

**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 2012**

Through the Mercy tradition we support, acknowledge and strive for personal excellence and achievement.

**Welcome Back**

A somewhat belated welcome back to all in the Mercy Regional College community, particularly to those students, parents and families new to the College. Amongst those most excited as the 2012 school year began were our 90 new Year 7 students who gathered at the O'Keeffe Campus on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. No doubt the expectation of finishing primary school and coming to a new school with new friends, subjects and facilities was at the forefront of their minds. Their first day at Mercy Regional College began with a short liturgy prepared by Mrs. Jo Saunders and it is the content of this liturgy that I would like to reflect on.

The liturgy celebrated three core Christian values – faith, hope and love. The importance of these virtues to a full human life is explored in the iconic scriptural text *1 Corinthians 13* and, as a set, highlight the key difference between Mercy as a Catholic school and any other government school. Together, faith, hope and love describe the life and message that Jesus of Nazareth calls all Christians to and must be among the core values of Catholic education.

I share with you some aspects of the lovely reflection:

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Cor. 13*

- St Paul tells us that three things are eternal, lasting forever - faith, hope and love. Because they are the things that really matter in life, we

begin our new school year praying that our school community will be filled with faith, hope and love.

- Jesus always lived his life in ways that showed these things, and so we at Mercy Regional College should try to live that way, and look for signs of faith, hope and love in the people and the world around us.
- Faith, hope and love help us to find God. They are the things that keep us going when we have hard times, and they are the things that can fill us with life and joy when we start each day.

**Welcome to Fr. Gerry**

This year, the College welcomes a new canonical administrator and Parish Priest of Terang and Mortlake, Fr. Gerry Prunty. Fr. Gerry moved to Terang in January and has already met many of our College community and shared with them his warm smile, generosity of spirit and penchant for the Geelong Football Club. Fr. Gerry celebrated our opening school mass with Fr. Matthew Thomas last week.



Fr. Gerry replaces Fr. Eugene McKinnon who has been appointed Parish Priest of Donald and Birchip. On behalf of the Mercy community, I would like to thank Fr. Eugene for the significant contribution he has made to the College over the last four years and for the guidance and spiritual support he has offered the parishioners of Terang and Mortlake. I am sure that all in our school community will make Fr. Gerry just as welcome.

### **Opening of "Dinny's Diner"**

As the Mercy staff came together for the first time, a special morning tea was held to officially rename the College canteen, "Dinny's Diner". This name recognises the enormous contribution made by Mr. Dinny Ryan to the community of Mercy Regional College over more than thirty years. Dinny was remembered fondly both in the liturgy of blessing that preceded the opening and in the stories shared afterwards. We were privileged to have Dinny's wife Mary and their daughter Majella with grandson's William and Xavier (seen below) join us on the morning. The highlight was seeing Dinny's grandson's blessing the 'Diner' with liberal amounts of holy water.

Thank you to Lynn Wadley and Fr. Matthew Thomas for organising the morning and especially to Toby McKenzie (11B) and the Year 10 Art students who have recognised Dinny's contribution in a mural.



### **College Opening Mass**

The start of the year was officially recognised last Wednesday as the whole school and many parents and friends came together to celebrate Mass in the de Chantal Stadium. The Mass was led by College chaplains, Fr. Matthew Thomas and Fr. Gerry Prunty and explored the theme of *'Beginning Anew...We celebrate, We hope, We pray'*. Congratulations to all who assisted Mrs. Saunders with the celebration and especially the student leaders who proclaimed their readings and prayers with care and reverence.

I will include the fantastic speeches offered by our new College Captains, Michael Krybolder and Rachael Harney in the next newsletter.



### **College Captains**

*Rachael Harney & Michael Krybolder*



### **Junior School Captains**

*Charlie Unwin & Emma Lucas*



## **VCE Results**

2011 again saw Year 12 (and Year 11) students achieve very high results across the range of VCE subjects offered at Mercy Regional College. The Dux for 2011 was Jac Domney who achieved an ATAR score of 97.35 with two other students, Caleb Kissick (92.25) and Connor Saunders (92.00) achieving scores over 90. Just as commendable were the four students who achieved ATARs in the high 80's. All high achieving students were recognised in an assembly that followed last week's Opening Mass.

Below is a full list of the VCE High Achievers and those who were dux of their subjects.

### **College Dux for 2011**

Jac Domney who achieved an ATAR score of (97.35).



### **Achieving ATAR scores over 90**

Caleb Kissick (92.25) and Connor Saunders (92.00).

### **Dux of Unit 3 & 4 Subjects**

#### **Accounting:**

Monique McKenzie

#### **Biology:**

Bridget Glennen

#### **Business Management:**

Caitlin Rix

#### **Chemistry:**

Jac Domney

#### **Design & Technology:**

Sean O'Connor

#### **English:**

Caleb Kissick

#### **Food Technology:**

Monique McKenzie

#### **Health & Human Development:**

Hannah Gibney

#### **History - Revolutions:**

Oscar Cavarasan

#### **Hospitality:**

Hannah Jackson

#### **Legal Studies:**

Bridget Glennen

#### **Literature:**

Caleb Kissick

#### **Further Maths:**

Mathew Woodman

#### **Maths Methods [CAS]:**

Jac Domney

#### **Specialist Mathematics:**

Jac Domney

#### **Outdoor & Environmental Studies:**

Meagan Carlin

Elliot Pyke

#### **Physical Education:**

Rachael Harney

#### **Physics:**

Jac Domney

#### **Psychology:**

Hannah Gibney

#### **Studio Art:**

Kelsy Alexander

Helena Evans

#### **Visual Communication & Design:**

Natasha Heyden

## **Student Achievements**

Congratulations to Natasha Van der Hayden, 2011 MRC graduate, on being awarded a \$1000 scholarship from the Dan Brumley Abbeyfield Foundation. The scholarship will assist Natasha with living and transport expenses this year as she begins Environmental Science at Monash University, Clayton. The scholarship recognises a school leaver from the Mortlake community who wishes to pursue tertiary studies.



