

MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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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 2013

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

This weekend on Mothers' Day, we celebrate and remember the enormous debt we owe to our mothers. The intimate and unconditional love of a mother for a child gives us a sharp point of reflection for the ultimate in Christian love, the love between God and humanity. Although the relationship between a mother and her daughters and sons can occasionally be challenging, it is one that is life-long and one that should never be underestimated.

The love between Jesus of Nazareth and His mother endured even the violence of Jesus' passion and death, "When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.'" (John 19:26)

The following is a short but beautiful prayer of praise for all on Mothers' Day:

Mother's Day Prayer

by Gaynell Bordes Cronin

*I love you, Mum.
I love your aliveness,
your joy in living,
your understanding,
your giving.
And what I love best of all
is that you love me.
God of all Mothers,
thank you for my mum!*

One aspect of Mothers' Day that we obviously celebrate is the love that parents have for their children, this was brought home to me in recent weeks as my wife and I enjoyed five wonderful weeks away in Queensland on leave.

Notwithstanding the extraordinary natural beauty of our land, the real joy for us was spending such a length of time away with our gorgeous daughters, D'Arcy and Stella. I would like to thank all those who made my leave possible and, in particular, to Mr. Kerin Glennen who was Acting Principal in my absence.



Visit of Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

A highlight of last week and of the year thus far, was the gathering last Wednesday of more than 1000 members of the Hampden Catholic Schools' Network to celebrate Mass.

Led by our recently ordained Bishop of Ballarat, Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, the de Chantal Stadium was jam packed and buzzing with excitement as we reflected on the "Year of Grace" and, in particular, on the special gifts and talents that we have been gifted by God.

The Mass was followed by a special extended version of *Mercy Battle of the Bands* where the particular musical talents of many of our students and staff were on display.

Congratulations to our winning act for 2013 of Sophie Rowan, Abbey Tobias and Eliza Johnstone whose skills vocally and on percussion were quite extraordinary.

On the previous evening the Advisory Boards of each HCSN school (St Colman's, St Patrick's, St Thomas' and Mercy Regional College) came together to share a meal and listen to the wise words of our new Bishop.

A big thanks to the large number of people – staff and students – who contributed to the very successful two days but especially to three Mercy staff who coordinated the different parts of the celebration: Mrs. Jo Saunders for the HCSN Mass, Mr. Luke Bouchier for Battle of the Bands and Mrs. Annette Price for the wonderful food we enjoyed on Tuesday evening.

Congratulations

It has been a big couple of weeks for a number of Mercy students and staff with two noteworthy events:

- Congratulations to all involved in the Camperdown Theatre Company's production of *Hairspray*. It was fabulous to see such giftedness on display on stage; well done to all involved.



Year 12 Cast Members

- Friday 26th April saw the recognition of three long-standing Mercy staff members as part of the Catholic Education Office Ballarat 30 Year Service Awards. Congratulations to Ms. Lyn Davies, Mr. Lachie Lee and Mr. Justin Staunton – I have said on a number of occasions how privileged we are to be blessed with such a high quality teaching staff and these three exemplify this.



Lachie, Lyn & Justin

College Open Day

A reminder to all current and prospective families that the College's annual Open Day will be held next **Wednesday 15th May** at the O'Keeffe Campus from 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm.

Enrolment packages will be available on the day with two information sessions held at 5.00 pm & 6.30 pm.

Campus tours led by O'Keeffe students will take students and families across the different activities available at Mercy Regional College. As part of this process, Mr. Tony Wynd and I spoke with the Grade 6 students at each of the HCSN primary schools today.

NAPLAN

As is the case in all Australian schools next week, students in Year 7 and 9 will undertake NAPLAN testing over three days. Our Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning, Mr. Chris Grant has further details on the arrangements for these tests later in the newsletter.

PTFA

One of the foundations underlying the ongoing success of Mercy Regional College is the recognition by parents and school alike that education is most effective when it is an effective partnership that meets the needs of all. Over recent years, the numbers of parents and teachers involved in the College's Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) has declined with less than six participants at meetings last year. I recognize that this reflects the busyness of modern family life and the multiple commitments that most parents have during the week, however, it remains fundamentally important that parents and friends of the College have opportunities to contribute significantly to the operations and future growth of Mercy. As a result, I am investigating restructuring the means by which parents can contribute to the life of the College through the established activities of the Mercy PTFA and hope to take a proposal (tentatively called the Mercy Parents' Partnership) to the MRC Board and hence to a special PTFA meeting next month. Stay tuned.

Student Activities

A large number of students have represented Mercy Regional College in the sporting field in the last couple of weeks:

- Congratulations to our girls who competed in the Country Cup Netball Tournament held in Terang last week. The Intermediate team won the overall title with the senior team coming a close second.
- Congratulations to the nine boys that had their first Interschool Dirtbike team competition last Friday in Panmure.
- Well done to the Year 7–9 students who competed in the Hampden Cup football and netball competition on Tuesday.

- Congratulations to the boys who competed on Wednesday at a shooting competition at the Colac Gun Club.

In addition all students will be out and about next Monday as the College Cross-country is held with students running from Terang to Noorat. Parents and families are welcome to attend with races beginning at 11.15 am from Terang.

Student Free Day – Friday 31st May

Advance warning to all families that there will be no classes on **Friday 31st May** as all Mercy staff will be attending a HCSN Religious Education PD day.

Yours in Mercy,



DR. DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL

30 Years' Service to Catholic Education Awards

Mr. Kerin Glennen

On the evening of Friday 26th April, Lyn Davies, Justin Staunton and Lachie Lee attended an evening in Ballarat to celebrate their 30 Years of teaching in Catholic Education. Bishop Paul Bird presented each of them with a certificate outlining their commitment to Catholic Education.

As has been the case with each Mercy staff member recognized in this way, Lyn, Justin and Lachie have left enormous fingerprints on the tapestry of Mercy Regional College and on the students and staff they have worked with.

