

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.

In this, the final Mercy newsletter for 2012, we look forward to Christmas and the New Year. It is a time of great excitement, of Christmas trees, presents, busy shopping and for many with young children, the wait for Santa. But for all Christians, it is also a time of great liturgical celebration, a time to give praise and joy for the birth of Jesus Christ, Son of God, God made human. The beautiful image of the Star of Bethlehem always fills me with awe, calling the three *Magi*, the wise men from the East, to Bethlehem to anoint the newborn Saviour. It brings together the human reality of a newborn baby boy with the infinite and indescribable God seen in the piercing light of a star.

The prayer below was written by Pope John XXIII, the great but humble man who initiated the Second Vatican Council. As you read it, could I ask everyone in the Mercy community to hold two intentions close to your hearts: firstly, the Bouchier family, Luke, Mel and Nathaniel, with Luke recovering in Warrnambool after a serious health scare early this week; and, secondly, the Erwin family as Geordie (12 A this year) begins his slow recovery from a collapse and fall at home last week.

*O sweet Child of Bethlehem,
grant that we may share with all our hearts
in this profound mystery of Christmas.
Put into the hearts of men and women this peace
for which they sometimes seek so desperately
and which you alone can give to them.
Help them to know one another better,
and to live as brothers and sisters,
children of the same Father.
Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity.
Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude
for your infinite goodness.
Join them all together in your love.
And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.*

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass and Awards

Thank you to all students, staff and parents who attended last Monday's End of Year Thanksgiving Mass and Awards at St Thomas' Church, Terang.

It was a fantastic and occasionally moving celebration of the Advent season and the achievements of students and staff during the 2012 school year. A full list of the award winners is on pages 3 - 7.

Special thanks to those who were responsible for the evening – to Mrs Jo Saunders, Fr Gerry Prunty, Fr Matthew Thomas and all who spoke or assisted with the Mass and to all staff who contributed to the organisation of the Awards ceremony.

Mercy Regional College Teacher of the Year

As has been highlighted in recent newsletters, the College introduced a new award this year with a teacher recognised for outstanding service and achievement in the fundamental vocation of teaching.

The inaugural winner of this award was Mr Justin Staunton. The letter nominating Justin described him: *as hard-working, dedicated, respected by students and peers, a teacher who has had an ongoing and absolute passion for his teaching area, a staff member who not only supports his peers but motivates them by the outstanding teaching practices he displays. This teacher remains committed to improving his own teaching and learning as well as the results of those he teaches. He is someone who has made a personal difference in the lives of thousands of Mercy students and staff as well as contributing enormously and selflessly to his local community.*

Farewell

As the year concludes, we bid farewell to a number of staff, some for a short time, others for possibly much longer. They are:

Mrs Helen Kenna	Retirement
Mr Tony Forbes	Retirement
Ms Sophie Carr	Overseas travel
Ms Ella McPhee	Overseas travel
Mr Jason Moloney	Overseas travel
Mrs Leesa Henriksen	Maternity leave
Mrs Rebecca Rees	Maternity leave

We also bid farewell to Mrs. Melissa Wood who finishes her contract and hopes to give birth to a young child early next year as well as Mr. Charlie Bradshaw who has completed his term as the College's AFL Trainee.

One of these departures is especially significant: Mrs. Helen Kenna was a foundation member of the staff of Catholic Regional College in 1973 and has been a presence in many of our lives since then. Helen taught for 2 years in her initial time here, then after having a family returned to Mercy and has been with us for the last 20 years. Helen has taught in a number of areas but her two loves are English and Student Wellbeing and it is the latter that I have seen Helen's wisdom and expertise in action in the last two years. On behalf of the Mercy Regional College community, I wish Helen well in the various roles that will occupy her time after Mercy.



As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank you – the students, parents and families of Mercy – for the successful year we have enjoyed at Mercy. Each day at this College is a joy and a privilege and that is in most part due to you, the community that supports us. I hope and pray that each of you has a safe, happy and holy Christmas and New Year.

Yours in Mercy,

A blue ink signature of Dr. Darren Egberts.

