



WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #YearofYouth #SpreadingJoy

Term 3 Weeks 4 and 5 (Monday 13 August-Sunday 26 August)

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Penola House Day (Monday 13 August)

Penola House will celebrate their 'House Day' on Monday 13 August and will be joined by two Josephite Sisters, Sr Bernadette Mary Walsh and Sr Ann Morrison. This is an opportunity for the House to gather together in prayer and in fun, reflecting on the work of our patron, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Students will be required to attend normal classes during the day and we shall gather together as a House during our regular Pastoral Care lesson in Period 4. The Penola Executive will be running activities and we shall also share in a celebratory cake. Penola students are encouraged to wear black and white accessories on the day.

Guidelines for Penola House Day dress

To ensure the Penola House Day is as successful as possible, students are required to follow the dress guidelines below.

- Wear black and/or white accessories with your full winter school uniform eg. Black or white hair ribbon or head band
- All College rules about make-up and jewellery apply on this day - no coloured hair.
- Students will be permitted to wear black or white nail polish for this day only.

We are looking forward to a very successful Penola House Day and appreciate your support of this special celebration. If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact either your daughter's PC Teacher or Liza Laird, Penola House Coordinator, email liza.laird@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 6243 4143.

Bridge Restaurant (Wednesday 22 August 6.00pm)

The Bridge Restaurant will be open for dinner on Wednesday 22 August from 6.00pm. Online bookings available at www.merici.college or contact Reception on 6243 4100.

Father/Daughter Mass and Dinner (Friday 31 August 6.00pm)

A special Father and Daughter evening will be held on Friday 31 August at 6.00pm. The theme of the night is 'The Heart of the Father' and will begin with a Fathers' Day Mass at 6.00pm, followed by a Father/Daughter Dinner with special guest speaker David Forrest from the Fathering Project (www.thefatheringproject.org). The Fathering Project is a core partner of the University of Western and aims to:

- Help fathers realise how important they are in a child's life and to give them advice on how to encourage their children.
- Encourage fathers to become proactive and get involved early with their children.
- Help fathers and father figures get connected in positive ways.
- Reach fathers in their situation: schools, workplaces, community groups.

- Utilise research-based evidence to encourage positive changes in fathers.
- Highlight the strong causal link between good fathering and the reduced incidence of harmful behaviours such as suicide, self-harm and substance abuse.

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/father-daughter-dinner> to find an invitation extended to all fathers and their daughters. *For students who are unable to bring their Dad, we welcome them to bring a significant male relation.*

The cost for the event is \$45.00 per person and includes a 3-course meal and drinks.

To secure your booking, payment must be made prior to the dinner and before Friday 24 August.

Cash payments are to be made to the Finance Office. RSVP and credit card payments to ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 6243 4178. A credit card authorisation slip can be found [here](#). Please indicate special dietary requirements in your RSVP.

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.

Please email Ros Parisi, Public Relations Officer at ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au, or telephone 6243 4178, for all bookings and enquiries, payment required at the time of booking.

Merici South Canberra Dedicated Bus Service – New stops

Please follow the link <https://www.merici.act.edu.au/my-merici/resources/bus-timetables> to find amended bus routes for morning and afternoon runs to/from Merici for South Canberra students, as well as an application form for new passengers. The routes have been amended to include new and additional stops in Pearce, Curtin, Holder, Stirling and Erindale.

Please be advised that students are picked up/dropped off from any bus stop only on the designated route and that bus stops listed are only timing points. In addition, in the afternoon, students do not travel the full route, rather travelling to the stops of the students travelling on the bus, getting the students home in the shortest time.

Merici College 60th Anniversary 2019 – Save the Date

Next year, Merici College will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary and the journey from Canberra Catholic Girls' High School, through Braddon Catholic Girls' High School, and Catholic High School, Braddon to Merici College.

Former students and staff are invited to claim the dates below and join together to celebrate, not only the College's past and present, but also the future!

Tuesday 5 February - Launch 60th Anniversary Prayer and unveil St Angela Merici statue.

