

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.

Halfway through the important season of Lent, it is useful for this newsletter to begin with one of the key messages of Lent – sacrifice. Project Compassion is an opportunity each year for us to sacrifice some of our privilege and wealth with the goal of supporting those in Australia and overseas who have little or nothing. I have included the story of a 10 year old girl from Burma, Khin below to illustrate how important the work of Caritas is.

Khin's Story

Khin, 10, her mother and younger brother live together in a rented room in Ranong, Thailand. Her family is just one of an estimated two million people who have fled poverty, violence and instability in Burma. But despite their hopes of a better life in Thailand, Khin's family is amongst the poorest in their community.



Along the Thai-Burma border, Caritas Australia supports a range of programs for those communities made vulnerable by displacement, violent clashes and inadequate social services. One program, coordinated by our partner – Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS), focuses on the unique vulnerability of Burmese children whose parents have migrated for work. For many children, language barriers, a lack of documentation, and costly fees prevent those attending Thai schools. JRS' community-based learning centres offer migrant children primary education and a bridge into Thailand's school system.

The obligation to earn one's bread... presumes the right to do so. A society in which this right is systematically denied... cannot be justified..., nor can that society attain social peace."

Pope John Paul II, 1991

Khin is in grade four at Ban Klang learning centre, one of six JRS schools for children aged 5-14 years. With our donations, Caritas Australia and JRS provide infrastructure, books and tables for students. To enhance their dignity in the classroom, each student also receives a uniform, textbooks, stationary, and lunch each day.

Khin has embraced the opportunity to learn, especially Thai and English. *"I like to read in school. I like everything about the school,"* Khin told us. *"I like English the best, because English can be used everywhere."* Although Khin's parents did not attend school themselves, they are supportive of her education: *"They cheer. They push me to learn."* Khin's mother explained, *"I like that my two children can go to the learning centres. I want them to be educated because it's so difficult to find work."*

Life for Burma's refugees and migrants is rife with uncertainty. For many it is a daily struggle to make ends meet. As Khin's mother said, *"When we first came to Thailand, we wanted to save money to go back to Burma and build a house. But just having enough money to live day to day here is difficult. I work every day from 5am sometimes until 10pm."*

Many of Khin's friends' parents must also work long hours in the informal job market and there is considerable pressure on children to contribute to family income and care for younger siblings. Khin knows some students whose family commitments have kept them from attending school. *"Some of their parents have no money and they want to work to help their parents. In Thailand, the Burmese have to work very hard. I want to work also to help my family,"* said Khin.

As instability fluctuates in Burma, so too does attendance at JRS's learning centres. *"Sometimes it's too loud and difficult to concentrate – there are three classes in one room,"* said Khin.

But Khin and her parents are determined for her to finish school. *"My children have no papers for Thailand, no birth registration. I want them to learn Burmese, Thai and English. That's a very important skill,"* Khin's mother said.

The Burmese community is strongly supportive of the teachers, offering gifts in kind and volunteering where possible. Last year, less than 5 percent of children dropped out of the schools – a remarkable achievement.

More than 1,000 children have now attended the community-based learning centres. In the long-term, JRS hopes to see the learning centres as transition facilities, enabling children to attend Thai schools. Last year 176 students, with JRS scholarships, began studying in Thai schools and with your ongoing support, many more have the opportunity to do the same.

Thanks to your solidarity with Caritas Australia, our local partner JRS continues to advocate for Burmese children's right to education. In meetings with parents, principals and teachers, JRS encourages the community to value primary education and provides information so that families may access work permits and healthcare services.

Khin's mother is proud of her daughter. Although she is the smallest student in her English course, Khin listens and speaks confidently in class; she is rarely without a smile on her face.

Thanks to Caritas Australia's support for JRS' learning centres, Khin has great ambitions.

