET INTO ART! OPEN WEEKEND

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 October 2009

Mildura Arts Centre will throw open its doors to the community as part of the annual state-wide *Get into Art!* open day.

Saturday 24 October 2009: 12 noon – 4:00 pm:

A day of family fun with children's activities, adventure trails, market stalls galore, local food and produce, entertainment, floor talks, guided tours of Rio Vista Historic House, displays, workshops, Friends of Mildura Arts Centre, bbq and much, much more!

Sunday 25 October 2009: 2 – 4:00 pm:

Day two of *Get into Art!* will feature an afternoon of classical and modern music for all tastes and ages in the galleries and Rio Vista Historic House.

Come along & enjoy a weekend at your arts centre!



Mr Garry Costello

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