WHAT’S ON AT MERICI
TERM 3 WEEKS 4 AND 5 (12 AUGUST-25 AUGUST)

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

New Staff and changes in Staffing for Term 3
Bridget Bandle - Return to Tullow Coordinator
Sue Birch-Marston - Return from Long Service Leave to Expressive Arts Coordinator
Peter Birrell - Maths Teacher (Semester 2)
Brendan Caswell - PE Teacher (Semester 2)
Margaret Chandler - Learning Support Assistant (Permanent Appointment)
Ann Cleary - Return to Assistant Principal Curriculum
Karyn Connelly - Science Teacher (Semester 2)
Urmila Devi - Teacher Librarian (Permanent Appointment)
Peita-Claire Fothergill - PE Teacher (Semester 2)
Helen Haxby - Maths Teacher (Semester 2)
Tracey Kent - Head of Information Services and Pre-service Teacher Coordinator (Permanent Appointment)
Judith Lane - Science Teacher (Semester 2)
Diane Ponton - Learning Support Assistant (Permanent Appointment)
Catherine Ransom - Maths Teacher (Semester 2)
Annegret Schelb - RE Teacher (Semester 2)
Trazel Scott - Return to Assistant Principal Students
Maria Tolfree - Liturgy and Mission Coordinator (Permanent Appointment)
Loretta Wholley - Principal
Brooke Wood (formerly Miss Deane) - Acting Seiwa Coordinator (Semester 2)

Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Catholic Primary Schools Choir Festival hosted by Merici College – Wednesday 14 August
Merici welcomes primary school students and families from St Bernard’s Primary School Batehaven, St Patrick’s Parish School Cooma, St Mary’s Primary School Moruya, St Patrick’s Primary School Gundagai, St Edmund’s Junior Choir Griffith, St Francis Xavier School Lake Cargelligo and Marist College Junior School Choir, Pearce. The students will be participating in the annual Choir Festival organised by the Catholic Education Office and the Knights of the Southern Cross. The Festival commences at 9.00am and concludes at 5.00pm. Please be aware that carparking may be limited on this day. Extended carparking time limits has been arranged from 9.00am-5.00pm on Wise Street, Helemon Street and Henty Street.

Moderation Day/Pupil Free Day – Thursday 15 August
Please note that Moderation Day/Pupil Free Day for all Year 7 to Year 12 (Senior Accredited students only) will be held on Thursday 15 August. Year 12 Tertiary students are required to attend school from 9.00am to 11.40am (Multiple Choice 2005). Year 11 Tertiary students need to be lined up outside the Auditorium by 12.50pm to commence AST trials (Writing 2011) from 1.00pm to 3.15pm.
**Book Week – Monday 19 August – Friday 23 August**
We will be celebrating Book Week in the iC with fun activities to promote books and reading. This year's theme is Read Across the Universe. Students from the Information and Cultural Services class will be planning and running this event.

**World Vision 40 Hour Famine – Friday 23 August – Sunday 25 August**
Merici College students are being given the opportunity to participate in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine on the weekend of 23-25 August 2013. Students are invited to 'give up' something they enjoy for 40 hours - such as food, furniture, electronics or social media - and raise funds and awareness for people living in poverty. This year the funds raised from the 40 Hour Famine will go to Malawi, where 1.9 million people are lacking essential food.

If your daughter is interested in participating in the 40 Hour Famine, go to [http://www.worldvision.com.au/40hourfamine.aspx](http://www.worldvision.com.au/40hourfamine.aspx) for more information or to register and join the Merici College team. If you would like to donate to the Merici College team, please go to [http://40hf.com.au/MericiCollege](http://40hf.com.au/MericiCollege).

Please note: students are encouraged to complete the 40 Hour Famine over the weekend mentioned above, as we do not encourage them to go without food during the school week. If they choose to give up furniture, talking or technology, they may be able to do so during school time if the weekend is not possible, but they will need to inform Miss Carey and their teachers of this so that WHS accommodations can be made during this time.

**Merici Science Series 2013 – Tuesday 27 August**
All interested students, staff, friends and family are welcome to attend Merici’s Science Series talks. The talks are held in the Science flexi learning area. Afternoon tea is served in the restaurant at 3.40pm and the talks begin at 4.00pm.

