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 2010
Justice and Mercy: Through the Mercy tradition we seek to act with love, fairness, tolerance and compassion to all.

Year 12 Students
Another year has finished for Year 12 classes. In farewelling our Year 12 students last week, at our whole school assembly, I reflected on the stark reality that these young women and men are now ready to embark on the next phase of their life journey, a journey that will forever change. Gone from their lives are the incessant bells, the rush to the canteen at recess and the role as leaders of Mercy Regional College. We wish our students well as they prepare for their examinations and hope that their efforts are suitably rewarded. To our Year 12 students of 2010, remember that you are and always will be a part of the tradition that is Mercy Regional College. Good luck!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our graduating class of 2010 for the way in which they concluded their time at Mercy. Our students ensured that all members of the College were respected, demonstrated appreciation for their teachers and showed a maturity which will ensure that the class of 2010 will be remembered for all the right reasons. The Year 12 Final Assembly was very entertaining, enlightening and most importantly, done in good taste and humour. The students set a wonderful example to our younger students and have certainly set a benchmark in relation to how the last days of Year 12 should be celebrated. Congratulations to the class of 2010.

As part of the catering arrangements for this dinner the College does require a number of parents from Year 11 to assist with the serving of meals. If you are able to assist please let Ms Lyn Davies know of your availability.

The family mass will be celebrated by Fathers Matthew Thomas and Eugene McKinnon. Year 12 students are asked be at the Church by 5.30pm so that students can be organized. It is important that we gather, as a community, to celebrate the Eucharist to mark the conclusion of 13 years of Catholic education.

Our Year 12 students have been fine ambassadors for our College over the past six years and I feel confident in saying that they will make a great contribution to our society.

On behalf of the Mercy community, I would like to thank these students for their valued contribution to our College and wish them the very best, not only for their exams, but for the life that lies beyond Mercy Regional College.

Mary MacKillop – St Mary of the Cross
Mary has been described as a:

- Woman of Compassion
- Woman of Courage
- Woman of God
- Woman of Action

The second of the series of four reflections about Mary MacKillop as identified above can be found on page seven. This week our reflection is titled Mary, “Woman of Courage”
New Appointments for 2011

Again next year there will be a significant increase in enrolments along with some staff retirements. As a result the following staff appointment have been made for 2011:

Mrs Maureen O’Loughlan has been appointed as Manager of the College’s Resource Centres due to the retirement of Mrs Mary Daffy.

Mrs Jenni Lenehan has been appointed as the Administration Officer for the O’Keeffe Campus to replace Maureen O’Loughlan. Jenni is currently Parish Secretary at St Thomas’ Parish in Terang. She is a current parent of the College, has been very active in the PTFA over many years.

The following teaching staff have been appointed for 2011:

Mr Brendon Norman: Brendon comes to Mercy from Colac Secondary College where he has taught English. Brendon has held the position of English and Literacy Coordinators during his time at Colac. He holds a Bachelor of Education majoring in Language and Literature. Brendon will teach English in Years 9 & 10

Ms Ella McPhee: Ella joins us as a graduate teacher. She has completed her Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience and this year completes her Master of Teaching at the University of Melbourne. Ella is a past student of Mercy having graduated in 2006.

Mr Jason Moloney: Jason also a past student joins the Mercy teaching staff as a graduate teacher. He has completed his Bachelor of Education at the University of Ballarat and he will teach Physical Education in Year 7 & 8 next year.

Ms Sophie Carr: Sophie is currently completing her teaching rounds at Mercy over the next few weeks. Sophie will teach Psychology and English in 2011. Sophie holds a Bachelor of Psychological Sciences from the University of Ballarat will complete her Graduate Diploma of Education at the end of 2010.

Mr Murray Silver: Murray comes to Mercy from Monivae College, Hamilton. Murray will teach Woodwork and Graphics. He has a Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Vocational Education and Training and a Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment.

Mrs Leesa Henriksen: Leesa will join our team of teachers at the O’Keeffe Campus teaching our Year 7 & 8 classes. Leesa has previously taught at both St Thomas Terang and St Colman’s Mortlake. Leesa has a Master of Education, Post Graduate Diploma in Learning Disabilities, Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Teaching. Leesa will also co-ordinate the Enhanced Learning program.