PTFA Meeting

Next Monday, the first meeting of the Mercy Regional College PTFA will be held at the McAuley Campus starting at 7.30 pm. I encourage all interested parents, teachers and friends to join us. The PTFA plays two key roles in the life of the College:

- i. Through the major fundraisers – the Car Raffle and Chocolate Drive, the PTFA contributes significantly to the ongoing upgrade of classroom and school facilities. Over the last two years, \$95,000 was contributed.
- ii. As a key means by which the views of parents and other important stakeholders in College life can be included.

In general, two PTFA meetings are held each term and these alternate between the College's McAuley and O'Keeffe campuses.

iPads@MRC

With the initial excitement of the iPad rollout behind us, the real value of the new devices is being explored each week in Year 7 and 9 classrooms. Both students and staff are experimenting with applications, websites and the new school systems that support the iPad program. I have been thrilled with some of the cutting edge presentations that have been emailed to me from different classrooms and encourage parents to challenge their children on how the new devices are being used. I have included a lovely article from two Year 7 students, Lilliana Marwood and Chloe Gibson (7B) on the use of their iPads in Science.

A reminder of a few key points regarding safety and security:

- All students using an iPad at school should have completed and returned a signed Student Acceptable User Agreement to the College.

- Students need to ensure that their iPads are secure during recess, lunch and other times when not in use. Lockers or secure cabinets have been provided for this purpose.
- Students should not have iPads out of their bags when travelling to or from school. The safest place for your iPad is in its protective cover in your school bag.

30 Year Service – Mr. Kerin Glennen

Tonight, as the high point of the Ballarat Diocese's celebration of Catholic Education Week, a number of teachers and ancillary staff will be recognized for having given 30 years of service to Catholic Education. Amongst those being recognized is Mercy Regional College's Deputy Principal – Wellbeing, Mr. Kerin Glennen.

Kerin's 30 years of service to Catholic education includes:

1985 - 1987 St Mary's, Colac (classroom teacher)
 1988 - 1990 St Joseph's, Pirron Yallock (Principal)
 1991 - 1999 Trinity College, Colac (classroom teacher)
 2000 - 2003 Mercy Regional, Camperdown (Deputy Principal)
 2004 Mercy Regional, Camperdown (Acting Principal)
 2005 - 2012 Mercy Regional, Camperdown (Deputy Principal)

On behalf of the entire Mercy community and the many other school communities that Kerin has taught in and touched over his time, I would like to sincerely congratulate him. As a teacher and educational leaders, Kerin has modeled the core value of Catholic education, a life after Christ. He brings compassion, honesty, justice and generosity to his daily dealings with staff, students and parents.

Congratulations, Kerin!



Presentation Ball

Once again, the many weeks of dance practice, suit fittings, dress designs, hair-styles and the many other details associated with the Mercy Regional College Presentation Ball are reaching their climax.

The Ball will be celebrated next Friday 23rd March at Glenormiston College starting at 8.00 pm.

In advance of what promises to be a wonderful night can I thank those parents and staff who have worked very hard to make the 2012 Presentation Ball a reality.

Give it a Go

As part of the Corangamite Shire's 'Give it a Go' recreation initiative, the school's VET Fitness class hosted an after school activity program for students from St Patrick's Primary School. For 90 minutes, the oval and tennis courts were abuzz with the excitement of more than a hundred primary and secondary school students. Not surprisingly, many of the College staff took advantage of some free and entertaining after-school care for their children! Congratulations to Mr. Castles, Mr. Bradshaw and the VET Fitness class.

Student Achievements

Across a range of areas, Mercy Regional College students continue to excel. In recent weeks, the following are worthy of special mention:

- All Mercy Regional College students who participated in, and supported, the annual Athletics carnival on Thursday 8th March. A full account of the carnival will follow in the next newsletter but I would like to particularly the Year 12 student body for their leadership, enthusiasm and collective effort.
- Congratulation to Elizabeth Smart (12A) who won the district final of the Lions Youth of the Year competition in Mortlake. Elizabeth progresses on to a regional final in Geelong.
- Well done to the student who represented the College with much distinction at yesterday's Barwon South West regional swimming finals in Geelong. The large contingent who travelled down reflects the strength of our success in the recent HSSSD swimming competition.
- Good luck to all students and staff who next week travel down to Camp Coorimungie for the Year 8 camp.

