

# MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

**ISSUE 2-5**

**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 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 week, the western plains that stretch out from my office window here at Camperdown have often been clouded in mists, drizzle and even solid rain. The season of winter is upon us and, as a rural community; we give thanks for the life-giving rains that have arrived in the past month. And hope that more is to come.

My prayer today, taken from Michael Leunig's wonderful book, *The Prayer Tree*, explores the season of winter and how it is important within a fully human life to take time for reflection, for quiet and even for isolation.

### ***A prayer for winter***

*We give thanks for the blessing of winter:*

*Season to cherish the heart.*

*To make warmth and quiet for the heart.*

*To make soups and broths for the heart.*

*To cook for the heart and read for the heart.*

*To curl up softly and nestle with the heart.*

*To sleep deeply and gently at one with the heart.*

*To dream with the heart.*

*To spend time with the heart.*

*A long, long time of peace with the heart.*

*We give thanks for the blessing of winter:*

*Season to cherish the heart.*

*Amen*

Michael Leunig, *The Prayer Tree*, Collins Dove, 1991.

### **Gonski School Funding Reforms**

In recent weeks, there has been continued focus on the debate about the new Education Funding package announced by the Federal Government, most of this debate has centered on whether individual state governments will sign up to support the package. Of relevance for Mercy, this debate has started to occur in local newspapers such as the front page of last Tuesday's Warrnambool Standard – unfortunately this

article contained a number of inaccurate details that further confused an already complex issue.

Personally, as a passionate educator and school leader, I am keen to support any reasonable proposal that increases the resources spend on education regardless of whether that spending is directed at government or non-government education systems. I believe that there is nothing more important in a modern liberal society than the education of its young people.

However, the problem for schools in the Catholic sector is that very little information has been released by the Federal Government detailing what precise impact that the Gonski reforms will have on our funding in the medium and longer term. Without such detail it is impossible to make informed judgments on the government's education reform package as a whole.

I have included below the latest information from the Director of Catholic Education Office Melbourne:

*The Australian Government is putting Catholic education under pressure to sign up to its reforms by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013. Despite repeated requests, the Government has still not provided modeling showing the proposal's financial impact on Catholic schools, or how the reforms could affect my ability to make decisions in the interest of our school community's needs.*

### **MRC Emergency Management Plan**

As part of the continuing development of the College's Emergency Management Plan, we will be holding trial lockdowns on both campuses next week. The lockdowns will provide an opportunity to test protocols if we were alerted to the presence of an intruder or a chemical spill or leak.

The trial at McAuley Campus will run concurrently with St Patrick's Primary School. Students will be informed in advance of the lockdown occurring.

### **Staffing Changes**

Continuing the recent trend of Mercy fecundity, Mrs. Jessica Niblett is taking maternity leave from the College from today to have her first child and we welcome Mr. Leon Sjolund who is taking most of her Science classes in Semester 2. Leon is a teacher of much experience having taught Biology, Science and Maths for many years at Colac High School and Colac College. We also wish Mrs. Lynn Wadley all the best as she heads off on long service leave during Term 3. Ms. Pam Martin will be Acting Business Manager in her stead.

### **Mercy Showcase**

Congratulations to the cast of this year's Mercy Showcase who began rehearsals last Sunday with rehearsals to continue each Sunday and for three days in the holidays.

The Mercy Showcase will be performed in the Theatre Royal, Camperdown on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> (evening) and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August (matinee and evening). Details on tickets and pricing will be released to all next week.

Below is the cast list for the show.

<b>Year 12</b> Casey Alexander Liana Collins Carla Finch Georgie Finch Toby McKenzie Jacqui O'Bryan Rachel O'Connor Peter Ryan Lilly Van Donk Caitlin Wallis Verity Watt	<b>Year 9</b> Melissa Evans Mollie Gaut Jordyn Hickey Gemma Lees Meg Lenehan Olivia Martin
<b>Year 11</b> Lucy Battistello Jen Rowan	<b>Year 8</b> Sarsha Anderson Sarah van der Schans
<b>Year 10</b> James Anderson Kaitlyn Martin Amy McKenzie Marti McKenzie Natalie O'Connor	<b>Year 7</b> Samuel Bond Skylar Carpenter Laura Hickey Lauren Huth Eliza Johnstone April Martin Demby McKenzie Joshua Newcombe Kaitlyn O'Neill Cally O'Shannassy Hayley Riches Sophie Rowan Abbey Tobias-Richardson Casey White



