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 2011
Through the Mercy tradition we seek to act with love, fairness, tolerance and compassion to all.

Pentecost Sunday
Last Sunday 12th June was Pentecost Sunday. The reading, taken from John 20: 19-23, reminds us all that we are called by Jesus to be messengers of his word.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The challenge of being sent brings to my mind the call of Pope Benedict XVI to those gathered for the 2008 World Youth Day celebrations:

“Dear young people, let me now ask you a question. What will you leave to the next generation? Are you building your lives on firm foundations, building something that will endure? Are you living your lives in a way that opens up space for the Spirit in the midst of a world that wants to forget God, or even rejects him in the name of a falsely-conceived freedom? How are you using the gifts you have been given, the “power” which the Holy Spirit is even now prepared to release within you? What legacy will you leave to young people yet to come? What difference will you make?”

Three years on from Sydney, the next World Youth Day celebrations in Madrid, Spain are less than ten weeks away. Mercy Regional College will be represented by Elizabeth Smart (1IIB) who is travelling with a group from Victorian Mercy schools and Fr Matthew Thomas who is accompanying the Ballarat Diocesan group.

As I detailed at the start of the year, Elizabeth’s trip has two foci: World Youth Day in Madrid and the Mercy Young Leaders Conference in Dublin, Ireland.

The Young Leaders’ event is the first global gathering of young people aged 16 – 30 who are being educated in Mercy secondary and tertiary educational institutions; hopefully, it will provide a model for future gatherings of young Mercy women and men.

Elizabeth’s itinerary is as follows:

**Saturday 6th August**
Depart Melbourne

**Sunday 7th August**
Arrive in Dublin

**Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th August**
Young Mercy Leaders gathering, Baggot Street

**Saturday 13th August**
Fly from Dublin to Avila, Spain

**Sunday 14th August**
Pre-World Youth Day retreat in Avila, Spain
Monday 15th – Sunday 21st August
World Youth Day celebrations in Madrid

Monday 22nd – Tuesday 23rd August
Post World Youth Day retreat in Salamanca, Spain

Wednesday 24th August
Depart Spain

Thursday 25th August
Arrive in Melbourne

Closer to the World Youth Day celebrations, I hope to describe the various events that both Elizabeth and Father Matthew will be involved with while in Madrid.

Fundraising for St Joseph's School, Charlton

Last Wednesday, Mrs. Jo-Anne Saunders and I accompanied three students – Kane Veenstra (12A), Billy Buckingham (8A) and Haylee Davis (8B) – to Charlton where we presented a cheque for over $2,000 to Mr. Frank McGrath, Principal of St Joseph's School. I was shocked to see how many classrooms, school and parish buildings were still in the process of being cleaned up and repaired following the January floods; in particular, the degree to which the town and school was inundated was highlighted by stains that sat four feet high on school walls and internal furniture. The Mercy donation will be used to replace the school’s sandpit and some playground equipment.

Opening of new Woodwork facility

Next Wednesday 22nd June, we will be officially opening the new woodwork facility at the O’Keeffe Campus. All O’Keeffe students, members of College Leadership, the Chair of the College Board, Fr Matthew Thomas and College Captains will be present.

Try a Career Day

Last week, I was privileged to join Year 9 students and staff at the ‘Try a Career Day’ held by South West TAFE in Warrnambool. On arrival, students were presented with a South West TAFE showbag and then had the opportunity of participating in three 30 minute hands-on workshops. The choice of workshops included Child Care, Media, Hair and Beauty, Furniture Making, Building and Construction, Engineering, Automotive, Electrical, Agriculture, Nursing, Hospitality and Fashion Design. I particularly enjoyed the Child Care workshop and the ‘Play Dough’ that resulted or at least my five year old daughter did!

Congratulations to Mr. James Castles, Mrs. Kellie Wilson, Ms. Ella McPhee and Miss Stacey Hillman for their organization of the day.

College Technology Review

Over the last three months, the College has undertaken a review of its Information Technology and Network resources with a view to planning for the next 3 – 5 years. This review was conducted by consultant, Mr. Rod Bush and its results provide some challenges and opportunities for us in the short and medium term.