DR. DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES FOR THE REGION

CHRISTMAS EVE

Terang	5pm
Cobden	6pm
Timboon	6pm
Mortlake	7pm
Camperdown	7:30pm
Simpson	8pm
Terang	9pm
Lismore	9:30pm
Camperdown	Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY

Camperdown	9am
Caramut	9am
Terang	10:30am

2013 Dates

TERM 1

Monday 21 January

- * College Office Open
- * Book Parcel Collection Day 10am – 3pm

Wednesday 30 January

- * All staff resume

Monday 04 February

- * School Commences for all students

Wednesday 6 February

- * Commencement Mass @ 9:30am
- * Year 7-9 Swimming Trials

Thursday 7 February

- * Year 7 Welcome BBQ 6-8pm @ Noorat

Friday 8 February

- * MRC Swimming Carnival

Monday 11th – Friday 15th February

- * Year 7 Camp – Cape Bridgewater

Wednesday 13 February

- * Ash Wednesday

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February

- * Year 10 Work Experience
- * Year 12 Retreat
- * Year 11 Melbourne Camp

MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE 2012 STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

YEAR 7 & 8 AWARDS

ACADEMIC AWARDS

This award is presented to the student who achieved the highest academic marks in their homeroom when all subjects are taken into consideration.

Class	Recipient of Award
7A	Stephanie Smart
7B	Ripley Watt
7C	Sarah van der Schans
7D	Cheyenne Beaver
8A	Sebastian Conheady
8B	Lily Lourey
8C	Kate Hallyburton
8D	Matthew Stevenson

HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARDS

This award is presented to the student who has demonstrated individual achievement during the course of the year and has demonstrated effort and commitment in their school work.

Class	Recipient of Award
7A	Hugh McBean
7B	Sarsha Anderson
7C	Hailey Mahony
7D	Shelbie Carlin
8A	Caitlin Williams
8B	Tineke Jehu
8C	Emma Lucas
8D	Meg Lenehan

HEAD OF O'KEEFFE CAMPUS EXEMPLAR AWARDS

The Head of O'Keeffe Campus Exemplar Award recognises one boy and one girl from across the Junior School for their outstanding leadership and example.

Class	Recipient of Award
7D	Jack Guthrie
8C	Emma Lucas

SPIRIT OF MERCY AWARDS

This award is presented to the student who has demonstrated a commitment to the core values of Mercy Regional College as expressed in our Vision and Mission Statement.

Recipient of Award	Year
Ailie Bateman	7
Meg Lenehan	8

YEAR 9 AWARDS

ACADEMIC AWARDS

This award is presented to the student who achieved the highest academic result for the subject listed.

Student Name	Subject
Olivia Giblin	Religious Education
Mia Cain	English
Jack Williams	Mathematics
Lucy Halloran	Mathematics
Lucy Halloran	Science
Lucy Halloran	Health & PE
Lucy Halloran	Humanities (History)
Georgia Buchholz	Ag Studies
Caitlin Hall	Computer Applications
Jasmine Hickey	Food Technology
Nathan Stevens	Woodwork
Georgia Watson	Electronics
Georgia Lucas	Textiles
Olivia Giblin	Drama
Jessica McIntosh	Art
Olivia Cunningham	Graphic Design
Kieren Gleeson	Music
Jessica McIntosh	Integrated Project
Christopher Barks	Personal Development

HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARDS

This award is presented to the student who has demonstrated individual achievement during the course of the year and has demonstrated effort and commitment in their school work.

Student Name	Class
Joshua Rowan	9A
Maggie Lee	9B
Christopher Barks	9C
Stephanie Lee	9D

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Recipient of Award
Olivia Giblin

YEAR 10 AWARDS

ACADEMIC AWARDS

This award is presented to the student who achieved the highest academic result for the subject listed.

