



### NEWSLETTER TERM 3, ISSUE 5 2020

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

**06<sup>th</sup> September 2020** – Picnic  
at Eaglestone Rock

**12<sup>th</sup> September 2020**– Senior  
Shopping Trip to Perth (Year  
10,11&12)

**16<sup>th</sup> September 2020** – Annual  
Awards Night & Senior Dinner  
“OP SHOP FORMAL” Theme

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2020**- Bus  
Accident Anniversary 18<sup>th</sup>  
September 1982

**25<sup>th</sup> September 2020** – Last  
day of Term 3. Last day for  
general pathway students in  
Year 12.

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#### Manager's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As time is running away very quickly we are soon to say goodbye to the majority of our Year 12's. It seems they have just returned and poooof it is now over. I personally feel robbed this year due to COVID-19, it has taken so much from us and time with these seniors is one of them. At least Lauren and I will make some memories with these students on the upcoming senior shopping trip to finalise some of the last minute school ball accessories and outfits.

Information inside this newsletter will tell you of the changes we have had to make to our Awards Night. I appreciate your understanding on this matter. With some of the winter sports now winding up we will be kicking off some weekend activities starting off with a picnic at Eaglestone Rock next Sunday. We understand that some students may be at home to celebrate Father's Day and we wish all of our Father's a very special day and we hope you all get to put your feet up for the afternoon.

Stay tuned for the next newsletter that will be full of photos from our Year 12 Dinner and Awards night!

Kind Regards,

**Manager:**  
Elizabeth Moody  
**Mobile: 0427411801**

## R U OK? Day



R U OK?Day (Thursday 10 September, 2020) is our national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, “Are you OK?” and support those struggling with life's ups and downs.

This year’s message is that there is more to say after R U OK? Please take the time to read the attached flyer, it contains some valuable information on who and how to contact people who can help you.

### NEW CONTACT NUMBER & WIFI UPDATE

We have finally been moved over the NBN! We have a new phone number for the office, please note this change of number:

**08 9041 7500**

Wi-Fi Modems have been installed in the dorms, these are all now fully operational. The network is monitored and inappropriate sites are blocked in accordance with Department of Education guidelines. We have the ability to monitor individual usage and any inappropriate or excessive usage will be addressed and could result in the student having usage blocked.

### REPLACEMENT OF BASIC PERSONAL ITEMS

We seem to have a lot of people running low on general personal items. Please check with your child if they need replacement washing liquid, soap, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant etc. Also a reminder that we only carry generic paracetamol tablets for headaches etc. It is parents’ responsibility to ensure that your child has Panadol, Nurofen, allergy tablets, cold and flu medications etc. These must be stored in the medical cabinet in the office.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILD’S ITEMS!** We constantly have items “lost” or “stolen” from the laundry.

## APPOINTMENTS

If your child requires any appointments (Doctor, Dentist etc) and the matter is **NOT URGENT** it would be very much appreciated if you could please make the appointments on Monday or Thursday after school or during school time Monday to Friday. This is because we have an extremely tight bus schedule on Tuesday and Wednesday after school and Friday's are very busy with people coming and going from straight after school until into the early evening. We understand that this is not always possible but where it is possible it would be greatly appreciated. If the matter **IS URGENT** we will always do our best to accommodate your child.

Please also remember if your child presents as being sick with any cold or flu like symptoms you may be asked to come and collect your child and take them home until they are well. It is a requirement being enrolled that there is always someone available 24 hours a day to come and collect your child if required.



