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.

The poem is an apt way to begin this newsletter with the first group of Mercy Regional College students and staff about to depart for France, Belgium and England on the Western Front tour.

On behalf of all those about to leave, I would like to thank Mr. Lachie Lee for his inspiration and dedication in planning and leading the tour.

We wish all travellers well.

iPads@MRC
With this newsletter on pages 3 & 4, you will find a special article that introduces a new technology initiative at Mercy Regional College. The decision has been taken to introduce iPads to all Year 7 – 10 students over the course of the next two years. I encourage all in our College community to read the article carefully.

New Director of the Catholic Education Office Ballarat
The College received notification last week from Bishop Peter that has appointed Ms Audrey Brown as the new Director of the Catholic Education Office Ballarat.

Her appointment is effective from the beginning of the 2012 school year. Ms. Brown has had extensive background in secondary education in the diocese of Sandhurst as a teacher, principal and education consultant.

I extend my congratulations to her on behalf of the College community and look forward to welcoming her to Mercy.
**Staff Faith Development Day**
Last Monday, all staff gathered for a faith development day that focused on the topic, “Catholic Understanding: The Human Person”. Facilitated by noted theologian and Sister of Mercy, Dr Frances Baker, the day challenged all staff to reflect a range of issues including:

- What aspects make a Catholic school Catholic?
- How well Mercy celebrates and lives these aspects.
- The importance of the dignity of the human person to the Catholic Christian tradition and, therefore, to Catholic schools.
- How this understanding has influenced Church teaching on sexuality and sexual morality.
- What challenges these teachings offer to a range of subjects and year levels here at the College?

**NAPLAN Results**
As is mentioned later in this newsletter, the annual Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN data is being released to schools next week and should be available to send home with your son and/or daughters progress report. I encourage you to look carefully at the data and, where appropriate, discuss the reports with your children.

**ADFA Scholarship**
- At the recent Feast of Mary MacKillop whole school Mass, Samantha Alexander was presented with an ADFA scholarship by Captain Scott Penfold. Samantha will study at the Australian Defence Force Academy next year. Congratulations Samantha.

**Excellence in Sport**
Congratulations to a number of our students who have achieved notable results in the past few days in local football and netball:

- To Nicholas Bourke (11A) who received the CDFL medal as part of the winning Kolora-Noorat Power football team in last weekend’s final of the Warrnambool and District Football League.
- To College Captain, Charlie Bradshaw (12C) who was a runaway winner of the Hampden Football League’s Judd medal for the Best and Fairest player in the Under 18’s competition.
- To Ruby Bradshaw (9B) who completed a big night for the Bradshaw family by being placed second in the Best and Fairest award for Hampden Netball League’s Under 15 competition.

**Student Activities**
As always, the College is alive with a variety of student co-curricular activities:

- A small number of senior students accompanied by Mr. Lachie Lee participated in the annual Victorian Mercy schools Frayne Speech Festival at Our Lady of Mercy College, Heidelberg. Special congratulations to Connor Saunders who reached the final of the Year 12 Public Speaking section.
- A group of Year 7 and 8 students have joined a statewide debating competition run regionally at Sacred Heart College, Geelong. They compete every couple of weeks until the end of the year.
- Congratulations to those students and staff who participated in the recent state netball competitions in Melbourne.
- Congratulations to Daniel Kenna (7C) who has won a fantastic package of admission, tours and merchandise as part of the Presidents Cup 2011 golf competition which will be held at Royal Melbourne Golf Club in November. Daniel’s prize came as a result of his winning entry into the Presidents Cup Essay Competition.
- Finally, many of our middle school students spent last Thursday listening to a most important presentation sponsored by VLine on mental health and depression. The students were an absolute credit to the College attracting overwhelming praise from the presenters.
- The Year 11 Building and Construction class visited AKD Softwoods as well as a local window manufacturer last Tuesday; at both sites, the students were given guided tours of the factories and insights into the career opportunities offered in the building industries. The students were a credit to the College in their presentation and behaviour.
- The MRC Running Club is going from strength to strength with 60+ students, staff and parents participating every Wednesday morning. Their achievements were recently highlighted in the Camperdown Chronicle with photos of the runners making their way up Mount Leura. Only 30 days to go!