Interim Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

As the end of first term approaches, it is appropriate for students and parents to spend some time reflecting on how students are progressing across a range of subjects. The interim reports and Parent Teacher Interviews that accompany them provide this opportunity. I encourage all parents to take careful note of the details on these provided by Mr. Chris Grant, Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning, later in this newsletter.

Yours in Mercy,

DR. DARREN EGBERTS
 PRINCIPAL

Deputy Principal - Wellbeing

Mr. Kerin Glennen

As term one is drawing to a close there was so much happening at Mercy, activities for all to be involved. The indication is that the remaining three terms should be just as busy and challenging. The following are some of the activities that took place in the first three weeks of the year, O'Keeffe BBQ, Presentation Ball practice, College Opening School Mass, Assembly, Swimming Carnival, Lawn Bowls night, Year 7 Camp, Year 10 Work experience, Year 12 Retreat, Year 11 Camp, the role out of the iPads, Lions Youth of the Year, Student Cyberspace presentation as well as students attending school. All this in three weeks, so much for our community to be involved in.

Teen Drinking and the Law:

website www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/teendrink

From November 1st, 2011 it has become law in Victoria that it is illegal to serve alcohol in a private home to anyone who is under the age of 18, unless their parents or guardian have given your permission to do so. If you are hosting a party and there are teenagers under the age of 18 you cannot serve them alcohol unless you have permission from their parents / guardians. If permission is not given and the young person is served alcohol then you will be deemed breaking the law and could incur a \$7000:00 penalty. The above website is a good one for both parents and young people to have a look at it. The site has a great deal of information regarding alcohol and not only the effects of drinking but also the mayhem it causes in the lives of people, it is worth a look at.

Deputy Principal Teaching & Learning

Mr. Chris Grant

Interim & progress reports will be delivered to families and available online through the Parent Access Module (PAM) in the week beginning March 19.

Bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews for all students will open on Thursday March 22 at 9am. Login details and instructions for access will be delivered via mail with the reports. The Parent Teacher Interviews will be held the following week on Thursday March 29 from 4:30pm to 8:30pm and on Friday March 30 from 9:30am to 1:00pm at the McAuley campus.

Student Medical Records and Action Plans

If there are students who have action plans for Asthma or Anaphylaxis, please forward these to the College as soon as possible. It is extremely important that we have your child's up to date medical records and any action plans, developed by their doctor.

Street Retreat

Report by: Grace, Brodie and Eliza

On Monday the 5th March, ten Year 11 students, headed to Melbourne as part of the first group participating in the Street Retreat, we left school at lunchtime, and travelled to Melbourne to help out at the St Vinnies Soup Van. Throughout the night there were around five different stops, which the Vic markets and the gardens.

At the stops we would have a chat to some of the people and give out scarves, toiletries, socks and other small things. After we finished and cleaned up at St Vinnies, we went down Lygon Street for dinner, then returned to our accommodation at The Nunnery. The next morning we went to ACU for a reflection, then made the long trek home.

Overall, we all believe it was a great experience and one that we will always remember and would recommend to other if the opportunity to help arises.

Recreation Give it a Go Week

A number of Year 10 students at the College are completing their Certificate III in Fitness. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to combine vocational education together with their main stream classes. As part of this course, students are required to complete both practical and theory elements in order to gain this full qualification. This course also requires students to become actively involved in the community, and they certainly did this through Recreation Give it a Go Week on Tuesday 6th of March.

The students took the initiative to run fitness classes with a focus on fun that saw more than 80 students from Prep to Year 6 from St Patrick's School participating in exercise.

The afternoon was great, the enjoyment and fun was an indication that the event was a success. It is important to note that efforts of the Fitness students. There were obviously some great individual efforts, although it was the energy of the whole group that brought this event together.

Following the support for this event, the Fitness class will be looking at running a four week program in term 2 which will cater to St Patrick's Prep – 6 students. Well done to all students involved!

