



WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #fidelitas #merici60

Term 2 Week 10 and Term 3 Week 1 (1 July-28 July)

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Principal's Blog – Vinnies CEO Sleepout

This is the 3rd year Mrs Wholley has been involved with the Vinnies CEO Sleepout. At Merici College, we have been doing it for longer with the students in the old quad on a cold winter's night.... [full article](#).

Welcome to New Board Members

At its meeting on Tuesday 18 June, the Merici School Board was pleased to welcome new Board members, Christina Ween and Anne-Marie Cooper.

Christina is a Commander in the Royal Australian Navy and has held a Ministerial Appointment as a Trustee of the RAN Relief Trust Fund (RTF), Deputy Chair of Navy's benevolent fund - 'Keeping Watch', previous Chair and current Trustee member of the RAN RTF Audit Committee, being a sponsor family of a foreign Military Officer at the Australian War College, host of an Italian Exchange Student for eight weeks through Merici in 2018, a formal Women's Mentor in a number of environments, a member of her local Community Fire Unit, Scout Parent Helper, previous and current Judge for Australian Defence Magazine Women in Defence Awards and a Telstra Business Woman Finalist and Alumni Member.

Anne-Marie has had previous Board experience and currently serves on the Board of Marymead. She also chairs a Quality Assurance Committee at the University of Melbourne twice yearly. Anne-Marie's career has involved international education and she has managed globally and was a Director of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), the largest English language test in the world. The test is jointly and equally owned by IELTS Australia Pty Limited (for which she was responsible), the British Council and the University of Cambridge.

Building Fund Statements

Please note that Building Fund statements will be emailed to families during the first week of July.

End of Term 2 – Friday 5 July

Term 3 begins – Monday 22 July

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.

#MERICI60 Diamond Concert and Fundraiser (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/massinvite> 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 02-62434178, 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.

YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

End of Semester Academic Dates

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/key-dates-yr11-12> to find key academic dates for end of Semester 1 for Year 11 and 12 students.

Year 10 Transitions Forum and Subject Selections for Year 11

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/subjects-transition> to find a letter outlining the Year 11 2020 Subject Selections and upcoming Transitions Week. Please ensure you read the letter carefully so that you understand the process of selecting senior subjects. The permission note for Transition Week can be found [here](#). Please return this to Mrs McDonnell.

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 <http://merici.college/go/careers-may>.

DEFENCE NEWS

Australian War Memorial (AWM) Peace Project

In this, the Centenary of the Year of Peace, you/your family and/or school is invited to join the AWM Peace Project for a historic National Peace Project to celebrate the Centenary of Peace Day (19 July 1919) and help make a giant peace poppy on the Forecourt at the War Memorial. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/awm-peace> to find more information.

CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

ACT and Southern NSW Interschools Snow Sports Competition Tuesday 23 July to Friday 26 July)

On Tuesday 23 July in the morning, 19 Students will depart Merici College to compete in ACT Interschool Snow Sports Competition for 3 days of competition against rival ACT and Southern NSW schools at the Perisher Valley Ski Resort. This region is renowned for providing the highest standard of competition. Students will depart from the auditorium carpark at 7.00am on Tuesday 23 July on the Goanna bus and return at approximately 8.30pm on Friday night, 26 July. They are joined by Diana Davis and Adrian Heim, as well as a team of enthusiastic parents offering their support and encouragement as team managers and ski course volunteers.

iC NEWS

As part of our regular collection maintenance we ensure resources are Current, Reliable, Authoritative and meet the Purpose of curriculum and our users, the staff and students of the College. We remove resources from the collection that no longer meet these criteria, for non-fiction this is easy: the information is dated, it doesn't meet the Curriculum, and is no longer topical or relevant. For Fiction resources this is slightly more difficult; at times we can remove a book because it is old, no longer appealing, or damaged. The other criteria we have is that it hasn't been borrowed in some time.

Our display in the iC for this month is to raise the profile of these fiction books to promote their appeal and stop them from becoming the next weeded item. As the holidays loom, perhaps it is time to encourage your daughter to browse the 'Winter Warmers' display to find a book that hasn't been borrowed for a while. If it is a great read, have them recommend it to friends, if not tell the iC staff why and that will be the resource that is removed from the collection.

Yours in reading,
iC staff

SPORT

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

OTHER NEWS

QE High School Writing Competition for Year 9-12 Students

Quarterly Essay (QE) is an agenda-setting journal of politics and culture. Each issue contains a single essay of about 25,000 words, followed by correspondence on previous essays. QE presents the widest range of political, intellectual and cultural opinion and aims to foster debate. It offers a forum for original long-form investigations, profiles and arguments.

Students in Years 9-12 are invited to participate in a high school writing competition. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/qe-high-school-comp> to find more information on the competition and how to submit your response.

AFL Canberra Umpiring

AFL Canberra is still in need of Field, Goal and Boundary umpires for the 2019 season. If you are 13 or up and want to be involved in the AFL you should consider joining up.

Boundary umpires get paid \$29-70 per game

Goal umpires get paid \$29-\$60 per game

You don't need to be a player, you can be a sister, brother or parent. All training will be provided.

Get in the Game <http://umpireafl.info/>.

If you would like more information, please call Jake Bateman on 0481 211 536 or simply come down to training at Footy Park 6pm Wednesdays.



Sensory Screenings coming once a month to Dendy Canberra

Sensory screenings are tailored to meet the needs of families living with autism and other sensory needs. The program consists of family-friendly content and family classics. Sensory Friendly screenings provide a safe and accepting cinema environment, including dimmed lights (not total darkness) and reduced sound levels. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/dendy-sensory-friendly-screening> to find more information.

Capital Football ALDI MiniRoos Holiday Clinics

The best way to learn football is by playing football and the MiniRoos curriculum is designed to cater to all skill levels. The qualified coaches are there to guide players through fun and football relevant activities and games, which are stimulating and challenging for all involved.

Ages: 4 – 11 year olds

Dates: 15 – 17 July

Times: 9.00am – 12.00pm

Venue: Hawker Football Centre

Walhallow St, Hawker ACT 2614

Cost: \$150

For further information and to register please visit <https://capitalfootball.com.au/game-development/holiday-clinics/>

UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 3 Weeks 2 and 3)

Penola House Day (Monday 5 August)

Grandparents Day Prayer and Morning Tea (Tuesday 6 August)

Moderation Day #2 (Thursday 8 August)

60th Anniversary Concert (Friday 9 August and Saturday 10 August)

Talk and Tour (Saturday 10 August 9.00am)