

# WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #fidelitas #merici60

Term 2 Weeks 4 and 5 (20 May-2 June)



## WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Open Day – Thank you!

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution made by students which, in no small part, contributed to the success of our Open Day. Over 200 students participated in Open Day activities during the day and into the night. The students were all wonderful ambassadors for our school and we have received excellent feedback from all our visitors on your exceptional skills in conducting school tours, participating in classroom activities, and presenting dance and drama performances. In particular, our visitors commented on how our students spoke about Merici life with such pride and enthusiasm. We would like to extend our special thanks and appreciation to our Maintenance and Hospitality staff members who worked tirelessly to prepare for our Open Day, and our teachers who coordinated and supervised activities, that present a small snapshot of the exceptional work they do every day. Their enthusiasm for teaching and learning and their dedication to the school is greatly appreciated.

### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photography Competition (entries close Friday 17 May)

We would like to invite our past and current students and staff to enter our Photography Competition. The theme is '*Celebrating 60 years – What does Merici mean to you?*' which can be expressed in any way you like but must come with a short statement to explain the image. Images can be colour or black & white, and taken anytime in the past 60 years, right up to the present day, must feature something 'MERICI'.

Great Prizes:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - \$300
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ted's Camera Store \$250 gift voucher
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Cadbury Gift Pack

Limit 2 images per person. Closes Friday 17 May. Winners announced at the St Angela Merici Festival Saturday 1 June (<http://merici.college/go/st-angela-merici-festival>).

Please click [here](#) to find Terms and Conditions.

### House Panel Discussions (Monday 20 May)

Monday 20 May during extended PC time, each House will host a discussion panel made up of alumni, Sisters and current students to explore the theme of Fidelitas and associated ideas of loyalty, faithfulness and belonging. Past students are invited to attend, please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/house-panel> to find more information or contact Ros Parisi or Louisa Barnsley for further details.

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### **Tullow Girls Night In (Wednesday 22 May 4.00pm-7.00pm)**

Next Wednesday 22 May, Tullow will be holding a 'Girls Night In Movie Night'. The evening will run from 4.00pm until 7:00pm. Tullow will be showing a movie in the CRLC, providing popcorn and snacks. Girls are encouraged to wear their PJs and bring pillow and sleeping bag. For more information, please email Laura Sheehan, House Coordinator, [laura.sheehan@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:laura.sheehan@merici.act.edu.au).

### **SRC Induction Morning (Thursday 23 May)**

The SRC will be having their induction morning on Monday 23 May.

### **Parent Online Advice May Newsletter**

The *Perimeter Guardian Parent Advice Online Safety* information newsletter focuses on technology issues that concern parents. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/parent-online-may> to find the latest special advice regarding YouTube. Perimeter has focused solely on Youtube this month, as they have seen a noticeable increase in not only the dangers of watching some of the videos and exposure to the associated comments, but also the amount of young people and even small children starting their own channels and uploading their own videos, emulating their favourite 'Youtubers'.

### **Reconciliation Day Public Holiday (Monday 27 May)**

### **Bridge Restaurant (Wednesday 29 May 12.30pm)**

The Bridge Restaurant will be open on Wednesday 29 May at 12.30pm. Please visit [www.merici.college](http://www.merici.college) for online bookings or telephone 6243 4110.

### **St Angela Merici Day (Friday 31 May)**

The Feast Day of St Angela Merici will be celebrated on Friday 31 May. The day's celebrations will commence with extended PC. A Celebration Mass will follow PC at 10.00am in the Auditorium. Students are required to wear full-school uniform at the Mass but are invited to change into non-uniform after the Mass. More information will be sent to students regarding afternoon activities. All members of our community are invited to attend our Mass and other activities.

### **St Angela Merici Day Festival (Saturday 1 June 1.00pm-3.30pm)**

**Bringing together our past, present and future!**

*Celebrating 60 Years of Excellence in The Education of Young Women!*

A unique opportunity for our current and past students and staff to come together and celebrate the achievements of Canberra Catholic Girls' High School, through to Braddon Catholic High School, to Braddon Catholic Girls' High School, and to Merici College. Past, present and prospective students, staff and families are invited.

School Tours, Dance and Music Performances, Community Art, Photography Competition Winners Announced, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Merchandise on sale, Complimentary Afternoon Tea and lots more. RSVP essential for catering purposes to [ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au). Please click [here](#) to find the invitation.

