

# WHAT'S ON AT MERICI #fidelitas #merici60

Term 3 Weeks 4 and 5 (Monday 4 November – Sunday 17 November)



## WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Principal's Blog – Adolescent Mental Health and Wellbeing Expo

In my 6 years as a Principal I have been troubled by the rise in the number of students diagnosed with mental health issues. Recently an article in our local paper highlighted that 1 in 4 students were struggling with a mental health issue and 1 in 7 students has had an episode in the past 12 months. [Full article](#)

### Year 12 House Farewells (Monday 4 November)

Year 12 students will be farewelled in special assemblies held with their Houses on Monday 4 November.

### Year 12 Farewell Assembly (Friday 15 November)

Year 12 students will farewell the school community at a very special assembly on Friday 15 November.

### Uniform

The new uniform shop is going well. We thank parents for your patience as we settle in. Please note that no student should be wearing hoodies or other jackets to and from school. All dresses and skirts must be to the knee, and the only warm clothing item for cold weather is the school jumper. The summer uniform is worn with white plain ankle socks. New dresses and jumpers are available from the shop.

The uniform shop is open on Tuesdays 8am-11am and Thursdays 2pm-4pm. To assist in meeting your needs prior to the start of the 2020 school year, the shop will be open from 9.00am – 1.00pm on the following days:

Saturday 30 November  
Saturday 7 December  
Monday 16 December  
Wednesday 22 January  
Thursday 23 January  
Friday 24 January  
Tuesday 28 January

For all information on uniform requirements, please visit [www.merici.college](http://www.merici.college).

**Merici College Uniform Shop**

Visit the **Uniform Shop** page for more information about purchasing new uniform items.

**EXTENDED HOURS**

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**TRADING HOURS**

TUESDAY 8-11AM  
THURSDAY 2-5PM

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## Head Lice Notification

We have received notification that there has been a student in year 8 with a case of head lice. For further information please click here: <https://health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-10/Head%20Lice.pdf>

## IB – Middle Years Programme (MYP) – Service and Action

**Do you know what the requirements are for Service and Action in the IB MYP?** Merici has a fantastic service learning program that promotes authentic service experiences. This aligns well with the IB requirements for Service and Action and you can see below how the IB MYP 7 service learning outcomes align with our Christ-centred outcomes. [Read more](#)..

## 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/online-parent> to find the October newsletter and the latest special advice regarding Yolo and Triller.

## YEAR 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS

### PROJECT ROCKIT (Tuesday 3 December)

Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students are invited to participate in PROJECT ROCKIT. If you think your daughter could benefit from having a stronger understanding of how to challenge cyberbullying or create social change, please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/projectrockit> to find the consent form and program information. The consent form needs to be submitted as soon as possible and before Friday 8 November.

The event is organised by PROJECT ROCKIT, Australia's youth-driven movement against bullying, hate and prejudice.

In an Australian-first, landmark partnership, PROJECT ROCKIT is teaming up with Facebook and Instagram to build the next generation of Digital Ambassadors all over Australia.

At the event your students and community will be equipped with the tools to challenge cyberbullying and create social change

When: Tuesday 3 December, 2019  
Start: 9:30am arrival for a 10:00am start - Morning Tea provided  
Finish: 1:15pm  
Where: Belconnen High School

For all enquiries, please contact Virginia McLeod, Head of Junior School, [virginia.mcleod@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:virginia.mcleod@merici.act.edu.au).

## YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

### Road Ready Program Year 10 (Tuesday 19 November- Wednesday 29 November)

Year 10 students who live in the ACT will be given the opportunity to complete the Road Ready program in Week 6 of this term. This will commence on Tuesday 19 November at 1.00pm and run all day on Wednesday 20 November (9am-3.30pm). Students wishing to take advantage of this opportunity will have three modules to complete outside of these hours. To be issued with a certificate, students must attend all sessions and complete the compulsory activities in the Road Ready workbook.

To assist with planning, your daughter will need to register through the link sent to them by Mrs Kennedy. Registrations will close on Monday 4 November. Please contact [emma.kennedy@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:emma.kennedy@merici.act.edu.au) if you have any questions.