Mrs Chelsea Ludeman: Chelsea will teach part time in the science area, teaching Biology and Year 9 & 10 Science. Chelsea has a Bachelor of Science and a Graduate Diploma of Education and has previously taught at Cobden Technical School.

Next year we welcome back Ms Kellie Wilson from Maternity Leave. Kellie will teach Religious Education and Business Management.

We wish Mary Daffy and Sharyn Thulborn happy and well earned retirements after many years of dedicated service to the College.

Junior School Oratory Competition

Last Friday, I had the privilege of attending the Junior School Oratory competition held at the O’Keeffe Campus.

During the term students from each of the English classes have been involved in public speaking and Friday marked the culmination of this work with one student representing each homeroom.

The topics the students chose from were:

- Getting information from the Internet is like taking a drink from a fire hydrant (Mitchell Kapor)
- Age wrinkles the body, quitting wrinkles the soul (Douglas MacArthur)
- It isn’t enough to talk about about peace, one must believe it. And it isn’t enough to believe in it, one must work for it (Eleanor Roosevelt)
- Music is a basic need in life (Paula Abdul)
- Attitude is everything

The students who competed in the finals were:

- Amy McKenzie  Year 7A
- Caitlin Hall  Year 7B
- Olivia Giblin  Year 7C
- Deanne Fleming  Year 7D
- Laura Justin  Year 8A
- Joseph Arundell  Year 8B
- Mikarla Poole  Year 8C

Amy McKenzie was announced as the winner and as indicated by the judges it was a very difficult decision, as all students spoke very well.

The encouragement prize was awarded to Olivia Giblin.

Congratulations to the above finalists and to our eventual winner Amy.

I would also like to thank our judges Mrs Marie Thornton, Mrs Joanne Jackson and Mrs Di Daffy, for giving their time to adjudicate on the day and the staff of the O’Keeffe Campus for their organisation of this event.
Middle School Oratory Competition

On Thursday, 14th October, along with Fr Matthew Thomas and Mrs Mary Daffy, I had the pleasure of judging the Middle School Oratory competition held at the McAuley Campus.

As with the Junior School Oratory Competition, students from each of the English classes have been involved in public speaking and Thursday marked the culmination of this work with one student representing each homeroom.

The topics the students chose from were:

**9A** Genevieve Lee
We do not see things as they are. We see them as we want them to be.

**9B** Rhiannon Lumsden
Everyone needs a special place.

**9C** Madeline Evans
We do not see things as they are. We see them as we want them to be.

**10A** Emily Walsh
We do not see things as they are. We see them as we want them to be.

**10B** Rachael Harney
Everyone needs a special place.

**10C** Elizabeth Smart
We do not see things as they are. We see them as we want them to be.

Rachael Harney was announced as the winner and as indicated by the judges it was a very difficult decision, as all students spoke very well. Genevieve Lee was awarded the encouragement prize. Congratulations to the above finalists and to our eventual winner, Rachael.

Thank you to both the Middle School and Junior School English teachers for organising the two Oratory Competition. A great tradition of public speaking continues at MRC.

**“Mercy’s Got Talent”**

Just prior to the Year 12 assembly, last Friday, the Performing Arts Staff put together “Mercy’s Got Talent” which show-cased a number of our very talented students.

The following acts performed on the day:

**Act 1** Hammer Time: Amity Pope & Jaala Perkins
**Act 2** Hallelujah: Kristy Almond
**Act 3** Candyman: Rebecca Couch & Allie Eastwood
**Act 4** Guitar - untitled: Dom Cavarsan & Jayden Parker
**Act 5** Amphetamine: Jennifer Rowan
**Act 6** Tomorrow: James Thornton
**Act 7** Dear Mr President: Sam Cornelissen & Olivia Giblin
**Act 8** Hip Hop Remix: Victoria Conroy & Jess Bell
**Act 9** Put You’re Records On: Laura Glennen
**Act 10** Scar: Paige Gibson
**Act 11** Frost: Kiara Williams & Grace Kingston
**Act 12** To Her Door: Daniel Unwin