## Year 12 Dinner and Awards Night

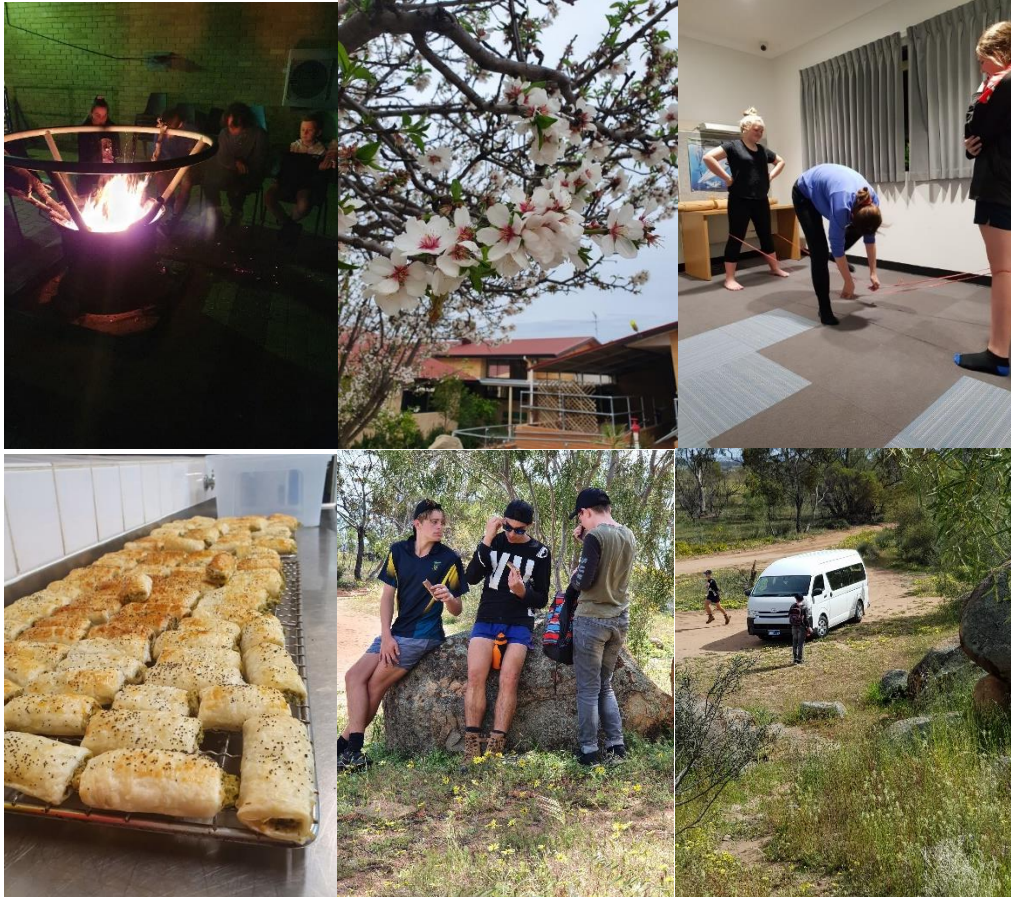
On the 16<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding our annual Year 12 Dinner. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we will not be having our usual awards ceremony & afternoon tea at the end of Term 3. This year we will be having our Awards Night in conjunction with the Year 12 Dinner.

The Senior Class have chosen the "Op-Shop Formal" theme for the dinner and we look forward to seeing some very unique looking op-shop outfits! We will post photos of the presentations on our Facebook page as soon as we can after the night has concluded.





### Term 3 Photos



## WATER BOTTLES, TRAVEL MUGS & LUNCHBOXES

Due to the strict COVID-19 restrictions we can only use the glassware in the kitchen during meal times as the glasses need to be washed and sterilised after use. As there is not someone in the kitchen to carry this out after every student uses a glass outside of mealtimes we have been using plastic cups however, the amount of cups and rubbish this is producing is causing a problem! As such we need to limit the amount of cups we leave out.

The best solution is for students to **please bring a reusable water bottle for personal use!** (This does NOT include refilling old cool drink bottles) If your child likes to drink milo, tea etc, please ensure you supply them with a travel mug for use. The use of a travel mug reduces the risk of spilling hot liquid on other students or themselves.

Next term the warmer weather will be returning and lunchboxes are highly recommended!!

Again, please ensure that all these items are **CLEARLY LABELLED!**

## Term 4 – Forward Planning

Next term we will be going ahead with our Junior Camp. As we need all staff on camp, if your child will not be attending camp you will be required to make arrangements to have your child picked up from the Residential College no later than 3:30pm as we will be making our way to Perth straight after school.

We will finalise details and costs before the end of this term to allow parents to make payment by installment if required. At this stage we are aiming to have the camp in week 8.

## ***Don't Forget!***

**Merredin Residential College closes at 5:00pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September for the school holidays. There will be no train runs available, please start to make your end of term travel arrangements now.**