### Exam Timetable

Senior exams will commence on Monday 18 November and run through to Friday 22 November. An AST Practice Test will be held on Friday 22 November for all Year 11 tertiary students. Year 10 exams will be held from Thursday 14 November to Friday 15 November.

### End of Semester Information for Year 12 students

The next few weeks are very important for our Year 12 students academically and with regard to the end of year celebrations. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/year12-end-of-year-info> to find information about upcoming events and arrangements. The information includes:

- Important information regarding exams and checking of grades and scores.
- The timeline/calendar of all end of year events.

Given that these final few weeks of Year 12 are always very busy and can be quite stressful for the girls, please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel your daughter needs extra help or support.

We look forward to celebrating with you, the Graduating Class of 2019. Should you have any further enquiries regarding the end of year events please do not hesitate to contact the College.

### Key Academic Dates for Years 11 and 12 students

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/key-dates-yrs11-12> to find key dates for senior students. We ask parents to go through this information with your daughters quite closely so you are all aware of the requirements and any important cut off dates. Please contact Renee Taylor, Deputy Principal Learning ([renee.taylor@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:renee.taylor@merici.act.edu.au)) for further information.

### End of Semester Information for Year 10 students

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/yr10-end-of-year> to find end of Semester 2 information for Year 10 students.

## Year 10 Final Week

The end of the year is fast approaching and there are a number of exciting end of year activities planned for the Year 10 cohort. The timetable for Week 8 is planned as follows:

Year 10 Week 8 2019						
Period	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday	Year 10 Reflection Morning	Year 10 Reflection Morning	Advent Mass Rehearsal	Long PC	VET and Grade Check	VET and Grade Check
Tuesday	Service Day with Marist (at Merici)					
Wednesday	Big Splash Excursion					
Thursday	Advent Mass		Awards		Year 10s finished, go home	

A letter with more information regarding the Service Day with Marist and the Big Splash excursion will be sent out next week.

## MISSION AND COMMUNITY

### Youth Ministry - Angela's Angels Junior Afternoon – Friday 1 November

A Year 7-9 Angela's Angels Movie Afternoon has been advertised to students this term. Please find details in the permission note attached. The afternoon will be facilitated by our Youth Minister, Neve Tually with the assistance of Angela's Angels. If your daughter is still interested and has not submitted the permission note, please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/angela-angels-movie> to find the note.

If you have any questions please contact Amy Connellan, Head of Mission and Community. Ph 6243 4157 email: [amy.connellan@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:amy.connellan@merici.act.edu.au) .

### Year 10 Christian Service Learning Week (Monday 25 November to Friday 29 November)

We are continuing our Christian Service Learning Program this year with a Christian Service Week involving all Year 10 students from Monday 25 November to Friday 29 November inclusive. Year 10 students have started receiving their 'Service Week packs' with important documents regarding their Week 6 Service Week placements. After receiving the Service Week packs, each student is required to follow instructions regarding completion of the 4-Way Agreement and return of these forms and the permission note which can be found at <http://merici.college/go/year10-cslp>. Your daughter has been asked to read through the Service Week pack with her parent/guardian and arrange a meeting with her supervisor to finalise the 4-Way Agreement and return it to the College. Students will have another briefing prior to their placements in Week 7.

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## CAREERS NEWS

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

## SPORT

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

### Sports' Awards Evening – Tuesday 12 November (5.00pm-7.00pm)

You are invited to attend the annual Merici College Sports Presentation night scheduled to be held on Tuesday 12 November from 5.00-7.00pm in the Merici College Auditorium. The night will be a celebration of sporting success for all participating and representative students throughout 2019. You are invited to create your own table or join with others on the evening. Please bring refreshments. Dress: Casual. RSVP to [andrew.blakey@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:andrew.blakey@merici.act.edu.au).

## DEFENCE

### Inaugural Veterans Community Day

The ACT Ministerial Advisory Council for Veterans and their Families is hosting Canberra's Inaugural Veterans Community Day at the National Arboretum Canberra. Join the Council for a Remembrance Day commemoration, tour the Turkish Pine Forest, hear the story of Canberra's first Anzac, meet members of the new Council and enjoy the stunning surrounds.