*Natasha pictured with her mother Carol receiving the award from Abbeyfield CEO Doug Parker and Abbeyfield Foundation Chairman Ian Dohl.*

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## **Property and Building Works**

On 16<sup>th</sup> January, the College completed the purchase of 50 Walls Street off Mrs. Margaret Russell. Current and future Mercy students and staff are very lucky to have the opportunity of benefiting from the land and property at a reasonable price. At this stage, the College has no plans to demolish the house on the property and will use it for instrumental music classes in the short term. Longer term plans will be informed by the next College Master Plan currently under development.

## **Enrolments**

Notwithstanding a significant drop in the number of Grade 6 students coming from the three HCSN primary schools, the enrolments for 2012 remain around the same as 2011 at 493. This result reinforces the trend of recent years of increasing enrolments.

Year Level	2011 Enrolments (as at February 10, 2011)	Current Enrolments (as at February 16, 2012)
Year 7	99	90
Year 8	97	98
Year 9	77	89
Year 10	79	75
Year 11	69	73
Year 12	69	68

## **Board Matters**

The 2012 Annual General Meeting of Mercy Regional College will be held on Tuesday 13th March at 7.30 pm in the Board Room, McAuley Campus (immediately before the scheduled March Board meeting), Henderson St., Camperdown. As is required in the Mercy Regional College Constitution, the Principal's Annual Report will be available on the College website to all parents from next Tuesday 21st February. Parents wishing to have a matter considered at the AGM are asked to make contact with me by Tuesday 28th February.

Given the 2012 Board will be inducted at the upcoming AGM, I would like to take this opportunity on your behalf to thank Mrs. Rose Henry who steps down after her two year term of appointment concludes. Rose brought common sense, a great love of the College and her intimate knowledge of the students to all her contributions to the Board and the College community was privileged to have had that expertise available. Mrs. Jane Kingston and Mrs. Kathryn Moloney have accepted my invitation to serve another two year appointment.

## **Presentation Ball**

This week, the first of six weeks of practices begin for Year 11 students ahead of the 2012 Mercy Regional College Presentation Ball which will be held at

Glenormiston College on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. An information evening was held for prospective 2012 Year 11 students late last year with all arrangements in the capable hands of the Presentation Ball committee led by Mrs. Susan Moloney and Mrs. Kate Kent. Communication regarding all aspects of the Ball will be an ongoing process over the next two months.

## **iPads@MRC**

Planning continues for the rollout of iPads to students and staff with all staff having either purchased their own iPad or having use of a school-owned device. The rollout to Year 7 and 9 students will occur in week 4 (beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February).

A number of staff are working to finalise a new Mercy Regional College Acceptable User Policy for electronic devices. Details on both the rollout process for Years 7 & 9 and the new Student Acceptable User Policy will be mailed home next week.

The Student Acceptable User Policy is quite long reflecting the complexity of the subject.

It includes the following sections:

- Learning philosophy underpinning MRC's move to the provision of iPads at Years 7 – 10
- Policy detail and explanations
- Guidelines for acceptable use of iPads at Mercy Regional College
- Sanctions for students who breach the terms of the Acceptable User Policy
- Student Agreement form covering each of the above.

The Acceptable User Agreement will need to be signed by both student and parents for students to access the College's digital systems and internet.

This newsletter includes a flyer from a local IT specialist and details on how students will be able to purchase iTunes cards through the College canteen in the next few weeks.

## **Transport Issues**

The start of the year is a timely opportunity to remind all parents of a couple of important points regarding the safe and reasonable transport of students to and from school:

### **Bus Passes**

As was outlined in a letter to all parents last year, with increasing enrolments at both campuses it has become too difficult to allow students to arbitrarily catch a different bus from school in the afternoon to fulfill after-school commitments such as sports training, part-time work, meet parents to facilitate further travel etc.

The arrangements put in place last year apply in 2012, this is, that students wishing to apply for a bus pass to catch an alternate bus in the afternoon must follow this procedure:

1. Students need to apply two days in advance of needing the bus pass
2. Passes are obtained from their specific Campus Student Reception
3. Passes are only available on the first connection from MRC
4. Decisions on passes are at the full discretion of the administration staff (and in the case of O'Keeffe Campus, Mr Tony Wynd).

However, on some days and some buses, no bus passes will be available for issue.

### **Drop off in Dimora Avenue**

With increasing enrolment numbers at both Mercy Regional College and St. Patrick's School, the capacity for congestion in the streets surrounding the schools has also increased. I ask that all parents who drop off their children pay careful attention to the Council's street signs which clearly indicate what the appropriate drop off zones are.

These zones have been designated to protect the safety of your children as they negotiate the very dangerous task of getting out of cars and making their way into the schoolyard. I particularly ask those parents using Dimora Avenue to utilize the drop zones provided and avoid simply stopping anywhere outside the schools.

### **Social Justice at Mercy Regional College**

As a Catholic school and one with rich connections to the Mercy story, social justice is a value and principle that lies at the very core of what our school exists for. It was fantastic to see the College's new Social Justice Captains, Laura McKenzie and Elizabeth Smart meeting this week with our Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs. Jo-Anne Saunders, College Chaplain, Fr. Matthew Thomas and new Student Leadership Coordinator, Mr. Luke Bouchier to plan a range of social justice initiatives for 2012 across all year levels. You will have the opportunity of reading about some of these in future newsletters.

