WHAT’S ON AT MERICI
TERM 2 WEEKS 2 AND 3 (6 MAY – 19 MAY)

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Year 6 student visits from feeder schools – Tuesday 7 May
Year 6 students from feeder schools will visit Merici College on Tuesday 7 May. Many hands-on activities have been organised for the students together with lots of displays and other information stalls.

Open Day – Wednesday 8 May (9.30am-7.00pm)
Come and see the College in action at our Open Day on Wednesday 8 May from 9.30am - 7.00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience teachers and students in action and see cutting edge practices in teaching and learning. For more information please visit the website at http://tiny.cc/ixievw or contact Mrs Ros Parisi, Public Relations Officer on telephone 6243 4178, email ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au. For enrolment enquiries please contact Trish Ryan on telephone 6243 4102 or email patricia.ryan@merici.act.edu.au.

Bridge Restaurant – Wednesday 8 May (12.30pm-1.30pm)
The Bridge Restaurant will be open on Wednesday 8 May at 12.30pm-1.30pm. If you would like to make a booking please call 6243 4100.

Information Evening for Year 7 students 2014 – Tuesday 14 May (6.00pm – 7.15pm)
An Information Evening for Year 7 students 2014 will be held at the College on Tuesday 14 May from 6.00pm-7.15pm. Families are invited to attend the information evening. Presentations will address curriculum, pastoral care and educational philosophy and key College personnel will be available to discuss your queries. Enrolment forms will be available.

Author Visit – Monday 13 May
On Monday 13 May Merici College Information Centre will host an author visit for Year 10 and Year 12 Religious Education students. Randa Abdel-Fatteh is a practising lawyer and a human rights activist who has published four national and international ward winning novels for young adults including Where the streets had a name which won an Australian Teens Choice Award. Randa’s focus fits well with Year 10s interest in Christianity and other religions and with Year 12s concerns relating to Social action and Justice in the local and global context. We look forward to her visit.

Bridge Restaurant – Wednesday 15 May (12.30pm-1.30pm)
The Bridge Restaurant will be open on Wednesday 15 May at 12.30pm-1.30pm. If you would like to make a booking please call 6243 4100.

Mathematics Tutorials
Mathematics Tutorials are held every Tuesday at lunch time in the Catherine Rey Learning Centre. This is a free service provided by the Mathematics teachers at Merici and is open to all students.

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Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Information Evening – Wednesday 15 May (5.30pm)
The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme gives students the opportunity to experience personal development and a sense of personal achievement through individual challenge, teamwork and fun. Students challenge themselves through various activities including physical recreation, skills, leadership, and service to the community. Students also develop outdoor bushcraft and navigation skills through organised excursions.

The program is available to all students in years 9 and up. We will be holding an information evening for all new participants and their parents on Wednesday 15 May in the Auditorium. The evening will start at 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start. Information on how your daughter can join the scheme, the Introductory weekends coming up and how she can achieve the different award levels will be discussed on the night. It is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions you might have and to chat to current participants in the scheme.

Information Evening for Year 11 students 2014 – Thursday 16 May (6.00pm-7.00pm)
An information night for Year 11 2014 will be held in the College’s auditorium from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Current and intending students and their parents are invited to attend the Information night. Presentations will address the ACT Senior System and Merici College curriculum and unique senior pastoral setting. Key College personnel and specialist teaches for subjects offered will be available to meet with you to discuss any specific questions you may have. Senior Information Handbooks will be available.

Careers Expo for Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students – Thursday 16 May (4.00pm - 5.30pm)
A Careers Expo will be held on Thursday 16 May from 4.00pm to 5.30pm for all Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students and parents. For more information please follow the link [http://tiny.cc/8ikevw](http://tiny.cc/8ikevw).

"Twelfth Night" Performance by Year 9/10 Drama – Tuesday 21 May (6.00pm)
"If music be the food of love, play on". Our very own year 9 and 10 drama students will be performing an adapted version of William Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night' in the Merici Auditorium at 6.00pm on Tuesday 21 May. It is free entry and all are welcome to attend.

Maintenance of Laptop Chargers
Parents are requested to check their daughter’s laptop charger for exposed wiring or any other faults. Students are requested to bring faulty chargers to the IT Department for repair.

