FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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 2016
“Through the Mercy tradition we seek to act with love, fairness, tolerance and compassion to all”.

As we move into the third week of Lent, it is important that those key aspects of the Lenten season remain in our minds and liturgical life - prayer, almsgiving and good works. My prayer today reflects on these:

For our brothers and sisters around the world experiencing extreme poverty and injustice:
That through our generosity, the Church in Australia will help build a more just and fair world.
We pray to the Lord.
For our community:
That we will support each other in selflessness and humility
so that we can be true disciples of Christ during this Lenten season.
We pray to the Lord.
Amen

Opening of Mercy Regional College Stage 1 Buildings
A reminder that parents, family members and friends of the Mercy community are warmly invited to the Official Opening and Blessing which is being held next Friday 26th February starting at 11.30am on the Dimora Ave side of the new buildings. The ceremony will take around 45 minutes and will followed by a light lunch in the MPA and tours of the new rooms. Full details can be found on the invitation which follows my article. Parking is available in grounds of St Patrick’s Church off Walls St.

2016 Presentation Ball
For many members of the College’s Year 11 cohort, nights of practice and many hours of preparation are almost complete with the 2016 Mercy Regional College Presentation Ball to be held on Friday 4th March at Glenormiston College. The presentation will begin at 8.00pm with several dances and photos to follow. This evening is a very important one both to the College and to all the families involved with enormous effort being made so that students, parents and grandparents are able to enjoy a memorable night. A number of important reminders regarding the Ball:
• The behaviour of students and families at the Presentation Ball should be reflective of its status as a school event. Please remain respectful and as quiet as possible as students are presented and while the short number of speeches that follow occur.
• All Year 11 students and families should have received a letter from me last week detailing the serious concerns we hold about after parties and the capacity for poorly planned, managed and/or supervised events to go horribly wrong. I have made it clear that any reoccurrence of problems seen in the past will result in cancellation of any future balls.
• I have had a significant number of requests for additional tickets from Year 11 students and their families; although I will try to accommodate each and all of these, there is no absolute guarantee that this will occur. Final confirmation of additional tickets will occur early next week and no further requests will be considered after this Monday 22nd February.
• A reminder that there will be no scheduled classes for Year 11 students on the day of the Presentation Ball (Friday 4th March).

Staffing changes
Congratulations in anticipation to two sets of married Mercy staff - Claire and Matt Harkin, and Melanie and Luke Bourchier, both of whom have announced impending births. Very exciting news!

As a result of her pregnancy, Mrs. Harkin has chosen to resign from her role as Head of Middle School Teaching and Learning and I have appointed Mr. Jarrod Carter to this position for the next two years. He will join the Middle School team of Ben Brisbane and Daryl Richardson and I wish him all the best. Claire plans to remain teaching until mid-year.
MacBook Information Evening - Postponement

For a number of reasons including the staffing changes detailed above, we have decided to postpone the scheduled MacBook Information Evenings for 4-6 weeks. New dates will be advertised shortly. A reminder that if you have any questions or concerns about the MacBook rollout to make contact with Mr. Chris Grant, Mr. Daniel Beard or the relevant school Head of Teaching and Learning.

Camps, Retreats and Work Experience

This newsletter article is being written while I am spending three days on the Year 12 Retreat at Lady Northcote Camp, Bacchus Marsh. I look forward to sharing reports on the activities of Years 10, 11 and 12 in the next newsletter.

However, last week, I had the privilege of travelling to Cape Bridgewater for the walk section of the first Year 7 camp. The landscape, flora and fauna of the national park is extraordinary as was the atmosphere and energy of the students and staff involved. Special congratulations to the Year 7 homeroom teachers and leaders who successfully trialed a house-based camp this year.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to College Captains Indi Kent and Austin Evans who represented Mercy Regional College at last week’s Camperdown finals of the Lions Youth of the Year. This round saw Austin declared the winner and he will progress to the district finals in a couple of weeks.

Mercy Regional College Athletics Carnival

Next Tuesday 1st March sees the whole school participating in the College Athletics carnival in Camperdown. Parents, families and friends are most welcome to join us to cheer the children and their houses. As a whole school event, the Athletics carnival is compulsory for all students and should not be a day where students have work, medical appointment or other engagements scheduled. It is important that parents notify the College on the morning of the sports if your child is sick or otherwise unable to attend.

