

MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 2-3

Friday, 24th May, 2013

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 Friday 24th May, the College celebrates the feast day of Our Lady Help of Christians, the patron saint of Australia.

The association between the first European Christian settlers of Australia and Mary, the mother of Jesus dates back to the early 1800's and is reflected in the dedication of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

As a College, all students and staff will be involved in this feast day through parish and year-based liturgies. My prayer today is directed to Our Lady Help of Christians:

Mary Help of Christian's patroness of Australia

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts

our love of Mary Help of Christians.

Through her prayers and under her protection,

may the light of Christ shine over our land.

May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.

Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

Bless especially the men and women

of the Australian Defence Force and their families.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

Annual College Compliance Report

A number of senior College staff have spent some time in recent weeks completing the Mercy Regional College Annual Compliance Report.

This report is required by the CECV and Catholic Education Office Ballarat and reports on each of the five aspects of the School Improvement Framework.

Copies will be available on the school website and from Campus receptions for community access.

Mercy Regional College Open Evening

A short but genuine note of thanks to all who led, were involved in, or visited last week's Open Day at the O'Keeffe campus. The numbers of Grade 5 & 6 students visiting the school and registering interest for an enrolment application pack was up on 2012 but of greater significance was the buzz that was generated by the students at school, in classrooms, leading tours or by those who spoke at the Information Sessions.

Inappropriate Use of iPads

In recent weeks, it has been disappointing to see a number of examples of students (particularly in Years 7 & 8) accessing and using social media sites such as SnapChat while at school. The appearance of sites such as these has also heralded some anonymous targeting and bullying of students through photos and messages. Given the difficulty of determining who is responsible for such actions and the fact that such sites have no educational value or use, I have instructed College Heads of School to confiscate the iPads of any students seen to be using these sites for two days. If a student has their iPad confiscated, arrangements will be made for them to undertake and/or complete work using other means.

Introducing the Mercy Showcase

This year after a break of many years, Mercy Regional College will be highlighting our enormous depth of talent in Performing Arts in a grand theatre production at the Theatre Royal, Camperdown. The Mercy Showcase will be presented on 23rd & 24th August and will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of this great school. The Showcase will include song, dance and drama.

The Showcase will include opportunities for talented, passionate and enthusiastic students from all year levels who can sing, dance, act or play a musical instrument.

Auditions for the Showcase will be held on Sunday 2nd June and after school in the week to follow. The Sunday audition will focus on students wishing to be in the chorus and the after school rehearsals for soloists.

Information sessions for all interested students will be held on Monday 27th June in the Library, McAuley Campus at recess, and in the Library, O'Keeffe Campus at lunchtime. See flyer on page 4 for more details.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students and groups who have achieved in the last two weeks:

- To the various football and netball sides at several levels who have competed in Colac and Warrnambool.
- To our shooters who participated in a schools' shooting event in Colac.
- To those students who travelled to Melbourne this week to take part in the first Mercy Seeds of Justice event for the year.
- To Year 9 as a whole who represented the College in an outstanding light when they travelled to Sovereign Hill for Monday's Humanities Domain Active Learning Day.

Yours in Mercy,



DR. DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL



The photos above are from our Open Day.

Deputy Principal Wellbeing

Mr. Kerin Glennen

Hacking, phishing, Bullying, cybercrime, id fraud etc. Protect yourself online

Take a few simple steps to shield yourself online now. Go to www.Justice.vic.gov.au/ProtectyourselfOnline. The site is sponsored by the State Government Victoria and the site is equally good for parents and students alike.

Reminders for all of us that take the opportunity to use the internet:

- Do not share other people's personal information or say things that may violate the rights of others.
- Do not share passwords, user names, account IDs or PINs with anyone besides your parents.
- Do not leave mobile phones or other personal electronics unattended.
- Never agree to meet someone you only know online.
- Never open messages or attachments from someone you do not know. It could be a virus, or worse an inappropriate image or film.
- Only add people as friends on social network sites and instant messaging programs if you know them in real life.
- Set privacy settings so that you have to approve people to be added as a friend.
- What you do not do in real life don't do on the Internet. This includes all kinds of cyber bullying using text, photos and videos.

The above are just some handy reminders regarding the pitfalls that do occur with social media.

Library News

Mrs. Maureen O'Loughlan

The challenge has begun!