Student Commendation

Lachlan Walters (7C) found a mobile phone on his bus this week and promptly handed it in to the driver, it was then passed on to the rightful owner. Well done Lachlan for your honest actions.

Unit 3 Outdoor Education Scuba Trip

Report by: Shaun Guy

On Wednesday 14th March eight very excited Unit 3 Outdoor Education students, Shaun Guy, Nathan Monk, Sam Crawley, Maddison Bone, Ella Woodmason, Giles Savage, Harry King and Sharni Moloney ventured to Port Fairy for their first open water scuba dive.

After the hot and sticky bus ride we were all super keen to get our gear on and hit the water. We arrived at "Pea Soup" beach in Port Fairy to beautiful conditions. After a quick run-down and a refresher Shaz and Linda our wonderful Scuba instructors from Daktari Sport, we split up into small groups and set off. We explored the small bay at 'Pea Soup' which was an amazing underwater environment. We saw lots of different types of marine wildlife and found lots of interesting things. After an hour of underwater fun our tanks started to run empty of oxygen and it was time to submerge, take our flippers off and clear our ears, then struggle our way back to the car park with our 30kg tanks and weight belts. The underwater experience was one that we will never forget!

Big thanks to Shaz and Linda for taking us on and teaching us all the aspects of Scuba. Huge thanks must go to Mr Castles and Charlie Bradshaw for organising this great experience.



Swimming Report

Stacey Hillman

Here are the results from yesterday's swimming.

Jack Williams 3rd 200m freestyle

Hannah Justin 3rd 50m breaststroke

Kayla Spicer 1st 50m breaststroke

1st 50m butterfly

1st 100m freestyle

1st 50m freestyle

1st 50m backstroke

Caitlyn Mitchell 2nd 50m breaststroke

1st 50m butterfly

2nd 50m freestyle

3rd 50m backstroke

Sean Darcy 2nd 50m backstroke

Under 14 boys 2nd medley relay

Under 13 girls 2nd freestyle relay

Under 14 boys 2nd freestyle relay

Under 16 girls 2nd freestyle relay

Under 17 boys 2nd freestyle relay

An amazing effort by all who participated yesterday!!



Coming Events

TERM 1

19 March

- Year 9 Retreat Day
- Year 8 Camp at Coorimungle
- Street Retreat - Year 11 students
- PTFA Meeting, Camperdown

20 March

- Year 8 Camp at Coorimungle
- Street Retreat - Year 11 students
- Year 7 Retreat Day
- Presentation Ball Training - Stadium (3:30PM-5:30PM)

21 March

- Year 8 Camp at Coorimungle
- Unit 3 Outdoor Ed Sovereign Hill Excursion
- Presentation Ball Training - Stadium (3:30PM-5:30PM)

22 March

- Year 8 Camp at Coorimungle
- Parent Teacher interview bookings open at 9:00am

23 March

- Year 8 Camp at Coorimungle
- Presentation Ball 8:00PM @ Glenormiston College

27 March

- Street Retreat - Year 11 students

28 March

- Street Retreat - Year 11 students
- Flying Bookworm Theatre Visit - Years 7 & 8

29 March

- State Swimming Finals
- Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews (4:00PM-8:30PM)

30 March

- Term 1 Last Day
- Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews (9:30AM-1:00PM)

TERM 2

16 April

- Staff Faith Retreat – Student free day

17 April

- Term 2 Commences for students

PUBLIC NOTICES

Diocesan Women's Reference Group

Calling ALL women – Let the Diocesan Women's Reference Group know what YOU need. Please take this anonymous two minute Survey to share your thoughts. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/N28F7C3>
The link is open until the 25th of March 2012

Cobden Winter Tennis

Winter tennis will commence with a social hit when School Returns after the holidays. It is a fun, relaxed and enjoyable competition, so come along and try.

Monday April 6th 12.00 -2.00pm at the Cobden Recreation Reserve. Competition will start on Monday May 9th after two weeks of practice. Everyone is welcome.....beginners or seasoned campaigners. We require players for teams or filling in occasionally. For more information please contact: Bev Ryan on 55952464 or Alison van der Schans.

