

WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #fidelitas #merici60

Term 2 Weeks 6 and 7 (3 June-16 June)



WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday (Monday 10 June)

Parent Online Advice 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'.

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

The CEO Winter Sleepout is on again and this year we are sleeping in a hangar at 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

Attendance Notification – Junior School

Our preferred method of communication for absence is email or SMS reply . A telephone call is no longer sufficient as all attendance is required to be stored digitally.

Please contact **Student Services in the first instance** if your daughter is absent by email to attendance@merici.act.edu.au or reply to the SMS notification sent to you should your daughter be marked absent in P.C. If you do not use these electronic forms, a note explaining your daughter's absence is required on your daughter's return to school.

Extended absences should be addressed to Virginia McLeod, Head of Junior School at virginia.mcleod@merici.act.edu.au, please copy Student Services (attendance@merici.act.edu.au) in the email.

The Merici Attendance policy can be found on our website at <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/school-policies/attendance-years-7-9>. Please do not hesitate to copy Pastoral Care teachers or House Coordinators into email correspondence and any other information you wish to share about your child.

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Absentee reports are periodically emailed to families to help ensure our record keeping is accurate and up-to-date.

YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

Exam Timetable Semester 1 2019

The Semester 1, 2019 exam timetable for senior students and Year 10 students has now been finalised and can be found at <http://merici.college/go/exam-time-sem1>. The timetable also includes the Year 10 exams that commence on Thursday 13 June. It is important that if your daughter has any clashes that she contact Mrs Renee Taylor or Mr Phil Coe to arrange rescheduling. Year 11 and 12 students are expected to be at school for only for the times of their exams and may wear appropriate, warm, casual clothes. Please note, blankets and Ugg boots are not appropriate for the exam room. Students need to be in the New Quad at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the exam.

If senior students are sick on the day of the exam, parents are asked to call Mrs Renee Taylor (6243 4103) or the relevant Studies Coordinator before the commencement of the exam.

End of Semester 1 Timeline

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/end-sem-timeline> to find the timeline for the end of Semester 1 for Year 10, 11 and 12 students.

Senior Absences

Due to a number of recent requests for leave, we suggest you familiarise yourself with the senior student absence policy attached, it clarifies BSSS requirements and highlights examples of ' **reasonable excuse** ' to explain senior student absence. The policy can also be found on our website at <http://merici.college/go/attendance-policy-seniors>. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind students that all absences in particular '*single class absences*' are conveyed in a timely manner and request that you attend to them if and when you receive notification. Complying to these requirements is a must in order to avoid a 'V' GRADE

N.B. A screen shot of an SMS reminder is now suitable as verification for medical appointments.

CAREERS NEWS

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

MISSION AND COMMUNITY

St Gregory's Primary School Eucharist Retreat

Angela's Angels, Merici's Youth Ministry team is excited to be delivering the St Gregory's Primary School Eucharist Retreat to Year 4 students on Thursday 6 June in conjunction with

St Gregory's Primary School staff. If your daughter (Years 9-12) is interested in this opportunity, please contact Ms Amy Connellan: email amy.connellan@merici.act.edu.au or Ph: 6243 4157. Please click [here](#) to find the permission note.

Can Line – supporting Vinnies and OzHarvest

The annual Merici Can Line supporting Vinnies and OzHarvest will take place on Monday 3 June at lunchtime on the College courts. Students have been encouraged to donate canned food through their PC groups to support both the Vinnies Winter Appeal and OzHarvest charity.

LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Cross-Age Tutoring (Chinese)

The Languages Department is offering Cross Age Tutoring for Chinese, as a trial before we investigate expanding this program to other languages. It will begin in Week 6 at lunch time every Wednesday. We are looking for tutors and students who need coaching.

The aim of this program is to provide extra assistance for students who are finding Chinese difficult and hoping to strengthen students' foundation in the language. As a tutor, students get to coach/teach their peers who need assistance in the subject. It is also a great opportunity for a tutor to consolidate their learning outside of class.

To apply to be a tutor, we require the tutor to have solid knowledge on the language. Service Hours will also be awarded to tutors. Mrs Jen Baines and Mr Greg Baines strongly encourage students whose foundation in Chinese needs building up to sign up for this program.

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.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS NEWS

Year 9/10 Dance and Drama Excursion (Tuesday 4 June)

On Tuesday 4 June Senior Dance students, the Year 9/10 Dance class and the Year 9/10 Drama class will be performing at the ACT UP STUDENT FRINGE Festival at the Canberra Theatre. The girls have choreographed dance routines to fit in with the overall theme of 'Times Up'. (poster [here](#)). We have never entered this festival before and our senior class has been nominated to open the show at 7pm on the Tuesday – very exciting!

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/act-up-dance> to find the Dance permission note. The Drama permission note can be found here, <http://merici.college/go/act-up-drama>.

Parents can purchase tickets through the following link:
<https://canberratheatrecentre.com.au/show/act-up-student-fringe-festival/>

Parents of students participating in the festival are also required to complete this short media release form for the Canberra Theatre.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeY0plDoXyR29jl8m0_PN9jqploMnMk-fQH9c1WCA3afxy4tg/viewform

iC NEWS

Thank you to all staff and students who supported National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) on Wednesday 22nd May. By participating in NSS we are actively encouraging a love of reading and literacy, which promotes the value and fun of books and supports Australian writers and publishers. Merici College was one of the **8,255** locations to read the story *Alpacas with Maracas* by Matt Cosgrove across Australia and New Zealand.

A reminder to all students to utilise the resources we have available in the iC for research and upcoming assessment tasks. For those unsure where to start their research journey please send an email to 'book a librarian'. Ann can be contacted on:
ann.blakey@merici.act.edu.au.

Yours in research!
iC Staff

SPORT

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

OTHER NEWS

2019 Lifeline Canberra Women of Spirit Awards (Nomination Pack)

Since 2006, Lifeline Canberra has celebrated incredible women in the ACT and surrounding regions, through the annual Women of Spirit Awards. The Awards recognise women who have triumphed over personal adversity and gone on to make a positive contribution to our community, while inspiring others to do the same. Each year Lifeline Canberra asks members of the Canberra community to nominate an inspirational woman in their lives. An elegant Awards luncheon is held to acknowledge nominees, finalists and announce Award recipients. The Awards have grown substantially over the last few years and are now bigger than ever before, with over 200 people in attendance. With the growth of the Awards, Lifeline is now able to reach more and more remarkable women. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/lifeline-women-awards> to find the nomination pack.

Fitness Fernwood Discount Program for Students and Mothers

Escape the winter months and get started at Fernwood today with our awesome student and mums discounts. Join on a 12 month membership and receive 4 free PT sessions and 20% off memberships. For more information, please visit <http://merici.college/go/fernwood-discount>.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 2 Weeks 8 and 9)

Senior Exams (Monday 17 June-Friday 21 June)

Seiwa House Day (Monday 24 June)

Semester 2 Senior Classes (Monday 24 June – Friday 28 June)

ACT Secondary Hockey 7/8 and 9/10 Boys and Girls Tuggeranong (Wednesday 26 June)

Vinnies Merici Sleepout (Thursday 27 June)