### **Camps, Retreats and Work Experience**

Following last week's start to the school year and the College's Swimming Sports, many students and staff will be involved in educational programs beyond the school:

- Year 7 students are currently on camp at Cape Bridgewater. This camp is for three days and two nights and includes a range of outdoor and team activities designed to facilitate the transition process into a new school.

- Year 10 students will be away from school next week undertaking a week's Work Experience at a wide variety of locations and workplaces in our local communities and beyond.
- Year 12 students travel next week to the Dunkeld Retreat Centre for a three day retreat program facilitated by Year 12 and other senior staff. The Year 12 Retreat remains a key foundation for students as they commence the rigours of Year 12 studies.
- Next week, Year 11 students complete a camp program designed to assist them in making informed decisions regarding future study, work or vocational plans. The camp includes two days in Melbourne with visits to a number of tertiary and vocational educational institutions and a day at the Noorat Community Centre facilitated by Shane Garner.

Parents are reminded that retreats and camps such as these form a fundamental part of the holistic education – academically, spiritually, emotionally and physically – that Mercy Regional College is committed to.

Students must not use camps or retreats as an opportunity to keep other appointments such as sport, medical visits, work placements, VET courses etc. The retreat or camp has priority over all of these. Parents wishing to have an exemption from part or all of a retreat/camp must make direct contact with the relevant Head of School or myself at the College.

Yours in Mercy,



**DR. DARREN EGBERTS**  
PRINCIPAL

## **Deputy Principal - Wellbeing**

*Mr. Kerin Glennen*

### **Mercy Regional College Uniform**

At Mercy Regional College, school uniform is compulsory and all students are expected to maintain a high standard of personal grooming and neatness.

Mercy students are expected to wear full school uniform while at school. Any student who is out of uniform for whatever reason needs to bring a note, in their diary, and give it to the homeroom teacher explaining why they are out of uniform.

#### **Girl's summer uniform is as follows:**

- College summer dress
- White socks
- Maroon jumper / Blue jumper (VCE students)
- Black leather school shoes.

#### **Boy's summer uniform is as follows:**

- Tailored grey school shorts
- White college shirt
- Grey socks
- Maroon Jumper / Blue jumper (VCE students)
- Black leather school shoes.

At the moment, several students are wearing incorrect canvas shoes. These shoes are not part of our uniform and they also pose an Occupational Health and Safety issue, due to the lack of protection they afford student's feet in classes such as Science, Design Technology-Wood and Food Technology.

For the same reason student's must never wear thongs to or from school.

As a College, we would ask that the correct shoes be purchased by the Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February. Students coming to school with incorrect footwear after this date will face appropriate consequences.

If any parents have a concern with this, please contact Mr. Glennen.



***Correct Junior School Uniform – Years 7 – 10***



***Correct Senior School Uniform – Years 11 & 12***

## **Deputy Principal Teaching & Learning**

*Mr. Chris Grant*

### **Parent Access Module**

A significant goal for Mercy Regional College in 2012 is to generate an increased level of communication between the College and home, through the Internet via the Parent Access Module (PAM). The Parent Access Module is designed to provide relevant, informative, valuable and timely information about the academic progress of your son/s or daughter/s, along with the College calendar, daily notices, attendance record, timetable, booklist and a behavioural tracking count.

You will receive a letter in the mail next week outlining further information on the Parent Access Module and your unique username and password.

### **Application for Change of Preference Form**

Students wishing to change a subject must now complete the Change of Preference Form. Some students have already made a change, however, at this stage of the term only genuine changes will be considered.

Any students wishing to change subjects can obtain a form from Mrs Leanne Carpenter or Mr Lachie Lee. No further changes for Semester 1 will be made after Wednesday 29/02/2012.

## **Director of Religious Education**

*Mrs. Jo-Anne Saunders*

### **Year 11 Street Retreat**

After our very successful program during 2011 of supporting the St Vincent De Paul soup Van program in Melbourne; the decision has been made to format the Year 11 Street retreat so that all students are involved. Therefore it is now a compulsory part of the school curriculum. All students in year 11 will attend at some point during the year.

Students at each year level experience a retreat in order to strengthen their understanding of how faith is a part of life and how we may make a difference in the world. Retreat experiences are usually away from the school site so as to free the students mid of the business of schoolwork and to help them focus in a more creative way.

Our Year 11 street retreat program will run over 7 dates throughout the year. Students go just once and are able to choose from a number of dates which may best suit their study or community commitments.

Br Peter (Doug) Walsh will be visiting the year 11 students on February 21<sup>st</sup> to inspire and instruct them as they take this important journey in the service of

others. He will meet with the students in St Patrick's Church at 11.20 am and parents are welcome to listen and gain an insight into this form of Street ministry.

### ***The format of the Retreat is as follows:***

Students leave the school after lunch on the first day of their retreat and travel to Melbourne. They settle into their accommodation at 'The Nunnery' Nicholson Street. Then on to the St Vincent De Paul centre in North Melbourne to assist with packing and preparing food for the Vans. The students head out to the Community with St Vincent de Paul members. Upon returning to the centre they assist with the wash-up and clean-up of the food and vans. We will then go on to 'Papa Gino's' in Lygon Street for a meal and back to our accommodation. The following morning the students go to the Chapel at the Australian Catholic University for a reflection and debrief of their experiences the night before. Students then travel back to Camperdown in order to catch their buses home.

