WHAT’S ON AT MERICI
Term 4 Week 2 and 3 (Monday 17 October-Sunday 30 October)

WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Commissioning Liturgy – Monday 17 October (12.10pm)
A special Commissioning liturgy will be held on Monday 17 October for the commissioning of the College’s 2017 School Captains, Specialist Captains, House and Vice Captains and Transition Captains. Letters of invitation have been sent to the families of our new leaders. Please RSVP your attendance to Ros Parisi, email ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 6243 4178 as soon as possible.

Merici Science Series: Professor Veena Sahajwalla - Tuesday 18 October (10:05am-10:55am)
On Tuesday 18 October from 10.05am to 10.55am, Merici will be hosting Professor Veena Sahajwalla from the University of New South Wales. Veena is taking time out before she gives an address to the Australian Academy of Science, to come and talk to our Engineering and Sustainability students about her work as the Director of the Sustainable Materials and Renewable Technologies (SMaRT) research centre. Veena is a dynamic and exciting researcher who works to find creative and efficient ways to make industrial processes more sustainable. This is a rare opportunity to meet a high-profile female engineer, one of whose passions is encouraging girls in science and engineering.

All Engineering and Sustainability students (except those accompanying Ms Buning on the Smart School tour) will be attending. Other students, as well as parents, are most welcome, but you must RSVP to Kathryn White (kathryn.white@merici.act.edu.au) by 3.00pm Monday 17 October if you intend to come along. The talk will be held in Room 208 (Science Flexi area). Please follow the link http://tinyurl.com/zajexm8 to find a flyer with more information.

Merici College Alumni Soiree – Saturday 22 October
Please follow the link http://tinyurl.com/gks7yv4 to find an invitation extended to all ex-students of Merici College to attend our Alumni Soiree which will be held on Saturday 22 October from 5.00pm-7.00pm in our restaurant. School tours will be available from 4.00pm. Please RSVP your attendance to ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au by Friday 16 October. Please also indicate if you would like a tour. We hope to see our ex-students at this special event.

Soldier On Charity Night – An Evening with Sarah Watson – Wednesday 26 October (6.00pm)
A fundraising event will be held in the Merici College Restaurant on Wednesday 26 October for Soldier On. Soldier On supports men and women around Australia who have been physically or psychologically wounded in the service of their country. All members of our community are invited.

Sarah Watson will be the guest speaker. Sarah is an ex-member of the Australian Defence Force who suffered Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as a result of her military engagement. Sarah was recently part of the Soldier On Trois Etapes team who cycled with a team of fellow fundraisers, including Australian cycling hero Cadel Evans and radio personality Hamish Blake, to raise awareness for Soldier On (you may have seen the documentary on 60 minutes earlier this year). Sarah is also participating in the 2016 New York Marathon in November in aid of Soldier On. All proceeds from the evening will go towards Sarah’s sponsorship and subsequently to Soldier On.

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Please follow the link [http://tinyurl.com/han83om](http://tinyurl.com/han83om) to find more information and booking details. Please note that rsvp and payment is required by Friday 17 October to ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au.

**Merici Growers Plant Sale – Saturday 29 October from 8.00am until sold out**
Tomato seedlings propagated by Merici College Sustainability students and teachers will be on sale to the public on Saturday 29 October. The sale will be held next to the Kitchen Garden at Merici College, cnr Limestone Avenue and Henty Street Braddon from 8.00am. Please follow the link [http://tinyurl.com/jveb2ux](http://tinyurl.com/jveb2ux) to find more information.

**YEAR 7, 8 and 9 NEWS**

**Year 8 Spirituality Day – Thursday 20 October**
The Year 8 Spirituality Day is a full day event held on campus on Thursday, 20 October. The Retreat is called “Heart Renewal”, where the students are encouraged to reflect on their attitudes and behaviour towards those people who are important to them. They will have the opportunity to reconcile with other students and repair friendships. They are reminded to make the right choices and that no matter what, God will always love them. During the session, the students will have an opportunity to reflect on their actions. They will be motivated to start afresh – with a renewed heart.

