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.

Jesus said to his disciples:
'\textit{I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.}

\textit{I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.}

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

\textit{If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.}\

\textbf{John 15:1-8}

Jesus declares to his friends 'I am the true vine', a metaphor of great significance, not only to his disciples, but to us today. Cut off from Jesus, we are barren, we will not bear fruit, but if our lives are connected to him we will 'have life, and have it abundantly' (Jn 10:10).

The need to be connected is a basic human need but, in today's world, connectedness is simplistically judged by the number of contacts on a mobile phone or 'friends' on a Facebook page. Rather than the call to justice, mercy and self-giving that is at the centre of John's Gospel, modern connectedness too often reinforces selfishness, greed and a cult of 'Look at me!'

The notion of self-giving as distinct from selfishness to my mind is reinforced when we think of the sacrifices necessary to give life to a vocation. This week in the Church celebrates vocations and, in particular, asks us all to pray for religious vocations, for those called to life in the permanent diaconate, as a religious or as a priest.

God our Father,
We thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, Deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

I invite all members of the Mercy community to read an extract of a letter below that has been sent to all parishes and schools in the Ballarat Diocese regarding the upcoming Year of Grace.
Year of Grace
The next twelve months in the Australian Catholic Church is an exciting time. It has been designated as a Year of Grace and will be a time of spiritual renewal and faith enrichment for ourselves as individuals, for Catholic families, schools, parishes and agencies, and for all those who care to join with us in this journey of prayer and discernment.

In the Diocese of Ballarat, Bishop Connors will formally launch the Year of Grace during Mass on Pentecost Sunday, 27th May 2012, at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Ballarat, beginning at 10.30 am. During the course of that celebration, the various regions, agencies and ministries of the Diocese will be mentioned, and the Bishop will light a Year of Grace Candle for each grouping.

The planning team for the Diocesan Launch would like to invite you and members of your community to be present at this important celebration. The presence and participation of people from various areas and ministries of the Diocese will contribute to a rich and meaningful liturgical celebration as we join Bishop Connors in beginning the spiritual journey of the Year of Grace.

With best wishes,
Fr. Kevin Lenehan
Diocesan Coordinator – Year of Grace

VCE Parents’ Workshop
Last week, more than 70 students, parents and staff gathered for a series of presentations by VCE staff on the theme of “A Beginner’s Guide to VCE”. Aspects of the presentations included ATARs, Study Scores, the importance of Resumes, University and TAFE options. My congratulations to Mr. James Castles for initiating the evening and for the organisation behind it.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Berni Sinnott, her husband Matt and their family, on the safe arrival of new daughter, Abigail Rose last Tuesday evening. Both mother and daughter are well.

Annual Report to the School Community
Last week, I completed the Annual Compliance Report for the School Community which is a government mandated document that schools are required to complete annually. The document is available on the College website under Community or as a hard copy from either school campus.

It includes the following information:

- Summaries of achievements and value-added activities in each of the five core areas of the College – Catholic School Culture, Learning and Teaching, Student Wellbeing, Leadership and Management and School Community.
- Staff Attendance data
- Staff Retention rates
- Teacher Qualifications
- Expenditure and Teacher Participation in Professional Learning
- NAPLAN and VCE Results
- Student Retention Rates
- Post School Student Destinations
- Observations on Parent, Teacher and Student Satisfaction
- Financial Performance

The 4Words Foundation
On Tuesday 8th May, all Year 10 students were privileged to attend a presentation by the recently formed 4Words Foundation – an organization directed towards providing inspiration and direction to regional and rural young people.

In the presentation at Mercy, students heard from three excellent guest speakers: the founder of 4Words, Mr. David Griffin, recently retired Hawthorn AFL player, Mr. Rick Ladson and CEO of Nike Australia, Mr. Paul Gardner.

The stories and advice shared by the guests connected with many of our Year 10 students and provided a clear counterpoint to the traditional way successful sportspeople and business executives are portrayed.

Mr. Rick Ladson

Master Plan
Work on the new Mercy Regional College Master Plan (2012–2016) continues with consultations undertaken recently with teachers and staff and the College Board. I have our architects, Morton Dunn, to proceed with the plans as they are and prepare a final draft for consideration.

Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge
Good luck to all the students who have elected to sign up for the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge that was launched at both Campuses last week. It is very exciting to have 41 students from Year 7 - 9 involved. Happy reading!
**Student Achievements**

Congratulations to the following Mercy students who have distinguished themselves in recent weeks.

