



WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term Weeks 6 and 7 (Monday 26 August – Sunday 8 September)

IMPORTANT NEWS

Outstanding School Fees

Term 3 fees were due last Friday 16th August 2024.

We have a number of families who have outstanding fees. We would appreciate if you could please arrange to have these paid as soon as possible.

If you have not been receiving your fee or monthly statements via email, if you are experiencing any financial difficulties or would like to discuss your fee account or payment options please contact our Finance Manager Jodi Wrenford at fees.office@merici.act.edu.au or call 6243 4108 to discuss.

Thank you to those families who have already paid. If you are on a direct debit or payment plan this request does not apply to you.

Changes to MyWay

MyWay+ is Transport Canberra's next generation ticketing system which puts all public transport services in one place. It will offer more ways to pay for public transport and introduce new digital platforms for journey planning and accessing real-time information.

The switch over to MyWay+ will happen later this year. Until then, students should continue to use their current MyWay card or a paper ticket from a ticket vending machine to pay for travel on bus and light rail services. Families should ensure their child's MyWay card is registered to protect the balance, as Transport Canberra can only process refunds and transfer credits for registered MyWay cards.

Register your MyWay card: <https://www.transport.act.gov.au/tickets-and-myway/register-myway>

Compass Guide for Parents

Please click [here](#) to find some information on logging into Compass, how to approve events and book Parent/Teacher Conferences which are coming up in Term 4. Compass is a CECG wide program and we are required to only accept permissions for events through this service.

Classroom Mastery

Your Daughter's may has come home and talked about some changes to our routines here at Merici. We have now implemented Classroom Mastery in all our classrooms from Year 7-12. Merici is very lucky to be one of ten pilot schools in the archdiocese.

At the heart of Classroom Mastery lies a commitment to fostering a consistently productive, safe and calm atmosphere where every Student can thrive academically and personally.

Classroom Mastery aims to:

- create consistently productive, safe and calm learning spaces
- reduce disruptive and off-task behaviours
- increase engagement in learning

Why?

We know that safe, ordered and positive learning environments are the foundations for learning. Although it is common sense, this is backed up by significant research (PISA 2019). Although we do not have significant and problematic behaviour at Merici, we are committed to improving our practice, so students can learn in the best possible way. Our implementation of this program means establishing and practicing set consistent routines. These are sequences of what to do, when and how. In short, there are clear 'recipes' for how to prepare for learning and how to participate in learning. A behaviour curriculum is like a Mathematics or English curriculum. It means that our students learn the right behaviours so successful learning can happen, where our classrooms are safe, orderly and predictable.

We now have routines for:

Entry routine: Students are to line up in a quiet, orderly and calm manner before entering the classroom. They enter and then stand behind their chair, waiting for the teacher's greeting and instructions.

Exit routine: Students put away personal and class equipment, the chairs are placed under the desk and the classroom restored. The teacher farewells the students and instructs them to leave in a set manner.

Cue to start and stop work: All students will respond to a spoken cue such as " MC on 3" . Each class will have agreed cues for starting and stopping their work. These may be verbal cues or gestures.

Teachers have been working on aligning our school values with norms, expected behaviours, routines, rules and maintaining expectations.

To see Classroom Mastery in action, please view the clip from the 7.30 Report:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LV8jj-Fx70&t=3s>

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Seiwa House Week (Monday 2 September – Friday 6 September)

Seiwa House Week will be held on Monday 2 September to Friday 6 September and celebrates its House origin, The Sisters of the Good Samaritan, as well as our links to Seiwa in Japan.

- Students in Seiwa are encouraged to wear blue accessories such as hair ribbons during the week.
- Good Samaritan House Liturgy: Thursday House Assembly
- Thursday: Year 12 Seiwa lunch in Restaurant
- Friday - Fundraising Noodle Lunch \$2 for a cup of noodles - Good Sams charity
- The famous Japanese Cat, Maneki Neko will be a focus for our activities this week.



P&F Committee Trivia Night Tickets on Sale Now –Thursday 5 September

Come along to a night of intellectual fun and friendly competition on Thursday 5 September! Embark on a journey through five rounds of mind-boggling questions, engaging bonus point games, and the chance to win fantastic raffle prizes, lucky door prizes, and much more!

