

# WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #YearofYouth #SpreadingJoy

Term Weeks 8 and 9 (Monday 3 December – Sunday 16 December)



## WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Term Dates for 2019

Please note the school dates for 2019 below:

Term 1 First Day Years 7, 11, 12 and new students: Monday 4 February-Friday 12 April

First Day Years 8, 9 and 10 students: Tuesday 5 February-Friday 12 April

Term 2 Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July

Term 3 Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

Term 4 Monday 14 October - Friday 13 December (students), Thursday 19 December (staff)

Please click [here](#) to find the 2019 school calendar.

### Principal's Fortnightly Blog – Advent

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/principal-blog-advent> to find Mrs Wholley's Advent Reflection.

### Canteen Closure – Thursday 6 December and Friday 14 December

Please be aware that the canteen will be closed on Thursday 6 December due to the Year 10 Awards Ceremony and on the last day of Term 4, Friday 14 December.

### iC Closed After School Friday 14 December

The iC will be closed after school on the last day of term, Friday 14 December.

### Semester 2 Reports: Years 7-9, Year 11 – Friday 14 December

Semester 2 reports will be emailed home on Friday 14 December, Week 9. Parents who wish to discuss anything with teachers can make contact during Week 10 (Mon – Wed; staff week). Please contact the College on Monday 17 December if you have not received your daughter's report.

### Term 4 ends – Friday 14 December

### Lego Space and Wall – Lego Wanted!

Our Inclusive Education Department has relocated to the iC area. We would like to create a lego space and wall for all students to enjoy. Therefore, if you have any lego at home sitting in a tub in your garage or spare room, please bring it in! All donations greatly appreciated.

(Image: St Bernards, Batemans Bay)



## Parent Online Advice Newsletter December 2018

The *Perimeter Guardian Parent Advice Online Safety* information newsletter focuses on technology issues that concern parents. Please follow the <http://merici.college/go/parent-online-dec> to find information on Ask.FM and House Party.

## YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS

### Year 8: Digital Technology Immersion – Monday 3 December – Friday 7 December

Next week, all Year 8 students are participating in a Digital Technology immersion. The week builds on the Digital Technology learning experiences of Year 7 EEP (Educative Engagement Program), the Pastoral Care Program and Year 8 Flex lessons. Students will be engaged in a variety of activities that culminate in the application of their learning to produce their own digital product.

Students are asked to wear their full PE uniform (no leggings) every day except Thursday. On Thursday, students will need to be in full school uniform for our Advent Mass, which will take place during Periods 1 and Period 2. The normal double elective time, Wednesday Periods 1 and 2, will run.

Requirements for the week:

- Full, correct PE uniform
- Charged computers
- Chargers
- Earphones/earbuds
- Everything needed for double elective on Wednesday
- Full school uniform on Thursday

### Years 7-10 Advent Mass (Thursday 6 December 9.30am)

Parents and friends are invited to attend the Year 7-10 Advent Mass on Thursday 6 December. Mass will commence at 9.30am.

### Year 7-9 Christmas Concert and Disco – Friday 14 December

A Christmas Concert will be held in the auditorium from 10.15am to 1.00pm. A disco will follow from 1.15pm – 3.15pm. It is a casual clothes day with a Christmas theme.

Parents and students are reminded of the following guidelines for casual clothes day:

- All College rules about make-up, jewellery and facial piercings apply on this day.
- Shoulders must be covered and no shoe-string tops, bare midriffs or revealing necklines.
- Skirts and/or shorts should be mid-length or longer: no 'short-shorts' or 'mini skirts'.
- No pyjamas or onesies.
- No 'skins' or tights to be worn instead of trousers or jeans.
- No inappropriate slogans or symbols on clothing or accessories.
- Do not wear any of the following shoe types: ugg boots, thongs or high-heeled shoes.

## YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

### 2018 End of Semester Information for Year 10 students

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/yr10-end-sem-info> to find end of Semester 2 information for Year 10 students.

### Year 12 Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony (Tuesday 4 December)

Year 12 students and their families are invited to attend the Year 12 Graduation Mass to be held at St Christopher's Cathedral in Forrest, ACT. The Mass will commence at 6.00pm with the awards ceremony to follow. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/yr12-grad-awards> to find a formal invitation.

Please note that students involved in the Graduation Mass Opening Procession, readers and Gospel Procession are required to be at the Cathedral at 4.30pm for a rehearsal. All other students will need to arrive at 5.30pm to find their seat, church layout [here](#). All students are asked to assemble at the front of the Cathedral at 5.40pm in House groups in alphabetical order. At 6.00pm the Class of 2018 will process in. At the conclusion of Mass, students are required to stay in their original seats in House groups for the Awards Ceremony.

We are looking very forward to this very special celebration.

### Mentor and Volunteer Farewell (Wednesday 5 December)

A farewell afternoon tea will be held for all Black Mountain School mentors and volunteers and their families on Wednesday 5 December commencing at 5.00pm in the restaurant.

### Year 10 Awards Ceremony and Advent Mass Invitation (Thursday 6 December)

Year 10 students and their families are invited to attend the Year 7-10 Advent Mass and Year 10 Awards Ceremony on Thursday 6 December. Mass will commence at 9.30am and the Awards ceremony at 11.00am. Refreshments will follow at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/adventmass-yr10awards> to find the invitation. RSVP **essential** for catering to [ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au) by Friday 30 November.

