

WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Weeks 6 and 7 (30 May – 12 June)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Merici College School TV – Social Media and Digital Reputation



Social media has become such an integral part of a teenager's life. However, many miss out on some critical social skills with most communicating whilst looking at a screen instead of another person! Statistics show that 60 per cent of 11-12 year olds are using at least one social media site, with the majority using age-restricted platforms. What kids do, post and say online is permanent

and most are not mature enough to manage their own digital footprint. Friendships, relationships and even future job prospects are all put at risk.

Parents need to be aware of what picture their children are painting of themselves online. Unfortunately, many parents do not see the dangers inherent of these sites, as they form opinions based on their own experience. But predators are usually not interested in grooming adults. Over the years there has been a dramatic increase in the number of primary schoolers owning mobile phones, highlighting the importance to teach kids about the dangers of social media and the implications it can have.

In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn how to talk to their children about the inherent dangers of social media and how to educate their kids to be responsible users in the online world we live in.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always welcome your feedback.

Here is the link to the Social Media & Digital Reputation edition of SchoolTV:
<https://merici.act.schooltv.me/newsletter/social-media-and-digital-reputation>.

School Fees

This is a friendly reminder that Term 2 school fees were due for payment Friday 20 February 2022.

If you haven't already done so we would appreciate if you could please settle any outstanding fees as soon as possible. This does not apply to those families who have direct debit arrangements in place.

If you are experiencing any financial difficulties or would like to discuss your fee account please contact our Finance Manager Jodi Wrenford at fees.office@merici.act.edu.au or call 6243 4108 to discuss the options that are available to you.

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Protected Industrial Action (Friday 27 May)

Merici College will be open for a normal school day on Friday 27 May 2022. All students will be required to attend and please notify the College as per usual if your daughter is unable to be at school for the day.

Teachers present will be conducting their classes as normal; those classes with absent teachers will be supervised by School Executive and Leadership. Any assessment tasks due on Friday will be conducted as per the assessment calendar. Any assessment not submitted will be considered late. Excursions and photos planned for this day shall go ahead. Full formal winter uniform is to be worn and be in pristine condition ready for photos.

Students are asked to bring recess and lunch to school as the canteen will not be open.

School bus services and public transport will run as per usual.

Cross-age Tutoring

Due to Senior Exams, Cross-age Tutoring will finish for the term at the end of Week 7, week ending Friday 10 June. Tutoring will recommence in Week 1 of Term 3.

Bridge Restaurant Cancelled (Wednesday 1 June 6.00pm)

Please note that the Bridge Restaurant scheduled to be held on Wednesday 1 June has been cancelled. Our Hospitality team will contact guests who have booked in to make alternative booking arrangements.

School Photo Day 2 (Tuesday 31 May)

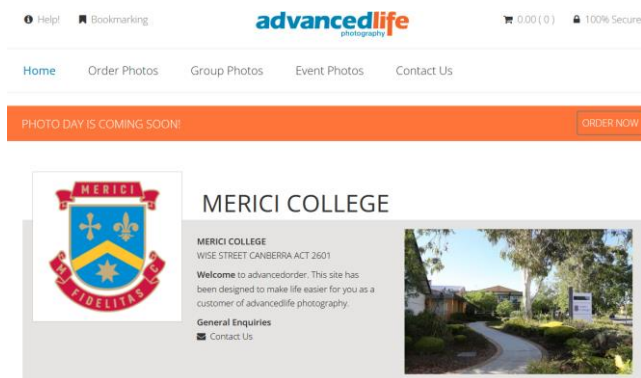
A reminder that school photography Day 2 will be held on Tuesday 31 May for students who are absent from school on Friday 27 May (Day 1). Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link below. If you prefer to order using an envelope please visit your school office, collect an order envelope and hand your payment to our photographer on school photo day.

NEW

***advancedlife* now offers Latitude Pay!** To take advantage of LatitudePay and split the cost of your order into 10 small easy payments, simply order your school photos online as usual, set up a Latitude Pay account in just a few clicks and pay no interest or fees when you pay according to your payment schedule; it's that easy.