YEAR 9 NEWS

Year 9 Retreat Day – Friday 10 May
Year 9 students will attend a Retreat on Friday 10 May to be held at the College. Students will spend the day involved in a variety of activities and may wear their own clothes to school on the day.
Year 9 Geography Fieldtrip – Friday 17 May
Year 9 Geography students will attend a fieldtrip to Kosciusko National Park on Friday 17 May. Students are required to meet at Merici College at 6.40am for a 7.00am departure. Students will return to the College at approximately 6.45pm.

YEAR 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

Year 10 Transitions Forum – ‘Experts on Tap’ Needed
We are in the process of organising the Year 10 Transitions Forum at the end of Semester 1 Monday 1st - 5th July. We will be running an 'Experts on Tap' day where parents from our Merici community offer their advice on their own career journey. This session lasts about 2 hours. Last year there were representatives from the following areas:

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If you are interested in helping out and talking to a small group about your career, please contact Kerry McDonnell on 62434135 or email at kerry.mcdonnell@merici.act.edu.au.

Senior Orals – Monday 6 May
All Tertiary English students will present their speeches on Monday 6 May 2013 in front of their classmates. No other senior Tertiary classes will be held on this day.

Year 11 and 12 Geography Fieldtrip – Thursday 9 May – Friday 10 May
A fieldtrip to the south coast has been organised for the Senior Geography class. During the field trip students will broaden their study of marine ecosystems, examine the impact of humans on the coastline and undertake relevant field work activities. Students will depart from Merici College at 7.45am on 9 May and return at approximately 5.00pm on 10 May.

Psychology Excursion – Monday 13 May
This semester in Psychology, students are studying Psychology with a focus on the development of children from infancy to childhood. As part of the curriculum, we are offering the students an opportunity to visit the Wiradjuri (ph 6201 2087) and the Kirinari (ph 6201 2339) child-care centres at the University of Canberra in order to make some observations about children’s social interactions, play, etc. This will form the basis of an in-class assessment task weighted at 30% in Week 14. The excursion will take place on Monday 13 May. Departure time is 9.15am. The expected time of return to Merici is 2.30pm.

CURRICULUM NEWS

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
Thank you to all parents who attended parent/student/teacher interviews. If you were unable to catch up with daughter’s teachers, we welcome contact with you. Please follow the link http://tiny.cc/nu1dww to find email addresses of all staff at the College.

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**NAPLAN Years 7 and 9 – Tuesday 14 May – Thursday 16 May (NAPLAN Catchup Friday 17 May)**

The following information is contained in the NAPLAN 2013 Information for Parents brochure which can be found on our website at [http://tiny.cc/6pjevw](http://tiny.cc/6pjevw). NAPLAN testing days are Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May. Students will be given a timetable with all testing details in the week prior to the tests to enable them to take this home for parent information. Students in Year 7 and 9 will be required to bring a simple scientific calculator to the numeracy test. The schedule for this test will be included in the timetable given to students. Please follow the link [http://tiny.cc/xgdjww](http://tiny.cc/xgdjww) to find the timetable.

**DANCE NEWS**

**Extravadancer - Rehearsal dates**

General rehearsals for ‘Extravadancer” will commence on Sunday 5 May from 1.00pm to 5.00pm and will be held every Sunday in Term 2. Rehearsals will also be held on Sunday 19 May and Sunday 26 May from 1.00pm-5.00pm. All rehearsals are held in the auditorium. If you are unable to attend a rehearsal at the last minute, please notify Mrs Laird via phone (direct number 6243 4143) or email Liza.Laird@merici.act.edu.au.

**MUSIC NEWS**

**Band Camp – Sunday 5 May – Tuesday 7 May**

Junior and Senior bands will attend a band camp from Sunday 5 May to Tuesday 7 May). The venue for the camp is The Pines Education & Retreat Centre in Tuross Head NSW. Please follow the link [http://tiny.cc/prhevw](http://tiny.cc/prhevw) for further correspondence and the permission note. For more information please contact Naomi Barber on telephone 6243 4100 or email naomi.barber@merici.act.edu.au.

**SPORT NEWS**

**ACT 12 Years and Under Tennis – Monday 6 May**

For more information on the ACT 12 Years and Under Tennis tournament please contact Andrew Blakey on email Andrew.blakey@,merici.act.edu.au.

**ACT 12 Years and Under Basketball – Thursday 9 May**

For more information on the ACT 12 Years and Under Tennis tournament please contact Andrew Blakey on email Andrew.blakey@,merici.act.edu.au.