Congratulations to the following winners:

- **1st Prize awarded to Jennifer Rowan**
- **2nd Prize awarded to Paige Gibson**
- **3rd Prize awarded to Kiara Williams and Grace Kingston.**
- **Encouragement Prize awarded to Rebeeca Couch and Allie Eastwood.**

Special Thanks are extended to the following staff and students who made the event possible: Mr Luke Bourchier, Mrs Jo Saunders, Fr Matthew Thomas, Ms Janet Backhous, Mr James Castles, Miss Melanie Sadler, Mr Mark Evans, Mr Danny Gordon, Mr Tony Forbes, the Year 10 Business Management class and Joe Gleeson.

ACARA Privacy Provision

The CECV (Catholic Education Commission of Victoria) has been requested by ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) to provide student data for the purposes of improving the quality of the measure known as the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICESA), which is used for reporting school performance on the My School website.

The data includes de-identified student addresses and parent background information for students. Under the provision of the Privacy Act 1988, residential address information is classified as ‘personal information’ and therefore the parent, or legal guardian, of each student must be advised that their residential address will be provided to ACARA.

Please find attached to this newsletter the Privacy Notice which advises parents and legal guardians of the following:

- That their residential will be forwarded to ACARA
- The purpose for which it will be used
- Who will have access to the address data
- That their personal information will be handled strictly in accordance with the Privacy legislation.

End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving

This year, our End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving will be held on Tuesday 7th December at St Thomas’ Church, Terang at 7.00pm followed by supper. The evening time will allow families to celebrate the Eucharist together.

It is the expectation of the College that **ALL** students in Year 7 - 11 would be in attendance. Following Mass there will be the presentations of awards and prizes. Supper will follow in the St Thomas’ Community Centre.

We ask that parents of our Year 8 students help the St Thomas’ community, with catering, by being prepared to bring along a plate of supper to share.
Finishing Dates for Year 7 - 11 Students
I would also like to take this opportunity to remind both students and parents that attendance, up to and including the last day of school, for the year is required by all students at all year levels.

The last days for the various year levels are listed below:

- Year 11: Friday 26th November
- Year 7-10: Friday 3rd December

Car Raffle
The 36th Mercy Regional College Car Raffle is now well under the way and hopefully most families are getting close to selling all their tickets and have been happy to assist with the selling roster.

The car raffle is certainly now the most important fund raising effort of our PTFA.

This year’s prizes are as follows:

1st Prize:
2010 Ford Focus LX Hatch valued at $27,999 including on road costs (Auto, prestige paint, air conditioning, power steering, cruise control CD player, alloy wheels 6 air bags and ABS) supplied courtesy of McKenzie Ford, Colac and Supported by Manifold Motors, Camperdown.

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:
Nutrimetrics Pamper Pack valued at $250 supplied courtesy of Helen Bourke, Kolora.

5th Prize:
Fuel Voucher valued at $250 supplied courtesy of Steven Lucas, BP Camperdown.

6th Prize:
Jewellery Voucher valued at $200 supplied courtesy of Showcase Jewellers, Camperdown and Colac.

7th Prize:
Dinner Voucher valued at $100 supplied courtesy of Madden’s Bar & Bistro, Camperdown.

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

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 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.

Along the Track
I have attached to this newsletter, for your interest, on page eight, a reflection titled “The Gift of Struggle” written by Jim Quilinan from the Diocesan Catholic Education Office in Warragul. I hope you enjoy this reading.

Prayer
Mary MacKillop Prayer
Holy God, source of all goodness,
you show us in Mary MacKillop
a woman of faith
who lived by the power of the cross.
Teach us to embrace what she pioneered:
new ways of living the Gospel
that respects and defends
the human dignity of all in our land.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Andrew Watson
PRINCIPAL

Mercury Awards
Junior School (Yr 7 & 8) Mercy Award
Maggie Lee - 7A for working consistently in all subjects.