Prizes include a Specialized Sirus 2 valued at \$875, a framed University of Canberra WNBL Season 2023/2024 Official Jade Melbourne #5 jersey and shorts, iPlay vouchers, Paintball tickets, Questacon vouchers, National Museum vouchers, dinner and gift vouchers, hampers, and lots more.

We would like to thank all our families and businesses who have generously made a donation.

Tickets on sale now for Trivia Night at <https://events.humanitix.com/p-and-f-committee-trivia-night-la94fxby>.

Date: Thursday 5 September

Venue: Merici College Auditorium

Time: 6:30pm-10:00pm (arrival and seating 6:00pm)

Cost: \$15 per person, \$100 table of 8 people

BYO Drinks and Food



YEAR 7, 8 AND 9 NEWS

Year 9 Urban Challenge Parent Information Meeting (Wednesday 11 September 5.30pm)

On Wednesday 11 September there will be an opportunity to hear Paul Colagiuri talk in detail about the Year 9 Urban Challenge. The meeting will be via Microsoft Teams from the comfort of your own home commencing at 5.30pm. This information session is for parents and carers only and the link will be emailed closer to the date.

The Year 9 Urban Challenge consists of an innovative and adventurous program designed to engage students in the urban landscape of Sydney and its surroundings. Students will operate in small teams of approximately 15, each taking on the responsibility of a specific role within the group.

Teams are required to complete a series of challenges and activities, embarking on an unfolding adventure that takes them through Sydney. Students are given the freedom to make their own decisions. This includes being responsible for navigating their way around, buying and cooking food, solving clues and managing a team budget.

The Year 9 Urban Challenge will take place over three days in Term Four – Wednesday 30 October to Friday 1 November 2024 and is a compulsory activity. Fees for the camp will appear in Term 4 fee statements.

All meals and snacks are supplied during the trip including a variety of options and team meal challenges that cater for any dietary needs. Students will travel by coach to Sydney where on arrival they will be issued with an Opal Card enabling them access to public transport – ferry, bus, train and light rail for the duration of the trip. Accommodation will be provided in YHA youth hostels and other city group accommodation with room sizes varying from 4 to 6 occupants. **Students will be required to carry all their own equipment for the duration of the camp** and their accommodation will be in a different location on each of the two evenings.

Urban Challenge has created a private page for our College on their website where information can be found about the program. Registering your daughter's personal and medical details for the Urban Challenge is also a section. Please use the information below to log in and fill out the required details. To confirm your daughter's attendance, this online document must be completed by **Friday 30 August 2024**.

To access the Merici College – private page on the Urban Challenge website and complete the personal and medical details:

Go to www.theurbanchallenge.com.au. Click on 'Log in' and log in with:

- Username: meriurban
- Password: meri2024

Information about the program will appear here. Please then complete the compulsory personal and medical fields.

Once the online program form has been completed you will receive a summary of these details. Please save these summaries for your records.

If you have any queries regarding your daughter's participation in the Urban Challenge, please don't hesitate to contact your daughter's House Coordinator or Rohan Langford Head of Student Wellbeing (rohan.langford@merici.act.edu.au).

Year 7 ACT Health Directorate Survey

Please click [here](#) to find a letter from the Chief Health Data Officer of the ACT Health Directorate requesting Year 7 students to participate in an ACT wide survey related to their health and wellbeing. If you are interested in your child completing this survey, a QR code is included in the letter that provides access.

The Health Directorate has indicated that they will compile a report of the ACT-wide results of the survey. They have tentatively suggested that they could generate a Merici-specific report so that we could compare and contrast our students with ACT benchmarks for Year 7 related to health and wellbeing from survey responses. The more Year 7 students from Merici that complete the survey, the better informed we will be. The final date for survey submissions is 20 September 2024.

Thank you for considering supporting your child to complete this survey.

YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

Year 10 CSYMI Retreat (Friday 30 August)

The Year 10 CSYMI classes will provide a Youth Ministry experience, in collaboration with St Edmund's College, for St Gregory's Primary School this term. The Retreat will be held at St Gregory's Primary School and has been planned for Friday, 30 August 2024.