Of course it is compulsory for all students to attend school on these particular days. The students are required to wear their PE uniform and supply their own recess and lunch. Recess and lunch times will be at the normal time, so the canteen facilities are also available.

**Year 7 IH Geography Excursion – Friday 21 October**
A visit to the Cotter Dam has been arranged for Year 7 Integrated Humanities students on Friday 21 October. The purpose of this excursion is for students to carry out fieldwork investigations of the Cotter Dam and Reserve. The fieldwork notes will be used to prepare for their geography test in week five. Please follow the link [http://tinyurl.com/h3qocsd](http://tinyurl.com/h3qocsd) to find the permission note.

**Year 9 Urban Challenge Camp: Wednesday 19 October – Friday 21 October**
Our exciting new camp initiative is right around the corner and students are already busy organising ‘team themes’ in order to compete for the 500 point team prize for best dressed on Day 1!

On Monday 10 October Year 9 students assembled in their camp teams to work with their Urban Challenge Leaders Joel and Katie to distribute their team roles and begin planning for our adventure.

*Please note: There are still a small number of students who have not brought in their printed consent forms from Urban Challenge, signed and returned. Unfortunately, any student that has not returned a signed consent form to the school will not be able to commence their Urban Challenge.*

Important information regarding the ‘packing list’ for this camp can be found at [http://tinyurl.com/zvjjt56](http://tinyurl.com/zvjjt56). A reminder that all year 9 students can only bring one backpack and no other luggage. Everything they bring will be carried throughout the camp! Urban Challenge leaders distributed free quick dry towels to all students during our Camp Meeting on Monday, to reduce packing. If your daughter was absent and did not receive a towel, one will be provided when we arrive in Mittagong on Wednesday.

Leave time on Wednesday 19 October is 5:30am from Merici College. We are asking students to arrive promptly at 5:15am in order to meet their team and ensure they are on the right coach to depart on time. This leave time is essential in order for us to meet our Urban Challenge Leaders at Mittagong where the girls will be given their Opal cards and their adventure starts! **We will have to leave on time to make our train from Mittagong which has been booked. Please ensure your daughter arrives on time on Wednesday morning.** Our return time will be 8:30/.009pm on Friday 21 October, and students will need to be collected from Merici College.
All parents and carers of next week’s Year 9 Urban Challenge can follow their daughter’s journey, read blogs and see photos from their adventure by logging on to our website using the following details:

Web site: www.theurbanchallenge.com.au
User name: meriurban
Password: meri2016

A reminder to parents that ‘Parent Challenges’ will be sent out also and will give your daughter’s team much needed points!

Any queries or concerns can be directed to your daughter’s allocated team teacher (who will accompany your daughter throughout her Urban Challenge) or Mrs Megan Keogh.

**Year 7 2017 Induction Day – Friday 28 October**
An induction day will be held for all Year 7 2017. We welcome the students to our school community.

**Year 9 Geography Excursion – Friday 28 October**
A Year 9 Geography Field Trip will be held on Friday 28 October to Kosciuszko National Park. Please follow the link [http://tinyurl.com/znvh9px](http://tinyurl.com/znvh9px) to find the permission note.

**YEAR 10, 11 and 12 NEWS**

**Year 12 Formal Tickets**
Invitations have been emailed to Year 12 students’ email addresses. RSVP for bookings is to be completed online which can be accessed through the link in your daughter’s invitation. All payment details, arrivals and parking information are also outlined on the invitation. Tickets are $135 per person. Tickets need to be paid for by Monday 31 October, either by placing the credit card authority (attached to the invitation) in the Finance drop box or by paying in person between 1:00pm and 1:20pm Monday – Friday. Seating arrangements can only be made after payments have been receipted. Your daughter will be contacted via email and asked to select seating preferences and to collect her Formal ticket. For enquiries, please email tickets@merici.act.edu.au.