Middle School (Yr 9 & 10) Mercy Award
Charlee Danby, Elizabeth Smith, Kerry Geppert and Emily Walsh for helping to fundraise for Hospitality Class, by selling cup cakes, at the Cobden Spring Festival.
**Coming Events**

**Term 4**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
School Board Holiday

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
Melbourne Cup Holiday

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Outdoor Ed Camp commences

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
Outdoor Ed Camp concludes

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**  
Finance Committee meeting 3.00pm

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
Board Meeting 7.30pm

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November**  
Arts Night and Car Raffle Draw commencing at 7.30pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
- Year 11 Exams commence  
- VCE Exams conclude  
- Graduation Mass & Dinner commences at 6.00pm

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 11 Exams conclude & Year 11 to 12 Transition commences

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
Instrumental Concert

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
- Year 11 to 12 Transition concludes  
- Year 11 students conclude

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
- Year 7 2011 Orientation Day (no classes for current  
  Year 7 students)  
- Leadership Camp

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
- Leadership Camp  
- Year 7, 8 & 10 Exams

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Exams

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**  
Year 9 & 10 Exams

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
Year 7 – 10 students conclude

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 7 2011 - On Demand Testing

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
- Year 7 2011 - On Demand Testing  
- Mass of Thanksgiving & Presentation of Awards commencing 7.00pm

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
Teaching Staff conclude

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
- Non Teaching Staff conclude  
- Office closes

**Clay Shooting Report**  
*Dean Ludeman*

The Western Zone School Clay Shooting Competition was held in Minyip on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Nathan Beal won the Junior High Gun (he is on the left in the photo) and Nathan Sargeant came third in his division – Senior Boys non-member.

Mercy Regional College had nineteen students representing the College. Overall, there were 300 students participating from various schools.

Mercy came third in the school aggregate.

Well done boys!
**Sports Report**  
*James Castles*

Congratulations must go to the Mercy Regional Year 7-9 Golf Team. The team consisted of Jack Kerr (Captain), Matthew Baxter, Jack Kenna and Thomas Brett for getting through to the 2010 Team Golf Final, played at Latrobe Golf Club on October 14th.

The team finished up with one over par, the course was a 35 par, with St Bedes College finishing up with 29, 6 UNDER PAR.

Our students enjoyed the experience and the fun of the Ambrose format and that golf is firmly on the radar at our school.

**Results**
1st St Bedes College #1 29 6 UNDER PAR  
2nd Sacred Heart College #1 32 3 UNDER PAR  
3rd De La Salle College 33 2 UNDER PAR  

Thank you to Darren and Elizabeth Brett, Anika Kerr, and Donna Baxter for taking the team to Latrobe.

**Mercy’s Got Talent Report**  
*Luke Bourchier*

It was the final day for the “class of 2010”. Anticipation had been building for the curtain-raiser to the year 12 assembly, the late-morning display of “Mercy’s Got Talent”. With stadium full and lights dim, the MC (Jo Saunders) welcomed staff, students and guests, who consequently sat back and marvelled at the display of amazing skill and prowess from all contestants. The college evidently has numerous capable students, who showed off their ability to sing, play the guitar and dance.

The standard was very high, making it challenging for the three judges to determine a winner. Each performance was scored out of a total of 150, just five points separated 1st from 3rd with the next three places only a short way behind. All contestants are to be thoroughly congratulated on their efforts. The assistance from all staff involved was much appreciated, along with the aid provided by the Year 10 Business Management students and Joe Gleeson.

We look forward to the continued growth in the prominence of the Performing Arts, at Mercy, into 2011 and beyond.

Listed below are the top placed performers from the event:
1st – Jennifer Rowan  
2nd – Paige Gibson  
3rd – Klara Williams & Grace Kingston  
Encouragement Award goes to Rebecca Couch & Allie Eastwood.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**CROWDED ENZ:**  
Australia/NewZealand Tribute Band singing all the hits by Crowded House and Spat Enz.  
Day: Saturday 30th October 7.30pm  
Venue: Noorat Community Centre.  
Price: $25 per head pay at the door.