On Tuesday 27 August Professor Kiaran Kirk will be visiting the College. Professor Kirk is the Director of the Research School of Biology at the ANU and his area of research is the malarial parasite, which is now resistant to most of the drugs we have available. Professor Kirk will talk about the disease and the parasite that causes it, about why pharmaceutical companies are disinterested and about recent work at the ANU on an exciting new class of antimalarial that is now in clinical trials.

For further details please follow the link [http://tiny.cc/mg4e1w](http://tiny.cc/mg4e1w).

**Trivia Night Invitation "A Blast from the Past!" – Friday 30 August**
The Merici College community is invited to attend our annual Social Justice Trivia Night which is taking place in the Merici Auditorium at 6:30pm on Friday 30 August.

This year’s theme is 'A Blast from the Past' and so guests are invited to dress in outfits that reflect past fashions and trends!! We will also be treated to some live entertainment on the night, featuring some of our very own students!

The proceeds from the event will be going towards the ongoing development of 'The Way of Light School' in India which the College has now been supporting for a number of years. Thanks to the money raised at past trivia nights, The Way of Light School is now fully operational, educating 100 local children.
Table bookings for the night can be made through the Finance Office at the College, or you may call 6242 4100. Prices are $80 for a table of 10 OR $10 per person. (There will be the opportunity to pre-purchase answers on the night, so bring along some loose change!) You are also welcome to bring along drinks and snacks for the evening. No alcohol is permitted due to College and Catholic Education Office policies.

Donations: We would greatly appreciate donations for this event from your business. Gift vouchers, goods or services will be used as prizes on the night. Your business will be thanked at the Trivia Night and afterwards will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and will be mentioned on our school website. If you can help out with this, please contact Miss Hannah Carey at the College on 6242 4100 or hannah.carey@merici.act.edu.au.

Round up your friends and come along to support a great cause through an evening of fun and entertainment! We look forward to seeing you there!!

Need Help With Assessment Tasks?
A reminder that students may come along to C1/C2 Tuesday lunchtimes and work on assessment tasks. You don't need to be a member of the Writers’ Club to come along and work in a quiet space or use a computer for research for a task. If you need help, ask Ms Jones who is supervising at this time.

Technology Policy Review
Please follow the link http://tiny.cc/b9f40w to find the final Technology Policy Review document. Please note that the final pages of the Review document contain the recommendations that have been discerned following a process of consulting with staff, students and the broader community, and engaging in significant research on this important issue. This document and its recommendations have been endorsed by the College Board. Using these recommendations, a draft copy of a new Technology Policy (for implementation in 2014) will now be developed. We would like to thank all the parents, students and staff that participated in the review process.

Maths Tutorials Every Tuesday Lunch Time
Maths tutes are on Tuesday at lunch time in Room 208. These are for anyone who would like help with Maths or would just like to come and do their homework or work on an assignment. Everyone is very welcome and there are Maths teachers waiting to help you. All girls working in the Maths Enrichment stage are encouraged to come and work on their booklets as well. Remember girls; the only dumb question is the one you DON’T ask. Ms Missen, Mathematics Coordinator

iC after school
The iC is open after school each day for independent study or reading. Monday - Thursday 5.00pm, Friday 4.00pm. As well as this, the homework club runs in the iC lab. If you would like your daughter to attend the homework club please contact Helen Maybin on email helen.maybin@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 6243 4153 for further details.

YEAR 11 AND 12 NEWS

AST Trials (Year 11 and 12 Tertiary Students only) – Thursday 15 August
Please note that Moderation Day/Pupil Free Day for all Year 7 to Year 12 (Senior Accredited students only) will be held on Thursday 15 August. Year 12 Tertiary students are required to attend
Sociology Excursion to Sydney - Thursday 22 and Friday 23 August
In week 5 Sociology students will be going on an excursion to Sydney as part of their unit study of Deviance and Crime. The girls will be visiting various venues and facilities to give them a more practical understanding of the issues regarding labeling, norms, values, and sanctions. Venues include Kings Cross Police Station, The Wayside Chapel, Catherine Booth House, Mission Australia and a talk by Youth Action. It is always a rewarding and eye opening experience for both students and staff.