**End of Term arrangements**
A reminder that term three concludes on Friday 23rd September at 2.10 pm.

Yours in Mercy,

Darren Egberts
PRINCIPAL
Introduction
As Mercy Regional College moves into its fifth decade as a leading co-educational Catholic secondary school in Western Victoria, the opportunity is there for its teaching and learning programs to embrace a transformed educational environment - a school where advances in personal technology significantly change the classroom learning environment.

For a technology to be truly transformational, it should assist teachers to develop lessons and use resources that allow all students to take responsibility for their own learning.

Students who are more independent and responsible for their own learning will be prepared for the world of the 21st Century, a world that promises immediate and global access to information, even greater infiltration of technology into people's lives, and workplaces that prioritise adaptability and problem solving.

The development and release of Apple’s iPad in 2010 offers a response to these challenges that has not been available previously; it is a new device, one that offers a powerful, flexible and personalized technology able to transform learning and the relationship between a student, their teacher and the learning environment.

iPads@MRC
In 2012, Mercy Regional College will begin the introduction of iPads to all Year 7 – 10 students.

This introduction will take two years according to the following timetable:
- 2012 iPads introduced at Year 7 & 9. Students will retain these devices for at least two years.
- 2013 Introduction of iPads to 2013 Year 7 & 9 students. These devices will be retained by students for at least two years.
- 2014 Cycle continues.

The Funding Model
Mercy Regional College has taken the decision to move to a model by which parents are asked to take a greater share of funding the growing technology needs of the school. Over recent years, this cost has been offset by Federal Government DER (Digital Education Revolution) funds but this funding is not sustainable in the medium term and we firmly believe that your children’s educational outcomes are best served by embracing the exciting learning opportunities offered by iPads and their platforms.

As a result, Year 7 parents will now be required to pay for the cost of an iPad, protective cover and iTunes card. This cost will be approximately $600 over two years. A $100 deposit will be required by Friday 4th November to enable the devices to be ordered. In 2012, $175.00 will be added to the school fee account and a further $275.00 added to the 2013 school fee account. There will be no Technology Fee charged for the 2012 Year 7 students - a saving of $60 from this year. Arrangements for the purchase of iTunes cards are yet to be finalised.

The iPads will be purchased as a school group order and will be distributed to all 2012 Year 7 students in Week 3 of Term 1.

On advice from other schools that have trialed an iPad program, the College will be asking families to self-insure the device. This may be possible through existing home and contents insurance, dependent upon individual insurers and policies. We are currently investigating other options, should this not be appropriate.

A similar funding model will be in place for 2013 Year 7 & 9 students.
We expect the move to iPads over the next three years to be gradually offset by much lower booklist costs. However, these savings will not be immediate as most publishers are lagging behind the technology and its introduction. We do expect to be able to immediately replace reference items such as the dictionary, atlas, thesaurus, and some simple calculators with cheaper or free iPad apps.

Concessions
As a Catholic school, two of the fundamental principles on which it is based are justice and equity. The College recognises that for some families funding an iPad purchase for each child at Mercy may be financially difficult. I strongly encourage any parents or families with this concern to contact the College’s Business Manager, Mrs. Lynn Wadley on 5593 2011 or at lwadley@mercy.vic.edu.au

Year 9 2012
Due to increases in student enrolments over the last three years, the College has received some extra Federal Government DER funding. As this funding is required to be used in the McAuley Campus, we have decided to purchase iPads for all 2012 Year 9 students. Year 9 parents will not be billed the cost of these devices but will be asked to pay an increased technology levy of $150 (an increase of $90 on 2011) and for an iTunes card (approximately $50) for the next two years.

