



WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #fidelitas #merici60

Term 3 Weeks 2 and 3 (29 July-4 August)

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Annual Satisfaction Survey

An annual satisfaction survey of parents, students and staff will be conducted on behalf of all Catholic schools in the Diocese this term. The surveys are designed to gather feedback from parents, staff and students about our school and will be used to inform school improvement. Responses are confidential and individuals cannot be identified.

The surveys will be launched via email on 29 July and close on 9 August 2019 using the email addresses supplied to the school. If you do not receive an email with a link to the survey, you can access and complete the survey at the following link: <https://www.research.net/r/mericicollegeparent2019>.

Claim the Date: Academic Awards Semester 1 2019 (Monday 19 August)

Please note that the date for the Academic Awards has changed to Monday 19 August. The Awards Ceremony will take place in two sessions with Balgo, Brescia, Ningil in the first session commencing at 10.00am, and Penola, Seiwa and Tullow in the second session commencing at 11.00am. Please note that students receiving awards will be notified shortly through Pastoral Care groups and correspondence will be emailed home to parents. Please note that we are unable to indicate the award your daughter is receiving until the time of the ceremony. Students will be receiving their awards in the Auditorium.

Penola House Day (Monday 5 August)

Penola House Day will be celebrated on Monday 5 August. Staff and students can look forward to a liturgy together, some games and of course... the cake! Girls are encouraged to wear black and white ribbons on the day to show their Penola pride.

Year 7 Grandparents Day (Tuesday 6 August 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 6 August 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 the celebration in the restaurant where Devonshire Tea will be served.

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/invite-grandparents> to find a letter of invitation for grandparents (also attached). 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 before Tuesday 30 July. Please include special dietary requirements and whether your grandmother/special person is an ex-student or ex-staff member of Merici College.

Moderation Day #2 (Thursday 8 August)

Please note that Year 7-10 students will have a Pupil Free Day on Thursday 8 August. Year 11 and Year 12 students are required to attend an AST Practice.

#MERICI60 Diamond Concert (Friday 9 August and Saturday 10 August)

As part of our 60th Anniversary celebrations, a very special concert and fundraiser will be held on Friday 9 August and Saturday 10 August in the Auditorium. The concert starts at 7.00pm (arrival and seating at 6.30pm) on both days. Walk down memory lane, as we revisit each decade through dance, music, drama performances, Alumni reflections and current students highlighting life at Merici College. Tickets and refreshment packages available at www.trybooking.com/BCWAY.

All funds raised will be used to improve indoor and outdoor learning spaces for students. Click [here](#) for more information.

60th Anniversary Mass (Saturday 7 September 9.30am)

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/massininvite> to find an invitation to our school community, past and present, to attend our Celebratory Mass on Saturday 7 September at 9.30am. The Celebrant is the Most Rev. Archbishop Christopher Prowse DD STD. Following the Mass, there will be refreshments and school tours. Please rsvp your attendance to ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 62434178 and indicate special dietary requirements.

60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner (Saturday 7 September)

A very special dinner has been organised at the Canberra Rex to be held on Saturday 7 September at 6.00pm. All past and current students, staff, parents and friends are invited to attend. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/60th-dinner> to find more information. Bookings now open at <https://www.trybooking.com/BDQXT>. Bookings close on 30 August. Please note that the maximum number of people on a table is 10. Please contact Ros on 02-6243 4178, email ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au for any enquiries.

Bridge Benefit Dinner (Saturday 14 September)

Merici College is holding a Bridge Benefit Fundraising Dinner on Saturday 14 September in the Merici College Bridge Restaurant commencing at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. This event is a student-led initiative and is in its fifth year of running.

This year, the students have decided all proceeds will be donated to Barnardos Canberra. Barnardos offers family support, out-of-home care and supported accommodation services for disadvantaged children, adolescents and their families in the ACT. Programs and services offered in the Centre reflect the problems of Canberra, with a population of young families and increasing population group of adolescents. As the Canberra population has a broad cross section of people, Barnardos' programs aim to target the most financially and socially disadvantaged.

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 Barnados Canberra.

Tickets \$90 pp. Refreshments on arrival. 8 course degustation menu. Bookings close Friday 6 September, payment required at time of booking to secure reservations. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/bridge-benefit> to find ticketing information.

Cross-Age Tutoring (All Languages)

The Languages Department has had a successful trial run with Cross Age Tutoring for Mandarin Chinese in Term 2. We are now extending this program to all languages. The aim of this program is to provide extra assistance for students who are finding learning French, Italian or Mandarin difficult and hoping to strengthen students' foundation in the language that they are learning.

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 and also a strong sense of commitment and responsibility. Service Hours will be awarded to tutors. Students who either want to become tutors or would like to be tutored need to get in contact with their language teachers. The respective language teachers will pass on the list to Mrs Jen Baines. Mrs Baines will inform both tutors and tutees of when tutoring sessions will begin. The sessions will likely begin in Week 3 either on Wednesday or Thursday during lunch time. Participants in the program are allowed to eat their lunch during the sessions.

YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

Year 12 Retreat

A final reminder that the Year 12 Retreat dates were revised due to a clash with the 2019 ACT-Southern NSW Interschools Snow Sports Championship. The Year 12 Retreat will now take place 29 July – 31 July, 2019. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/year12-retreat-2019> to find the permission note. Permission notes can be returned electronically to amy.connellan@merici.act.edu.au if this is more convenient than printing and completing by hand.

CAREERS NEWS

To find the latest Careers newsletter and information, please visit <https://www.mericicareers.com/>

SPORT

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

MISSION AND COMMUNITY NEWS

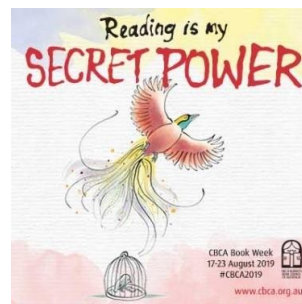
Vinnies Dickson – Volunteering

Vinnies Dickson is extending their trading hours and in need of more volunteers. Please read below from Vinnies Dickson Manager, Isla Smith:

Are you looking for work experience? Interested in meeting new people and learning new skills? What about doing something that really contributes to your local community? Vinnies Dickson urgently needs volunteers to assist at it's Dickson Centre located on Woolley Street. A range of roles are available every day of the week. That's right – every day as well as after school and evenings too. Dickson Vinnies is now open Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm, Friday 9am to 9pm, Saturday 9am to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm - which means there are so many different time slots available for you to become involved. We are also going to open later on Thursday and Saturday evenings very soon as well. Please consider how you can assist us. You can call Isla Smith on 0407 959 359 or pop into the Centre to have a chat.

iC NEWS

Term 3 is a very exciting time in the library world. This is the term we celebrate the Children's Book Council Awards (CBCA). Once a fortnight, during junior English classes, we explore the shortlisted books for all categories: older readers, younger readers, picture books, early childhood, and The Crichton Award for new illustrators. Reading and sharing a picture book and novel is a beautiful way to celebrate stories, discuss a message and appreciate the illustrations and written word.



This prepares us to celebrate Book Week during Week 5, 19–23 August. The theme of this year's Book Week is *Reading is my Secret Power* and on Thursday 22 August we will have a dress-up parade. There will be more details in the coming weeks.

Yours in reading
iC staff

OTHER NEWS

Canberra Catholic Girls' High School 40 Year Reunion (Friday 6 September)

The Class of 1979 will be celebrating their 40 Year Reunion on Friday 6 September at Tilley's Café Gallery, cnr Brigalow and Wattle Streets, Lyneham commencing at 6.30pm. RSVP by 16 August to Kathy 0409 462 512 or Marina 0410 598 931.

ANU Sport/Jasiri Australia Self Defence Course

ANU Sport is working with Jasiri Australia to run a 6 week Women's Self Defence course starting on the 27 July from 3:30 to 5:30pm in our building on the ANU Acton Campus. The course is open to anyone 16 years and over. More information on the course can be found here:

<https://womensselfdefence2019.eventbrite.com.au>



GAMMA.CON – Canberra’s own pop culture festival returns 3-4 August at Exhibition Park Canberra

The seventh GAMMA.CON pop culture festival is on 3-4 August at Exhibition Park in Canberra. This year promises fun for the whole family with tabletop games for all skill levels from beginner to expert, video games on both new and retro consoles, and over 100 artists and vendors selling cool handcrafts, books, comics, toys, clothes and collectables.

Our main stage will feature live music, dance and panels and performances from our guests; including YouTube Gamer superstars Jesse Cox and Alex Faciane (Scary Game Squad) and anime voice actor Paul St. Peter (Kingdom Hearts, Mobile Suit Gundam, Fullmetal Alchemist). Alongside that will be our cosplay guests providing workshops on costume building, comic book guests offering workshops and tips on drawing, live action role play demonstrations and competitive games tournaments for the over and under twelves.

GAMMA.CON has family passes for one or both days and free entry for kids under seven. Tickets available online at (<https://gammacon.org.au/tickets/>) or at the door.

Online prices

Adult Weekend Pass (16+) – \$50
Child Weekend Pass (8-16) – \$40
Family Weekend Pass (2 Adults-2 Children) – \$160
Adult Day Pass (16+) – \$30
Child Day Pass (8-16) – \$25
Family Day Pass (2 Adults-2 Children) – \$100

Door Prices

Adult Weekend Pass (16+) – \$55
Child Weekend Pass (8-16) – \$45
Family Weekend Pass (2 Adults-2 Children) – \$170
Adult Day Pass (16+) – \$35
Child Day Pass (8-16) – \$30
Family Day Pass (2 Adults-2 Children) – \$105

www.gammacon.org.au for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 3 Weeks 4 and 5)

Year 9 Spirituality Day (Wednesday 14 August)
Feast of the Assumption (Thursday 15 August)
Secondary 7/8 North Football Boys and Girls (Thursday 15 August)
Book Week (Monday 19 August)
Academic Awards Semester 1 (Monday 19 August)
Secondary 9/10 North Football Boys and Girls (Thursday 22 August)