Senior Absences
A reminder to all senior students that senior absences need to be explained by a written/signed note from a parent within five days of the absence. Unexplained absence letters are given out to the Year 11 and 12 students once a week.

STUDENT NEWS

The effects Social Media has on Self-esteem and Body Image
Please follow the link http://tiny.cc/9if40w to find an interesting article on the effects social media has on self-esteem and body image.

Australian Federal Police Cyber-safety Presentation – Tuesday 13 August
The AFP will be visiting Merici College on Tuesday 13 August from 11.35am-12.35pm to speak to Year 7 about Cyber-safety and digital citizenship. Parents are most welcome to attend this session as well. The session will be in the Catherine Rey Learning Centre.

Useful Website
A website with excellent resources for parents and students about navigating technology is www.acma.gov.au.

Year 11 Leadership for 2014 and Nominations
There will be a meeting during long PC next Tuesday 13 August for all students in Year 11. This is a compulsory meeting outlining to all students the opportunities available to them for leadership in 2014. The leadership application process is rigorous and requires students to submit written applications for each leadership position they are interested in, much like a job application. We strongly recommend students apply for more than 1 position. Putting all eggs in one basket can lead to significant disappointment.

The shortlist process for College Captain is overseen by the Board Chair and a delegated committee to maintain impartiality, students then vote for their Captain after a speech morning. The Specialist Captain positions are discerned by a committee and the House Captains are also interviewed formally by their House Coordinator then the whole House votes after speeches. We are looking forward to receiving applications.

School and Specialist Captains nominations are due on Monday 19 August. Parents are advised that a nomination to be a school leader does not guarantee their daughter will be eligible to stand for a
leadership position in the College. There are very rigorous criteria which must be met and addressed by each individual in order for the candidate to be eligible to stand for election. The Year 11 students will meet with the Merici College Executive next week and the process will be explained to them. Nominations for School and Specialists Captains are due on Monday, 19 August and nominations for House Captain are due on Monday 9 September. School and Specialist Captains shortlist will be posted on Friday 23 August.

DEFENCE NEWS

Pizza and Panel Presentation: Tri Service Absence Support – Wednesday 21 August
The presentation is an excellent opportunity to share your experience of deployment and learn and gain support from the experience of others. A panel comprising ADF personnel and partners experienced in deployment will facilitate the evening. Free pizza will be served and there will be limited childcare available. Please RSVP by Wednesday 14 August on telephone 6265 8777 or email dco.canberra@defence.gov.au.

ACT Chief Minister’s ANZAC Spirit Prize Competition 2014
Students aged between 14 – 17 years are invited to compete in the ANZAC Spirit Prize Competition. The competition opens on 24 July and closed on 16 October 2013. Competition winners will visit World War I commemorative sites and celebrate ANZAC Day in 2014, at either ANZAC Cove in Gallipoli, or the Battlefields of France. The competition is open to all ACT students in Years 9 and 10 in 2013, who are aged between 14-17 years inclusive as of the date of departure in April 2014. For further information on competition requirements please contact Ms Trish Benson on telephone 6205 6869 or by email at ANZACSpiritPrize@act.gov.au. Information is also available on the website www.det.act.gov.au.

DANCE NEWS

‘Extravadancer’ Performance – (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.

SPORT NEWS

Years 7/8 North Canberra Football (Soccer) – Tuesday 13 August
The Years 7/8 North Canberra Girls’ Soccer Carnival will be held on Tuesday 13 August 13th at the Dickson Playing Fields. Students participating in the carnival are required to be at the venue from
8.45am until approximately 2:30pm. Students will need to make their own way to and from the ground. Students need to ensure that they are adequately equipped for the carnival (eg: sufficient fluids, food, etc.). We have been advised that a canteen may operate on the day but this is yet to be confirmed. For more information please contact Alan Keogh on telephone 6243 4100. The contact number on the day is 0408 482 480.

**2013 NSW Catholic Netball Championships – Wednesday 14 August**
The NSW Catholic School Girls Netball Championships will be held on Wednesday 14 August at Penrith Netball Courts, Jamison Park Jamison Road, Penrith. The carnival will commence at approximately 8:30am in Sydney and conclude at approximately 4:00pm. Students participating in the Championships are required to be at the College at **3:45am for a 4:00am Bus Departure**. Please note, the bus must leave no later than 4:00am to enable us to get to the courts in Sydney for the first game. The approximate arrival back to the College will be 7:30pm. Please follow the link [http://tiny.cc/cve40w](http://tiny.cc/cve40w) to find more information and the permission note.

