



WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Weeks 8 and 9 (Monday 12 June – Sunday 25 June)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tell Them From Me® (TTFM®) Parent Survey closes 16 June 2023 4.30pm

We would like to invite you as parents/carers 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:

<http://telltthemfromme.com/sh2xy>

Please note that the survey will automatically close **16 June 2023 at 4.30pm**.

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

End of Semester Reports

On Friday 30 June, semester 1 reports will be released through SEQTA. Students will be able to see their reports through SEQTA Learn and parents will be able to access them through SEQTA Engage. If you have not registered your SEQTA Engage for parent access, please go to the school website to register your account.

The reports are a culmination of your daughters learning across semester 1. If you have any questions or concerns about your daughters report, please email the teacher of the subject. Our email addresses all follow the pattern of firstname.surname@merici.act.edu.au.

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Vinnies CEO Sleepout – Donate Now!

Right now in Australia, more than 122,000 people don't have a place to call home! Everyone deserves a safe place to call home. For over a decade, supporters of the Vinnies CEO Sleepout have provided essential support to tens of thousands of Australians. This year, you can make a difference by donating to our campaign,

<https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/annamasters/act>.



The Merici Vinnies Sleepout is on Thursday 22 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. More information will be distributed to students regarding their participation.

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 the link above.

P&F Committee Trivia Night – Save the Date: Thursday 7 September

The Merici College P&F Committee are excited to share an evening of trivia with you to be held on Thursday 7 September. A fun night of trivia! Great prizes, silent auction and raffles! Prizes include a laptop, electric Loft bike, gift vouchers, movie passes, dining vouchers, to name a few. All funds raised from the raffles will contribute to the cost of resurfacing of the external multipurpose courts.

We would love to receive any donations that you may be able to provide as part of Trivia prizes and silent auction items. We would welcome gift vouchers, goods, services, any other items that can be used. In appreciation of your support, you and/or your business will be acknowledged, and your logo displayed on our school website and social media networks. Please contact Ros Parisi (ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au) for information. Thank you to many of our families that have donated items! Your support is greatly appreciated.



YEARS 7, 8 and 9 NEWS

Year 7 Marist College Social (Wednesday 21 June 5.30pm-7.30pm)

Year 7 students are warmly invited to the Marist College (MCC) Year 7 Social on Wednesday 21 June from 5.30 pm to 7.30pm in our Senior School Hall.

This event provides students with the opportunity to dance and socialise with their peers from Marist College and Canberra Girls Grammar School, St Clare's College and Merici College in a safe environment. The ticket price includes light refreshments, and students are able to purchase additional lolly bags to support a College fundraiser.

Expectations - The event should be enjoyable for all. We appreciate your support in reminding your child of the school's expectations for the evening, which include courteous and respectful behaviour to all students and staff. Marist College teaching staff will supervise the event. In the case of any breach of our behaviour guidelines, you will be contacted to collect your child.

Dress code - Students are asked to dress in warm, smart casual clothes.

Arrival and cloak room from 5:15pm - All students should arrive at 5.15 pm and check in through the front reception where they will receive a wristband. Students will be asked to check in their bags, jackets and mobile phones. The event is **device-free** to promote social interaction.

Collecting your child at 7.30pm - In order to facilitate a safe departure for all students, we ask that you park your car and walk into the campus to collect your child from the front of the hall. We appreciate your support in collecting your child promptly at 7.30pm.

Tickets - Tickets can be purchased via the following link: <https://events.maristc.act.edu.au/year7discoguest>. Ticket sales are capped and are sold on a first come, first served basis.

YEARS 10, 11 and 12 NEWS

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.

- 9-16 June: Senior Exams (including AST exams)
- 19 June: Last day of classes, including compulsory exam and assessment check
- 16 June: All academic assessment results published through BSSS Profiles Online
- 16 June: 5-day appeal period commences
- Thursday 22 June: scaled unit scores published through BSSS Profiles Online. 5 day appeal period on unit scores commences.
- Wednesday 21 June: Appeal period for assessment results close
- Tuesday 28 June: Appeal period for unit scores close

Year 11 and 12 BSSS students are on holiday break from Tuesday 20 June.

