Our Vision
Mercy Regional College serves a wide rural community which values growth and diversity in Catholic Education in the Mercy tradition.

Our Mission
In the Spirit of the Gospels we commit ourselves to the core values of community, inclusiveness, learning, care, justice and mercy, excellence and achievement.

Our Focus for 2009
Learning: Through the Mercy tradition we encourage our community to seek knowledge, to nurture curiosity and to love learning.

Mr John Tindley
Last week the College community learnt of the sad news of the passing of Mr John Tindley, first Principal of Mercy Regional College (formerly Catholic Regional College) after a long battle against leukaemia. John was foundation principal of the College, commencing in 1973 and concluding in 1982.

The educational landscape was very different back when John commenced as Principal. He inherited the buildings of the old primary school, little, if any teaching resources, a very small budget, limited grants from governments and enormous challenges in terms of transport of students to the College. John had a desire to ensure that families in our region had the opportunity of a Catholic secondary education, through to Year 12 that, in the past, was only open to those who could afford boarding schools. His vision, determination and dedication laid the very solid foundation upon which our College now proudly stands. There is no doubt that the success we enjoy as a Catholic Secondary College today is due to John Tindley’s energy, enthusiasm, foresight and commitment to the concept of a Catholic Regional College, which would serve our wide rural area from Simpson and Timboon in the south to Lismore, Skipton and Derrinallum in the north, east towards the Stoney Rises and west, toward Garvoc and The Sisters, including the towns of Camperdown, Terang, Mortlake, Cobden and Noorat and many other small settlements in between.

Mrs Helen Kenna shared the following thought with me upon receiving the news of John’s death. Helen was one of the staff members who remember the very early and difficult days.

“He was an amazing man to work with - energetic-[and expected the same!], visionary, supportive, creative and with a dogged determination that the college would succeed against all odds- and it really only did because of the nature of the man. Many of us carry lasting memories of the man and are privileged that he was part of our lives.”

Many other people over the last few days have taken the trouble to re-live some of the stories from the very early days. In each and every account, one thing is abundantly clear. The problems faced by the College often seemed insurmountable but on each occasion it was through the leadership of John Tindley that ensured the challenges were met and the College continued to grow and prosper.

We, as a community, have a great deal to thank John Tindley and it is now with great sadness that we can no longer express our thanks and gratitude in person. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the current and future generations of Mercy Regional College to honour John Tindley as our Founding Principal.

"Eternal rest, give unto John, O Lord and may the perpetual light shine upon him. Rest in Peace John."
Mary MacKillop

Eternal Father, in the early days of colonial Australia, you inspired Mary MacKillop to leave her family and gather around her a group of courageous women to answer your call in the service of Church and country. Grant that, through the prayers of Mary MacKillop, our great country may advance in our understanding and practice of the teachings of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

In November, 1841, a great Irish woman, Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy, died. Two months later a great Australian, Mary MacKillop, was born. Mary’s life mirrored Catherine’s in so many ways. Each had a vision that brought to life a new and radical form of religious life that took Sisters in small groups out to the people who so desperately needed them. Theirs was a down-to-earth, roll-up your sleeves holiness.

Like Catherine McAuley, Mary MacKillop was a woman ahead of her time. She was forthright, assertive, loving and intensely loyal to the Church, even when wrongfully excommunicated and removed from leadership of the Order she founded, the Sisters of St Joseph. Mary committed her life to the poor and destitute — establishing orphanages, refuges for women and children and schools for poor and isolated young people. Blessed Mary MacKillop, known in her adult life as Mother Mary of the Cross, was a dreamer and a planner. In our world, so often torn by conflict and strife, by greed and poverty, the example of Mary’s life and holiness challenges us to place our trust in God and courageously live the gospel of Jesus Christ. For Mary was strong in her belief that: “We must teach more by example than by word.” Mary MacKillop 1907.

Last week saw a celebration of the Feast Day of Blessed Mary MacKillop at St Patrick’s Cathedral. It is the centenary of her death and there is a great sense of hope that Pope Benedict is considering canonisation of Mary MacKillop as Australia’s first saint.