STUDENT NAME	SUBJECT
William Keough	Religious Education
Laura Justin	English
Thomas Cheslett	Mathematics
Anna Baker-Campbell	Science
Bethany O'Sullivan	Health & PE
Leah Veenstra	Cert II Hospitality
Jack Danby	Cert II Building and Construction
Anna Baker-Campbell	Cert II Fitness
Thomas Cheslett	Computer Applications
Briony Kent	Food Technology
Melissa Robbins	Textiles
Kelvin Marquand	Woodwork
Olivia Reed	Art
Kirsty Almond	Graphic Design
Anya McKenzie	Media Studies
Anna Baker-Campbell	Art Photography
Kelvin Marquand	Agriculture
Cindy Unwin	Drama

HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARDS

This award is presented to the student who has demonstrated individual achievement during the course of the year and has demonstrated effort and commitment in their school work.

STUDENT NAME	CLASS
Cindy Unwin	10A
Rachel Pineo	10B
Stephanie Gregory	10C

SPIRIT OF MERCY AWARDS

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Recipient of Award
Ruby Bradshaw

YEAR 11 AWARDS

ACADEMIC AWARDS

This award is presented to the student who achieved the highest academic result for the subject listed.

STUDENT NAME	SUBJECT
Toby McKenzie	Religion Year 11
Rachael Gibson	English Unit 1/2
Zachary O'Flynn	Literature Unit 1/2
Zachary O'Flynn	Maths Methods Unit 1/2
Rachael Rais-Colvin	General Maths Unit 1/2
Peter Ryan	Biology Unit 1/2
Zachary O'Flynn	Chemistry Unit 1/2
Thomas Brett	Design & Technology Unit 1/2
Amy Hallyburton	Dance Unit 1/2
Louis Hickey	Building & Construction Unit 1/2
Anna Baker-Campbell	Psychology Unit 1/2
Caitlin Wallis	History Units 1/2
Verity Watt	Health & Human Development Unit 1/2
Campbell Robbins	Studio Art Unit 1/2
Zachary O'Flynn	Visual Communication & Design Unit 1/2
Paige Gibson	Media Unit 1/2
Kayla Spicer	Food Technology Unit 1/2
Melissa Robbins	VET Hospitality (First Year)
Rachael Rais-Colvin	Physical Education Unit 1/2
Genevieve Lee	Accounting Unit 1/2
Matthew O'Brien	Business Management Unit 1/2
Thomas Brett	Physics Unit 1/2
Jarrold Johnson	Information Technology Unit 1/2
Caitlin Wallis	Legal Study Unit 1/2
Amy Hallyburton	Outdoor Education Unit 1/2
Nathan Bailey	VCAL Literacy Intermediate
Jake Carmichael	VCAL Numeracy
Nathan Bailey	VCAL Personal Development
Amy Gaut	VCAL Work Related Skills

SPIRIT OF MERCY AWARDS

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Recipient of Award
Joseph Kingston
Nathan Bailey

ADF LONG TAN LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK AWARDS

These awards are given to the students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader local community.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Steven Krybolder	10
Liana Collins	11

KWONG LEE DOW YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Is an academic enrichment program for high achieving students and certificates are presented to the following students who have been accepted into the program.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Anna Baker-Campbell	10
Kirsty Almond	10

WINNING DESIGNER OF 2012 COLLEGE YEAR BOOK COVER

Toby McKenzie

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

Jennifer Rowan

MERCY ARTS PRIZE

Campbell Robbins

COLLEGE SPORTS AWARD

Jake Crawley

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Justin Staunton

Middle School News

Mr. Ben Brisbane

Over a month ago walking through the shops I noticed Christmas decorations and joked that they are getting in early this year. Not until now do I reflect on that and notice how quickly time flies and if not you're not organised you'll miss out. So I now sit in my office without the sound of bells and students walking past wondering where the time went.

It has been a jam packed year and one full of activity. It does explain why the year travelled so fluently. Term 4 started with the Year 9 Melbourne Experience Camp. This experience not only gave the students the chance to spend some time in the "Big Smoke" but to also demonstrate their trustworthiness, responsibility and support they have for each other. It was a great time had by all that attended and one all staff and students will be looking forward to next year.

Year 10 focus during Term 4 was their end of year exams and their transition into VCE. In the words of Lachie Lee during Transition, "this is the second most important step in your schooling life (Year 10–VCE/VCAL), second to starting school at Prep level". Hopefully all Year 10s gained an insight into what is expected and can prepare themselves for the most important 2 years of their schooling life.