Two specific challenges are:
Reinforcing the fundamental principle that technology in all its forms must serve to support and improve the teaching and learning outcomes of students; and
Ensuring that students and staff continue to have access to the best available hardware (whether they be desk top computers, lap tops or iPad/tablets) post Government DER funding and providing the network and data capabilities necessary to support these. The College has put in place a committee to explore and, where necessary, implement the recommendations of the review. I will include periodic updates on the work of this committee over the next 6 – 12 months.

Semester Examinations

Over the next two weeks, students in Year 7 – 11 will complete semester examinations across a range of subjects. As primary educators of your children, I encourage all parents to support students in their preparation for these. They provide an important guide for students, parents and teachers as to academic progress in the first two terms of this year.

To assist with exam corrections and the preparation of Semester 1 reports, a reminder that next Friday 24th June is a student-free day. No classes will occur at McAuley or O’Keeffe Campuses.

Along the Track

Please find on page eight of the newsletter another reflection from Jim Quillinan of the Sale Catholic Education Office in Warragul, titled “The Eyes of Faith”.

Yours in Mercy,

Darren Egberts
PRINCIPAL
Director of Religious Education Report
Mrs. Jo-Anne Saunders

Mercy means supporting the disadvantaged.

SockS, Socks and more Socks!
Prior to our next Street Retreat for Year 11 students in Melbourne we are going to involve our Year 12 students in a sock drive. Br. Doug Walsh who directs our efforts with the St. Vinnie’s food van in Melbourne has requested some socks when we next return to share with those who are needy during the cold winter months. Year 12 students will be asked to donate pairs of new socks or money toward a bulk purchase of socks to take on the 4th & 5th August Street Retreat.

Christian Outreach a compassionate experience for our Year 10 students.
Students from 10A have been reaching out to the community as part of their Religious Education program during term 2. They have been sharing their time, in a compassionate way with members of our community at a number of aged care facilities, day centers and Primary schools.

This year students have been asked to present an online report of the positive Christian decision-making and acts of care they have witnessed and the effect it may have had on them. Here are some students helping out at Sunnyside house.

Charlton Fundraising report
By: Haylee Davis & Billy Buckingham (Junior School Captains)

Last Wednesday the 8th June we visited Charlton to deliver the Mercy Regional College donation of $2000. The principal Frank McGrath and Father Paul were very grateful for our contribution. The border of the sand pit we have fundraised for will definitely put a smile on the children’s faces after the tragedy of the floods.

Over the past few months, particularly during Lent, we have been busy raising money for St. Joseph’s Primary School, Charlton who faced devastating floods. Some great fundraisers from classes were baked scones, café la Bourchier, talent quest, guess the snakes, BBQ & hot dog lunch and a car wash. As a result we ended with a grand total of just over $2000 which exceeded our original pledge of $1500.

The sand for the new playground has been delivered and the recycled plastic wall around it will form a tremendous clean and fun play area for the children.

We were lucky enough to deliver the cheque to Charlton St. Joseph’s Primary School along with Mrs. Saunders, Dr. Egberts and Kane Veenstra (Kane helped with the tragedy of the floods back in February as a CFA member). We were greeted by Frank McGrath and Father Paul who showed us the devastation of the school. We were shocked at the level of the water damage on the walls of some of the rooms; it got to about 80cm high. This was up to and over our knees. The 46 children that attended had to be bused to Donald primary school until they had rooms to be taught in. We were amazed at how much strength the people of Charlton have after going through 16 years of drought and then 2 floods in the last 11 months.

The procedure is slow but the end result will be worth it. There is a photo on page two of this newsletter showing the presentation of the cheque to the Principal of St. Joseph’s.
TERM 2

20 June
* Year 9 / 10 / 11 Exams

21 June
* Year 7 & 8 Exams
* Year 9 / 10 / 11 Exams

22 June
* Hampden Cup Day 2
* Year 7 & 8 Exams
* Year 10 / 11 Exams

24 June
* Barwon South West Cross Country
* Correction Day - (no school for students)
* Enrolments for Year 7 (2012) - Final Day

27 June
* Unit 3/4 Outdoor Ed Camp - Grampians
* PTFA Meeting @ O'Keeffe Campus 7.30pm

28 June
* Unit 3/4 Outdoor Ed Camp – Grampians
* Board Meeting @ 7.30pm

01 July
* Term 2 concludes / Reports Mailed Home

Careers Report
Mr. James Castles

Focus On Open Days
Each year from June - September, tertiary institutions open their doors to the public to showcase the amazing and unique features they have to offer including courses, scholarships, student services, facilities, accommodation etc. Open days are a real buzz with lots of activities going on including live bands, BBQs, competitions, information sessions, art displays and drama performances.