- Georgia Wareham (7C) was awarded the best cricketer award for the Mortlake region (16 years and under).

- Georgia Watson (9C) is currently in Adelaide as part of the Victorian under 17 women's football team competing in the Australian Championships.

- Congratulations to the following teams who participated in the Hampden Cup football and netball:
  - **Year 7 girls**
    Undefeated after 4 rounds (1st overall)
  - **Year 8 girls**
    Undefeated after 4 rounds (1st overall)
  - **Year 9 boys**
    Undefeated after 2 games (1st overall)

- Well done to all those who represented the College last week at the Colac Gun Club’s Schools shooting competition. Special congratulations to Thomas Lenehan who finished second overall.

**Mercy Regional College Open Day**

On Wednesday 16th May, the College opens its O’Keeffe Campus to students, parents and all in our local communities. The Open Day is the major opportunity for those considering enrolment to view the College’s facilities, talk with current students and staff about what a Mercy education offers and receive information on the enrolment process itself.

This year, the College is concentrating the Open Day’s activities solely at the O’Keeffe Campus, Noorat. This change reflects the consolidation of Year 7 and 8 at Noorat in recent years and allows students, parents and members of the community to spend more time exploring the activities that will be offered across the campus.

**REGISTRATIONS & CAMPUS TOURS**

3:30pm – 5:15pm

(A light tea will be provided at the Campus @ 5:00pm)

**INFORMATION PROGRAM**

Presented by Dr Darren Egberts

- Session 1 - 4:30pm
- Session 2 - 6:00pm

(Parents need only attend one session)

**INFORMATION PACKS & ENROLMENT FORMS**

(Distributed on the day)

(see “Open Day” information flyer on page 8).

**Next week**

Next week is a busy one at Mercy with all students travelling to the O’Keeffe Campus on Monday to participate in the College Cross-country. Also Year 7 and 9 students will be involved in the NAPLAN tests from Tuesday – Thursday, a reminder for parents to contact the relevant Head of Teaching and Learning or Mr. Chris Grant, Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning if you have any questions. Good luck to all involved.

Yours in Mercy,

DR. DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL

**Director of Religious Education**

Mrs. Jo-Anne Saunders

**Special Ministers of the Eucharist**

Do you want to be more involved at school and Parish Masses?

On Monday May 21st at 3.30 pm there will be a Special Ministers of the Eucharist program at St Pat's Church Camperdown.

Students and staff from all parishes are welcome.

Have you wanted to be a special minister or thought about it before? Well this is a wonderful opportunity.

If you are 16 or older, Catholic and have completed your Baptism, Communion and Confirmation then you are welcome to come along.

Both Fr. Gerry from Terang Mortlake Parish and Fr. Matt from Camperdown Parish which encompasses Lismore, Derrinallum and Cobden, will be facilitating a Special Ministers program at St Pat's Church after school on Monday May 21st from 3.30 - 5.30pm including a shared Pizza tea (our shout!)

Being a special Minister of the Eucharist is a humbling and close experience of community and at Mercy College, we encourage students and staff to take on this ministry.

Expressions of interest are welcome to jsaunders@mercy.vic.edu.au or Fr. Matthew.
Deputy Principal Teaching & Learning  
Mr. Chris Grant

**NAPLAN Tests 2012**
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2012 tests for Years 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 15th May, Wednesday 16th May and Thursday 17th May 2012. Year 7 students will be tested at the O’Keeffe Campus and Year 9 students will be tested at the McAuley Campus. Parents of all Year 7 and 9 students completing the tests next week would have received in the mail a NAPLAN letter and brochure with information about the tests. If you would like to discuss any details further, please contact the office.

A reminder for all students completing the tests, that you will need a sharpened 2B or HB pencil, a blue or black pen for the writing test, an eraser and a sharpener. Year 9 students will also need to bring a scientific calculator for the Numeracy Calculator Allowed test.

**Parent Access Module (PAM)**
If you have misplaced or forgotten your Parent Access Module (PAM) Username and password, please contact the office ASAP to receive the details again. Teachers are continuing to put the task information, due date and grades of assessment and homework tasks on SIMON, which are accessible through PAM.

**Biology / Chemistry Excursion**  
Mrs. Jenny Phillips

Students from Unit 3 Biology and Chemistry classes participated in practical activities at Gordon TAFE in Geelong last week.

