WHAT’S ON AT MERICI
TERM 3 WEEKS 2 AND 3 (29 JULY – 11 AUGUST)

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Correspondence to the College Board
The College Board values feedback from Merici’s parent community and welcomes the opportunity of addressing any matters parents and guardians wish to raise. If you would like to contact the Board, please send an email to Mark Bunnett, Board Chairman at board@merici.act.edu.au.

Meet the College Board and Community Forum – Tuesday 30 July (5.00pm – 6.30pm)
The College Board invites all parents, students and staff to an afternoon tea to welcome the new College Board and Mrs Loretta Wholley, new College Principal, followed by a Community Forum. Afternoon tea and welcome to/from the College Board will be held in the Canteen from 5.00pm to 5.30pm. The Internal School Review on Assessment and Reporting Community Forum will be held in the Catherine Rey Learning Centre from 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

As a part of the ongoing Internal School Review process at Merici, the College is now reviewing elements of Assessment and Reporting. As with previous successful forums on “Vision and Mission” and “Inclusive Education”, the forum will be in the form of round table discussions on key questions involving staff, parents and students. Responses will be collate and priority areas identified.

Specific areas for feedback sought will include:
- The quality of assessment tasks and feedback, in line with our Principles of Powerful Learning elements
  - Challenging tasks
  - Taking intellectual risks
  - Scaffolded learning so every student can achieve
- Reporting elements, looking at whether “the reporting of student achievement to parents is comprehensive, accurate and meaningful”, including formal Merici structures of:
  - Interim Reports
  - Semester Reports
  - Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

Please RSVP to Ros Parisi, Public Relations Officer, telephone 6243 4178 or email ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au by Friday 26 July 2013.

Sustainability Assembly – Wednesday 31 July (11.30am-12.30pm)
A sustainability assembly will be held on Wednesday 31 July in the gym from 11.30am to 12.30pm. The assembly will cover an overview of sustainability at Merici College including the presentation of our recent waste audit and issues around food waste. There will be a short interactive presentation about transport and a guest speaker from Jigsaw Housing will be talking about careers in sustainability, in particular architecture.
Bridge Restaurant – Wednesday 31 July (12.30pm-1.30pm)
The Bridge Restaurant will be open on Wednesday 31 July from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. If you would like to make a booking please call 6243 4100.

Italy Study Tour 2014 Information Evening – Thursday 1 August
The initial meeting for expressions of interest regarding the Italy Study Tour 2014 will be held for students of Italian and their families on Thursday 1 August at 6.30pm in the Catherine Rey Learning Centre. For further information please contact Ms Sonia Conte on 62 434100 or Sonia.Conte@merici.act.edu.au.

Awards Ceremony – Semester 1 2013 – Tuesday 6 August
Academic Awards for Semester One 2013 will be presented to students on Tuesday 6 August in the Auditorium. Please note that students receiving awards will be notified through their Pastoral Care groups and correspondence will be sent home to parents. Parents of students receiving an award are welcome to attend the awards ceremony. The ceremony for Balgo, Brescia and Ningil will commence at 10.20am. Penola, Seiwa and Tullow awards will commence at 11.40am.

Parents of students receiving an award in the second session (11.40am) please be seated for the commencement of the ceremony by 11.35am. Please keep in mind that parking may be difficult as parents attending the first session (10.20am) may still be at school on your arrival.

Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony in the restaurant. To assist with catering, please contact Ros Parisi on 6243 4178 or email ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au if you are attending the ceremony.

Merici College has received permission from the Department of Urban Services, Roads ACT for overflow parking from 9.30am-1.30pm on Wise Street, Henty Street and Helemon Street. Car parking for the event is available in the car park next to the oval and the student car park off Henty Street. On-street parking is available in permissible parking areas on Wise Street, Henty Street closest to the oval and Helemon Street without the usual time restriction (from 9.30am-1.30pm). Please do not park in a dangerous position (ie too close to intersections).

Bridge Restaurant – Wednesday 7 August (12.30pm-1.30pm)
The Bridge Restaurant will be open on Wednesday 7 August from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. If you would like to make a booking please call 6243 4100.

Senior Fashion and Year 9 Textile Students – Craft and Quilt Fair – Thursday 8 August (11.30am-2.00pm)
Year 9 Textile students and Senior Fashion students will be attending the following excursion Thursday 8 August. The Canberra Craft & Quilt Fair at EPIC Exhibition Park will feature a wonderful exhibition of Quilts by the Canberra Quilters Inc. and International artists. There are also a variety of textile artists showing a variety of colouration and inspirational items. Students will depart Merici at 11.30am and return in time for Period 5 at 2.20pm.

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.
The Homework Centre in the iC
Students have access to homework assistance in the iC from Monday to Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm. If you would like more information please contact Helen Maybin on telephone 6243 4153 or email helen.maybin@merici.act.edu.au.