Open Day Upsides! If you are in Years 10 - 12, it is a great opportunity to be able to attend Open Days as you will be able to gain a better understanding about the courses or career areas you are interested in; compare facilities and services between institutions which will help you during preference time; speak directly to a lecturer or current student in the faculty you wish to study with; find out about scholarships and also view on-campus accommodation if the institution has these facilities. Further, attending Open Days will prepare you for courses you may apply for that requires you to undertake an interview as part of the selection process.

Open Day Downsides: For students living away from institutions, it can be expensive to travel to and from the event and also pay for overnight accommodation.

Some solutions include: calling the institution to see if they will partially fund your travel and even lunch for the day.

The University of Melbourne provides cheap train tickets to students who travel from rural and regional areas and Swinburne University can provide a travel subsidy and free lunch passes. You may also consider carpooling with mates; checking out which other institutions are open on the same day and finding out if your school is taking a bus there. If you can't get subsidised travel or carpool with mates to school you could contact your local Rotary or Lion's Clubs and ask if you could apply for funding. It’s worth a try!

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NOTICE
Do you want to work with animals? Healesville Sanctuary presents a full-on day of activities for aspiring zookeepers where you get to spend a day working alongside our Zookeepers. Learn more about the busy lives of keepers, meet beautiful animals and visit the secret off-limits areas where keepers work. Find out how you can make a difference and help care for Australia's wildlife.

Dates:
School holidays, Year 7-8 5th July, Year 9-12 6th & 12th July.

Bookings: 9285 9406

Life in the Middle Years
Miss Sarah Hinkley

Students from Year 9 and 10 have been busy investigating, experiencing and getting creative in all of their classes this semester. The school calendar has been packed with a plethora of exciting learning opportunities for our students. It is wonderful to see the rigor and enthusiasm that students are applying to all areas of their school life.

This year has seen the introduction of the Year 9 Integrated program - I have watched students pile onto buses and head out to investigate local produce, use old wine casks to create the most amazing furniture, and learn about local tourism.

The following is a report from Ms Gibson, who teaches the wood based area of the integrated project: In our new integrated program for Year 9, we looked at how we could re-think, re-use and re-cycle in our community. Our aim was to design and produce a product using recycled materials. This would in turn add value to the otherwise discarded material.

Since our focus is on our surrounding community, we asked a local winery for two used French Oak wine barrels. The timber is beautiful, very strong and durable, but each slat is curved in an arc, tapered at the ends and all different widths. That’s when we put our thinking caps on; this was a challenging design project. Four groups came up with four uniquely different designs and got cracking in the workshop to produce these products. The project was such a resounding success that we’re going to do it again!

Also as a part of the Year 9s integrated project at the end of Term One, Mrs. Gellie, Mr. Nicholson and Mrs. Rees organized a field trip along the Great Ocean Road with the Year nines to study the local food and tourism industry. This is a report from Mrs. Gellie about the day: On a cold and wet day our first stop was Timboon’s Berry World. As it was too wet to get off the bus, Mr. Alan Kerr stepped aboard the bus overlooking the farm and gave students a very detailed account of the strawberry industry and how he operates his farm, as well as how strawberries are grown. He also spoke about some of his most successful seasons and also about the pests and conditions that can destroy his product.

Our next stop was the Port Campbell Tourism and Information Centre. Staff there spoke about the positive effects of tourism on the region and also about some of the wonderful programs that Corangamite Shire has set up for tourists to discover more about our scenic area.

Students were able to visit the numerous food outlets in Port Campbell for lunch and then once aboard the bus we went and viewed the Loch Ard Gorge. Our sight-seeing was then followed by the most anticipated part of the day which was our visit to every chocaholic’s dream - Gorge Chocolates! Students watched the new owner temper chocolate and then the former owner kindly came and chatted to us about how the chocolates are made, where he sources his chocolate from and all about the popular varieties made at Gorge Chocolates. Students were provided with taste tests which resulted in them purchasing so much chocolate that the shelves were left virtually bare by the time we left to board the bus!

