



WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #YearofYouth #SpreadingJoy

Term 2 Week 10 and Term 3 Week 1 (Monday 2 July-Sunday 30 July)

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Building Fund Statements

Please note that Building Fund statements will be emailed to families on Monday 2 July.

ACTION New Bus Network

Please follow the link <https://www.yoursay.act.gov.au/rapid-bus-network> to find information on changes to the ACTION Bus network, as well as the 'have your say' survey.

ACTION Woden School Bus Services Changes (effective Monday 2 July)

Please note a change in the following Woden ACTION Bus services:

Routes: 412, 416, 424, 425, 490, 492, 504, 653, 840, 844, 863

Commencing: Monday 2 July 2018 (until further notice).

Change: All services will be departing from Platform 3.

The map [here](#) outlines the new temporary platform closures/relocations at the Woden Bus Station. All school services will be temporarily relocated to Platform 3. This change will come into effect from Monday 2 July 2018 until further notice.

We further advise that parents and students are able to use our [NXTBUS](#) system to view live bus information for selected stops or stations.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with a Disability (NCCD)

Catholic schools along with Government and Independent schools across Australia will again be participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). Our involvement in this process is crucial as it will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students in our schools. The NCCD will enable National and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help Catholic schools access the support for all students with additional needs.

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/nccd-letter> to find correspondence from Catholic Education, as well as an opt-out form. Involvement in the NCCD is optional and you any 'opt-out' at any time. If you want to opt-out, complete and return the form to Mrs Loretta Wholley before 2nd July.

End of Term 2 – Friday 6 July

Term 3 begins – Monday 23 July

Bridge Benefit Dinner (Saturday 15 September)

Merici College is holding a Bridge Benefit Fundraising Dinner which will be held on Saturday 15 September in the Merici College Bridge Restaurant commencing at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. Please follow the link <https://merici.news/event-created/bridge-benefit-fundraising-dinner> to find ticketing information. This event is a student-led initiative and is in its fourth year of running.

This year, the students have decided that all proceeds will be donated to Karinya House Home for Mothers & Babies Inc. Karinya House is a community based organisation providing supported accommodation, transitional housing and outreach services to pregnant and parenting women and their families from Canberra and surrounding regional areas who are in crisis. The service operates on a twenty-four hour, seven days a week basis and is located in the ACT and fosters a strong ethos of supporting women to make the best possible choices for themselves. Karinya is a non-government charitable organisation. There are no affiliations to any government agencies or religious institutions and, most importantly, it is a non-judgemental organisation. This is an important point of difference for a lot of women in making the decision to seek help from Karinya. One of the most important insights for those who seek the support of Karinya is that they are all in some kind of crisis, something commonplace in reality.

We are seeking donations from our community to be sold at our Bridge Benefit Dinner as part of our 'private auction'. We would welcome gift vouchers, goods, services, any items that can be added to hampers (such as quality products, jams, kitchen items, picnic, BBQ items, wine, chocolates etc.). In appreciation of your support, your business will be thanked at the event and your logo will be displayed on our school website and social media networks. Cash donations are also welcome. All funds raised at the dinner will be donated to Karinya House.

Please email Ros Parisi, Public Relations Officer at ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au, or telephone 6243 4178, with the details of your donations, business logo and/or any queries you may have.

We hope that you are able to support this important fundraising event.

Parent Online Advice June 2018

The *Perimeter Guardian Parent Advice Online Safety* information newsletter focuses on technology issues that concern parents. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/june-parent-online> to find the latest special advice regarding apps children have downloaded.

Perimeter Guardian has prepared this advice in response to queries from parents who weren't sure what apps their children had downloaded or purchased, and how to check that. Please also follow the link <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/choosing-safe-apps-games/> to find an article which provides advice for parents about choosing safe apps and games for their children. The article is also available on Perimeter Guardian's website: <https://www.perimeterguardian.com.au/2018/02/so-many-apps/>.

Canberra's Light Rail

[Light Rail Vehicles are now testing!](#) The first Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) to hit the tracks was towed out of the Depot in Mitchell on the evening of Monday 11 June and is undergoing low speed brake testing up to 20km/h. The project is now in the Testing and Commissioning phase which will ensure the operational readiness of both the LRVs and the route.

Testing, between Mitchell and Gungahlin Place, will continue at night with the LRV operating at low speeds. This will progress into daytime testing in the coming months, which will see construction fencing and barriers being gradually removed and LRV movements becoming more frequent. The light rail corridor is rapidly taking shape and it is important for all of us to be Rail Ready and stay safe in this new environment.

Stay Safe!