Camperdown Junior Football Club

Registration nights for U12's, U14's and U16's will be held on Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th of March. Also on Tuesday 27th U12's will commence training at 4:15pm. To be eligible to play U12's you must be at least 10 years of age on or before January 1st 2012. Enquiries to Ash Sinnott. 0429 139 558.

Season 2012

Starting early Term 2
for
Children in Grades 2–
Year12


**Now Fridays
after school at the
Stadium**

All new and past
players welcome

Season will include
skills sessions as well as
competition play

Everyone interested in playing is
encouraged to email or text full name ,
grade/year level and parent contact to
cdownjuniornetball@gmail.com
Or text
0408933662 / 0418542192
*Sign Up Night for everyone will be held
on Friday 20th April*
WATCH NEWSLETTERS AND NEWSPAPERS FOR MORE DETAILS

**Camperdown
& District
Junior Netball**



ALL ENQUIRIES WELCOME

COMMITTEE

President
Mick Kavenagh
Secretary
Mel Fox
Treasurer
Kirsty Mitchell

Seeking parents and friends
to assist with umpiring,
scoring and team minding

iPads @ Mercy

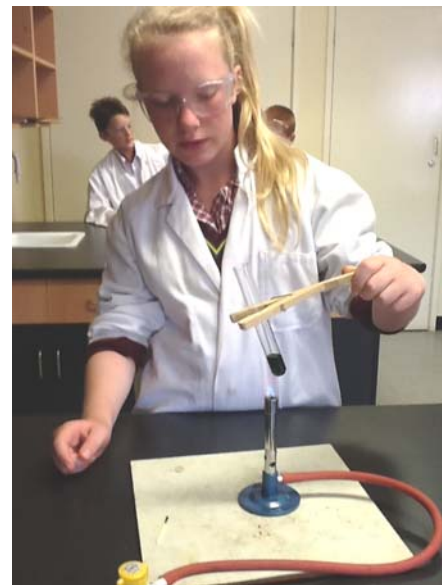
Report by: Lilliana Marwood and Chloe Gibson 7B

Working with our iPads in science has promoted a fun to complete a number of the class activities. In science we have been on the application Pages, used for setting out our practical reports.

Using our iPads we can also take photos to record our lessons and the steps we take. At the end of each lesson we can also include graphs and tables to show our observations, even going so far to email our final product to Mrs.

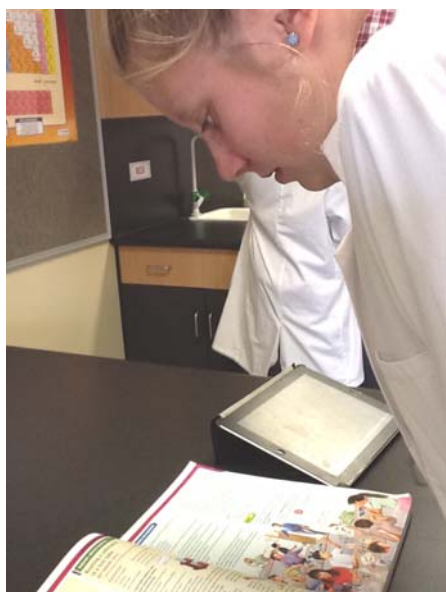
Kavanagh for marking.

We have now commenced a science assignment on the application Creative Book Builder (CBB). The task is to create a booklet about science laboratory safety rules applying the do's and don't's of each class. The final product will consist of three chapters, creative lab photos, and at least 5 rules of each kind.



Overall we think that the iPads have been a brilliant asset to our science class work.

Here are some photos we have taken on our iPads during class.



A BIG THANK YOU TO WOOLWORTHS

Last year we participated in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. We accumulated points towards ordering items for the College.

This week we have received our bundle of goodies including a pamphlet rack, novels for the Library, equipment for Science and stationary items for classroom and office use.

Thank you to parents who supported the College by forwarding dockets and to Woolworths for running the program.