### **Year 12 Activities**

The last couple of weeks have presented Year 12 students (and VCE students as a whole) with a number of exciting and important opportunities: Last week, all students undertaking a Unit 3-4 subject were required to complete the 3 hour VCAA General Achievement Test. Following the GAT, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, all Year 12 students spent the day at Port Campbell with their homeroom teachers and mentors.

The day was followed by an evening that celebrated footy colours and a meal. Both events provide an excellent opportunity for students to give thanks for what they have achieved in semester one and reset goals for the final semester to come.

### **HCSN Staff Professional Development Day**

The HCSN Staff PD day held at the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club last month went very well. The day was facilitated by Mr. Stuart Stuart and Fr. Matthew Thomas and included both some form input plus opportunities for individual reflection and group discussions around the topics of mental health, personal wellbeing and spirituality. Although the PD was excellent probably the highlight was the opportunity for the staff of the four schools to come together socially for the day.

## **Student Activities**

Both in recent weeks and in the holidays ahead, both students and staff are involved in activities of note:

- Caitlin Smart and Anya McKenzie depart in the upcoming holidays to attend the Mercy Young Leaders program in Dublin and Rome. We wish them all the best in this exciting endeavor.
- Fr. Matthew Thomas will be away for the first three weeks of next term as he accompanies a group from the St John of God Hospital group to World Youth Day 2013 in Rio de Janeiro.
- Currently, the Unit 3-4 Outdoor Education class is enjoying spectacular winter sunshine in the Grampians, we hope it continues until their return.
- All Year 9 students will travel to Melbourne next Wednesday for the Arts Active Learning Domain Day
- All Year 10 students will spend next Monday and Tuesday undertaking a Safe Driver program.

Yours in Mercy,



**DR. DARREN EGBERTS**  
PRINCIPAL

**Deputy Principal Wellbeing**  
*Mr. Kerin Glennen*

## **Talk About Alcohol**

Young people are less well equipped than adults to cope with the effects of alcohol, physically and emotionally. The same amount of alcohol has a much greater effect on the body of a child or young person than an adult because their bodies are still growing and developing. Also, a young person doesn't have the experience needed to deal with the effects of alcohol on judgment and perception.

"A National Forum on Teenage Drinking" will be told Australian teens are twice as likely to abuse alcohol as teens in the U.S., where the usual legal drinking age is 21" (Herald Sun Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> June).

In the short term, drinking and getting drunk can be dangerous for young people. They may do or say something they regret later, and they're much more likely to be involved in violence, have an accident or just get themselves into trouble with the law. Drinking a lot in one session can be harmful because a young body cannot process a lot of alcohol. Binge drinking and drinking until you vomit and or lose consciousness makes you vulnerable to those around you.

*"When you drink at a young age the brain becomes habituated to alcohol and they can drink large doses until the body needs alcohol to function. One in five Australians in their 20s now has alcohol dependence".....Prof Toumbourou, 2013.*

In the long term, drinking can and does have a negative effect on our young people's school work, social life and friendships, as well their general health. Also underage drinking is illegal no matter which way you look at it. To supply a minor with any form of alcohol is illegal. Why is this not understood?

At the moment there is talk about raising the age to 21 for a person to legally be able to drink. *"The Federal National Drug Strategy Household Survey"* has found public support for raising the drinking age has increased from 40% to 50% in the past decade.

As a community "Is it time to talk about Alcohol"?

## **Head Lice**

This week we have had a report of a student with head lice.

To keep the spread of infection to a minimum, I would ask parents to check their child's hair as a precautionary measure. If your child is found to have head lice, then action must be taken. Information on how to deal with head lice can be obtained from the State Government of Victoria's Dept. of Health website [www.health.vic.gov.au](http://www.health.vic.gov.au) type the words **HEAD LICE** in the search box and click go. This will bring up information relating to the treatment and control of head lice.