Reminder re school notices

A couple of letters sent to parents have had poor responses, namely -

- Conveyance Allowance Letter / Form
- Enrolment Intentions Letter / Form

I would remind parents that it is important that your attention is given to these matters.

The Conveyance Allowance Form - any parent who has a child(ren) travelling on one of the buses that Mercy charters, would have been asked to fill out and sign this form and return to the College office. This then enables the College to claim the Conveyance Allowance to offset some of the costs associated with the supply of buses for our students to travel on. If you have not returned this form, please complete it and send it back to us. If you need assistance with filling it out, or need another form, please contact the office and we will help you, or if you are unsure whether you have already returned it.

Enrolment Intentions Form - the information you give us on this form helps us gauge the number of students who will be returning to Mercy next year. It also provides information to help with planning for the year ahead, in terms of the number of classrooms and teachers needed, for 2010. If you have not already completed your form can you please do so and send it back to the office quickly. Once again, if you need another form please contact the Office.

In general, I am happy with how the majority of our parents respond quickly when requesting information, but, I would like to remind parents of the importance of all correspondence that comes to you from the College and at times, the necessity for you to reply in a timely manner.

Preparing our Year 12 Students

There are only seven weeks of Year 12 classes left and the VCE exams commence at the end of October. Over the past couple of weeks I have witnessed extra classes being held after school, during the mid-term break, on weekends and at lunchtimes, in most subject areas. The recent Year 12 progress reports contained many offers by teachers of extra individual help for any student who required it. At the end of this term, a trial English exam is being held on Thursday, 17th September, for all students. In between, all other subjects will be vying for time for their practice exams. Many teachers are also setting aside time during the September holidays for extra classes and revision. All-in-all our Year 12 students are very fortunate to have a dedicated team of VCE teachers willing to assist them in any way possible, to be well prepared for the forthcoming exams.

In return I hope that our students will:

- Make the most of the extra classes being offered
- Attend all scheduled practice exams
- Ask their teachers for assistance
- Commence an extensive study and revision program (NOW!!)
- Review their commitments outside school to ensure that study is NOW the NUMBER ONE PRIORITY
- Make some sensible choices, in terms of social activities, are made, especially on weekends.

To do all of the above our students will require the support, guidance and wisdom of parents. Now is the time for both parents and students to agree to some guidelines for the coming weeks.

I look forward to celebrating the success of our students in early December.
Car Raffle
Thursday, 27th August, will mark the beginning of the 35th year of the Mercy Regional College Car Raffle. The car raffle is certainly now the most important fund raising effort of our PTFA. Raffle books and rosters for selling tickets will be distributed shortly.

This year’s prizes are as follows:

1st Prize:
2009 LV Ford Focus LX Sedan valued at $29,990.00
Supplied courtesy of A K McKenzie Motors Colac and supported by Manifold Motors Camperdown

2nd Prize:
Harvey World Travel Voucher valued at $2,000.00
Supplied courtesy of Harvey World Travel, Camperdown

3rd Prize:
Electrical Voucher $1,000.00
Supplied courtesy of Camperdown Retravision

4th Prize:
Nutrimetics Pamper Pack valued at $250.00
Supplied courtesy of Helen Bourke, Kolora

5th Prize:
Jewellery Voucher valued at $200.00
Supplied courtesy of Showcase Jewellers, Camperdown and Colac

6th Prize:
Dinner Voucher valued at $100.00
Supplied courtesy of Madden’s Bar & Bistro, Camperdown

This year, we have again selected a more fuel-efficient car to ensure the running costs for the eventual winner will be more economical.

The College is indeed grateful to our abovementioned suppliers for their generosity of raffle prizes. Where possible it would certainly be appreciated if our school community could support these businesses.

I look forward to a very successful car raffle result, which can be easily achieved if ALL families work together to sell their book of raffle tickets and assist with the selling roster.