Emily Kemp's Royal Children's Hospital Athletics Run

Report by: James Castles and Emily Kemp

Thursday the 8th of March was our annual school athletics day. A day that see's records broken, PB's made, and the whole school, both campus' join together for an amazing day in front of family and friends of the college. As per usual, athletics day did not disappoint. With perfect weather conditions and plenty of helping hands in particular on the BBQ, tea and coffee's, those running the field events, scorers and the those who organised the whole day, resulted in a huge success.

The years twelve's contribution to the athletics again did not go unnoticed, with each and every one of them getting decked out in their house colours, Michael Krybolder taking out the best dressed award in his green crayon suite, while Amity Pope did exceptionally well competing in all her events in a hug inflatable Santa suit. The years twelve's also decided to add in a new event this year, which has never been done in the college history. They decided on a charity run, to raise money for the Royal children's hospital, embracing our college's values and beliefs and giving back to a cause which hits close to home for most families.

The inspiration for the idea came from Emily Kemp, who underwent corrective surgery at the Royals Children's after being diagnosed with hip displacement at the age of 18 months. Emily had corrective surgery at the start of 2011 and complications left her with sciatic nerve damage which results in foot drop. She now wears a leg brace so she is able to walk properly.

In order to include Emily in her final athletics day, the Year 12's ran the 100 meters as a year level, the significance of the run is because Emily had never run 100 meters in one go since before 2010. The run showed the closeness of the year twelve's and how through the hardest of times we stand by each other and support one another despite our differences.

The day was a memorable one; it saw a change in the college's athletics day that hopefully will continue for years to come and also showing how much the year 12's pride themselves and uphold our schools morals and values.

For the day approximately \$380 was raised for the Royals Children's Hospital, assisted by the year 12's donating 10% of the money they raised on the day from their BBQ that was supposed to go to their graduation, was donated to The Royal Children's Hospital. Again I would like to thank all the parents, students and teachers who participated in making the day such a big success.



Along the track

Memories

Recently I was given an old photo of my father. During the First World War referendum campaign, Archbishop Mannix was visiting Kilmore and he was escorted into the town by about twenty men, all on grey horses. And there was my father leading the pack, as it were. It is an impressive photo, one of very few of my father. Our family didn't seem to take many of them so we have little photographic history, no photos of the old house, or the old kitchen which was so much the centre of our family life, no photos of the farm. Nothing much to support childhood memories which often become exaggerated as the years go by. Sometimes places are so much smaller than we imagined them to be or events did not happen quite the way we remember.

In a sense, there are too many and not enough photographs. On the one hand, I wish we had more. On the other hand, look at how the paparazzi invade privacy. I read recently of one young woman who had photographed herself every day for four years. Facebook thrives on photos, sometimes with pretty negative consequences. We might pose and pose but rarely are we seen as we truly are. There's much more to us than the external façade!

Historians can tell us much about the past – it is interesting to see what they can discover from old photos but historians don't always agree and neither do we. After a while, we can start to interpret the same set of events in a different way. Our 'inner historian' regularly rewrites aspects of our own past. In other words, we often edit our lives. We can look back in sorrow, in anger and eventually, even in gratitude on precisely the same sequence of events. Some years ago I read of a twin who wrote a book about her childhood – it was tough, filled with hardship, she endures much and happiness was in short supply. Her sister was so shocked that she also wrote about her childhood – same parents, same events, same places but hers was a story of fun and happiness, of genuine contentment. Both were, in their own ways, telling the truth.

It is good to return to the past – to look back with gratitude for those people who have inspired us or who have stood by us in good times and in bad, to give thanks for friends perhaps long forgotten. It is good to appreciate the events that have been so formative in our lives, even those events which may have been hard to endure at the time. We may even reach an understanding of things that may have troubled us or been a source of hurt or confusion. Sometimes even long held feelings of hurt and insult can diminish with the years.

