



# WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #YearofYouth #SpreadingJoy

Term Weeks 4 and 5 (Monday 19 November-Sunday 2 December)

## WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Principal's Fortnightly Blog

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/principal-blog-satisfaction> to find Mrs Wholley's fortnightly blog regarding the 2018 Satisfaction Survey results.

### Board Report

At its meeting on Monday 29 October the Merici School Board was pleased to welcome new members, Ms Kylie Howlett and Ms Louise Georgiadis. The Board also acknowledged the service of Mr Andrew Treble who has resigned from the Board due to a work deployment. Mr Adam Davey, a parent representative on the Board was appointed as Deputy Chair. The school's Strategic Plan for 2019-2021 was approved, with the contributions of staff, students and parents recognised and appreciated. Results of the 2018 Parents, Staff and Students survey were discussed. The Board noted good improvements generally compared to the 2017 survey as well as work already underway to address issues identified in the 2018 survey. The 2019 Merici school budget was presented and approved. Discussion included plans to continue building on Merici's position as a premium school with a focus on accessibility through minimising inevitable fee increases. Letters regarding 2019 school fees will be coming out soon.

### FundRaise for Merici Artworks

We would like to thank our community members who have donated generously to our FundRaise campaign. If you would like contribute towards the payment of a wooden-carved statue of St Angela Merici, as well as the installation of other artworks, please visit our FundRaise Digital page, <https://fundraise.merici.act.edu.au/>.

### Expression of Interest in Hosting Chinese Students

We are looking for families who will be interested in hosting 5 – 6 Chinese female students and one accompanying teacher in early February 2019. These students and teachers will be on an exchange programme in Merici College for four weeks. They are from our sister school, Tieyi School in Xi'an, China. If you are interested, please email Mrs Jen Baines ([jen.baines@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:jen.baines@merici.act.edu.au)).

### Parent Online Advice October 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-november> to find the latest special advice regarding Beauty Plus and Reddit.

## YEARS 7,8 AND 9 NEWS

### Claim the Date: Years 7-10 Advent Mass (Thursday 6 December 9.30am)

Parents and friends are invited to attend the Year 7-10 Advent Mass on Thursday 6 December. Mass will commence at 9.30am.

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### **Year 8 Civics and Citizenship Excursion (19 November 2018)**

As part of the Year 8 Civics and Citizenship course, students have been studying Australian democratic values and processes. To increase their knowledge and level of understanding of this topic, an excursion to the National Electoral Education Centre and Museum of Australian Democracy has been planned for Monday, 19 November 2018.

Students are required to wear their summer uniform. They will also need to bring snacks, lunch and drinks as there will be no opportunity to purchase food on the day. They should only carry a small bag with essentials for the visit and leave anything else in their school lockers.

The classes will be divided in two groups due to the group size specified for each venue. Your daughter's teacher will inform her of the group that she is allocated to.

### **Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2018 *'Make it a real Christmas filled with joy'***

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOpFb\\_oZn0U&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOpFb_oZn0U&feature=youtu.be).

With 2.2 million people living below the poverty line in Australia, including over half a million children, your donation allows the St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/Goulburn to provide more than immediate help, it provides something much more valuable – the opportunity for a better life (St Vincent de Paul Society, 2018).

The 2018 Vinnies Christmas Appeal is underway at Merici College. This year, students in Years 7-10 will be invited to make contributions within their Religious Education classes to donate items towards hampers, cash, or presents for a particular age group, based on the decisions reached in individual classes.

All community members are invited to donate to our Christmas Appeal by leaving donations at the front office.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful initiative and making a difference to the lives of those in our community.

## **YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS**

### **Year 10 Christian Service Week – Monday 26 November to Friday 30 November**

We are continuing our Christian Service Learning Program this year with a Christian Service Week involving all Year 10 students from Monday 26 November to Friday 30 November inclusive. Students have received their hardcopy of their Year 10 Christian Service Week pack. An electronic copy has also been emailed to parents/guardians and students. Please note that students must return their 4-way agreement prior to their placement commencing. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Amy Connellan via phone 6243 4157 or email [amy.connellan@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:amy.connellan@merici.act.edu.au).

### **2018 End of Semester Information for Year 10 students**

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/yr10-end-sem-info> to find end of Semester 2 information for Year 10 students.

## 2018 End of Semester Information for Year 12 students

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/endofyear-yr12> to find end of Semester 2 information for Year 12 students.

## Years 11 and 12 Key Academic Dates for Semester 2

Please follow the link <https://merici.college/go/key-acad-dates> to find key dates for Years 11 and 12 for the end of Semester 2.

## Exam Timetable

Senior exams will commence on Friday 16 November and run through to Wednesday 21 November. An AST Practice Test will be held on Thursday 22 November for all Year 11 tertiary students. Year 10 exams will be held from Tuesday 20 November to Thursday 22 November.

## Year 12 Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony (Tuesday 4 December)

Year 12 students and their families are invited to attend the Year 12 Graduation Mass to be held at St Christopher's Cathedral in Forrest, ACT. The Mass will commence at 6.00pm with the awards ceremony to follow. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/yr12-grad-awards> to find a formal invitation.

