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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 2007
Community
Through the Mercy tradition we promote the uniqueness of the community and its heritage.

Welcome Back
Welcome back to what will be a very busy term four. I hope that all students have had the opportunity to have a break from the day-to-day routine of school and are now set for the challenges of the final term for 2007.

College Assembly
Last Friday all students gathered for a full College Assembly at the McAuley Campus. A large number of students were recognised for achievement in a wide variety of areas from academic success to success in drama and on the sporting field. I have detailed below students that were recognised at the assembly. The assembly also provided the College the opportunity to welcome Mr David Hawker, Federal Member for Wannon and the Speaker of the House of Representative. Mr Hawker attended the assembly to present Amy Unwin with the Australian Vocational Student prize, one of only six students from the Western District to be awarded the prestigious prize. Along with a certificate, Amy was presented with a cheque for $2,000.

At the assembly, I was also pleased to announce that Catholic Capital Grants are willing to support the redevelopment of the O’Keeffe Campus as a Junior Campus of Mercy Regional College with a Federal Government Grant of $860,000. Wonderful news for our College! Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the O’Keeffe News which provides more details in relation to the proposed redevelopment of the O’Keeffe Campus.

After the assembly Mr Hawker toured the current building works at the McAuley Campus and inspected our new Arts/Technology Building and Resource Centre which are also being partly funded by a Federal Government Grant.

As I stated at the assembly with an election on 24th November it was a great opportunity for us to demonstrate to Mr Hawker and the other candidates for the election what continued increases in both capital and recurrent funding of Catholic Education can achieve. There is no doubt that Mercy Regional College has achieved both excellent student outcomes and capital developments with Federal Government Grants. I would urge all candidates to ensure that their policies show continued and sustained funding of Catholic Schooling both in terms of recurrent and capital funding. I would ask that members of the Mercy Regional College community take the opportunity to question candidates for this election as to their policies in relation to the funding of Catholic Schools.

The following students were recognised at the College Assembly:

The following students received certificates of Credit and Distinction for their participation in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz:
- Verity Thornton and Louise Place who both received a Credits
- Libby Buchholz and Josh Saunders who gained certificates of Distinctions
The following students received a Certificate of Participation for their contribution to the Western District Drama Festival held at the Warrnambool Entertainment Centre last term:

- Samantha Alexander
- Christopher Almond
- Daniel Broomby
- Danielle Gleeson
- Grace Kingston
- Jack McKenzie
- Kelsey Pekin
- Emily Saunders
- Laura Stevenson
- James Thornton
- Kane Veenstra
- Brianna Sinnott

The following students received a Certificate as a result of participating in the 2007 Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians.

- Elizabeth Smart
- Monique McKenzie
- Grace Evans
- Connor Saunders
- Genevieve Darcy
- Simone Fleming
- Christopher Almond
- Marnie Buchholz
- Jordan Clarke
- Natalie Fleming
- Matthew Almond

Proposed Naming of Buildings at the McAuley Campus

The College Board of Management is currently considering a proposal in relation to the naming of the new building and existing buildings. Please find below the suggestions that are currently being considered. I would welcome any feedback that members of the Mercy community have in relation to the proposal below:

**Proposed Naming of Buildings at McAuley Campus**

Please find below some suggestions for your consideration

1. **Convent Building**
   - Proposed name: “The Mercy Convent Administration Centre”

2. **The new library**
   - Proposed name: “The John Tindley Resource Centre”
     (the current library is named in honour of John Tindley)

3. **The new Arts/Technology Wing**
   - Proposed name: “The Ursula Frayne Art/Technology Centre”

(to recognize the fact that the building was built in the year that we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the arrival of Ursula Frayne in Victoria and to recognize her work in establishing the Mercy Sisters in this state)

Please note:

The Woodwork Room would be named in honour of Ken Jehu as it is currently and the Art and Design Room named in honour of Bob Reed as it is currently

4. **The original CRC buildings - Rooms 1, 2, Woodwork Room & Art/Design Rooms**
   - Proposed name: “The Sr Beda Ryan Building”
     (in honour of Sr Beda who was the first Deputy Principal of Mercy Regional College and to recognize the work she undertook in establishing the College)

5. **Room 16, 18, 19, & Home Economics Room**
   - Proposed name: “The Fr Robert Markey Building”
     (in honour of Fr Robert Markey for the work in establishing the school as Parish Priest of Simpson)

6. **Science Laboratories**
   - Proposed name: “The Fr Donald Dunne Science Wing”
     (in honour of Fr Donald Dunne for the work in establishing the school as Parish Priest of Camperdown)