As a Catholic school, we believe this street retreat experience to be invaluable for students at Mercy Regional College. It requires them to move out of their comfort zone and reach out into the community in a form of service. We take our example of these actions from the Gospels and the life of Jesus as well as from the actions of Catherine McAuley, who, in the spirit of Mercy proclaimed "The poor need our help today, not next week".

Many staff members are giving up their time to participate in the retreat during the year and I thank them for their willingness and enthusiasm.

### ***Parent Street Retreat Experience:***

A number of parents have shown interest in participating in the St Vincent De Paul Retreat. This is wonderful, and as the year progresses there will be information available to assist parents to form groups and be part of this very beneficial ministry. Watch this space.

## **Year level retreats at Mercy in 2012**

### **Year 7**

March 20<sup>th</sup> (Chris Doyle at Noorat Community Centre)

### **Year 8**

June 7<sup>th</sup> (Fr. Matthew Thomas at Noorat Community Centre)

### **Year 9**

March 19<sup>th</sup> (Chris Doyle at Noorat Community Centre)

### **Year 10**

August 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> (girls 2 days, boys 2 days – Anglesea)



## Year 11

March 5/6, March 19/20, March 27/28, May 14/15, August 14/15, August 20/21, August 27/28 (Melbourne)

## Year 12

February 22-24 (Dunkeld)

### School Masses

Our 2012 commencement Mass on Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the Mass was, *"Beginning anew...We hope, We pray"*. It was a vibrant occasion where we welcome the new school year and all its promises. Gathering as a whole school is always a wonderful experience and it was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance. I would like to thank all who prepared the stadium to make it a beautiful sacred place in which to pray. As a Catholic school we celebrate important occasions within the context of a Mass.

The opening prayer used in the Mass spoke of a God who travels with us along the journey.

*"We come together to celebrate the beginning of our year here at Mercy Regional College for 2012. We acknowledge in a special way, our new staff members and new students. We welcome them with the warmth of God's Spirit. We are aware that as we begin our journey together, we hold in our hearts and minds many mixed emotions, expectations, hopes and ideals. Let us reflect during this Mass about all we hold within us at this time and acknowledge that God travels with us every step of the way as we journey through the coming school year."*

Up and coming whole school Masses will be on the following dates:

**Our Lady Help of Christian's Feast day Mass** – May 24<sup>th</sup> 11.30 am (de Chantal Stadium).

**Mercy Mass** – September 18<sup>th</sup> 11.30am in the (de Chantal Stadium).

**End of Year school Mass** – December 10<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm in St Thomas' Church, Terang.

Parents and friends of the College are very welcome.

### Ash Wednesday services

Students from Mercy Regional College will be attending the Parish Masses at Terang and Camperdown on Ash Wednesday – Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. Year 7 and 8 will attend the 12pm Parish Mass at St Thomas Terang, whilst Year 9 students will attend the 9.30am Parish Mass at St. Patrick's Church in Camperdown.

## VCE Information for 2012

*Mr. James Castles*

Listed below are several initiatives that will help build on the supporting environment that already exists at the College.

1. Parents Beginners Guide to Year 12 Workshop 7.30pm at the McAuley Campus on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The session will focus on ATAR, Study Scores, Scholarships, VTAC Guide, Applying for University and TAFE and Pathways. This will be open to all parents.
2. Year 11 and 12 Reflection Day (June 15<sup>th</sup>). This will be an opportunity for the students to reflect on the year and continue to develop motivation for the start of Semester Two.
3. Mentoring Program: all Year 12 students will be assigned a teacher who will act a mentor for the year. This program has been supported and encouraged by the student leaders.
4. Please note that the Library is open every day after school if students would like to study in a fresh learning environment.

Thank you for your time, and please know that we are only a phone call away. We look forward to working with you in what will be a challenging, exciting, enjoyable, but most of all a rewarding year for our students in 2012.

## School Notices

### Canteen

If any parents are interested we need more volunteers to help out in the McAuley canteen this year. The hours will be 10:30am until 1:30pm once a Term.

Please contact Rose Henry 0407 322 841 for more information.

### Family Email Address

Please ensure that we have your most up-to-date email address, so we can send out the College newsletter to you each fortnight. If your email address has changed please email [office@mercy.vic.edu.au](mailto:office@mercy.vic.edu.au) to inform us.



## **Careers Article**

*Mrs. Jenny Phillips*

Welcome to a new chapter in Careers Education at MRC. In 2012 Mr. Kerin Glennen and Mrs. Jenny Phillips will coordinate the whole school approach to 'Educating for Careers' in the current, dynamic workforce. Each College newsletter will contain a snapshot of the Career News that is available in detail on the College website.

### **Weekly Career News**

It's never too early to start considering your future career directions. Making decisions about what you would like to study after school can be both stressful and exciting. Many students often feel lost about what they would like to study and many feel like they don't know where to start!

Apart from meeting with your career adviser early in the year, it is a great idea to attend information sessions run by tertiary institutions. Many run focus days and information seminars throughout the year, and all run Open Days in August.

By attending information sessions- you and your family will be able to do the following:

- Speak directly to current students and lecturers and hear from them about the courses you are interested in
- Look around the campus and get a feel for the culture of the institution (i.e., does it have a modern or traditional feel? Do you think it would be easy to meet people? Would you prefer to study at a small campus or a large one?)
- Learn about scholarships, course costs, government fee assistance, global exchange and accommodation options
- Ask about alternative pathway programs available as a backup in case you don't get the ATAR you need for your course
- Attend workshops and sessions on the courses you are interested in and compare facilities and students services between institutions.

Attending information sessions will assist you in setting new career goals or firming up ideas you already have. Having a course or courses in mind can also assist you in feeling more motivated to work hard at school.