53 students from Years 7-10 have accepted the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge of reading at least 15 books before 10th September.



Our Challenge participants have enjoyed the 'Launch Lunch' at both campuses and are now busy reading an assortment of books and recording their progress online. We congratulate them and wish them well.

Chess Club has also been popular at the O'Keeffe campus and operates every Monday during Term 2 and 3.

Battlefields Tour 2013

Mr. Lachie Lee

One of the most interesting destinations on the Mercy tour will be the Belgian town of Ypres. This was the site of three great battles during the First World War. The first was in October 1914 when the British, French and Belgian Armies stopped the Germans in their race to control the sea ports at Boulogne, Calais and along the English Channel. The second Battle of Ypres was fought during the spring and summer of 1915 and saw the first use of poison gas on the Western Front by the Germans. While these great offensives were occurring the young Australian army was being recruited, trained and committed to action at Gallipoli and it was not until the Battle of Passchendaele –often referred to as the Third Battle of Ypres- in the summer and autumn of 1917 that the Australians were involved here.

The idea was that the Allies would break out of the Ypres salient-the bulge into the German lines held by the British- and push on to the sea thus outflanking the German Army in the west.

The Australian War memorial website summarises the Australian contribution as follows:



"The Australian Divisions participated in the battles of Menin Road, Polygon Wood, Broodseinde, Poelcapelle and the First Battle of Passchendaele. In eight weeks of fighting Australian forces incurred **38,000** casualties. The combined total of British and Dominion casualties has been estimated at **310,000** (estimated German losses were slightly lower) and no breakthrough was achieved. The costly offensives, ending with the capture of Passchendaele village, merely widened the Ypres salient by a few kilometers". So, in many ways it is seen as another costly failure. Our journey across the battlefields of the Western Front will have us visit many such sites of tragedy which were first heard of in Australian homes when they heard the ghastly news of the loss of a loved one.

These battles are remembered in Ypres today with the magnificent Menin Gate Memorial. This was opened in 1927 and is a memorial to all British and Commonwealth soldiers who were killed around Ypres and have no known grave. The names of 55,000 soldiers are inscribed on the memorial including many Australians. Some of the names are of locals such as William Harris, William Pekin and James Pekin. In Ypres itself, Lieutenant Leonard Errey, who was awarded the DSO and the MC lies buried in the Menin Road South cemetery.

Every night at 8pm, a group of locals perform the Last Post ceremony. This has been occurring since 1927, with the only interruption being when the Germans again controlled Ypres in World War 2. We are privileged to be able to lay a wreath at this ceremony on the evening of the 20th September. In 2011, one of our students, Paige Gibson, sang the Advance Australia Fair unaccompanied to the assembled crowd. There was hardly a dry eye among us and the other Australians present.

Our touring party of students and adults continue to be excited. There is still an opportunity for any others who are interested to join. It isn't too late!





MERCY SHOWCASE

23rd & 24th August
Theatre Royal
Camperdown
2013

Information

The Mercy Showcase will replace the proposed musical production and will feature selected Musical numbers from musicals between 1963 -1973.

As this is MRC's 40th Anniversary year, it will celebrate the founding years of the College. It will be directed and choreographed by Freya Egberts with assistance from Melissa Brisbane, Joanne Saunders and the staff of Mercy Regional College. It will provide an opportunity for up to 50 Mercy students to sing, dance, play, act and shine on-stage as well as show their abilities as part of the backstage crew. Rehearsals will occur predominantly on Sunday afternoons with auditions beginning on Sunday June. The Showcase will hit the stage at the Theatre Royal, Camperdown in August.

AUDITIONS
ALL - Sunday 2nd June
Soloists auditions after
school Tuesday 4th and
Wednesday 5th June

INFORMATION SESSIONS

MONDAY 27th MAY
RECESS- McAULEY LIBRARY
LUNCH - O'KEEFE LIBRARY

Mercy Regional College

Science Opportunities for Years 9-11 students

Mrs. Jess Niblett

There are opportunities for MRC students in Years 9, 10 and 11 who are considering a future career in science to experience two great programs coming up.



Year 11 students are eligible to apply for the **National Youth Science Forum** in Canberra or Perth in January next year.

This is a 12 day program where students experience life on campus at a university and take part in a variety of workshops and activities based around science.