Wanted: Preloved Winter Uniform
We are in urgent need of preloved winter uniforms items for exchange students visiting the College. Please send in any winter uniform items that are in good condition to the Student Services Office.

YEAR 7 NEWS

Year 7 IH Excursion, Erindale Theatre – Monday 5 August
On Monday 5 August, all Year 7 IH students will be going to Erindale Theatre to see a performance of "My Girragundji". The students will catch a bus to the venue at 8.45am and will return to school at 11.30am. Students will not attend PC but will meet their teachers in the New Quad at 8.45am. Students are asked to be on time as buses need to leave as quickly as possible. Students will need to wear full school uniform. Notes will be sent home in IH classes and there is no cost for the excursion. All students are expected to attend. Any questions or concerns please contact Mrs Allen on email Elizabeth.allen@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 6243 4100.

YEAR 8 NEWS

Year 8 Brain Day – Friday 2 August
Brain Day will be held on Friday 2 August for all Year 8 students. Brain Day is a non-uniform day but the students are required to wear sports shoes for safety reasons for the dissection and for the sporting activities.

Year 8 Enlighten Day and Parent Information Evening – Monday 5 August
As part of Pastoral Care at Merici, a Year 8 Enlighten Day has been organised for students on Monday 5 August. All Year 8 students will be participating and the day will be presented by Enlighten Education. The purpose of this day is to inform and educate girls about important issues that affect them as young women and empower them to make appropriate decisions as they move through adolescence. In previous years this program has been very successful. The day will consist of an introductory sessions and four workshops. The workshops will recognise the diverse interests of your daughter and present them with content that is non-commercial, age appropriate and most importantly, empowering. All Year 8 students are expected to attend. Your daughter is required to attend morning Pastoral Care to have here name marked off then immediately go to the Catherine Rey Learning Centre. The girls are permitted to wear neat casual clothes suitable for participating in a variety of activities. They are required to bring their pencil case, a small cushion or pillow to sit on, their morning tea and lunch; canteen facilities will be available.

On Monday 5 August parents are invited to attend a parent seminar lead by Dannielle Miller, Chief Executive Officer of Enlighten Education. This seminar aims to provide information, strategies and support to parents and guardians raising girls in a very complex world. Please follow the link http://tiny.cc/ewu4xw to find more information.

Please RSVP to Ros Parisi, Public Relations Officer on email ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au by Thursday 1 August if you will be attending the Information Evening.

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YEAR 10 NEWS

Year 10 Luna Park Science Excursion – Friday 9 August
The Luna Park Excursion for all Year 10 will be held on Friday 9 August. Permission will be distributed to students this week. The students are required to wear full PE uniform and take their school bag. Students are to be at school by 6.15am for a 6.30am departure and will be returning at approximately 7.00pm. The telephone contact number for the day will be 0427 119 796.

YEAR 11 AND 12 NEWS

ACT Schools Constitutional Convention 2013
The Merici College Year 11 Legal Studies class has been invited to attend the ACT Constitutional Convention and this is a great opportunity for students to extend their knowledge and skills about the Constitution and Australian Government through a variety of activities. The two-day convention is open for Year 11 students from ACT schools and colleges and will be held on Thursday 1 August and Friday 2 August at the National Archives, Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House) and the ACT Legislative Assembly.

The Convention is a collaboration between the ACT Legislative Assembly, the National Archives of Australia, the Museum of Australian Democracy at the Old Parliament House, the ACT Directorate of Education and Training, the Australian Electoral Commission, the Elections ACT and the Australian National University College of Law.

This year’s theme focuses on the role of Commonwealth powers with respect to the environment and what is required to change the Constitution if the Commonwealth were given specific powers to legislate for the environment. Students will listen to experts in constitutional law; learn about the referendum process; and be actively involved in group discussions, role-plays, debates and mock referendum on the issue.

STUDENT NEWS

“Sideways to the Top” Launch – Tuesday 13 August (6.00pm–8.00pm)
The launch of “Sideways to the Top”, ten stories of successful women that will change your thinking about careers forever, will be held on Tuesday 13 August from 6.00pm-8.00pm. Parents and students are invited to attend the launch facilitated by Macfarlan Lane and Melbourne Books which will be held at the APSC Training Rooms, 16 Furzer Street, Phillip, ACT. Panel discussions includes Norah Breekveldt (Director, MacFarlan Lane), Heather Carmody (Principal Consultant, The Nous Group), Annwyn Godwin (Merit Protection Commissioner) and Mary-Jane Ierodiaconou (Justitia Lawyers). Please RSVP by Friday 2 August to sideways@macfarlan.com.au.