Staff Professional Development and Infrastructure
Mercy Regional College will be investing significantly over the next two years to support this major change in teaching and learning:

- All staff will have access to an iPad over the next six months to develop their knowledge and skills with the device and to contribute to the new iPad learning programs at Year 7 & 9 in 2012.
- In 2012, staff will either continue to have access to a College iPad or many are choosing to purchase their own.
- A number of professional development sessions will be held in the lead up to next year’s introduction with specific focus given to opportunities at Year 7 & 9.
- A new leadership role has been advertised for 2012 - Head of eLearning. This position will be responsible for the iPads@MRC program together with the Deputy Principal - Learning and Teaching.
- The College is upgrading its capacity in the areas of wireless network coverage, data capacity between campuses and firewall protection to ensure that the introduction of iPads is a success next year.
- Current Year 7 classes will have the opportunity of trialing the new devices in term four when the College plans to roll out one or two class sets of iPads to test all guidelines and procedures for 2012.

Other considerations
- The College will be running an Information Night for all interested Year 7 & 9 students and parents early in term 4 to introduce the program and to explain the various parts of the program. There will be Apple education officers onsite on the evening to assist with this.
- Given the increasing emphasis on technology in all aspects of education, the College will review and re-launch a more rigorous Acceptable Users Policy to underlie the use of iPads at school and at home. Both parents and students will be required to sign this policy.
- The College has not made a decision on whether students other than those in 2012 Year 7 & 9 will be permitted to use iPads at school if parents wish to purchase them.
- We have informed our parish primary schools of our plans for the coming years as they frame their own technology plans for the future.

If you have particular questions about the new program or its implications for your child’s learning please contact Mrs. Lisa Pope or myself at the College on 5593 2011.

Yours in Mercy,

DR DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL
Deputy Principal Teaching & Learning  
Mrs. Lisa Pope

NAPLAN  
Year seven and nine student NAPLAN data will be delivered to the school next week. This data contains an individual student report, which will be sent home to parents with their child's progress report. If you have any concerns related to the information in the report, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Pope, Leanne Carpenter (Year 7), or Sarah Hinkley (Year 9) to discuss these concerns. The report provided to students is a National report, and is useful tool to inform teachers and parents strengths and weaknesses in your child's learning program.

Parent Teacher Interviews  
A reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews will occur on Monday the 10th October. The interviews will occur in the stadium at the McAuley Campus. Bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews need to be made online using the PTO Link on our website. New logins will be issued to parents, and this information will be sent home with the mid semester reports.

VCE  
It is a timely reminder for our VCE students that there is only 8 weeks until exams begin. Over the holidays it is important to ensure you are using this time productively to position yourselves well for the rigor of the exam process. Many of our staff are offering extra classes outside school hours to support your child's learning, and it is important that students take up these opportunities when available. We thank staff who are prepared to give their time to the students, and we hope that all this hard work helps our students to achieve to their potential.

Subject Selections  
We thank our students who have been very productive in ensuring they have made their subject selections for next year. At this stage all Year 9 & 10 students have had their electives confirmed, and the VCE students are in their final stage of class allocations according to the blocks. Students who have any concerns regarding their selections need to talk to Sarah Hinkley, Lachie Lee or Lisa Pope to see if other options are available.

Head of Teaching and Learning (Junior Campus)  
Mrs. Leanne Carpenter

Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians  
Do you enjoy solving a maths puzzle?

Whilst many would say no, there are some among us who jump at the opportunity to solve a challenging maths problem. Here at Mercy there was a group of 36 students from year 7 to 10 who did jump at the opportunity to participate in the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians.

The aims of the Mathematics Challenge include:

- Encouraging a greater interest in, and awareness of, the power of Mathematics;
- Fostering a desire to succeed in solving Mathematics Problems individually and in groups and
- Exploring the role of Problem Solving in Mathematics.

Early in term two the students were given three weeks to solve six mathematical problems and submit written solutions. They were supported throughout the challenge by their Mathematics Teacher and given some class time to work on the Challenge, however the bulk of the work was completed in their own time. The problems were as the name suggests challenging and required time and persistence, but were based on mathematics which was familiar for students at each year level.