**Have you considered working at the Terang Outdoor Pool this season?**

The YMCA and the Terang Pool Committee are interested in hearing from people in the local community who would consider a role at the Terang Pool for the 2010/11 season.

Prior experience and qualifications are not necessary as the YMCA will organize relevant training courses and provide the necessary induction processes to prepare new recruits in time for the start of the season. All costs associated with obtaining qualifications and induction will be covered jointly between the YMCA and the Shire of Corangamite.

The positions of Pool Manager and Relieving Manager are yet to be filled, though we are also interested in those just interested in casual Lifeguard and Aquatic Education Teacher positions.

If you feel you have the aptitude and maturity to take on one of the above roles we would love to hear from you and urge you to contact one of the following people to find out more about the positions.

Lee Edge 0409 967 791  
Ed Ferguson 0417 038 721

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT EYECARE**

The Victorian Eyecare Service (VES) provides optometry care at nominal cost for persons who hold a pensioner concession card or health care card and live in rural Victoria.

A list of rural providers is available on our website.

www.vco.org.au/clinical-services/rural.htm
A Woman of Courage

May God give you patience and courage in your sufferings. MM 1904

Mary MacKillop had to face many difficult situations and choices in her life. As the eldest child in the family she carried the responsibility for taking care of her brothers and sisters. Her father was not able to keep a job so often the family had to rely on relatives for somewhere to live and find food. When Mary was sixteen she went to work as a clerk in Melbourne so that the family would have money to live on. She said her childhood when she had one was ‘full of sorrows’. This taught Mary how to face life’s challenges with hope. She remained steadfast as she embraced the Cross in her life.

Mary also had a lot of sorrow in her life. Her brother John died after falling from a horse, her grandfather drowned in a flood; her mother was drowned in a shipwreck when she was coming to see Mary in Sydney.

Mary also suffered from poor health. She often wrote that she was too sick to get out of bed. This did not stop her from doing God’s work.

She suffered at the hands of some of the Bishops who did not like the way she lived as a sister of St. Joseph or in some cases the way she taught in her schools. She was excommunicated in 1871 and she was investigated in 1883.

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Whoever does not take up the Cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Matthew 10:37

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**SWLLEN/CORANGAMITE SCHOOLS**

**2010 WORK PLACEMENT CELEBRATION**

for all employers, VCAL and VET students and their families

Hosted by Peter Deppeler and Sophie Tiller (MIIX FM)

Presentation of awards and information for employers about all types of work placement - SWL, SBATs

Current and prospective employers welcome

Cobden Sports Club, Tuesday 9th November, 7pm - 9pm

Finger food (no charge) Refreshments available

RSVP and inquiries: kelvin@swllen.net.au

Phone 5595 1700 or 0429 921 876
The Gift of Struggle

When my eldest son was about to begin year three at school, I heard his friend asking whether he was looking forward to it. “Yes”, he said, “Are you?” The response was a very definite “No”. Why? “Because”, he said, “I don’t think I can hack the pressure!”

Even from a very early age we seem to have pressures from without and within. They can weigh us down, dampen our enthusiasm and energy. Struggling with these pressures and with the more difficult events of our lives can be an enormous challenge. Some people seem to be called on to endure enormous hurdles and setbacks – life can be a real ordeal. For others, it seems to be a breeze. Some people seem to cope well, whereas for others even the smallest setback can prove to be a real hurdle. All of us have stories of struggle – of pain and grief, of loss and hopelessness, depression and sometimes even despair. Sometimes we survived them, even used them to grow and change, others have left their mark and we find it difficult or well nigh impossible to get rid of them.

Struggle is part of life, no matter what our age. But is there any point to it, any purpose in it? That depends on how we view it. The way we deal with struggle has something to do with the measure of self. One reaction is to try to dominate, to control the world around us. Experience teaches us that such an ambition is fraught with failure. Trying to dominate and control means we have no need to change, no need to grow, no need to walk in other’s shoes or see the world, to see life through others’ eyes. Struggle calls on us to think differently about God and about who I am – it provides an opportunity for genuine reflection, for growth. Overcoming life’s struggles means being open to new experiences, new ways, to expect the pain of growth, to nurture difference rather than to deny it. It does not blame God for trying to test us and torment us.