**Year 12 Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony – Tuesday 29 November (6.00pm)**
The Year 12 Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday 29 November commencing at 6.00pm at St Christopher’s Cathedral in Forest, ACT. An invitation to all Year 12 families has been posted home and we are looking forward to celebrating your daughter’s graduation and academic achievements with you in this beautiful venue.

**Year 10 Road Ready Course and First Aid – 17 – 18 November**
As part of your daughter’s Year 10 Physical Education and Health Program we will be running the St John Ambulance CPR course and associated Online training modules and Road Ready course during November. Students will be able to select which course they would like to do. However, the following selection criteria applies:

1. Numbers – as we need to run both courses, the class sizes will need to be even due to supervisory reasons.
2. Road Ready – as this is an ACT course, students living within the ACT, who have not done this course, will be given priority.
3. Students will be placed on the class lists in the order that they return permission notes.

Please note that these are officially approved CPR and Road Ready courses, run by Merici College as a Registered Training Organisation.
Dates: 17 and 18 November 2016
Time: Whole day intense assessment and training course.
Cost: First Aid - $20 (includes St John Ambulance CPR certificate, manikin hire and use of face shields.) Please note that this expense represents a large saving on the usual course cost (usually around $50).
Road Ready - $0

All students will participate in one of the courses but only those who pay will be entitled to a manual and certificate for First Aid. Payment is required before commencement of the course and prior to the due date stated below. Certificates will be awarded to those who successfully pass the practical and theory examinations.

Please indicate your daughter's preference on the permission slip at http://tinyurl.com/zkvrm1g. If you give your daughter permission to participate in the first aid course and receive the manual, please pay $20.00 at the Front Office, complete the permission slip and return to your daughter’s Physical Education teacher by Friday 28 October.

iC NEWS

We are collecting new books (not second hand or used) for the Children’s Book Council of Australia Canberra branch’s Christmas book appeal. The appeal is hoping to collect 1600 new books for disadvantaged children and adolescents in the Canberra region. We hope members of the Merici community could purchase a new book and bring it to the iC by 28 October. For further information please see the following link: http://cbcaact.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2015/07/BookAppeal2016A4Flyer.pdf

Our Book Swap during Book Week and National Literacy and Numeracy Week for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation was well received. Donations like ours helped the foundation to deliver more than 170,000 books and literacy resources to over 250 remote communities and continue its focus on early literacy. Many thanks to the members of our community who donated and bought books for this worthy cause.

During this term we stocktake the collection. We do appreciate the prompt return of resources. If your daughter has a lost or overdue resource please ask her to come and speak to us.

Happy Reading!
iC Staff

IT NEWS

Families with Lenovo X1 School Supported Laptops
Families need to be aware that the warranty on the School Supported Lenovo X1 Carbon laptops that were issued during 2014/15 will be going out of warranty from Thursday 8 December. This means that the College will no longer be able to repair any physical damage or hardware faults with this model but can still troubleshoot software related issues and may re-image the laptop to a BYOD image.

If you are looking to replace the laptop you can consider a new school supported model that are available at the bottom of the school BYOD information page at https://www.merici.act.edu.au/laptops. You can also purchase any other laptop at retail that meets the requirements for wireless, however we will be unable to fully service it on-site.

If you have any queries about this you can contact us at byod@merici.act.edu.au

SPORT NEWS
To stay updated on all sporting activities, please ensure your daughter checks our Sports Moodle page and/or Twitter @MericiSport.
Athletics Carnival Results
Our 2016 Athletics Carnival was held on Friday 23 September. The carnival was a huge success and we would like to thank all our students for their participation and enthusiasm. We congratulate the following Houses and students on their achievements.