**Journey of the World Youth Day (WYD) Cross and Icon our Our Lady**

On Thursday 25th October, the WYD Cross and Icon will make its way to Camperdown and Colac Parishes. After breakfast and final prayers at Cannon Hill, the Cross and Icon will depart Warrnambool for the Great Ocean Road and the Twelve Apostles, a national icon. Representative of Mercy Regional College will be present at the Twelve Apostles to welcome the Cross and Icon. The Cross and Icon will then make its way to Mercy Regional College. At 1.30pm all students from the Hampden Catholic Schools Network (MRC, St Patrick’s, St Thomas’ and St Colman’s) will process with the WYD Cross and Icon into the deChantal Stadium for a liturgy and veneration of the Cross. All members of the Mercy community are welcome at attend this liturgy.

From here the Cross and Icon will then journey onto Colac for evening activities and the Parishes of Apollo Bay, Camperdown, Colac, Mortake, Terang and Timboon will be part of the evening ceremony. Everyone in the parishes and the wider Mercy community are invited to take part in the ceremony at St Mary’s Church Colac to welcome the WYD Cross and Icon to our region. It will begin with a shared meal at 6pm and follow with a Stations of the Cross ceremony and prayer service.
**Senior Football**

Victory over Brauer College at last! - Our third Grand Final against Brauer College in the Country Cup saw Mercy defeat Brauer by 36 points. A wonderful result! Congratulations to all players and the coaching staff.

The following students were also recognised at the College assembly for their efforts during the football season:
- Senior Football Best & Fairest: Stephen O'Connor
- Runner up Best & Fairest: Darcy O'Sullivan
- 3rd Best & Fairest: Justin Logan

All players from the premiership team were also presented with Premiership Medallions.

**Camperdown Football/Netball Club**

A number of Mercy students and staff were recently recognised at the Camperdown Football/Netball Club Presentation Night. Congratulations to:

**Football**
- Rose and Wayne Henry on being presented with the prestigious best club person award
- Lester Powling who received the reserve coach's award
- Jacob Mahony who won the best first year player award
- Leigh Van den Berghe who was presented with the runner-up in the reserves best and fairest along with the award for most consistent

**Netball**
- Lauren Filed who was the under 15 runner-up best and fairest
- Megan Bullen who won the under 15 best and fairest
- Emily Hickey who was awarded the A1coach's award
- Stacey Hall who won the under 17 best and fairest
- Molly Bradshaw who received the runners up award in the under 17 best and fairest
- Narelle Place who received the under 17 most determined award

**Car Raffle**

The Mercy Regional College Car Raffle is well under way with many tickets having already been sold. A big thank you to all parents that have sold a book of tickets and have assisted with the ticket selling roster. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

This year's prizes are as follows:

1st Prize: 2007 CL Ford Focus Sedan valued at $27,955 including on road costs (Auto, prestige paint, air conditioning, power steering, cruise control CD player, and ABS) supplied courtesy of Manold Motors

2nd Prize: Travel Voucher valued at $2000 supplied courtesy of Harvey World Travel, Camperdown

3rd Prize: Electrical Goods Voucher valued at $1000 supplied courtesy of Camperdown Retravision

4th Prize: Jewellery Voucher valued at $200 supplied courtesy of Showcase Jewellers, Camperdown and Colac.

5th Prize: Dinner Voucher valued at $100 supplied courtesy of Madden's Bar & Bistro, Camperdown

This year we have selected a more fuel efficient car which will ensure the running costs for the eventual winner will be more economical. Along with this change we have also increased the value of the travel voucher by $1000 and added a new prize, a $1000 electrical goods voucher from Camperdown Retravision.

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

I look forward to drawing of the Car Raffle at the MRC Arts Evening on Wednesday November 28th at 8.30pm

**Absences**

Research into the absence of students from school indicates clearly a link with academic performance. The data suggests that there is a direct correlation between high academic results and attendance at school. Therefore it concerns me greatly when students are absent from school for reasons that I would consider unacceptable or for activities that should clearly take place in a student's own time and not school time. Recently there has been a number of students who have been absent for reasons such as attending dancing competitions and football trips during the school day. These absences appear to have been approved by parents but the school was not informed that students would be absent.

Therefore, I would ask that parents consider seriously the effect of absence from school on your child's education before allowing your child to be absent from school, and if your child is going to be absent that a note explaining clearly the reason for your child's absence be presented to the relevant homeroom teacher or year level coordinator.
**Student Achievement**

Congratulations is extended to Genevieve Darcy on her selection to play at the State Netball Titles on last weekend of the holidays at the State Netball Centre in Melbourne. A great effort!

