

# WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 10 and Term 3 Week 1 (21 June-18 July)

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### End of Semester Reports

Academic and pastoral reports for Semester 1 will be emailed to parents on the following dates:

- Years 11 and 12: Friday 25 June
- Years 7-10: Friday 16 July

All reports will be sent to the email address registered to the school.

## WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

End of Term 2 (Friday 25 June)

Term 3 Begins for Staff (Monday 12 July)

Term 3 Begins for Students (Tuesday 13 July)

Year 7 Grandparents Day (Monday 19 July 9.30am-11.30am)

Each year at the College we hold a special Grandparent's Day liturgy and breakfast, where we invite grandparents/special person of Year 7 to join us and accompany their grandchildren.

On behalf of our Year 7 students, we would like to invite our Year 7 Grandparent/special person to our celebration on Monday 19 July 9.30am to 11.30am. Grandparents/special person are asked to meet our Year 7 students in the Auditorium for a prayer reflection. Afterwards, students will escort their grandparents/special person to the restaurant to enjoy light refreshments, followed by a tour of our school.

Please click [here](#) to find a letter of invitation for grandparents/special person. 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](mailto:ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au) before Wednesday 14 July. Please include special dietary requirements and whether your grandmother/special person is an ex-student or ex-staff member of Merici College.

## YEAR 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

Year 10 Transitions Week (Monday 21 June – Friday 25 June)

The Transitions Forum is an important week for Year 10 students. During the forum your daughters will consider how to make decisions, reflect on what is important in life, hear about a few different careers, learn about the job market, prepare for senior study and much more. Students are not expected to wear uniform during this week but can wear neat casual attire. Ugg boots and pyjamas will not be allowed.

Please click [here](#) to find the complete program.  
Please click [here](#) to find the Parent Information Letter.  
Please click [here](#) to find the Permission Note for your daughter to visit institutions.

### **Student interviews and subject selections**

As part the transition into Year 11 2021, all students have been asked to make an appointment to discuss their subject choices for next year. The interviews will occur through the Transitions Week and we will meet parents and students in the front foyer.

### **Year 12 Retreat (Wednesday 14 July – Friday 16 July)**

This year the Year 12 Retreat will be held on Wednesday 14 July to Friday 16 July for all Year 12 students. More information to follow.

### **ATAR Estimates**

Students in Years 11 and 12 completing a tertiary package will receive an ATAR estimate at the end of the term. Estimates will be emailed to student email addresses by the end of the term. Students in Year 12 will receive an estimate within a five point range, while students in Year 11 will receive an estimate within a ten point range.

## **CAREERS NEWS**

Please follow <http://merici.college/go/careers-newsletter> to find the latest careers newsletter and information.

## **INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE NEWS**

### **A message from the Year 12 International Baccalaureate students:**

Following the completion of our CAS (creativity, activity, and service) project for the IB Diploma, we would like to express our gratitude and thanks to the wonderful members of our wider Merici community, parents, carers, grandparents, and students, for your generous donations. We were able to donate, to the ACT City Children's court, many bags full of stuffed toys and balls, to comfort children in need. Without your lovely donations, this Community Project would not be possible. So, we all want to give you all a very big thank you for taking time out of your days to knit and crochet toys.



### **MYP Personal Project**

The Year 10s nine-month Personal Project journey is soon coming to a close with their final report due in Week 2 of Term 3. By now students will need to have completed their product/outcome and have had their second formal meeting with their supervisor. During Week 7, students were involved in Workshop 7: Selecting Process Journal entries. Students used this time to select evidence of their research and planning that they would include in their report. On Friday of Week 8, Year 10s will have another workshop to further assist them with report writing. In the final week of this term, during Transition Week, Year 10s will be provided a full day led by Ms McNamara (Personal Project Coordinator) to finish a draft of their report and check in with their supervisor.

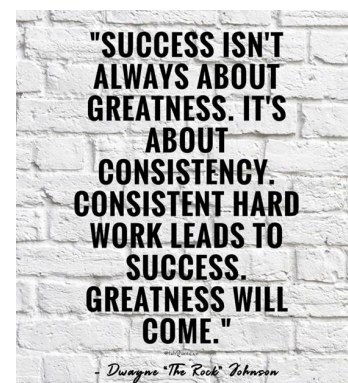
## Key IB DP Dates – Year 12

Year 12 IB Students will finish school on 25<sup>th</sup> June. They are expected to be in uniform and attend classes as usually scheduled.

Please find below the key IB dates (Does not include Merici set assessment).



Date	Event
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Final Math IA due
25 <sup>th</sup> June	TOK Essay Due
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of term for Y12 IB students
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Pupil Free Day – students are expected to study at home
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Biology IA due draft
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Spanish Mock Exam PC, period 1 and 2
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Final submission of Extended Essay
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Biology IA Final Due



## MISSION AND COMMUNITY

### Reflections Program

Our Reflections Program continues next term with our Mother-Daughter Evening. This is an exciting opportunity for mothers to spend some dedicated time with their daughters (and vice versa!) to explore their relationships through a faith-based retreat experience. In 2021, the focus is centred around the Ursuline charism (the charism – spirit, linked to Brescia House).