Parents are required to inform their child's Homeroom Teacher if their child has head lice.

According to the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations children with head lice can be readmitted to school after treatment has been administered. The department recommends a child with head lice can be treated one evening and return to school the next day, even if there are still some eggs present. There is no need to miss school because of head lice.

Thank-you for your cooperation in this matter.

**From Director of Religious Education**  
*Mrs. Jo-Anne Saunders*

## **Year 8 Retreat Day**

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June our Year 8 students participated in their annual Retreat Day at the Noorat Community Centre. Facilitated by the Year 8 RE faculty and Father Matthew Thomas, the theme was "A Just World" and the students had the experience of being a "have or a have not" for part of the day.





During the day students also shared the fair trade v free trade game. During the game, students had to construct an item to sell on the world market and as the market dictated the terms some countries did better than others. Just as in real life, the market was sometimes flooded with one product and some countries did not have the means to keep up with the richer countries.

The students participated in the day with enthusiasm and discovered that there are many children in the world who are in less safe and comfortable surrounds. The '*have nots*' received a cup of rice for lunch whilst '*the haves*' enjoyed a tasty BBQ Lunch which was served by members of the Camperdown CWL and friends. This community link is again so very important to our school.

Overall, the day was designed to give students a little more of a global view of Social Justice issues, some that they may never hear of in their local area, state or even country.

Topics covered included:

- Life in remote Papua New Guinea, presented by Fr. Matthew;
- Child labor in Bangladesh presented by Mr. Tony Wynd;
- the Millennium Goals and in particular, goal 5 which is reduced infant mortality rates presented by Mrs. Jo Saunders;
- Free trade v Fair trade presented by Mr. Daniel Glennen;
- And Indigenous schooling and issues at Fitzroy Crossing presented by Mrs. Sharyn Grinter.

The day ended with a liturgy of the word and a reflection on what had been covered during the course of the day. All in all a very productive and interesting day in which the students participated with great spirit and understanding at all times.

## Dublin Junior Leaders Pilgrimage 2013



Caitlin Smart (left) and Anya McKenzie are two very fortunate students who will be leaving for a Dublin Junior Leaders Pilgrimage to

explore the Charism of Catherine McAuley and the foundations of the Sisters of Mercy.

The Dublin Junior Leaders Pilgrimage will see the group of 25 students travel first to Dublin to explore the history of this beautiful city which includes a tour of the Trinity University and the Book of Kells.



The Program then leads them into a three day conference at the Mercy International Centre in Baggot Street Dublin.

This was formally known as the House of Mercy and the place where Catherine McAuley gathered like-minded women to go out and serve the poor and destitute.

Caitlin and Anya are part of a group of 25 students from Mercy Schools around Victoria who will be venturing overseas along with five staff members from various Mercy Schools.

After their time in Ireland the Pilgrimage continues on to Rome where the girls will spend another three days exploring the foundations of ancient Rome as well as modern Rome and Florence. To top off their experience they will attend a mass in the Irish chapel at St Peter's Basilica and visit the Sistine Chapel.

The Mercy regional College Year 11 students will be sending Anya and Caitlin off with a blessing; to be held on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 12.10pm in St Pat's Church.

Led by Fr. Matthew Thomas and other senior staff who have been fortunate enough to visit Baggot Street on the Mercy Ethos Program, the students will receive a blessing and we all wish them a safe journey, many wonderful experiences and unforgettable times.

We are very proud to have Anya and Caitlin representing our school. Present at the blessing will also be members of the Camperdown and Timboon Parishes. May they make many new friends and recognise that in their own lives and in the lives of our school community they may be the greatest examples of how to reach out with mercy and compassion just as Catherine McAuley did so many years ago.