With the exception of the terrible weather conditions, the field trip was a huge success and was a wonderful reinforcement of what students had spent the term studying in their respective integrated learning classes.

The Year 9 integrated project also included an Art component. Students started the term developing skills with layering techniques using colouring pencils and oil pastels based on the theme volcanoes. They have extended these skills by exploring the use of water colour pencils. Students will soon begin developing ideas in groups to create a claymation of an erupting volcano and the devastation it causes.

Apart from the Year 9 Integrated project there has been many other fantastic learning experiences the students have been involved in.

This year in the Year 9 Personal Development program students have been developing their knowledge of the affect that alcohol and drugs have on young people as well as the wider community. Students are provided with correct information regarding what can occur if alcohol and drugs are abused.
Students have been learning the nuances of persuasive writing and identifying persuasive techniques in preparation for NAPLAN in many of their English classes. They have also begun reading and analysing the fantastic book ‘Holes’ by Louis Sachar.

Year 10 Math classes are working on a Linear algebra project. This project involves analysing the travel claims of executives in a large firm. The task enables students to use the mathematical skills developed during their study of this topic, in a practical application.

In Year 10 Graphics students are underway in their designs of a portable food stall. This will eventually be made into a 3D model.

The Year 9 Drama students have been demonstrating some impressive Drama skills in class lately. They have been working on developing Improvisation Techniques. The students have learned to create their own performances with a clear structure that shows their audience who they are, where they are and what is happening in the scene. Their character development is detailed and their use of plot and story creates interesting and varied Drama. Other techniques the students are working on include using freeze frames to highlight important events and slapstick to enhance comedy. We have some talented and hard working actors in the class and the students have presented some very well rehearsed performance assessment tasks. We are now beginning work on creating our own Soap Operas. Keep up the fantastic work Year 9 Drama. The drama teachers are looking forward to enjoying the student’s next performances.

In Year 10 Literacy students are currently working on a unit of work around travel. They have explored their own and their peers’ travel experiences and are writing an article as a travel critic for a newspaper. The next unit will explore an Analysis of evening News Bulletins-focusing on variations between commercial channels and the ABC.

Students in Hospitality have had a range of catering experiences already this year. They have tested their skills making muffins for Mother’s Day at St Pats, catering for a 21st Birthday Party, and making delicious sweets for Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. Students are also heading out on a field trip to go behind the scenes at Ballina’s, a leading restaurant in Warrnambool.

Year 10 Food Technology has tasted its way across the globe this term. Students have cooked meals from Asian countries on the Pacific Rim and are now delving into countries from Europe. There has been a particular focus on how migration from these areas over the last 2 centuries has also affected Australian Cuisine. Students have shown fabulous skill when making curry paste and gnocchi from scratch.

Students in VCAL have begun their projects for their Personal Development class. With students starting a Skype Communication project with the Philippines supported by St Vincent de Paul. Students also have organised a furniture restoration project that involves students been involved in a series of workshops run over a period of 4 weeks with a well trained furniture restorer.

The following report about electronics is from Tom Cheslett: This semester in Year 9 Electronics, we started the year by learning about the basics of electrical circuits; Ohm's law and how capacitors and resistors work. The students also looked at different components in circuits. The first project we started was learning how to solder, in which we soldered a length of wire to the tops of some nails on wood to make designs. The next project we are going to do is an advanced project which will include having to mechanically build it as well as making all the circuits required.

As the finishing touches go onto the new Woodworking shed at Noorat, the Building & Construction team has once again been called into action. Proving themselves to be a formidable force when it comes time to ‘dig-a-hole’. We are creating a new concrete path which will connect the woodworking area to the main school. To all the parents whom sometime wonder, clear all doubt, the students are definitely earning their keep in this subject!

As term two comes to an end Year 9 and 10 students begin to prepare for the end of semester exams.
Exam timetables are located on, and can be downloaded from, the school website. I would expect all students will study hard over the next few weeks and congratulations on such a wonderful effort across all classes over the semester.

**Year 10 Guest Speaker - McLeod Wood**  
*Mrs. Sarah Gellie*

On Thursday 12th May, former Camperdown resident, Mr. McLeod Wood of the Australian Defence Force came and spoke to our Year 10 students. His presentation about his recent three month deployment to Afghanistan was outstanding.