Our students performed extremely well with Anna Baker-Campbell and Jack Williams receiving High Distinctions. Brodie Hill and Caitlin Smart received Distinctions. Whilst Kirsty Almond, Caitlin Williams and Belinda Greig received credits. Well done to all participants. The key is to never give up.

Port Fairy Writers Competition  
Leesa Henriksen

Congratulations to Caitlin Hall and Thomas Leadbetter (8C) on receiving a prize for a placing in the Port Fairy Writers Competition run through The Standard.

Students were asked to write a short piece on the theme 'Past to Present'. Caitlin and Thomas will be presented with their awards on Friday night in Port Fairy as part of the Writers Festival launch.

Student Recognition  
Sarah Gellie

Aaron Carlin of 10B for his willingness to contribute positively to all aspects of College life.

Emmelie Nijskens of 10B for the outstanding quality of her work in Hospitality and a number of other subjects.
On Monday the 22nd September, nine Mercy Regional College Year 8 students went on a five day exchange to Thomas Carr College.

In the morning we left the O’Keeffe campus and started our trip to Thomas Carr College. Once we arrived at the college we were greeted by Dr. Watson and our hosts. We were then given lunch and a tour of the incredibly huge school. After lunch we split up into their normal classes, some of us went to Science and the others went to RE. After school we went to our host families houses and met them.

The next morning everyone went to school as they normally would; some people came by bus and some got dropped off by their parents. That morning we went to the city to the Victoria Markets and we walked down Elizabeth Street to the Eureka Sky deck. On the Eureka Sky deck some of us went out on The Edge.

After a big day out in the city we went back to school where some of us took a public bus while others were taken by parents to the Plaza which was organized outside of school. After the plaza we went back to our host’s house and got ready for the long trip back the next day.

The day after, we went to the College and met up with the other exchange students as we made our way back to O’Keeffe campus. Shortly after getting back all of the exchange students and the other Year 8s had a BBQ lunch together, then after that we went on a tour of the local area to Mt. Noorat, Mt. Leura, as well as viewing the lakes and craters via the Camperdown Botanical Gardens.

After the tour we went back to school and had a little time to spare so we played some basketball. After the bell went for the end of the day we all went home as normal, this is when we got the chance to show them what living in the country was like.

The following day when we got to school we headed to Hopkins Falls. We took a lot of photos in front of the falls, after that we went onto Warrnambool to see the whales, and believe it or not we saw a whale.

Soon after, we ventured off to the Warrnambool Cheese and Butter Factory, where we had one of their famous milkshakes. After the delicious milkshakes we got hungry so we went to Port Campbell for fish and chips. We arrived back at Mercy just before the bell.

The next day we had an assembly before we said our goodbyes to our new friends, knowing we will see them later in the year. The highlight of the Exchange would be the experience of the different lifestyles of our host families.
**Library News**  
Mrs. Maureen O’Loughlan – Library Manager

**Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge Excursion**

On Tuesday 30th August, 20 enthusiastic participants of the Challenge enjoyed a day out in Geelong. This was a reward for the enthusiastic involvement and commitment each student showed and was also an opportunity to extend their appreciation of literature.

After arriving at the Belmont Library, Brendan, who works as an Education Officer, ran a “Zines” session which was a creative hands-on activity. After looking around the busy library, we then moved on to the Geelong West Library, where we were fortunate to spend time with the Branch Manager. Anthony is also a graphic artist and gave us an interesting insight into graphic novels. Students were able to look around and try out some of the library resources – including the Wii! All students were a pleasure to spend the day with and a great day was had by all.

Thanks must be extended to Danny Gordon for driving the bus - and knowing exactly where to go - and Mrs. Leesa Henriksen for assisting with the planning of the day and her willingness to help out with all aspects of the Challenge. Here are some photos from the day.

