

WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #fidelitas #merici60

Term 3 Weeks 8 and 9 (9 September-22 September)



WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Uniform Shop

Our new uniform supplier, PSW, is in the process of filling our stock orders and we anticipate that uniform items will be delivered to Merici in the next few weeks. A parent/student information evening will be held with a sizing kit available (date to be advised). Parents and students will have the opportunity of placing orders for uniform items at that time.

We hope to fill the position of uniform shop assistant in the next few weeks and look forward to the launch of our new uniform and the opening of our shop, as well as accommodating all your uniform needs.

Balgo House Day (Monday 9 September)

Balgo House will celebrate their annual House Day on Monday 9 September. Students and staff of Balgo House will gather in the Long Pastoral Care lesson to participate in some whole group activities and learn more about the history and traditions of Balgo House. Students in Balgo House are encouraged to accessorise in yellow for the day, including hair ribbons, socks and jewellery. Please note that full school uniform is required on this day. Mrs Firman and the Pastoral Care Teachers are looking forward to celebrating all things Balgo on this day.

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.

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.

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Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews - Online Bookings open Tuesday 17 September

Parent-Teacher-Student interviews will be held on Tuesday, 24 September and Thursday, 26 September 2019 from 4:00pm – 6:30pm in the Auditorium.

Each interview has an allocated 6 minutes timeslot. If you need to speak to a teacher on a more in- depth basis, please contact the teacher directly.

This is a mutually beneficial opportunity for parents to discuss their daughter's progress with the class room teachers. Including your daughter in the interview helps promote independent learning. If your daughter's teacher is requesting an interview with you, in regard to either Achievement or Application, you will receive an email indicating this.

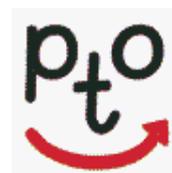
Please note: A teacher may request an interview both to commend a student's performance as well as discuss any concerns about progress. If teachers do not request an interview with you, you are still encouraged to make appointments with any teacher to discuss your daughter's progress.

Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO) Booking Instructions

You will be using the "Parent Teacher On-Line" (PTO) web-based software for these interviews. This will allow you to book the interview times that suit you from any internet-connected computer or from your smartphone. If you wish to book appointments from your mobile you will need to download the free PTO app from either the apple app store or the google play store. Instructions on how to use this app and the relevant school code are available from the PTO login screen.

You will have access to the Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO) system from Tuesday 17 September 2019. If you currently have an email address lodged with the College you will be able to:

- Go to the school's home page – www.merici.act.edu.au
- Click the PTO icon as displayed
- You will then be directed to the Merici PTO web site
- Enter your surname and either obtain your PIN/enter your PIN



(NB - First time access will be to obtain your pin. Pins are generated and do not remain the same from the previous semester).

Once you have requested your pin an email will be sent to the nominated family email address. This email contains a secure link that when clicked will log you straight into PTO to make your bookings. If you do not receive an email, please contact the College as we may have an incorrect email address for you.

For families who have not provided the College with a current family email address, we would appreciate you contacting us with this information.

Full instructions are provided to you after log in. Please note the following points:

- When you log on, the system displays only your daughter's teachers.
- Every parent/guardian receives a login and pin on request – you can make a booking using one as a family booking, or both if you want individual bookings.
- You will only see timeslots that are available at the time you are using the system. As timeslots are booked for your allocated teachers, those timeslots are no longer displayed as available.
- Please leave 6 minutes between appointments to allow for movement time.
- When you have made your booking please print a record of it. You can also log in and change your booking at a later date.
- Please note that bookings cannot be made after 8:00am on the day of the interview.
- If there are no timeslots available for an interview, please use the option requesting the teacher to contact you or contact them directly.
- If you encounter any problems using PTO, please notify the College on 6243 4100.

"Because we are using an online service for the booking of these interviews we will disclose the student's name, parent's name and teacher's name to the service provider. The information will be provided to the service provider in an encrypted and secure manner and will only be used to arrange the booking of these student/parent/teacher interviews. If you have any queries about this matter, please feel free to contact the Principal."

Parent Online Advice Newsletter

The *Perimeter Guardian Parent Advice Online Safety* information newsletter focuses on technology issues that concern parents. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/12> to find the September newsletter and the latest special advice regarding Likee and Grand Theft Auto.

YEARS 7, 8 and 9 NEWS

Immunisation Program Semester 2

In preparation for immunisation for Year 7 students in Term 4, if there are any students who did not return a consent card to Merici in Round 1 this year, please contact ACT Health so that they can ensure that students are not missed for Round 2.

This includes any students who may have moved schools during the year. Please follow <http://merici.college/go/immunisation> the link to find more information and contact details.