**School Uniform & Hats**

A reminder to all parents that the summer uniform is to be worn during term 4 and that part of the summer uniform is the requirement that all students must wear the approved College hat when in the sun. The College hat is available from our uniform suppliers.

**Self Directed Learning Conference**

Mrs Lisa Pope and I will be attending a conference on Self Directed Learning in Canada and visiting a number of schools that have implemented this method of teaching and learning over the next ten days. The results that have been achieved by schools that have undertaken this approach to teaching and learning have been remarkable. We will be travelling with a number of other Curriculum Co-ordinators and Principals from the Ballarat Dioceses. During this time Mr Kerin Glennen will be Acting Principal.

**O'keeffe Campus News**

Please find Issue 4 is attached to this newsletter.

**Coming Events**

**Monday 22nd October**
- PTFA Meeting 7.30pm McAuley Campus

**Wednesday 24th October**
- Year 12 Assembly Period 6 & 7 deChantal Stadium

**Thursday 25th October**
- Visit of WYD Cross and Icon to MRC at 1.30pm

**From the Maths Coordinator**

Leanne Carpenter

**Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians**

Earlier this year, 11 of our students chose to participate in the mathematics Challenge for Young Australians. The challenge is a problem solving program which is dedicated to the future of Australia by providing our students who are talented, committed to or are interested in mathematics, with the opportunity to be challenged, stimulated, identified and recognised, and so encourage them to strive for excellence and to achieve their full potential.

In the 2007 challenge, Elizabeth Smart achieved a “High Distinction”, and Marnie Buchholz a “Distinction”. With the majority of participants receiving a “Credit”.

Congratulations go to all participants who have demonstrated a mature and organised approach to their studies whilst completing the Challenge.

**Mercy Awards**

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

Sinead O'Connor, Olivia Moloney, Nadia Moloney and Courtney Guy for helping with the BBQ for the Country Kids Transition Day.

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

Lauren Carlin for showing outstanding leadership in the preparation for the PAL Program.

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

Jeremy Lucas and Annie Hulme for their help on Country Kids Transition Day.

ANDREW WATSON

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From the Wellbeing Coordinator
Kerin Glennen

Last week was Mental Health Week in Victoria and a question that is often asked in the community is "What is Mental Health?" It is normal for people to have problems in their lives, but sometimes these problems can and do take over our lives. When this occurs then our behaviour may become uncharacteristic. Some of the ways we display that we may not be coping very well could be that we are spending too much time by ourselves, not sleeping properly, not wanting to go to work/school, developing different eating habits, feeling confused or unaccountably angry.

These problems usually sort themselves out over time, but you can assist with speeding up this process by

- talking to friends and family about what is bothering you.
- giving yourself some time out.....give your brain a breather
- look after yourself, drink and smoke less, eat healthy food, get to bed early and sleep and get some exercise.
- talk to someone about your concerns.

However if you suffer from more serious mental health problem then seek professional help either through your local GP or Community Mental Health Services.

Life line 131114
Mensline Australia 1300 789 978
Kids Helpline 180551800

Remember if you are concerned talk to someone...help is available and like any illness there are professionals who can guide you through your time of anxiety. No one has to suffer in silence and or in isolation.

From the Science Coordinator
John Houlihan

Melbourne Zoo and Aquarium Excursion
As part of the VCE Unit 2 Biology course, the Year 11 Biology class accompanied by Mr Houlihan and Mr Gordon attended an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo and Melbourne Aquarium last Thursday. The Melbourne zoo visit involved students identifying some of the structural, physiological and behavioural adaptations of animals that are related to temperature and water balance. The students also observed a number of specific animals and related some of their adaptations to their particular habitat. Some of the animals observed included the Bilby, Spinifex Hopping Mouse, Bearded Dragon, Common Wombat, Red Panda and Asian Elephant. There were a number of unique adaptations observed such as the Squirrel Monkey, which rubs its urine over its body to allow evaporation from its body surface to occur to cause cooling!

The students were also enabled the opportunity to handle some of the animals and participate in various feeding sessions.

At the Melbourne Aquarium local marine and freshwater ecosystems were investigated, which included observing sharks, sting-rays and various fish displays. Some of the topics studied included an overview of the oceanarium, biomagnification of toxic substances such as mercury, relationship between organisms in ecosystems and affects on the environment of unwanted pests. This session also involved a behind the scenes tour of the aquarium.

The day was very informative and laid the foundations for future biological studies in this area.