The Biology class investigated the world of bacteria, using staining techniques to identify which bacteria respond to particular antibiotics and therefore how doctors determine which antibiotics would be suitable to fight particular infections. They also tested the effectiveness of commercial cleaning products, sanitising creams, disinfectants and antiseptics to classify which product is the most effective at eliminating bacterial growth. The results were surprising especially in terms of how they are commercially marketed and let’s just say there is nothing wrong with a bit of savlon! The Gram stains produced by the Biology students to classify bacteria were excellent and our students were highly commended on their laboratory skills.

The purpose of this visit for the Chemistry students was to enable them to see first-hand some of the equipment that is available to analyse the chemical composition of a range of substances.

They used a Visible Spectrophotometer to analyse the amount of aspirin in two different commercial products and watched demonstrations involving Atomic and Mass Spectrometry and Gas Chromatography. The principles and applications of these techniques is part of Outcome One for this unit and the practical work undertaken on this excursion forms part of their School Assessed Coursework.

The excursion provided the students with practical experiences that are not available in a school laboratory and the opportunity to increase their understanding of this section of the course.
**Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge Launch**

*Mrs. Maureen O’Loughlan & Mrs. Leesa Henriksen, VPRC Coordinators*

The launch of the VPRC for 2012 was celebrated with a party-style lunch on May 1. With 41 students from Years 7 – 9 participating, it was an enthusiastic beginning to what will ultimately be a rewarding experience for these students.

Spot prizes were awarded to four lucky students, with more incentives up for grabs over the coming weeks. Each student has taken up the challenge to read 15 books before the first week of September and many have made a fantastic start!

Please encourage and support our VPRC students as we aim to read, read more and read more widely.
Hampden Cup Netball
Stacey Hillman

Students from Years 7-9 participated in the Hampden Cup Netball on Wednesday May 10th in Terang. All students played exceptionally well with all teams qualifying for the next stage of competition. Students competed against Cobden Tech, Timboon P12, Terang College and Camperdown College. The results for the day are below.

Year 7 girls: undefeated after 4 rounds 1st overall
Year 8 girls: undefeated after 4 rounds 1st overall
Year 9 boys: undefeated after 2 games 1st overall

All teams now proceed to Barwon South West:
- Netball 26th June
- Football 30th July

Thanks to Charlie, Mel K and Ben for helping me out on the day.

Hampden Cup Football
Charlie Bradshaw

Our Year 9 boy’s football team recently participated in the Hampden Cup Football at Terang Recreation Reserve. A round robin draw saw the boys play 3 games of 20 minute halves against Timboon, Cobden and Terang. Despite some slow starts the boys quickly adapted to each other’s style of play and showed some quality skills as they went on to win all three games. A highlight for the boys was that nearly everyone got to spend time in the highly sought after forward line with a wide spread of goal kickers throughout the day.

Game 1
Mercy: 12 18 90 def. Timboon 0 2 2
Goal Kickers: Nathan Moran 2, Billy Buckingham 2, Nathan Stevens 1, Sam Henderson, Jake Crawley, Brady Green, Johnathon Benallack, Steven Bouchier, Sam Johnstone, Jack Osborne

Game 2
Mercy: 4 5 29 def. Cobden 4 3 27
Goal Kickers: Jack Osborne 1, Nathan Moran, Jake Crawley, Sam Johnstone

Game 3
Mercy: 8 11 59 def. Terang 3 1 19
Goal Kickers: Nathan Stevens 2, Jack Osborne 2, Jake Crawley 2, Brady Green 1, Tom Carmichael

Mercy Running Club

Entries for this year’s Melbourne Marathon on Sunday 14th October will open on Monday 7th May 7 at 9am. Please enter online via our race website. If the full Marathon (42.2km) is not for you, then there’s also the Flight Centre Half Marathon.

The Coffee Club 10km, plus an ASICS 5.7km run and ASICS 3km walk event. If students are planning on running in one of the Melbourne Marathon events as part of the Mercy Running Club they should think about registering ASAP. More details about the 2012 Running Club to come soon!
Equestrian Event
The photos below were taken at the Emu Creek Horse Games Day, Ripley Watt came 3rd overall and Verity Watt placed 5th.