At its best, Catholic Education is about the privilege that we have to grow with and be influenced by the best of Christian humanity and in those recognised by the CEOB (Catholic Education Office Ballarat) 30 Year awards, we have exemplars of this. Congratulations Lyn, Justin and Lachie.



NAPLAN Tests 2013

Mr. Chris Grant

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2013 tests for Years 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 14th May, Wednesday 15th May and Thursday 16th May 2013. 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 on Thursday 16th May.

Deputy Principal Wellbeing

Mr. Kerin Glennen

GETTING THE SLEEP YOU NEED

A good night’s sleep is important for maintaining good health.



Sleeping problems are common and can leave you feeling irritable and without energy. If it goes on too long you may end up feeling anxious or even depressed.

Tips to improve your sleep:

- ✚ Get out of bed; don’t try to go back to sleep.
- ✚ Try to get up at the same time each morning, perhaps around 7 to 7:30am.
- ✚ Go outside into the fresh air and do something active.

Before going to bed:

- ✚ Avoid going to bed too early and try to go at a regular time, e.g. 10:00 to 10:30pm
- ✚ Avoid drinking alcohol or smoking

Allow yourself time to wind down...if you have been studying take some time to sit and relax.

- ✚ If you continually feel tired all the time;
- ✚ are spending more time in bed;
- ✚ sleeping badly or for less time;
- ✚ napping during the day or
- ✚ having to cut down on physical activities;

You are probably not getting enough sleep.

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Jo Saunders

HCSN MASS with Bishop Paul Bird

May 1st, 2013 saw the Hampden Catholic Network Schools gather to celebrate Catholic Education Week. Bishop Paul made his very first visit to Camperdown and together with Fr. Matthew Thomas and Fr. Gerry Prunty, they led the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with over 900 students and almost 100 staff.



The theme of the Mass was taken from the *Year of Grace – A Grateful Heart* and the Gospel reading was the narrative of the loaves and fishes; a story quite familiar to students of any age in Catholic Education. This Gospel story prompts us to *give, receive, live and believe with a grateful heart*. It was a joyous occasion sharing the Network’s wonderful musical talents and with many students from ages 6 – 18 playing their part by participating in various ministries such as reading, processions and singing. The St Thomas’s choir were ably led by Mrs. Marie Ewing and Mr. Michael Saunders and we were as always blessed with the generosity and talent of our own staff and students; Toby McKenzie, Jen Rowan, Jordyn Hickey, Matthew Murray, Zoe Wagstaff, Lily Lourey, Liam Parker and Lillian Van Donk.



The stadium was again transformed into a beautiful sacred space and there are many people to thank for this including members of the St Patrick’s Parish and our own Danny Gordon and Mark Evans.

The Bishop's Homily message was of the students and staff all using the God given gifts they had received, no matter what field of life they venture into. Bishop Paul spoke of sports, music, education, leadership, and a myriad of other talents that we may share for the benefit of our Communities, *both giving and receiving these gifts with a grateful heart.* As a wider community of Catholic Education in the region it was a wonderful chance to celebrate what binds us together and is at the very heart of our schools; our relationship with God; which is lived out in such a visible way through the sharing of the Word and of the Eucharist.



I would like to thank the staff and students at Mercy, St Colman's, St Thomas' and St Patrick's for their support in planning the Mass and to all the children who participated so respectfully and reverently. In particular I would like to thank the Mercy Road Crew students and staff lead ably by Mr. Luke Bouchier, Mr. Brendan Norman and Mrs. Janet Backhouse for their after-hours efforts on a number of occasions leading up to May 1st. They were able to power up and setup the stadium altar and stage with precision and in rapid time which allowed every word to be heard and also permitted a seamless transition into the **Battle of the Bands** extravaganza which followed the Mass. Mercy Road Crew: Joseph Arundell, Christopher Barks, Olivia Reed, Deanne Fleming, Billy Buckingham, Henry Kissick, Louis Hickey, Caitlin Smart, Matt Murray and Liam Parker.

Feast Day Arrangements 2013

Our school feast Day falls on the feast day of Our Lady Help of Christians. OLHC is the patron Saint of Australia and was chosen many years ago as a suitable feast Day for our school as we were founded 40 years ago as a Diocesan/Parish school with support from the Mercy Sisters. This year the celebrations will be held at both Campuses simultaneously.

At the McAuley Campus there will be a Mass held in Saint Patrick's Church at 11:30am followed by an early and slightly longer class lunch. Students and teachers are encouraged to plan a shared lunch between homerooms.

At the O'Keeffe Campus there will be a liturgy at 9.45 am with the Year 12 students joining the Year 7/8 students to celebrate. Following the liturgy, the Year 7s and Year 12s will commence their journey as "Buddies" with some activities planned by our student leaders and a special shared recess treat! Year 8



students will compete in some House Team activities at the same time. After recess the Year 7/8 students will have a guest speaker followed by further fun. Any parents who wish to be present at either the Liturgy or the Mass are most welcome at either St Patrick's Church at 11.30am or at

O'Keeffe Campus multipurpose room at 9:45am

Portrait of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Help of Christians Commissioned 2008.

Vinnies Support and Vinnies Stars!!



During our Street Retreat on April 17/18, a TV crew were on hand to film an advertisement for St. Vincent De Paul. We have a couple of stars to look out for in the advertisement including Mrs. Emily Stephens and Bonnie Hinkley who both feature at the very beginning of the ad.

Our Street Retreat program continues to go well and a further 10 students were helping the poor and less fortunate Wednesday night of this week. Please follow the link below to see the ad and see if you can spot our staff and students!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXTIdAri-ZA&feature=youtube_gdata_player

Social Justice Committee

Tika Peruvian scarves: The Social Justice group will again be purchasing 200 scarves from Peru to be sold late in Term 2 and early in Term 3. The scarves will be sold for \$20 each and every cent will return to Sister Patricia McDermott's women's group in Peru.

This small industry helps to employ a number of village women living in poor conditions in Peru. See their story below and/or visit their website www.tikaperu.org for more information.

Sarah Bone who is a keen member of our Social Justice Team is busy designing the scarves. They will be a design suitable for men and women and could make a great gift! So watch for more information as the order arrives.