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DEFENCE NEWS

Combined Schools’ Defence Activity Day at the Australian War Memorial – Tuesday 18 October
Year 9 and 10 Defence Students are invited to a Combined Schools’ Defence Activity Day at the Australian War Memorial. The morning program involves a 90 minute presentation at the Australian War Memorial Education Centre and tours of the current exhibitions, including the Anzac Hall. In the afternoon, students will take part in a variety of outdoor games and activities which will encourage co-operation and leadership skills. A highlight of the afternoon will include walking the Mt Ainslie’s Kokoda track. Please follow the link [http://tinyurl.com/ju5wa83](http://tinyurl.com/ju5wa83) to find the permission note.

LANGUAGES NEWS

Chinese Cultural Workshop Series – next workshop Monday 31 October
Students taking Mandarin have the opportunity to sign up and participate in a series of five Chinese Cultural workshops. In these workshops, students will be taught Chinese calligraphy, painting and other forms of Chinese folk art. The workshops will be taught by a Chinese calligraphy teacher from Beijing. The dates for these workshops are:

1. 31 October 2016
2. 7 November 2016
3. 14 November 2016

Please follow the link [http://tinyurl.com/z98saao](http://tinyurl.com/z98saao) to find the permission note.

EXPRESSION ARTS NEWS

Drama Performance “Steel Magnolias” – Thursday 27 October and Friday 28 October (6.30pm)
The senior Drama class will be performing their production of the play “Steel Magnolias” in the Drama room on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 October from 6:30pm. Admission is free but bookings are essential to Ros Parisi, telephone 62434178 or email ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au. This production is part of the senior unit “Theatre Performance and Production” and has been worked by the class throughout the semester. It is the play version of the popular 1986 film of the same name and is guaranteed to be a trip down memory lane, as well as an entertaining evening! We hope to see you at this performance. Please follow the link [http://tinyurl.com/hf56e9j](http://tinyurl.com/hf56e9j) to find an information poster.
**Dance Troupe – October Performances**

Our Dance Troupe will be performing at the following events. All family and friends are most welcome to come along and support the girls.

- Murrumbateman Field Day – Sunday 16 October 10.30am
- St Michael’s Primary School Harmony Fair – Friday 28 October 6.00pm
- Party at the Shops – Hackett Community – Saturday 29 October 11.00am
- Goodwin Ainslie – Friday 18 November (9.30am)

**CO-CURRICULAR NEWS**

**Term 4 Music Happenings**

Our musicians have a very busy schedule ahead of them during Term 4. Please see below performance dates.

- Week 13 - SOLDIER ON performance by String group 5.30pm-7pm in the Canteen, Wednesday 26 October
- Week 13 - ORIENTATION DAY- instrument demonstrators 2.30pm-4pm, Friday 28 October
- Week 14- SYDNEY TOUR (Year 9-12) Wednesday 2 November
- Week 17- EXPRESSIVE ARTS SHOWCASE OPEN NIGHT- Senior band only, Tuesday 22 November
- Week 17- MUSIC PRESENTATION NIGHT- all music groups and private students, massed band items, Thursday 24 November 6.00pm-7.30pm
- Week 18 - SUMMER SAFARI- Choir, Junior band, Chamber group Friday 2 December
- Week 19 - CHRISTMAS CONCERT- more details to follow (Year 7-9)

If you need permission notes, see Moodle, the Website, outside Expressive Arts Staffroom or Miss Way. See you in 2017 for more musical fun!

**Duke of Edinburgh Navigation Day – Saturday 29 October**

The Duke of Edinburgh Navigation Day will be run on Saturday 29 October at the Mt Taylor Nature Reserve. This new activity will be a fun race around the reserve completing challenges and is open to all Duke of Ed students from Year 9 to Year 12.

**SRC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS**

**Merici College Vinnies School Sleepout – Thursday 13 October, Merici College**

The Vinnies School Sleepout will take place on Thursday 13 October - Friday 14 October (Week 1) in the New Quad at Merici College. The Sleepout is open to Years 10, 11 and 12 only. For more information please contact Ms Sonia Conte or follow the link [http://tinyurl.com/ha45gk3](http://tinyurl.com/ha45gk3) to find the permission note.