Yours in Mercy,

DR. DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL

Deputy Principal - Wellbeing

Mr. Kerin Glennen

Welcome to all new students and parents, what a start, swimming, BBQs, camps, Year 11s overnight in Melbourne, Year 12s Retreat and so much more. With so much happening we may get confused.

Anxiety - is like worry. It’s an unpleasant emotion that most people feel when something might be risky, frightening or worrying. Everyone experiences mild anxiety when faced with a stressed situation like before an exam or prior to a game/sport.

We must remember this reaction is a normal reaction, this is your body's way of preparing for a difficult situation. Anxiety can actually help us perform better by revving up and helping to be alert. If you are concerned about anxiety....then see your GP and speak with him/her.

Term 1 - 2016 Dates

Monday 22nd February
• HSSSA Swimming Sports

Friday 26th February
• Stage 1 Opening 11:30am – 12:30pm

Saturday 27th February
• Noorat Community Garage Sale

Tuesday 1st March
• MRC Athletics Carnival

Friday 4th March
• Presentation Ball - no classes for Year 11 students

Wednesday 9th March
• School Photos

Thursday 10th March
• Shave for a Cure & Crazy Hair Day

Monday 14th March
• Labour Day holiday – no school

Wednesday 16th March
• Year 8 Princetown Camp for 3 days till Friday.

Wednesday 23rd March
• GWR Swimming
• Term 1 concludes for students
• Parent Teacher Interviews (4:00pm – 8:00pm)

Thursday 24th March
• Parent Teacher Interviews (9:00am – 1:00pm)
• Cambodia Immersion Trip commences until Tuesday 29th March.
Invitation

The Principal, Dr. Darren Egberts
with the staff and students of Mercy Regional College
warmly invite you to the

Opening and Blessing of the
Mercy Regional College
Stage 1 Buildings

Date. Friday 26th February, 2016
Time. 11.30am – 12.30pm
Address. Henderson Street, Camperdown Vic 3260

• A light lunch will be served following the opening and blessing.
• Parking is available in the grounds of St. Patrick’s Church, off
  Walls Street, Camperdown.

RSVP to sue@mercy.vic.edu.au
Friday 19th February, 2016.
My favourite part of the Year 7 camp would have to be surfing and caving. I was mostly worried about doing these two activities as I have never done something like this before.

I shared my room with nine other people and by the end of the camp I knew everyone very well. Six of them were from my old school.

Sand-boarding was on the first day of camp, it was the hardest because I have never done it before. The sand-boarding was at Swan Lake. I loved going down the sand dunes but not up.

Surfing was my favourite, I was so proud of myself because I stood up on my first go and every time I went past the instructor.
Welcome back to all our Year 10s and our new Year 9s. It has been a flying start by all students and staff full of some hard work and fun.

Firstly, I’d like to thank all parents and students that attended our Information Night on 8th February. As a school we felt the feedback we received was positive and highlighted the need to hold these nights each year. The main focus of the night was to open communication between our staff and parents and I feel this was achieved for those that attended. Below are the contact details for our homeroom teachers that provided on the night. Please don’t hesitate to contact them via email or phone if there are any issues.

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During the first week we celebrated our newly elected captains. At Middle School we have four great prospects to assist their peers.

Captains: Josh Newcombe / Eliza Johnstone
Vice Captains: Jack Smith / Meg Kenna

During last our information sessions we covered many topics and one was our discipline procedure at Mercy Regional College. This year we will be introducing a new lunchtime detention process that will be restorative in nature and applicable to students that aren’t willing to change their behaviours. It includes a more streamline communication approach with parents and hopefully will assist our efforts to educate our students on how to behave in all social settings. Included in the document is the stages that follow and clearly displays the expectations we place on our students.

Along with these expectations is our “What does a Mercy Student look like?” document. This document outlines the positive things our students can do which our closely tied to Mercy values. These behaviors will be celebrated via our postcards and blue slips throughout the year.

Both the Discipline Procedure and “What does a Mercy Student look like?” document will be made available shortly on our website.

Communication is a big focus and we encourage all students and parents to assist their educational journey by informing the school when there are family events or holidays, sickness or general issues at the school. This information is vital for our staff to provide the best service and achieve the best outcome for your son or daughter.

We look forward to all that this year will bring. Good luck to attending our first trip to Cambodia. It is one that I’m personally looking forward to sharing with our group.