God does not ‘send’ pain and heartache, suffering and despair. That would be unfair, capricious. Why would an all-loving God punish some, torment some and let others sail through life, seemingly with every blessing and happiness.

God inspires us, challenges us through life’s experiences but, above all, God companions us, standing by ready to help, to receive us, to be with us. Faith in God being within us opens us up to new ways of being and acting – such faith opens our eyes to new possibilities. That is not always immediate, it can take time. Finding such freedom and such confidence in God-being-with-us often means overcoming things that hold us back.

This week we celebrate one such person, one with a strong belief in God with us, a belief in being a companion with God. Mary Mackillop founded the Sisters of St Joseph with a mission to help those suffering from deprivation of material goods and opportunity. The Sisters brought education to the children of the poor when such a gift was traditionally restricted to the wealthier middle-classes. They followed settlers as they moved inland, living in extraordinary difficult circumstances, suffering the same hardships as the pioneers as they taught their children. Later the Sisters of St Joseph branched out to ministries for prisoners and houses for the poor and incurably ill.

But Mary still faced many struggles and much opposition. Many bishops and clergy didn’t agree with Mary’s philosophy of bringing education to the poor. Bishop Sheil had her excommunicated for insubordination in 1871, leaving her to try to live without any of the support she would have gained from the church. Throughout her life, Mary would constantly butt heads with those around her to ensure that her Order would flourish and continue to provide education and comfort to the suffering. But opposition and lack of resources were not her only struggle. Rheumatism and strokes had made her quite cantankerous in her old age difficult – for her and those she lived with by all accounts.

So what can we take from Mary MacKillop’s life – her commitment to social justice and equality might be sufficient but there is even more.

As we celebrate and give thanks for Australia’s first saint, Mary MacKillop, it is worth reminding ourselves that her name as a religious was Mother Mary of the Cross. Much of her life was indeed, a cross. That’s what she has to offer us today, she is a woman whose life speaks to each of us today - her example of struggle and persistence, her vision and commitment that comes from pain and hardship and frustration, but above all her unswerving belief that God was her companion, that God walked with her. The gift of Mary’s life is a reminder of our struggles, our need for persistence in the face of hardship, disappointment and frustration. Her life is also a reminder of being open to possibilities and, from there, developing a vision and a passion for the ways of God. Mary’s struggles came, not just from lack of resources, an overwhelming feeling in inadequacy at times, especially when confronted by such enormous needs but her disappointment and despair came from being let down by friends and those from whom she had sought support. To be excommunicated must have been devastating but it did not crush the spirit of this incredible woman who was so open and welcoming to the wonder of God’s grace and challenge in her life.

She was a woman who welcomed the surprises and challenges of tomorrow rather than looking in old ways, old dreams, and the need to control. She welcomed the struggles which gave birth to new ways, she welcomed surprise, she nurtured difference rather than uniformity. Not a bad legacy for each of us.

Regards
Jim Quilliman

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School Fee Accounts
Reminder to parents

Parents are reminded that the due date for payment of the 2010 school fee accounts is today—
Friday 29th October, 2010.

Payment of outstanding amounts that are not on a payment plan may be made
by one of the following options:

- Cash / Cheque / Credit Card in person at the McAuley Campus office.
- Cheque / Credit Card notification by mail.
- Direct Credit into NAB account in person at a branch or via Internet Banking.

Account details are as follows –
National Australia Bank
BSB number 083 523
Account number 5288 99931

Thank you to all parents who have met this deadline already and to those who will after
completing their payment plans.

Lynn Wadley
Business Manager

30th October Saturday 11:30AM till late

Kennedy’s Creek Music Fest

The Frowning Clouds,
The Death Rattles, Red Eagle,
The High Water
Ballroom Band,
The Strydes, Dirty York
Acoustic Trio, Scooters by
Choice, SS Radio,
Ancient Slate, Foxhow, Peter Ewing and more...