### Year 12 Student and Parent Formal 2018 (Friday 7 December)

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/yr12formal-arrivals-parking> to find a formal invitation extended to all Year 12 students and their parents to attend the Year 12 Parent/Student Formal. Information regarding arrival times and parking are also included in the link.

### ANU Extension 2019 - Online applications

Online applications are now open at <http://extension.anu.edu.au/>. ANU Extension provides an enhanced learning experience for year 11 and 12 students in ACT schools and colleges. Students who successfully undertake studies in ANU Extension may receive an early offer of entry into an ANU bachelor degree program and receive credit towards the bachelor degree for the studies successfully completed. Australian domestic students or those with permanent residency can apply.

It is anticipated the following courses will offered in 2019:

- Astrophysics
- Biodiversity
- Chemistry
- Discovering Engineering
- Physics
- Specialist mathematics
- Advanced Japanese
- Continuing Japanese
- Continuing Chinese
- Beginning Korean
- Indonesian

More information is available at <http://extension.anu.edu.au/>. Enquiries to [anu.extension@anu.edu.au](mailto:anu.extension@anu.edu.au).

## CAREERS NEWS

### Year 9 Certificate I in Information, Digital Media and Technology

Over the next 3 weeks, all Year 9 students will be completing ICT10115 Certificate I in Information, Digital Media and Technology in their English classes. They will be required to bring their laptops to complete the following competencies:

#### *Core Units*

- ICTICT101 - Operate a personal computer (Release 1)
- ICTICT102 - Operate word-processing applications (Release 1)
- ICTICT103 - Use, communicate and search securely on the internet (Release 1)
- ICTICT104 - Use digital devices (Release 1)

#### *Elective Units*

- ICTICT106 - Operate presentation packages (Release 1)
- ICTICT105 - Operate spreadsheet applications (Release 1)

The qualification will be awarded as part of their Year 10 Certificate in 2019. If students can not complete the competencies there will be opportunities during next year to catch up.

If there are any concerns, please contact Kerry McDonnell on 62434135 or [Kerry.mcdonnell@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:Kerry.mcdonnell@merici.act.edu.au).

## SPORT

To stay updated on all sporting activities, please ensure your daughter checks our Sports Moodle page and/or Twitter @MericiSport.

## iC NEWS

Thank you to everyone for the support of the Information Centre, encouraging your children to use the digital resources, to pick up a book off the shelves for research, and to browse the shelves to find a book to read just for fun.

We have been looking at the statistics for the 'Most Frequent borrowers' for each year level of both fiction and non-fiction. These students are requested to go to the iC to collect a canteen voucher from the iC staff: In Year 7, Angela Gerrard for both fiction and non-fiction; Year 8 Claire Spence for fiction and Tara Maguire for non-fiction; Year 9 Lauren Howell for fiction and Ashley Frater for non-fiction; Year 10 Ashlyn Radford for fiction and Emma Howse for non-fiction.

Even though Seniors have already finished for the year, Japneet Kaur and Rosemary Zielinski were the most frequent borrowers for Year 11, fiction and non-fiction respectively and in Year 12 Jade Howe and Victoria Doman.

Drawing to the end of the year we ask that all overdue resources be returned. For those students returning in 2019, we encourage you to come in to collect your holiday reading. The iC will not be open after school on the last day of term, Friday 14 December.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!  
iC Staff

## CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC

### Stocktake of Instruments

All instruments must be returned to the Jubilee Centre as soon as possible for a stocktake to occur. *No instruments are to be taken home for the remainder of the year.*

## CONGRATULATIONS

### ACT LitLinks Competition Winners

We congratulate Year 12 students Sarah Drew and Lauren Paterson who have both received an achievement certificate and a prize for their short story entries in the LitLinks competition which is a creative writing competition open to all ACT school students in Years 7-12. Well done and congratulations girls! Please visit the website to read the winning stories: [www.actlitlinks.com.au](http://www.actlitlinks.com.au).

## OTHER NEWS

### Canberra Marist Community Carols – Tuesday 11 December (6.30pm-8.00pm)

The Marist Community Carols will be held on Tuesday 11 December 6.30pm-8.00pm! Bring a picnic and enjoy wonderful entertainment. Santa will be there, as well as Goodberry's, Sing Australia and special Italian singers this year! There will be a giving tree for St Vincent de Paul. Please bring a small unwrapped present for underprivileged families in our communities. All most welcome to come along and enjoy some Christmas spirit.



### Journey through Adolescence R-Pap

The Resourceful Adolescent Program is an evidenced based parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation. This is a special offer FREE course (usually \$50 - \$100 per participant) for Merici College parents.

Dates: 3 x Mondays – 26 November; 3 and 10 December

Times: 6.00pm to 9.00pm

Venue: CatholicCare 57 Hicks Street, RED HILL

Registration: Booking essential. Limited spaces available still.

Enquiries: 1800 068 698

Email: [ReceptionRedHill@catholiccare.cg.org.au](mailto:ReceptionRedHill@catholiccare.cg.org.au)

Registration: 1800 068 698 [Gayle.caragh@catholiccare.cg.org.au](mailto:Gayle.caragh@catholiccare.cg.org.au)

**Wishing all our students,  
parents and community  
members a very happy and safe  
Christmas and New Year  
Season.**