Can I also finish by congratulating Tate Tragea-Copeland of Year 10 on winning the Premier’s Spirit of Anzac Prize. He is a very worthy recipient and one we as a school are very proud of. Tate will be heading overseas with a group of 22 whom will be following the steps of our WW1 veterans. Well done Tate.
Sports Report
Mr. Matt Harkin and Darcy Collins

Once again the sports year kicked off in full swing with another great day for the Mercy Swimming Sports Carnival on Friday the 5th. It was a terrific day with perfect weather conditions for everyone to get involved.

We would like to give a huge thank you to all the students for the participation, staff for their help with the day and the parents who were involved and/or witnessed the day.

There was an unbelievable amount of participation on the day with every student who entered the pool for a swim earning vital points to their respected houses. This year Frayne managed to be the winners again claiming their 7th Swimming Sports Championship in a row.

There was a huge amount of close competition and great swims on the day, with our age champions being:
U/13 Chelsea Carlin & Louis Darcy
U/14 Chloe Davis & Pat Ryan
U/15 Tully Watt & Toby Kent
U/16 Brianna Thompson & Scott Carlin
U/17 Hannah Justin & Tom Place
U/20 Stephanie Hibburt & Aarie Jansen Van Beek

The H.S.S.S.A Swimming Sports are Monday 22nd February in Terang which students involved would have received notes this week or parents were notified.
Uniform Shop Notice
Ms. Nicola Fletcher

The College winter uniform will be available for Year 7 girls to try-on at Noorat on Thursday 25th February from 9:15am onwards. We will send an order form home with students for parents to fill out and return to the school by Wednesday 2nd March.

Also on Thursday 25th February, we will have Rugby Jumpers available to try on for sizes. This will take place in the Library at recess. Students at McAuley Campus can come to the uniform shop on Tuesday or Thursday during lunchtime next week to try on Rugby Jumpers for sizing. If you wish to purchase a Rugby Jumper for your child, please complete the order form below and return by Wednesday 2nd March.

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MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE
RUGBY JUMPER ORDER FORM

Nicola Fletcher (Uniform Shop Manager)
Phone: 0481 311 701
Email: uniform@mercy.vic.edu.au

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TOTAL COST

PAYMENT DETAILS (Parents to Complete)

☐ CHEQUE (enclosed is my cheque made out to Fashion Club Wear Pty. Ltd.)

☐ CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

CREDIT CARD NO: ___ ___ ___ ___ - ___ ___ ___ ___ - ___ ___ ___ ___ - ___ ___ ___ ___

EXPIRY DATE: ___ ___ - ___ ___

Please charge my: ☐ Visa or ☐ Master Card

AMOUNT: $______________________

SIGNED: ________________________________

PARENT NAME: ________________________________

MOBILE NO: ________________________________

STUDENT NAME: ________________________________

YEAR LEVEL: ________________________________

I wish to pick my order up from (please tick a box):

☐ McAuley Campus, Camperdown

☐ O’Keeffe Campus, Noorat
VCE and CAREERS EXPO 2016

Thursday 5 and Friday 6 May, 9am-3pm
Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 May, 10am-4pm
Caulfield Racecourse
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Australia’s biggest careers and education event

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• Mathematics (Further and Methods CAS)
• Chemistry
• Biology
• Health and Human Development
• Legal Studies
• Economics
• Accounting
• Literature
• History Revolutions
• subject selection advice for Year 10 students
• gap year options
• course, career and study advice

More than 170 exhibitors including:
• universities, tertiary institutions and training colleges
• VCE textbook and study guide publishers
• providers of tertiary course and career information
• providers of gap year and student exchange programs

$5.00 admission for students in school groups of 5 or more attending on Thursday or Friday

General admission $10.00

Tickets are valid for all 4 days of The Expo and include all seminars

Family discounts also available

FREE PARKING (in designated areas)

Go to vceandcareers.com.au and download our free app or contact Resources for Courses on (03) 9596 8881

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Australia Day written and directed by Jonathan Biggins
TUESDAY 15 March
@ The Theatre Royal, Camperdown 8.00 PM
Tickets $25.00 Adult & $20.00 Pen/Con/Student

Tickets on Sale from Corangamite Shire 181 Manifold Street,
Camperdown, 5593 7100

The country town of Coriole is getting ready for Australia Day – a time to crack open a frothy, stick a snag on the barbie and celebrate what it means to be a true blue Aussie.