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*



## Road Show

Road Show is an annual week long program which brings Kids Days Out to regional areas of Victoria. It is held in the July school holidays and visits a different region of Victoria each year. Vinnies Youth volunteers spend the week moving from town to town, firstly training local secondary school students as leaders before putting on a day of fun activities for the primary school aged children. *The event is run for children of families who have had contact with the local St Vincent de Paul Conference.*

**This Year Vinnies Road Show will be in our area and is running a day at Mercy Regional College, Camperdown**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2013.**

**WE STILL NEED A NUMBER OF MERCY STUDENTS TO VOLUNTEER AS TRAINED LEADERS TO ASSIST IN RUNNING THE PROGRAM.**

**If you are interested in training and helping out you need to be available for the entire day and for training the night before.**

**Any students who are interested please contact Mrs. Saunders  
[jsaunders@mercy.vic.edu.au](mailto:jsaunders@mercy.vic.edu.au)**

## **Sports Report**

*Stacey Hillman*

Mercy Regional College was extremely successful at the recent Greater Western Cross Country Championships held in Hamilton on Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> June.

Thirty-two students competed in very cold conditions around Lake Hamilton. All students should be very proud of their achievements. Thank you to all of the parents who attended on the day and offered to help out.

The following are both team and individual results from the day.

### **TEAM RESULTS:**

Under 13 boys - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Under 14 girls - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Under 15 boys - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Under 17-20 boys - 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:**

Nick O'Connor - 6<sup>th</sup> under 13 boys

Claudia Lee - 4<sup>th</sup> under 14 girls

Amy Hammond - 8<sup>th</sup> under 14 girls

Kate Hallyburton - 5<sup>th</sup> under 15 girls

Jack Atkins - 7<sup>th</sup> under 15 boys

Jed Millard - 10<sup>th</sup> under 15 boys

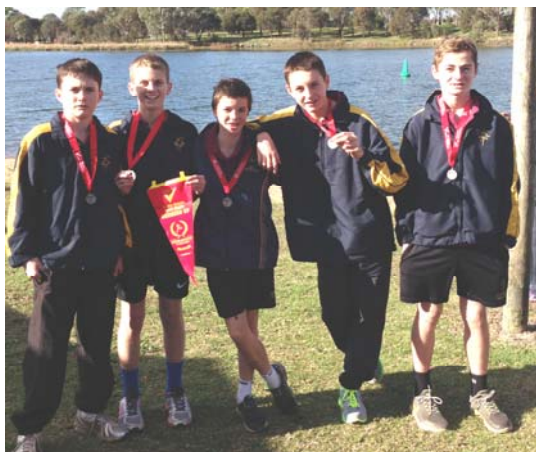
Elle Price - 10<sup>th</sup> under 17 girls

All of the individuals above will now progress onto the State Final to be held in Melbourne Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Well done!

Under 15 BOYS



Under 13 BOYS



## **Street Retreat Report**

*Mrs. Sharyn Grinter*

A group of girls accompanied by Darren Cheeseman and myself travelled to Melbourne on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May to undertake the fourth of eight visits which are part of the program for the Year 11 Street Retreat.

Like the previous groups that have been privileged to have attended, these girls worked hard to prepare food before we headed out in the St Vincent de Paul vans to a number of venues on the streets and in the boarding houses.

Knowing how to behave, react and make conversation can be very difficult in the circumstances we were in and our students were able to manage this with a great deal of respect for the situation and the people who they were to interact with.

Following this we arrived back at St Vincent de Paul Place to clean and pack up and then have dinner before arriving at the Youth Hostel by midnight. The next morning was spent reflecting on the Experience at A.C.U. a short walk from our accommodation.

On behalf of our group I'd like to thank Mrs Jo Saunders for coordinating this program along with those in Melbourne who assist us in gaining so much from this experience.





## **Seeds of Justice Report**

*Report by: Henry Kissick*

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, four students: Madi Kenna, Emma Sargeant, Joseph Arundell and Henry Kissick, headed off to a retreat centre in Templestowe, Melbourne with Mrs. Phillips, to participate in the 'Seeds of Justice' program.



After a three hour trip we arrived at our destination, excited about the upcoming two days. The program was kick started with all the students from the different schools meeting each other and anticipating what the next two days would bring. The more serious side of the program followed, with talks from guest speakers about social justice issues in the community. These guest speakers addressed issues such as: support for the aged and breaking the cycle of abuse and neglect. We took a good deal away from these talks, as they were real eye openers to the problems that we are shielded from in our secure lives, and they definitely gave us an insight into these issues that are everyday occurrences for some members of the community.