Those who have attended in the past have found it very rewarding. Some information has been emailed to Year 11 students, but check <http://www.nysf.edu.au/> for further details. Students who take part receive sponsorship from Rotary, and applications to Rotary clubs need to be submitted by 31st May.

Year 9 and 10 students are able to take part in the **ConocoPhillips Science Experience** - 3 or 4 days of hands-on science conducted across 35 universities and tertiary campuses Australia-wide. The programs all provide information on future studies, possible careers and the chance to meet with current university students.

Rotary is also willing to sponsor students from our school to take part in this program. You can read more at www.scienceexperience.com.au

An Invitation to all 2013 Year 9 and 10 students to attend





ENJOY 3/4 days in which you will be introduced to some of the wonders of science and technology

PERFORM interesting experiments in a university laboratory

HEAR leaders in science, technology and engineering

LEARN about careers in science and technology

LOCATED 35 campuses nationally

PROGRAMS are non-selective

COST is \$115 (inc GST) for 3 days and \$150 for 4 days

DATES see website www.scienceexperience.com.au

SPONSORSHIP may be available through Rotary, or the National Office.



Further information and application forms are available from your school, local Rotary club or **The ConocoPhillips Science Experience** website.

Early application is advised.

The ConocoPhillips
Science Experience
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Sovereign Hill Excursion Report

Report by: Ella Kissick

On Monday 20th May, all the Year 9 students headed off to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. There they had three assigned activities to do, gold melting, Red Hill Mine Tour and an Industrial Revolution Education Tour.

At the gold melting you were shown how gold was melted down into liquid form and then hardened again. Some students went up to hold the gold and found it surprisingly heavy.

For the Red Hill Mine Tour we would go down underground and have an audio tour of what it was like down there. We were told the story of how the second biggest gold nugget was ever found and we got to see it for ourself.

After that we went on the Industrial Revolution Education Tour. To start it off we were taken into a small room where the tour guide told the group about the Industrial Revolutions impact on the Ballarat Goldfields. He then took us on a walk around Sovereign Hill.

In addition to all the activities we were able to do, we also had free time to walk around and we were given questions that we were required to answer. We could go to stores such as the lolly shop, bakery, clothes store, post office and many more.

At 5 O'Clock Sovereign Hill closed and we headed off for tea. You had a choice between KFC, McDonalds, Subway and Noodle Box. After everyone was full from tea we then went back to Sovereign Hill for "Blood on the Southern Cross" light show. At the show we went into a theatre room where we watched a DVD that explained how the Eureka Stockade started. We then headed off outside to the creek where we heard audios explaining how the miners were treated and what their lives were like.

After the miners audio show we were taken to another theatre room where we could see what the miners land would have looked like back then and we were taken through another audio of how the Eureka Stockade happened and how it ended.

Next we went back down the Main Street and stopped at their theatre and watched a show presented by a pretend Peter Lalor. He said how it felt to be a miner during this time and how it affected him.

When this was over we all hopped back on the bus and started the journey back home.



Street Retreat

Report by: Ruby Bradshaw, Rhys Jansen Van Beek, Tom Henry, Marnie Jones, Laura Justin, Kate Kenna, Molly Quick, Olivia Reed, Will Rowbottom, Toby Taylor

On the way to Street Retreat, we couldn't imagine what sort of experience we were in for. We were excited but anxious to see what the night ahead would involve. When we arrived at the St Vinnies kitchen, we straight away felt part of a team, and were put to work making many sandwiches, mixing cordial and sorting lots of donated food. We were amazed with the amount of kind people that donated fresh food to the people that needed it.

Setting off on our mission we were sorted into teams and headed out to the street. Russell, Alan, Aaron, Justin, Chau, Kelly, Hannah, and Fiona were just some of the people we learnt from and worked with. The first stop was confronting to actually see that the people we were helping were just normal people who have made some wrong choices or that situations had resulted in their circumstances. It was good to listen to their stories and when it was time to move on to help more people, we were left wondering where these people have to go and what they will do.

After a while we got the hang of it. We did lots of different jobs such as serving hot food, drinks, handing out personal items and having a chat. It was surprising each time to see the different sorts of people: young and old; friendly and quiet; clean and not so clean. Most of all we were surprised at the genuine gratefulness of most of the clients and how they thanked us personally for our help. It was sad to think that once the people left from receiving food from the soup vans they may have no home to go to. Although at times it was challenging with different characters at each stop we made, it was a real eye opening experience which everyone learnt something from. It made us stop and appreciate what we have, and the fact that at any time we may find ourselves in a situation like the people we served. It gave us an insight into how the stereotype of homeless people is so unrealistic.