### **Vocational and Higher Education News**

The 2012 Defence Technical Scholarship's (DTS) round is now open! Eligible students are now able to apply for the DTS. You must be in years 11 or 12 and are studying a Math and certain VET and/ or technical subjects. Applications close 9 March. See Mr. Lachie

Lee ASAP to pick up an information pack. For more information, go to [www.defencejobs.gov.au/dts](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/dts)

See the MRC website for more details and talk to your career advisors if you need help to get started.

## **From the Business Manager**

*Mrs. Lynn Wadley*

### **School Fee Accounts**

School Fee accounts for 2012 have been posted out to all families. Included was information detailing the different methods available to pay the school fees. I encourage you to adhere to the timelines for payment. Should you foresee difficulty in meeting the timeline, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Throughout the year there may be the cost of camps, excursions, etc. that has not been organized as yet added to the school fee account. You will be advised on the permission letter of these costs being added to the account. Year 7 students will have the cost of \$12.95 for the Maths Mate homework program book added to their account this week.

### **iPads**

Year 7 & 9 students are at present eagerly awaiting Week 4 and the iPad rollout.

Attached to today's newsletter is a flyer from Leading Edge Computers (Tower Computer Aid) promoting discounts on accessories for the iPad. We are making \$50 iTunes cards available from both Camperdown & Noorat canteens.

This will be on an ordering basis. Payment on ordering one day and we then obtain them from Tower Computer Aid and activate them for delivery to the student the following day at the Canteen.

### **Education Maintenance Allowance 2012**

Forms are available from the College office and applications for Education Maintenance Allowance must be submitted by Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> February.

To be eligible to claim EMA, all applicants must hold a current Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pension Card which was valid from 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2012. The EMA is paid to eligible parents of students up to the age of 16 years old.

We encourage those families who are eligible for EMA payments to use this money towards payment of school fees.

### **Noorat Show Results**

*Sharyn Grinter and Fiona Sargeant*

Congratulations to all students from the O'Keeffe Campus who exhibited an item at the recent Noorat Show. The Campus was a hive of activity as students completed writing tasks, art work and put the finishing touches on their novelty cakes.

It was great to see families and friends making a particular effort to inspect the displays on Show Day. Many of our students were successful in receiving an award through the school entry section, competing against other local schools.

### **Results:**

#### ***Poetry:***

1<sup>st</sup> Georgia Buchholz  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sophie Atkins

#### **Highly Commended:**

Lachlan Bone, Meaghan Bone, Seb Conheady, Georgia Lucas, Jessica McIntosh, Hannah Moloney, Lily Lourey, Claire Kingston, Ella Clarke, Stephanie Lee and Thomas Leadbetter.

#### ***Short Story:***

1<sup>st</sup> William O'Brien  
2<sup>nd</sup> Olivia Giblin, Henry Moloney

#### **Highly Commended:**

Georgia Buchholz, Deanne Fleming, Elly Harris, Indira Kent, Susie O'Brien, Charlie Unwin, Jack Williams

#### ***Creative Writing:***

2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Lucas

#### **Highly commended:**

Hayley Turner

#### ***Calligraphy:***

1<sup>st</sup> Emma Calvert  
2<sup>nd</sup> Victoria Conroy, Sarah Cole

#### ***Junior Pillow:***

1<sup>st</sup> Meg Lenehan

#### ***Scarecrow:***

1<sup>st</sup> Emma Lucas

#### ***Chocolate Cake:***

1<sup>st</sup> Jack Wilson, Lachie Spicer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jordan Wareham, William O'Brien

#### **Highly Commended:**

Hamish McConachy, Taylor Neal.

#### ***Pikelets:***

1<sup>st</sup> Emma Lucas

### ***Decorated Cake:***

1<sup>st</sup> Olivia Giblin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Susie O'Brien, Ebony Reynolds

### **Highly Commended:**

Meg Lenehan

### ***Fruit Cake:***

1<sup>st</sup> Olivia Giblin

### ***Most Successful Exhibitor:***

Olivia Giblin

### **The Social Justice Group Report**

The Social Justice group met this week for the first time in 2012.

Led by Laura McKenzie and Elizabeth Smart, the Social Justice group is an opportunity for the school to engage with community groups and look outside our school to support others. As members of a Catholic School Community we try to live out the Gospel Values by reaching out to those in need.

The Year ahead will be busy with both an individual Year level and a whole school focus.

Our whole school focus of course is the Lenten Project Compassion Program. Funds raised go to Caritas, the Catholic Aide Agency which supports people both Australia and worldwide. A project Compassion box will be placed in each homeroom and funds collected during Lent.

Junior, Middle and Upper school focus for 2012:

#### ***Years 7/8***

Butterfly foundation, Diabetes foundation

#### ***Years 9/10***

Cancer research through; Shave for a cure, daffodil Day, pink ribbon day, canteen etc.

#### ***Years 11/12***

St Vinnies soup Van (collection of socks, hats toiletries), Beyond Blue, lifeline, reach etc. (awareness).

All students are welcome to join the social justice group. They will meet Tuesday of Week two in the board room at McAuley Campus.

In future, we hope to have 'facetime' meeting link ups to the O'Keeffe Campus so that there can be a strong Social Justice group from year 7/ and 8 as well.



*Photos above are from Year 12, 2011 Graduation*

*Photos above are from the Year 7 Camp*



# Along the track

## Correcting the Drift

And so we welcome 2012, a leap year, a year containing one extra day to keep the calendar year synchronized with the astronomical or seasonal year. If we simply continued using a calendar with 365 days, after 100 years, this calendar would be more than 24 days ahead of the season. By occasionally inserting an additional day or month into the year, this drift can be corrected. The drift doesn't just happen in measuring time – we too can drift, just let things slide, not be as organised or as purposeful as perhaps we should. We can lose our spark, our enthusiasm and energy, our commitment. 2012 offers us, too, a year of self-correcting, a year to stem our drift!