Central Australia Trip
Next year, the College will be conducting a trip to Central Australia. I have outlined all the details in a letter which is on page 11 of this newsletter. The trip is open to students who are currently enrolled at Mercy, in Years 7 - 11. We are hoping to take two buses which will accommodate eighty students and 8 – 10 staff. Please take note of a number of stipulations and criteria outlined in the letter. If then you are interested in your son / daughter taking place on the trip during the September school holidays in 2010, you will need to complete the slip at the end of the letter and return it along with the deposit of $50.00 to the College office by Friday 4th September.

Congratulations
Congratulations are extended to Kayla Spicer who has been selected in the Target 2012 Swimming Victoria Development Squad which aims to develop swimmers for the London 2012 Olympics. Well done Kayla!

Rest in Peace
On Wednesday, this week, Mrs Etty McKinnon, Mother of Fr Eugene, passed away in Terang. The Mercy Regional College community extends its deepest sympathy to Fr Eugene and his family.

Frayne Speech Festival
This Friday, 7 students will travel to Mt Lilydale Mercy College to participate in the Annual Frayne Speech Festival. The College will have teams representing us in debating and public speaking. This festival was established a number of years ago to promote public speaking amongst secondary schools in the Mercy tradition. We wish our teams well and I also take this opportunity to thank Mrs Margaret Leahy for her preparation of our public speakers.

Chocolate Fundraiser
In Assembly today prizes were drawn for those students who sold a full box of chocolates. And the winners were -
1st Prize $200 Gift Voucher - Clare Glennen
2nd Prize Chocolate Hamper – George McMeel
3rd Prize 2 Movie Tickets – Laura Mason
And lastly a $30 Sanity Voucher went to the person who sold the most boxes of chocolates (7 in all) to Lillian Van Donk.

Thank you to all who supported and made this a very successful fund raising event.

Along the Track
I have attached to this newsletter, for your interest, on page 8, a reflection titled “Love God and do what you Like” written by Jim Quillinan from the Diocesan Catholic Education Office in Warragul. I hope you enjoy this reading.

Andrew Watson
Principal
Mercy Awards

**VCE (Yr 11 & 12) Mercy Award**

Sam Carlin for his inclusiveness of other students.

**Middle School (Yr 9 & 10) Mercy Award**

Anna Kemp commissioned as a member of the Ballarat Diocese Youth Assembly.

**Junior School (Yr 7 & 8) Mercy Award**

Liana Collins who is always willing to help other students in class.

From the Director of Teaching & Learning

*Mrs Lisa Pope*

**YEAR 12 STUDENTS/ DOXA CADETSHIP**


You need to show some degree of financial or geographical hardship and it is more suited to Commerce engineering, business accounting. See Ms Davies. October is the cut off date!!!!

**AGED CARE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

Undergraduate scholarships are available to people who can demonstrate a commitment to aged care and wish to undertake a nursing course at either a university of TAFE in 2010. The scholarships are valued up to $30,000.00. For more information go to [www.rcna.org.au](http://www.rcna.org.au)

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**UB OPEN DAY BOOKLETS**

There are some UB Open Day Books and Information about studying at UB in my office. UB Open Day is 30th of August - first in first served! Please see Mrs Lisa Pope.

**UPCOMING CAREER DAYS**

For more information, please feel free to email the Careers teacher on [info@mercy.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@mercy.vic.edu.au)

23rd August - Deakin Burwood Open Day (10am - 4pm)

24th August - Monash Parent Information Sessions Ballarat 5.30pm (Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts, Howitt St, Ballarat) [www.monash.edu.au/study/events/parents](http://www.monash.edu.au/study/events/parents)

27th August - Monash Parent Information Sessions, Geelong 7.00pm (Mercure Hotel, Cnr Gheringhap and Myers St, Geelong) [www.monash.edu.au/study/events/parents](http://www.monash.edu.au/study/events/parents)


30th August - University of Ballarat Open Day (10am - 3pm) [www.ballarat.edu.au/openday](http://www.ballarat.edu.au/openday)


22nd September - Discover Deakin (all campuses) - Years 10, 11, 12 students - register on website [www.deakin.edu.au/discover](http://www.deakin.edu.au/discover)