Food - Free Camping - BYO Chairs, Drinks & Alcohol (no glass)
$70 family $35 single
Tickets @: stickytickets.com/kcmusicfestival
Facebook Events: Kennedys Creek Music Festival
From the Director of Teaching & Learning
Lisa Pope

Careers Report

Work Experience 2011
There are quite a few permission slips that have not been returned for current year 9 students going out on work experience early in 2011. These forms MUST be returned by Wednesday 1st November PLEASE. We are trying to arrange dates for the "White Card" and for general and industry modules, and for those wishing to obtain a Tax File Number you need your Tax File Application Form to be returned NOW. Also all work experience forms need to be returned by Friday 5th November.

Sunnyside House School Based Apprentice/Trainees
Opportunities to fill the positions at Sunnyside house for the school based apprentice/trainees for Cert 3 in Aged Care. There is also an apprentice Chef position available. Please see Mr Castles.

Refrigeration Mechanic
A refrigeration mechanic apprenticeship has become available in the local area, starting Nov/Dec. If you are interested please see your homeroom teacher or Mr Castles immediately.

Banana Splits Childcare Centre-Trainee Childcare Worker
Banana Splits Childcare Centre is seeking a keen and enthusiastic person to join our team as a Trainee Childcare Worker whilst completing Certificate 111 in Children’s Services. Applicants must be 18 years of age. Position commences January 2011.

University of Ballarat - $4000 per year Scholarship
The Harold Carroll Memorial Scholarship is for students who are currently studying Yr 12 in the Western District and have applied for TAFE or Higher Education at the University of Ballarat - Application forms will be located in the Yr 12 homeroom tubs. Applications close Friday 29th October.

SBA/ Cert 11 Ag (Dairy) Taster Day Nov 16-18
Up to 15 students will then be invited to attend a three day program of activities to be delivered by the National Centre for Dairy Education Australia in Terang. The program will consist of selected (highly interactive) components of three units of the Certificate II in Agriculture (Dairy); structured visits to two different types of dairy farms: one small herd farm which employs a trainee, and one large herd farm which employs staff at various skill and management levels; and an introduction to the diversity of career paths available within the industry following completion of certificate level training, either as a straight VET course or as part of a school-based apprenticeship. If you are interested please see Sarah Hinkley or James Castles.

Newman College Scholarship / Accommodation for University
Additional Scholarships available for those who want to study at Melbourne University and want accommodation at Newman College, plus scholarships for excellent results. See Ms Davies.

Architecture, Building and Planning Summer School: The University of Melbourne Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning will be running a summer school for students in years 10 – 12 who would like to learn about architecture (including landscape) and design. The school runs between 13 – 16 December, 9.30am – 5pm each day at the Parkville Campus and you will be able to learn more about the industry, career pathways and opportunities and the exciting degree options at the University. The cost is $450 and rural Victorian students can stay at Newman College at $65 per night. Register at www.abp.unimelb.edu.au/summerschool2010

Science Experience: Are you in year 9 this year and have a passion for science? Then you should consider attending the three day science program at RMIT in Melbourne. There will be plenty of bangs, flashes, smashes and fun and will allow you to go behind the scenes and sample the exhilarating world of science. You will perform experiments, participate in field excursions, listen to Uni lectures and experience the excitement on life on campus. The program runs between 19 – 21 January. Contact Clare Russell at RMIT to register on (03) 9925 3699, clare.russell@rmit.edu.au

Free workshops at JMC Academy: In December, JMC Academy in South Melbourne will be offering free workshops to students in the following areas: audio engineering and sound production; digital media; digital film and television; music and entertainment business management; and popular music and performance. To book, contact Melbourne@jmc.edu.au or phone (03) 9696 4117 for more details.

Future Options Disability Expo: On Thursday the 25th November, an expo will run for students who have a disability. This will focus on assisting students to consider future options and pathways around training, education and employment. Students will be able to attend demonstrations, presentation and undertake workshops between 12.30pm – 3pm. To book, please contact Sally Bailey at sbailey@skillsplus.com.au or (03) 9784 0400.
Information required to help determine Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) for non-government schools

PRIVACY NOTICE

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that we have requested the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Limited (CECV) to provide the following three pieces of information:

- Students’ residential addresses (not names of students);
- Parental Level of Education (not names of parents);
- Parental Occupation (not names of parents).