**V/Line Wellbeing Workshop**  
Report by: Aaron Carlin

On Tuesday 30th August, the Year Ten students walked over to St. Patrick's Church to sit down and listen to three guest speakers including Nathan Thompson an ex AFL star. They talked to us about our lives and the impact binge drinking can have on our health. V/line ambassador Nathan Thompson was an exceptional speaker and ran the workshop really well. The first speaker was from Odyssey House which is a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility. He talked to us about life choices and the decisions we make each day which could have an impact on us for the rest of our lives. He showed us a slideshow containing graphs, images, videos and real stories relating to binge drinking and consuming illicit substances. At the end of his session he invited Libby Steel and Sydney Gloyne up the front to conduct an experiment regarding how much alcohol you think a standard drink contains.

The second speaker was from a high profile player management company which manages famous athletes and sporting stars. He talked to us more about getting out of our comfort zones and trying new things, and while we were listening to him he invited anyone who wanted to, to get up and sing a song. Paige Gibson and Toby McKenzie bravely went up and impressed the audience with their vocal talents. After doing so Paige received a netball signed by the Vixens, and Toby received a Sherrin football.

The day was very informative and influential role models provided us with helpful strategies to improve the quality of our everyday lives.
**Coming Events**

12 September
* Street Retreat – for some Yr 11 Students

13 September
* Street Retreat – for some Yr 11 Students
* Literacy Workshop - Yr 8s
* School Improvement Framework (13th – 15th Sept.)

16 September
* France / England Tour Departs
* Warrnambool Interschool Equestrian Championships

20 September
* Board Meeting @ 7:30PM

22 September
* PARTY Program - Alfred Hospital

23 September
* Term 3 concludes @ 2.10pm

29 September
* France / England Tour Concludes

10 October
Staff PD - no school for students
* Yr 12 Trial Exams - English, Literature & Mathematics

11 October
Term 4 commences for students
Parent/Teacher interviews 2:00PM – 8.30PM

12 October
* Year 9 Camp

13 October
* Year 9 Camp
* Junior Debating in Geelong (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)

14 October
* Year 9 Camp

17 October
* Western Zone Shoot at Minyip

18 October
* Board Meeting @ 7.30pm

19 October
* School Sports Victoria Junior Tennis
* Unit 2 Biology Excursion

20 October
* Yr 7 Immunisations @ O'Keeffe (10:00 - 11:00AM)

21 October
* Student Excursion to Halls Gap Zoo - Try a Career Day

24 October
* PTFA Meeting @ McAuley Campus @ 7.30pm

25 October
* SSW Athletics

27 October
* Mercy's Got Talent
* Year 12 Final Assembly
* Milo Cricket - Yrs 9 & 10
* Junior Debating in Geelong (7:00 PM-9:00 PM)

28 October
* Junior School Oratory Competition

31 October
* School Board Holiday – no school for students

1 November
* Melbourne Cup Day Holiday – no school for students

3 – 23 November
* VCE Exams commence for the next three weeks

9 November
* Unit 1/2 Outdoor Ed Camp – Wilsons Prom

10 November
* Unit 1/2 Outdoor Ed Camp – Wilsons Prom

11 November
* Unit 1/2 Outdoor Ed Camp – Wilsons Prom

21 November
* PTFA Meeting @ O'Keeffe Campus @ 7.30pm

25 November
* Year 12 Graduation Mass and Dinner

**NOTICES**

**Miniature English Box for Sale**
3 for $2.00 from the Yr 9 Ag/Hort class (well-rooted.....perfect time to plant before summer). For further info please contact Jenni Lenehan at O'Keeffe Campus on 5592 5353.

**Camperdown Swimming Pool Committee**
Council are looking for people to join the pool committee. They meet on average twice a year. The AGM will be held on Thurs. 15th Sept 5.30pm at the Loaf & Lounge. More info call Brooke Love 5593 7100.

**Up-coming Movie**
Camperdown Theatre is screening the movie “Larry Crowne” @ 6.00pm Friday 16th Sept. $15 includes supper (yellow ticket). There will also be nibbles to purchase prior to movie.
Rage

Not too long ago, as I got off a crowded bus at the Tullamarine airport car park, a gentleman about my own age started berating me for being ‘an impatient man’. He may well have been right so I apologised for whatever had caused his distress and matters got worse – he shaped up and wanted to hit me. Any further attempts at an apology only made his rage and aggression increase. It was an unnerving experience.

