



WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #YearofYouth #SpreadingJoy

Term 3 Weeks 1 and 2 (Monday 30 July – Sunday 12 August)

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Staffing Update – Term 3

Please note the following staff changes effective Term 3.

We welcome:

Natalie Fairfax – International Baccalaureate Coordinator

Kathleen Garvie – Maths Coordinator

Lisa Pasonage – English and Religious Education teacher

Kate Jarvis – English and History teacher

Jodie Muldron – Religious Education teacher

Sarah Sheldrick – Religious Education teacher

Joseph Mickleburgh – Italian teacher

Heli Davis – Italian teacher

Marie Kesina – Faith Formation Assistant

Returning Staff from leave:

- Liza Laird
- Gerard Ryan

Acting Positions:

- Amy Connellan – Acting Deputy Principal Learning
- Jen Baines – Acting Global Studies Coordinator
- Louisa Barnsley – Acting House Coordinator Balgo and Tullow (when Ms Firman commences Maternity leave from Week 3)

New Students

We would like to welcome the following students and their families as our newest community members:

- Year 7: Aleta Jagoda (TU6), Lily Eden (BR1), Bella Pitman (TU5), Chloe Park (PE2), Eleanor MacDonald-Smith (BR6)
- Year 8: Alexis Allum (SE6)
- Year 10: Caitlynn Brown (SE1), Jordyn Robson (SE6)
- Year 11: Adeebah Ghannam (NI3)

Nominations for the Merici College Board

It is with great pleasure that we welcome all new students and staff, along with returning members of our community for Term 3 2018. The Merici College School Board performs a dual role: Governance of the College as well as the Parents & Friends Association of Merici.

Due to resignations, 2 positions are now available on the Board. The appointment is for a 2-year period with an option to re-nominate for a further 2 periods, 6 years in total. For the Board to act

in an effective manner we would especially like parents with experience in Finance and Communications to apply, although all parents are encouraged to nominate.

Any interested parent, who has the desire to commit to becoming part of the Merici College School Board, should contact the Returning Officer – Ms Trish Ryan, trish.ryan@merici.act.edu.au to obtain the nomination form and details of the process involved. Nominations close Friday 20 July 2018.

Jackui Keighery – Board Chair and Loretta Wholley – Principal, Merici College

Transport Canberra Proposed Bus Network 2019

In follow up from Mrs Loretta Wholley's letter at the end of last term, the Catholic Education Office has also expressed its concern about the impact of the bus changes anticipated for 2019.

If you have not had a chance, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please click [here](#) and provide your feedback to Transport Canberra.

Semester 1 Awards Ceremony (Monday 6 August)

The Awards Ceremony will take place in two sessions on Monday 6 August. Parents of awardees are invited to be seated by the time indicated below:

Penola, Seiwa, Tullow - 10.30am

Balgo, Brescia, Ningil - 11.55am

Please note that students receiving awards have been notified through Pastoral Care groups and correspondence has been emailed home to parents. Students will be receiving their awards in the Auditorium. Refreshments will be served in the New Quad at the conclusion of the ceremony. RSVP **essential** to assist with catering to ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au by Wednesday 1 August. Please include your daughter's House name in the rsvp.

Car parking for the event is available in the car park next to the oval and the student car park off Henty Street. Parents need to follow parking signage on Wise Street, Henty Street and Helemon Street. Parents are urged NOT to park on nature strips, school crossing zones or in a dangerous position (i.e. too close to intersections) as parking inspectors may be out and about and parking infringements will be issued for any vehicle that does not comply with the above. Parking may be difficult for the second ceremony at 12:05pm, as parents attending the first session may still be at school on your arrival.

Bridge Restaurant (Wednesday 8 August 12.30pm)

The Bridge Restaurant will be open for lunch on Wednesday 8 August from 12.15pm – 1.30pm. Online bookings available at www.merici.college or contact Reception on 6243 4100.