Term 2 Dates

14 May
* MRC Cross Country

15 May
* NAPLAN Testing
* Board Meeting (7:30PM) McAuley Campus

16 May
* NAPLAN Testing
* MRC Open Day (3:30PM - 6:30PM) @ O’Keeffe Campus

17 May
* NAPLAN Testing

22 May
* Year 11 RE Excursion
* Year 7 Immunisations - Girls (10:30AM-12:00PM)

25 May
* Year 11 Mock Interviews

31 May
* HSSSD Cross Country
* VCE Units 3 & 4 Top Cats Excursion

01 June
* “Try a Careers Day” in Warrnambool for Year 9s

06 June
* ICAS Science Competition

07 June
* Year 8 Retreat @ Noorat

08 June
* Year 12 Exam Study Day
* HSSSD Badminton, Table Tennis, Volleyball

11 June
* Queen's Birthday Holiday - No school for Students

12 June - 14 June
* VCE Unit 3 Exams

15 June
* Year 10 Issues Day
* Year 11 & 12 Students Retreat Day

18 June
* Years 7 to 11 Exams

19 June
* Years 7 to 11 Exams

20 June
* Years 10 & 11 Exams
* Unit 3 Outdoor Ed Camp @ Grampians

21 June
* Unit 3 OE Camp @ Grampians
* BSW Cross Country

22 June
* Unit 3 Outdoor Ed Camp @ Grampians
* Student Free Day - Exam Correction

25 June
* PTFA Meeting (7:30PM) – O’Keeffe Campus

29 June
* Term 2 concludes

16 July
* TERM 3 Commences for Staff & Students
OPEN DAY
“Learning to Care, Caring to Learn”

Wednesday 16th May 2012
O’Keeffe Junior Campus,
McKinnon’s Bridge Road, Noorat.

Interested parents and students are welcome to attend our Open Day to gain an understanding of the opportunities possible through a Mercy Regional College education.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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Most nights our little grandson, who lives in Brisbane, contacts us on Skype and Grandma or Grandpa read him his bedtime story. We look forward to that each day – it brings a lot of joy and it makes the contact between us so much more real, despite such a distance. Selecting the right story can be difficult, however, as interests change so quickly at such an early age – freman this week, animals the next but now we are into legends and adventure!

One of the great things about legends is that simple stories are never that simple. A good adventure story works on several levels. Sometimes it is about courage and perseverance, sometimes about working for a just cause, others about finding love in hard places. Adventure heroes undertake something which is both painful and difficult but they endure despite the danger, the pain, the setbacks. The games which emerge from those stories, his parents tell us, are all about saving the world: that’s the most important ingredient in these stories – the world is better and somehow saved because of this person’s courage and his or her willingness to endure.

We all have that dream within us that desire to make a difference, to stand out from the crowd, to make our world a better place. Often this dream is dulled by the pace of life, the stress and pressure of daily responsibilities or we simply become disillusioned. Our imagination can be dulled, our visions diminished. Sometimes it is easier to just have fun rather than endure the pain and determination that such commitment often demands. It can be just too hard!

In his book, The God of Surprises, Gerard Hughes suggests that we take some time to write our own obituary. Do not write the obituary which you are afraid you might have, he writes, but the kind of obituary which, in your wildest dreams, you would like to have. He suggests that we return to it now and again to see if we might want to add to it or correct it.

While this may seem a somewhat fanciful exercise, or perhaps even somewhat morbid, it is rather a very useful way of getting more in touch with our inner life, with our desires, our motivations which, in reality, determine the direction of our actions. We are often tempted to ignore our inner life – we are too busy and does it matter anyway? Yet, it does, no matter what our age or station may be. It is also important to have a dream, a vision of what we want to do, of what we want to be. If we lose that, regardless of our age, we can lose direction and momentum.

Developing our capacity for such self-reflection is an essential ingredient in spiritual growth. Jesus’ admonition to each of us: “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Mt 6:21) is as relevant today as it was then. Jesus asks this question when he speaks about people being motivated by making a great show of their religious practice in the hope of gaining recognition and praise or people motivated by the acquisition of possessions and wealth. Sometimes we too seek the admiration of others. Flattery, we are told, gets you everywhere! Sometimes we seek wealth, or we just have to have what others have or we take pleasure from others feeling envious of us.

Reflecting on what we do and why helps us discover our deepest motivations, and that can be a surprise at times. Spending some time in an exercise such as writing our own obituary can help us discover patterns in our behaviour that reveal much about what we want out of life.

Theologian, Fr Karl Rahner said that “I am convinced that the road towards God passes through the desires of your heart…” What we treasure, what we yearn for, what we hold dear are powerful motivators. But life is not just about achievements, about being successful. There is nothing wrong with wanting to achieve, or wanting to feel worthwhile, using our talents. But there are many times when we are not successful, when we fail. It’s a great pity if we need to succeed in order to feel good about ourselves, to feel that we are worthwhile and that what we are doing is valuable.

