



## WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

### Term 4 Weeks 6 and 7 (16 November – 29 November 2020)

#### WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

##### School Fees Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that Term 4 school fees are due for payment this Friday 13 November 2020. If you have not already done so, it would be appreciated if you could please settle your account as soon as possible. This does not apply to those families who have established direct debit arrangements.

As advised earlier this term, Catholic Education is committed to continuing financial assistance into Term 4 to support families who have been financially impacted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact our Fees Liaison Officer Jodi Wrenford at [fees.office@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:fees.office@merici.act.edu.au) or call 6243 4108 to discuss options available to you for assistance.

##### Attendance Notification

Our preferred method of communication for student absence is email or SMS reply. A telephone call is no longer sufficient as all attendance must be stored digitally.

Please contact **Student Services in the first instance** if your daughter is absent by email to [attendance@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:attendance@merici.act.edu.au) or reply to the SMS notification sent to you should your daughter be marked absent in Pastoral Care. If you do not use these electronic methods, a note explaining your daughter's absence is required upon your daughter's return to school.

Extended absences should be addressed to Virginia McLeod, Head of Junior School at [virginia.mcleod@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:virginia.mcleod@merici.act.edu.au) or Damien Nemeth, Head of Senior School at [damien.nemeth@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:damien.nemeth@merici.act.edu.au), please copy Student Services ([attendance@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:attendance@merici.act.edu.au)) in the email. Do not hesitate to copy Pastoral Care teachers or House Coordinators into email correspondence and any other information you wish to share about your child.

Absentee reports are periodically emailed to families to help ensure our records are accurate and up to date.

##### Mathematics Tutoring

Maths Tutoring is available to all students Tuesday and Wednesday mornings (8.00am) and Wednesday after school (3.30-4.30pm) in the Pentony Centre. This will continue to the end of Week 7, Term 4.

##### Merici Makerspace Open for Students

The Merici Makerspace is open to any keen MakerGirls on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. All Welcome.



## Online Advice Newsletter

The Perimeter Guardian Parent Advice Online Safety information newsletter focuses on technology issues that may concern parents. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/nov-parent-online> to find the latest newsletter covering *Among Us* which is an online game, and updated features on Snapchat adding the ability for anyone to have a public profile.

## YEAR 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS

### Year 9 Urban Challenge - Parent Information Meeting 2 December (5.30pm)

As you are aware, this Year's Urban Challenge was postponed and we will now go ahead Monday to Wednesday 8-10 February (Week 2) next year. This will mean all organisation will have to be completed this year. There will be a Zoom parent meeting with Paul Colagiuri, the manager of The Urban Challenge on December 2 at 5.30pm. This will be a perfect opportunity to field all your questions. Paul has spent a lot of time creating a COVID safe program and it looks great. A link will be sent closer to the date.

Please follow the link <https://tinyurl.com/y5wqtxhb> to find parent information which has a link to login and register your daughters. Also included is the equipment list which can be found here, <https://tinyurl.com/yx8hhgrp>. This must be done by December 11 to allow TUC (the Urban Challenge) time to book hotels and activities. As you can imagine we must pay for the rooms we book and it is important that you all do this by this date. Please contact [virginia.mcleod@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:virginia.mcleod@merici.act.edu.au) if you have any enquiries.

## YEAR 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

### Year 11 Key Academic Dates IB DP for the end of Semester 2, 2020

16 – 20 November	Practice Exams IB DP – Students will not attend classes during this week.
30 November	Group 4 Project Collaboration with Riverina Anglican College – Wagga (Pending COVID Restrictions – may be physical or remote)
4 December	Group 4 Project Deadline
1 December	Feedback on Exams
11 December	ATAR Conversion second interim estimate
11 December	Last day of classes for IB DP students

### Key End of Year Academic Dates for BSSS Seniors

Please click [here](#) to find key end of year/semester academic dates for senior students. This outlines when Year 12 results will be published both internally and externally. Please ensure you read this document to best support your daughter at the end of the year as this can be a stressful time. An important date to note is the last day of classes for all BSSS seniors, Monday 23 November. BSSS students are then on summer holidays after this date. The Year 12 Graduation and Formal will follow this in the first week of December.