Saturday 1 June - School tours, Expressive Arts performances, rose garden unveiling, photography competition, afternoon tea

Saturday 7 September – 60th Anniversary Mass 9.30am, St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka, Canberra

Saturday 7 September - 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner 6pm, Canberra Rex, Canberra

We are looking for interested alumni members to help with our *Golden Moments Edition II* book to review Edition 1 pages and create new memories for inclusion in Edition II covering the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000-2009. We are also seeking interested members to coordinate pages for Years 2009-2018. Email alumni@merici.act.edu.au if you are able to help.

Keep up to date with all the news and events on Facebook [Merici College 60th Anniversary](#)

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. The modules relate to best-practice in the areas of 'Working Better At Home', 'Working Better At School', 'Improving How You Study', 'Improving Skills', 'Technology' and other 'General' areas for improved learning.

Benefits of the Study Skills Handbook:

The purpose of your daughter using this resource is so that she will get wide exposure and reinforcement of the ideas as well as the opportunity to access the information in many different ways. It provides students with various options to build their layers of knowledge.

Our students are able to take a self-directed approach to utilising this resource as well as allow you to work in partnership with them throughout their personal learning journey.

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 August 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-august> to find the latest special advice regarding Yubo – Live Videos with Friends and Discord.

Canberra Metro Update

[You are invited to Canberra's first ever Rail Safety Week celebration!](#)

National Rail Safety Week, 13-19 August 2018, is an Australasian Railway Association (ARA)/TrackSAFE initiative aimed to raise public awareness about safe behaviour around rail environments. The theme for this year is, "Rail safety – it's everyone's responsibility."

Calling all children and grownups!

- Brumbies Autograph Signings
10:30am - 11:00am and 12:30pm - 1:00pm
- Canberra GIANTS Netball Autograph Signings
11:30am - 12:00pm and 1:30pm - 2:00pm
- Drawing activity table and fun rail safety activities
- Meet a Light Rail Vehicle driver
- See a Light Rail Vehicle - A light rail vehicle will be parked at Gungahlin Place, but Canberra Metro cannot allow anyone on-board just yet. Post your photos on social media and add **#RSW2018 #CBRRailReady**.

[Rail safety – it's everyone's responsibility. Are you Rail Ready?](#)

YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS

Year 9 Reflection Day (Wednesday 15 August)

Year 9 students will participate in a reflection day on Wednesday 15 August. The day includes a morning session regarding mental health led by Batyr (<http://www.batyr.com.au>). Students are required to go to the auditorium after morning PC. Students are invited to come to school wearing casual clothes. Parents and students are reminded of the following guidelines for casual clothes day:

- All College rules about make-up and jewellery apply on this day.
- Shoulders must be covered and no shoe-string tops, bare midriffs or revealing necklines.
- Skirts and/or shorts should be mid-length or longer: no 'short-shorts' or 'mini skirts'.
- No pyjamas or onesies.
- No 'skins' or tights to be worn instead of trousers or jeans.
- No inappropriate slogans or symbols on clothing or accessories.
- Do not wear any of the following shoe types: ugg boots, thongs or high-heeled shoes.

Lunch will be provided to students, however students are required to bring their own recess. Please contact Tookie Capezio to advise special dietary requirements and for all enquiries, email tookie.capezio@merici.act.edu.au by Monday 13 August.

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

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/urban-challenge-2018> to find information regarding the Urban Challenge that your daughters will be participating in later this year. It is expected that you, as parents, complete the online form to register your daughters. The Challenge is in Sydney on 24-26 October. There will be a representative from Urban Challenge coming to speak to the girls on Monday 17 September. More information will be sent as the time approaches. Please register your daughters as soon as you can, so groups can be confirmed.

YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

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 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.

CAREERS NEWS

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

EXPRESSIVE ARTS NEWS

Behind the Drums Theatre Performance (Thursday 23 August – Saturday 25 August)

Merici College presents 'Behind the Drums' which is a cautionary tale following a girl, who struggles to regain her confidence and develop resilience after a suggestive photo of her goes viral.

Tickets are available online at

<https://www.trybooking.com/XEVH>

\$10 Student Admission only

\$15 Adult Admission only

\$15 Student with coffee and cake

\$20 Adult with coffee and cake

Performance times: Thursday 23 August 7pm, Friday 24 August 7pm, Saturday 25 August.