Moderation Day #2 (Thursday 9 August)

Please note that Year 7-10 students will have a Pupil Free Day on Thursday 9 August. Year 11 and Year 12 students are required to attend an AST Practice.

Penola House Day rescheduled to Monday 13 August

Penola House will celebrate their 'House Day' on Monday 13 August. This is an opportunity for the House to gather together in prayer and in fun, reflecting on the work of our patron, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Students will be required to attend normal classes during the day and we shall gather together as a House during our regular Pastoral Care lesson in Period 4. The Penola Executive will be running activities and we shall also share in a celebratory cake. Penola students are encouraged to wear black and white accessories on the day.

Guidelines for Penola House Day dress

To ensure the Penola House Day is as successful as possible, students are required to follow the dress guidelines below.

- Wear black and/or white accessories with your full winter school uniform eg. Black or white hair ribbon or head band
- All College rules about make-up and jewellery apply on this day - no coloured hair.
- Students will be permitted to wear black or white nail polish for this day only.

We are looking forward to a very successful Penola 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 Liza Laird, Penola House Coordinator, email liza.laird@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 6243 4143.

Father/Daughter Mass and Dinner – Friday 31 August (6.00pm)

A special Father and Daughter evening will be held on Friday 31 August at 6.00pm. The theme of the night is 'The Heart of the Father' and will begin with a Fathers' Day Mass at 6.00pm, followed by a Father/Daughter Dinner with special guest speaker David Forrest from the Fathering Project (www.thefatheringproject.org). The Fathering Project is a core partner of the University of Western and aims to:

- Help fathers realise how important they are in a child's life and to give them advice on how to encourage their children.
- Encourage fathers to become proactive and get involved early with their children.
- Help fathers and father figures get connected in positive ways.
- Reach fathers in their situation: schools, workplaces, community groups.
- Utilise research-based evidence to encourage positive changes in fathers.
- Highlight the strong causal link between good fathering and the reduced incidence of harmful behaviours such as suicide, self-harm and substance abuse.

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/father-daughter-dinner> to find an invitation extended to all fathers and their daughters. *For students who are unable to bring their Dad, we welcome them to bring a significant male relation.*

The cost for the event is \$45.00 per person and includes a 3-course meal and drinks.

To secure your booking, payment must be made prior to the dinner and before Friday 24 August.

Cash payments are to be made to the Finance Office. RSVP and credit card payments to ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 6243 4178. A credit card authorisation slip can be found [here](#). Please indicate special dietary requirements in your rsvp.

Bridge Benefit Dinner (Saturday 15 September)

Merici College is holding a Bridge Benefit Fundraising Dinner which will be held on Saturday 15 September in the Merici College Bridge Restaurant commencing at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. Please follow the link <https://merici.news/event-created/bridge-benefit-fundraising-dinner> to find ticketing information. This event is a student-led initiative and is in its fourth year of running.

This year, the students have decided that all proceeds will be donated to Karinya House Home for Mothers & Babies Inc. Karinya House is a community based organisation providing supported accommodation, transitional housing and outreach services to pregnant and parenting women and their families from Canberra and surrounding regional areas who are in crisis. The service operates on a twenty-four hour, seven days a week basis and is located in the ACT and fosters a strong ethos of supporting women to make the best possible choices for themselves. Karinya is a non-government charitable organisation. There are no affiliations to any government agencies or religious institutions and, most importantly, it is a non-judgemental organisation. This is an important point of difference for a lot of women in making the decision to seek help from Karinya. One of the most important insights for those who seek the support of Karinya is that they are all in some kind of crisis, something commonplace in reality.

Please email Ros Parisi, Public Relations Officer at ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au, or telephone 6243 4178, for all bookings and enquiries, payment required at the time of booking.

Parent Online Advice July/August

The *Perimeter Guardian Parent Advice Online Safety* information newsletter focuses on technology issues that concern parents. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/parent-online-july> to find the latest special advice regarding Jenna Marbles and Smosh.