24th September - Talk and Tour La Trobe: Bundooora

28th September - Discover Deakin (all campuses) - Years 10, 11, 12 students - register on website [www.deakin.edu.au/discover](http://www.deakin.edu.au/discover)

29th September - Experience Monash Peninsula - for Years 10, 11, 12 students - register online [www.monash.edu.au/study/events/experience](http://www.monash.edu.au/study/events/experience)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Junior Netball & C Reserve Netball**

Junior netball competition for all girls aged between 8 - 14 years (2 grades) will commence on Thursday August 27th, 2009 at 5.30 p.m. at the Terang Sports Stadium. If you are interested in playing in these competitions you must leave your name and date of birth with Josie Logan on 0400 055737 (text message is fine) or 55910214 by no later than Wednesday August 26th. If you require more information you can phone me on the above numbers.

The Terang & District Netball Association AGM will be held during the last week of this term to elect a new Committee and also to organise the Senior Ladies and Mixed Competitions which will commence in October.
Coming Events

TERM 3

Tuesday 25th August
- Board Meeting – 7.30pm

Friday 28th August
- Frayne Speech Festival – Mt Lilydale Mercy College

Monday 31st August
- PTFA Meeting @ O’Keeffe Campus – 7.30pm

Friday 18th September
- Term 3 concludes at 2.10pm

TERM 4

Monday 5th October
- Staff Professional Development Day (no students)

Tuesday 6th October
- All student commence

Wednesday 7th October
- Year 7 – 11 Parent/Student/Teacher interviews
- Country Kids Day

Wednesday 14th October
- Year 9 Camp commences

Friday 16th October
- Year 9 Camp concludes

Tuesday 20th October
- Board Meeting @ 7.30pm

Thursday 22nd October
- Year 12 Final assembly (period 5 & 6)

Monday 26th October
- PTFA Meeting, McAuley Campus @ 7.30pm

Friday 31st October
- VCE Exams commence

Monday 2nd November
- School Board Holiday

Tuesday 3rd November
- Melbourne Cup Holiday

Tuesday 17th November
- Board Meeting @ 7.30pm

Wednesday 18th November
- Arts Nights & Car Raffle Draw

Friday 20th November
- VCE Exams conclude
- Graduation Mass @ 6.00pm
- Graduation dinner @ 7.45pm

Monday 23rd November
- PTFA Meeting – O’Keeffe Campus @ 7.30pm

Tuesday 24th November
- Year 11 Exams commence

Thursday 26th November
- Year 11 students conclude

Monday 30th November
- Year 7, 2010 Orientation Day (no current Year 7 at school)

Tuesday 1st December
- Year 8 Exams commence

Wednesday 2nd December
- Year 7, 9 & 10 Exams commence

Friday 4th December
- Year 7 – 10 students conclude

Monday 5th December
- 2010 Leadership Camp

Tuesday 6th December
- 2010 Leadership Camp
- End of Year Mass & Awards Presentation, St Thomas’ Church Terang @ 7.00pm

Friday 11th December
- Reports posted home
- Teaching staff conclude

Monday 14th December
- VCE Results available

Wednesday 16th December
- Office closes

CAR RAFFLE NOTICE

The Car raffle is ready to go. Books will be posted home next week and street selling starts on the 27th August.
I am looking for a volunteer for Camperdown to help make reminder calls to parents on the roster. It is not a big job and involves a few calls each week to remind parents when they are rostered to sell.
You can call me at the school office on 5593 2011 or at home on 5593 3097.

Thanks

Maureen Adeney
Raffle Co-Ordinator
Hampden vs Emmanuel Football Match
Mick Clements

From the Hampden Schools Junior Championship last term, a team of 25 was selected to play in the annual game against Emmanuel College. Mercy was well represented with 7 students. They included Nick Bourke, Declan O'Connor, Lewis Taylor, Daniel Unwin, Daniel Watson, Nathan Sargeant and Thomas Moloney. Between the five schools we were able to field a very talented side. The game was played at the Timboon Recreation Reserve. Hampden started the match very strongly having the ball in our attacking half for the first 10 minutes. Unfortunately, we were unable to capitalise on our dominance and as happens so often in games of football, the opposition took it down their end a couple of times and scored easily. It was to be the tale of the match, Emmanuel scoring goals (with a talented forward line) despite Hampden controlling most of the play. We found goals in the second half with Daniel Watson going one out in the goal square in the third quarter and Sam Cunnington (Cobden Tech) in the fourth, but to no avail, Emmanuel eventually running out 20 point winners. The highlight of the day was the way the boys bonded and interacted with each other.