We then went back to the kitchen to clean up, with a lot more to talk about than when we first arrived. We shared stories of who we had met and how much we had enjoyed the unique experience. This conversation continued after we had finished cleaning, as we enjoyed a lovely meal for ourselves at Papa Gino's pizza and pasta on Lygon Street. Dinner was filled with many smiles and stories shared with the new friends we had made over the night. We then headed back to the hotel room where we were all were grateful for our comfy beds, and fell asleep with ease.

The next day we had a reflection on our happenings of the previous night, before starting the bus trip home, leaving with a different perspective to which we

entered Melbourne with, one that will continue on with us, and for us to pass onto others.

Mercy as a community should be proud of the opportunities given to Students through our Religious Education program. The memories that we made on this trip will be ones that we will remember forever and this tradition should follow on for years to come. We thank Mr. Richardson and Ms. Jenkins for their support over the two days.



Career News

Mrs. Jenny Phillips

Upcoming Careers Expo

The Geelong Careers Expo will be held on Wednesday 26th June at the Ford Discovery Centre, Deakin Waterfront Campus in Geelong from 6:30 - 8.30pm. Exhibitors will include: Group training companies, Universities, TAFE colleges and Employers. For more information visit

www.geelongcareerexpo.com.au

Year 11 Mock Interviews

Friday 17th May was a day that the MRC Year 11 Cohort had been working towards since Week Four of first term. This was the day that they 'dressed to impress' prospective employers in order to obtain a hypothetical job. The students had to apply for a job, by preparing and submitting in advance, both a cover letter and resume. On Friday, twenty-two interviewers from the local community, generously donated their time and expertise, in order to assist our students further develop their job application skills.

The day provided valuable reassurance and constructive criticism for our students that they will be able to use in future job application and interview situations. Congratulations to all the participating students, as the interviewers were very impressed with the overall preparation, presentation and in particular, the positive attitude demonstrated by all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those interviewers who made this process possible and Darren Mounsey (in the photo below) from Westvic Group Training for providing preparatory sessions for the students.

Well done Year 11 students!



Weekly Career News

TERM TWO

21 May 2013

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Do you love photography? If you are in years 7 – 12, you have the opportunity to enter The Pixel Prize photography competition, run by the Australian Catholic University. The theme is 'Visions of a Sustainable World'. For information on the entry requirements and the theme, go to www.thepixelprize.com.au/ Entries close on 1 August 2013.



La Trobe University- disciplines in the top 100: In the latest 'QS World University Rankings by Subject', La Trobe was placed in the world's top 50 most elite institutions in the area of sociology and the top 100 in communications and media, history, education and linguistics.

New branding for Swinburne University: Swinburne has launched a new theme and branding called 'Think Forward'. To find out about this exciting initiative, go to <http://www.thinkforward.com.au/>



Learn about La Trobe: The University has developed several videos to assist you in learning about their accommodation, applying to courses, campus life and why you should study at La Trobe. To view the videos, go to <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/career-practitioners/resources/videos>

New Bachelor of Accounting and Finance at Australian Catholic University: This degree will be available in 2014 and can lead to a career in banking, financial consulting and planning, funds management, merchant banking, stockbroking and treasury. This new degree meets the accreditation requirements of the CPA Australia, the ICAA, IPA plus the training standards in the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, ANZIIF and FINSIA. www.acu.edu.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mid Year Expo, Swinburne University: The Mid Year Expo will be held on Wednesday 12 June, 4.30pm – 7pm at the Hawthorn Campus. The Expo is targeted to people looking to start a course mid year, but it is still a great forum for Year 12 students to get information about courses, scholarships, accommodation etc. at Swinburne. To register, go to <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/midyear/events-advice/>

MyDay Creative Industries: Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga Campus, is hosting a MyDay on Tuesday 25 June to showcase the following courses:

- Acting for Stage and Screen
- Fine Arts
- Animation & Visual Effects
- Design for Theatre & Television
- Graphic Design
- Photography
- Television Production