Returning to our past can also involve asking for forgiveness for what we may have done that has caused hurt or pain or injury or what we have failed to do. We need to forgive too – holding on to anger or hurt is never productive. We can feel very self-righteous in our anger,

very judgemental about how small minded others can be, usually attributing very questionable motives to their action, resentful of their good fortune. There is a good reason why Jesus asks us to forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times (Mt 18:22). Self-righteous anger causes bitterness and that can eat at the very heart of our souls.

Letting go of anger and bitterness, according to spiritual writer Ronald Rolheiser, is a non-negotiable condition for going to heaven. Indeed, he writes, I'm convinced that there comes a point in our lives where we need only three words in our spiritual vocabulary: Forgive, forgive, forgive. (Newsletter 2010.05.02). There are times, too, when we need to be able to forgive ourselves – to go back and recall why we may have made this or that mistake or caused hurt or pain to others. Despite our regret or sorrow it may well be too late to do anything about it.

But revisiting the past is not always about anger – it can bring us joy and laughter, tears and pain, highs and lows. In recalling the events and people of our life journey we can discover the presence of God. In the words of Rabbi Abraham Herschel:

There is no-one who has no faith. In the spirit of Judaism, our quest for God is a return to God, our thinking of God is a recall, a memory. We do not have to discover the world of faith, we have only to recover it*

The essence of Jewish religious thinking, he writes, is not about developing some concept of God but in the ability to articulate a memory of moments of illumination of God's presence. With prayerful reflection we can recall these moments when we felt the presence of God. The Hebrew scriptures are filled with such moments. Reminders of what has been disclosed to us, the Rabbi writes, are hanging over our souls like the stars, remote and of mind surpassing grandeur. We do not have to discover the world of faith, we only have to recover it. Our quest for God is a return to God; our thinking of him is a recall... ..

What memories emerge when we take the time to reflect, to recall the past, to give thanks for the times when we have felt God's presence; we reflect to find traces of God everywhere, discovering once again God's intimate presence within, learning to forgive and then learning to trust, to believe.

**God in Search of man, Rabbi Heschel*

Regards
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CAREER EVENTS

Term 1 Holidays

EXPERIENCE LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Experience La Trobe is designed especially for future students to get a taste of what it's like to be a La Trobe student for a day. You will be able to:

- Chat with staff and students
- Participate in structured workshops focused on your desired career/ course
- Meet student ambassadors and talk to them about studying at La Trobe

You can participate in workshops across a huge range of areas- this is an event not to be missed

The event will be held Friday 13 April at the Bundoora Campus.

For more information and to book your workshops, please go to

www.latrobe.edu.au/events/2012/experience-la-trobe-university-melbourne-campus



ACCESS ALL AREAS: UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE



Students in years 10 - 12 have the Opportunity to attend the Access All Areas program at the University of Melbourne on Friday 13 April.

You will be able to learn about-

- Courses and careers including the 'New Generation' Melbourne undergraduate and post graduate programs
- Unique opportunities to enrich your degree such as concurrent diplomas, going on exchange and study abroad or participating in community involvement activities
- Access Melbourne and Melbourne Scholarships
- Accommodation options by visiting the residential colleges
- Your parents will be able to attend information sessions too.

For more information and to register, go to

www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/accessallareas

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE/ URBAN PLANNING/ ENGINEERING AT RMIT

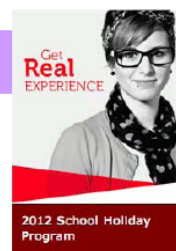
RMIT are running a one-day hands on program where you can explore careers in environmental science, planning and engineering.

You will be able to participate in a range of workshops in

- Environmental engineering
- Environmental science
- Urban and environmental planning
- Social science
- Geospatial science and surveying

The day will be held Thursday 5 April at the City Campus. Register early at

www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays



ZOO KEEPER FOR A DAY

Are you in years 7 – 12? Do you want to work with animals? Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo present a day of activities where you get to work alongside their Zookeepers.