McLeod had a slide show which displayed the landscape, the poppy fields, the Australian soldiers base camp, the equipment our soldiers have access to, as well as having a film clip of the discovery and blowing up of the enemy’s deadly explosive devices.

Although McLeod is only twenty four, he has the responsibility of being in charge of a line of army tanks and has thirty men that he is in charge of - which he says is the greatest privilege and best thing about his job. McLeod spoke about the constant problem solving tasks our soldiers are faced with on a daily basis while living in such a primitive country.

He also spoke about the resourcefulness of the Australian soldiers - somehow they had gotten hold of enough timber to build a deck for them to relax on as well as turning an old iron tank into a swimming pool.

McLeod left both students and teachers feeling a deep respect for the way in which this wonderful young man serves his country as well as providing us with the knowledge of what our soldiers experience in Afghanistan.

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**Jaala Perkins - Dress Up / Casual Day**

Jaala Perkins (Year 11) has been chosen to represent Victoria at Hockey in Malaysia. This will take place during the next school holidays. Jaala is fund raising to help her pay for her travel and accommodation.

On 10th June Year 11 students dressed up representing a country, and students in Years 9 & 10 came in casual clothes giving a gold coin donation.

Jaala helped judge the best dressed in Year 11, and presented prizes: Mereanna Vickers representing India, Amity Pope [India] and Kerry Geppert [Holland], and James Keough representing France.

Thank you to all the students and staff for their support and to everyone who dressed up.

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**ICE-CREAM CONTAINERS WANTED**

The Food Technology department would greatly appreciate any clean plastic ice-cream containers that you no longer want at home. Students can drop the containers into the Middle School office or give them to Mrs. Sarah Gellie.

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**NOTICE**

**Calling All Musicians!!**

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Team (DYMT) in partnership with ACU – Ballarat is hosting a Music Ministry Workshop.

With nationally renowned Catholic Christian Rock Band - *Emmanuel Worship* as facilitators for the day.

**WHEN:** SATURDAY 18th JUNE 2011

Workshop From: 11am until 5pm Mass will be then celebrated at 6.30pm at St James SEBASTOPOL.

**WHERE:** ACU - Ballarat Campus.

**COST:** $15.00 includes lunch and tea.

Limited places available so please call the DYMO on 0457 931 232 to reserve yours today.

You will need to bring your own instrument.😊

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**URGENT REMINDER TO PARENTS**

**PLEASE RETURN CHOCOLATE MONEY**

**COST FOR FULL BOX $48.00**

**TO BE RETURNED BY NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, 23rd JUNE**
Along the track

The Eyes of Faith

It is one of the paradoxes of our age that we seem much more acutely aware of environmental issues, yet in so many ways we seem to live more and more removed from the earth. We live in an electronic world, almost bordering on virtual reality. We have come to rely on its many and varied advantages, but not of the least of them being the communication revolution which brings with it enormous possibilities, but enormous paradoxes. It has become so easy to communicate, keeping in touch, have friends yet people seem less connected than ever before! We have even become used to talking to machines! This revolution brings with it pressures which come from the expectation of instant results, instant information, instant decisions.

But have we experienced a loss of simplicity? Do we look for the next bigger and brighter machine in our lives or in our entertainment – yet do we yearn for some sense of simplicity in our lives, for an appreciation of something of the mystique of life, of a sense of connection with the earth? Do we yearn for some sense of the sacred – not just of being alive, of being loved, of having a purpose, but rather an experience of the sacred which comes from rejoicing in the wonder and awe of nature, of the earth beneath our feet, of the oceans, the stars? We are faced with the question, what do we do to get in touch with the mystery and wonder of our lives, to re-enchant, or perhaps more accurately to ‘re-soul’ our lives?

The poet James McAuley wrote:

In the Incarnate Word, in whom all nature lives,
cast flame upon the earth; raise up contemplatives
among us, who walk within the fire
of ceaseless prayer, impetuous desire.
set pools of silence in this thirsty land...

Raise up contemplatives? Help us to reconnect with the presence of God in the ordinary – give us opportunities for pools of silence in our lives so that we may reconnect with our inner lives – that thirsty land that longs for an experience of the sacred, an experience of God.