3 easy ways to purchase:

1. LatitudePay – Click on the link below, set up an account during the online order process and split your payments across 10 weeks with no interest or fees, if you pay on time
2. Visa, MasterCard or PayPal
3. Cash – complete the envelope supplied and return it to our photographer on photo day



Or visit: www.advancedlife.com.au

And enter online order code: NKP 6M5 G73

School photography information:

- **Online orders** - *do not* require an envelope returned to your school
- **Sibling Photos** - Don't forget to pre-order your sibling photos online up to 24 hours before photo day. We provide your school with a list of sibling orders right up to the day of photography, so no one misses out. If you miss the online order deadline, you can submit a completed sibling order envelope first thing in the morning of the day of photography, so your school is aware you want the photo taken and can bring your children together in time for it. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at your school.
- **Late fees** - a late fee will be applied to each package purchased after photo day due to the additional cost of producing these packages separately
- **Package delivery** - photographic packages will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are taken
- **Previous Years' photos** - Past years' photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are also available to order under the "previous years or group photo" tabs at your school's *advancedorder* site when you click on the "Order School Photos Here" button above. You can also order past packages, portrait images and gifts from your child's unique, individual and secure *advancedyou* image archive site using the unique 9 digit image code found on packages you have ordered in the past

advancedlife would like to express our appreciation to Merici College for placing your trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience as fast as possible, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your *advancedlife* experience please contact *advancedlife* at: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact.

YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

Year 10 Exams

Year 10 will sit their Semester 1 exams on Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 June. The exams will be held in the College Auditorium.

The timings of the days will be as follows:

Wednesday:

Periods 1 and 2	English Exam
Recess	
Periods 3 and 4	Classes as per normal timetable
Lunch	
Periods 5 and 6	Maths Exam

Thursday:

Periods 1 and 2	Science Exam
Recess	
Periods 3 and 4	Classes as per normal timetable
Lunch	
Periods 5 and 6	RE Exam

Year 11 and 12 BSSS Exams

Year 11 and 12 BSSS students will sit their end of Semester 1 exams on 10 June and between 14-17 June in the College Auditorium. Students will be emailed their individual timetable shortly. Students are expected to attend all exams. They are not required to be at school outside of their exams.

No BSSS classes will run during this week. If students are unable to attend exams, medical certificates are required to cover any absences to avoid academic penalties.

The last day for school attendance for Year 11 and 12 BSSS students is **Tuesday 21 June**.

Year 11 2023 Subject Selections

Year 10 students have received an email on Monday 23 May with their link to their subject selections for Year 11 2023. Students will need to enter their study package (BSSS or IB) as well as their individual subjects. Students are encouraged to speak with their teachers about subjects of interest to them and read through their Senior Subject Handbooks given out in their information pack at the Information Evening.

Students are asked to enter their subject choices by Friday 2 July. Their selections will then be discussed at their individual transitions meetings that will be held in Term 3, weeks 3 & 4.

IB NEWS

Pupil Free Days

IB DP students are expected to work on their class work that they would normally have on the day of scheduled Pupil Free days, following their usual timetable to work out how long to spend on each subject. They are not required to attend school for these days.



Industrial Action

If teachers are present, students will be taught as usual in line with their timetable. If teachers are absent, supervision will be provided and attendance taken and students should work on that subject area scheduled, making use of the time to review notes, practice questions, review course material etc. This will mean students do not fall behind in their course areas.

Extended Essay

Students have a one-to-one interview scheduled with Natalie Fairfax next week to discuss their Extended Essay.



Personal Project

Your daughter has been working on drafting Part A of the Personal Project Report which assesses Criterion A: Planning.

Personal Project supervisors have met with your daughter to discuss the draft, before completing some interim feedback on SEQTA. This will give you and your daughter some indication of how she is progressing with the key aspects of the planning phase, as well as the report writing.

This feedback is accessible in the *Draft Part A Report: Planning Assessment* under the Personal project course in SEQTA. If your daughter's feedback is missing it will be due to your daughter not arranging a meeting with their supervisor or a non-submission.

If you have not yet requested access to SEQTA Engage to view subject results and content, please request an account here: <https://merici.college/go/familyaccountrequest>

Event	Date	Audience	Information
Personal Project Workshop #8	15 th June	Year 10 students	Focus will be on Criterion C: Reflecting.

Approaches to Learning (ATLs) in Science



MYP unit: Year 10 - How do we get there?

Skill cluster: Transfer Skills

Specific Skill: apply skills and knowledge in unfamiliar situations

Year 10 students have been conducting their own experiments in the fields of physics and chemistry. Although they were given a list of practical ideas, students were free to also design an experiment of their choice. Students participated in whole class practical lessons that included testing rates of reaction, exothermic and endothermic reactions as well as exploring Newton's three laws of motion. This gave them the skills in scientific reporting and investigation that they could then transfer and apply in designing their own experiments.

SCIENCE NEWS

There are a number of science competitions coming up in early Term 3, and **now is the time to register**.

To register, students should email Dr Kathryn White (kathryn.white@merici.act.edu.au) and let her know which of the competitions below they would like to enter.