TIKAPERU - OUR STORY

With significant unemployment, poor education and inequity amongst the population of Peru, people struggle to take care of themselves and their families.

In 1996, Mercy Sisters Joan Doyle, Patricia McDermott and Jackie Ford RSM chose to live and work with the people of Cerro Candela, Tres de Mayo and tex-Hacienda. An area in the northern zone of Lima, Cerro Candela is very poor, has no paved roads, no running water or sewerage and has very high levels of unemployment.

There are many positive outcomes resulting from women's employment including reduced poverty and better health and education for children. Therefore, the Sisters chose to focus their efforts on improving the lives of women and children in particular by offering practical help – a source of clean water – education, child-minding and medical facilities.

Funding for the project has come from generous Australian donors and through sales of handicrafts and knitted products.

The Tika Fashion workshop was established in 2006 to focus on producing high quality, knitted products including school scarves, gloves and beanies as well as footy scarves and other unique gifts.

100% of the sale of the goods produced by the workshop goes directly to the women in the workshop providing a fair, living wage and a clean, pleasant working environment in which to learn new skills and socialise.

Tikaperu markets these products in Australia and is staffed by volunteers

"The establishment of the knitting workshop has given many women the chance to learn new skills, have meaningful employment, and enjoy the company of their colleagues. They take great pride in the work they do. It gives them a chance to escape the poverty of daily life in this city."

Sister Patricia McDermott RSM

What Is Thankyou Water?



Thankyou Water is a Melbourne-based social enterprise that sells bottled water in Australia with a sole purpose of funding safe water projects in developing nations. The reasoning behind the Thankyou Water vision is that each year Australians spend \$600 million on the bottled water industry, yet over 743 million people a year worldwide don't have access to safe drinking water, resulting in a day-by-day struggle to survive and in many cases, death. All profit generated by the organisation goes towards funding safe water projects, with each bottle of Thankyou Water sold providing at least one month's worth of safe water to someone in need.

The Social Justice Team would like to thank Year 12 student Leader Nathan Bailey for his initiative in bringing Thankyou water to our school via his VCAL project.

Thankyou water will soon be sold at the O'Keeffe Campus by the Social Justice student team and will also be available at the Cross Country Day. Nathan will also be selling Thankyou water at McAuley Campus on occasion. Water will be sold at \$2 per bottle. From this money .80 cents will remain with the Social Justice Team to fund further projects including our donation to Mercy Beyond Borders. We are working our way toward a \$1000 donation and we are over half way there!

Shave for a cure

On April 24th there was much excitement about the school as we raised funds for the Leukaemia Foundation through the "Shave for a cure day". In order to have the whole school involved, students coloured their hair, teased it up into the air and added strange and beautiful ribbons and bows. On the day over \$1000 was raised for the Leukaemia Foundation and much of the thanks should go to the brave members of the Mercy Kidz team who had their heads shaved.

Year 12s Verity Watt, Joe Kingston and Matthew O'Brien were brave enough to lose their locks and should be commended for their bravery. Verity's younger sister Tully who is currently at St Thomas' school in Year 6 also had her head shaved so the sisters truly supported each other well.



Tully & Verity having their head shaved



Verity, Tully, Matthew & Joe

Added to this there were other students who had 20cm of their cut off to provide hair for wig making for Cancer patients who lose their hair. Katie Kenna and Clare Glennen (below) were glad to provide such a generous gift. Verity and Tully's hair was also donated for wig making.



The Social Justice team would like to thank Mr. Justin Staunton who compered the afternoon and helped to create a wonderful atmosphere.

The Junior Social Justice team at O'Keeffe Campus supported the day by colouring hair and collecting donations. This team includes; Sophie Rowan, Ailie Bateman, Eliza Johnstone, Tate Tregear-Copeland, Luke Lenehan and Ripley Watt. Many thanks to all who got involved and to all who made donations.



Mercy's Annual Battle of the Bands

Mr. Luke Bouchier

This year, the Battle of the Bands was bigger and better than ever before with a record number of performances! With the addition of some new sound equipment, the stadium was rocking last Wednesday May 1st. We also had the HCSN primary school students in attendance, so the stadium was packed.

Brooke McInnes, Olivia Martin, Zoe Wagstaff and Mollie Gaut kicked off the show with lovely vocal renditions of recent popular tunes. Mick Saunders had the primary school students onside with his ukulele version of Somewhere over the Rainbow and I'm Yours. Next on stage was the Junior Choir, whose weeks of preparation were evident with another quality vocal performance.

The eventual second runners-up were Liam Parker, Matt Murray, Jordyn Hickey and Zoe Wagstaff who played a 'Fun' classic. Olivia Giblin and Louis Cain entertained, and Tara Suri was supported by guitar teacher Tony Forbes. The cast of Hairspray all jumped up on stage 'at the last minute' and played a song for the thousand-strong audience.

The real highlight performances, according to the judges - Fr. Matthew Thomas, Mr. Kerin Glennen and Mrs. Shelley Mutton, were Joseph Arundell, Henry Kissick, Billy Buckingham and an unnamed mysterious drummer. The boys were judged runners-up with their take on Tears in Heaven and Under the Bridge.

But there was no denying the skill and preparation showed by the winners Sophie Rowan, Abbey Tobias and Eliza Johnstone whose version of 'The Cup Song' wowed the audience.



Abbey, Eliza and Sophie

As always, the staff rounded out the afternoon with a handful of classic hits and some Rock'n'Roll dancing.



Pam, Danny, Jo, Justin, Chamon, Tony, Leanne & Terry

Congratulations must go to all those who performed. Thanks to the aforementioned judges and to Brendon Norman and Tony Forbes for their help on the day, a big thanks goes to Road Crew students and staff without whose help we would not have been set up in time, a bigger thanks to Chris Barks who was invaluable on the mixing desk, and one final huge thank you to Janet Backhous - without her amazing organisation skills the event would not be the success it was.