Rage is an acquired skill – it is not something that comes naturally, it is not part of our make-up from the beginning. We have to work at it. It is not the same as anger – there is such a thing as ‘righteous anger’. Feelings of outrage and helplessness are understandable when confronted by situations or people with disregard for the rights and safety of others. But not rage; we work at it and it is not limited to the road.

The seeds of it lie within – some of us lack patience, tolerance of others, or perhaps we suffer from a desire to always be right, to always be the centre, the conviction that ‘my way is the right way’. We can have an over inflated sense of our own importance and anything that calls into question can provoke a very fiery response. It may even be its genesis in bullying – being a bully which sometimes results from being bullied ourselves. Such bullying appears to be increasing in our workplaces. On the other hand, we may want to lash out because we feel very insecure ourselves. Sadly, however, our culture seems to be more ready to condone the expression of hostility whenever we feel wronged.

Rage and even the violence that comes with it, whether verbal or physical, seems to have become an acceptable ingredient in our entertainment – the rude and arrogant chefs or the commentators or the talk-back radio kings who brook no other opinion but their own. It often begins by bad, unacceptable language which seems to have become regarded as part of reality TV. In reporting sports, violent incidents on and off the field are often the ones featured on TV or in the newspapers.

The fact that rage is an acquired skill is a bit of a shock. It is not just a knee-jerk reaction. Why is it that when we find ourselves in similar situations only a few react with rage? Sometimes it is because we haven’t learned the emotional skills or we are too stressed by the pressures of daily life to handle even routine emergency situations. At other times there is a sense of violation of my sense of personal freedom which instantly arouses negative emotions that escalate in sequence from frustration to hostility and even to hatred.

Avoiding rage or learning how to handle it begins in the same way – learning the skill of being self reflective. It takes courage to take an honest look at yourself. Why did I act in that way? What was I hoping to achieve? How do I think the other person or people felt? It doesn’t matter what the situation is, I am responsible for my actions in the end, for how I feel and react. At the end of the day, no matter what I have been through, I will have to live with the effects of my actions, or reactions.

Learning the skill of being self reflective should not be limited to times when we may have lost control. Reflecting on our daily experiences, on our own ambitions, on what motivates us is an essential ingredient for a really successful life. When we get so carried away with our own emotions, we miss out on opportunities for growth. Do I look out for myself only? Do I consider the other person as well? Do I always insist on my own rights? Do I only seek my own interests?

In the words of Pope Benedict: “For now, while we are in this world, love is the badge of the Christian... it is what he believes and that which he does.”

Essentially, love is wanting what is best for the other person. It is not the same as liking the other – some people can be very irritating, aggressive, and frankly dislikeable. But that is not an excuse to dispense us from trying to love them – to wish the best for them, to do our best for them.

St Paul wrote to the Corinthians about the nature of love and that in turn offers us a very appropriate list for our reflections:

1. Love is always ready to make allowances
2. Love is always ready to trust
3. Love is always ready to hope
4. Love is always ready to endure whatever comes
5. Love is never jealous
6. Love is never boastful
7. Love is not proud
8. Love is not rude
9. Love is not selfish
10. Love is not easily provoked
11. Love does not keep records of wrongs
12. Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing but finds its joy in the truth.

Why is this checklist so appropriate? The writer Paul Coelho sums it up well: “Because when we love, we always strive to become better than we are.” Whether we are avoiding rage, selfishness, anger, jealousy, self importance or whether we are learning to love requires daily practice, daily commitment so that “In the end, when we find ourselves face to face with God, all of the other gifts will disappear; the only one that will remain eternally will be love....” Pope Benedict.

Rage

30 August 2011

Regard,

Jim Quilliman

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School Fee Accounts
Reminder to parents

Parents are reminded that the due date for payment of the 2011 school fee accounts is -

23rd September, 2011

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

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Work Experience Report

Nicole Marquand spent her five days of Work Experience with the ADF Reserve Base in Sunshine in the Infantry.