Canberra's Light Rail safety resources to be Rail Ready

Canberra's Light Rail is fast approaching, and safety is our main priority. The Rail Ready light rail safety resources provide important tips for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers to stay safe and alert in the light rail environment. The light rail vehicles are now testing on the tracks, and the light rail corridor is rapidly taking shape therefore it is important for all of us to be Rail Ready learning essential information to stay safe! [The light rail safety brochure](#) and other resources can be downloaded at www.canberra-metro.com.au/safety.

Stay safe!

- Never attempt to access the light rail corridor during the construction and testing period. While light rail stops may look complete, the project is still a construction zone.
- It is prohibited to drive, walk or cycle along rail tracks.
- Pay attention and stay alert at all times around light rail – LRVs can move quickly and quietly. Earphones, and other distractions like reading and texting can put you at risk.
- Do not drive across the tracks unless the path ahead is clear.
- Always obey traffic lights and road signs. If everyone follows the rules, we all stay safe!
- In the event of an emergency, dial 000.

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/light-rail-july> to find more information on current road closures.

YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS

Year 7 Grandparents Day (Tuesday 31 July 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 31 July 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 our celebration in the restaurant where there will be Devonshire Tea served.

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/grandparents-invite> to find a letter of invitation for grandparents. 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 as soon as possible. Please include special dietary requirements and whether your grandmother/special person is an ex-student or ex-staff member of Merici College.

Year 9 Urban Challenge (Wednesday 24 October-Friday 26 October)

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/urban-challenge-2018> to find information regarding the Urban Challenge that your daughters will be participating in later this year. It is expected that you, as parents, complete the online form to register your daughters. The Challenge is in Sydney on 24-26 October. There will be a representative from Urban Challenge coming to speak to the girls on Monday 17 September. More information will be sent as the time approaches.

I know the girls are really looking forward to this adventure and we know that you will all get involved, as your participation actually helps the girls get points and complete challenges. It is a family affair!

Please register your daughters as soon as you can, so groups can be confirmed.

YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

Year 10 Social

The 2018 Year 10 Social will be held on Friday, 21 September at Merici College from 6.30pm to 10.30pm. Please follow the link <https://merici.news/event-created/year-10-social-0> to find ticketing and event information. Payment for the Social will only be available between Monday, 13 August and Friday, 14 September (Weeks 4 - 8). Please ensure your daughter's House Coordinator has the paid receipt by the end of Week 8, Friday, 14 September.

Year 12 Student and Parent Formal 2018

It is with great excitement we are writing to you to save the date for the Merici Student and Parent Formal 2018. Please follow the link <https://merici.news/event-created/merici-student-and-parent-year-12-formal> to find more information.

CAREERS NEWS

To find the latest Careers Newsletter, please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/careers-august>.

UAC Presentation for Year 12 Students and Parents (Monday 30 July)

- Year 12 (Tertiary and Accredited) UAC Presentation Monday 30 July P4 C1/C2
- Year 12 Parent UAC Presentation Wednesday 1 August 5.30 CRLC (Upstairs). Parents need to RSVP to Kerry.mcdonnell@merici.act.edu.au.

Senior Interviews Sign Up from Monday 30 July

Sign up sheets for 15-minute interview timeslots will be on Careers Door from Monday 30 July. You can book in pairs if you want to. Priority will be given to Year 12 students.

- Tuesday 7 August Australian Catholic University 9.30am-3.00pm
- Wednesday 8 August Australian National University 9.30am-3.00pm
- Thursday 9 August University of Canberra 9.30am-3.00pm

2018 Canberra Careers Expo 15-16 August

The Merici bus will be available on Thursday 16 August to transport students back and forth to Exhibition Park. Senior students will need to collect a permission note from Careers office. The day will be divided into 2 sessions:

- Morning: 9.00am to 11.30am
- Afternoon: 12.00pm to 2.30pm

MATHEMATICS NEWS

Maths Tutoring for this semester will take place on the following days.