WANTED

A Year 12 Studio Arts student is in need of broken/working clocks or watches (not digital). If you have any that you no longer require, please leave them at the Front Office.



The Art Room is in need of ice cream containers, yoghurt and butter containers. Please leave clean containers at Front Office or Art room.

Thanks Tina Jenkins

Battlefields Tour

Mr. Lachie Lee



Since the last newsletter, we have seen in the local and national newspapers and on TV and radio, many stories of interest regarding the service of Australians in wartime, particularly the First World War.

In particular, on Anzac Day morning, the ceremony at the Australian Memorial at Villers Bretonneux was televised. This memorial will be visited by our touring party in September. Some of the students will have researched the lives of an Australian soldier whose name appears on the memorial. One such soldier is John Sadler who was killed in 1917 and has no known grave. He is the ancestor of a number of MRC students such as Matthew O'Brien in Year 12, Annie Moloney in Year 10 and Emma Sargeant in Year 11. The Villers Bretonneux site is quiet, peaceful and lies in the midst of rolling, fertile farmlands. From the tower of the memorial you can see the surrounding countryside dotted with villages and towns such as Corbie. The flash of white from the war cemeteries scattered around the fields is a sad reminder that all was not always peaceful. Indeed a close look at the tower itself reveals bullet holes which remain from an attack by German aircraft in another war the Second World War in 1940. The French army had been using the tower as an observation post.

Our students and staff are quite excited and are busy making preparations for the journey. The tour will take in Paris, London and Bruges in Belgium, as well as the battlefields that the Australians served in during the First World War, around Amiens on the Somme and Ypres in Belgium.

Of course, among the highlights of our trip will be Paris, where we will climb the Eiffel Tower and tour through the wonderful Palace of Versailles the home of the Kings of France. In London we will do a tour of the Tower of London as well as visiting Windsor Castle and Oxford. We will shop in the famous Harrods of London and visit Buckingham Palace and the other sights of this great city. At present, the tour party consists of 32 passengers including staff and students.

Again, this is a reminder that we are keen for those students who are interested in the trip to consider joining us. It is still not too late!

O'Keeffe Study Initiative

Congratulations to a large number of Year 7 & 8 students who are using the O'Keeffe Campus Library to catch up on some extra Mathematics time before they head off to football or netball training during the week. Thanks also to the staff that are helping the students and making this time possible.



Toby McKenzie sang the National Anthem at the Camperdown service.

Anzac Day 2013

Mr. Lachie Lee

This year again, Mercy Regional College was well represented throughout the district Anzac Day commemorative services. MRC staff members and students attended on behalf of the College at Camperdown, Cobden, Mortlake and Terang. Student leaders laid wreaths and were involved in ceremonies at each of the town centres.

Anzac Day is an opportunity for us to pause and remember the sacrifices of those who came before us. In World War 1 60,000 Australians died, but two out of three of those who left Australia were killed or otherwise made a casualty. The impact of the war on the Nation was lasting, penetrating all levels of society for generations. In Camperdown at the Shire Council Chambers, the Honour Board lists approximately 1200 men and seven women who served, of whom approximately 210 were killed from the old Hampden Shire.

The college is proud of the efforts of our students who see fit to remember those from our community who paid the price for the freedoms that we enjoy.



Daniel Beard with students @ Cobden



Lachie Lee with students @ Terang



Students @ Camperdown



Students @ Mortlake

Sports Report

Stacey Hillman

Netball Report

Mercy Regional College had an excellent day at the recent Country Cup netball tournament held in Terang. 20 female students represented the College in both Intermediate and Senior competitions and showed why the Western District has such strong junior netball.

The Intermediate team came away from the day undefeated and won the overall title with the senior team coming a close second. Thank you to Miss Claire O'Connor and Emily Field for their coaching expertise on the day.



The Year 9 football side was also victorious and undefeated and showcased a huge amount of talent. A representative side from the five Hampden schools will be chosen to play against a Colac representative side in the near future.



Other Sporting News

Mercy Regional College had their first Interschool Dirtbike team compete last Friday in Panmure. A total of nine boys competed at the event and thoroughly enjoyed the day. A report from one of the participants including photos will be included in the next newsletter.

The inaugural Hampden Cup was played on Tuesday and Mercy Regional College students came away from the day victorious. The Year 7 & 8 netball sides both went through the day undefeated and competes next at the Greater Western Zone Championships on Tuesday 13th August.

Thank you to Jo Hammond, Emily Field and Matthew Harkin for their coaching expertise.

Don't forget MRC Cross Country is this coming Monday in periods 3 & 4 on the Terang-Noorat walking track. Let's see if Frayne can make it a clean sweep for 2013. Parents are more than welcome to come along and cheer their children on.

Biology / Chemistry Excursion

Mrs. Jenny Phillips

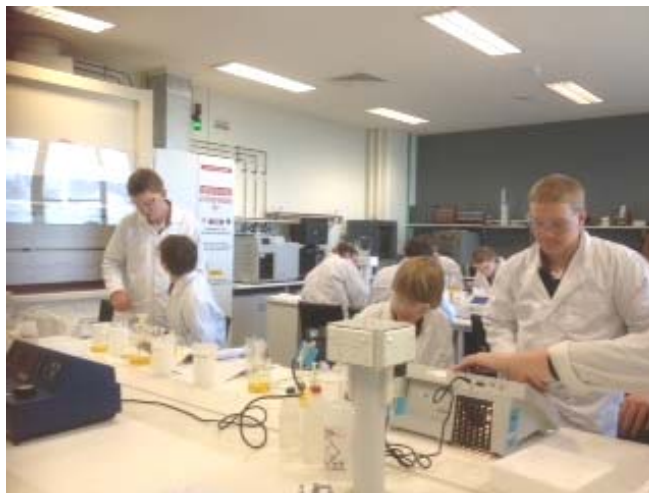
Students from Unit 3 Biology and Chemistry classes participated in practical activities at Gordon TAFE in Geelong last week.

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.