When: Sunday 10 November 2019

Time: 10am to 1pm

Venue: Margaret Whitlam Pavilion, National Arboretum Canberra, Forests Drive, Molonglo Valley



A traditional Ngannawal welcome to country smoking ceremony will be conducted prior to formalities. While this is a free event, registrations are required through Eventbrite at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/veterans-community-day-at-the-national-arboretum-canberra-tickets-75774404283?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>.

## EXPRESSIVE ARTS

### 2019 Expressive Arts Showcase

Dance, Photography, Visual Arts, Music, Vocal, Media, Drama

Opening – Tuesday 26 November 5pm-5.30pm in the new quad. RSVP essential by Friday 22 November to

[ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au)

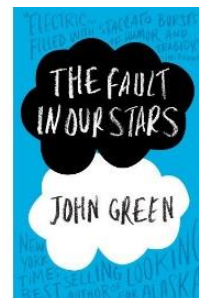
Exhibition viewing – Wednesday 27-Friday 29 November 9am-3pm in the Auditorium.



## iC NEWS

As we are now halfway through Term 4, it is often a good time to take stock of what has been achieved throughout the year. The main way to do this is to analyse the usage statistics of our resources.

Throughout 2019 we have loaned out 4,794 physical resources: 2,551 Fiction books; 1,950 Nonfiction resources; 270 Picture books and 72 Audio books through the Oliver catalogue system. All these statistics are up from last year by a considerable amount. Our most popular hardcopy fiction title is *The Fault in our Stars* by John Green, and non-fiction being *Ancient Rome* by Fiona McDonald. Textbooks are also included in the count with an additional 4,123 resources loaned to staff and students.



Regarding our digital collection, we can see that InfoBase e-books have had great usage over the year with both fiction and non-fiction resources being looked at. The most popular Nonfiction title being *Living in Ancient Rome*, with *Living in Ancient Greece* coming in as the second most used resource this year.

It is very heartening to see that the resources purchased and promoted are being well used by the students and teachers of our community.

Happy reading

iC Staff

## CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

### Sustainability at Merici - Actsmart Mobile Round up (National Recycling Week)

PLEASE TELL EVERYONE to collect their phones to be part of a Guinness world record attempt for the largest amount of mobile phones collected for recycling in 24 hours. A collection box can be found here at Merici opposite Student Services, next to the Terracycle Oral Care collection.

Accepted items include:

- Mobile phones (including personal digital assistants that are mobiles)
- Mobile phone accessories (including ear pieces, car kits, cases etc)
- Mobile batteries of all kinds
- Mobile phone chargers
- Wireless
- USB mobile devices

Donations accepted until 13 November.

## Dance Troupe

The Dance Troupe are performing at Marymead on Saturday 9 November at 11.00am. Marymead is also one of the charities that Penola support and we look forward to seeing lots of our students there!

## OTHER NEWS

### Bootcamp 2019

Lifeline Canberra's second annual Bootcamp will be held on Saturday 2 November. Proudly sponsored by Icon Water, Club Lime and the University of Canberra.

Serious Bootcamp 8:30 am

Family Bootcamp 9.30 am

Location Oval 6 University of Canberra

[CLICK HERE for flyer](#)

Cost \$26.00 per person *(inclusive of GST)*

Kids under 16 are free!

[Register and purchase tickets online](#)



### St Thomas the Apostle School & Parish Fete

Proudly Brought to you by Jupiter Kitchens & MEJ

37-39 Boddington Cres, KAMBAH ACT 2902

Saturday 9 November 2019 - 10am - 2:30pm

There will be Show Bags, Cakes, Trash 'n' Treasure, Crafts, Plants, Tombola.

Dodgem Cars, Sizzler Supa Cha Cha, Competitions, \$1,000's in prizes, great food & much more. 10 Fantastic Prizes on Pick a Prize. There is lots to see, do and buy.

## UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 4 Weeks 6 and 7)

Senior Exams (Monday 18 November – Thursday 21 November)

Year 7 Vaccinations (Friday 22 November)

Year 10 Christian Service Learning Week (Monday 25 November – Friday 29 November)

Expressive Arts Showcase (Tuesday 26 November)