



WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Weeks 4 and 5 (2 November – 15 November)

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

2019 Merici College Annual Report to the Community

Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/2019-annual-report> to find the 2019 Annual Report for your perusal.

Satisfaction Survey Results

During the September Board meeting, we had the pleasure of reading the Satisfaction Survey results. The school had a high number of respondents; 491 responses from students, 74 from staff, and 291 from parents. We had predominantly 'green' which is an improvement on previous years. Here is a sample of the responses and growth areas from 2017 to 2020.

Parents

Catholic religious identity is a strong focus in our school	2.2 to 2.3
Change initiatives are well managed at our school	2.1 to 2.3
Communication between the home and school is effective	2.2 to 2.3
I am happy with my child's access to technology in our school	2.2 to 2.3

Staff

Catholic religious identity is a strong focus in our school	2.4 to 2.5
Change initiatives are well managed at our school	1.6 to 2.1
Collaborative planning processes in our school are effective	1.8 to 2.0

Students

My teacher/s helps me to achieve my learning goals	1.7 to 1.9
My teacher/s suggests ways to improve my learning	1.8 to 2.0
The school Principal and other leaders in our school are approachable	1.7 to 2.0

Over the years, the Percentage of respondents over the years has fallen, however we are hopeful that there will be increased participation with the survey next year.

Students	97%	83%	54%	74%
Parents	52%	54%	41%	46%
Staff	98%	88%	88%	89%

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the community members who responded and congratulate the Executive team, teachers and support staff for contributing to our excellent results.

Jacqui Keighery, Board Chair

Year 12 House Farewells (Monday 2 November)

Year 12 students will be farewelled in special assemblies held with their Houses on Monday 2 November. Unfortunately, this is a student-only event.

Bridge Restaurant (Wednesday 4 November 6.00pm)

The Bridge Restaurant will be open for dinner on Wednesday 4 November at 6pm. Please telephone our Hospitality team on 6243 4130 to make your booking. Book early as seating is limited.

Year 12 Farewell Assembly (Friday 13 November)

Year 12 students will farewell the school community at a very special assembly on Friday 13 November. Unfortunately this is a student-only event.

Mathematics Tutoring

Math's Tutoring is available to all students Tuesday and Wednesday morning (8.30am) and Wednesday after school (3.30-4.30pm) in the Pentony Centre. This will run through to the end of Week 7, Term 4.

Merici Makerspace Open for Students

The Merici Makerspace is open to any keen MakerGirls on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. All Welcome.



Student Carpark

Could we please request that parents do not collect students after school from the gravel student carpark that has an entrance from Henty Street. The additional traffic does cause flow issues and makes it difficult for students to safely exit the carpark.

Online Advice Newsletter

The Perimeter Guardian Parent Advice Online Safety information newsletter focuses on technology issues that may concern parents. Please follow the link <http://merici.college/go/1p> to find the latest newsletter covering HolaFake GPS locator and HolaRandom Video Chat.

YEAR 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

Year 11 Key Academic Dates IB DP for the end of Semester 2, 2020

2 – 13 November	IB TOK Presentations
16 – 20 November	Practice Exams IB DP – Students will not attend classes during this week.
30 November	Group 4 Project Collaboration with Riverina Anglican College – Wagga (Pending COVID Restrictions – may be physical or remote)
4 December	Group 4 Project Deadline
1 December	Feedback on Exams
11 December	ATAR Conversion second interim estimate
11 December	Last day of classes for IB DP students

Key End of Year Academic Dates for BSSS Seniors

Please click [here](#) to find key end of year/semester academic dates for senior students. This outlines when Year 12 results will be published both internally and externally. Please ensure you read this document to best support your daughter at the end of the year as this can be a stressful time. An important date to note is the last day of classes for all BSSS seniors, Monday 23 November. BSSS students are then on summer holidays after this date. The Year 12 Graduation and Formal will follow this in the first week of December.

CAREERS NEWS

Please visit <https://www.mericicareers.com/> to find the latest Careers newsletter and information.

IB NEWS

Middle Years Programme (MYP) Verification Visit – Update

On Thursday 22 and Friday 23 October we had our MYP verification visit from two staff from the IB who spoke with members of our community about the implementation of the MYP at Merici. This is the final stage in obtaining authorisation to be an IB World School for the MYP. The next steps: A report is sent by the visiting team to the IB for checking. The IB review the report and check it against global standards. Once authorisation is granted, we will receive a letter, this could take 2-3 months but we are hopeful to hear within the next month.

A special mention was made about how well we have approached the delivery of languages and how we have shown the importance of learning a language. Also, our planning for the Personal Project and resources allocated to the delivery was mentioned as being very good.