1. Years 7-12: [International Chemistry Quiz: 30 multiple choice questions in 60 minutes.](#)
2. Style is similar to Big Science Competition, but focuses chemistry.
3. **Email before 9 June to register for this competition.**

1. Years 7-10: [Australian Junior Science Olympiad: 2 hour exam.](#)
2. This is a challenging general science competition for Years 7-10. In additions, students turning 15 or younger this year are additionally eligible to be selected for further training programs that lead to representing Australia in the International Junior Science Olympiad.
3. **Email before the end of term to register for this competition.**

1. Years 10-12: [Australian Science Olympiads: Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Earth Science: 2 hour exam each.](#)
2. These are the senior versions of the Junior Science Olympiad, and students can sit one or all of them. As with the Junior Science Olympiad, they lead to further training schools and eventually to the International Olympiads. We have had students chosen for extension summer schools for the last four years running.
3. **Email before the end of term to register for any of these competitions.**

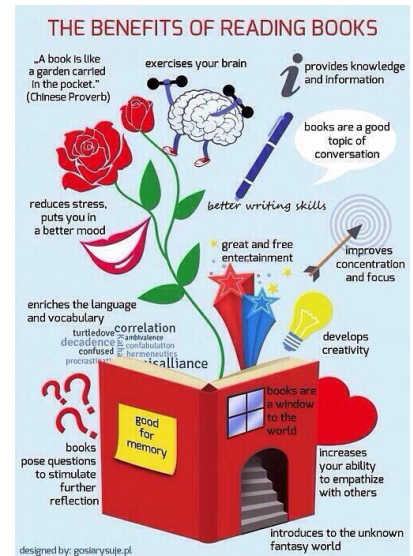
iC NEWS

It was fantastic to watch the four Merici teams at the Canberra Heat of the Kids Lit Quiz, hosted at Merici on Wednesday 25 May. All teams have been in training since the beginning of the year and competed well. It is with excitement that we announce that Merici Team 2 won the competition, who will now travel to Sydney for the finals. Congratulations girls!



In the Wide Reading lessons, we often talk about the benefits of reading for pleasure. Those students who chose to pick up and read a book for the love of it, are more likely to make significant progress in vocabulary, spelling, and maths than those who read very little (Sullivan and Brown, 2013). Reading for pleasure can increase empathy, improve relationships with others, reduce depression and improve well being throughout life (The Reading Agency, 2015). At school we provide many opportunities to celebrate books and be involved as readers, such as participating in the Kids' Lit Quiz. In a few weeks time we start reading the picture books from the short-listed CBCA titles during Wide Reading.

Happy Reading
iC Staff



CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

2022 Showcase (Tuesday 21 June – Wednesday 22 June)

Dance | Photography | Visual Arts | Media | Design & Graphics | Music | Vocal | Drama | Textiles

Exhibition Opening - Tuesday 21 June 2022

Refreshments 5.00pm-5.45pm in the Auditorium
Foyer

Official Opening 6pm-8pm

Please RSVP your attendance to the Exhibition
Opening by Tuesday 14 June at

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

Exhibition Viewing - Tuesday 21 June from 5pm,
Wednesday 22 June 9am - 3pm



LANGUAGES NEWS

The Importance of Being Multi-lingual

Sam Lim, the new Member of Parliament for Tangney in Western Australia, put his language skills to good use for the pandemic. His ability to speak 10 languages means that he could communicate information to the diverse community so they can stay most up to date with crucial information about keeping safe from the virus.

Sam Lim aptly sums up the importance of language, "Language is an important element in communication".

<https://www.sbs.com.au/chinese/english/audio/officer-who-speaks-10-languages-wins-top-police-award-for-pandemic-outreach>

OTHER NEWS

Canberra Highland Dancing Academy Inc

Do you want to acquire the strength of an athlete with the artistry of a dancer? Are you excited by the sound of bagpipes and the bright colours of tartan? Most importantly, would you like to make some new friends and have some fun? Then....come along to highland dancing!



Highland Dancing is an ancient form of dance which originated in Scotland. Scottish regiments used Highland Dancing as exercise, to keep the troops in shape and ready for battle.

Today, Highland Dancing is the premier event at Highland Games throughout the world; most commonly in Scotland, but also Canada, USA, Australia, NZ and America.

The teachers, Sarah, Alison and Sami, are all fully qualified teachers, and experienced highland dancers, having competed and performed for a combined 60 years + in Australia and all over the world. This includes the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the Virginia Tattoo, and at competitions all over Australia. They pride ourselves on technical excellence but also aim to demonstrate that highland dancing can build wonderful friendships and lifelong memories.

If you are interested, the details are below:

- Canberra Highland Dancing Academy
- Canberahda@gmail.com; 0438 607 113
- Tuesday evenings during term time from 5:15 pm, at the O'Donnell Youth Centre

Please contact the Canberra Highland Dancing Academy if you have any questions. They look forward to welcoming you to their CHDA family!

UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 2 Weeks 8 and 9)

Upcoming events will be advised.