Careers Updates for Term 2

Mrs. Jenny Phillips

The Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation (MSRF) Scholarship Program

The MSRF is a charitable organisation dedicated to the needs of rural and regional Victorian communities. They offer scholarships to Year 12 rural / regional students to enable them to participate in tertiary study.

Demonstrated leadership capacity is a critical selection criterion for all MSRF programs. Applicants must have endorsement from the school principal and each school can endorse a maximum of two applications. Interested students need to visit:

<http://msrf.org.au/scholarship-and-programs/foundation-scholarship>

Any student wishing to apply for this scholarship must seek endorsement in writing, from Dr. Egberts by Friday 14th June.

Also

- Don't forget the Warrnambool Careers Expo. See details on page 9 of our last newsletter.

Weekly Career News

TERM TWO

7 May 2013

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Interested in studying health in the future? You can undertake a virtual tour of the REACH (Regional Community Health Hub) building at Deakin University and get a glimpse of where you could be studying in the future. Located at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus, the new REACH building aims to reach out to rural and regional health sectors and provide a regional community health hub. You can undertake a virtual tour by going to www.deakin.edu.au/health

Online Directions Magazine for aspiring artists: The Directions Magazine is a free online guide and resource for arts education in Australia. You can search for courses and read articles and news about the arts industry. Directions covers areas such as drama, music, digital media, theatre, arts management, technical production, design, visual arts, circus, puppetry, community cultural development and community arts. To view the magazine, go to www.directionsmagazine.com.au/



Are you interested in a career in Dance? You can download a mobile app from Dancehub, which will keep you up to date with career and course information, workshops, online dance tutorials etc. Go to www.dancehubmagazine.com.au/ to download the app.

What is university like? Australian Catholic University has developed a resource for secondary students to assist you in understanding what university is all about. You will be able to find out about the differences between school and uni, how much it will cost, and where to start. To download the resource, go to <http://www.acu.edu.au>

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

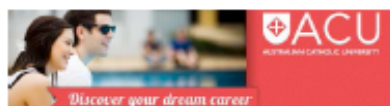
Scholarship for rural students: The Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation offers scholarships to year 12 students from rural/regional Victoria to enable them to participate in tertiary study. The scholarships provide financial support of \$15,000 per annum for three years, and also participation in mentoring and leadership development programs. Applications close July 18 2013.

For more information, go to: <http://msrf.org.au/scholarship-and-programs/foundation-scholarship>



New Arts and Music Student Centre at the University of Melbourne: The University has opened a new academic, enrolment and career advice centre for students studying Arts and Music subjects. It features state-of-the-art consulting spaces, a student common room, a kitchen, lounges, LCD screen televisions and study spaces. For more information, go to http://www.conservatorium.unimelb.edu.au/current/arts_and_music_student_centre

Discover your dream career: Australian Catholic University has developed an online careers test you can take which will match your personality type with careers you may enjoy. To take the test, go to <http://www.acu.edu.au/mycareer>



Exercise Science at Australian Catholic University: Students in this program- run AFL clinics for school students in partnership with AFL Victoria; assist primary school students to be active through the Active After School Communities program; are involved in allied health clinics; and work closely with allied health professionals. For information about the program, go to <http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/429151>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Interested in studying at Deakin in the future? You should consider attending the following events:

- Introduction to University, Burwood Campus, Tuesday 28 May
- Introduction to Further Education, Geelong Campus, Wednesday 29 May

You will be able to learn about Deakin's range of courses, scholarships, accommodation options, and pathway programs. You will also be able to hear from Deakin graduates who are living their professional dream.

For more information and to register, go to <http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/future-students>



Trinity College Young Leaders School: Trinity College at the University of Melbourne is running an intensive residential program for talented students. You can choose a one or two week academic stream

Students will have the opportunity to

- Discover how to succeed at university
- Be inspired by leading academics
- Learn about their pathway to the University of Melbourne

The program will run between 30 June – 7 July and 7 - 14 July. Scholarships are available. For more information and to register, go to www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/young_leaders



Julliard Jazz School at Trinity: Students have the opportunity to participate in a one-week residential program run by the Julliard School in New York between 30 June – 7 July. You must be aged 14 – 17 and are passionate about Jazz. Scholarships are available. For more information, go to www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/jazz

MAY CAREER EVENTS

- **At Monash Seminar Series,** www.monash.edu.au/study/life/student/seminars/
- **Focus on Melbourne University,** www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focus-melb
- **9: Careers by Design Forum, ACMI Education,** <http://www.acmi.net.au/>
- **9 & 23, Monash University Parent Seminars, Albury (9) & Bendigo (23),** www.monash.edu.au/parent
- **11: SAE Institute & Qantm College Open Days,** <http://openday.sae.edu.au/> <http://www.qantm.edu.au/openday/>
- **13: Information Session, Southern School of Natural Therapies, Melbourne,** <http://www.ssnt.edu.au/>
- **15: Apprenticeship Information Session, Melbourne,** www.aatinfo.com.au/news
- **17: Charles Sturt University MyDay, Medical Science, Pharmacy, Nursing, Wagga Wagga Campus,** <http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday>
- **18: JMC Academy Open Day, South Melbourne Campus,** www.jmcacademy.edu.au
- **18: Information Session, Elly Lukas Beauty Therapy College,** <http://www.ellylukas.edu.au/>
- **20: Global Careers Day, RMIT,** http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=bjkoe3axlzyx#_Registration
- **Meet Melbourne University, Shepparton (22), Albury (23), Hamilton (29), Warrnambool (30),** www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/mm2013
- **28, 29: Introduction to University, Deakin University, Burwood Campus (28), Geelong Campus (29),** <http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/future-students>

2013 OPEN DAY DATES

Each year, universities, TAFE Institutes and private colleges open their doors to the public to showcase what they can offer to future students. To ensure you make the right decisions about what you would like to study after school, it is essential you attend as many open days as possible.

STEP 1

Make a list of the institutions you would like to visit. Use the course search facilities on VTAC - www.vtac.edu.au to explore Victorian courses and on UAC- www.uac.edu.au to explore NSW and ACT courses.



