WHAT’S ON AT MERICI
Term 2 Weeks 6 and 7 (3 June - 16 June)

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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.

Merici Science Series 2013 – Professor Tony McMichael (ANU) – Tuesday 4 June (4.00pm)
In 2013 Merici will host a variety of current and former researchers who will talk about what they do and the impact it has on the world. Our theme will be the applications of science and the importance of scientific thinking outside the lab. All interested students, staff, friends and family are welcome. The talks will be held in the Science Flexi Learning area.

Professor Tony McMichael will be speaking on Tuesday 4 June at 4.00pm about the science that can help us understand how a shift in climate might alter our world in the next few generations. Afternoon tea will be served in the restaurant at 3.40pm and the talk will begin at 4.00pm. For further details please email kathryn.white@merici.act.edu.au. Please following the link http://tiny.cc/dnbqsw to find the information flyer.

Bridge Restaurant – Wednesday 5 June (12.30pm-1.30pm)
The Bridge Restaurant will be open on Wednesday 5 June at 12.30pm-1.30pm. If you would like to make a booking please call 6243 4100.

Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday – Monday 10 June

Excursion Free Week – Tuesday 11 June – Friday 14 June

Bridge Restaurant – Wednesday 12 June (12.30pm-1.30pm)
The Bridge Restaurant will be open on Wednesday 12 June at 12.30pm-1.30pm. If you would like to make a booking please call 6243 4100.

YEAR 7 NEWS

Year 7 Immunisations (Second Round) – Thursday 6 June
Immunisations for Year 7 students will be held at the College on Thursday 7 June. If you require further information about the ACT high school immunisation program please contact the School Health Team on 62052086 or go to http://health.act.gov.au/schoolhealth.
**YEAR 9 NEWS**

**Year 9 Immunisations – Friday 7 June**
Immunisations for Year 9 students will be held at the College on Friday 7 June. Immunisation consent forms have been distributed to all Year 9 students. If you require further information about the ACT high school immunisation program please contact the School Health Team on 62052086 or go to [http://health.act.gov.au/schoolhealth](http://health.act.gov.au/schoolhealth).

**YEAR 10 NEWS**

**Year 10 Transitions Forum – Monday 1 July – Friday 5 July**
The Transitions Forum is the most important week of Year 10. During the forum your daughters will consider how to make decisions, reflect on what is important in life, hear about a few different careers, learn about the job market, prepare for senior study and much, much more.

The days have been specifically organised into different areas:

**Monday** – a full day presentation, “Day of Hope” with Glenn Gerryn for the Oxygen Factory, Sydney. He concentrates on goals and motivation and in the past he has had our students on the edge of their seats with his inspirational words.

**Tuesday** - Lucas Walker from the Australian Business Academy discusses resumes and interview techniques. Victoria’s Models will provide sessions on motivation, interview behaviour and dressing for interviews.

**Wednesday** - the day begins with some of our senior students share their insights into life as a senior student at Merici College in an informal chat session. Our ‘Experts on Tap’ sessions, provided by parents of Merici will provide their own insight into their pathways. The afternoon session is all about subject choices for Year 11 and 12 and Trazel Scott will explain the online subject choice program. All students will rotate through faculty presentations so that they begin to hear about the range of opportunities available to them. During this time, the students will have a paper copy of subject choices so they can begin to highlight the ones that interest them. Students will only have Wednesday night to make their subject choice online prior to interviews on Thursday.

**Thursday** - the day concentrates on academic skills in the morning, covering introduction to senior study, grade descriptors and university course prerequisites. After recess, the process of Student/Parent Interviews begin. This will be explained further in the newsletter. When your daughter has finished the interviews, she will be working on obtaining her Certificate I in Information, Digital Media and Communication. It is the aim that every Year 10 student successfully achieves the Certificate by the end of the year. Students will also complete during this session an online personality profile that helps them to work identify their goals and employability skills. This information then is used to create their own resume.

**Friday**- students choose two institutions that they would like to visit. They can choose between Canberra Institute of Technology, Australian National University, University of Canberra, Australian Catholic University, Hyatt Hotel, WIN TV, Magistrates Court and Australian Defence Force Academy. If there is any interest in the Australian Academy of Interactive Entertainment, we will be able to arrange a tour.
CHANGES TO YEAR 10 INTERVIEWS FOR SENIOR COLLEGE

As mentioned above, the process of senior interviews for Year 10 parents and students has been streamlined this year. We are trialling a system where the interviews are integrated into the Year 10 Transitions Forum.