Staying safe around light rail is simple. Keep these few tips in mind:

- Never attempt to access the light rail corridor during the construction and testing period. While light rail stops may look complete, the project is still a construction zone and LRVs will not transport passengers until commencement of services.
- Keep flying objects such as drones and kites well away from the overhead wire. The overhead wire is LIVE and carries 750 volts of power. Keep away!
- It is prohibited to drive, walk or cycle along rail tracks.

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/july-canb-metro> to find more information on current road closures.

YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS

Year 7 Grandparents Day (Tuesday 31 July 9.30am)

On behalf of our Year 7 students, we would like to invite our Year 7 Grandparent/special person to our celebration on Tuesday 31 July from 9.30am to 11.30am.

Grandparents/special person are asked to meet our Year 7 students in the Chapel (Room 113) for a prayer reflection. Students will take grandparents/special person on a tour of our school after the prayer reflection and conclude our celebration in the restaurant where there will be Devonshire Tea served.

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/grandparents-invite> to find a letter of invitation for grandparents. It would be greatly appreciated if Year 7 students could pass this invitation onto their grandparents/special person. RSVP essential to Ros Parisi on telephone 6243 4178 or email ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au by Wednesday 25 July. Please include special dietary requirements and whether your grandmother/special person is an ex-student of Merici College.

Year 9 Economics and Business Excursion (Tuesday 3 July)

An excursion has been organized for the Year 9 Economics and Business classes to visit the Canberra Centre on Tuesday 3 July from 10.45am to 1.25pm. The purpose of this excursion is to consolidate concepts presented in class concerning Australia's trade in a global context. Students will be expected to make some observations to investigate these concepts. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/year-9-centre> to find more information.

YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

Year 10 Transitions Forum (Monday 2 July – Friday 6 July)

The Year 10 Transitions Forum is on next week and we have spent time with the students going through each of the day's events. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/transitions-booklet> to find the Transitions Forum booklet for you to see exactly what is happening each day. The students will be given a doculope on Monday morning which includes a copy of the booklet, a university guide for 2020, A5 pad and pencil. We will let the students know if they need to bring in a laptop or the Senior Handbook on any given day.

The program is:

Monday - key note speaker

Tuesday - trips out in the morning, subject presentations by staff, leadership information session

Wednesday - experts session, introduction to senior study, course pre-requisites for university, extra-curricular opportunities available, adjustment factors at university, calculation of ATAR

Thursday - full day out at University of Canberra

Friday – full day retreat

Transitions Forum is always an exciting week. At all times, we will endeavour to provide as much useful information about student pathways for Year 11 and 12.

Year 11 2019 Transition Interviews

As part of the transition into Year 11 2019, Kerry McDonnell (Careers Coordinator) and Greg Baines (Head of Senior School) would like to meet with all students and their parents/carers to discuss subjects, packages and pathways, as well as provide an opportunity to answer questions that you may have. These meetings are essential for all students who have submitted an intention of returning form. However, for those uncertain, we are more than happy to meet with you also and encourage you to do so.

Online bookings are now open for you to make an appointment. Please follow the link <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/my-merici/resources/pto> to find our online booking service. Please note that the username is the **parent** surname. To obtain a PIN, please **request** a PIN which will be sent to your nominated family email address, which is in the system. If you do not have an email registered with Merici College, please contact Reception on 6243 4100 and a PIN will be generated for you.



Year 11 2019 Subject Selections

As you are aware, Year 10 Transition Week will be held from 2 July to 6 July. During the week Year 11 2019 Interviews will be held and students will be able to discuss their subject selections with Mr Baines and Mrs McDonnell. Subject selections will be done through an online process. Login details for students to do subject selections will be sent via student school email. We would like students to make initial decisions about subjects for 2019, but this is by no means locked in and there will be plenty of time to make changes.

For students to make subject selections, please follow the link www.selectmysubjects.com.au. Information about subjects can be found in our Senior Handbook which can be accessed through the same link or [here](#).

Year 10 Social

The 2018 Year 10 Social will be held on Friday, 21 September at Merici College from 6.30pm to 10.30pm. Please follow the link <https://merici.news/event-created/year-10-social-0> to find ticketing and event information. Payment for the Social will only be available between Monday, 13 August and Friday, 14 September (Weeks 4 - 8). Please ensure your daughter's House Coordinator has the paid receipt by the end of Week 8, Friday, 14 September.

Year 12 Retreat (Wednesday 25 July-Friday 27 July) – Permission Notes overdue

A reminder that Year 12 Retreat permission notes are now due. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/year12-retreat-permission> to find the permission note which needs to be completed as soon as possible and returned to Mr Greg Baines, Head of Senior School via email: gregory.baines@meric.act.edu.au. The permission note can be also found in Word version for electronic completion at <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/year-12-retreat-permission-note-word-version>. If you have any further questions regarding Year 12 Retreat, please contact Mr Baines.