Year 11 and 12 BSSS Exams (Friday 9 June – Friday 16 June)

Year 11 and 12 BSSS students will sit their end of Semester 1 Exams on Friday 9 June and between Tuesday 13 June to Friday 16 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.

Year 11 2024 Subject Selections due by Monday 19 June

Year 10 students have received an email on Monday 22 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 Monday 19 June. Their selections will then be discussed at their individual transitions meetings that will be held in Term 2, Weeks 9 and 10.

Year 10 P.A.R.T.Y. Program (Wednesday 14 June)

On Wednesday 14th June, Year 10 students will be participating in the **P.A.R.T.Y Program** – a government-funded initiative which aims to **P**revent **A**lcohol and **R**isk-related **T**rauma in **Y**outh.

Students will not be present in their normal timetabled classes from Period 1 – 5, but will return to their Period 6 class as normal. Teachers of Year 10 during these lessons will be supervising the program.

Please click [here](#) to find the evaluation consent form.

Year 10 Italian - History of the Italian Migration Excursion (Friday 23 June)

As part of your daughter's Italian studies this term, we have been learning about the history of Italian migration to Australia. As a way of consolidating what we have been learning, a day trip to Sydney at the Italian Forum, Leichhardt, Sydney and surrounds has been organised. We will be given a guided walking tour of the area and the impact of the Italian migration to Australia with activities for the students to complete.

Lunch will be provided to students at a local Italian restaurant. Please note any dietary requirements on the attached form. Students will also have the opportunity to purchase a traditional Italian pastry and drink during the day, therefore they are welcome to bring a small amount of spending money. Students will travel to and from Sydney by private Charter Bus operated by Deane's. Return time is programmed for 6:40pm. Please click [here](#) to find more information and the permission note.

Year 12 Retreat (Wednesday 19 July-Friday 21 July)

As Year 12 come to the end of their journey at Merici College, they are required to attend their annual Year 12 Retreat. It is an overnight Retreat from Wednesday (after school) 19 July to Friday 21 July 2023. Students will have normal lessons on Wednesday 19 July before leaving for the Retreat at the conclusion of the school day.

The Year 12 Retreat is called "Into the Light It is a compulsory "camp style" session off campus. It will be facilitated by Veronica Harrold-Carter (Head of Mission and Community). The venue is conducive to reflection, meditation, spiritual journaling, walking, and drawing. The Retreat has a very strong spiritual focus to allow students to reflect deeply as their journey at Merici comes to an end. Students are encouraged to discuss their goals for Year 12 and for the years ahead and to reflect on the potential for the transformation that exists in the obstacles and difficulties they will encounter in their future. Students will be led to a deeper awareness of the values and beliefs necessary to achieve their dreams through an exploration of the metaphor of light. Students will also participate in active team-building games, walking, short bushwalk(s) and an evening campfire (weather permitting).

The Retreat will be held at the Warrambui Retreat and Conference Centre in Murrumbateman, a perfect venue for reflection. The students will travel by coach; leaving Merici College at 4.15pm on Wednesday afternoon, returning to Merici College at 3.15pm on Friday afternoon.

Please click [here](#) to find the permission note and medical information form that must be completed no later than Friday 23 June 2023. The consent form is an online form and will be received electronically. You will receive an email to your nominated email address (entered on the permission note) to CONFIRM your online permission.

IB NEWS



Personal Project – Year 10

Students should by now have finished their product component of their Personal Project and the next target will be to ensure they are prepared for their report writing day on the 29th June. This will be in the Auditorium for the day and students will be provided with examples, support and time to complete the rest of their report.



Key Dates

This is a list of some key dates for IB Year 11 students.

Event	Date	Information
ToK Practice Exhibition	19 June	Students will practice what is expected of them for their exhibition

This is a list of some key dates for IB Year 12 students.






