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Coming Events.....

Fri 18/9 - Last day of Term 3
Mon 5/10 - First day of Term 4
Thur 8/10 - Northern Zone Athletics at Bendigo

Term Dates for 2009

Term 4 - 5th October - 18th December

....FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This has certainly been a very busy Term with subject competitions, Work Experience, The BEAT, Rock Eisteddfod and interschool sport. Thanks to students for your commitment and thanks to staff who have put in many additional hours to support the extra programs. I trust everyone will have an enjoyable break and return ready for a very important Term 4.

Principal – Retirement

I wish to inform our school community that I will be retiring at the end of this year. I believe the merger of the four Merbein schools is a great opportunity for our community and will certainly result in improved outcomes for our students. It is important that the leadership of the new school has the opportunity to be involved at the start of the process and has the commitment for the long term. This is a wonderful opportunity for the new Principal. At the end of the year I will finish 12 years at Merbein Secondary College with the last 10 years as Principal. I have thoroughly enjoyed this time and am very grateful to all who have assisted me including staff, students and parents. There is much more I will be saying at the appropriate time towards the end of the year.

New Merbein P-10 School

As a first step in developing the Master Plan, the architects have completed a number of drawings for consideration. College Council and staff have had the opportunity for comment and these have been passed on to the architects. These drawings are available for members of the school community to view at the school. Those interested should contact Mr Costello or Mr Rhodes.

Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

A very successful evening was conducted last Tuesday with a large number of parents taking the opportunity to collect Mid Semester 2 reports and discuss with teachers the progress of their children. Most of the uncollected reports were issued to students this afternoon. If families have yet to receive the report or require additional copies please contact the Office.

English Competition

A total of 42 students participated in the 2009 Australian English Competition. Results are again very pleasing.

Year 7

Credits: Alex Mitchell, Lachlan Kelly, Alicia Pezzaniti, Claire Collihole, Mitchell Rogerson, Alex Thomas

Year 8

Distinctions: Tahni Skewes, Jack Arney

Credits: Pia Davis, Hannah Boseley, Abigail Malycha, Amelia McInnes, Madalyn Price

Year 9

Distinction: Carla Piscitelli

Credits: Rebekah Kemp, Aiden Blow, Lucy Young, Emily Starkey, Ashley Field

Year 10

Distinctions: Michelle Higginbotham, Brianna Smyth

Credits: Jarrod Lever, Kelsey Matheson, Kate Robertson, Amy Ryczel, Daimon Breeding

Asia-Wise

The organisers of the Asia-Wise Competition have just contacted us with the results for the Junior (Years 7 & 8) Section. We hope to receive the results for the Upper (Years 9 & 10) Section at the start of next term.

Distinctions

Year 8 – Jack Arney

Year 7 – Bree Henkel, Madaline Herberts, Mikaela Saunders

Credits

Year 8 – Emma Allinson, Alex Dawson, Lucy Boseley

Year 7 – Todd Rowett

Last Day of Term 3

School will finish on Friday 18th September at 2:30pm. Buses at the end of the day will be one hour earlier than usual.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students on being awarded 'Student of the Month' of September.

7A Sarah Allen & Jordan Appleby	7B Aylin Akkus
7C Amy Hartley	7D Jamie Lee Lyell
7E Alana Hastie	
8A Natalie Bull	8B Jayden Libline
8C Kaine Mazza	8D Jessica Tisler
8E Alex Dawson	8F Kimberley Linklater
9A Abbey Kitt	9B Liam Nicolaou
9C Rachael Costello	9D Dayne Williams
9E Joshua Cameron	9F Aiden Blow
9G Brayden Paver	
10A Brandon Thomson	10B Matthew Rodi
10C Sara Jane Algate	10D Cassandra Malic

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS RESULTS

A talented group of 43 students represented the school at this year's athletics. We had some fantastic results and four new records were set.

1st place getters:

Aiden Blow – high jump
Elyse Carter – 800m & 400m
Madison Carter – Shot put
Brooke Lindsay – High Jump
Lachlan Carter – Javelin (new record)
Georgie Whitehead – 400m, 800m & 1500m (new records in 800m & 1500m)
Tahni Skewes – 400m, 200m
Jason Gregory – Javelin (new record)
Josh Hay – 1500m
Rachael Brade – 1500m
Corbin Weston – Long jump
Boys 13 years relay – Corbin Weston, Stefan Cifra, Josh Hay & Geoff Hill
Girls 16 years relay – Amy Ryczel, Brooke Lindsay, Letitia Maher & Georgie Whitehead
These students, along with Jack Arney, Jack Wilson, Josh Rogerson & Matt McGinty, have qualified to compete at the Northern Zone Finals in Bendigo on October the 8th. Well done to all students who competed on a fantastic effort!
...Miss Priest



Pictured: Lucy Boseley gets ready to spring into action.



Pictured: (Left) Hannah Boseley psyching herself up at the start of her event. (Right) Matthew Rix clears the bar with ease!

COFFEE MACHINE

The College recently purchased a commercial coffee machine which is to be used during cooking classes. Students are really enjoying learning how to make coffees, hot chocolate and how to operate the machine.

Some students volunteered to practice and make coffees for staff at recess for a small cost.

...Ashleigh Knight and Amy Ryczel.



Pictured: Tegan Bell trying out the new coffee machine.

MERBEIN SOUTH CRICKET CLUB – Juniors

Training for Under 10 and Under 12 will be each Tuesday at Chaffey Park, Merbein. The first training session will be next Tuesday:

Date: Tuesday 22nd September

Time: 4:30pm

Under 14 & Under 16 training will be on Thursdays (already commenced)

Time: 4:30 pm

Registration cost will be the same as last year - \$80.00 per player

Players will receive a shirt, hat & training shorts.

For further information phone Mark Dorman on (03) 5021 1292

LITTLE ATHLETICS

The 2009/10 season of Mildura and District Little Athletics commences on Sunday, October 4th at 8.45am. All new and existing members are invited to come along to our registration day, Sunday September 20th, from 10am to 12pm at the pavilion on oval 9 at the Old Aerodrome Ovals, Eleventh St, Mildura. For further information please call Steve Erlandsen on 0427233504 or Alanie Sleep on 0427 677733.

WORKSHOP – SUICIDE RISK ASSESSMENT

On Wednesday 23rd September at the Merbein Uniting Church Hall from 12:30 – 4:30pm, a 3 hour course intended for interested members of the public and community groups to be able to identify and assess people at risk of suicide.

Mr Garry Costello
PRINCIPAL