What is more important is the why – what was I trying to do, to give, to be?

But back to the adventure stories! Unfortunately today, many of the exciting tales are all about the super heroes, with exotic and even supernatural powers. While these stories lack nothing in the drama, they do lack in the message. They are not tales of courage and perseverance, though their cause may be just. Somehow overcoming pain and difficulty by super powers does not relate much to life. Real heroes endure despite the difficulties, the setbacks, the pain because they want to make the world a better place, a safer place, a more peaceful and just place and that takes courage and willingness to sacrifice and endure.

We all have that dream within us – there is a bit of an adventurer in all of us. We all have that capacity within us if, as the old saying goes, our heart is in the right place. We do want to make our mark, to make a difference in our little patch of the world, to leave the world a better place because we were here. One last thought:

Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you.

-Mother Teresa

Regards
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FOCUS ON WHERE YOU CAN STUDY AFTER SCHOOL

**After school you can study:**

- Vocational courses at a TAFE, Adult Community Education Centre or a Private Provider
- Higher education courses at a university, private college or TAFE Institute
- Through an apprenticeship, traineeship or cadetship

*It is up to you how to plan your studies. The options are endless. For example- you can*

- Mix and match courses
- Study a TAFE and university course at the same time
- Combine a university course with a traineeship.
- Study on campus, via distance or through a mixture of both. It's up to you and the options are endless.

What type of institute you choose to study at will depend on your career aspirations.

**University** provides students with professional qualifications. There are some careers you cannot work in without a university level qualification like a Doctor, Veterinarian Surgeon, Dentist or Physiotherapist.

Compared to TAFE, there is usually more of an academic focus on theory, concepts and research. Many students study at TAFE either before or after undertaking Uni courses to give them practical and industry specific vocational skills.

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**FOCUS ON WHERE YOU CAN STUDY AFTER SCHOOL**

**Vocational education (i.e., TAFE):** Compared to university, vocational study is generally more hands on, classes are smaller, courses are cheaper and they prepare students for careers across a wide range of industries.

Vocational courses can also help prepare students for university by offering pathways into degrees. For more information about Victorian TAFE courses call 13 1823 or see [www.tafe.vic.gov.au](http://www.tafe.vic.gov.au).

**Kirsty Upton** withdrew from university as she felt the learning style didn’t suit her. She is now undertaking a Certificate III in Business Administration through the Australian Training College. Kirstie says she loves the course because:

She can chose her own subjects, has her own tutor who visits her at her work, the course is structured and she knows what is expected of her and she can manage her own learning. Kirstie plans to undertake more courses with the College and work her way up to Diploma level.

**Distance Education:** Many Institutions offer courses via ‘distance education’. This means that for the majority or the whole of the course, you don’t need to attend classes on campus.

Course materials are often posted to you and you receive support via the institutes website where you can be linked with your lecturers and other students studying your course. Open Learning Australia provides distance education courses from over 15 Universities.
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**Private Colleges** usually specialise in certain areas and their qualifications are the same as you would receive from TAFE and University. Course fees are often higher and you usually have to pay your fees upfront or as you study. There are over 700 private providers.

*Lisa Williams is studying at the Melbourne School of Fashion. She says "one of the main reasons I chose to study at Melbourne school of Fashion was for the specialist courses they offer and small class sizes."

In my class there is 20 students, allowing us to form great relationships with our lecturers and being able to contact them for help easily.

The school has extensive industry contacts, some formed by the lecturers previous careers. These contacts have helped me gain an internship within a Melbourne based companies head office, with more opportunities available in the future*.

**Apprenticeship/Traineeship:** You can combine vocational or university study with on the job paid training in many industries.

*Sarah Norris is a second year apprentice Chef at the Beechworth Hibernian Hotel in Victoria. She undertakes her theory study at the Riverina TAFE.*

Sarah says- "Doing an apprenticeship has helped me learn more as I have been able to combine theory with practice. Over the years of your apprenticeship, you learn more and more each day, making mistakes and learning from them. It gives you lots of experience and makes you ready for the real world. You increase your skills through hands on training and support along the way. All in all an apprenticeship is a great way to start your career and you will definitely benefit from it”.

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**FOCUS ON WHERE YOU CAN Study After School**

**Overseas:** Yes! That’s right- you can head overseas to undertake your desired course. You can either apply for an overseas course straight away or you can start studying in Australia and complete some of your course overseas with the help of your Australian institution.