Interviews will be held with the Executive and Middle Managers on Thursday 4th July from approximately 10.30 to 5.00pm. Parents will be allocated a 15 minute timeslot for their interview and you will be notified of that time via the Subject Selection Online portal your daughter will be using to select her subjects prior to the interviews. Your daughter will be notified shortly of her password and when the portal is able to be accessed. Parents who are unable to meet the timeslot provided will be able to reschedule their appointment on this day via Mrs Ros Parisi on telephone 6243 4178 or email ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au. At the interview we will discuss with you and your daughter, her choices and facilitate the best subject selection for her senior years.

CURRICULUM NEWS

Semester 1 Senior and Year 10 Exams - Monday 17 June – Tuesday 25 June

The formal end of semester exam period is quickly approaching. While the thought of exams might be intimidating, they are just another assessment task where the teacher is asking students what they know about their learning. Preparing well for exams reduces stress and anxiety on the day, but requires additional effort in the weeks leading up to the exams. It is most important that students continue to get sufficient sleep, exercise and good food throughout the exam period. It would be helpful if students reduced any paid work commitments during the lead up to exams and during the exam period itself. Employers will need due notice, so plan early.

Exams will be held from Monday 17 June to Tuesday 25 June. Individual timetables have been distributed to senior students in morning Pastoral Care lessons. Please follow the link http://tiny.cc/d0dtxw to find the Semester 1 Exam timetable. Formal classes are scheduled until Friday the 14th June.

Students are expected to be in the New Quad 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the exam. They should wear casual clothes appropriate for the workplace including closed shoes, taking into account the cold mornings, and sitting for long periods.

When senior students are not in scheduled exams, they are encouraged to undertake private study at the College. The Senior Study and the hUb are available for quiet study and group study space is available in the hUb (Wednesday-Friday) and the Penola Flexi-Learning Centre when not used for classes.

If senior students are sick on the day of the exam, parents are asked to call either Mr Phil Coe on 6243 4137 or Mrs Trazel Scott on 6243 4105 on the morning of the exam.

MUSIC NEWS

National Eisteddfod – Saturday 25 May

Congratulations to all Junior band members for their participation in the National Eisteddfod on
Saturday 25 May. The Merici Junior Band were awarded a Gold Award for their performance at the National Eisteddfod in the Llewellyn Hall on Saturday the 25th of May. The band performed a program with two contrasting pieces that demonstrated the full musical capabilities of the ensemble. They performed with great musicality and have been rewarded with a great result after months of preparation.

**SPORT NEWS**

**Volleyball Spring 2013 Registrations due Friday 14 June**

Please follow the link [http://tiny.cc/uugvxx](http://tiny.cc/uugvxx) to find information on registrations for Volleyball Spring 2013. Please note that registration is due on Friday 14 June and payable to Christine Collins at the Front Office.

**Sports Captain selected in the Canberra Darters Netball Squad**

Congratulations to our Sports Captain Leigh Kalsbeek who has been named in the Canberra Darters netball squad for the Australian Netball League. We wish Leigh lots of success in her future endeavours.

**ASC Zone Cross Country – Monday 27 May**

Merici won the ASC Zone Cross Country Team Award on Monday 27 May. The event was held at Stromlo Forest Park. Our students aged 13 Years were the stand out with 8 girls in the first 14 places, and easily winning this age group. This team win set the standard that the others met. Although we had no outright winners of races, we picked up four top 4 places. Altogether 23 girls made it through this Zone competition and will now compete at the ACT Championships on Monday 3 June.

**ACT Combined Cross Country Carnival – Monday 3 June**

Merici will be represented at the ACT Cross Country Carnival by 23 students. The carnival will be held on Monday 3 June.

**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. Please follow the link [http://tiny.cc/mvo3ww](http://tiny.cc/mvo3ww) to find an invitation.

**Woden Valley Youth Choir**

The Woden Valley Youth Choir (WVYC) would like to invite you to hear the world renowned Morgan State University Choir in a riveting afternoon of Americana, gospel and spirituals.

Where: Llewellyn Hall, ANU School of Music

When: 3:00pm, Sunday 16 June 2013

Tickets: Open to the general public, with entry by donation at the door

For more information please follow the link [http://www.thomas.mccoy.name/Morgan_State_University_Choir.pdf](http://www.thomas.mccoy.name/Morgan_State_University_Choir.pdf).
UPCOMING EVENTS (WEEK 8 AND WEEK 9)

Semester 1 Years 10, 11 and 12 Exam Period – Monday 17 June – Tuesday 25 June
Year 9 Enlighten Day – Monday 17 June
Principles of Powerful Learning Workshops – Monday 17 June – Friday 5 July
ACT 13 Years and Over Hockey – Monday 17 June
ACT 13 Years and Over Volleyball Finals – Tuesday 25 June
Year 8 Brain Day – Wednesday 26 June
Year 7 Authors Visit – Simon Higgins – Wednesday 26 June
Music Safari – Thursday 27 June