To register, go to www.csu.edu.au/go/myday



Victorian College of the Arts and Music July Workshops:

- 1 – 5: Pop Song Writing Bootcamp
- 2: VCE Analysis Workshop
- 6: Music Theatre Audition Workshop
- 8 – 12: Secondary Students Acting Week-long Workshop
- 8 – 12: Life of a VCA Dance Student

For more information, contact Danielle Boardman, Program Coordinator, VCA@commercial.unimelb.edu.au



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MyDay Community Health & Nursing: Charles Sturt University, Albury-Wodonga Campus, is hosting a MyDay on Tuesday 25 June to showcase the following courses:

- Speech Pathology
- Health & Rehabilitation Science
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Podiatry
- Nursing

To register, go to www.csu.edu.au/go/myday



UniExperience Melbourne: If you are in Year 11 and fall into at least one of the following categories, you are eligible to apply for the two-day UniExperience program at the University of Melbourne.

- Live in a rural area of Victoria or on the Vic/NSW border
- First in the family to attend university
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student (Year 11 or 12)

You will have the opportunity to take part in a range of sessions and activities covering all aspects of tertiary study as well as stay at a residential college on the Parkville campus. The program runs on 11 and 12 July. Places are limited- to apply, fill out the online application form by Friday 21 June at www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/uniexp



Aviation Expo: Students are invited to attend Swinburne's Aviation Expo on Thursday 11 July. You can meet with representatives from some of Australia's top aviation organisations, including major airlines and airports. The event is ideal for students interested in the Bachelor of Aviation or the Bachelor of Aviation (Management). To register, go to <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/engineering/aviation/events/>



MAY EVENTS

- 23, Monash University Parent Seminar, Bendigo, www.monash.edu.au/parent
- 23, 29, 30: Meet Melbourne University, Albury (23), Hamilton (29), Warrnambool (30), www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/mm2013
- 28, 29, 30: At Monash Seminar Series, Gippsland Campus Showcase (28), Biomedical Science, Radiography, and Nutrition & Dietetics (29) and Engineering (30), www.monash.edu.au/study/life/student/seminars/
- 28, 29: Focus on Melbourne University, Engineering (28), IT (28), Agriculture (29), www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focus-melb
- 28, 29: Introduction to University, Deakin University, Burwood Campus (28), Geelong Campus (29), <http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/future-students>

JUNE EVENTS

- 1 – 2: Biomechanics Workshop, Victorian College of the Arts, <http://www.commercial.unimelb.edu.au/biomechanicsworkshop/>
- 5: Indigenous Student Experience Monash Day, Monash University, kristel.keleher@monash.edu.au
- 6: MyDay Education & Teaching: Charles Sturt University, Albury Wodonga, <http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday>
- 11, 25: Information Sessions, University of Technology Sydney, IT Undergraduate Courses & Scholarships (11), Engineering Undergraduate Courses (25), www.uts.edu.au
- 12: Mid Year Expo, Swinburne University, Hawthorn, <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/midyear/events-advice/>
- 25: MyDay Creative Industries, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga Campus, www.csu.edu.au/go/myday
- 25: MyDay Community Health & Nursing, Charles Sturt University, Albury-Wodonga Campus, www.csu.edu.au/go/myday

Young Endeavours

Australia's national sail training ship *Young Endeavour* is now accepting applications for youth to join eleven day voyages departing between July 2013 and February 2014. Young Australians aged 16 to 23 can apply for the ballot at www.youngendeavour.gov.au until 31st May 2013. No sailing experience is required.



A voyage in *Young Endeavour* is a challenging adventure at sea, and an exciting opportunity for youth to develop teamwork and leadership skills through a world recognised organisation. The current ballot includes voyages departing from Tasmania, Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and New Zealand, which will be crewed by youth from around the country.

University student Charlotte Morrissey, of Wagga Wagga, sailed *Young Endeavour* to Newcastle in 2012 and says her voyage was unlike anything she had ever experienced. "*Young Endeavour* will challenge you, educate you, excite you and leave you with the skills and personal ambition to achieve whatever you set your sight on!"



During each voyage, youth crew learn the skills to successfully sail a square rigged ship. They climb the 30 metre mast, set and furl sails, and maintain a 24 hour watch on the bridge. They also learn to navigate, take the helm, keep lookout and help the chef in the ship's galley. At the end of the voyage, youth crew will take command of *Young Endeavour* for 24 hours, sailing the ship along the Australian coast. On their last day at sea they will host a local group of youth with special needs, sharing their new found knowledge and experience.