On one of the days she visited the Watsonia Army Signals Base where she learnt to use the simulated guns, the last day she spent at Puckapunyal. Overall she really enjoyed her experience. If anyone is interested in a career with the ADF, they might like to have a chat with Nicole about her experience or talk with Mr. James Castles Careers Officer.

Nicole is in the bottom row fourth from the left of the photo.

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Mercy Running Club

The Mercy Running Club members will participate in the “Bank of Melbourne Marathon” which takes place in Melbourne on Sunday 9th October.

We would like to thank the sponsors listed below, for their kind and generous donations to our Running Club.

- Amora Hotels & Resorts
- Terang Hotel
- GreenCom Pty Ltd
- Terang Community Op Shop
- Bendigo Community Bank
- Loaf & Lounge Café
- Safeway Supermarket
- Aussie Farmers Direct

If anyone is interested in sponsoring any of our students for this event please contact Mr. James Castles at the College by ringing 5593 2011.
September 2011

Open Day 2011
Open Day was a huge success with almost 11,000 people attending at our three Ballarat Campuses. There was a wealth of information on our programs, facilities and services available on the day.

The World Skills competitions that were running all day at our SNI campus added further atmosphere and gave prospective students a further insight into their future careers.

We would like to thank all careers advisors who encouraged students to attend on the day and we trust that all their questions were answered.

Open Day – Photo Booth Photos
If students had a photo taken in our photo booth at the Mt. Helen campus on Open Day the photos will be available on our Facebook page shortly. Check out www.facebook.com/UniversityofBallarat to see your photo!

Post Open Day Campus Tours
If you were not able to attend our Open Day we have allocated four times during the holidays on 29th September and 4th October! Please register your interest by visiting www.ballarat.edu.au/openday and click on the link to ‘September Campus Tours.’

UB Tops For Teaching Quality For the Third Time!
The University of Ballarat has recorded its third consecutive five-star rating for teaching quality in the 2012 Good Universities Guide.
The rating places UB as the only Victorian university to have scored three consecutive maximum ratings for teaching quality.

“These fantastic results give due recognition to the high quality of our teaching staff at the University of Ballarat,” Professor David Battersby, Vice-Chancellor, said.

“As we enter a new era at UB with our seven new Schools and major building program, it is very pleasing that we are consistently achieving outstanding results in these important areas.”

The University of Ballarat also recorded strong results in:
- Overall graduate satisfaction - four stars
- Access by equity groups - four stars
- Proportion of entrants who are school leavers - four stars
- Getting a full-time job - four stars

Information Evening – Bachelor of Nursing - Horsham
If you have students interested in studying a Bachelor of Nursing in Horsham the University is running an information evening at our Horsham Campus.

Details:
Date – Thursday 15th September
Time – 5.30pm
Venue – University of Ballarat – Horsham Campus
Auditorium C005 (Main Building)

For further information please contact –
Janet Lancaster
Email – jlancaster@ballarat.edu.au
Phone – 5362 2688

REEP
Regional Education Entry Program
An alternative entry program to UB for regional VCE students.

About REEP
We are dedicated to increasing the participation rates in higher education of students from rural and regional areas.

UB recognises that VCE results (or equivalent) do not always predict success at tertiary level and REEP is designed to enable secondary students to apply for alternative entry into one of UB’s higher education programs. When students apply through the REEP process they are assessed on their overall academic potential and demonstrated motivation to succeed rather than just their ATAR.

REEP packs have been sent to schools – please let us know if you need additional brochures.

Applications open on Sunday 28 August 2011 and close 5pm on Tuesday 18 October 2011.

Provisional offers to successful candidates will be made in late November 2011.