**College Open Volleyball – Friday 16 August**
The ACT Schools Cup Open Volleyball will be held on Friday 16 August at the Hockey Centre in Lyneham. Students are required to be at the venue from 8:30am until 3:30pm and it is required that she makes her own way to and from the venue. Please note that supervision will not be provided at the venue prior to 8:30am and parents should undertake to pick up their daughters by the anticipated finish time. However, the finishing time may be earlier, depending upon results. For more information please contact Andrew Blakey on telephone 243 4118 before the carnival or alternatively on the day on 0427 176 534.

**Duke of Edinburgh Bush Skills #1 – Saturday 17 August – Sunday 18 August**
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.

**Year 9/10 Football (Soccer) – Wednesday 21 August**
The Year 9/10 North Canberra Girls’ Soccer Carnival will be held on Wednesday 21st August at the Dickson Playing Fields. Students participating in the carnival are required to be at the venue from 8.45am until approximately 2:30pm. Students will need to make their own way to and from the ground. Students need to ensure that they are adequately equipped for the carnival (eg: sufficient fluids, food, etc.). We have been advised that a canteen may operate on the day but this is yet to be confirmed.

For more information please contact Alan Keogh on telephone 6243 4100. The contact number on the day is 0409 482 483.

**ASC Netball – Tuesday 27 August**
The ASC Netball Carnival will be held on Tuesday 27 August at the Lyneham Netball Courts. Please contact Laura Withers for more information on email laura.withers@merici.act.edu.au.
**Athletics Carnival – Thursday 29 August**
The Annual Merici Athletics Carnival is an integral day in the life of the College as it provides an opportunity for the greater development of your daughter in areas such as social relationships, sporting and creative talents and life skills. It encourages a sense of belonging and continuity as students and staff cultivate loyalty and commitment to their particular House and hence the College. It is also an opportunity to promote the health and fitness of your daughter. All parents are also very welcome and encouraged to attend.

The carnival will be held on Thursday 29 August at the Australian Institute of Sport Athletics Track (Battye Street Bruce). Chartered buses will depart Merici at 9.15am and return at 2.30pm. It is expected that all students will travel to and from the AIS by bus from Merici College.

All students are expected to attend the athletics carnival, as it is a compulsory school day. If your daughter does not attend you will be asked to explain her absence in writing to her PC Teacher. Your daughter is encouraged to enter at least one track and one field event. If your daughter is unable to participate due to injury or health concerns, she is encouraged to bring a note written and signed by you so they can then assist officials and contribute to the House spirit so proudly displayed on these days.

Please follow the link [http://tiny.cc/bkjf1w](http://tiny.cc/bkjf1w) to find more information on the carnival, the permission note and carnival program.

**OTHER NEWS**

'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](http://www.trybooking.com) If you cannot access this website please phone the L’Arche office on 6282 9066 or e-mail: canberra@larche.org.au.

**Royal Canberra Junior Cadet Golf Program**
Royal Canberra Golf Club is committed to promoting the game of golf to young people in the local community by offering a structured Junior Program. The Junior Development Program is designed to give juniors the necessary knowledge and experience to become accomplished golfers. As well as developing their golfing skills, they will learn the correct etiquette required, good sportsmanship and the social skills that the game of golf teaches. Just as important is the emphasis we place on safety and making golf fun to learn.

Follow us on [MericiC](https://twitter.com/MericiC), [@MericiSport](https://twitter.com/MericiSport), [MericiCanberra](https://twitter.com/MericiCanberra).
If you are interested in finding out more about the program or you would like to participate, please contact Mr Higginbotham on email Robert.higginbotham@merici.act.edu.au.

**Gungahlin Defence and Friends Community Sessions – Food for Fussy Eaters (Kids) – Wednesday 14 August**
Come along to a fun afternoon with Cath Tompos and add some ideas to your repertoire! 1.00pm-2.15pm, Gungahlin Child and Family Centre, Cnr Ernest Cavanagh Street and Gungahlin Place, Gungahlin. RSVP to Michelle on telephone 6207 0120 by Friday 9 August. Children welcome.