## Mentor and Volunteer Farewell (Wednesday 5 December)

A farewell afternoon tea will be held for all Black Mountain School mentors and volunteers and their families on Wednesday 5 December commencing at 5.00pm in the restaurant.

## Year 10 Awards Ceremony and Advent Mass Invitation (Thursday 6 December)

Year 10 students and their families are invited to attend the Year 7-10 Advent Mass and Year 10 Awards Ceremony on Thursday 6 December. Mass will commence at 9.30am and the Awards ceremony at 11.00am. Refreshments will follow at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/adventmass-yr10awards> to find the invitation. RSVP essential for catering to [ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au) by Friday 30 November.

## Year 12 Student and Parent Formal 2018 (Friday 7 December)

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/yr12formal-arrivals-parking> to find a formal invitation extended to all Year 12 students and their parents to attend the Year 12 Parent/Student Formal. Information regarding arrival times and parking are also included in the link.

## EXPRESSIVE ARTS NEWS

### Showcase 2018

Dance/Photography/Visual  
Arts/Music/Fashion/Media/Drama Exhibition  
(Tuesday 27 November – Friday 30 November)

Opening Night: Tuesday 27 November

Refreshments: 5pm-5.30pm in the New Quad

Official Opening/Fashion Parade/Dance/Band

performances: 5.45pm-7.30pm in the  
Auditorium

Exhibition Viewing - Wednesday 28 Nov - Friday  
24 Nov 9am-4pm in the auditorium.



## CAREERS NEWS

To find the latest Careers Newsletter, 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.

## iC NEWS

Sora by Overdrive is a digital library of eBooks and audio-books for students of all year levels, as well as adults. The collection includes fiction, as well as non-fiction titles related to the Australian curriculum topics. The current collection includes over 10,000 eBooks and audiobooks, including 'Read-a-long' books.

The collection is available 24/7 from any device. It can be accessed through the [Merici Moodle/iC Services](#) site or by downloading the Sora app onto your IOS or Android device.

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



We have been showing the collection to the students during their English WIDE reading lessons. Encourage them to come and see us, or send an email to [ann.blakey@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ann.blakey@merici.act.edu.au) if they are having trouble accessing the service.

Happy reading,  
iC Staff

## CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

Music End of Year Presentation Night  
(Friday 23 November 6.00pm-  
7.30pm)

The Music Presentation and award evening will be held on Friday 23 November in the Auditorium. This will be the final performance opportunity for all music co-curricular groups to showcase their efforts throughout 2018. This will also be combined with the private instrumental tutor's performance night and finish with massed band items.



Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/permission-music-presentation> to find the permission note. A dress rehearsal will occur during Period 5 and 6 for all students involved.

Afternoon tea will be provided in the new quad at 4.00pm so students will not have to go home after school. Senior students will need to ensure they come back to school by the start of Period 5 to participate in rehearsals. Please let Miss Way know if you have any dietary requirements by sending an email to [beth.way@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:beth.way@merici.act.edu.au).

*A REMINDER- ALL INSTRUMENTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE JUBILEE AFTER THE CONCERT for stocktake to occur. No instruments are to be taken home for the remainder of the year. If you wish to discuss this, please do not hesitate to contact [beth.way@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:beth.way@merici.act.edu.au). Senior Band will finish rehearsals in Week 6 (Wednesday 21 November) and also be required to perform at the Expressive Arts Showcase on Tuesday 27 November. Junior Band, Choir, Strings and Jazz will continue during Week 7, then no music co-curricular will run during Weeks 8 or 9, with the exception of choir.*

### Dance Troupe Upcoming Events

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

- Gold Creek Christmas Celebration on Sunday 2 December at 12.30pm-1.00pm.
- The Museum of Possibilities (as part of the Design Canberra Festival) on Thursday 22 November at 12.00pm.

### Co-curricular Music Community Performance

Our Jazz Band and Senior Band will be performing at the Gold Creek Christmas Celebration on Sunday 2 December at 1.00pm-1.15pm. All welcome.

## OTHER NEWS

### 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](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)

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

### Canberra Metro Update

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

### Parentline ACT

*Being a parent is the hardest job we'll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress.*

Parentline ACT is a confidential and free telephone and face-to-face counselling and information service. Phone Parentline if you would you like:





- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager's behaviour.
- Make an appointment for a counselling session.

*Open Monday to Friday (except on public holidays), 9.00am to 5.00pm, telephone 6287 3833.*

### **Canberra Youth Orchestra and James McCusker Orchestra Auditions**

Auditions are now open for positions in the Canberra Youth Orchestra and James McCusker Orchestra. Auditions will be held on Sunday 18 November and Sunday 2 December 2018. Auditions must be booked in advance; for more information and to learn about the audition requirements please visit [www.musicforcanberra.org.au/auditions](http://www.musicforcanberra.org.au/auditions).

## **UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 4 Weeks 8 and 9)**

Year 12 Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony (Tuesday 4 December)

Merici Mentors and Volunteers Celebration (Wednesday 5 December)

Year 7-10 Advent Mass (Thursday 6 December)

Year 10 Awards Ceremony (Thursday 6 December)

Year 12 Formal (Friday 7 December)

Year 7-9 Christmas Concert and Disco (Friday 14 December)

Term 4 ends (Friday 14 December)