Please find details below and rsvp to [ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au) by Wednesday 11 August.

### Mother – Daughter Evening, Monday 16 August

Time: 5.30pm-7.30pm

2021 focus: *The Heart of the St Angela Merici Rose* (Ursuline – St Angela Merici focus)

Includes: Light refreshments

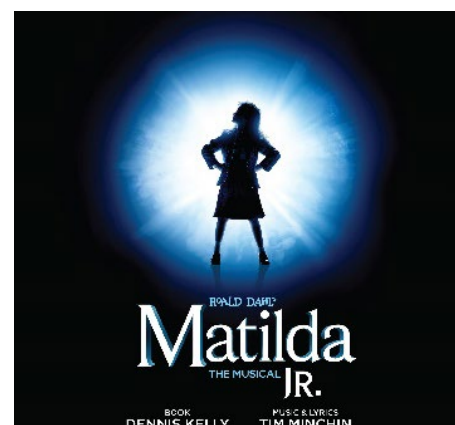
Location: C1 & C2

## CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Merici College students proudly present a production of Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical JR.*

Our cast are working very hard to bring to our stage an entertaining and exciting musical. Our talented performers continue to demonstrate the very high standards we have come to expect of Merici College, and our production team are committed to bring to life the story of a girl who dreams of a better life.

Be a part of this wonderful experience and meet Matilda who has astonishing wit, intelligence... and special powers!



Join us for what will truly be an extraordinary musical production!

Book now!

**Cast A: Friday 30 July and Saturday 31 July at 7pm**

(Please note 31 July fully booked.)

**Cast B: Friday 6 August and Saturday 7 August at 7pm**

Tickets available at TryBooking, <https://www.trybooking.com/BQHCK>

Adults: \$15

Students: \$10

Child 12 Yrs and under: \$5

Senior Citizen: \$10

Family: \$50 (2 Adults, 3 Students)

## iC NEWS

The iC will be closed at 3:30pm on the last day of term, Friday, 18 June.

In readiness for the winter holidays, we have a great display in the iC. A collection of books perfect to snuggle up with and get lost in the worlds within. Encourage your daughters to come in and collect some holiday reading.



*Here is Roxy, our school dog, sniffing out her holiday reading!*

The use of Overdrive or Sora continues to be a popular platform for e-books. For those families who have not yet discovered the e-book collection they can follow the instructions below and try it out during the upcoming holidays.

The collection contains novels, non-fiction, audiobooks and is available 24/7 from any device. It can be accessed through the [Merici Moodle/site](#) home or by downloading the Sora app onto your IOS or Android device. Books can also be read offline on a

laptop accessing Sora through [soraapp.com](http://soraapp.com).

1. Download the Sora app (free from the App store)
2. Search for a school (type in): ACEN Member Collection
3. Choose our school from the drop-down menu: Merici College
4. It will redirect you back to the Merici Login
5. You can then borrow three items at any one time



Just as a gentle reminder, the return of Semester 1 textbooks would be greatly appreciated.

Happy Reading!

iC Staff

## SCIENCE NEWS

### Australian Science Olympiad Exams – Register Now

The Australian Science Olympiad exams are coming up in Week 3 of Term 3. Students Year 10 and above can take part in the Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Environmental Science or Physics Olympiad exams, and students in Year 10 and below can take part in the Junior Science Olympiad.

Achieving a certificate in these challenging national competitions is significant and they are designed to be well above a normal school assessment. The top 25 students in each subject are invited to an intensive summer school at the ANU, giving them the chance to qualify for the national teams that compete at the annual International Olympiad competitions.

The Junior Science Olympiad had its first year in 2020. Students are encouraged to try it in Year 7 and 8, with the aim of working up to their best results in Years 9 and 10.

Merici has had some strong results in recent years, with Rosemary Zielinski representing Australia to win an individual bronze medal at the International Physics Olympiad in 2019, and three Year 11 students selected for the Earth and Environmental Science Olympiad summer school last year.

Students interested in participating should contact Dr White ([kathryn.white@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:kathryn.white@merici.act.edu.au)) before the end of this term.

## OTHER NEWS

### Dobby: Hip Hop Workshop

Tuesday 22 June and Friday 25 June , 4:00 - 6:30 pm Ages 13 - 6:30 - 9:00 pm Ages 18 and above  
FREE event, Big Band Room, Peter Karmel Building, ANU

In these sessions, participants will learn:

- the fundamentals of lyric writing,
- songwriting,
- beatmaking,
- recording and
- performance technique

All are welcome! To register, please visit: <https://music.cass.anu.edu.au/form/dobby-hip-hop-workshop-registration>



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## UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 3 Weeks 2 and 3)

Grandparents Day (Monday 19 July)  
Year 10 PARTY Outreach Program (Tuesday 27 July)  
Bridge Restaurant Day (Wednesday 28 July)  
Matilda Musical Dress Rehearsal (Thursday 29 July)  
Matilda Musical (Friday 30 July and Saturday 31 July)