STEP 2

Explore the Open Day websites for the institutions you would like to visit. Sign up to receive email updates or join the Open Day Facebook pages. View videos of last years events if they are available.



STEP 3

Download the Open Day program from the institution website and campus maps. Map out which seminars and demonstrations you would like to attend.



STEP 4

Open days are free, but take along some money for lunch. Take along a note pad and pen and attend as many seminars as possible. You may be able to visit two institutions if their Open Days fall on the same date. Have fun!



All photos taken at University of Tasmania and Uni of Canberra Open Days

OPEN DAYS 2013- Victoria

Developed by Sandie McKay, Catholic College Wodonga

GOVERNMENT UNIVERSITIES

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY, 1300 334 733 www.deakin.edu.au/openday

August dates: Warrnambool, 4th; Geelong Waterfront and Waurn Ponds, 11th & Melbourne Burwood, 25th

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY, 1300 135 045 www.latrobe.edu.au/openday

August dates: Shepparton: 9th, Mildura: 14th, Bendigo: 18th, Melbourne: 25th, and Albury-Wodonga: 30th

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, 1800 811 711 <http://openday.unimelb.edu.au/>

Parkville Campus, Dookie Agricultural College & Victorian College of the Arts and Music, Sunday 18th of August

MONASH UNIVERSITY, 1800 666 274 <http://monash.edu/openday/>

Berwick, Gippsland & Peninsula- 3rd of August; Caulfield, Clayton & Parkville- 4th of August

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, 1300 275 228 www.acu.edu.au/251231

Melbourne: 11th and Ballarat: Sunday 25th August

UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA, 1300 363 864, www.utas.edu.au/open-day

Hobart, Launceston, and Cradle Coast: Sunday 25th August

GOVERNMENT UNIVERSITIES: Universities with TAFE divisions

SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY, 1300 275 794 www.swinburne.edu.au/openday

Hawthorn- Sunday 4th August

UNIVERSITY OF BALLARAT, 1300 225 527 www.ballarat.edu.au/openday

Sunday 25th August

RMIT, 03 9925 2260 www.rmit.edu.au/openday

City, Brunswick and Bundoora- Sunday 11th August

Victoria University, 1300 842 846, www.vu.edu.au/openday

Sunday 25th August

OPEN DAYS 2013- Victoria

Government TAFE Institutes- most offer VET and higher education qualifications

SUNWAYSIA INSTITUTE , 03 5022 3666, www.sunitafe.edu.au TBA
KANGAN BATMAN , 13 8233 www.kangan.edu.au , TBA
BOX HILL INSTITUTE , 03 9286 9222 www.bhtafe.edu.au , Sunday 25th of August
NMIT , 03 9269 8400 www.nmit.edu.au/superthursday , Super Thursday, 20th June
WODONGA INSTITUTE , 02 6055 6600 www.wodongatafe.edu.au , information sessions run throughout the year
WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE , 03 9606 2111, www.angliss.edu.au , TBA
BENDIGO REGIONAL INSTITUTE , 1300 554 248, www.bendigo.edu.au Sunday 18th of August
GORDON INSTITUTE , 03 5225 0800, www.thegordon.edu.au , Sunday 11th of August
CENTRAL GIPPSLAND INSTITUTE , www.gippstafe.edu.au TBA
EAST GIPPSLAND INSTITUTE , 1300 133 717, www.egtafe.edu.au , TBA
CHISHOLM INSTITUTE , 1300 244 746, www.chisholm.edu.au/infonights info nights run from May
GOULBURN OVENS INSTITUTE , 1300 468 233, www.gotafe.vic.edu.au , TBA
SOUTH WEST INSTITUTE , 1300 648 911, www.swtafe.vic.edu.au 19th of August

Private Colleges- most offer VET and higher education qualifications

JMC ACADEMY , 03 9670 3735, www.jmcacademy.edu.au 18th of May
GRENADI SCHOOL OF DESIGN , 03 9663 001, www.grenadi.vic.edu.au TBA
ACADEMY OF DESIGN AUSTRALIA , www.designacademy.edu.au 11th of August TBC
AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF SPORTS THERAPY , 03 9670 3735, www.sportstherapy.edu.au TBA
WHITEHOUSE COLLEGE OF DESIGN , 03 9662 9911, www.whitehouse-design.edu.au 21st June
SOUTHERN SCHOOL OF NATURAL THERAPIES , 03 9415 3333, http://www.ssnt.edu.au 13th of May
NAVITAS COLLEGE OF PUBLIC SAFETY , 03 8327 2600, www.ncps.edu.au 2nd of May
ELLY LUKAS BEAUTY THERAPY COLLEGE , 03 9923 8888, www.ellylukas.edu.au 18th of May

For a list of other Private Colleges running open days, go to www.vtac.edu.au/opendays

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 15th May, 2013

**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.

REGISTRATIONS & CAMPUS TOURS
3:30pm – 6:30pm

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

INFORMATION PROGRAM
Presented by Dr Darren Egberts

Session 1 - 5:00pm

Session 2 - 6:30pm

(Parents need only attend one session)

INFORMATION PACKS & ENROLMENT FORMS
(will be distributed on the day)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Phone (03)5593 2011 or

Email: office@mercy.vic.edu.au



Chocolate Drive 2013

The PTFA Chocolate Fundraiser is on again in Term 2.

In the interests of healthier fundraising, the chocolate drive will again be optional. Last year a large number of families decided to donate the profit per box rather than sell the chocolates. Each student has received a letter in their Homeroom Class today to take home to their parents outlining the process.

A copy of the letter is also on the last page of this newsletter.

If you wish to take up the offer of donating the profit per box of (\$25) we ask you to complete the bottom section of the letter and return to the College office by **Friday 17th May**.

Families that do not donate (\$25) will automatically receive a box of chocolates to sell.

PLEASE NOTE

Several varieties of the chocolates contain nuts.
If this is a concern for your family, please let the office know and the chocolate bars containing nuts will be removed from your box.

HELPERS REQUIRED

We will have need of a few volunteers to assist with the task of packing the chocolates into boxes for this fundraiser.