## Merici Principal has risen to the challenge, now she needs your support!

Did you know that more than 105,000 Australians experience homelessness on any given night of the year? The face of homelessness is changing and now sadly encompasses an increasing number of women, families and children. 44% of those experiencing homelessness are women, and over 17,000 children under the age of 12 do not have a stable place to call home in Australia. If like me, you agree that these staggering figures are simply not acceptable, you can help make a difference.

The CEO Winter Sleepout is on again and this year we are sleeping at a hangar at the Canberra Airport. Help me raise funds for those who are impacted by homelessness in Canberra and the wider region! <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/s/7560/45977/e>

Thank you so much for any help you can offer.

*Loretta Wholley*

## YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS

### NAPLAN (Tuesday 14 May – Friday 24 May)

In Weeks 4 and 5 we will be doing NAPLAN testing. Please see the timetable below. If your daughter is away there are many opportunities for her to catch up, however, she will always be doing the tests at a different time to her peers. The reason for this is that we are directed to ensure that the tests are done in a sequential order. Writing first, followed by reading, followed by comprehension, followed by numeracy.

Could you remind your daughters of the importance diet, exercise and sleep to improve brain health and mental function. Encourage them to eat a good breakfast. Please also remind your girls to bring their own earpods or headphones. We have a few spare but not enough for everyone.

NAPLAN is a fun test in calm conditions. It is not happening in a big hall but in small, warm classrooms. When the girls are not doing NAPLAN they will be going to their normal lessons.

NAPLAN					
	T 14 MAY	W 15 MAY	T 16 MAY	F 17 MAY	M 20 MAY
P1	Y7 WRITING 42m		Y9 READING 65m	Y9 CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE 45m	Y9 NUMERACY 60m
P2	Y7 WRITING 42m		Y9 READING 65m	Y9 CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE 45m	Y9 NUMERACY 60m
P3	Y9 WRITING 42m		Y7 CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE 45m	Y7 NUMERACY 60m	
P4	Y9 WRITING 42m		Y7 CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE 45m	Y7 NUMERACY 60m	
P5	Y7 READING 65m	catch up	catch up	catch up	
P6	Y7 READING 65m	catch up	catch up	catch up	

## CAREERS NEWS

To find the latest Careers newsletter and information, please visit <http://merici.college/go/careers-may>.

## DEFENCE NEWS

### Free Defence Teen Weekend Camp (21-23 June)

Kookaburra Kids camps are mental health specific and age appropriate for children living with a family member who has a mental illness related to their military service. To be eligible for this camp, children must be living with family member who has a mental illness related to their military service. Children must be able to participate in age appropriate physical and mental health educational and skill-building activities. Children must be registered to the Kookaburra Kids camp program. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/defence-teen-camp> to find more information.

## LANGUAGES NEWS

### Hosting French Students

Nacel has French students coming to Canberra for 10 Weeks from 16 June – 24 August 2019. They are here to improve their English and immerse themselves into the Australian culture and lifestyle of their Australian Host Family.

Families that are interested in hosting will receive:

- A Coles voucher \$100 per week of hosting (i.e. 10 weeks = \$1000, 5 weeks = \$500)
- 2019/2020 digital copy of the Entertainment Book (<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/>)
- \$750 discount off any of our 2019 Outbound Programs to Europe or Canada

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/nacel-exchange> to find an information flyer.

To register your interest in hosting please apply via the Nacel website:

<https://nacel.com.au/hosting-an-international-student/application-to-host-an-international-student/> once we receive their online application our local coordinator will call you directly to arrange a home interview.

### Student Exchange Language Programmes

Nacel Australasia Student Travel Language Programs are about living, not just learning. Their short term and long term student exchange language immersions in France, Spain and Italy and cultural exchanges to Canada provide the opportunity of a life time.

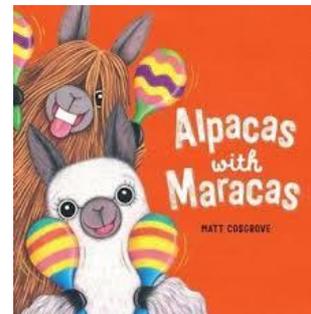
During November and December, students from around Australia head to Europe to experience the fun of life living with an exchange family while improving their foreign language skills. Students also attend school with host brothers and sisters and enjoy the traditions and festivity of Christmas and New Year's Eve.

