WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Weeks 4 and 5 (10 May – 23 May)

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Open Day – Thank you!

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution made by students which, in no small part, contributed to the success of our Open Day. Over 200 students participated in Open Day activities during the day and into the night. The students were all wonderful ambassadors for our school and we have received excellent feedback from all our visitors on your exceptional skills in conducting school tours, participating in classroom activities, and presenting dance. music and drama performances. In particular, our visitors commented on how our students spoke about Merici life with such pride and enthusiasm. We would like to extend our special thanks and appreciation to our Maintenance, Canteen and Hospitality staff members who worked tirelessly to prepare for our Open Day, and our teachers who coordinated and supervised activities, that present a small snapshot of the exceptional work they do every day. Their enthusiasm for teaching and learning and their dedication to the school is greatly appreciated.

Anzac Biscuits Legacy Fundraising

Thank you to all our parents and students who contributed to baking, selling and supporting Legacy by purchasing Anzac biscuits. We raised $250 with biscuit sales.

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mother's Day Prayer and Breakfast (Monday 10 May 8am)

We are looking forward to this special event. Unfortunately, we have been overwhelmed with the number of rsvps we have received and have now closed bookings. We are organising a similar event in the next few months for our mothers and daughters and hope to see you there. More information to come. For those attending, a reminder to use the Check-in CBR app on your arrival and COVID safe practices.

Ningil House Day (Monday 10 May)

Ningil House will celebrate their 'House Day' on Monday 6 May. This is an opportunity to acknowledge, observe and explore the Order of Presentation Nuns on which Ningil House is founded. The Nano Nagle Memorial is usually commemorated on the 26 April and is very important to the formation of the Presentation Nuns.

Students will be required to attend normal classes during the day and will gather together in the PC lesson (period 4) to reflect on the history of Ningil House followed by a cake in the Indigenous Garden. Ningil students are encouraged to wear red accessories on the day.

Guidelines for Ningil House Day dress: To ensure the Ningil House Day is as successful as possible, students are required to follow the dress guidelines below:

- wear red accessories with your full winter school uniform eg. red hair ribbon or head band
- all College rules about make-up and jewellery apply on this day – no coloured hair

We are looking forward to a very successful Ningil 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 Emma Kennedy, Acting House Coordinator.

CASE Ocean Senior and Junior Programs Information Sessions – Wednesday 19 May via Zoom

All aboard! CASE Ocean School launching now in Australia

CASE Ocean School is a new Australian study program providing students with an all-encompassing STEAM experience focusing on marine biology, ocean ecology, cutting-edge research, and technologies. Delivered using real-life content, CASE Ocean School also focuses on building student's personal leadership and development skills by improving higher order and critical thinking skills.
CASE Ocean School inspires a new generation of leaders and is recommended to all students, especially those with a passion for adventure and looking to kick-start their career with 21st century skills. Click here to join Merici College expedition and RSVP for the Information session: https://actura.com.au/merici

- Junior Ocean School Information Session – Ocean Exploration for Young Adventurers
  Online information session - Wednesday 19 May at 5.30pm.
- Senior Ocean School Information Session– Ocean Management for Young Leaders
  Online information session - Wednesday 19 May at 6.45pm.

Bridge Restaurant (Wednesday 19 May 12.30pm)

The Bridge Restaurant will be open on Wednesday 29 May at 12.30pm. Please telephone 6243 4130 for all bookings.

YEAR 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS

2021 NAPLAN Testing (11-17 May)

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every student to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

As a College we value the NAPLAN testing for a variety of reasons. We are provided with detailed data about individual students and the respective cohorts which assist in informing teachers about areas of student strength and areas for development.

NAPLAN 2021 is scheduled to take place between 11 and 17 May 2021 for our Year 7 and Year 9 students. All testing will occur using the online testing platform.

Tue 11 May	Wed 12 May	Thur 13 May	Fri 14 May	Mon 17 May
Reading Test	Writing Test	Conventions of Language	Numeracy (Year 9)	Numeracy (Year 7)

STUDENT EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

1. A fully charged device (laptop computer).
2. Earphones (plug in earphones are preferred rather than wi-fi versions which may drop out over the course of the testing and provide interruption to student testing.
3. Writing equipment (pens, pencils eraser and sharpener).
4. Water bottle.

Please note that students are not to bring any mobile phones or digitally enabled watches. All students will be asked to remove their watches and place them in their pocket for the duration of the testing. All tests have a clock on them to assist students with time management.

Students will be completing the tests on their own devices and are required to download the lockdown browser onto their own devices in readiness for the assessments. Please note that some parental control measures can impact the ability for students to do this. Further information on NAPLAN Online, including the public demonstration site, is available at www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online.

As a parent, you can become familiar with NAPLAN Online tests by visiting the public demonstration site, http://bit.ly/naplanonline. The purpose of the site is to familiarise students with the type of items they will see on NAPLAN Online and related functionalities. This level of familiarisation is worthwhile to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the test.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss your daughter's participation in this event, please contact Mrs Kate Durham – Head of Junior School on email kate.durham@merici.act.edu.au.

YEAR 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

Year 11 2022 Subject Selections

Year 10 students will receive an email on Thursday 13 May with their link to their subject selections for Year 11 2022. Students will need to enter their study package (BSSS or IB) as well as their individual subjects. Students are encouraged to speak with their teachers about subjects of interest to them and read through their Senior Subject Handbooks given out in their information pack at the Information Evening.