Drifting is an interesting word – it does not imply a conscious decision but rather an erosion over time, being carried along by the tide rather than being in control. St Paul cautioned the Hebrews that “*We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away*” (Hebrews 2:3). If we don't take stock sometimes, if we do not re-evaluate where we are, what we are doing, what we are believing, what motivates us, then we can simply drift on and on or even drift away. It is always worthwhile to think back – what was I doing five or ten years ago? What was important to me then, what was dear to me then, precious? What do I miss? What was I committed to, passionate about? Am I still so compassionate? Committed?

Every New Year offers us the opportunity to begin again. The poet Goethe urges us: “Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius and magic in it”. 2012 offers us the chance to take hold of our lives once more, to renew our commitment, our passionate belief in a cause, to stand on another mountain and look at the whole new perspective we see before us, the gift of being able to decide what this year will be like, a chance to write anew on the blank page this year offers us. Will we act with boldness and vision or just drift into it? What do we treasure about our family life, our work life, our relationships, our faith... how can we bring new life and energy to them?

It is true that there are things that confine us, that may limit our options, forces that seem to line up to prevent things happening: I am too old, too busy, nothing worked in the past, nothing seems to go right for me, I am not well, I don't have the energy.... and so the list goes on. Here's where, as St Paul tells us, paying more careful attention to what we have heard, can be a source of inspiration, a source for metanoia, an opportunity for a change of mind and heart! One of the most often repeated messages in the Scriptures is ‘do not be afraid’ - believe it or not, three hundred and sixty five times! Take courage, do not be afraid, Jesus tells Peter when he asks him to do the seemingly

impossible and walk across the water towards Him. As long as Peter kept his eyes focused on Jesus, he was OK, when he lost focus he became afraid and began to sink. A good message for us too.

What else have we heard? How many times are we told that we are loved, that God loves us with tenderness –

Do not be afraid, I have redeemed you:  
I have called you by your name, you are mine  
*Isaiah 43:1*

You are precious in my sight and honoured, and I love you *Isaiah 43: 4*

I have dearly loved you from of old. No matter what happens, I will never stop caring for you.  
*Jeremiah 31*

The Christian scriptures are really a love story – they paint a very vivid picture of One who in both word and action brings these messages of Isaiah and Jeremiah to life. Jesus personifies God's love. The Gospels detail repeated opportunities for personal repair, recovery and renewal, the challenge of beginning again - you are forgiven; go and sin no more; your faith has saved you. The Christian faith carries within it a message of compassion and of challenge. This is what we have heard, so we can greet this New Year with courage, enthusiasm and the freedom and confidence that this Gospel love brings to our endeavours.

The following inscription is supposed to be inscribed on the tomb of an Anglican Bishop in Westminster Abbey in London – it can't be inscribed there as the reformation didn't happen for almost another four hundred years! But its message is relevant all the same:

When I was young and free and my imagination had no limits, I dreamed of changing the world. As I grew older and wiser, I discovered the world would not change, so I shortened my sights somewhat and decided only to change my country. But it too seemed immovable. As I grew into my twilight years, in one last desperate attempt I settled for changing only my family, those closest to me. But alas they would have none of it. And now as I lie on my deathbed I suddenly realised: if I had only changed myself first, then by example I would have changed my family. From their inspiration and encouragement I would have been able to better change my country and, who knows, maybe even changed the world.

Happy New Year!

Regards  
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Correcting the Drift

31 January 2012

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**"DINNY'S DINER" - PRICE LIST 2012**

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# TERANG & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB INC.



## 30th COMMUNITY Fun Run & Walk

**Friday 24th February, 2012**  
**5.92 kilometres**

**Start: Walk 6.30pm – Run 6.45pm**

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

**Entries: Adult Run \$10.00 – Child Run \$2.00, Adult Walk \$5.00 – Child Walk \$1.00**

### Many Trophies:

- First Male Runner Over 50 • First Female Runner Over 45 • First Veteran Male (40-49) • First Veteran Female (35-44)
- Open Male & Female • U/18 Male & Female • U/15 Male & Female • U/13 Male & Female
- Bowman's Hotel Sporting Club Team Trophy (excluding athletic clubs)
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# 2012 annual show