World Food Day Poster Competition 2013
The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the United Nations Women’s Guild are launching the second international World Food Day Poster Contest. The World Food Day Poster Contest is a unique learning opportunity for children of all ages. Teaching children and young people to understand the concepts of food security and nutrition — and the role they can play in making our food systems sustainable — is important for ending hunger on Earth. Students are invited to create a poster to illustrate this year’s World Food Day theme — “Sustainable
Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition” – simplified for children as ‘Healthy Food Systems’. Young people from around the world, including students aged 5 to 17, are invited to enter their work in the competition which closes on Monday 30 September 2013.

Poster designs may be drawn, painted or digitally designed. The winning entries (from three different age groups) will be published on the World Food Day website, the EndingHunger website, the EndingHunger Facebook page, and FAO’s Facebook page.

For more information on the competition please follow the link http://tiny.cc/e69m0w.

Tips for Time Management, Organisation and Assessment Mapping
The reality of life as a students is that there are competing demands placed upon your time. Sometimes you have to make choices and miss out. Often, the requirements at school are not optional and these need to become your first priority. It’s important, however, that you continue to have a life outside school. Managing your commitments is an important part of being a successful learner and more importantly, a happy person. Please follow the link http://tiny.cc/ph5o0w to find useful tips and information that students may find helpful.

SRC NEWS

SRC and Social Justice – Volunteers needed for Zonta Clubs of Canberra
As part of the SRC and Social Justice groups for 2013 Merici students have been asked to volunteer their time to support Zonta Clubs of Canberra and Australia’s Birthing Kit Foundation by packing birthing kits for distribution to women in developing countries.

The kits, which are packed in zip-locked bags, contain soap and surgical gloves, a sterile scalpel and sterile gauze. A black plastic sheet provides a clean surface protecting mother and child from the bacteria C.tetani that lives in the earthen floor and causes tetanus.

This year Zonta Clubs of Canberra will pack 3000 kits on Saturday 27 July at the Church of Latter Day Saints Hall in Lyneham. The assembly day will run from between 10.00am-12.00pm and 1.00pm to 3.00pm with a break for lunch in between the two sessions. Your daughter can attend some or all of the event – any help she can offer would be gratefully appreciated.

If your daughter would like to be involved with this initiative please contact Sonia Conte (SRC Facilitator) at Sonia.Conte@merici.act.edu.au.

SRC: Vinnies Sleepout
Congratulations to the Year 11 and 12 students who braved the cold and took part in the Merici College Vinnies School Sleepout on Thursday 27 June, Term 2. Students and teachers spent the night outdoors in the College’s New Quad with only cardboard to sleep on in order to raise funds and awareness for Canberra’s homeless.

The School Sleepout was a great success and the students who took part raised over $800 for the St Vincent de Paul Society - an amazing effort! Merici College would like to thank Majura Valley Eggs, Brumby’s Bakery Ainslie and Baker’s Delight Dickson for donating food items to the College for the students’ dinner and breakfast.
DANCE NEWS

Extravadancer – Tickets on sale now! (Friday 16 August – Saturday 17 August)

Students have been busily preparing for the 2013 EXTRAVADANCER which will be held on Friday 16 August and Saturday 17 August (end of week 4) in the Merici College Auditorium. This year’s production will showcase dance items based on the theme ‘100 years of dance in film’. Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are choreographing the production which features over 80 students from Years 7-12 and includes dance styles such as Musical Theatre, Contemporary, Classical Ballet, Hip Hop, Jazz, Tap, Irish and more!

We are holding two shows starting at 7.00pm on Friday 16 August and Saturday 17 August, with the option of a Saturday matinee at 2.00pm if the demand is great. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased from the Finance Office. Please follow the link http://tiny.cc/m0an0w for more information.

Quantum Leap Performance – Wednesday 31 July – Saturday 3 August

A group of 70 Year 9 to Year 12 Dance and Narragunnawali students will be travelling to the Canberra Theatre on the morning of Friday 2 August to see Quantum Leap. Students Elyse Lenehan (Year 10) and Georgia Grow (Year 12) are both performing and Amanda Lee, (Year 12 student 2012) will also be performing.

MUSIC NEWS

A Night of Chamber Music – All Saints Church – Tuesday 6 August (6.00pm-7.15pm)

Music students will be performing in a concert on Tuesday 6 August commencing at 6.00pm at All Saints Church, 9-15 Cowper St Ainslie. We are very fortunate to have access to this venue for our concert and we are hoping to have a special Australian Premier of a Trombone Quartet piece. The groups being featured in this concert are Merici String Ensembles, Merici College Choir, Individual Music Students from Merici College and The Canberra Trombone Quartet.

