

# WHAT'S ON NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Weeks 4 and 5 (Monday 31 October – Sunday 13 November)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### SchoolTV

SPECIAL REPORT: A Guide to Safe Partyng



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### A Guide To Safe Partyng



Teenage gatherings provide young people with important opportunities to interact and build on their social skills and experiences. Celebrations, partyng and socialising are a fundamental rite of passage and one of the most important aspects of a young person's life. However, it is possible for the best young person to get carried away with their peers and the euphoria of the moment.

For parents and caregivers, keeping your young person safe can at times feel daunting and is often a compromise and a challenge. Most teenagers try to do the right thing most of the time, but your leadership as a role model is crucial. Your child may appear to be physically large and mature, but this is not necessarily matched by their emotional maturity and responsibility in behaviour.

Every party has the potential to get out-of-hand as sometimes it's hard for young partygoers to make good decisions. Communication and regular discussions are vital, particularly because young people are often faced with peer pressure to do things they prefer not to engage in. Hosting a celebration at home or at a venue can be a fun and memorable event but it is important to agree on the ground rules well before your event is announced to ensure there are no misunderstandings later on.

If hosting an event, you owe your guests a 'duty-of-care' and should ensure all reasonable steps are taken to keep partygoers safe. This Special Report provides caregivers with list of things to consider when planning a celebration. We hope you take a moment to reflect on the information offered, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you, a loved one or the wellbeing of your child, please seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report [https://merici.act.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-guide-safe-partyng](https://merici.act.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-guide-safe-partyng)

## WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

2023 Year 7 Orientation Day (Friday 4 November)

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 7 2023 students to their orientation day on Friday 4 November.

## P&F Twilight Christmas Family Picnic (Friday 18 November 5:00pm)

Our P&F Committee is very excited to extend an invitation to all our Merici family and friends to attend the Merici College Twilight Christmas Family Picnic to be held on Friday 18 November from 5:00pm-8:00pm.

The picnic will be held in the indigenous garden and oval. Entertainment includes instrumental, vocal and dance performances, Pop-Up performances, co-curricular activities' information stalls, sport games, Christmas hamper raffles and lots more. The Canteen will be open for click and collect meals. We are currently finalising the menu and online ordering procedures which will be communicated to all families. We look forward to seeing you there!

### INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS! Students, your chance to win House points! Join our inter-House Competitions:

1. Bring in items for our Christmas Hampers. We would welcome gift vouchers, goods, services, any items that can be added to hampers (such as products, jams, kitchen items, picnic, BBQ items, wine, chocolates etc.). Please label your donation with your name and House. Drop off items to the front office. Items will be counted in Houses groups and the House with the most donations wins House points.
2. Please support our raffles! Raffle tickets will be colour coded and at the end of the day, we will count up how many tickets each House sold with House points for the winning House.

For more information, please visit <https://merici.news/event-created/pf-christmas-family-picnic>.



## Christmas Family Picnic

PROUDLY ORGANISED BY THE  
MERICI COLLEGE PGF COMMITTEE



Friday 18 November  
5pm-8pm | Merici College

**BVO food and drinks**  
Canteen Click and Collect available  
(Lucky draw prizes for customers)

**Christmas Hamper Raffles**  
All proceeds to St Vinnie's Christmas Appeal

**Dance, Instrumental, Vocal, Pop Up Performances,**  
**Co-curricular stalls, Games and lots more!**



## YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 NEWS

### Year 10 Service Week (Monday 21 November-Friday 25 November)

We are continuing our Christian Service Learning Program this year with a Christian Service Week involving all Year 10 students from Monday 21 November to Friday 25 November 2022 inclusive. Students will be required to volunteer at various agencies throughout the Canberra region.

At Merici College, our community seeks to live according to the Christian ideals of St. Angela Merici. By making ourselves available to serve others, particularly those most in need, we can participate in creating a more just and compassionate society. During the Service Week, Year 10 students will have a unique opportunity to live out these ideals. Year 10 students will select their choice of agency. They will be expected to make a commitment of 25 hours to their choice of agency where the majority of their time is spent in direct contact with people in need. This is also an opportunity for the girls to develop their confidence and skills as a servant leader; displaying empathy and understanding to their broader community.

Please find [here](#) important information about the Program and Service Week.

## Year 12 Graduation Day (Tuesday 29 November)

We are excited to announce that, for the first time at Merici, we have organised Year 12 Graduation events to be held on one day, Tuesday 29 November. Please find below the program of events:

Year 12 House Farewells – 10:00am (students only, to be held at the College)

Year 12 Graduation Mass – 1:30pm arrivals, 2:00pm Mass (students and family members, St Christopher's Cathedral, Cnr Canberra Avenue/Furneaux St, Forrest). Please note that there will be no certificates or awards will be presented to Year 12 students at the Mass.