Thank you to all involved in this and we will keep you updated once we receive the official documentation.

iC NEWS

Last week was a very exciting week in the iC. Book Week was an outstanding success, with the Book Week Committee organising and running activities all week. This included a Pastoral Care daily challenge and we congratulate Ningil for winning the competition. We also held a Scavenger Hunt, Kahoot, Celebrity Heads and Dress Up Parade. Congratulations to everyone who dressed up and got involved in our parade. A Cup Cake decorating competition was also part of the celebrations where we raised \$125 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Congratulations to the first-place winners Alannah Searle and Elizabeth Beaver; second-place winner Dakota Roberts; and third-place winners Stephanie and Ashley Frater.





Over the weekend we congratulated two of our Year 8 Chess Players, Hannah David-Hoole and Brooke Mason who won second place at the 2020 ACT Secondary School Girls Chess Championship.

As the assessment period is slowly creeping up, we would like to remind all students to come to the iC for their research and referencing needs. We are always happy to help.

Happy research!
iC Staff

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

2020 Creative and Performing Arts Showcase

Dance, Photography, Music, Design and Textiles, Media, Drama, Visual Arts, Design and Graphics

Opening Night

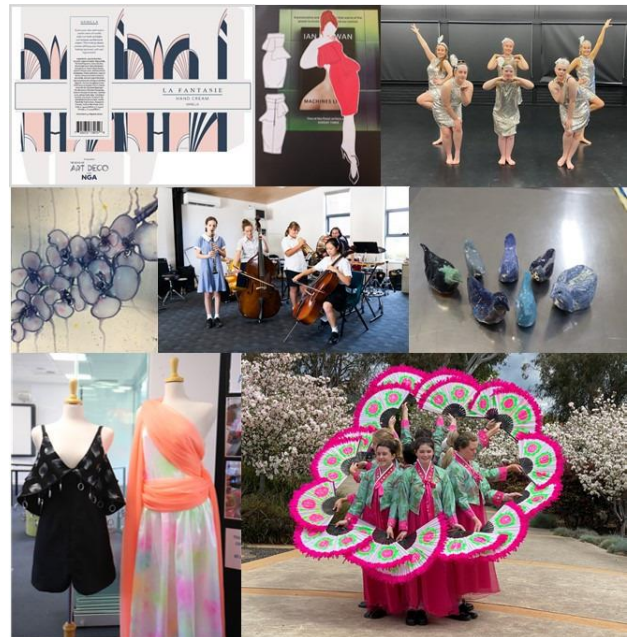
Wednesday 25 November

Official Opening, Fashion Parade, Dance, Band, Drama Performances 5.30pm-7.30pm in the Auditorium.

Exhibition Viewing

Thursday 26 November 9.00am - 4.00pm in the Auditorium. Merici College

Due to the COVID19 restrictions, seating will be limited to 150 guests and bookings are essential. There will be no cost to guests, and we will accept bookings of two per family. This will also include any student not participating in the evening's events. If the restrictions are eased, we will be in contact to allow for a larger family groups to attend.



Online bookings only at <https://www.trybooking.com/BMJEQ>.

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Sw(op) Shop (Tuesday 3 November)

Thank you to our families who did a 'spring clean' of their wardrobe over the holidays, donating clothing items and/or accessories that can be used in our Sw(op) Shop. We would love more items, so please ensure that all items are in good, clean, reusable condition and drop in the box opposite Student Services. For a gold coin donation, students can take items of their choice. The Sw(op) Shop will be held in C1 at lunch time on Tuesday 3 November.

CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

Marist Merici Sailing Program

Training sessions for the Marist Merici Sailing Program have recommenced. Sessions are held on Wednesdays after school at the YMCA Canberra Sailing Club in Yarralumla. The Merici bus provides transport. Interested parties should contact Jennifer.Medd@merici.act.edu.au or can register directly via the website: <https://www.maristmericisailingclub.org/registration/>

Half season memberships are available. The YMCA Canberra Sailing Club also holds regular sailing courses. Link is here: <https://canberra.ymca.org.au/what-we-do/activey/the-sailing-club/>. Membership of the Club is required for students who wish to join the Marist Merici Program.

CONGRATULATIONS

Newest Australian Citizens!

During the holidays, Leah Thewlis (Year 10) and her family completed their emigration experience with their citizenship ceremony. Although it was a virtual session, they are all very proud to call themselves Australian! Congratulations to you all!



OTHER NEWS

International Sports Holiday Camps

Holiday camps for netball and soccer will be held at Merici College, January 13, 14, 15. Basketball, cricket camps will be held at Radford College, January 12, 13, 14. Special half price offer for Merici College students who book before 15 November. Please use the coupon code of SCHOOL50 when booking at iscamps.com.au.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming calendar events will be confirmed by email and are subject to COVID-19 restrictions.