This age seems to be marked by a loss of faith as we have known it. Is it linked with this loss of simplicity? This loss of basic connectedness to our earth? This “Incarnate Word in whom all nature lives”? What does that mean? Does it perhaps mean that we have lost the sense of the layers of life – that behind the obvious there are deeper meanings – that the events of our lives, that nature itself leads us to an encounter of God? Do our “virtual reality lives” lead us to the maxim: When I see it, I will believe it. Like the Apostle Thomas, do we have to see and feel before we can believe? Do we have to have proof? Are we missing deeper meanings, deeper reality?

McAuley again

Yet somehow between prayer and common sense,
hearts may be touched, and lives have influence.
And when the heart is disposed to see,
then reason can unlock faith’s treasury.

James McAuley

When the heart is disposed to see then reason can see deeper meanings, deeper levels. – In other words, rather than when I see it, I will believe it, the maxim should be, when I believe then I will see. Then hearts will be touched and our encounters with others will have added significance.

Isn’t it interesting that McAuley talks of the heart as the source of faith. The Catechism speaks of the heart in these terms:

The heart is the dwelling place where I am, where I live: the heart is the place to which I withdraw. The heart is our hidden centre; beyond the grasp of our reason and of others: only the Spirit can fathom the human heart and know it fully. The heart is the place of decision… it is the place of truth, where we choose life or death. It is the place of encounter… it is the place of covenant. CCC #2563

When the heart is disposed to see, that is when reason can touch the deeper dimensions of life, those things that often defy explanation, those experiences that cannot be ‘measured’. The heart is so much wiser than the mind, the heart has so much to do with ‘re-souling’ our world, in helping us to experience the sacred, to experience the intimacy of God in nature itself, in our life experience, in the people who inhabit our lives. Between prayer and common sense there are moments of awe and wonder, moments of healing or grace, of reconciliation and peace, there are moments and events where we may have felt the presence of something so much greater than ourselves, there may have been times when we have had an experience of the intimacy of God. It is in the heart, in our inner life, our hidden centre, the place where we withdraw that we are open to the presence of God. This hidden centre which is more than just our rational minds (beyond the grasp of our reason) is the place of such an encounter… it is the place and the means by which God ‘covenants’ with each of us.

Giving ourselves time to be ‘contemplatives’, giving ourselves pools of silence (no matter how short those times may be) to satisfy our yearning for an experience of the holy, our thirst for the sacred, to covenant with God, to explore those times of wonder and awe in our lives, to seek the layers of meaning in the good times and the bad – that is the way to unlock faith’s treasure – to ‘re-souling’ our lives.

Unlocking faith’s treasury means that rather than ‘if I see it, I will believe it’, if we believe then we will see it!

Regards
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The Eyes of Faith 7 June 2011
Camperdown Theatre Company
Proudly Presents
GODSPELL
Book by John Michael Tebelak, Music & Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Theatre Royal Camperdown
June 17, 18th, 24th, 25th at 8.00pm & June 18th at 2pm

Cast:
Cameron McAdam  Freya Leitch (Euberts)  Peter Gstrein  Jamie Rothman
Toby McKenzie  Laura Glennen  Monique Vagg  Sue Place  Pauline Van Dijk  Julie Canavan  Lucy Keough
Clare Dunn  Marlene Pearce  Jen Rowan  Julie Tune  Demi Holmes
Director: Rebecca Bradshaw  Music Director: Jane McSween  Production Manager: Lyn McLean

Tickets are available at  Laffs, 163 Manifold St 5593 1469  
Amateur production by special arrangement with Dominie Pty Ltd

Ticket Prices:  $20 Adults & $15 Students
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* Cubby Houses
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1st Cobden Scout Group Fundraiser

Melbourne Craft and Quilt Fair 2011
Sunday 31st July

You can get there with the 1st Cobden Scout Group Melbourne Bus Trip Fundraiser. Dropping off at the Exhibition Centre door for less than the cost of the train.

Or

Walk across the bridge to the Melbourne CBD and you decide where to have fun.

- Crown Casino - 5 minute walk
- Southbank Sunday Markets - 10 minute walk
- Melbourne Migration Museum - 5 minute walk
- Direct Factory Outlets - Spencer St - 5 minute walk
- (Over 120 Big Brand Shopping Names. Big Bargains. Big Savings.) Crown Cinema Complex and Kingpin Bowling - 5 minutes
- The Melbourne Aquarium - see the penguins - 5 minute walk
- The Free city circle tram runs every 12 minutes from just over the bridge.