A huge thank-you to Mark Parsons of Timboon P-12 for organising the day.

School Netball
Mel Kavanagh

School netball this year saw a large number of girls attending the tryout sessions held at the end of term two. With such large numbers of talented netballers, we again decided to attend both the Ballarat and Melbourne competitions, so more girls could represent the College.

Once again the Mercy Netballers demonstrated their ability to match, or better, some of the larger schools around the state. Two junior teams and an Intermediate team represented the school in Ballarat on July, 27th, at the Catholic All Schools Netball. The girls played against teams from Emmanuel College, Trinity and Sacred Heart in Kyneton. The girls were extremely competitive and the junior girls in particular showed a lot of potential. I would like to thank Ashley Ludeman and Lauren Carlin for coaching the girls and also Annette Lee and Claire Jehu for their assistance on the day.

On August 3rd, three teams represented the school at the State Netball Championships in Melbourne. Once again, the girls played well and were unlucky with a few of their results. The junior team was coached by Simone Moloney and finished in the middle of their pool. The Intermediate team was coached by Janet O’Connor and myself and finished third in their group. The seniors were coached by Loreto Milbourne and also finished around third in their section. I would like to thank the coaches and also the parents, who made the trip down to support the girls.

Once again your willingness to help out is extremely appreciated.

The Junior team:

The Intermediate Team:

Ellie Kenna, Stacey Boyd, Jessica Baxter, Caitlyn Hickey, Emily Field, Jocelyn McDonald, Hannah Clissold, Meagan Carlin, Lucy O’Connor, Darci Green.

The Senior Team:

Coach Loreto Milbourne, Lauren Carlin, Georgia Gill, Lauren Field, Bec Van Den Eynde, Ashley Ludeman, Stephanie Jamieson, Stacey Hall, Georgie Gill, Katie Milbourne.

Year 7 SOSE Artefact Presentations

Tony Wynd, Jo Saunders and Sharyn Grinter.

Year 7 SOSE students have recently completed a unit entitled “Uncovering Our Past”.

The presentation of an Artefact, which has historical and sentimental value to their family, has been of great interest to everyone involved.

Thank-you to all families who have assisted their sons and daughters to select an appropriate item and its relevance.
Junior Science Report
Fiona Sargeant - Year 7 & 8 Science Teacher

Recently, Year 7 students had the opportunity to visit the Camperdown Water Reclamation Plant. Wannon Water supplied two tour leaders to accompany the staff and students on this excursion. Bendall Chisholm and Matt Sinnott explained the processes used to reclaim water, for irrigation, from the sewerage system. Approximately 3760 domestic customers and businesses contribute to the Reclamation Plant, which also produces biosolid waste that can be used as soil conditioner. The students asked many questions, sketched diagrams and have since created their own three dimensional representations of the working facility. We are very fortunate that we are able to work so closely with local organizations to enhance our own programs.

Science Week is now upon us and to celebrate at the O’Keeffe Campus students have been involved in a daily quiz and a colouring competition. This year’s theme revolves around Astronomy. Year Eight students will begin their unit “The Night Sky” which will focus on our place in the universe and the 40th anniversary of the moon landing. Happy Science Week!!

School Fee Accounts
Reminder to parents

We are now only a few weeks away from completing Term 3 and I would like to remind parents that all school fees / levies etc. for 2009 are due to be paid in full by the 31st October.

Thankyou to the parents who have been making regular payments via the following methods –
- Direct Debit Payments
- Credit Card Payments
- Internet Banking Payments
- Lump Sum Payments in full

If you have not made any payments towards your school fees I would suggest to commence making payments as soon as possible, either by cash, cheque or credit card. You can pay in person at the office or, make a deposit directly into our bank account either in person or via Internet Banking to –

National Australia Bank
BSB number 083 523
Account number 5288 99931

Remember, all accounts must be paid in full, by the due date.