For more information, please visit Nacel's website (<https://nacel.com.au/student-travel-language-programs/>) and <http://merici.college/go/nacel-student-programs>. Applications for Short Term Programs close 30 August 2019.

## iC NEWS

Next Wednesday, 22 May is National Simultaneous Storytime, an event organised by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) where many libraries and schools across Australia and New Zealand read a story together as part of the Library and Information Week celebrations.

The Merici Community is participating again this year and will come together in the iC at lunch time, on the day. We will have a reading of the National Simultaneous Storytime book *Alpacas with Maracas* written by Matt Cosgrove. We will also have a recording of the story signed in AUSLAN for our students who are hearing impaired or learning to sign.



Looking forward to seeing all students as we share a story together.

We are never too old for picture books!

iC Staff

## IT NEWS

### Family Zone – Cyber Safety News

Family Zone's Community update on current Cyber Safety trends and themes and latest Feature Guide on managing routines and calendars. Please note that parents have access to all the Family Zone resources and help at <https://www.familyzone.com/mericiact>

## SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The Big Science competition will be held on Tuesday 21 May, and we are encouraging students in Years 7-10 to enter. It is a 50 minute, multiple choice competition testing critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Certificates can be won, and the questions are always interesting.



The entry cost is covered by the college. To register, talk to your science teacher or send an email to Dr White ([kathryn.white@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:kathryn.white@merici.act.edu.au)). Registrations are due by the end of Term 1, so don't wait about!

## SPORT

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

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### Music - Australian National Eisteddfod 2019 – Strings (Saturday 1 June)

Our Strings group will be performing at the National Eisteddfod on Saturday 1 June. Students are required to arrive at Llewellyn Hall, ANU School of Music at 4.00pm for their performance at 5.15pm. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/nationaleisteddfod> to find the permission note.

## OTHER NEWS

### Celebrating Women in Sport Cocktail Evening, 1 June 2019

The Tuggeranong Hawks Football Club, in collaboration with the Canberra Southern Cross Club and with the support of the ACT Government, is hosting a cocktail evening to celebrate, recognise and promote the contribution of women in sport and in our community. The cocktail evening will take place on Saturday, 1 June 2019, 7pm – 11.30pm at the Southern Cross Yacht Club. The cocktail evening is aimed at celebrating women in all sports and, to date, includes special guests:

- Deputy Chief Minister Yvette Berry, Minister for Sport and Recreation and Minister for Women;
- Ms Louise Bilston, President Netball ACT, Canberra Raider's Women's Sport Advisory Board Member, and involved in coaching, administration and business development of various sporting groups including netball, cricket, athletics, AFL and NRL;
- Ms Britt Tully, GWS Giants player drafted from Canberra in 2016 placing 3rd in the GWS Best & Fairest in 2017, and represented the ACT Diamonds in the Softball Australia National Competition from 2012 to 2016; and
- Ms Kellie Henning (nee Abrams), previous Canberra Capitals captain winning six National Basketball Championships and currently Canberra Raiders' sports/remedial massage therapist.

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/celebrating-women> to find more information.

### Army in Concert (Saturday 25 May, 2.00pm)

With the grandeur of a 50 piece military band in the stunning acoustics of Llewellyn Hall, The Band of the Royal Military College will be presenting the Canberra premiere of Johan de Meij's *Extreme Makeover*, a modern take on Tchaikovsky's most memorable themes. This will be complemented with popular classics from the wind orchestra repertoire including Bernstein's *Symphonic Dances from West Side Story*, and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

Date: Saturday 25 May, 2.00pm at Llewellyn Hall, Canberra School of Music  
Entry is by donation, with all proceeds proudly supporting Legacy Australia.

For any further details please reach out to us at [rmcband.publicaffairs@defence.gov.au](mailto:rmcband.publicaffairs@defence.gov.au).

## **UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 2 Weeks 6 and 7)**

College Assembly (Monday 3 June)

Vinnies CanLine (Monday 3 June)

Bridge Restaurant (Wednesday 5 June 6.00pm)

Queens Birthday Public Holiday (Monday 10 June)

Secondary Girls North Volleyball (Tuesday 11 June)

ACT 12&U and 13&O Cross Country Championships (Wednesday 12 June)

AFL Canberra Secondary College Cup Finals (Thursday 13 June)

Year 10 Exams (Thursday 13 June – Friday 14 June)