Sunday 31st July
$28 for Coach only ($18 Deposit Non-Refundable by July 16th)

Cobden Scout Hall - 7.30am Pick up
Camperdown Clock Tower - 7.40am Pick up
Colac Memorial Square - 8.05am Pick up
4.00pm Melbourne Convention Centre (home by 6.30pm)
Phone Alison 5595 2282 or Jodie 0447 943064 to book your seat before July 16th

CIRCUSSKILLS
WITH TERRY CIRCUS
A hands on, feet on, skill acquisition fest
Be inducted into the once secretive world of circus and it’s free!
Sunday 26 June
Theatre Royal Camperdown
10am-12 noon for younger children (5-12 years)
1-3pm for older children (13+ years)

Learn to juggle balls, scarves and rings
Spin a plate on a stick, balance it
Fly the Chinese spinning top, the Diablo Balance on a feather or broomstick
Balance on a roller ball
Walk tall on hands and feet, free circus stilts
Control the Chinese devil sticks
Learn acrobatic balances and pyramids

Bookings essential. Phone 5593 7100.
Cordially invites
you
to our sixth
Annual Mercy Dinner
Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} July, 2011
to be held at the
Noorat Community Centre
Featuring
\textbf{Kristen Bourke}
(Past Mercy Student)
&
\textbf{Luke Bourchier} with band “Just a Drill”

The Dinner will commence at 7.00pm with Pre-dinner drinks and savouries
followed by a sumptuous two-course meal.

Cost $48.00 per head
Drinks are available at bar prices.

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Please return this section ONLY to the College office with payment thanks.

\textbf{Mercy Regional College 6\textsuperscript{th} Annual Mercy Dinner}

I wish to purchase \square tickets at $48.00 per person to attend the dinner \hspace{1cm} Total $ \rule{1cm}{0.4pt} \\
Please reserve me \square Table(s) of 10 @ $480.00 per table for the dinner \hspace{1cm} Total $ \rule{1cm}{0.4pt} \\
Name: \rule{10cm}{0.4pt}

\square Attached is a cheque (payable to Mercy Regional College) for $ \rule{10cm}{0.4pt}

\square Credit Card Payment  \hspace{0.5cm} \square Visa Card  \hspace{0.5cm} \square Master Card \hspace{0.5cm} [please tick which card is applicable]

Credit Card Details: \rule{5cm}{0.4pt}

Expiry Date: \square \square / \square \square \hspace{1cm} Signature \rule{10cm}{0.4pt}

Please return this booking form and payment to the College Office by Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} July, 2011

\textit{For further enquiries please contact Sue Bohm on 5593 2011 or sue@mercy.vic.edu.au}
ABOUT THE MELBOURNE MARATHON

The Melbourne Marathon provides runners with the opportunity to participate in the Bank of Melbourne Marathon 42.195 km, The Flight Centre Half Marathon 21.1 km, The Coffee Club 10km, The ASICS 5km that originated in Melbourne 33 years ago. The race is usually held on the second Sunday in October of each year. The event this year (2011) will be held on Sunday 9th October. We will be leaving on Saturday 8th October and will be back on Sunday 9th October.

The Melbourne Marathon has developed into a prestigious event with many professional athletes from all over the world entering the race. This year Mercy Regional College will be taking a group of “super-fit” Mercy students to compete in either The Flight Centre Half Marathon 21.1 km ($85.00), The Coffee Club 10km ($30.00), The ASICS 5km ($25.00).

This document outlines the details of the Melbourne Marathon co-curricular activity for this year. Please read the information carefully and discuss the implications of the activity with your child. Students need to be very committed to improving their fitness and should be aware that strenuous exercise is part of the training program that is designed to prepare them best for long distance running events.

TRAINING

There will be a training time that students are asked to attend. **Students must attend at least 80% of these sessions.** Attendance at training is strictly monitored. **Students must inform the staff in charge if they are unable to attend.** If students fail to adhere to this expectation, they will run the risk of not being allowed to participate in this activity. Only committed students will be permitted to go to Melbourne.