The Youth Access Program provides a regional Specialist Youth Outreach Service consisting of 3 Youth Alcohol and other Drug Outreach Workers operating across the Barwon South West Region (Colac- Portland). The primary purpose of the Youth Access Program is the professional delivery of regional outreach and when appropriate case management for young people aged 12-21 with or at risk of alcohol and other drug use issues. A locally developed model of youth outreach underpins this program.

Youth Outreach Functions Include:
• Regional Drug & Alcohol Assessment
• Outpost, assertive and rural outreach
• Facilitate referrals into drug treatment services and provide assertive follow-up.

The Youth Access Program works under the principles of harm minimization. Harm minimization provides a framework through which legal, social, and health approaches can be bought together in a coherent manner; harm minimization allows graduated achievements that reduce drug related harm even while recognizing that use could continue for some time (Hamilton, M et al 2004).

Working within this framework has allowed the Youth Access Program to draw on a number of different strategies across a number of different services, offering young people an opportunity to access an integrated response.

Tanya Bonner (0447550071) is a Youth Worker from Barwon Youth and is available at Mercy Regional College each Thursday on a fortnightly basis during periods 3&4, for consultation with teachers or parents and individual case management and support. Tony Harrison (0447550038) is a Youth Worker who covers the Southern Grampians/ Glenelg region. Josie Taylor is the Co-ordinator of the program and can be contacted on 0437246125.

The Youth Access Program
From the Outdoor Education Coordinator
James Castles

Mt Buller Excursion to the snow

In the last week of Term 3 the VCAL & Outdoor Education students were fortunate to spend a day skiing on the slopes of Mt Buller. The purpose of the trip was to experience the snow fields, learning about a different ecosystems, and learn to ski or snowboard. The group picked it up really quickly and by the end of the day were old pros.

The student’s behaviour was exceptional and made the trip enjoyable for students and staff involved.

Thank you to all the students, staff members and parents for making this a sensational trip.
From the Director of Learning and Teaching - Careers Report
Mrs. Lisa Pope

Work Experience
Could all Year 9 students please return their “Medical Conditions”, “Tax File Number” and “Red Card” Permission Slips, these forms were due back on 21st September. Even if you have not completely organised your work experience please return these permission slips to enable us to organize the ‘Red Card’ Day and send for student Tax File Numbers.

Completed Work Experience Forms MUST be returned by Friday, 2nd November 2007.

Gap position at local Accounting firm
Robertson, McKeen and O’Neill (Camperdown accounting firm) have a 12 month office administration position starting Late November early December. Applications are closing 26th of October. Handwritten Letter and Typed Resume needs to be submitted with two personal references. For further information see Ms Pope.

University of Ballarat
UB Fast – a Pathway to University
UB is offering a program called the Foundation Access Studies Program (FAST) with an intake in February and July 2008. UB FAST is designed to prepare students for University and is an alternative entry pathway to university. UB FAST offers a further entry option to those who are not able to gain admission to a degree program without first gaining additional qualifications. Upon successful completion of the FAST program, students are guaranteed entry into a University of Ballarat degree program through the standard application and selection process. Further information on this program is available at www.ballarat.edu.au/ard/bssh/FAST/

Victoria University
You shouldn’t have to study for things that aren’t related to the job you want. VU ensures that all students are job ready when they graduate. Information Sessions to find out about VU’s courses, prerequisites, extra requirements, learning pathways, scholarships, accommodation, career and graduate outcomes will be held on Tues 18th, Wed 19th & Thurs 20th Dec from 11am-12noon & 3.00-4.00pm and Fri 21st Dec from 11.00 – 12 noon. Campus tours will be available after the information sessions. For more info Ph 9919 6100 or visit www.vu.edu.au

RMiT University
Create @ RMIT Summer School 2007/2008
Looking for an exciting opportunity to learn more about new or traditional media. Explore your creativity this summer with a great range of workshops taught by top industry professionals, with state-of-the-art resources in a friendly environment. For more information: Visit the summer school website at www.dsc.summer.rmit.edu.au. Bookings open in September by contacting 1800 067 117 or via the short courses website at: www.shortcourses.remit.edu.au/

South West TAFE 2008
If any student is interested in completing a VET Qualification at South West TAFE next year please register your interest with Maureen at the office before Friday 19th of October. To find out what courses are available go to their website www.swtafe.vic.edu.au/vetis then click on Program Overview.

Please find attached to the newsletter the Exam Timetables for years 9, 10 & 11

2007 COBDEN CAREER EXPO
The Cobden Careers Expo provides the chance for students, parents and teachers to talk with people from industry and identify possible career and employment pathways.

Unlike other careers expos the event will host a guest speakers hall, a demonstration hall and a try a trade section, this will enable students to gain hands on experience to what happens in particular vocations and industries.

