

WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Weeks 8 and 9 (7 June – 20 June)

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Tell Them From Me Parent Survey closes Friday 11 June

As part of our focus on school effectiveness, Merici College will be participating in online surveys for parents, students and staff – Tell Them From Me® (TTFM®). We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me* (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Merici College.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

www.tellthemfromme.com/mericiparents



Please note that the survey will automatically close on **Friday 11 June 4.30pm**.

Thank you for your time and valued contribution to our whole school evaluation and planning process.

Attendance Notification

Our preferred method of communication for student absence is email or SMS reply. A telephone call is no longer sufficient as all attendance must be stored digitally.

Please contact **Student Services in the first instance** if your daughter is absent by email to attendance@merici.act.edu.au or reply to the SMS notification sent to you should your daughter be marked absent in Pastoral Care. If you do not use these electronic methods, a note explaining your daughter's absence is required upon your daughter's return to school.

Extended absences should be addressed to Kate Durham, Head of Junior School at kate.durham@merici.act.edu.au or Damien Nemeth, Head of Senior School at damien.nemeth@merici.act.edu.au, please copy Student Services (attendance@merici.act.edu.au) in the email. Do not hesitate to copy Pastoral Care teachers or House Coordinators into email correspondence and any other information you wish to share about your child.

Absentee reports are periodically emailed to families to help ensure our records are accurate and up to date.

Your support please!

The CEO Winter Sleepout is on again and this year. Help me raise funds for those who are impacted by homelessness in Canberra and the wider region!

One night isn't a lot, but it can make a whole lot of difference. At Merici College, our students and staff are committed to raising awareness of such an important need in society. We will be camping out together onsite at the school.

Every night, thousands of Australians experience homelessness. But it doesn't have to be that way. This year I'm taking part in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout to raise money for the St Vincent de Paul Society to support Australians in need. For one night, I'll be sleeping outside as part of an eye-opening experience to raise awareness and bring home the realities of homelessness. To help break the devastating cycle of homelessness, I need your support. Will you help me to reach my target? Donating 50 dollars can make a huge difference to people who need it most.

I'm raising money for a cause close to my heart and would love your support. Please make your donation at <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/s/12266/51451/e>.

Thank you so much for any help you can offer. *Anna Masters*

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Cross-Age Tutoring For Term 2

Due to end of semester Senior exams, the final week of tutoring for the term will be Week 16, the week ending Friday, June 4. Tutoring will resume in Week 1 of Term 3, the week beginning Monday, July 12. For further information, please contact Sarah Cusack, Cross-age Tutoring Facilitator on email sarah.cusack@merici.act.edu.au.

YEAR 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

Year 11 and 12 BSSS Exams:

Exams for all BSSS students will be held in the College Auditorium between 7-11 June. Students are only required to attend school for exams. No classes for BSSS students will run during this time. Students may wear warm casual clothing.

Key Academic Dates for Year 11 and 12 BSSS Students:

Please see below key dates for the end of this semester for BSSS students. These dates are firm and cannot be moved.

- **7-11 June:** Senior Exams (including AST exams)
- **15-18 June:** Last week of classes, including compulsory exam and assessment check
- **Wednesday 16 June:** All assessment results published through BSSS Profiles Online
- **Wednesday 16 June:** 5 day appeal period commences
- **Monday 21 June:** scaled unit scores published through BSSS Profiles Online. 5 day appeal period on unit scores commences.
- **Wednesday 23 June:** Appeal period for assessment results close
- **Monday 28 June:** Appeal period for unit scores close

CAREERS NEWS

Please follow <http://merici.college/go/careers-newsletter> to find the latest Careers newsletter and information.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE NEWS



Key IB DP Dates – Year 12

Year 12 IB Students will finish school on Friday 25 June.

They are expected to be in uniform and attend classes as usually scheduled.

Please find below the key IB dates (does not include Merici set assessment).

Date	Event
4 June	2 nd Reflection for Extended Essay should already have been completed – if not, meet with supervisor and submit by 4 th June on Managebac RPPF.
15 June	English Lit and Lang final HL essay due
21 June	Final Math IA due
25 June	TOK Essay Due
25 June	Last day of term for Y12 IB students
12 July	Pupil Free Day – students are expected to study at home
14 July	Biology IA due
19 July	Spanish Mock Exam PC, period 1 and 2
20 July	Final submission of Extended Essay

MYP Personal Project

The Year 10s nine-month Personal Project journey is soon coming to a close with their final report due in Week 2 of Term 3. By now students will need to have completed their product/outcome and have had their second formal meeting with their supervisor. During Week 7, students were involved in Workshop 7: Selecting Process Journal entries. Students used this time to select evidence of their research and planning that they would include in their report. On Friday of Week 8, Year 10s will have another workshop to further assist them with report writing. In the final week of this term during transition week, Year 10s will be provided a full day led by Ms McNamara the Personal Project Coordinator to finish a draft of their report and check in with their supervisor.

MISSION AND COMMUNITY

Reflections Program

Thank you to our fathers and daughters who attended our first evening on Tuesday night. We are excited to be offering this Reflections Program to our families. The program will continue in August with a Mother-Daughter Evening. This is an exciting opportunity for mothers to spend some dedicated time with their daughters (and vice versa!) to explore their relationships through a faith-based retreat experience. In 2021, the focus is centred around the Ursuline charism (the charism – spirit, linked to Brescia House).