The String Ensemble and Chamber Strings will rehearse in the Jubilee Centre in Period 5 Tuesday 6 August. The students will then walk to All Saints accompanied by their teachers to set up for the concert, and return to school where pizza will be available for $5.00 per head. The students will then walk back to All Saints at 5:15pm accompanied by teachers. A gold coin donation will be collected at the concert for All Saints Church. The concert will finish by 7.15 pm, at which point students will need to be collected by their parents or guardians.

SPORT NEWS

Duke of Edinburgh Bush Skills Weekends

The Duke of Edinburgh program will be running two Bush Skills weekends 17-18 August and 7-8 September. These camps teach bush-craft, survival skills and navigation and are necessary training for hikes that will be held later in the year. Students should attend one weekend.
If you are interested in attending please come to the weekly meeting held each Wednesday at Recess in Room 208. It is not too late to sign up, even if you missed out on the Introductory weekends you are able to join now. If you have any further questions contact david.rodda@merici.act.edu.au

OTHER NEWS

Duntroon Community Centre’s Annual Trivia Night “Back to the 80s” – Saturday 3 August (7.00pm for 7.30pm)
The Duntroon Community Centre will be holding its Annual Trivia Night “Back to the 80s” on Saturday 3 August from 7.00pm. Lots of fun activities including team trivia, raffles and auctions, best and worst dressed prizes, BYO food and drinks. Tables of 10. $15.00 per person. Please contact Jenny at Duntroon Community Centre on telephone 62 659411 to make a booking.

Marymead Trivia Party – Friday 9 August
A Marymead/2CA Trivia Party will be held on Friday 9 August at ‘The Tradies’ Woden. The night will be hosted by the Trivia King himself, Larry Appley, morning radio announcer from 2CA and there will be prizes, nibbles and ‘Thank God It’s Friday’ - 70’s and 80’s hits following the trivia. Tickets are only $240.00 for a table of 8 or $35.00 for an individual ticket. If you would like to book a table or tickets please email events@marymead.org.au or Joanne Dean-Ritchie, Marketing and Communications Co-Ordinator Marymead on telephone 6162 5828.

'A Night in Paris': Annual L’Arche fundraising dinner – Thursday 22 August
L’Arche Genesaret is holding its annual French themed 'A Night in Paris' fundraising dinner on Thursday, 22 August at the Bridge Restaurant, Merici College. Tickets include pre-dinner drinks and canapés and a three course menu of seasonal and locally sourced modern French cuisine with wine. Guests will also enjoy lucky door prizes, musical entertainment, and a fun auction.

The dinner will help raise funds for L’Arche Genesaret to continue to support 13 people with a disability to achieve their goals and dreams. Guests at last year’s dinner enjoyed high quality food and an entertaining night. Seats strictly limited so get in early!

Tickets are $98 per person. There is a 5% discount for purchases made before 15 August 2013. Tickets are available online at www.trybooking.com. If you cannot access this website please contact the L’Arche office on telephone 6282 9066 or e-mail canberra@larche.org.au.

National Youth Week 2014 – Nominations for ACT National Youth Week Members
Are you aged between 12 and 25 years, enthusiastic and would like to participate in National Youth Week 2014? Do you have an interest in media and or event coordination, keen to bring new ideas at both a national and local level, have good communication skills and are available from September 2103 to April 2014 to assist with the preparation for Youth Week 2014 in the ACT. Check out www.youth.act.gov.au and download an application for submission with your resume, including references and why you would like to represent the ACT as the young member to youhtubinteract@act.gov.au. For more information please call telephone 6205 3064. Nominations close 31 July 2013.
Padua Class of ’83 Reunion – Saturday 9 November
A reunion is planned for Saturday 9 November 2013. The organising committee would like to locate ex-students who would have completed Year 10 at Padua Catholic High School in 1983. This includes students who may have left earlier as well as teachers. Please contact Kerrin Hardie (Prout) on 0404 462 292, kezzah68@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page: Padua High Wanniassa Class of ’83.

UPCOMING EVENTS (TERM 3 WEEKS 4 AND 5)

UNSW ICAS Maths Competition – Tuesday 13 August
Year 7/8 North Canberra Football (Soccer) – Tuesday 13 August
Catholic Primary Schools Choir Festival – Wednesday 14 August
Moderation Day #2 – Year 7-10 Pupil Free Day, Year 11/12 AST Practice Exams – Thursday 15 August
Extravadancer- The Sequel Concert – Friday 16 August and Saturday 17 August
College Open Volleyball – Friday 16 August
Duke of Edinburgh Bush Skills #1 – Saturday 17 August and Sunday 18 August
School and Specialist Captains Nominations – Monday 19 August
Years 9/10 North Canberra Football (Soccer) – Wednesday 21 August
Sociology Excursion – Thursday 22 August and Friday 23 August
School and Specialist Captains Shortlist Posted – Friday 23 August