Event	Date	Information
IA English Due	14 June	English Literature HL Essay final submission
TOK Essay	23 June	TOK Essay Final Submission
EE Draft Feedback	30 June	Extended Essay draft feedback from supervisor
Extended Essay	18 July	Extended Essay final submission
Math IA	28 July	Change to date of Math IA draft. Final submission still 19 th September

MISSION AND COMMUNITY

I am pleased to report on our mission and community initiatives, which have seen high levels of student and community engagement and impactful outcomes. Here are some recent highlights:

1. Mission and Community Engagement
 - o Recently girls from both Years Seven and Nine participated in their reflection days. The Year Seven Reflection Day focused on the theme of "Communitas". Our junior students were well supported by our Senior ACU Academy Students whose enthusiasm added to the day. The Year Nine Reflection Day centred around the theme of "Integritas" where the students focussed on what it means to be their authentic selves.
 - o World Refugee Day- last Monday, Merici College commemorated World Refugee Day by coming together to raise awareness and show support for refugees around the world. Our senior students organised a number of meaningful activities that left a lasting impact on all participants which included Eating Rice and beans in solidarity with refugees and listening to an impactful talk by guest speaker; Zaki Hadairi, refugee and advocate currently working for Amnesty International. Following the presentation, a number of students asked Zaki thought-provoking questions. Through this interactive session, we gained deeper insights into the refugee experience and the ways we can contribute to making a positive difference.

2. Social Justice Initiatives
 - o The Angela's Angels and Social Justice group recently hosted a Movie Night with guest speaker Dr. Anita Hutchison, co-founder of Doctors Against Violence Towards Women. The evening was a fun and social occasion, whilst at the same time focussed on raising awareness and promoting dialogue around the social Justice issues of human dignity and equity.
 - o The recent Merici Caritas Lenten Appeal saw our generous community successfully raising over \$5000.
3. Mental Health Advocacy
 - o Both Staff and students at Merici are currently participating in the Push Up Challenge to raise awareness of mental health initiatives and support Lifeline. We thank Holly Connors, a Year 11 student, for her initiative in driving this event. Merici College is currently coming second! If you haven't registered yet, don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of something bigger than yourself. Head over to the registration link; <https://www.thepushupchallenge.com.au/fundraisers/Mericicollge> and sign up today. Remember, every push-up counts, and every effort matters.

Top Communities		
1	 Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)	Push-ups 176,100
2	 Merici college	Push-ups 122,641
3	 Department of Infrastructure 2023	Push-ups 78,142
4	 Radford College	Push-ups 76,320
5	 Mount Stromlo High School	Push-ups 67,695

We should be rightfully proud of the active involvement of our students, staff, and community members in these initiatives. Their dedication and enthusiasm have contributed to the success and positive impact of these programs.

I thank all the members of the Merici College Community for their ongoing support as we strive to foster a compassionate and socially conscious learning environment.

Veronica Harrold-Carter, Head of Mission and Community

Years 10-12 Vinnies Sleepout

The 2023 Merici College Vinnies School Sleepout will be held in the New Quad at Merici College. This is a 13-hour event and will consist of Merici Year 10-12 students only.

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SCIENCE NEWS

International Chemistry Quiz (ICQ) (3 August 2023)

"The ICQ provides a major focus for secondary school students on the relevance of chemistry in an exciting and stimulating way. The ICQ is not a nationwide assessment of chemistry knowledge, but rather an opportunity to promote Chemistry and for teachers to gauge the understanding their students have of the subject.

While some questions will rely on knowledge and understanding covered as part of studying the Australian Curriculum, we have endeavoured to make the quiz interesting and to promote chemistry and chemical thinking. The Quiz attracts students throughout Australia and 20 other countries around the world, including India, Germany, and China."

To register for the quiz, please follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/vA3tb7CqQc>

Senior Science Olympiad Exams

Science Olympiad Exams for physics, chemistry, biology, and earth and environmental science will be held early in Term 3:

- Physics – Monday 31 July 2023
- Biology – Tuesday 1 August 2023
- Earth and Environmental Science – Wednesday 2 August 2023
- Chemistry – Thursday 3 August 2023

To register for the science Olympiad exams, please follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/yXTmgTGS1e>

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. 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. Students are able to check their account through Oliver on SEQTA, by logging in. Their loan details can be found on the drop down under their name.