Students will be departing Merici at 9:15am and returning at approximately 2:30pm. The consent form can be found on Compass and is required to be completed by Monday 26 August.

Year 10 ACT High School Immunisation form for 2024 are due back to Student Services by 30 August 2024

Year 10 ACT High School Immunisation Program 2024 Information forms have been distributed to all Year 10 students through PC classes. Please complete the Year 10 ACT High School Immunisation Program 2024 Information forms for your Year 10 student and return to Student Services by **Friday 30 August 2024**. Immunisations will take place at Merici College on Thursday 26th September 2024.

Senior Language Excursion to National Gallery (Monday 2 September 12.45pm-3.25pm)

Senior language students are currently studying the unit titled "Diverse Perspectives". In this unit, students are learning how to talk about and appreciate diverse forms of communication such as visual and performing arts. They will also be challenged to think about how these [art and music] can challenge thinking, behavioural and social systems. As part of their Inquiry task, they have been asked to choose an artwork to present their analysis. By visiting the gallery, students have an authentic viewing experience of artworks, and they will have an opportunity to select an authentic artwork for their task.

The French language students will be visiting the Gauguin Exhibition. The Italian and Chinese language students will be viewing works of art by Italian and Chinese artists. There is no cost.

Please access Compass to find the consent form which is required to be submitted by Thursday 29 August.

iC NEWS

Book Week

Book Week is always the favourite week of the year in the library world. This year has been no exception. We need to thank and congratulate the Book Week Committee who have worked so hard to prepare so many wonderful activities for the school community. It began with the cake decorating competition. The talent and creativity within our student body is outstanding. A trivia quiz at lunchtime saw us stretch our literature knowledge and our Pastoral Care classes embracing the healthy competition of book themed quizzes. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the activities through the week. All winners will be announced through SEQTA during Week 6.



Friday 23rd is the Dress Up Parade at lunch, students are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite **recognisable** book character or matching the theme. Normal free dress rules apply. Not in character? Full school uniform is required.



Assessments are coming in, a reminder to seek help early and plan your research. The iC staff are available through the day, with an iC tutor available after school till 5:30 to answer those last-minute questions and lend a guiding hand in assignment preparation.

Academic Assistance/Homework Help after school

The iC is offering academic assistance/homework help after school, between the hours of 3:30-5:30pm. Monday and Tuesday is general academic help and Wednesday and Thursday is Science and Maths assistance. Your daughters are encouraged to drop into the iC after school and seek out the iC Tutor. The poster shown here is located around the school for students to scan the QR code. This takes them to a form to submit specific questions or requests for help and to book in for a session. Another option is to follow [this link](#) to the form.

Yours in all thing's books,

iC Staff

NARRAGUNNAWALI NEWS


Corroboree Family Culture Day (Friday 20 September)

The IEAC would officially like to invite Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and families to the Corroboree Family and Culture Day. This is a day full of connection, culture and the opportunity for our students and families to participate in a range of activities and spend time with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and students.


ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE

Monday to Thursday

- ✓ Organisation help
- ✓ Homework or Assignment help
- ✓ Research and referencing



Use the QR code to access the sign up form



until 5.30pm

General help
Mondays and Tuesdays

Maths and Science
help with Ms Gilbert,
Wednesdays and Thursdays

The event will include the opportunities to take part in weaving, spear throwing, arts, dance, sport and more. There will also be appearances from several sports stars from teams such as the Raiders and Canberra Chill. The event will take place at the UC ovals from 10am-2pm. Students will meet at the Merici bus to attend the location at 9:30am and should return by 2:30pm. Students will be supervised at all times.

Permission closes on Thursday 5 September and consent forms can be found on Compass ([https://merici-act.compass.education](https://merici.act.compass.education)).

DEFENCE NEWS

The Defence School Mentor is now located in the new front office area, behind Student Services. Kate Friend, our Defence School Monitor will be available every recess and lunch in Room 109 in Brescia and students are welcome to drop in. If students need to speak with their DSM during other times, please come to Student Services and ask for Ms Friend. Ms Friend will continue to be at Merici College every day except Wednesdays.