You will be able to:

- Help with food preparation
- Assist with animal enrichment
- Help with enclosure maintenance
- Listen to Keeper talks
- Do animal health checks
- Handle animals safely

Healesville Sanctuary:

- Year 7 & 8: April 3, 5 and 10
- Year 9 and 10: April 4 and 11

Werribee Open Range Zoo: April 3, 10 and 12

To book your place, go to

www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/Student_Conferences/Careers



SWINBURNE ART & DESIGN DAY

Swinburne University will be holding an Art and Design Day at the Prahran Campus on Thursday 5 April

The event is designed to give you a taste for the actual course you're interested in, by taking part in the following workshops:

- Communication design
- Digital media design
- Graphic design
- Industrial design
- Interior design
- Performing arts
- Product design engineering
- Theatre arts and technical production
- Visual arts

The event is a great opportunity for you to confirm your passion for design and creative arts and identify the Swinburne course that's right for you

You can do one full day workshop or two half day workshops. Lunch is provided free

Register by 30 March at the following link
www.future.swinburne.edu.au/events/art-and-design/workshops.html



FORENSIC SCIENCE CAREERS INFORMATION DAY

Have you considered a career in Forensic Science? Then you should attend the next Forensic Science Careers Information Day on Friday 13 April, 12.30 – 4.00pm at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIFM), Southbank.

Work at the VIFM includes

- Forensic pathology
- Clinical forensic medicine
- Medico-legal death investigation
- Paternity testing
- Forensic science services
- Preparing coroners reports
- Offering expert opinions on a range of issues



You will receive information on careers in the industry, but you will not be able to participate in a tour of the Building. There are only 70 spaces available so you will need to register quickly. For more information and to register, go to www.vifm.org/events/16/vifm-careers-information-afternoon/

Corangamite Shire

Secondary School Holiday Program



Got anything planned for these holidays? Why not head along to one of the Corangamite Shire Holiday Activities. Great day out, plenty of things to do!
These holidays the activities will be...

Surfing & Shopping, Warrnambool

Tuesday 3 April

Cost: \$30.00 - includes return bus fare and surfing lesson. **BYO lunch money, bathers & towel.**
(**Non-refundable** deposit of \$15.00 payable on booking).

Buses	Depart	Return
Camperdown Killara	8.30am	5.45pm
Cobden Civic Centre	8.45am	5.20pm
Terang Senior Citizens	9.05am	5.00pm



Adventure Park

Friday 13 April

Cost: \$25.00 - includes return bus fare, entry into Adventure Park and all rides.
BYO lunch money, bathers and towel. (**Non-refundable** deposit of \$12.50 payable on booking).
Parents welcome subject to bookings \$35.00 per person. (**Non-refundable** deposit of \$17.50).

Buses	Depart	Return
Camperdown Killara	8.30am	5.30pm
Terang Senior Citizens	8.50am	6.00pm
Cobden Civic Centre	9.15am	6.25pm



Bookings and deposits are essential to secure your place on all holiday program activities -
Please call 5593 7100 to book your place in advance. For further information please contact
Catherine O'Flynn.

****The Corangamite Shire reserves the right to alter or cancel any holiday program activity at any time. Activities run subject to bookings****

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Ph. 03 5593 7100
www.corangamite.vic.gov.au

Please complete this form and return to Corangamite Shire Offices or post to:
PO Box 84, Camperdown 3260, **with your deposit** or full payment.
Please ensure all details have been completed correctly

Child's Name	Surfing/Shopping Tuesday 3 April	Adventure Park Friday 13 April	Bus Drop off/ Pick up location

Address	Town	P'Code

I have enclosed the non-refundable deposit/full payment for each activity:

Activity	Non-refundable deposit amount	Full payment amount

PARENT/GUARDIAN DECLARATION:

I, the undersigned, approve of the above application and in doing so agree that the Corangamite Shire and its officers, leaders, staff and agents shall be released from, and shall not incur, any responsibility or liability whatsoever for any accident or injury to the applicant or for any damage or loss of property of the applicant. I further authorise any necessary medical or surgical treatment including anesthetic in the case of accident or emergency involving the applicant and I agree to bear all costs thereby incurred.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Address: _____ P'Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Emergency Contacts

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relevant medical, emotional, behavioral information: _____

Family Doctors Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

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