Following on from the guest speakers, we had more opportunities to work with students from the other schools; the most highly anticipated part of the program awaited us. This was when we had the opportunity to participate in one of the many programs available to us. These programs included: visiting the elderly, feeding the homeless, tutoring disadvantaged children, helping disadvantaged people from a nearby estate and pampering residents at a women's refuge. In groups, we ventured out to experience our chosen programs and it was a great opportunity to see the world from an entirely different perspective. To visit these places and converse with people who lived in circumstances that we had not known existed was a real-life educational experience and we felt privileged to have been given the opportunity to participate. On returning to Templestowe, we took part in a short reflection on our experiences and then headed off to bed.

The next day we listened to a guest speaker who spoke about the issue of domestic violence in our

society. This was followed by discussions within each school group that focused on how our school communities could grow and develop the work begun by Catherine McAuley in Dublin in the 1800's. The program finished with some fun activities and a reflective liturgy. The return trip to Camperdown gave the members of our group the opportunity to share our varied and positive experiences of the previous evening. The program was a worthwhile, positive experience for us all.

## **Dance Workshop**

*Ms. Janet Backhous*

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June students from MRC joined with students from 10 other dance schools in the region to learn from internationally renowned dancer and choreographer Paul Malek at the Colac RSL.



Isabelle Corneby, Denby McKenzie, Paul Malek (teacher), Jordyn Hickey, Olivia Martin, Martinique McKenzie.

These workshops were organised by Miss Marlene O'Brian from 'Marlene's Jazz it up Colac School of Dance' and students could participate by donating a gold coin. All dance schools in the region were invited and the Colac RSL and Colac's local businesses sponsored Paul, to give our students this fantastic opportunity. It was wonderful to watch our students learning to express themselves through dance, and getting to know and work with students from many other dance schools. Well done all who participated. Please note below the next workshop coming up soon.

## **Classical Ballet Workshops with Sakura Shimizu on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June At The Colac Rsl**

Sakura SHIMIZU is an internationally experience dancer and teacher. the workshops run from 10:00am till 5:30pm on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and students from all dance schools are welcome. The cost for the workshops is a gold coin donation.

Further details are available by ringing Miss Marlene on 0417 146 425, or by checking 'Marlene's Jazz it up Colac School of Dance' on Facebook.

## **Battlefields Tour 2013**

*Mr. Lachie Lee*

### ***Pozieres in 1914***



During the MRC France and Battlefields Tour we will be visiting Pozieres, on the Somme, which is the site of one of Australia's most tragic and horrendous wartime experiences. Australian soldiers first entered the field on the Western Front from March 1916. With the opening of the Battle of the Somme on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916, the Australians were put on standby to be brought into the conflict.

The Australian introduction to the Western Front was in the Battle of Fromelles on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July 1916. We will look at this disaster in the coming weeks but, suffice to say, the 5<sup>th</sup> Australian Division lost 5533 casualties out of strength of approximately 12,000 men; still known as the worst 24 hour period in Australian military history. The 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Division captured Pozieres on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1916. This was three weeks after the British had attempted to take it on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. Using daring and skill, the Australians captured the village from the Germans and then dug in to receive counterattacks from the Germans. This they did but they also had to endure some of the most consistent and intense artillery fire that they faced during the entire war. When they withdrew from the front line on the 27<sup>th</sup> July, the 1st Division had suffered more than 5,200 casualties and according to Sergeant EJ Rule of the 4<sup>th</sup> Division, who saw them walking past, they "looked like men who had been in Hell...drawn and haggard and so dazed that they appeared to be walking in a dream and their eyes looked glassy and starey".

### ***First Division Memorial Pozieres***



### ***Pozieres Windmill Memorial***



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Division then entered the line, remaining there until the 2<sup>nd</sup> August. They also endured ferocious bombardments and conducted two major attacks; the first was a disaster. General Haig was disparaging about the Australian efforts saying to the Australian commander General Birdwood, that the Australians were "not fighting the Bashi-

Buzooks now"-a reference to the accolades that the Australians had received after Gallipoli. The second attack was more successful but very costly in men. When the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division withdrew on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August, they had suffered more than 6,800 casualties. The 4<sup>th</sup> Division then replaced the 2<sup>nd</sup> and continued the terrible work of pushing back the Germans and capturing their positions. It was in the fighting around the site of Pozieres Windmill that Captain Albert Jacka, Australia's first VC winner from Gallipoli, won the first of his two Military Crosses, in an action that many thought was deserving of another VC.