Please note that this performance contains themes and material not suitable for children under the age of 13.



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Book Week (Friday 17 August – Friday 24 August)

There was an error in the last What's On. Book Week is held during Week 5 of this term (20–24 August), not Week 6. Apologies for the confusion. The theme of this year's Book Week is *Find your Treasure* and on Wednesday 22 August we will have a dress-up parade. The students are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character, or using the theme *Find your Treasure*. We have been discussing what this might look like in the Wide Reading lessons. As always, some guidelines apply. The main one is to be in the spirit of the day, and the costume must be of recognisable character and not just plain clothes i.e. no Muggles. Any questions can be directed to: ann.blakey@merici.act.edu.au



There are other Book Week related activities organised by students every lunchtime in the Information Centre of Week 5. These include: treasure hunts, quizzes, digital detox book-related games, creation of a Book Trailer, and the Book Week Parade.

This is a great week to celebrate all things book related and we look forward to seeing your daughter involved in all the fun activities.

Happy Book Week
iC Staff

SPORT

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

Years 7/8 Girls Soccer North (Tuesday 21 August)

The Year 7/8 North Girls Soccer carnival will be held on Tuesday 21 August at the Dickson Playing fields. Please contact PC Fothergill for more information on email Peita-Claire.Fothergill@merici.act.edu.au.

Basketball

Merici will be entering teams in the 2018-19 Basketball ACT Summer competition. Registration will be open until 24 August. The link for this process is <https://goo.gl/forms/paGIDz1QsExfpCjn2> If you have any questions please email Andrew Blakey at andrew.blakey@merici.act.edu.au or telephone on 6243 4156.

CO-CURRICULAR

Music – Australian National Eisteddfod (17 August)

The Australian National Eisteddfod for Choirs is coming up on Friday 17 August. The Merici Vocal Group will be performing on the day in the High School and College Choirs section. The event will be held at Canberra Girls Grammar School from 11am - 2:30pm. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/national-eistedd-permission> to find the permission note.

DEFENCE NEWS

2018 Battle for Australia Commemoration Ceremony

Students from a Defence Force family at Merici College have been invited to participate in the 2018 Battle for Australia Commemoration Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial on Wednesday 5 September. Students are to assemble at Student Services by 9:50am for a prompt departure at 10:00am. It is anticipated that we will return to school by 12:30pm. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/battle-for-commem> to find the permission note.

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!

ACU Invitation: Blackfriars Lecture by Dan Billing (Wednesday 15 August)

David Billing, founder and CEO of Indigenous Reading Project (IRP) will talk about 'Tsunami or surfing – transforming lives in the digital age'. The lecture will be held on Wednesday 15 August, registration and refreshments at 5.30pm, 6.00pm-7.00pm lecture. Free entry. The lecture will be held in Room 301.1.20, Veritas Building, Australian Catholic University Canberra Campus (Signadou), 127 Phillip Avenue, Watson, ACT. To RSVP before 10 August or obtain more information please contact OCD.Canberra@acu.edu.au, telephone (02) 62091129.



Woden Valley Youth Choir Auditions

Woden Valley Youth Choir is a community not-for-profit organisation committed to providing a strong Kodaly based music education, providing performance opportunities and instilling a love of music in all its choristers. WVYC will hold auditions on Saturday 1 September for young people of school age wishing to join in term 4 2018.

WVYC currently consists of two Primary aged choirs, a treble voice choir for High School up and our newest choir for young men with changing or changed voices. The choir also has two selective a cappella ensembles and rehearses on Tuesday afternoons and evenings in Molonglo. Our choristers come from all over Canberra and Queanbeyan and beyond.

For more information go to wvyc.org.au. You will find a JOIN link which allows you to download an application form.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Weeks 6 and 7)

Years 9/10 Football North – Thursday 30 August

Duke of Edinburgh Long Trip Meeting – Friday 31 August

Father and Daughter Dinner – Friday 31 August 6.00pm

Senior EDGE Conference – Tuesday 4 September

Year 12 AST Day 1 – Tuesday 4 September

Year 8 History/Geography Excursion – Tuesday 4 September

Year 12 AST Day 2 – Wednesday 5 September

Night Bridge Restaurant – Wednesday 5 September