



WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #YearofYouth #SpreadingJoy

Term Weeks 2 and 3 (Monday 22 October- Sunday 4 November)

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

New Transport School Bus Network

Following public consultation on the proposed school bus network, Transport Canberra has advised that a number of updates have been made to the bus network. Please follow the link <https://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/new-network/schools/merici-college> to find Merici College bus services. For more information please visit <https://www.transport.act.gov.au/getting-around/new-network>.

Please note that there are no dedicated Transport Canberra bus services to/from Merici College and South Canberra. As you may be aware, Merici offers a dedicated bus service to areas of South Canberra. Please follow the link <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/my-merici/resources/bus-timetables> to find more information.

NSW School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) Applications for 2019

Applications are currently open for the SSTS. Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued. Please follow the link <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts> to find more information.

Commissioning Ceremony (Monday 22 October)

A special Commissioning liturgy will be held on Monday 22 October for the commissioning of the College's 2019 School Captains, Specialist Captains, House and Vice Captains. Letters of invitation have been sent to the families of our new leaders. Please RSVP your attendance to Ros Parisi, email ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 6243 4178 as soon as possible.

Night Bridge Restaurant (Wednesday 24 October 6.00pm)

The Bridge Restaurant will be open for dinner on Wednesday 24 October from 6.00pm. Online bookings available at www.merici.college or contact Reception on 6243 4100.

Merici Growers Tomato Plant Sale (Saturday 27 October from 8.00am)

Tomato seedlings propagated by Merici College Sustainability students and teachers will be on sale to the public on Saturday 27 October. The sale will be held next to the Kitchen Garden at Merici College, corner Limestone Avenue and Henty Street Braddon from 8.00am until sold out, \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/tomato-plant-sale> to find more information. Get in early, plants sell fast!

Brescia House Day (Monday 29 October)

Brescia will celebrate their House Day on Monday 29 October.

Merici College Sports Presentation Night (Thursday 1 November)

You are invited to attend the annual Merici College Sports Presentation night scheduled to be held on Thursday, 1st November 2018 from 5:00pm until 7.00pm in the Merici College Auditorium. The night will be a celebration of sporting success for all participating and representative students throughout 2018. You are invited to create your own table or join with others on the evening. Dress casually – Please feel free to bring refreshments! RSVP to andrew.blakey@merici.act.edu.au or by phone 62434156

Merici Sw(op) Shop – Thursday 1 November (lunch-time)

On Thursday 1 November, the Sustainability Team @ Merici (SAM) will host the annual Merici Sw(op) Shop. Pre-loved clothes, accessories and other items will be *free to a good home*. Students and staff all welcome – you don't need to donate items to take something. Everyone wins in clothes recycling! Clothing and other donations will be accepted up until the day near Student Services. Have a Spring clean and donate to the Sw(op)!

Year 7 2019 Orientation Day (Friday 2 November)

We welcome our 2019 Year 7 cohort who will be attending their Year 7 2019 Orientation Day on Friday 2 November.

Talk and Tour (Saturday 3 November 9.30am)

For all families interested in learning more about Merici College! The Talk and Tour will consist of a brief introduction to the College by the Principal and a student-led tour. There will be opportunities for parents and their daughters, to ask questions both during, and after, the Talk and Tour has finished. Go to www.merici.college to register online.

Study Skills Handbook

Merici College continues to subscribe to the “Enhanced Learning Educational Services (ELES) Study Skills Handbook”. This web-based program contains 43 modules of highly engaging tasks, designed to improve the study habits of your daughter/s in which the approach taps into students’ affinity with technology to create a new and effective way to improve study skills.

How to access the Study Skills Handbook:

There is a short cut on the College Moodle page – Look for the Blue circle with a tick  or go to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au

- Username: mericicollege
- Password: 24achieve

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/study-skills> to find more information on the Study Skills Handbook and what students can do.

Parent Online Advice September 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-october> to find the latest special advice regarding SnapChat and GroupMe.

Canberra Metro Update

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/canb-metro-october> to find more information on all traffic notifications and safety tips.

YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS

Year 9 Urban Challenge (Wednesday 24 October-Friday 26 October)

Students will be expected at school at 6.30am next Wednesday 24 October for a prompt 7.00am departure. We are expected in Sydney at 12.00 midday when we will be met by the Urban Challenge Team and the girls will be given lunch. The girls will be expected to bring their own morning tea and they should have a good breakfast before we depart. There will be no opportunity to buy food. There will be a toilet on the bus.