Please find details below and rsvp to ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au.

Mother – Daughter Evening, Monday 16 August

Time: 5.30pm-7.30pm

2021 focus: *The heart of the St Angela Merici Rose* (Ursuline – St Angela Merici focus)

Includes: Light refreshments

Location: C1 & C2

Social Justice - Vinnies Winter Appeal

Vinnies is seeking donations of blankets, doonas and winter coats as part of their Winter Appeal. If you would like to donate an item, your daughter is able to leave the donation near Student Services by 17 June.

Vinnies & OzHarvest Can Line

Students across all Year levels are encouraged to start collecting canned food in their Pastoral Care Class. The Can Line will take place on Wednesday 16 June at lunchtime. 50% of donations will be distributed to Vinnies and 50% to OzHarvest to support those in the Canberra region. College Cup points will be on offer.

Vinnies Sleepout Years 10-12 students (Thursday 17 June-Friday 18 June)

Did you know that 116 000 Australians are homeless on any given night? (ABS, 2016). Vinnies is instrumental in supporting the homeless in Australia including the ACT

https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Our_Impact/homelessness-in-Australia/.

Is (are) your daughter(s) passionate about Social Justice issues? Camping? The Merici Vinnies Sleepout is on Thursday 17 June - Friday 18 June in the New Quad for Years 10-12 students. Our College Principal, Anna Masters is also participating in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout on the same evening with Merici College students here at Merici. Participating students will be asked to contribute a \$20 electronic donation via the following link

<https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/s/12266/51451/e>. All electronic funds will contribute towards a Merici College tally and donated to Vinnies Canberra to support those requiring assistance in our local community. If you would like to support this cause, donations can be made via this link. We are also seeking donations of cardboard boxes. If you do have any boxes, could your daughter(s) please leave these in the reception area.

Please click [here](#) to find the student permission note that is required to be returned by 15 June 2021.

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

2021 Creative and Performing Arts Showcase

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

Opening and refreshments – Tuesday 15 June 5pm-5.30pm in the Auditorium foyer.

RSVP essential by Wednesday 9 June to

ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au.



Exhibition viewing – Tuesday 15 June from 3pm, Wednesday 16 June 9am-3pm in the Auditorium.

Merici College students proudly present a production of Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical JR.*

Our cast are working very hard to bring to our stage an entertaining and exciting musical. Our talented performers continue to demonstrate the very high standards we have come to expect of Merici College, and our production team are committed to bring to life the story of a girl who dreams of a better life.

Be a part of this wonderful experience and meet Matilda who has astonishing wit, intelligence... and special powers! She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her school teacher, the highly loveable Miss Honey. Matilda's school life isn't completely smooth sailing; the school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts, and could be the school pupils' saving grace.

Join us for what will truly be an extraordinary musical production!

Book now!

Cast A: Friday 30 July and Saturday 31 July at 7pm

(Please note 31 July fully booked.)

Cast B: Friday 6 August and Saturday 7 August at 7pm

Tickets available at TryBooking,

<https://www.trybooking.com/BQHCK>

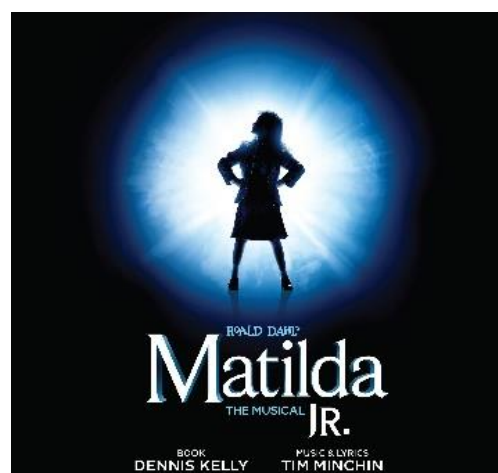
Adults: \$15

Students: \$10

Child 12 Yrs and under: \$5

Senior Citizen: \$10

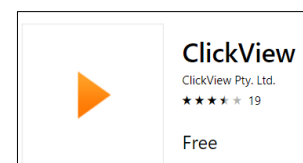
Family: \$50 (2 Adults, 3 Students).



iC NEWS

As we near the end of the semester, it is an ideal time to remind students to return any textbooks or library books that they have finished reading and using. Over the next few days we will be printing out overdue notices and placing them in the rolls. Every week we send overdue notices to students via email, but these are often ignored. We ask your help to ensure resources are returned speedily, as these resources are often needed by other students for the coming semester.

A reminder to all students that ClickView is a resource available to all students 24/7 through the Merici Moodle homepage or <http://online.clickview.com.au/>. It can also be accessed on mobile devices via the ClickView app which can be downloaded via iTunes or the Google Playstore. ClickView has an amazing range of video content suitable for educational and recreational purposes. A great resource to utilise over the upcoming holidays.



Yours in reading,
iC staff

OTHER NEWS



UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 2 Week 10 and Term 3 Week 1)

Year 10 Transitions Week (Monday 21 June – Thursday 24 June)

Year 10 Reflection Day (Friday 25 June)

Term 2 ends (Friday 25 June)

Term 3 begins for staff (Monday 12 July)

Term 3 begins for students (Tuesday 13 July)

Year 12 Retreat (Wednesday 14 July – Friday 16 July)