Year 9 Merici/Marist Day (Wednesday 11 September)

On Wednesday September 11, Year 9 Marist boys will join our Year 9 girls for a seminar presented by David and Katie Kobler from CHOICEZ. Initially the boys and girls are together for an introductory seminar. They then separate into single sex groups that will 'turn taboo topics into everyday conversation'. The groups will join together after lunch for reflection.

YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

Year 10 Geography Excursion (Friday 13 September)

As part of our Year 10 Geography unit on Environmental Change and Management we are visiting the Jervis Bay area to collect primary data for the Task 2 Fieldwork Report on Friday 13 September. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/y10geography-jervis> to find the permission note.

Year 10 Social (Friday 20 September)

Merici College's Year 10 Social is a highly enjoyable event and will be held on Friday 20 September at Merici College from 6.30pm to 10.30pm. The dress code is 'smart casual'. The occasion is not a Formal and there is no requirement for formal dress. Dancing is set up in the Auditorium, whilst the canteen will be set up as the venue for mingling, relaxing and eating. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/yr10-social> for more information and the permission note.

Year 12 Formal (Friday 6 December)

It is with great excitement we ask you to save the date for the Merici Student and Parent Formal 2019. To ensure that everyone who wishes to be a part of the evening has the opportunity to attend, we would like to outline some important details about the evening.

The formal will be held at the National Arboretum on Friday 6 December. Merici Year 12 students, their partner and their parents are invited. The College invites parents to this event as we believe it is an important night to share with your daughter(s), celebrating her successful College graduation. Payment can be made in stages via the Finance Office.

CAREERS NEWS

To find the latest Careers newsletter and information, please visit <https://www.mericicareers.com/>

DEFENCE

Australian Defence Force members and their families

Mrs Brooke James, Education Development Officer, Canberra, Wagga Wagga and Nowra Region, DCO, is presenting two TeenSMART programs in the school holidays for Canberra Teens. Age groups are divided and each workshop is conducted over two days. This is for families who have children aged between 11 and 18. Links for registration are below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/an-adf-families-event-teensmart-15-18-years-canberra-tickets-69961904941>

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/an-adf-families-event-teensmart-11-14-years-canberra-tickets-69252360675>

SPORT

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

iC NEWS

The iC has been using LibGuides in the past as our link for information pathways but this will go offline over the next week. Over the next few weeks we will be transitioning to the platform called Learn Path. This will be accessible through our Oliver catalogue in Moodle. More details will be delivered in classes during research lessons. All databases and resources are still accessible through the [Merici Moodle/Site home](#) page.



On Monday of Week 9, 9 September, we welcome the Canberran author, Emma Grey for a visit. She will be presenting an author talk to the Year 7's during Flex and conducting a Writers Workshop to a selected group of young writers. This is a very exciting opportunity and we look forward to meeting her.

Yours in literacy
iC staff

CO-CURRICULAR

Free Tennis Lessons - Thursday Lunchtime

Merici College is trialling some free lunch time tennis coaching sessions on the 12th, 18th and 26th September for students from Years 7-10. The sessions will be run by Canberra School of Tennis (<http://www.csot.com.au/>). Interested students will need to register with Mrs Kennedy-emma.kennedy@merici.act.edu.au

OTHER NEWS

Canberra Symphony Orchestra (CSO) Music Matinee

On 14 September, the Canberra Symphony Orchestra (CSO) will present a special classical music matinee – the [Canberra Weekly Classic Afternoon](#). This is a great opportunity for younger music enthusiasts to experience a live orchestra.

The concert will feature Diana Doherty as soloist and director. Diana will lead the orchestra in not one, but three oboe concertos – and a Mozart symphony! The performance will highlight the range of sounds unique to the oboe.

The CSO offers a ticketing package suitable for school-aged (U18) music students and their families. To find out more, contact CSO Direct on 02 6262 6772 (weekdays 9am-5pm) or visit cso.org.au/student-group-and-family-pricing.

Details | Canberra Weekly Classic Afternoon

2pm, Saturday 14 September, Llewellyn Hall, ANU

Ticket prices – \$29 to \$95 *Family discounts available*, *Booking fees apply*

cso.org.au/event/classic-afternoon

Bandits Basketball Registering Now

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/try-day> to find more information on T-Ball and Baseball registrations, www.actbandits.com.au, contact@actbandits.com.au,

www.facebook.com/ACTBanditsBaseball,

UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 3 Week 10 and Term 4 Week 1)

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews (Tuesday 24 September and Thursday 26 September)

End of Term 3 (Friday 27 September)

Term 4 begins (Monday 14 October)

Year 8 Catch the Wave Program (Wednesday 16 October)

Talk and Tour (Saturday 26 October 9.30am)