Our expected time of departure from Sydney on Friday 26 October is 2.30pm. In a perfect world we would be back at school between 6.30pm and 7.00pm. We will send a text to all parents/carers when we pass Goulburn.

Virginia McLeod will be carrying the school mobile for the duration of the Challenge, the number is 0408 482 480. Please feel free to email Virginia (virginia.mcleod@merici.act.edu.au) if you have any queries.

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/urban-challenge-2018> to find more information regarding the Challenge. A final meeting will be held during Flex for Year 9 on Monday 22 October.

YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

Year 11 and 12 Meningococcal ACWY Immunisation Catch Up Clinics

Recently the ACT Health School Health Team visited the College to offer the free Meningococcal ACWY vaccine to all Year 11 and 12 students. If any Year 11 and 12 students missed this opportunity, they can still receive this free vaccine by telephoning the Community Health Intake line on 6207 9977, and booking into one of the Meningococcal ACWY Immunisation Catch Up Clinics being offered at the City Health Centre in October and December 2018. For further information please visit: <http://www.health.act.gov.au/our-services/immunisation/adolescents>.

Year 12 Student and Parent Formal 2018

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.

MISSION AND COMMUNITY

Socktober (Friday 19 October)

Merici College is participating in Socktober this Friday (19 October) <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/socktober> to raise funds for Catholic Mission's international project, St John's School, in the remote northern town of Hakha Province in Myanmar & St Joseph's Centre for children and adults with HIV/AIDS <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDojBadfENI&feature=youtu.be> .

St John's School in the remote northern town of Hakha, is a newly established school that services over 50 local children in preschool to year one. The teachers at St John's provide holistic education to the children through interactive learning with education resources and child-centred methodologies – as they have all been trained through the Church's teacher-training program.

St Joseph's Centre for Children and Adults with HIV/AIDS. This is a specialist home established by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition to address a growing need in the local community. Some nearby hospitals provide treatment for patients who are HIV-positive, but no accommodation or care services can be provided for them beyond treatment times, or for their children while they are either receiving or recovering from treatment. (Catholic Mission, 2018)

Students are encouraged to wear their crazy socks all day on Friday and make a gold coin donation, by contributing to their relevant House collection by giving during morning PC via the House Captains' collections (poster attached).

CAREERS NEWS

To find the latest Careers Newsletter, please follow the <http://merici.college/go/careers-earlysept>

SPORT

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

iC NEWS

We hope there has been plenty of holiday reading during the October break. We ask that all overdue books get returned promptly or if not finished to be renewed. Bring the books into the iC and it can be renewed for a further two weeks. Occasionally items do go missing, rather than ignoring overdue emails, please ask your daughter to come and talk to us about the missing item.

The iC subscribes to two video online streaming services; ClickView and Classroom Video on Demand which is an InfoBase database both accessed via Moodle/iC Services. Students will find current programs and resources relevant for both research or study needs and programs of interest to watch during down time. Please take some time to explore these resources with your daughters.

Happy researching,
iC Staff

CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

Sailing

Sailing training commences again this term. If you daughter has sailing experience and is interested in training to compete as a member of the Marist Merici combined sailing team, please contact Jennifer.Medd@merici.act.edu.au as soon as possible.

Dance Troupe Upcoming Events

Our Dance Troupe are looking very forward to performing at the following events:

- Murrumbateman Field Days – Sunday 21 October 10.00am and 12.00pm
- Hackett Community Festival – Saturday 27 October 12.30pm
- Ainslie Primary School – Saturday 3 November 12.00pm
- Marymead – Saturday 10 November 10.30am and 11.30am
- St Joseph's Fete O'Connor – Saturday 10 November (time to be advised)

Strings Ensemble Performance at Goodwin Homes (Friday 19 October)

Musicians in the String Ensemble have been invited to perform at Goodwin Care. Instruments will be transported to and from the venue. Students, with teacher supervision will walk to and from the venue. It is very fitting that Merici College students are involved in such an outreach activity. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/strings-goodwin> to find the permission note.

We hope that you are able to come along to these events and support the girls and our community.