18 year old Sarah Hall, of Hobart, first sailed *Young Endeavour* along the Queensland Coast in 2012 and will join the ship again in September for the 2013

International Tall Ship Festival. "Sailing in *Young Endeavour* is an amazing achievement - it provides opportunities that aren't available in your everyday life," says Sarah. "Take the chance to join a voyage as it will change your perspective of the people and the world around you".

Since 1988 the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, in partnership with the Royal Australian Navy, has provided challenging training voyages for over 11,000 young Australians in the tall ship *Young Endeavour*. The specially designed program delivered aboard the ship increases the youth crew's self awareness, develops teamwork and leadership skills, and fosters a strong sense of community spirit.

For more information, including voyage dates and fees, please visit www.youngendeavour.gov.au or contact our office on 1800 020 444. You are welcome to include this information in your school newsletter or website.

Visual Arts and Graphic Design Students

La Trobe University Bendigo is holding an intensive, but enjoyable 2 day (Visual Arts) / 3 day (Graphic Design) folio preparation program for year 11 & 12 students wishing to enter university.

On completion you will have the skills required to build an impressive professional portfolio, and be able to approach a university pre-selection interview with confidence. Packed with course specific interview tips and other valuable information you will maximise your chances of success. Meals and supervised accommodation included. For further information and registration forms.

Please email Jennifer visualarts@latrobe.edu.au



Photo of the Police helicopter landing on the school oval last week – created much excitement with both St. Pat's and Mercy students.

2013 Dates

TERM 2

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

Bowelscan kits available

May is Australian Rotary Health month and the Camperdown Rotary Club with the local pharmacy is selling Bowelscan kits. Bowel Cancer is the commonest internal cancer to affect men and women in western society affecting 1 in 18 men and 1 in 27 women by the age of 75. There are genetic, dietary and exercise factors in the disease. Each day on average twelve Australians die of bowel cancer. The cost of the kit is \$10 and this includes a \$2 donation to Australian Rotary Health which finances Australian medical research and training for indigenous doctors and nurses. It is recommended that every one over the age of 40 should complete an annual Bowelscan test.

VOICE AND PIANO LESSONS WITH MARIA RUSSELL

Maria Russell will be offering specialist voice and piano lessons each Wednesday for Mercy and St Patrick's students from next semester. Maria has been teaching music in the classroom and privately for 20 years and is experienced in teaching from prep to VCE levels. Piano lessons will be offered on an individual basis at \$28 per half hour and Voice lessons will be offered individually at \$28 per half hour or \$13 per half hour in small groups of 2 – 3 students. Students will be required to commit to a semester of lessons as places are limited. Please contact Maria on 0413 455 386 to register your interest.



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Are you in Year 11?

Are you from Victoria's rural or border regions?

...Come and experience Uni life!

UniExperience

Thursday 11 — Friday 12 July 2013

University of Melbourne, Parkville campus

WHAT IS UNIEXPERIENCE?

UniExperience gives Year 11 students from Victoria's rural and border regions the opportunity to come on-campus and experience university life first-hand.

The two-day program demystifies the university experience by giving you the chance to stay at our Parkville campus and take part in a range of sessions covering all aspects of tertiary study.

THE PROGRAM:

- Onsite accommodation and meals at one of the University's residential colleges
- Guided campus tours
- Detailed information on Melbourne's courses
- Sessions and workshops covering the transition to university, student support services, accommodation options, scholarships, study skills and exam tips
- Social activities and the opportunity to meet peers and current university students.

 futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au

R REGISTER ONLINE

Complete the **online application form** via:

 futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/uniexp

Applications close:

Friday 21 June 2013.

Note: Places are limited. Selection will be based on your reasons for wanting to participate as outlined in your application.

COST

\$100.00 (including GST) covers all meals, overnight accommodation and all materials relating to the program.

i MORE INFO

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FIREWORKS SHOW (hosted by the 'Power' Football - Netball Club)

WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY

NOORAT RECREATION RESERVE (football oval)

6.30PM SHARP (suggest arrive no later than 6.20pm)

A FREE EVENT



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
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WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**