The Australia Day committee is gearing up to put on the town’s biggest party – but they have a few issues of their own to sort out first. With everyone from the Greens to the local mayor to the CWA wanting a piece of the party pie, it’s proving hard yakka to work out what an Aussie celebration should look like. Nothing is sacred as the national identity is put through the wringer in this thoroughly modern ripper of a comedy! Will the day be fair dinkum after all? Or are there too many roos loose in the community hall?

Written and directed by acclaimed playwright and Sydney Theatre Company satirist Jonathan Biggins (The Wharf Revue), Australia Day returns in a brand new touring production for 2015 starring David James (The Hollowmen), Geoff Kelso (The Club), Sharon Davis (Mother and Son), Dennis Coard (Home and Away), Robyn Arthur (Boy from Oz) and Kenneth Moraleda (War Horse, The Lion King).
TIMBOON DEMONS FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

JUNIOR FOOTBALL
Preseason training commences for under 14 ½ football
recommences for under 17 ½ football
TONIGHT Wednesday February 17th at 4:30pm

Under 12 football training commences Thursday March 3rd 4:00pm
all at the
Timboon Recreation Reserve Iona Football Ground

For further information or apologies contact coaches
17’s Brendan Hickey 0439983060
14’s Tim Lenehan 0419354896
12’s Mark Delaney 0439985093

JUNIOR NETBALL
Junior Netball Try Outs
Thursday 18th, Tuesday 23rd & Thursday 25th FEBRUARY
13 & Under 4:30pm
15 & Under & 17 & Under 5:30pm
Timboon Recreation Reserve Netball Courts

For further information or apologies contact:
Netball President: Kerrie Thompson 0417682231
Get down to the Terang Swimming Pool on Sunday the 28th February to help support your local pool by participating in the YMCA SWIMathon.

**HOW DO I APPLY?** You speak to your lifeguards at the Terang Pool prior to the 28th Feb.

**WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?** Someone needs to be swimming in the water at all times during a 12 hour period.

**WHEN DOES IT START?** 8am – 8pm on Sunday the 28th Feb 2016.

**WHAT’S IN IT FOR ME?** You are 100% supporting your local swimming pool and contributing towards the purchase of emergency equipment.

**WHAT’S IT COST?** The cost is $5 per person. All people are welcome to sign up in a team and times for each swimmer will be scheduled upon applying.
## Dates for 2016

**Corangamite Brick Club**

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TERANG & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB INC.

34th COMMUNITY Fun Run & Walk

Friday 26th February, 2016
5.92 kilometres

Start: Walk 6.30pm – Run 6.45pm

Finish at the Terang RSL Hall – Strictly no bikes or dogs permitted

Entries: Adult Run $10.00 – Child Run $2.00, Adult Walk $10.00 – Child Walk $2.00

Many Trophies:
- First Male Runner Over 50
- First Female Runner Over 45
- First Veteran Male (40-49)
- First Veteran Female (35-44)
- Open Male & Female
- U/18 Male & Female
- U/15 Male & Female
- U/13 Male & Female

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES & CERTIFICATES AFTER RACE

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ON DAY OF EVENT

BUSES AVAILABLE (FREE) TO TRANSPORT RUNNERS TO START – Depart Terang 5:45, 6 & 6:15pm
We are hosting a

PINK STUMPS DAY

Play for a cause and fundraise for the McGrath Foundation

3-man Ambrose Golf Day
Camperdown Golf Course
Sunday 21st Feb,
midday, $45 per team
refreshments, raffles, prizes, BBQ
Camperdown Cricket Club 0400 920 274
RECREATION
GIVE IT A GO!
19 FEBRUARY-13 MARCH 2016
CORANGAMITE SHIRE
MORE THAN 60 FREE ACTIVITIES ACROSS CORANGAMITE SHIRE

TRY...
DRAGON BOATING
KARATE
AQUA AEROBICS
BOWLS
WEIGHT TRAINING
GOLF AND CROQUET
CAR RALLY
OCEAN SWIMMING
DUPLICATE BRIDGE
ADVENTURE RACING
BUSHWALKING

FUN RUNS AND WALKS
HOWZAT CRICKET *inclusive event
SKATE, SCOOT & BMX
NATURE BUCKETLIST CHALLENGE
PILATES, YOGA & TAI CHI
TARGET RIFLE SHOOTING
SURF SKI & BOARD PADDLING
PLAY AN INSTRUMENT
AND MORE...

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GOLF
SCOUTS
PONY CLUB

THE MIK MAKS @
CAMPERDOWN
ACTIVITIES @ APEX PARK
FISHING

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