**Scouts Australia**
Are you looking for the best activity for your children? Boys and Girls can be Scouts! For friendship, confidence, life skills, fun and much more…Scouts opens the door to a world of adventure, excitement, challenge and achievement. With challenging outdoor activities such as bushwalking, canoeing, sailing, caving, rock-climbing, camping and much more! Scouting gives you community involvement, adventure, personal growth and leadership development. Find out which night your local group meets at your local scout hall (usually a school night with some weekend events). Joeys age 6 to 8, Cubs age 8 to 11, Scouts age 11 to 14½ and Venturers age 14½ to 17 Visit [www.act.scouts.asn.au](http://www.act.scouts.asn.au) to find your nearest group or call 1800 726 887 to start your free 3-week trial.

**Parent Support Group: For parents of children with a disability**
The Learning Support Team, Catholic Education Office is facilitating a Parent Support Group. This group is for parents of students with a disability. The purpose of this group is to meet and chat with other parents. It also provides the opportunity for parents to meet with the CEO Learning Support Team. The event will be held on Wednesday 7 August from 5.30pm to 7.00pm at the Rheinberger Centre, corner of Weston and Loch Street, Yarralumla.

**headspaceACT**
headspaceACT runs free information and education seminars about mental health and wellbeing for parents and carers of young people between the ages of 12 to 25 years. Seminars are held at headspaceACT, University of Canberra, Bruce on the last Tuesday evening of the month at 5.30pm for 6.00pm presentation. Each presentation runs for one hour. Tea and coffee provided. All welcome. Please follow the link [http://tiny.cc/ti5g1w](http://tiny.cc/ti5g1w) to find a program of seminars.

**UPCOMING EVENTS (TERM 3 WEEKS 6 AND 7)**

- School and Specialist Captains Elections – Tuesday 27 August
- Athletics Carnival – Thursday 29 August
- School and Specialist Captains Announced – Friday 30 August
- Duke of Edinburgh Trip Meeting – Saturday 31 August
- Year 12 Non-Assessment Week – Monday 2 September – Friday 6 September
- The Edge Years 11 and 12 Conference – Tuesday 3 September – Wednesday 4 September
- AST Testing – 1st Sitting – Tuesday 3 September – Wednesday 4 September
- ACT 12 Years and Under Athletics Carnival AIS – Thursday 5 September
- Year 8 Retreat Day – Friday 6 September
- Duke of Edinburgh Bush Skills #2 – Saturday 7 September – Sunday 8 September
Obituary - Delia Doyle (Merici College’s first Head Girl 1959)

It is with sadness that we write about the passing of Merici College’s first Head Girl (School Captain), Delia Duke (nee Doyle) on 26 July, 2013. Delia was born in Goulburn on 7 July, 1941 and had 2 sisters and a brother and she was Captain in 1959.

The family moved to Canberra and they lived in Turner. Delia initially attended St Christopher’s school at Manuka and then Merici College (then known as Catholic Girls High). She loved to play basketball and tennis.

In 2009, Merici College celebrated its Jubilee and Delia was thrilled to be asked to join in the celebrations, including giving a speech in one of the assemblies.

Delia worked in the Department of Defence, where she met her husband who was in the Navy. She went on to study nursing and became a midwife. She worked at the Canberra Hospital for 6 years. She married and had 4 sons and the family settled in Chifley and Torrens. Delia’s sons attended Marist College and Delia was the President of the Mothers Committee for some years.

Delia was a passionate voice and advocate for families with children with a disability. At Delia’s funeral service one of the Prayers of the Faithful read ‘thank you for enabling Delia to work with drive and determination to develop faith community and establish support services for people with a disability here in Canberra.’

Delia went on the study a Bachelor Degree in Fine Arts – in History at the ANU. She spent her retirement years living on the south coast. She had 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. She loved her Irish heritage, gardening, art galleries, meditation in the Benedictine tradition, her family and friends. She had an outgoing personality and she actively kept in contact with a wide circle of friends.

She battled breast cancer over a number of years and she died in the Hospice in Canberra attended by the sisters from the Little Company of Mary.

The College was represented at Delia’s funeral by College Captain Elyse Dahl and Ningil Captain Hannah Solly.

Lisa Melis and Gerard Ryan