### ***Pozieres 1917***



In all the Australian casualties for this period exceeded 23,000 and brought terrible suffering and sadness to thousands of Australian homes and families. The memories of Pozieres remained with veterans for the rest of their lives. One of the most vivid accounts of the battle was written by a 33 year old journalist, John Alexander Raws from Melbourne, who wrote home to a friend-a Member of Parliament: "I went up again during the night and stayed up there. We were shelled to hell ceaselessly. X(a mutual friend)- went mad and disappeared... there remained nothing but a charred mass of debris with bricks, stones, girders and bodies pounded to nothing ... we are lousy, stinking, unshaven, sleepless ... I have one puttee, a man's helmet, another dead man's gas protector and a dead man's bayonet. My tunic is rotten with other men's blood and partly spattered with a comrade's brains".

The MRC party will visit Pozieres which today is a peaceful little farming community, surrounded by cemeteries and memorials in remembrance of that dreadful time. The memorial to the 1st Australian Division is here, as is the Pozieres Windmill site which was gifted to Australia, after the war, by the French Government. At this point the visitor can see the gentle rise up which the Australians had to move in order to attack the Germans. The peacefulness of the place belies the horrors that it witnessed.



## **Careers Report**

*Mrs. Jenny Phillips*

### **Try a Career Day**

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 10.00am, all MRC Year 9 students were bused to the Sherwood Park Campus of South West TAFE. Here the students were given the opportunity to have practical experience in the three career areas that they had chosen prior to the excursion from industry areas including health, agriculture, childcare, automotive, hospitality, media, electronics, retail, sport and recreation, visual arts and building.

All students involved made the most of this opportunity by participating with enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour. Well done to all Year 9 students and many thanks to SWTAFE and the local LLEN (Local Learning and Employment Networks) for making this day possible.

### **Useful Website**

'Life is a road trip and study is part of the journey'

Visit [www.innovation.gov.au/study](http://www.innovation.gov.au/study) for useful information about 'what & where' to study. It contains information about training, tertiary courses, facilities at the campus you are interested in and the financial support available.

### **ACU University Experience for Senior Students**

These holidays, ACU are running two free university experience days, one in Ballarat (2<sup>nd</sup> July) and one in Melbourne (9<sup>th</sup> July). If you are interested visit [www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience](http://www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience)

### **Early Entry Schemes – Year 12 students**

Year 12 students are able to apply for early entry schemes into some universities. The students were sent a comprehensive list, but will not necessarily be eligible for all of these schemes.

Two of these programs are listed below and for further information please contact Mrs. Jenny Phillips.

- University of Ballarat – REEP (Regional Education Entry Program)
- ACU – Early Achievers Program.

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# **REMINDER TO PARENTS**

**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR STICKERS**

**TO ENABLE US TO CLAIM OUR FREE RESOURCES.**



**AND RETURN PAYMENT FOR THE**



**CHOCOLATES**

**By: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

# Weekly Career News

## TERM TWO

18 June 2013

### VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

**Engineering at RMIT:** A team of RMIT aerospace engineering students are headed to France after making it to the final of an international Airbus competition. The Cryogenic Liquid Methane Aircraft team is one of five finalists selected by experienced Airbus engineers from more than 618 submissions in the 2013 Fly Your Ideas global university challenge. Check out their video and vote for your favourite at <http://www.airbus-fyi.com/medias/best-videos>



**New Rural Health School at La Trobe University:** The Bendigo campus is now home to some of Victoria's newest and best health education facilities - as part of a \$75.9 million dollar investment. This includes the new \$17.6 million Rural Health School which also has campuses at Albury Wodonga and Mildura etc. Courses are offered courses in areas such as paramedics, physiotherapy, nursing and dentistry. For more information, go to <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/health/about/schools/la-trobe-rural-health-school>