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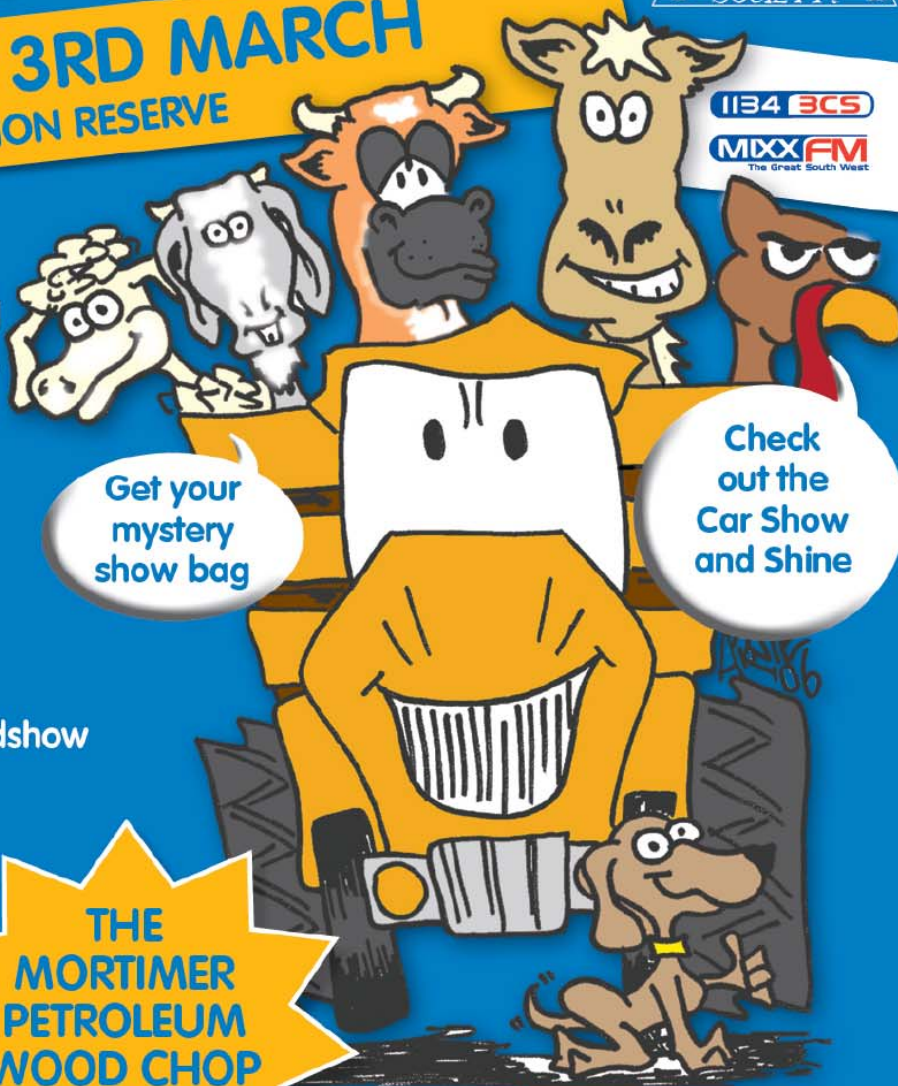
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## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **TERANG COMMUNITY FAMILY TRUST**

Inaugural Fundraising Family Day

Proceeds for 2012 to support Pam Lourey's Children

[Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012](#) – Terang Racecourse – [11 am](#) onwards.

\$10 per adult entry (kids free) – which includes a raffle ticket and a chance to win great prizes.

Activities for the whole family, entertainment, live music, food and drinks. No BYO.

An auction of items will also be held.

Please support this worthwhile Terang Community Fundraising Event.

### **TIMBOON GOLF CLUB**

Would like to invite all interested persons to come and learn to play golf. Starting February on Friday Mornings.

Contact- June Ayres 55983758 or Donna Weller - 55987296

Come along and give golf a go. Golf lessons with Craig Bonney.

Where - Timboon Golf Club

When - Friday 24th February

Time - 10am till 12pm

Equipment supplied.

### **DO YOU LIKE CHESS**

Would you like someone to play against?

We meet at the Terang Library every **Monday** and **Friday after school until 5pm to play.**

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Beginners welcome.

Ages 8 to 17

Phone Marg at Terang Library 55921397 for more info

### **CAMPERDOWN FUNAKOSHI KARATE CLUB**

Location: Old Basketball Stadium, Manifold Street, Camperdown (rear entrance). Training Monday and Thursday nights. Pee Wees 5yo – 10yo 4:15 – 5.00pm Teens and Adults 5.00 – 6.00pm. Beginners welcome.

More info: [www.funakoshikarateaustralia.com.au](http://www.funakoshikarateaustralia.com.au)

Peter Conroy: 0418 966 954

Recreation Give It A Go Week Fitness Challenge: Camperdown Funakoshi Karate Club will be hosting a bring a friend night on Monday 27th March at 5.00pm for Pee Wees 5yo – 10 yo and again at 6.00pm – 7.00pm for Teens and Adults. Thursday 1st March Bring A Parent Night where club members are encouraged to bring along a parent or grandparent to enjoy a nights training. Location : Old Basket Ball Stadium Manifold St Camperdown ( rear entrance ). Both sessions will incorporate a fitness challenge with the winner receiving a free Gi (uniform) and 6 months of free training .

Recreation Give It A Go Week Fitness Challenge: Terang Funakoshi Karate Club will be hosting a come and try it day on Wednesday 29th March at 5.00pm for Pee Wees 5yo – 10 yo and again at 6.00pm – 7.00pm for Teens and Adults. Location: Terang Fitness Centre 3 Ewing St Terang. Both sessions will incorporate a fitness challenge with the winner receiving a free Gi (uniform) and 6 months of free training.



# Secondary school immunisations

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## Information for parents

Secondary school students in Victoria are eligible to receive free immunisations to ensure their continued protection against preventable diseases. Immunisations are provided by local councils in cooperation with secondary schools. The purpose of this fact sheet is to advise parents about which immunisations are offered, when and why they are recommended and how they can be obtained for free.

### Why are immunisations needed?

Adolescence is an important age to have a booster dose of vaccine. The protection from some immunisations given to children gradually disappears over time so needs to be boosted. The government also funds some vaccines especially for adolescents because they are at an age when the vaccine will be most effective, providing protection before they can be exposed to a disease in later adolescence or adulthood.

Immunisation is a proven and safe way to be protected against diseases which cause serious illness and sometimes death. Immunisation not only protects the person having the vaccine, but can protect other people around them who cannot be immunised due to illness or age (for example pertussis, also known as whooping cough, can be deadly for babies, however babies under six months of age are too young to be fully vaccinated).