## CAREERS NEWS

Please visit <https://www.mericicareers.com/> to find the latest Careers newsletter and information.

## MISSION AND COMMUNITY

### Year 10 Christian Service Learning Week (Monday 23 November to Friday 27 November)

We are continuing our Christian Service Learning Program this year with a Christian Service Week involving all Year 10 students from Monday 23 November to Friday 27 November inclusive. Year 10 students have started receiving their 'Service Week packs' with important documents regarding their Week 6 Service Week placements. After receiving the Service Week packs, each student is required to follow instructions regarding completion of the 4-Way Agreement and return of these forms and the permission note. Your daughter has been asked to read through the Service Week pack with her parent/guardian and arrange a meeting with her supervisor to finalise the 4-Way Agreement and return it to the College. Students will have another briefing prior to their placements in Week 7.

## CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

### 2020 Creative and Performing Arts Showcase

Featuring Dance, Photography, Music, Design and Textiles, Media, Drama, Visual Arts, Design and Graphics

#### Opening Night

Wednesday 25 November

Official Opening, Fashion Parade, Dance, Band, Drama Performances 5.30pm-7.30pm in the Auditorium.

#### Exhibition Viewing

Thursday 26 November 9.00am - 4.00pm in the Auditorium. Merici College

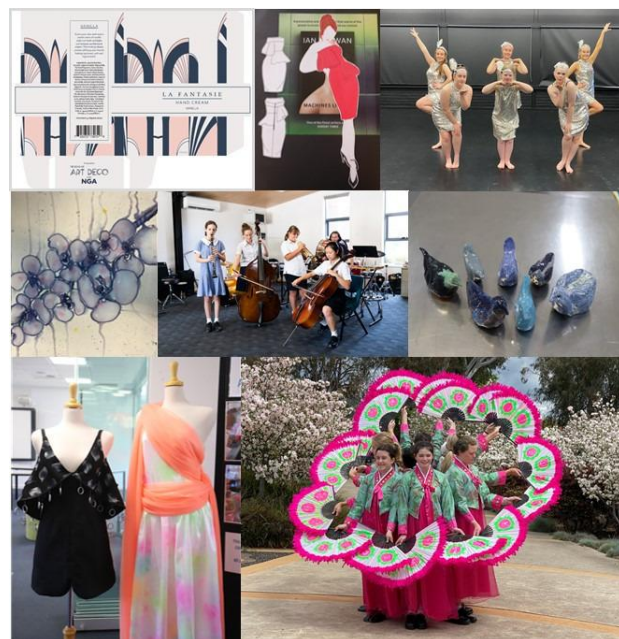
Due to the COVID19 restrictions, seating will be limited to 150 guests and bookings are essential.

There is no cost to guests, and we will accept

bookings of two per family. This will also include any student not participating in the evening's events. If the restrictions are eased, we will be in contact to allow for a larger family groups to attend.

Online bookings only at <https://www.trybooking.com/BMJEQ>.

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/showcase-permission> to find the student participation permission note.



## iC NEWS

As we near the end of the year, the biggest task is always chasing textbooks and overdue library resources. This is especially true for the seniors and Year 10 students as they finish up very soon. Last week, students were emailed a list of the textbooks they have out in their name. We are seeking your help and support to check all areas of the home, school bags and lockers to locate and return all school resources.

Another reminder about Sora by Overdrive; the digital library of eBooks and audiobooks for students of all Year levels, as well as adults. 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



If you experience any problems, please email: [ann.blakey@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ann.blakey@merici.act.edu.au).

## CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

### Snowsports 2021

Following recent information inviting expressions of interest to participate in SnowSports 2021, there will be an information evening held at the College on Monday 16 November 2020 at 5pm in the Catherine Rey Learning Centre (enter via main entrance, left upstairs). We will talk about all things Snowsports at Merici, in particular the Snowsports excursion to the Interschools Competition in July 2021.

All those interested are warmly invited to attend – particularly new families joining the Merici community in 2021.

The evening will be hosted by Snowsports co-ordinators Diana Davis and Adrian Heim. If you have not already, please register your interest at [snowsports@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:snowsports@merici.act.edu.au).

### Duke of Edinburgh's Award

After several false starts, our Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants will, at last, get the opportunity to head out bush for the Adventurous Journey component of the Award. On the weekend of 21-22 November, students will participate in a practice journey in the beautiful Mt Clear region of Namadgi National Park. This is one of the few areas currently available for us to hike due to last summer's bushfires and COVID-19 local area restrictions. If you are interested in finding out more about the Award, please contact Jackie Males on [jackie.males@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:jackie.males@merici.act.edu.au).

## OTHER NEWS

### ANU Open School of Music Pro Tools Workshop and Open Rehearsals

An amazing opportunity for any senior students who are interested in music production and have some Pro tools experience. The ANU School will be holding a workshop on 24-25 November at the ANU Recording Studio. Please see details in the flyers below. Places are limited so students should register by sending an email to [openschoolofmusic@anu.edu.au](mailto:openschoolofmusic@anu.edu.au).



### Pro Tools Workshop For college aged students

Learn how to make the most of your Pro Tools skills with  
Matt Barnes, Senior Technical Officer for the ANU School of Music

*Suits students with an interest in music production, and some existing  
experience using Pro Tools*

**Cost:** Free

**When:** 24 + 25 November, 10 am - 4 pm

**Where:** ANU School of Music, Recording Studio

Limited places available

To register please contact: [openschoolofmusic@anu.edu.au](mailto:openschoolofmusic@anu.edu.au)



### ANU Open School of Music Open Rehearsals

Are you interested in joining the ANU Open School? Come along and see a rehearsal in action!  
Meet our staff, students and tutors, and find out more about our programs. You are also welcome to bring your instrument to join in.  
**Tickets strictly limited (link at bottom)**

**Girls Jazz**  
Thursday 12 November 5:00 - 6:00 pm  
ANU School of Music, Athanaeum

**DMP Jazz (Advanced)**  
Tuesday 17th November 4:30 - 5:30 pm  
ANU School of Music, Athanaeum

**DMP Jazz (Beginner)**  
Wednesday 18th November 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
ANU School of Music, Athanaeum

**New Orleans Rehearsal Hall**  
Ages 18+, Tuesday 17th November 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
ANU School of Music, Big Band Room

**For registration visit:**  
<https://music.cass.anu.edu.au/form/open-rehearsal-registrations>  
For more information contact: [openschoolofmusic@anu.edu.au](mailto:openschoolofmusic@anu.edu.au)

### Summer Music Programs In Canberra

Canberra's 'Young Music Society' have an exciting range of holiday music programs right here in the capitol. Programs run from 11 – 22 January and cater for Primary and Secondary musicians. Programs include a Classical Guitar forum, Composition/Song writing Workshop, Concert Band Camp, Percussion and Drumming and Wild Strings. Flyers are available from Mrs Bartasek at school or go to the web site [www.youngmusicsociety.org.au](http://www.youngmusicsociety.org.au).

### International Sports Holiday Camps - Extended half price offer to 29 November 2020

Holiday camps for netball and soccer will be held at Merici College, 13, 14, 15 January 2021. Basketball, cricket camps will be held at Radford College, 12, 13, 14 January 2021. Special half price offer for Merici College students who book before 29 November. Please use the coupon code of SCHOOL50 when checking out on the web site [iscamps.com.au](http://iscamps.com.au).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming calendar events will be confirmed by email and are subject to COVID-19 restrictions.