Thank you for your assistance
Martin Ellul - Business Manager
Along the track

Love God and Do What You Like

Is this some radical new doctrine? No. St Augustine said it first.* The temptation is to focus on the do-what-you-like part and miss the really difficult challenge - surrendering to the love of God. All great faiths have this one principle in common - surrender ourselves into the heart of God. Sounds a bit glib doesn't it but only then can we really do 'what we like' and find genuine satisfaction.

Such surrender to the love of God is not blind faith or some form of fatalism. The story of creation tells us that God saw all that was made as being 'very good'. In Ephesians we read, "We are God's work of art" (Eph 2:10). We were created in the image of God - with intelligence and free will. Blind obedience is not what being created in God's image is about.

A trusting and single minded focus on God's love is at the very centre of being a Christian. Paradoxically, that surrender brings freedom. Jesus gave us a new commandment - love one another in the same way that I have loved you. His relationship with God, his surrender into the heart of God allowed him, enabled him to live life to the full.

How do we know all this? Firstly, Jesus hated hypocrisy - much of his teaching is about being authentic, being genuine. He had an intolerance for those religious leaders who preached one thing and did another, who loaded others up with rules and regulations, obedience to which were indicators of relationship with God. He called them vipers and likened them to whitened sepulchres, nice on the outside but inside full of corruption. Jesus singles out hypocrites seven times in Mt 23 alone. He tells a marvellous story of the Pharisees who focuses on himself, on obeying the rules, on the externals. "God, I thank you that I am not like other people," he says. I'm not like those people who are sinners because they break the moral code. "Instead, I do all these good things," and he rattles off his check list. He pretends to be offering thanks to God, but it is thanks for what he has made of himself, for what he himself has done. It has nothing much to do with Jesus teaching that 'blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see the face of God' (Matthew 5, 8) but rather than praying, opening himself up to God, he really speaks to himself, for he is the centre of his world. It is a story of self-satisfaction, self-righteousness, the sense of being a self-made person.

In contrast Jesus' passion was for authenticity in people's lives. Being God focused, as it were means being concerned with relationship - relationship with God, and as a consequence with other people and with God's creation. Jesus' life showed us that true satisfaction in life, which we all crave, is to be found in our relationship with God and thus in the genuine service of others. That's why he urges us to love others in the way that he has loved us. That also included the uniquely Christian values of loving one's enemies and turning the other cheek.

Pope Benedict writes of this at some length. Love of God and love of neighbour are inseparable, they form a single commandment. Christian faith is about trying to provide an experience of God so that living our faith is no longer a question of a 'commandment' imposed from without or calling for the impossible, but rather of a freely-besotted experience of love from within, a love which by its very nature must then be shared with others. Loving our neighbour as proclaimed by Jesus, even the person whom I do not like or even know, can only take place on the basis of an intimate encounter with God.

Then I learn to look on this other person not simply with my eyes and my feelings, but from the perspective of Jesus Christ. His friend is my friend. Going beyond exterior appearances, I perceive in others an interior desire for a sign of love, of concern. Seeing with the eyes of Christ, I can give to others much more than their outward necessities; I can give them the look of love which they crave.... If I have no contact whatsoever with God in my life, then I cannot see in the other anything more than the other, and I am incapable of seeing in him the image of God. But if in my life I fail completely to heed others, solely out of a desire to be 'devout' and to perform my 'religious duties', then my relationship with God will also grow arid. It becomes merely 'proper', but loveless." Only my readiness to encounter my neighbour and to show him love makes me sensitive to God as well. Only if I serve my neighbour can my eyes be opened to what God does for me and how much God loves me.