**Social Justice Trivia Night – Tuesday 25 October**

Merici College’s Social Justice group is holding a Trivia Night on Tuesday 25 October to raise awareness and funds for our global sisters living in poverty. Our Social Justice theme for 2016 is ‘We Can Be Heroes’. To align with this theme we are hoping to raise enough money to change the lives of two young girls, Alina from Bolivia and Isabel from Ecuador, whom the College sponsors through Plan International. Everyone is welcome and tickets will be available for purchase from Week 10 onwards ($10.00 each or $80.00 per table). Tickets will be sold during recess and at lunchtimes.
**Blood Donations**
In an ongoing effort to retain our title of ACT Schools Challenge Cup winners, blood donation courtesy buses from Merici College to the ACT Donor Centre in Garran have been organised for our students. The donor buses booked from Merici College for Term 4 are as follows:

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If your daughter is 16 years and over and weighs more than 50kg, she is eligible to donate. Please check the SRC noticeboard or the Australian Red Cross Blood Service website for further eligibility requirements at [http://www.donateblood.com.au/](http://www.donateblood.com.au/). Please note this service is available to students only.

To ensure that your daughter can donate, please read the following information regarding travel restrictions and waiting periods.

- **Queensland** – Dengue fever – upon return, please wait 4 weeks before donating
- **USA and Canada** – West Nile Virus - upon return, please wait 4 weeks before donating
- **Malaria countries** – if your daughter has visited any country where malaria is present, she should wait 4 months before donating
- **Zika virus** - if your daughter has visited any country where the Zika virus is present, she should wait 4 months before donating. Includes: Pacific Islands (including Fiji and New Caledonia), Mexico and Central America, South America, The Caribbean, US Territories (Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, American Samoa).

For further details or to book a place on a courtesy bus please contact SRC and Social Justice Facilitator, Ms Sonia Conte at [sonia.conte@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:sonia.conte@merici.act.edu.au). Thank you for your continued support of this initiative.

**WANT TO SHARE?**
We love to hear about your amazing daughters and their achievements. Feel free to connect with us to share any good news by sending an email to Ros Parisi, [ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au](mailto:ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au).

**OTHER NEWS**

**St Joseph’s O’Connor 60th Anniversary Celebrations – Saturday 5 November - Sunday 6 November**
For the attention of all ex-students of St Joseph’s Primary School in O’Connor. Please follow the link [http://tinyurl.com/jx5l86x](http://tinyurl.com/jx5l86x) to find details of their 60th Anniversary celebrations weekend on 5 and 6 November and dinner to be held at Old Parliament House on the evening of Saturday 5 November 2016.

**St Thomas the Apostle School and Parish Fete - The Arts – Saturday 12 November (10.00am-2.30pm)**
39 Boddington Circuit, KAMBAH ACT 2902
Saturday 12th November 2016
10am - 2:30pm
Join us to celebrate St Thomas Parish at our community fete the “Arts”.
There will be Show Bags, Cake Stall, Trash ‘n’ Treasure, Craft Stall, Plant Stall, Community Displays, Tombola, Dodgem Cars, Sizzler Supa Cha Cha, Competitions, prizes, great food and much more.
47th Annual Summer Music School
One of Canberra’s longest continuously running youth arts programs is offering its 47th Annual Summer Music School – four exciting music education-based holiday programs for Canberra’s young people that will inspire and entertain all ages. From 9-20 January 2017 at Radford College, Bruce, Canberra. Please follow the link http://tinyurl.com/z6t56fs to find more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Term 4 Weeks 4 and 5)
Year 12 House Farewells – Tuesday 1 November
ACT 123 &O Athletics – Thursday 3 November
Dance Troupe Performance at Marymead – Saturday 5 November
Year 12 Farewell Assembly – Monday 7 November (11.15am)
Senior Exams – Tuesday 8 November – Monday 14 November