**ACT 12 Years and Under Touch – Monday 13 May**

For more information on the ACT 12 Years and Under Tennis tournament please contact Andrew Blakey on email Andrew.blakey@,merici.act.edu.au.

**Sports Gala Day – Thursday 23 May**

On Thursday 23 May, Sport and Recreation classes will be conducting a sports gala day for 120 students from Ainslie Primary. The Sport & Recreation students have been planning the day as part of their assessment in the Recreation Management & Community Programs unit. They have worked cohesively in preparing the gala day and have devised fun physical activities and challenges for the participants to enjoy!

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SRC NEWS

SRC: Australian Red Cross Blood Service
Just a reminder to all students and parents that Merici is continuing with its Blood Donation program for 2013 through organising a series of Blood Donor courtesy buses to the Donor Centre in Garran. If you are 16 years and over you are eligible to donate. Please check the SRC noticeboard or the Australian Red Cross Blood Service website [http://www.donateblood.com.au/](http://www.donateblood.com.au/) for further eligibility requirements.

The donor buses booked from Merici College for Terms 2 and 3 are as follows:

Monday 3 June @ 9:30am & 1pm
Monday 29 July @ 9:30am & 1pm
Monday 2 September @ 9:30am & 1pm

For further details please contact your Red Cross Youth Ambassadors, Rachel Donohoe and Audrey McGahey or the SRC Facilitator, Ms Sonia Conte at Sonia.Conte@merici.act.edu.au

CONGRATULATIONS

School Sport Australia – Pizzey Cup – Saturday 4 May – Sunday 12 May
Congratulations to students Jacinta Pang and Stephanie Pang who have been selected to participate in the Pizzey (tennis) Cup to be held in Adelaide from 4 May to 12 May. We wish Jacinta and Stephanie lots of luck as they prepare for the competition.

OTHER NEWS

Rosary Primary School Black and White Ball – Celebrating 50th Anniversary – Saturday 10 August
Save the date for a Black and White Ball celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Rosary Primary School to be held on Saturday 10 August 2013. More information to follow.

Positive Partnerships Workshop – Wednesday 29 May - Thursday 30 May
A free two-day workshop and information sessions for parents and carers of school age students on the autism spectrum. The workshop will be held at Raiders Belconnen, Hardwick Crescent, Holt, ACT 2615 commencing at 9.30am on Wednesday 29 May. Please follow the link to find more information [http://tiny.cc/zeievw](http://tiny.cc/zeievw).

Camp Quality Trivia Night – Friday 17 May (7.00pm)
Join in the fun of a Trivia night in support of Camp Quality. The trivia night will be held on Friday 17 May at St Gregory’s Primary School, MacQuoid Street, Queanbeyan, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Please follow the link [http://tiny.cc/gkdaww](http://tiny.cc/gkdaww) to find more information.

Council of Catholic School Parents - Tips for Parents New Website
A new website has been developed by the Council of Catholic School Parents which has resources, tip sheets, etc to help build 'parent and community engagement with learning in schools'. For more information please follow the link [http://www.partners4learning.edu.au/](http://www.partners4learning.edu.au/).
UPCOMING EVENTS (Week 4 and 5)

Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 Drama “Comedy Cavalcade” – Monday 20 May (1.15pm-3.30pm)
ACT 13 Years and over Orienteering – Monday 20 May
Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 Drama “Comedy Cavalcade” – Tuesday 21 May (7.00pm-9.00pm)
North Gungahlin Cross Country Stromlo – Tuesday 21 May
Kate Patterson Cup Girls Basketball – Tuesday 21 May
ASC Cross Country – Tuesday 21 May
ACT 12 Years and Under Hockey ACT – Wednesday 22 May
Sydney Symphony and Sinfonia Concert – Wednesday 22 May
Band Concert – Thursday 23 May (5.30pm-7.30pm)
ACT 12 Years and Under Swimming AIS – Thursday 23 May
St Angela Merici Day Mass and Feast Day – Friday 24 May
ACT Swimming 13 Years and Over AIS – Friday 24 May
Poetry in Action – Friday 24 May
DoE Introductory Weekends – Friday 24 May – Sunday 26 May
National Eisteddfod – Saturday 25 May
Sorry Day – Sunday 26 May