[Oliver](#)

A reminder that ClickView is a resource available to all students 24/7 through the Merici SEQTA 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

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Showcase Semester 1 (Tuesday 20 June)

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

Date: Tuesday 20 June 2023

Exhibition Opening - Refreshments 5.00pm-5.45pm, Auditorium Foyer

Exhibition and Performances 6:00pm-8:00pm, Auditorium

RSVP essential for Exhibition Opening: <https://events.humanitix.com/showcase-2023-semester-1>



Alice in Wonderland Musical Performance (Tickets on sale Monday 19 June)

We are excited to announce that tickets to see our musical Alice in Wonderland will be released on Monday 19 June (Week 9).

Book, Music and Lyrics by Janet Yates Vogt and Mark Friedman. Based on the classic story by Lewis Carroll. By Arrangement With Origin™ Theatrical on Behalf of Theatrical Rights Worldwide, New York.

This brand new musical version of the timeless classic takes you down the rabbit hole with zany characters, mad tea parties, flamingo croquet on the lawn, and tap dancing playing cards, all in a land where nothing is as it seems. The ever-curious Alice, the White Rabbit, Tweedle-Dee and Tweedle-Dum, the Mad Hatter, the Caterpillar, the Mock Turtle, the mysterious Cheshire Cat, the Queen of Hearts, and all your favourites from Lewis Carroll's beloved books, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass* make this a magical, tuneful, and over-the-top entertaining musical for the whole family!

Shows:

Friday 28 July – 7:00pm

Saturday 29 July – 2:00pm and 7:00pm

Sunday 30 July – 2:00pm

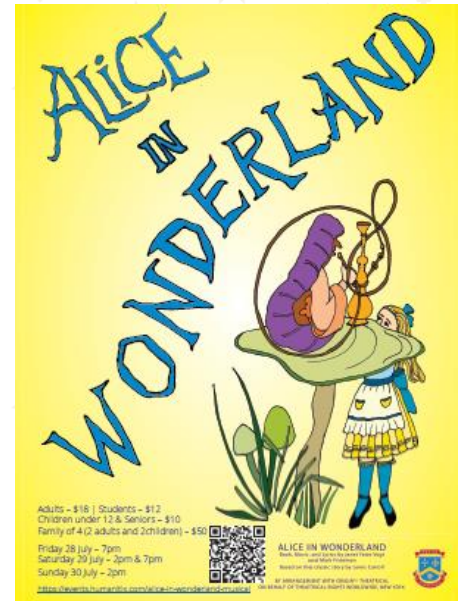
Tickets:

Adults - \$18

Students - \$12

Children under 12 & Seniors - \$10

Family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children) - \$50



Tickets available for purchase from Monday 19 June at <https://events.humanitix.com/alice-in-wonderland-musical>

DEFENCE NEWS

A Defence 2023 extra-curricular group is being created in SEQTA for students from Defence families. This will be a central online location where only Defence students and their families can access Defence Family related information when required. This should be available in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you to our Merici College ADF Cadets who answered questions at the information session last week. They showed so much enthusiasm and passion for their involvement in cadets; Army, Navy and Air Force.

Week Eight – Tuesday 13 June – Defence Catch Up

Tuesday 13 June drop into Room 222 for a snack and relaxed catch up with Defence friends.

Week Nine - Defence Catch Up

Tuesday 20 June drop into Room 222 for a snack and relaxed catch up with Defence friends.

Families are always welcome to contact Kate Friend to update family deployment or posting information.

Kate.friend@merici.act.edu.au or phone 02 6243 4190.

OTHER NEWS

2023 Sharing Best Practice Conference (Saturday 9 September)



An invitation is extended to all staff to attend the 2023 Sharing Best Practice Conference - Translating Research into Classroom Learning.

The conference will be held at Merici College on Saturday 9 September 2023 from 8.30am-4:00pm.

For more information, please visit <https://www.sharingbestpractice.com/>. Bookings can be made [here](#).

Canberra School of Tennis - Holiday Camps

Tennis Australia qualified coaches, flexible times, lots of fun!

Dates: Week 1 - Monday 3rd - Fri 7th July, Week 2 - Monday 10th - Fri 14th July

Time: 8.30am drop off for a 9:00am start

Location: Weston Creek Tennis Club, Dillon Cl, off Namatjira Dr (Behind McDonald's)

Enquiries: Email info@csot.com.au or call 0432 118 204 (Head coach Robert Jamieson, Tennis Australia Qualified, Tennis ACT Coach of the Year 2021)

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