Further information can be obtained by visiting www.ballarat.edu.au/reep
NEW PROGRAM:
Bachelor of Food and Nutritional Sciences

Provides students with a grounding in both nutrition and food science. The program consists of six academic semesters of four subjects with streams in nutrition, chemistry and food analysis, food microbiology and food safety, and food processing. The food continuum is covered from the raw product to the consumer. There is a focus on the nutritional implications of food composition and the importance of nutrition to human health, as well as sociological and cultural issues associated with food which impact health. The combination of practical and theoretical skills covered ensures a thorough understanding of not only how to produce quality foods that are safe and nutritious, but that also taste good.

Graduates in Food and Nutritional Science are well informed to take advantage of a wide range of career opportunities including: product management, community nutritionist, laboratory analysis, quality assurance, quality control, product development, research and development of new and existing products, food policy officer, consumer enquiries and customer service, marketing and technical sales. Staff from the School of Health are happy to come and speak at meetings. Contact Student Recruitment if your group is interested.

VCE Units 3 & 4 Exam Revision Lectures – University of Ballarat

Saturday 15 October 2011
9.00 – 11.30am
Health & Human Development or Maths Methods CAS
12.15-2.45pm
Biology OR Legal Studies OR Specialist Maths
3.15 – 5.45pm
Chemistry OR Psychology
12.15-2.45
English
3.15 – 5.45pm
Further Maths OR Physic

Sunday 16 October
9.00-11.30am
Business Management OR Physical Education

Further Information:
Phone 9530 0338
Email vce@accesseducation.com.au
www.accesseducation.com.au

UB TEC Overview

UB Tec provides accredited, hands-on learning for year 11 and 12 students in an adult learning environment. Students who enrol at UB Tec may be interested in going on to further training at TAFE, starting an apprenticeship, or getting a job.

The UB Tec program provides a range of VET certificates. Students have access to TAFE facilities and are taught by experienced TAFE and VCAL teachers at the SMB Campus.

Upon successful completion students are awarded two certificates both completed within a one year program. The accredited senior secondary VCAL certificate, along with the students' selected Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification.

Students are enrolled as University of Ballarat students which provides them with access to a wide range of support services, including counselling, pathways planning, disability support and health services.

Participation in the UB Tec program helps students to develop skills to enhance their prospects of gaining apprenticeships, employment or going onto further study. Apprenticeships continue to be the most common destination for UB Tec students.

Proposed programs for 2012:
• Automotive Technology
• Building & Construction (Ticket to a Trade)
• Community Services
• Engineering
• Hairdressing
• Health Services
• Information Technology (Multimedia)
• Integrated Technology (Electro)
• Plumbing

Individual industry interests outside our listed programs may be negotiated in some cases. Prospective students should speak directly with UB Tec staff about their specific industry interests.

Subject to demand.

Future dates for Information Sessions at UB Tec
Tuesday 6 September 2011, 4.00 pm
Wednesday 12 October 2011, 4.00 pm
Wednesday 2 November 2011, 4.00 pm
Monday 28 November 2011, 5.30 pm
MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE
PARENTS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

CAR RAFFLE

1st Prize – Ford Focus LX Sedan

Automatic, Power Steering,
Air Conditioned, Cruise Control
CD Player, ABS, Alloy wheels,
On-Road Costs, 6 Airbags
Value $28,999

Supplied Courtesy of A.K. McKenzie Motors, Colac
Proudly Supported By Manifold Motors, Camperdown

2nd Prize - Travel Voucher  Value $2000
Supplied Courtesy of Harvey World Travel, Camperdown

3rd Prize - Electrical Voucher  Value $1000
Supplied Courtesy of Camperdown Retravision

4th Prize - Nutrimetics Pamper Pack  Value $250
Supplied Courtesy of Helen Bourke, Kolora

5th Prize – Fuel Voucher  Value $250
Supplied Courtesy of Riordan Fuels (Steven Lucas BP Camperdown)

6th Prize - Clothing Voucher  Value $200
Supplied Courtesy of Fashion Club Wear

7th Prize - Jewellery Voucher  Value $200
Supplied Courtesy of Showcase Jewellers, Camperdown / Colac

8th Prize - Dinner Voucher  Value $100
Supplied Courtesy of Madden's Bar & Bistro, Camperdown

TICKETS STILL ONLY $10.00

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