Training Session 1:

- **When?** Wednesday mornings at 7:20am
- **Where?** Mercy Regional College
  - Majority of sessions will be at McAuley Campus
  - Occasional session at O’Keeffe Campus

**Note:** Breakfast will be offered to students after each session.

Training involves your child running as a group around the streets of Camperdown and Noorat. Students are always fully supervised on the safest routes. On occasions training may involve using some of the sports tracks around Camperdown, where cross training and fitness tests can be conducted.

Training starts small and gradually builds up to longer distances over the weeks. Students that have little running experience, but are keen to begin the fitness journey, can be comforted that each session caters for the different levels of fitness of each student. At the other end of the scale, the more experienced athletes can expect to be challenged.
RETURN OF PERMISSION FORMS
Students should return the attached “Training Permission Form” to the office after it has been signed by parents. Training will begin in Week 2 of Term 3 on Wednesday Morning 27th July at 7:20am.

If students have not returned their Training Permission Form, under no circumstance will they be allowed to participate in any training sessions. The return of the Training Permission Form officially registers the student as a member of this activity.

MEMBERSHIP FEE
Towards the end of Term 2 students will be asked to commit to the Melbourne Trip. Bookings in the Melbourne Marathon needs to be made very early because of the popularity of the event. When students indicate that they have full intention to go to Melbourne a $20 membership fee will be charged to the student’s account. This fee will be used as a “holding deposit” for our accommodation in Melbourne. This fee ensures the student a place on the trip to Melbourne.

*This $20 is not an additional cost and will contribute towards the total cost of the trip.*

Please be aware that if students choose not to pay the $20 membership fee at the end of Term 2, they run the risk of missing out on going to Melbourne if they later change their mind.

OTHER EXPENSES
Students should not consider doing this activity until you, the parent is completely aware of the costs involved. All students are asked to register online before the end of Term 2 to confirm. Please visit [www.melbournemarathon.com.au](http://www.melbournemarathon.com.au) to complete the registration process.

REGISTRATIONS
Registrations on [www.melbournemarathon.com.au](http://www.melbournemarathon.com.au) top tool bar. Click on your event Half, 10km, 5km, follow links. Fill in personal details form including team MERCY BEARS.

BREAKFAST
Breakfast will be supplied to all students. The food will include toast, cereal, and fruit. All food will be provided by local business. The cost will be a gold coin donation. Breakfast will be organised by our “Breakfast Club” which will be coordinated by Sarah Hinkley. If your child has any special dietary requirements please indicate on the permission form.

FUNDRAISING
The Running Club will decide Week 4 of Term 3 as to what charity that the club will be running for.

Regards,

Mr James Castles  
Running Club Coordinator

Miss Sarah Hinkley  
Breakfast Club Coordinator
MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE
PERMISSION FOR CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY,

MELBOURNE MARATHON

TRAINING PERMISSION FORM

APPROVAL AND PERMISSION BY A PARENT
(Permission form for your son/daughter to participate in the co-curricular activity, Melbourne Marathon)

This form, upon its return, provides permission for your child to participate in the Melbourne Marathon Co-curriculum training sessions until the end of Term Four 2011.

I, ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….. (full names of parent)

have received notice of the Melbourne Marathon co-curriculum activity for 2011 and give permission for my son/daughter

(full name)…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

of Year …….. to participate in this activity. I understand all that is involved and that all due care will be taken to ensure the safety of my son/daughter.

I acknowledge notification of the time the training sessions begin. I also acknowledge that there may be times when my son/daughter will be required to train at different venues that are nearby the school grounds.

➢ Please indicate your permission by ticking the appropriate box in the following statements:

☐ • My son/daughter will train on Wednesday Mornings at 7.20am as his/her main training session

☐ • My son/daughter has full intention to attend the Melbourne Marathon Event in Melbourne this year.

☐ • My son/daughter is unsure if he/she will attend the Melbourne Marathon this year. However he/she will commit to training and make a decision at a later date (a $20 deposit is still required, although this is refundable)

➢ Please indicate which event your son/daughter will be participating in or. If your son/daughter is unsure if he/she will commit to the Melbourne Marathon (Oct 9th) still indicate an event This is to be done by circling the appropriate event:

HALF 10KM 5KM

➢ Please indicate any special dietary requirement

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Parent’s / Guardian’s Signature ……………………………………… Date …………..