Day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
AM (8.00am-8.40am)	Mr Ryan		Mr Ryan
Lunchtime		*Mr Kim/Mrs Garvie	
PM(3.30pm-4.30pm)		Mrs de Puit	Mrs Kumarasinhe

All tutoring will take place in the Pentony Centre and is open to students in Year 7-12.

**Wednesday lunchtime is open to students completing the Math's Enrichment program who wish to come and work on their problems.*

iC NEWS

Term 3 is a very exciting time in the library world. This is the term we celebrate the Children's Book Council Awards (CBCA). Once a fortnight, during junior English classes, we explore the shortlisted books for all categories: older readers, younger readers, picture books, early childhood, and The Crichton Award for new illustrators. Reading and sharing a picture book and novel is a beautiful way to celebrate stories, discuss a message and appreciate the illustrations and written word.



This prepares us to celebrate Book Week during Week 6 (20–24 August). The theme of this year's Book Week is *Find your Treasure* and on Wednesday 22 August we will have a dress-up parade. There will be more details in the coming weeks.

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.

CO-CURRICULAR

Music

The Merici College Vocal Group, have been rehearsing for the Australian National Eisteddfod on Friday 17 August. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/nat-eisteddfod> to find the performance schedule and July newsletter.

In preparation for the Eisteddfod, the Group will be having a workshop day at the College on Tuesday 31 July. The workshop will consist of a 2-hour session from 9.00am-11.00am with Dan Bennett, a local choir director and music teacher, followed by a session with Miss Freeman, director of the Merici Vocal Group. Dan Bennett is the Musical Director of the Mixtape Chorus, Strange Weather Gospel Choir and the Canberra Chordsmen. Dan will be running some choral exercises and working with us on our Eisteddfod pieces. The rest of the day will be an opportunity to rehearse and workshop with Miss Freeman. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/vocalgroupincursion> to find more information.

OTHER NEWS

Catholic Education Competition - Catholic Schools Week Film Fest (Entries due Thursday 30 August)

As part of Catholic Schools Week held in September, Catholic Education are running a Film Fest inviting students to create a short film up to 5 minutes duration. The theme is *Celebrating Your School*. Submit your entry to Mrs Wholley via

ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au. Prizes

will be awarded to individuals, groups or schools, best ACT and NSW video will feature in local media. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/catholic-schools-week-filmfest> to find more information. Closing date for entries is Thursday 30 August. Winners announced 14 September. Awards presented at the Catholic Education Recognition Awards 21 September. Good luck girls!



Marian Procession and Youth Pilgrimage 2018 (Sunday 14 October)

Over many decades, the Marian Procession has gathered tens of thousands of Catholics from across Australia. Now held during the beautiful spring month of October, the Marian Procession and Youth Pilgrimage offers a wonderful family day of prayer, feasting and celebration. During the day there will be a youth pilgrimage, the opportunity for Mass, the Sacrament of Confession, to pray the rosary, a procession to the grotto and to be inspired by the speakers. The event will be held at St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre Galong.

8.30am Youth Pilgrimage

10.30am Sacrament of Penance

11.30am Mass with His Excellency, Archbishop Yllana, the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia

12.30pm BYO lunch

2:00pm Procession to the grotto

For more details contact 02 6239 8500, <http://cgatholic.org.au/marian/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 3 Weeks 4 and 5)

Year 10 Immunisations (Monday 13 August)

Talk and Tour (Tuesday 14 August 9.00am)

Year 9 Pre-transitions afternoon (Tuesday 14 August)

Year 9 Reflection Day (Wednesday 15 August)

Book Week begins (Friday 17 August)

Duke of Edinburgh Bush Prac (Friday 17 August 3.30pm – Sunday 19 August)

Night Bridge Restaurant (Wednesday 22 August)

Drama Performance (Thursday 23 August-Friday 24 August)

Book Week ends (Friday 24 August)