Last Friday we held our last Middle School Assembly in the stadium. It was a chance to thank all those whom contributed to such a good year and highlight those that achieved through the dissemination of some awards. Within this time we announced the Term 4 Middle School Award Recipients who were:

1. Yr 9 Chris Barks
2. Yr 9 Olivia Giblin
3. Yr10 Ruby Bradshaw
4. Yr 10 Bethany O'Sullivan

With these four announced it opened the way to present the 2 students whom received the Overall Middle School Award 2012. The 2 students that were presented the award from Matt and Doug of Southwest Imaging and Frames – Noorat were Nathan Stevens and Jennifer Rowan. Well done to all 16 nominees through the year. It is good to be recognized for efforts made and hopefully we will see some new names come forth next year. A big thank you goes out to Southwest Imaging and Frames (Noorat) for their commitment. They donated all the certificates and frames and have pledged their support again in 2013.

May I wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to meeting all the new Year 9 students on our return. To our year 10s leaving Middle School good luck in 2013 and over the next 2 years of VCE or VCAL.



INFORMATION FOR 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

2013 SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students are to be in full summer school uniform at the start of Term 1, 2013.

Order and pay on-line through Fashion Club Wear @ www.fcw.com.au or email sales@fcw.com.au

2013 STUDENT PLANNER

2013 Student College Planners will be distributed to students on the first day of school.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS FOR JAN & FEB 2013

JANUARY 2013	FEBRUARY 2013
Mon. 21 st Jan (10am-3.00pm)	Tues. 5 th Feb
Tues. 22 nd Jan	Thurs. 7 th Feb
Thurs. 24 th Jan	Tues. 12 th Feb
Tues. 29 th Jan	Thurs. 14 th Feb
Thurs. 31 st Jan	Tues. 19 th Feb
(12 – 2pm from 22 nd Jan)	Thurs. 21 st Feb
	(12– 2pm for the above dates)

COBDEN SKATE JAM

FRI. 21st. DEC AT THE COBDEN SKATE PARK 6pm-9:30pm. FREE BBQ AND SOFT DRINKS.

FREE BUS SERVICE, LEAVING TERANG 5.00, NOORAT 5.15, CAMPERDOWN 5.35 TO COBDEN AND RETURNING TO CAMPERDOWN 9.45, NOORAT 10.10 AND TERANG 10.25

ALL PEOPLE ATTENDING BY BUS WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND HAVE PARENTAL SIGNATURE ON FORM. FORMS AVAILABLE FROM YOUR SCHOOL. BUS SEATS APPROX. 50 SO BE QUICK TO SECURE YOUR SEAT. BRING YOUR SKATEBOARD, SCOOTER OR BIKE AND SHRED THE SKATE PARK WHILE ENJOYING THE HIGH CALIBRE ENTERTAINMENT. BRING YOUR SAFETY GEAR, HAVE FUN AND ENJOY A GREAT NIGHT IN COBDEN.

THIS EVENT IS DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE. INTOXICATED PEOPLE WILL BE ESCORTED FROM THE PARK.

The Five Alive

PLAYING 6 PM

MASKETTA FALL

PLAYING 7 PM



PLAYING 8.20 PM

This event is proudly sponsored by:-



Future Freight

Friday 11th Jan 2013
3pm - 10pm

Peterborough Seaside Festival

Live Music. Markets. Fireworks.

Kid's Rides

including Giant Slide, Animal Nursery, Ed Gym
5pm - 7pm Full Flight Birds of Prey Show.

River Events

Register by 3.30pm

Beach Boogie Triathlon teams of 2, age 5-8, age 9-12

Cance Championships - \$5 entry per team of 2, age 12-16, age 16 and over

Mixed Masters Cance Championship \$5 entry per Team of 2, age 50+

Peterborough CFA

Gigantic Goods & Services Auction

3pm Preview,

4.30pm Sausages Sizzle,

5pm Auction Commences.

Come and enjoy

- oh and BYO chair or picnic rug!

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