Please note that no bookings are required for your attendance at the Graduation Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral.

Year 12 Graduation Dinner and Awards Ceremony – 6:00pm to be held at Ainslie Football Club, Majura Room, 52 Wakefield Ave, Ainslie (students and parents only, unfortunately due to seating capacity at the venue, we are unable to invite other family members). Students are required to wear full school uniform. Certificates and awards will be presented to Year 12 students at the dinner.

Tickets for the Year 12 Graduation Dinner will be required to be purchased.

Cost: \$60 per person for students and parents (3 course meal, includes non-alcoholic beverages only)

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCOYC> (bookings close 18 November)

We look forward to celebrating the achievements of your daughter at the Dinner and Awards Ceremony.



## IB NEWS



### Official IB Exams May Session

Students have been registered for their May Exams and have checked and signed their registration information. Exams in May session 2023 are World Religions SL and Italian Language B SL.

<b>Official IB DP Italian Language B SL Exam</b> (Year 12 DP students x 2) Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May morning session Paper 1 - 1 hour 15 mins Paper 2 (reading comprehension) - 1 hour	<b>Official IB DP Italian Exam Language B SL Exam</b> (Year 12 DP students x 2) Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May morning session Paper 2 Listening - 45mins	<b>Official IB DP World Religions SL Exam</b> (All year 12 DP students) Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May PM session Paper 1 - 1 hour 15 mins	<b>Official IB DP World Religions SL Exam</b> (All year 12 DP students) Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May PM session Paper 2 - 1 hr 30 mins
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This is a list of some key dates for IB Year 11 students.

Event	Date	Information
Final Official IB Internal Assessment Oral English	21 Oct	This is the first official Internal Assessment due for IB students.
Draft of Psychology IA due	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct DATE changed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	The first draft of the Internal Assessment due for Psychology students. This date was changed due to public holiday and missed classes for Pamoja Exams.
Exam Briefing	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov Lunchtime	Student Briefing for Practice Exams. The rules and requirements for IB exams will be talked through. Location: IB hub.
Exam Week	Week 16	Students may wear casual clothes during this week. They do not need to attend classes and can attend school only for their scheduled exams. Students must be at school at least 10 minutes before the start time of the exam.  Exam week schedule: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZeA9SBFzi4j0d4KwL6P8mciFCrivRPOH/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZeA9SBFzi4j0d4KwL6P8mciFCrivRPOH/view?usp=sharing</a>
Psychology IA due	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Official Internal Assessment for Psychology due.
Group 4 Project	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Group 4 Project for all IB DP students all day. Students may attend wearing casual clothes and will be involved with a cross science project, a requirement of their science course. Students to attend PC as usual first.
TOK Exhibition	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Theory of Knowledge Exhibition – all DP students are involved in this. More details will be provided closer to the date.
Group 4 Project Evaluation	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Group 4 Project evaluation – more details on timings to come.
End of Term	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day for IB DP students



Year 10 students have reached the end of their Personal Project journey in 2022, celebrating their achievements and exhibited their projects to the community.

This is a HUGE achievement, and I would like to congratulate all students on their efforts.

A big thank you goes to the Personal Project Exhibition Committee members for all the amazing work they have been doing in the background to prepare.



← Our winning display from Eleanor Roggeveen!

## CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

# MERICI COLLEGE SHOWCASE 2022

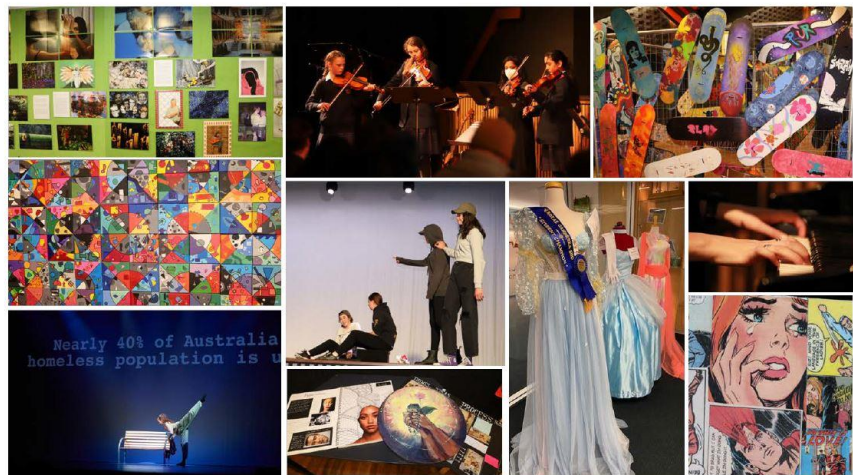
Dance | Photography | Visual Arts | Media | Design & Graphics | Music | Vocal | Drama | Textiles

### Exhibition and Performances

Friday 25 November 2022  
Refreshments 5.00pm-5.45pm in the Auditorium Foyer  
Showcase 6pm-8pm  
Auditorium

### RSVP for Exhibition Opening

Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CDRDP>



Our Semester 2 Arts Showcase, exhibiting works by Visual Arts, Music, Drama, Design and Graphics, Dance, Photography, Textiles and Media students, will be held in the auditorium at Merici College on Friday 25 November from 5:00pm – 8:00pm.