We anticipate this will take place in the week commencing **Monday 27th May**. If you are able to volunteer a small amount of your time (approx. 1 hour) we would be very grateful of your help. Please ring the College office on 5593 2011 and we will let you know which night this will take place.

Thanking you in anticipation.

PTFA

Newsletter for schools and preschools



World Asthma Day 7th May 2013 'It's time to control your asthma!'



World Asthma Day is an annual event held by the Global Initiative for Asthma and this year's theme is 'It's time to control your asthma'. Good asthma control not only improves lung function and means less symptoms during the day and night, but

also improves the quality of life for people with asthma. This World Asthma Day, we encourage all schools to consider what good asthma control means for them, the children in their care and their whole school community. If you feel that your student's asthma is uncontrolled and impacting on their ability to participate in activities please make sure you communicate this to their parents and carers and encourage them to see their child's GP for an asthma review.

New Resource for VCE Health and Human Development Students!

We have a great new fact sheet for students studying the VCE Health and Human Development. Many students choose to focus on asthma as a National Health Priority and we would like to ensure that these students have an accurate, up-to-date and easy to read reference for their projects.

Please see the resources section on our website for a copy of the fact sheet, or see the attachment that has been sent with this newsletter.



School Camps & Excursions

Camps and excursions are a calendar highlight for students and are a great way to encourage them to try new activities. However camps and excursions can present a new set of challenges for students with asthma and the following is a list of considerations to be made for camps/excursions and the students that may be attending:

- How many children with asthma are attending the camp/excursion?
- Do you have a copy of students' Asthma Action Plans to take on the camp/excursion?
- What asthma or allergy triggers will the students be exposed to?
- Are there a suitable number of asthma first aid trained staff attending?
- Are there a suitable number of Asthma Emergency Kits available to respond to an asthma emergency?
- Are all staff aware of the asthma emergency procedure?

Considerations to be made for individual students:

- Have they been unwell recently?
- Have they had an asthma attack or asthma symptoms recently?
- Has their parent/carer completed the School Camp and Excursion Medical Update Form?
- Will they have their reliever medication and spacer on hand at all times?
- Are they attending with other medications to be taken and are there sufficient instructions for use/dosage?

Term 2
2013

To find out more contact your local Asthma Foundation:

1800 645 130
asthma.org.au

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Newsletter for schools and preschools



Young people at the National Asthma Conference

On 19, 20 March Asthma Australia's conference, Tackling Asthma in Australia — the Next 5 Years, was held in Canberra.

Two ACT young people provided a 'welcome to the future' for the attendees.

Hayley, a secondary school student, told the audience about her asthma and how her school was involved in a project to help other students to know how to help a friend in case of an asthma attack. Eddie, an active sportsperson, also told the conference about his asthma, how he managed this to play top level sport, and about his involvement in a day of filming at the Australian Institute of Sport for Asthma Australia.

Eddie finished the welcome with, "I'm proud to be involved with Asthma Australia and the Asthma Foundation here in ACT, and helping to get important messages about asthma and self-management to teenagers and young adults around Australia. Asthma Australia has lots of plans to work more closely with people like me. This is really important and we thank you for giving us the chance to have our say."

The winning poster from the competition held at the end of last year, by a student at Woodleigh School in Victoria, was framed and provided to all conference presenters.



New TRIGGERS booklet

This booklet was launched at the conference and informs people with asthma and their caregivers about how to recognise their asthma triggers and what can be done to avoid them.

Asthma triggers could be something that people with asthma:

- Breathe in (smoke, cool air)
- Catch (cold, flu)
- Feel (emotions, stress)
- Do (exercise)
- Eat or drink, take (medications)

The booklet is available online at the Asthma Australia website via Latest News. This may help you understand about your student's asthma triggers, or to inform parents and careers.

Exercise: a trigger not to avoid

Students with asthma should participate in sports and other physical activity as a component of a healthy lifestyle.

When a student's asthma interferes with physical activity, they may need to review their use of preventer medication or seek their doctor's advice about asthma medication they use prior to exercise.

The images here show Petrina Price, an Olympic high jump athlete, and Maddie, Issy and Eddie, active young people who manage their asthma and

participate in a variety of sports, at the Australian Institute of Sport during filming for Asthma Australia. View the promo at:

<http://asthmaaustralia.org.au/assist/yourasthma/asthma-sport/>



2013 Dates

TERM 2

Monday 13 May

- * MRC Cross Country

Wednesday 15 May

- * MRC Open Day
- * White Elephant Store in MPA @ lunchtime.

Friday 17 May

- * Year 11 - Mock Interviews

Monday 20 May

- * Year 9 Excursion to Sovereign Hill

Tuesday 21 May

- * MRC Board Meeting 7:30pm Camperdown

Friday 24 May

- * Mercy Feast Day

Monday 27 May

- * National Reconciliation Week begins

Tuesday 28 May

- * Top Designs Excursion to Melbourne
- * Year 10 Immunisations
- * RIST – Wool Overview Program for Year 9s

Wednesday 29 May

- * HSSD Cross Country
- * Year 11 Street Retreat
- * RIST – Wool Overview Program for Year 9s

Thursday 30 May

- * Year 11 Street Retreat
- * RIST – Wool Overview Program for Year 9s

Friday 31 May

- * **STUDENT FREE DAY**

Monday 3 June

- * Year 9 Try a Career Day in Warrnambool

Wednesday 5 June

- * Science Competition

Thursday 6 June

- * Year 8 Retreat Day

Monday 10 June

- * **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Wednesday 12 June

- * VCE GAT Exam (10:00 AM-1:15 PM)
- * Year 9 Guest Speaker - A Taste of Dairy

Friday 14 June

- * Year 12 Energizer Day & Footy Colours Night

Monday 17 June

- * Refugee Week begins
- * Year 11 exams

Tuesday 18 June

- * Year 9 - 11 Exams
- * GW Cross Country
- * MRC Board meeting 7:30 PM

Wednesday 19 June

- * Year 9 - 11 Exams
- * Unit 3 Outdoor Ed Camp / Grampians

Thursday 20 June

- * Unit 3 Outdoor Ed Camp / Grampians
- * **CORRECTION DAY (STUDENT FREE)**

Friday 21 June

- * Unit 3 Outdoor Ed Camp / Grampians

Monday 24 June

- * Year 10 Safe Driver Program

Tuesday 25 June

- * Year 10 Safe Driver Program
- * Units 1 & 3 Legal Studies Excursion (TBC)