Students are asked to enter their subject choices by Friday 11 June. Their selections will then be discussed at their individual transitions meetings that will be held during Transitions Week at the end of this term.

CAREERS NEWS

Please follow http://merici.college/go/careers-newsletter to find the latest Careers newsletter and information.

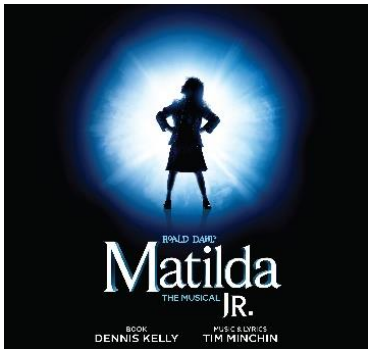
CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Art from the Heart Family Workshop (Wednesday 12 May)

The Art Department's second Family Workshop will be held on Wednesday 12 May. The workshop will commence at 5.30pm and conclude at approximately 8.00pm. Refreshments will be served. Unfortunately, due to limited capacity, siblings are not able to attend.

Please email ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au by Wednesday 5 May if you would like to participate (please indicate number of people and special dietary requirements). For more information, please contact Laura Pearce, Creative and Performing Arts Coordinator on email laura.pearce@merici.act.edu.au.

Merici College students proudly present a production of Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical JR.*



Our cast are working very hard to bring to our stage an entertaining and exciting musical. Our talented performers continue to demonstrate the very high standards we have come to expect of Merici College, and our production team are committed to bring to life the story of a girl who dreams of a better life.

Be a part of this wonderful experience and meet Matilda who has astonishing wit, intelligence... and special powers! She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her school teacher, the highly loveable Miss Honey. Matilda's school life isn't completely smooth sailing; the school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts, and could be the school pupils' saving grace.

Join us for what will truly be an extraordinary musical production!
Book now!

Cast A:
Friday 30 July and Saturday 31 July 7pm
Cast B:
Friday 6 August and Saturday 7 August at 7pm

Tickets available at TryBooking https://www.trybooking.com/BQHCK
Adults: $15
Students: $10
Child 12 Yrs and under: $5
Senior Citizen: $10
Family: $50 (2 Adults, 3 Students).

IB NEWS

Key IB DP Dates – Year 12

Please find below the key IB dates (This does not include Merici set assessment.)

Date	Event
7 May	*Draft of EE due (Deadline extended until June 1st)*

Year 10 Personal Projects

The Year 10s continue to work on their Personal Projects; they have been tasked to create an action plan and success criteria for their product/outcome. Students are to create 'criteria' statements that describe the attributes they want their completed project to have. They must explain why they have chosen to include such criteria and ensure they refer to their research to support their ideas. Students are also working on their product/outcome with the aim of completing this by the end of May and then focus their attention on writing their final report due at the beginning of Term 3.

The Personal Project drop in sessions continue to be held every second Tuesday (Week A) during lunchtime. This is an opportunity for students to discuss their projects with the Personal Project Coordinator and the Head of IB. In addition to assistance from their supervisor, these sessions aim to provide extra support for students as they work to complete their Personal Project.

iC NEWS

On Friday 7th May, Merici College has three teams competing in the Kid's Lit Quiz Canberra Heat, held at Canberra Grammar School. We wish the students well.

Wednesday, the 19th May is National Simultaneous Storytime, an event organised by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) where many libraries and schools across Australia and New Zealand read a story together as part of the Library and Information Week celebrations.

The Merici Community is participating again this year and will come together in the iC at lunch time, on the day. We will have a reading of the National Simultaneous Storytime book *Give me some Space* written by Matt Philip Bunting. The celebration and promotion of reading cannot be underestimated. Looking forward to seeing all students as we share a story together.

We are never too old for picture books!

iC Staff

SPORT NEWS

Athletics Carnival

An all-weather synthetic track means that rain, hail or shine your carnival can go ahead and that it did! Thank you to our courageous Merici College students for braving the delightful weather and contributing to the success of the carnival. The participation, team spirit and attendance at the carnival was a beautiful reminder of the special community we have here at Merici College.

Thank you to all staff and parents who contributed to making the carnival a success.

Congratulations to all students for their outstanding efforts. The following students were Age Champions on the day.

12 Years - Age Champion: Bonnie Young, Runner Up: Tara Holmes
13 Years - Age Champion: Eva Spoljaric, Runner Up: Jorja Langi
14 Years - Age Champion: Eliza Kelly, Runner Up: Anna Clarke
15 Years - Age Champion: Allegra Senti, Runner Up: Lucy Neely
16 Years - Age Champion: Ruby Alexander, Runner Up: Alyssa Smith
Opens - Age Champion: Claire Solomon, Runner Up: Ashleigh Frater
Merici Flash - Natalie Pearson

CARNIVAL WINNING HOUSE - Tullow House

HOUSE CUP -
- Tullow
- Brescia
- Penola

CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

Dance Troupe Performance (Sunday 9 May)

Our wonderful Dance Troupe will be performing at the markets in Haig Park on Sunday 9 May (Mother's Day!) at 10.30am. Do come along and support the students whilst also enjoying the many market stalls!

UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 2 Weeks 6 and 7)

St Angela Merici Day (Friday 28 May)
Public Holiday (Monday 31 May)
Father/Daughter Reflection Evening (Tuesday 1 June)
Year 10 exams (Thursday 3 June-Friday 4 June)