Go to [www.studyabroad.com](http://www.studyabroad.com) and [www.studyoverseas.com](http://www.studyoverseas.com) for more information.

*Study Abroad*

You have plenty of options to undertake a study pathway that suits your learning style. Make an appointment with your career adviser to discuss your options.

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**VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS**

**Jetstar Pilot Cadet Program:** Jetstar is offering pilot cadet programs for Year 12. Jetstar (Oxford) is actively recruiting cadet pilots for the course commencing in June. Selection testing will be held throughout May.

Jetstar is aiming to enlist around 150 students for this course. This course is open to Australian/NZ citizens and PRs with a minimum age of 18. Click here for more information- [www.pilotaptitude.com/?page=Cadetship/Jetstar/Aus](http://www.pilotaptitude.com/?page=Cadetship/Jetstar/Aus)

**Pilot Aptitude Training Systems:** Provide aptitude test preparation programs for areas such as the Defence Force, Police, Fire Services, Paramedic Services and Pilot Cadetships. Go to the following link for more information- [www.pilotaptitude.com/?page=MilitaryApplicants/YOUSSession](http://www.pilotaptitude.com/?page=MilitaryApplicants/YOUSSession)
MAY EVENTS

- **At Monash Seminar Series**, Performing Arts (15), Law (17), Berwick Campus Showcase (23), Gippsland Campus Showcase (30), [www.monash.edu.au/study/options/schools/at-monash.html](http://www.monash.edu.au/study/options/schools/at-monash.html)

- **Focus on Melbourne Uni**, Arts (15), IT and Engineering (22), Biomedicine & Oral Health (24), Agriculture (29) and Commerce (31), [http://go.unimelb.edu.au/v6c](http://go.unimelb.edu.au/v6c)

- **MyDay Events, Charles Sturt University**, Nursing/ Paramedicine, Bathurst Campus (15), Health Sciences, Wagga Wagga Campus (22), Education, Albury-Wodonga Campus (29), [www.csu.edu.au/myday](http://www.csu.edu.au/myday)


- **12**: JMC Academy Open Day, [www.jmccademy.edu.au](http://www.jmccademy.edu.au)

- **15, 16, 17**: **Medicine & Optometry Information Evenings**, Deakin University, Geelong (15), Ballarat (16), Burwood (17), [health-enquire@deakin.edu.au](mailto:health-enquire@deakin.edu.au)


- **19**: **SAE Institute Open Day**, South Melbourne, [http://melbourne.sae.edu/eng/content/188/Events_and_Workshops](http://melbourne.sae.edu/eng/content/188/Events_and_Workshops)


- **30**: **Medicine Information Session**, Monash University, Clayton Campus, [www.monash.edu.au](http://www.monash.edu.au)
Woolworths Earn & Learn is on again this year

It's simple to participate:
From the 9th May, parents who shop at Woolworths can collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on sticker cards. There'll be one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, you can place your sticker cards in the collection box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths.

No need for docket entries:
Once the program closes on the 1st July, your school will compile all of the completed sticker cards and send them back to us.

Free Resources for your school:
Once the points are tallied, then your school can redeem the points from resources based on their unique needs, across every category possible including mathematics, music & English resources, science equipment, arts & crafts materials, sports gear and lots more.

So, remember to start collecting your stickers from the 9th May
fun4kids needs YOU!
Join the fun and volunteer!

Each year we search for volunteers to help to create the fun that is the Fun4Kids Festival - Australia's Best Children's Festival.

Adults and students (age 14 years +) are invited to join the Festival Fun Crew proudly sponsored by South West Institute of TAFE. There's heaps of ways to be part of the fun and rosters are flexible.

The Festival will be held from 1-8 July 2012

INTERESTED?
Call Sharon on 5559 4834 or swohlers@warnambool.vic.gov.au
www.fun4kids.com.au

Primary Performers Information Session
Sunday May 20 at 10:00am
LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE
6-12 year olds are invited to participate in our 2012 production to be performed on Sept 20, 21 & 22.

Registrations will be taken via phone on 555 94 999, in person at Lighthouse Theatre Box Office (9.30-4.30 M-F) and on the day. Due to the high levels of interest in this program unfortunately registrations after May 20 will not be accepted.

Rehearsals are scheduled for the following days during School Terms only:
Thursdays from 3.45pm to 5pm
Sundays from 10am to 12pm

If your child has other commitments or activities on these days or times please do not enrol them in this program.

Cost of Program: $40.00 per child
5559 4999