Defence families are always welcome to contact your Defence School Mentor (DSM) with any information regarding a new posting or absences impacting your family at email kate.friend@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 02 6243 4190.

Upcoming Defence Events

Week 6, 27 Tuesday August, Defence Drop In at lunchtime in Room 109. BYO lunch, some snacks are provided.

Week 7, Tuesday 3 September, "Hot Potato" and Just Dance catch up in the OYC. Don't forget to RSVP by Thursday 29 August to kate.friend@merici.act.edu.au.

OTHER NEWS

A Bluey Perspective (Wednesday 11 September)

Merici College is very happy to be hosting A Bluey Perspective, an Evening with Bluey creator Joe Brumm to be held in the Auditorium on Wednesday 11 September. Please scan the QR code in the flyer for more information and registration.

Join families from schools across the Archdiocese to hear Joe Brumm, the creator of Bluey, discuss his success with the children's show Bluey and his perspective on developing and maintaining positive relationships with our children (and their school) and the important role parents play in their child's learning and development.

Date: Monday 11 September 2024

Time: Meet and Greet 4:45pm, Keynote Presentation 5:30pm

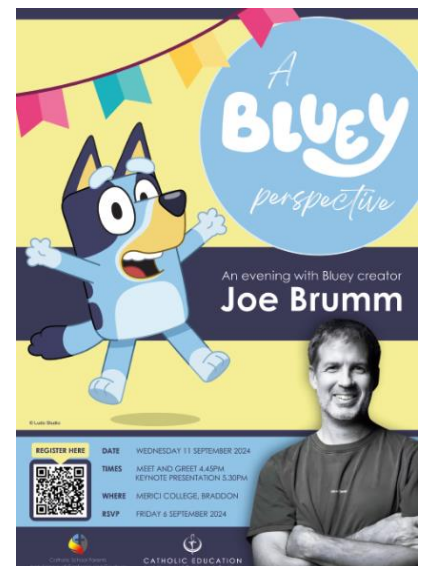
Venue: Merici College Auditorium

RSVP: Friday 6 September 2024

Registration: <https://events.humanitix.com/a-bluey-perspective>

ACT Sports Bulletin #13 2024

Please click [here](#) to find the latest School Sport ACT bulletin to keep our community up-to-date on school sport events in the ACT.



Archdiocesan Assembly

All are invited to take part in the Archdiocesan Assembly that will explore the theme 'Come Holy Spirit'. This will focus on celebrating the Year of the Holy Spirit and explore new opportunities for evangelisation and synodality in the life and mission of our local Church going forward.

This is a chance for all to gather, discuss and discern the Holy Spirit at work in our midst.

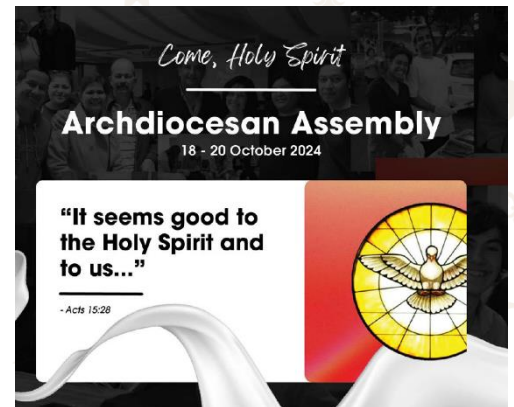
Please click [here](#) to find more information.



Where: Canberra + Narooma + Cooma + Young + Goulburn

When: Friday 18th October – Sunday 20th October 2024

Info: Detailed information, registration and formation materials available online at www.cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly



Come and Try Water Polo for Free! (Saturday 14 September)

Come and try water polo for free with Nordek Water Polo Club on Saturday 14 September from 9:00am to 11:00am at CISAC in Belconnen.

COME + TRY WATER POLO FOR FREE!
WITH NORDEK WATER POLO CLUB

SATURDAY, SEP 14TH

09:00AM - 11:00AM

CISAC, BELCONNEN

NATIONAL WATER POLO DAY

NORDEK WATER POLO CLUB logo and Water Polo Australia logo are also visible.