Wednesday 26 June

- * Year 9 Excursion to Melbourne - Arts Domain Day

Friday 28 June

- * **TERM 2 CONCLUDES (2:10 PM FINISH)**

PUBLIC NOTICES

Cryptosporidium Outbreak warning

The College has received notification from the Victorian Department of Health of an outbreak of the parasite cryptosporidium (crypto) that is affecting metropolitan Melbourne and some parts of regional Victoria.

Crypto is an infection contracted by people swallowing infected water in swimming pools and can cause gastroenteritis with typical symptoms being diarrhoea, stomach cramps and nausea.

Parents are asked to ensure that children do not swim if they have had diarrhoea in the last two weeks and wash/shower thoroughly with soap before entering a swimming pool.

For further information, please see the Health Department's website -

www.health.vic.gov.au/water/recreational/cryptosporidium.htm

TERANG & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOC.

THURSDAY NIGHT WINTER SEASON

Starts 23rd May, will run to 29th August

Meeting regarding season to be held on

16th May, 7:30pm at Terang Stadium.

TEAMS & INDIVIDUALS WELCOME

Must be entered by 16th May.

For more information please contact:

Gill Hampton – 0417503230 or

Our Facebook Page:

Terang & District Netball Association

STAFF NEEDED

Richies IGA store in Cobden are looking for junior staff to work after school in the Deli. If interested please contact Heather at the store on 5595 1017.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

This weekend is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and focus on your relationship in a very positive way. *There is no group sharing.*

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together in the first place. *Your marriage deserves that kind of attention.*

Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2013 weekend dates :

14-16 June, 9-11 August and 18-20 October in Melbourne.

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

For further information and bookings: **Contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk 9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au**

Do you like LEGO?
Do you build with LEGO?

The Mission District of St Francis of Assisi in partnership with Anglicare are starting a brick club.

- The Club will meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month Feb- Nov (except May which is 3rd Saturday) commencing on 18th May 2013.
- The meeting place will be St Paul's Anglican Church hall Church St Camperdown.
- The sessions will run for 90 minutes. Starting at 10.00 am – 11.30 am
- Age Group 4 – 16 yrs
- If you are interested in participating, please feel free to contact the team via:

Phone: 03 5592 2071

Email: hayden.mckellar@spin.net.au

Bookings are essential to participate in the club.

ATTENTION PARENTS

**Woolworths Earn & Learn
is on again this year**



ONLY A FEW WEEKS LEFT

It's simple to participate:

Parents who shop at Woolworths can collect stickers from the checkout operator. For every \$10 spent on groceries you will receive one sticker (*excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards*).

Sticker cards are available from the store to place all your stickers on. Once you have filled up a card you can place the card in the collection box provided, either at our school or at your local Woolworths store.

Closing Date:

The program finishes **SUNDAY 9TH JUNE**. After this date we will compile all of the stickers we have received and send them in to Woolworths for tallying.

Free Resources for the College:

Once all the points have been tallied up, Woolworths will tell us how much we have to spend. The College can then redeem all the points we have received to obtain resources from across every category possible. E.g. English, Maths, Science, Arts/Crafts, Music, Sports, and lots, lots more.

This is a great free resource for our school because last year we received over \$2500 worth of goods for the College. So, thank you to all the parents who supported "Earn & Learn" and we would encourage everyone to do so again this year.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR
STICKERS INTO THE COLLEGE OFFICE AT
EITHER CAMPUS
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE

WHITE ELEPHANT STORE

Year 10A Caritas Fundraiser

Year 10A are holding a
'White Elephant Store' (op-shop)
to be held on

Wednesday 15th May, 2013

in the multipurpose area at lunchtime
and it will be open to the general public after school.
We are looking for donations of clothes, shoes, bags etc. for this fundraiser,
donated items will be resold on the day.
Anything not sold will be donated to St. Vinnies appeal.
ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION.

We will also have a Hamper Raffle and will need donations of food, clothes and toys.
If you are able to help, please bring any items to the College office.
Thank you for your support of our Caritas Fundraiser.

**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 30th June - 7th July 2013

See Mr. Daryl Richardson at school if you are
interested in helping out at the Festival.

www.fun4kids.com.au

Volunteers proudly
sponsored by



Learning to Care, Caring to Learn

9th May, 2013



Dear Parents,

The first fundraising drive for the Mercy Regional College PTFA is the annual Chocolate Drive. This will commence in a couple of weeks and contributes to the significant donation that the PTFA gives to the College annually. Over the last two years, your children through better facilities and resources have benefited to the tune of \$95,000.

Again this year the PTFA has decided to give parents the option of making a direct donation to the College of the profit earned per box (\$25) in lieu of taking home and selling a box of chocolates. This option allows those families who would prefer not to have chocolates at home the option of contributing to the fundraising effort.

Families that do not indicate their choice and forward the donation to the College office by Friday 17th May will automatically receive a box of chocolates to sell.

Yours sincerely,

DR DARREN EGBERTS
Principal

CHOCOLATE DRIVE 2013

☐ I / We wish to make the donation of (\$25) in lieu of receiving a box of chocolates and include payment with this form.

(Payment can be made to the College office either by - cash, cheque or credit card)

CREDIT CARD AUTHORITY PAYMENT

NAME ON CARD: _____

CARD NUMBER: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

EXPIRY DATE: ____ - ____ CARD TYPE: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Signature: _____

Student Name: _____
(Youngest child attending the College)

Class: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: (please print) _____

Payment and form must be returned to the College office by Friday 17th May, 2013

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