**Have you considered maritime engineering?** The Australian Maritime College is located at the University of Tasmania. They will be available to speak to any students interested in their courses at the Open Day on Sunday 25 August. You will be able to view the Bluefin, which is a 35m sea vessel which enables Maritime Engineering students to gain practical hands on experience during their course. For more information, go to <https://www.amc.edu.au/maritime-engineering/bluefin-experience>



### VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

**Using the UniTest to boost your chances:** Are you worried you won't receive the ATAR necessary to gain entry into your desired course at Flinders University? Flinders allow students to undertake the UniTest for selected courses, which enables you to be considered for your ATAR and test results. Your school will need to register their interest in being able to offer the test by Friday 28 June. <http://unitest.acer.edu.au/>



**Learn about economics:** If you think that economics is all theory without real world applications, think again! 'The Conversation', has an excellent six-part series by La Trobe University lecturer, Liam Lenten. In 'Some Sports Economics' Liam explains common economic ideas using sporting analogies. You can watch all six videos here <https://theconversation.edu.au/video-series-some-sports-economics-8248>

**Interested in teaching and student welfare?** The Bachelor of Outreach and Community Education at La Trobe qualifies students to be able to teach from Prep to Year 12 and work in student welfare teaching roles. Graduates are also able to work with disengaged youth in outdoor and community education centres. For more information, go to [www.latrobe.edu.au](http://www.latrobe.edu.au)

**Minimum Study Scores now needed for all prerequisite subjects:** From 2014, you will be required to have the following to be eligible for university courses listed on VTAC

- A minimum study score of 10 for all unit 3-4 prerequisite subjects (universities can set their own higher study scores)
- At least two graded assessments higher than UG.

For more information, go to <http://www.vtac.edu.au/who/meeting-prerequisites.html>

## VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

**New health science courses at La Trobe:** The following new courses will be available for the 2014 intake:

- Bachelor of Public Health Promotion
- Bachelor of Exercise Science
- Bachelor of Exercise Science/Master of Exercise Physiology
- Bachelor of Health Science (Medical Classification)/Master of Health Information Management
- Bachelor of Paramedic Practice/Bachelor of Public Health Promotion

To explore these courses, go to <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/courses>

### University of Melbourne- World Rankings:

According to the QS World University Rankings, Melbourne is third in the world for Education, Law is fifth, Linguistics sixth, Psychology, Accounting & Finance are all seventh and Medicine is ranked ninth. Melbourne was first in Australia in 15 disciplines. For more information, go to <http://newsroom.melbourne.edu/news/six-melbourne-subjects-named-world-leaders-qs-rankings>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Year 11 Students:** Reminder- if you would like to apply for the two-day UniExperience program at the University of Melbourne, you will need to submit your application by Friday 21 June at [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/uniexperience](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/uniexperience)

**Interested in physics?** Swinburne is hosting the 'Big Bang Physics Show' at their Open Day on Sunday 4 August. The show features interactive demonstrations to introduce first-year physics concepts and tackles popular physics misconceptions. You will also get a taste for what physics is like in first-year engineering and aviation. To book your spot, go to <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/engineering/events/bigbang/>

**Experience La Trobe University:** If you are planning to attend the Experience La Trobe Day at the Melbourne campus on Tuesday 9 July, please be advised they have just added three new exciting workshops- Civil Engineering, Exercise Science and Careers in Sport. Register your place at <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/> or update your workshop preferences by emailing [study@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:study@latrobe.edu.au)

## JUNE EVENTS

**Whitehouse College of Design:** The College will be hosting their Open Day on Friday 21 June at the Melbourne Campus. Courses on offer through the College include Fashion Design, Interior Design, Styling & Creative Direction, Millinery, Visual Merchandising and Marketing. To reserve seating, go to [www.whitehouse-design.edu.au](http://www.whitehouse-design.edu.au)



### Experience RMIT during the school holidays:

The Experience Days are filling up fast; there are spaces left in the following workshops that will run in July:

- 2: Community Justice
- 2: Electrical & Computer Engineering
- 3: Aerospace, Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering
- 4: Environment
- 5: Computing & IT

For more information and to register for one or more of these free workshops, please go to <http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays>



**Experience Australian Catholic University (ACU):** ACU is hosting a series of free workshops during the holidays at the Ballarat and Melbourne campuses. The following workshops still have places available:

#### Ballarat Campus, Tuesday 2 July:

- Early Childhood & Primary Teaching
- Nursing & Paramedicine

#### Melbourne Campus, Tuesday 9 July

- Arts, Business, Creative Arts, Early Childhood Education, Education, Exercise Science, Public Health, Psychology, Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, and Law





## JUNE EVENTS

- **19: Information Session**, Melbourne School of Fashion, <http://melbourneschooloffashion.com.au/>
- **25: Information Session**, University of Technology Sydney, Engineering Undergraduate Courses, [www.uts.edu.au](http://www.uts.edu.au)
- **25: MyDay Creative Industries**, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga Campus, [www.csu.edu.au/go/myday](http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday)
- **25: MyDay Community Health & Nursing**, Charles Sturt University, Albury-Wodonga Campus, [www.csu.edu.au/go/myday](http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday)
- **25 & 26: Focus on University of Melbourne: Arts (25) & Victorian College of the Arts (26)**, [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focus-melb](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focus-melb)
- **26: JMC Academy**, Information Session, Melbourne Campus, <http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/>

## JULY EVENTS

- **30 June – 14 July: Trinity College Young Leaders School**, University of Melbourne, [www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/young\\_leaders](http://www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/young_leaders)
- **1: MyDay Policing & Justice**, Charles Sturt University, Bathurst, <http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday>
- **1 - 3: Dance Short Course**, Deakin University, Burwood Campus, <http://www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/courses/short/index.php>
- **1 – 12: Arts, Acting & Music Workshops**, Victorian College of the Arts and Music, South Melbourne, [VCA@commercial.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:VCA@commercial.unimelb.edu.au)
- **2: Science in the City Lab Tours**, RMIT, [www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover](http://www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover)
- **2: Engineering Scholarships Information Session**, University of Technology Sydney, [www.uts.edu.au](http://www.uts.edu.au)
- **2 – 4: Monash Art, Design & Architecture Workshops**, Monash University, Caulfield Campus, [www.monash.edu/mada/workshops](http://www.monash.edu/mada/workshops)
- **3: Melbourne JD Showcase**, Melbourne Law School, <http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/jd/future-students/information-for-school-students>
- **5, 8: Workshops**, JMC Academy, Melbourne Campus, <http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/>
- **2, 9: University Experience Days at Australian Catholic University**, Ballarat (2), Canberra (9), and Melbourne (9) Campuses, [www.acu.edu.au/97108](http://www.acu.edu.au/97108)
- **11 – 12: UniExperience**, University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus, [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/uniexp](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/uniexp)
- **24: Parent Information Evening**, Deakin University, Burwood Campus, <http://www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/future-students>



# LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2013



## McAULEY CAMPUS HANDBALL COMPETITION

(Prize \$20 Canteen Voucher)

### BBQ LUNCH

- = Sausages \$2
- = Combo \$3
- = Drinks \$1.50



## FUN AT LUNCHTIME

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## O'KEEFFE CAMPUS HANDBALL COMPETITION

(Prize \$20 iTunes Card)

## FUN TIE DAY



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Author : 'Filthy Rat'.

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Director of the company: 'Ethical Strength' with a mission  
to help people faced with moral and ethical dilemmas.

Book sales & signings on the night



## JAYKE SALIGARI FUNDRAISER

Friday July 26th at 6.30 pm.

Camperdown Golf Club

Tickets \$50 includes: 3 course set menu & talk. Singles or tables of 8  
Tickets on sale at St Patrick's School, Dimora Avenue Camperdown  
55931962 or Camperdown Auto Sales, 235 Manifold St, 55931472

Simon Illingworth is a former member of the Victoria police in Australia. He served in many different roles throughout his time in the force, but his most significant contribution was with the Victoria Police Ethical Standards Department (the Victoria Police version of Internal Affairs) where he helped weed out and prosecute corrupt police officers. After retiring from the force he has written a book about his experiences entitled "Filthy Rat". He also appeared on "Australian Story" in May 2004 to tell his unique story and offer insight on the Melbourne underworld and police corruption. Simon lives in Port Campbell with his wife, Sarah & children Millicent & Tommy.