OTHER NEWS

Rare Cancers Australia Fundraising Night (Thursday 18 October)

A family friendly movie night has been organised to raise money and awareness for Rare Cancers Australia. The event is on Thursday 18 October from 6pm. In addition to seeing the original Ghostbusters movie, the entry price will include finger food, dessert from Little Billy's café, a drink (from Lake George Winery and Capital Brewer, as well as soft drink or juice) and a lolly bag/popcorn to enjoy during the film. There will be a raffle with some great prizes including a ghost tour for 2 people from Tim the Yowie Man; vouchers from Foundation Beauty and Spa; Coleman Court bookshop; Coles Canberra Centre and more. There will also be a prize for the best fancy dress.

Prices start from \$5 for children and \$10 from every adult ticket will go directly to Rare Cancers Australia. Tickets through [CITSA-SHOP.COM](https://citsa-shop.com/products/scare4raremovienight-ghostbusters) <https://citsa-shop.com/products/scare4raremovienight-ghostbusters>.

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/ghostbusters-event> to find an information flyer. Email JandRevents.CIT@gmail.com if you have any questions about the event; or if people can not make it and just want to buy a raffle ticket. Alternatively people can still donate to Rare Cancers Australia at: <http://www.rarecancers.org.au/my-fundraising/370/movie-night-fundraiser-in-canberra>

Lord's Taverners Australia, ACT Branch Scholarship Scheme for Young Aspiring Athletes

The Lord's Taverners Australia, ACT Branch Scholarship Scheme for young aspiring athletes with a disability provides funding to such athletes who are residents of the ACT and its region who are registered with an ACT sporting organisation. It is designed to help them achieve their long term sporting goals. Scholarships are awarded to local young athletes with a disability on an annual basis.

Over the past 10 years each recipient of a scholarship award has received financial assistance from the Lord's Taverners ACT to help them scale even greater heights in their emerging sporting careers.

Scholarship recipients are chosen by an exhaustive process, including interviews. The year 2017 marked the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the program. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/lord-taverners-form> to find the application form. For further information contact Gail Farr on 0417 430 376 or go to the Lord Taverners website www.lordstavernersact.org.au.

St Thomas the Apostle School and Parish Fete – STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) (Saturday 10 November 10am-2.30pm)

Proudly Brought to you by CQ Electrical & MEJ

37-39 Boddington Circuit, KAMBAH ACT 2902

Saturday 10th November 2018 - 10am - 2:30pm

There will be Show Bags, Cakes, Trash 'n' Treasure, Crafts, Plants, Tombola. Dodgem Cars, Sizzler Supa Cha Cha, Competitions, prizes, great food & much more.

There is lots to see, do & buy.



Canberra Symphony Orchestra Big Band Spectacular (Saturday 20 October)

Canberra Symphony Orchestra is delighted to offer a discount for students and groups. For groups larger than 10 with a teacher, student tickets are \$10 each and the teacher's ticket is free; this can be booked directly by calling David on 02 6262 6772.



ANU Open School of Music Information Night (Friday October 19 4.00pm)

All are welcome to come along and find out about the Developing Musicians Program, offering Canberra high school and college students ensemble music tuition in both classical and jazz streams. To be held In the Athenaeum, ANU School of Music. The evening will include a tour of the School of Music, an opportunity to see the ensembles rehearse, and a question and answer session with teachers and students.

For more information, email openschoolofmusic@anu.edu.au. If you would like to hear current students perform, please come along to the free concert at MOLO Live @ANU Pop-Up Village at 6:30 pm on Thursday October 18. Alternatively, you may enjoy an evening of performances at the Hungarian Embassy at 7:00 pm on Wednesday October 17 – tickets via <https://trybooking.com.au/YIDB>.

Young Music Society Summer Music School 2019

Applications are open!

To celebrate our 50th YMS Summer program, we have a blockbuster event planned for January. You will find all the familiar favourite programs as well as new and exciting developments.

There are four programs that cater for students aged from 5 to 18 and for young people who are absolute beginners through to a program for Advanced musicians led by the amazing composer/musician Sally Greenaway. There are so many fantastic music opportunities on offer you will have to check out the YMS website for more information classical, rock, jazz, art, film music, film-making, dance, music theatre... we have it all!

Apply on-line at www.youngmusicsociety.org.au as places are filling *FAST!*

UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 4 Weeks 4 and 5)

House Farewells (Monday 5 November)

Dance Troupe performances at Marymead and St Joseph's Primary Fete (Saturday 10 November)

NASA Space School Preparation Night (Tuesday 13 November 6.00pm-8.30pm)

Year 12 Farewell Assembly (Friday 16 November)

Graduation Mass and Awards Rehearsal (Friday 16 November)