Fri Oct 19th at Cobden Technical College 10.00am–2.30pm
If you would like further information please call Jason Beveridge on 55951700 or Sue Krepp on 55610047
All Welcome - Admission is free
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- Unit 3 classes will run as normal.
- Students will, as always, require a signed note to be anywhere other than the hall or the school.
- Most students will need to bring their lunch to the hall during these days.

**MRC/St.Pats Canteen – Term 4 Roster**

**Week 3 & 4**

Starting time 10.15am. Any enquiries to Rose ~ on 55932011 or A/H on 55932862. Thanks

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Welcome to the second edition of the O’Keefe News for 2007. Much work has been done behind the scenes to prepare for the move to a single Junior Campus in the areas of teaching and learning and logistics and infrastructure. The representative committees have met several times and plans are developing to ensure a smooth transition.

**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, inductiveness, learning, care, justice and mercy, excellence and achievement.

**Our GOALS**
At Mercy Regional College through the Mercy tradition we:
- promote the uniqueness of the community and its heritage;
- welcome and celebrate individual differences;
- encourage our community to seek knowledge, to nurture curiosity and to love learning;
- commit ourselves to caring for each other;
- seek to act with love, fairness, tolerance and compassion to all;
- support, acknowledge and strive for personal excellence and achievement.

**Logistics and Infrastructure**
The College received correspondence from Catholic Capital Grants at the end of last term informing us that Catholic Capital Grants wishes to support our proposed redevelopment of the O'Keefe Campus to provide for a new junior campus which will include 6 new GPLAs (General Purpose Learning Areas) and the following specialist areas:
- Science
- Art/Textiles
- Information Technology Lab
- Resource Centre (Library)
The proposed funding for this project is expected to be over $900,000. It is important to point out the project still requires the approval of the Minister for Education, Science and Training. Once the approval has been gained the College will then proceed with the completion of the formal documentation and tender phase. Hopefully with everything going to plan work can commence at the O'Keefe Campus early in the New Year.

I have provided with this edition of the O'Keefe News the first preliminary plans from the architect of the proposed Junior Campus which features six new classrooms and a new science room. The refurbishment of existing buildings will provide for a library, information technology laboratory and an applied learning area which will cater for art and textiles a canteen along with some additional staff and student amenities.

**Learning and Teaching**
The Learning and Teaching Committee last year established some goals for 2007 to guide their deliberations and discussions. These included that the Teaching and Learning Team (TLT) will aim to:
- Continue to develop good pedagogy and research practical strategies and structures at Year 7 & 8 that are effective (e.g. PEEL)
- Continue to work towards implementing an integrated cross-curriculum unit at Year 3 in Semester 1 2008 and Year 7 in Semester 2, 2008 building upon the work already completed in successfully implementing VELS;
- Continue to implement the "Awakenings" Religious Education curriculum across Years 7-10;
- Further develop our pastoral care program to take into account the need for our junior students to interact on a regular basis with senior students;
- Continue to work closely with our Catholic primary schools to improve the transition to secondary school;
- Encourage staff to:
  - Continue to attend Professional Development;
  - Develop professional learning portfolios;
  - Continue our dialogue and enhance our understanding of middle schooling principles.

To date much work has been completed by members of the Junior School staff in relation to the abovementioned goals and I am pleased to present the report below on one of the integrated units of work that has been developed and officially launch this week.

**From the Teaching and Learning Team**
"A Drop in Time" – A multidisciplinary unit on the theme of Water.

The Teaching and Learning Team for the O’Keefe Campus is made up of staff who predominantly teach in the Junior School – years seven and eight. Staff have worked very hard to develop a thematic unit that will be taught to Year Sevens across the domains. With ‘water’ being one of our most precious resources, it is hoped that students will not only learn more about its value, but also how we can contribute to our global citizenry by being responsible users.

A representative from Parks Victoria, Natasha Johnston, launched the unit on Tuesday October 16. Following the talk, students worked in their homeroom groupings to establish key questions that could be investigated in more depth in their classes.

The unit will be conducted over four weeks and students will complete a number of tasks across the Domains. The annual Lake Coliban water excursion will conclude the unit in November.

**Michael Gees**
Head of O'Keefe Campus

I trust that the above information provides you with confidence that the proposed Junior Campus will be innovative and that the teaching and learning will be student centered and incorporate the various requirements of "Awakenings" and VELS as well as taking into account other innovations in learning and teaching. I am most excited about the progress of both committees to date and it certainly augers well for the beginning of 2008.

Best Wishes,

Andrew Watson
Principal