### What immunisations are offered to adolescents?

#### Year 7 (about 12 to 13 years old)

##### Hepatitis B vaccine

This vaccine is given if your child has never had a course of hepatitis B vaccine or has not finished a course previously. A course consists of two doses with four to six months between each dose.

Find out more about hepatitis B:  
[www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/resources/hepatitis-b-vaccine.htm](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/resources/hepatitis-b-vaccine.htm)

##### Chickenpox (Varicella) vaccine

This vaccine is given if your child has never had the disease chickenpox or you are not sure if they had chickenpox in the past. It consists of a single injection.

Find out more about chickenpox:  
[www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/resources/chickenpox-vaccination-year-seven-program.htm](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/resources/chickenpox-vaccination-year-seven-program.htm)

##### Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine

A three dose course is given to *girls only* with two months between the first and second dose and four months between the second and third dose.

Find out more about HPV:  
[www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/resources/human-papillomavirus.htm](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/resources/human-papillomavirus.htm)

**Important note:** Some Year 7 adolescents may need to have two or three injections on the same day. More than one injection does not increase the chance of an adolescent having a reaction to the vaccines. To make sure your child is protected against the disease, it is recommended they receive all the due vaccines on the same day.

#### Year 10 (about 15 to 16 years old)

##### Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine

This vaccine protects against the three diseases in a single injection.

Find out more about diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis:  
[www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/resources/adolescent-diphtheria.htm](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/resources/adolescent-diphtheria.htm)

## When are immunisations given in school?

Every year adolescents in **Year 7** and **Year 10** of all secondary schools in Victoria are offered the appropriate free vaccines.

Adolescents who do not attend mainstream schools are still eligible for free immunisation and should contact their GP, a medical centre or their local council immunisation service in the year they are due so that they do not miss out.

Adolescents must have the vaccines at the targeted age to be eligible for free immunisation. If the vaccine is part of a course and the course is not finished in that year, the adolescent has until the end of the next year to finish the course of vaccine for free. After this time the vaccine must be purchased on prescription.

## Who will give the immunisations in school?

Each year local councils contact all the secondary schools in their area to arrange dates to visit the schools and hold immunisation sessions. Local councils employ specialist immunisation nurses who give the vaccines at the school.

## What do I need to do?

- Look out for the immunisation information and consent form that your child should bring home from school.
- Read the information, complete the consent form and return it to school as quickly as possible.
- If you consent for your child to be immunised, explain to them that immunisation is important and everyone must have these vaccines when they are adolescents for protection against disease.
- Encourage your child to eat breakfast on the day the immunisation session is scheduled.
- Encourage your child to wear loose clothing so that the upper arm below the shoulder is easily seen (as the vaccine is given into the upper arm.)

## What if my child misses their immunisation at school?

You can take your child to a local council immunisation service by contacting your council at:

[www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/resources/local-councils.htm](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/resources/local-councils.htm)

You can also attend your doctor to catch-up missed vaccine. It is important for your child to follow up with the missed vaccine as soon as practicable so they will be eligible to receive the vaccine for free. If the missed dose is part of a course of immunisations and is given soon after the missed school session then your child can usually finish the course at school with the rest of the class.

## What if I prefer for my child to have their immunisation at the doctor?

It is important to return the consent card declining the immunisation at the school. Inform the medical centre that you are attending for the scheduled school immunisation. The vaccines are free but your doctor may charge you for the consultation.

The HPV vaccine for Year 7 school girls will need to be ordered each time in advance for your daughter, so allow time for the medical centre to do this when you arrange your appointment. Remember to take your child to the doctor in the year they are eligible for free vaccines.

## Where can I go for more information?

- Your local council immunisation service at: [www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/resources/local-councils.htm](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/resources/local-councils.htm)
- Your doctor
- [www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation)

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**Please Note**

*If you handed in a form for Instrumental music last year then you do not have to do it again Instrumental teachers are presently contacting students who have handed in forms. If you have not handed in a form and would like to learn and instrument please fill in the form and return it to the office*

## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2012**

Dear Parents and Students,

My name is Ms. Janet Backhous, and I am the Coordinator of the Instrumental Program at Mercy Regional College.

Our Instrumental Music Program compliments the work we cover in Classroom Music, and students wishing to learn an instrument can chose to have a private lesson or a group lesson.

Instrumental Music Tuition is presently available for the following instruments – Piano, Flute, Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass, Guitar, and Drums. We may also be able to offer Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone and Voice Lessons. Please fill in the form below if you wish to learn one of these instruments. I will then be able to follow up your requests and do my best to provide teachers.

The instrumental teachers for 2012 at this stage are, Ms Michele McKinnon – Piano, Flute and Voice, Mr Jonathon Emry – Drums, Ms Fiona Pugh – Strings, Mr Tony Forbes – Guitar, and Mr Peter Sharp – Guitar.

Once I have your details I will discuss your lessons with the instrumental teachers and they will contact you to organise your individual program.

Please fill in the form below and return it to the office as soon as possible so that we can begin your music tuition.

I look forward to meeting you and working with you.

Yours Sincerely,

**Janet Backhous**

Music Coordinator

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## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ENROLMENT FORM**

Please print clearly and return this form to the School Office as soon as possible.

Student's Name.....

Student's Home Group (eg. 7 D).....

Instrument/s.....

Would you like a – **GROUP LESSON**, or an **INDIVIDUAL LESSON**? (Please circle your choice)

Parent/Carer's Name.....

Parent/Carer's Home Phone.....

Parent/Carer's Mobile.....

Parent/Carer's Email.....

Parent/Carer's Signature.....