* (Homily VII, paragraph 8)

Deus Caritas Est § 18, Pope Benedict XVI

Love God and do what we like - when we come to realise that we are so loved, when we come to 'surrender' to that love, then we come to know God's vision for the world and for us. As John reminds us, Dear friends, if this is the way God loved us, we must also love each other. (1 Jn 4:11)

In Pope Benedict's words: We have come to believe in God's love: in these words the Christian can express the fundamental decision of his life. Being Christian ... gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction (Deus Caritas Est § 14). That decisive direction becomes doing what we like, doing what brings us meaning, satisfaction and genuine freedom and happiness - building the reign of God.

*(Homily VII, paragraph 8)

Regards

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* Please note that changes may occur and students will be notified by subject teacher of any changes.
MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE WOULD LIKE TO BE A BIT GREENER

AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ACHIEVE IT!!!!

WHY'S THAT? YOU MAY ASK………WELL WE WOULD LIKE TO USE A LOT LESS OF THE FOLLOWING –

- COPY PAPER
- TONER
- STAPLES
- ELECTRICITY
- STAMPS

[As well as umpteen hours collating / distributing / mailing etc.]

DOING WHAT? YOU MAY ASK

……PRODUCING & DISTRIBUTING THE NEWSLETTER

……FROM WHAT YOU’VE TOLD US WE KNOW THAT EVERYONE ENJOYS READING THE NEWSLETTER AND WE ENJOY PRODUCING IT FOR YOUR FAMILY & OUR FRIENDS –

……BUT WE BELIEVE THERE IS A BETTER WAY WHICH WILL LESSEN THE IMPACT IT CREATES ON OUR ENVIRONMENT

……AND HERE’S HOW YOU CAN HELP!

DO YOU HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS?

IF THE ANSWER IS YES, THEN KINDLY LET US KNOW SO THAT EACH FORTNIGHT WE CAN SEND YOU AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE NEWSLETTER INSTEAD OF A PAPER COPY.

SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA?

IF YOU AGREE – THEN JUST SEND US YOUR NAME & EMAIL ADDRESS TO

office@mercy.vic.edu.au

THANKYOU FOR YOUR INPUT IN HELPING US BE A BIT GREENER IT IS TRULY APPRECIATED.
Dear Parents,

RE: CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TRIP 2010

The College will be conducting a trip to Central Australia in 2010. This offer is open to students who are currently enrolled in Years 7 to 11. There will be 80 places available with at least eight staff accompanying students on the trip.

The trip will take place in the September school holidays over a 10 day period, the exact dates along with a copy of the itinerary will be sent to parents before the end of term. Once the 80 places are filled, students will be notified in homeroom that there are no longer places available. A waiting list of about 10 students will be kept in case anyone forfeits or withdraws from the trip.

Because our enrolments continue to grow it is important that families understand that places will be offered on a first in basis. Verbal communication will not be accepted from student’s. The permission slip below must be signed by parents and returned with a deposit of $50 to be eligible. These can be returned to either the McAuley campus or O’Keeffe campus by no later than Friday 4th September.

Two options are being considered for the format of this trip. Your feedback will determine which preference we choose. Please take the time to tick a box in the section at the bottom of the page before returning the permission slip.

- Preference 1 – Bus the whole trip - 10 days @ a cost of $720.00
- Preference 2 – Bus the majority of the trip with a return flight home from Alice Springs and then a bus from Melbourne to Camperdown - 9 or 10 days @ a cost of approximately $870.00.

After the initial deposit of $50 is paid the balance owing will be divided into three instalments to be paid in April, June and August of 2010.

Students behaviour between now and the time of the trip will be taken into consideration. If it is deemed that your son/daughter has not kept College rules nor been committed to their studies, then their place on the trip will be reviewed, with the possibility of it being terminated and their place given to another child.

If you require any further information, please ring and speak to Sue Bohm on 5593 2011.

Yours sincerely,

ANDREW WATSON
PRINCIPAL

Please detach this slip and return to the College office.

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TRIP

STUDENT’S NAME: ____________________________ YEAR: __________

I give permission for my son/daughter to be considered for the Central Australia Trip in the September 2010 school holidays, and I enclose $50.00 deposit towards the cost of the trip.

Please tick the preference that you would like. □ Preference 1 □ Preference 2

Parent / Guardian Signature: ____________________________