Year 12 Student and Parent Formal 2018 – Deposit now overdue

It is with great excitement we are writing to you to save the date for the Merici Student and Parent Formal 2018. Please follow the link <https://merici.news/event-created/merici-student-and-parent-year-12-formal> to find more information. Please note that a deposit of \$30 per ticket is required to be paid as soon as possible to assist with formal arrangements.

CAREERS NEWS

To find the latest Careers Newsletter, please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/mericicareersnewsletter>.

SPORT

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

Snow Sports Inter-School Competition (Tuesday 24 July-Friday 27 July)

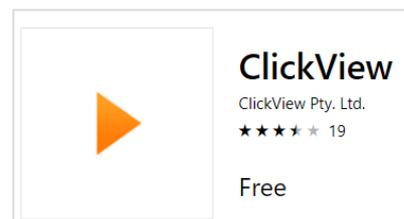
On Tuesday 25 July in the morning, 23 students will depart Merici College to compete in ACT Interschool Snow Sports Competition for 3 days of competition against rival ACT and Southern NSW schools at the Perisher Valley Ski Resort. This region is renowned for providing the highest standard of competition. Students will depart from the auditorium carpark at 7.00am on the Goanna bus and return at approximately 8.00pm on Friday night, 28 July. They are joined by Diana Davis and Adrian Heim, as well as a team of enthusiastic parents offering their support and encouragement as team managers and ski course volunteers.

iC NEWS

As we near the end of the semester it is an ideal time to remind students to return any textbooks or library books that they have finished reading and using. Over the next few days we will be printing out overdue notices and placing them in the rolls. Every week we send overdue notices to students via email, but these are often ignored. We ask your help to ensure resources are returned speedily, as these resources are often needed by other students for the coming semester.

A reminder to all students that ClickView is a resource available to all students 24/7 through the Merici Moodle homepage or <http://online.clickview.com.au/>. It can also be accessed on mobile devices via the ClickView app which can be downloaded via iTunes or the Google Playstore. ClickView has an amazing range of video content suitable for educational and recreational purposes. A great resource to utilise over the holidays.

Yours in reading
iC staff



OTHER NEWS

Catholic Education Competition - Catholic Schools Week Film Fest (Entries due Thursday 30 August)



As part of Catholic Schools Week held in September, Catholic Education are running a Film Fest inviting students to create a short film up to 5 minutes duration. The theme is *Celebrating Your School*. Submit your entry to Mrs Wholley via ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au. Prizes will be awarded to individuals, groups or schools, best ACT and NSW video will feature in local media. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/catholic-schools-week-filmfest> to find more information. Closing date for entries is Thursday 30 August. Winners announced 14 September. Awards presented at the Catholic Education Recognition Awards 21 September. Good luck girls!

2018 Blackfriars Lecture Series Public Lecture by Genevieve Jacobs (Wednesday 25 July)

With over 30 years of journalist experience working in print and radio, Genevieve will be speaking about "Looking for the local: how do we give everyone a voice in an age of globalisation and digitisation?" The lecture will be held on Wednesday 25 July, 5.30pm



registration and refreshments, 6-7pm Lecture at Room 3010.1.20, Veritas Building, Australian Catholic University, Canberra Campus (Signadou), 223 Antill Street, Waston, ACT. RSVP: Friday 20 July to OCD.Canberra@acu.edu.au. Registrations essential. Free admission. For more information please telephone 6209 1129 or email OCD.Canberra@acu.edu.au.

Canberra School of Tennis Holiday Camps

Winner tennis holiday camps are registering now. Camps to be held on Monday 9-Friday 13 July (Week 1) and Monday 16-Friday 20 July (Week 2). Please contact Robert Jamieson, Tennis Australia accredited on email robert@csot.com.au or call 0432118204 for information on the programs offers. More information is also available at www.csot.com.au.

Tax Super and You Competition (2 July-2 November)

Are you a high school student in Year 7-12? Are you a creative genius with an innovative way to generate buzz about tax and super? To enter this competition, you do not need to be a tax guru! Demonstrate your creative idea! Think outside the box and pitch your creative idea on how you would encourage your friends to see the value of tax and super in the community. You can Write It, Make It or Film It. Chance to win a share of \$6,000 in prizes! For more information, please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/taxsuperandyou>.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 3 Weeks 2 and 3)

Semester 1 Academic Awards – Monday 6 August
Penola House Day – Monday 6 August
CSYMA Shine – Youth Mass and Rally – Sunday 5 August
CSYMA Shine Student Conference – Monday 6 August
Bridge Restaurant – Wednesday 8 August
Moderation Day #2 – Thursday 9 August