Refreshments will be available from 5pm for guests to enjoy whilst roaming the gallery. Performances will commence at 6:00pm including a range of Dance, Music, Drama, Choir and Dance Troupe numbers. We have encouraged all students to be proud of their efforts and have invited them to be involved in the evening either as an exhibitor, performer or backstage assistant.

The Showcase is an extremely worthwhile co-curricular experience. The students will be involved in rehearsing during the day on Friday. After school, students will be provided with some afternoon tea. We are estimating the show to conclude at 8:00pm, and students will need to be collected just after. If you agree to your daughter's involvement, please sign the permission note [here](#). Of course, this is also a wonderful opportunity for parents to experience the very wide range of talent in the creative arts at Merici and you are warmly invited to attend. Bookings are essential and can be made via the following link: Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CDRDP>.

### Upcoming Dance Troupe Performances

Our Dance Troupe will be performing at two community events and we hope to see you there!

- St Joseph's Fete: Sunday 6 November 2:00pm, St Joseph's Primary School, O'Connor
- The Little Burley Markets: Sunday 26 November 10:00am. Venue is in between the International Flag Display on Queen Elizabeth Terrace (The Little Burley Market is on google maps too) Parking: Questacon

## LANGUAGES NEWS

### Canberra Academy of Languages

The Canberra Academy of Languages will hold a follow-up online information evening via Google Meet from 6pm next Tuesday 25 October 2022, for students interested in commencing studies with the Academy next year. This is a follow-up session for those who were unable to participate in the previous September meeting.

The Academy is inviting applications from students interested in studying Arabic, French, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish and Tamil, in cases where the chosen language is not available at the student's day school.

To expedite planning for the 2023 intake, students who have canvassed this with their day school, where a CAL pathway is agreed as part of their study package, may proceed in submitting their CAL enrolment application form without a preliminary EOI process. The form is available via the home page on CAL website.

Discussion will include information on learning languages in Years 11-12; receiving credit for languages studies towards the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate and towards the ATAR; how CAL's programs are set up; how to find current information through their online systems about programs throughout the year; and what to do if planning to commence with the Academy in 2023.

To receive a link for the meeting, interested participants should email [info@cal.act.edu.au](mailto:info@cal.act.edu.au).

## SPORT NEWS

### Merici College Swimming Carnival (Monday 7 November)

The Merici Annual Swimming Carnival, scheduled for Monday 7 November, is an opportunity for all members of the school community to gather and celebrate the talents of Merici students. It is also an opportunity to promote the health and fitness of the girls as well as develop pride and passion for their House. All students are expected to attend the carnival as it is a compulsory community event and falls on a school day. While we encourage all students to compete in swimming events for House points, there are also less formal activities on the program, including beach volleyball, novelty events in the wading pool, water polo, and bombing and diving competitions.

This year we are trialling a different venue, with the carnival to be held at Canberra Olympic Pool in Civic. Students are permitted to make their own way to the venue but must arrive by 9.15am. All students will be bused back to school at 2:00pm for the school chants. A link to an online permission form has been emailed out to all parents and guardians and can be accessed here: <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/8dNLXVWaHU>. We ask that these please be submitted by Monday 31 October. This is particularly important for any student who would like to have a space reserved to travel by bus from the school to the pool in the morning. Parents are most welcome to attend.

If you are interested in assisting on the day, please email Jackie Males ([jackie.males@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:jackie.males@merici.act.edu.au)).

## DEFENCE NEWS

### Week 4

**Thursday 3 November** 2022 Defence Farewell Lunch: All Defence students are invited for lunch and fun to farewell our Defence friends departing Merici College. Our canteen will be catering, so lunch will be delicious! Please RSVP to [kate.friend@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:kate.friend@merici.act.edu.au) including any dietary requirements before Monday 31 October.

### Week 5

**Thursday 10 November** Defence Catch Up: Drop into Room 222 at lunchtime for a snack and making poppies for Remembrance Day.

**Remembrance Day Friday 11 November:** At 11:11am the College will pause and observe one minute's silence and remember those who have died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and conflicts.