ACARA requires this information so we can accurately determine which schools are attended by students with similar socio-educational backgrounds. This information will enable comparisons of schools with statistically similar students on the My School website (www.myschool.edu.au).

ACARA will only use this information for this specific purpose.

Background Information on ACARA and how the index of community socio-educational advantage is calculated:

ACARA was established by the Australian Parliament by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Act (2008). ACARA is responsible for a national curriculum (K-12), a national assessment program, and national data collection and reporting.

ACARA administers the My School website which enables the Australian public to search the profiles of almost 10,000 Australian schools. The website uses an index of student and school characteristics, developed specifically for the purpose of identifying schools serving similar student populations. This enables schools’ results on national tests to be understood in a fair and meaningful way, and enables schools seeking to improve their performance to learn from other schools with statistically similar populations.

The index is based on factors that correlate with educational outcomes, as indicated by the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). These factors include the language background of students and the geographic location of the school.

ACARA is bound by the provisions of the Privacy Act 1988. Section 14 of the Privacy Act contains the Information Privacy Principles (IPPs) which prescribe the rules for handling personal information. The information provided by your child’s school may be disclosed by ACARA to contractors working for ACARA for the purposes of verifying the information, and for no other purpose. In other instances the information will not be disclosed without your consent, unless where authorised or required by law.

If you have any questions regarding this Privacy Notice please phone ACARA on 1300 895 563 or send an e-mail to info@acara.edu.au.
# Mercy Regional College Uniform Price List

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1-13 Shierlaw Avenue, Canterbury  
Phone: (03) 9836 3386, Fax (03) 9836 3057,  

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2010 Car Raffle

“LESS THAN THREE WEEKS TO GO”
Drawn “Arts Night” on Wednesday 17th November at 8:30pm.

We now need the assistance of all families to ensure that all tickets are sold and returned to the College. All tickets have to be accounted for.

The prompt return of tickets will also eliminate the need to make reminder phone calls.

All tickets are to be returned to the College office by Friday 5th November.

We thank in advance all families for their cooperation in this matter.

Over the next couple of weeks you could purchase the winning ticket for one of the following prizes:

1st Prize: 2010 Ford Focus LX Hatch valued at $27,999

2nd Prize: Harvey World Travel Voucher valued at $2,000.00

3rd Prize: Electrical Voucher $1,000.00

4th Prize: Nutri-metrics Pamper Pack valued at $250.00

5th Prize: Fuel Voucher valued at $250.00

6th Prize: Jewellery Voucher valued at $200.00

7th Prize: Dinner Voucher valued at $100.00

“Remember to win you must be in it”
123 Magic – 1 session (Lunch provided)
Saturday 9 October – 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
This is a very popular structured program which
Aims to give control back to parents
Cost: $30.00 per person
Venue: FRC 34 Peel Street North
Booking & Inquiry: Call Sue at Centacare 5327 7960
Concession available
Childcare NOT provided

Big Steps – Starting Prep – 1 session
Wednesday 13 October - 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm
Letting go your little one’s hand on that first day at
school is a Big Step – for mum and dad!
Find out how to make it easier on everyone.

Quotes:

"thoroughly enjoyed the
program"

"made me feel I was
not alone"

"It’s nice to know other
parents experience
what we do"

"people need support!!"

Little Kids with Attitude – 2 sessions
Tuesdays 26 October & 2 November – 9.30 am – 11.30 am
We have all heard the phrase ‘the terrible two’s’. Why are
toddlers so challenging? Why do they go from laughter to
tantrums in a split second? What can parents to do stay in control?
And, importantly how can we keep our cool and enjoy this stage?

Cost: $20.00 per person
Venue: FRC 34 Peel Street North
The perfect gift idea!

MRC VCAL Cookbook

$15 per book with 150 pages full of the MRC’s favorite recipes.

Please pay cash only.
Fill in the order form below and return with the money enclosed in an envelope to the MRC office.

Name:
Address:

Phone number:
No. of copies:
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