We have an Australian WW1 Loan Box from the Australian War Memorial, which will be added to the display cabinets outside the iC for Weeks 5 and 6. More information on these items is available here. [Memorial Box 1 object list | Australian War Memorial \(awm.gov.au\)](#)

Families are always welcome to contact myself with any questions or to update family deployment information. [Kate.friend@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:Kate.friend@merici.act.edu.au) or phone 02 6243 4190. I work part time and am at Merici College on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

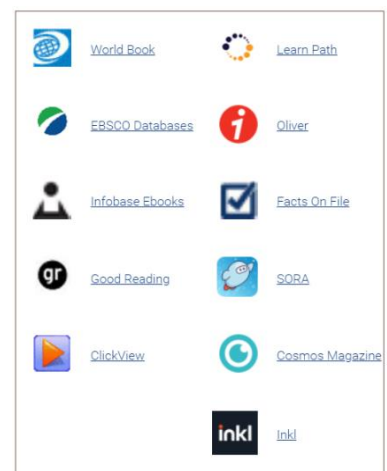
*Kate Friend, Defence School Mentor*

## iC NEWS

We welcomed Nicki Greenberg for our author visit on Wednesday 26 November. Nicki shared her knowledge and experience with a full day of activities. For years 7-9 we had three author talks: on writing a mystery and the adaptation process from novel to graphic novel. Then ran a Writers and Illustrations workshops for interested students. It was such a fun day, and we thank Nicki for her time spent with us.

One of the legacies we have from remote learning is students' reliance on the free web, "to Google". This often leads to use of poor-quality sources. Some students have struggled in their organisation, not leaving themselves enough time to research, note take and draft, good assignments take time.

We are continuously working with classes, on the skills of note taking, paraphrasing, academic honesty, and the use of quality resources.



Plagiarism can take many forms and we want students to research widely and well, use their own words, to quote when necessary, and use evidence that supports their own ideas and writing.

One of the best things you can do as parents is to talk to your daughters about their research and tasks. This helps to solidify their ideas and ensures they understand their reading, enabling them to put the information into their own words, to paraphrase. As a school we use Turnitin as a similarity tool. Students are able to submit a draft before the submission date to check the assignment similarity, it will pick up if the writing is too similar to another source this then gives the student an opportunity to redraft the task before it is too late.

Using quality resources is a must for high school and college research, the iC provides many quality databases for all students to access through SEQTA.

iC staff are always happy to assist in research tasks.

Yours in research,

iC staff

## SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

### Sw(op) Shop

If you have been thinking of clearing out your wardrobe and adding a few extra pieces, the Sw(op) Shop is coming up in Term 4, Week 7.

We will be accepting donations of clean, re-usable clothing and accessories from Monday 7 November (Week 4). Look out for signage so that you know where to drop off your items.



### Lettuce Sale



Get ready! Following the first lettuce sale last year and due to popular demand, the lettuces will be back.

Collection Day: Tuesday Week 5 (8 November) 1:00pm-3:15pm or by arrangement to [felicity.maher@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:felicity.maher@merici.act.edu.au).

200 punnets will be available at \$6 each, or \$42 for a tray of 8 punnets.

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

## OTHER NEWS

### Mix 106.3 November Yoga Session

Mix106.3 are hosting a group Yoga session and raising funds for Men's Mental Health!

November fundraisers are a global community of fired up Mo Bros and Mo Sisters – aka rock stars making a difference in mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer. Men's health is in crisis. Men are dying on average 5 years earlier than women, and for largely preventable reasons.



A growing number of men – around 10.8M globally – are facing life with a prostate cancer diagnosis. Globally, testicular cancer is the most common cancer among young men. And across the world, one man dies by suicide every minute of every day, with males accounting for 69% of all suicides.

Mix106.3 are inviting staff, parents and students from Merici College to join Kate & Nige live from 7 am at Manuka Oval for a group yoga session to help us raise funds for Movember. Anyone from Merici College will receive free entry as we are trying to encourage the youth be involved. Breakfast and coffee will be available.

Timing and Dates:

- 11 November 2022
- Kate & Nige Live : 6 am - 9 am
- Participants Arrive : 7 am
- Moga Session Starts 7:45 am
- Moga Session Ends 8:30 am

Rules:

- BYO Yoga Mats (not required)
- BYO Water Bottle
- No food is to be taken/consumed on the oval grounds
- Sports shoes must be worn
- No heels on to be worn on the oval grounds
- Access via Main Gate Only

If any individuals or a group would like to participate in our group yoga session, please donate on the Mix106.3 Movember Page (<https://movember.com/m/14764662?mc=1>)

and register on the Mix106.3 Win Page (<https://www.mix106.com.au/competition/>).

## UPCOMING NEWS (Term 4 Weeks 6 and 7)

Upcoming events will be advised.