

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.

After a long third term and an unusual winter, September brings football finals, school holidays and excitement at the approach of spring and summer. For those of us in school leadership, it is a time of planning, planning for the year to come and longer term for where we see Mercy Regional College in five to fifteen years. Today's prayer challenges us to reflect on what holistic education in a Christian context should be and the centrality of the sacred within this context.

Tomorrow's School

*God, the beginning and end of all creation,
In your name we come together to reflect upon
And plan for the future education of your young people.*

*We are conscious of the richness and variety
Of the gifts you have given us for our task;
We are conscious, too, of our human limitations.
For understanding of the signs of our times,
For insight into that tomorrow which begins today,
For a vision of possibilities which will fulfil
The mission you have entrusted to us.
Who continues to inspire us
Through these times of change and growth.
We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord,
Amen*

Mercy Mass

Last Friday, the school community came together to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Mercy who is patron saint of the Sisters of Mercy.

Our mass in the de Chantal Stadium was celebrated by Fr. Gerry and focused on the importance of mercy to the Christian tradition and to our College. Our Gospel reflected on the Beatitudes, one of Jesus' most powerful and challenging speeches and one that gives meaning to the question – what does it mean to be a person of mercy. The communion reflection prepared by Mrs. Jo-Anne Saunders highlighted the many tangible ways that the Mercy community lives out this fundamental challenge. Congratulations to all involved.

Mercy 40th Anniversary Celebrations

A reminder to all in the Mercy community of the major celebration weekend that is happening on 16th & 17th November: the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the College promises to be a wonderful opportunity to recognise all that has been achieved in a relatively short time and the many, many students and staff who have spent time with us.

In particular, could I ask parents and friends to consider joining us at the 40th Anniversary Mercy Dinner which will be held at the Five Star Function Centre, Camperdown on the evening of Saturday 16th November. Our guest speaker will be Prof Michael Ryan and the night will also include speeches from long serving staff, students from the first years of CRC and current MRC students. Tickets are \$50 per head and available through the College. A flyer and booking sheet are on pages 25 and 26 of the newsletter.

Principal's Formative Review

My mid-contract formative review took place on the 5th and 6th September with a panel comprising of Mr. Bill Slatter (CEOB), Mr. Tim O'Farrell (my nominee) and Mrs. Leesa Henriksen (nominee of the Canonical Administrators).

A staff survey was circulated and interviews undertaken with a range of stakeholders across both campuses. I would like to thank both the panel members and those who contributed to the review for what the results of the review offers me as I continue to grow as Principal of Mercy and what they offer the school itself in the future.

Mercy Instrumental Music Night

Congratulations to all the students, their families and teachers who showcased their talents at the College's Instrumental Music Evening which was held earlier this month. I was delighted to the large number in attendance and by the quality of the performances from students at Mercy and St Patrick's Primary School. Well done also to the coordinators of the evening, Mrs. Janet Backhaus and Mr. Luke Bouchier.

BDSAC Visit

Over the last two days, both Mercy Campuses have hosted visits by the Ballarat Diocesan Schools' Advisory Council (BDSAC), the group with delegated responsibility from the Bishop for schools across the diocese.

BDSAC members enjoyed tours around both campuses, lunch with McAuley Campus staff today and dinner with the HCSN school boards last night.



BDSAC members visiting with some pupils in the O'Keeffe Campus Library.

2014 Student Leaders

At last week's whole school assembly, the students elected as next year's Year 12 student leaders were announced. They will be invested at the next whole school assembly early in Term 4.

College Captains:	Tom Cheslett Laura Justin
College Vice-Captains:	Dermott O'Connor Ruby Bradshaw
Social Justice Captains:	Caitlin Smart Dominic Cavarsan
Communications Captains:	Marnie Jones Anya McKenzie
Sports Captains:	Steven Krybolder Mollie Bourke
House Captains:	
Tindley:	Dana Rhode, Amy Hallyburton
Ryan:	Maddie Kenna, Amy Pemberton
Frayne:	Ben Saunders, Bethany O'Sullivan
Markey:	Matthew Baxter, Bridget Anders

Battlefields tour 2013

Last Friday, a group of almost 40 Mercy Regional College students and staff departed on the second Battlefields tour of France, Belgium and England under the leadership and guidance of Mr. Lachie Lee. Congratulations to all involved in the amount of preparatory work undertaken, I am sure that it will make the time overseas and, particularly, the time on the battlefields themselves immensely valuable. Au Revoir! Here is the group in front of the Eiffel Tower.



Uniform / Uniform Shop

Summer uniform is to be worn in Term 4, therefore the Uniform Shop will be open in the last week of the school holidays on Thursday 3rd October 12pm – 2pm.

Thank you

Nicki & Brad Collins would like to extend a very grateful and humbled thank you to the Mercy Community for their generous support, their prayers and good wishes during this time of Nicki's ill health.

Student Activities

In lieu of me identifying and celebrating student activities, I have included a wonderful set of acknowledgements offered by the College Captains, Genevieve Lee and Louis Hickey on page 4.

Wishing all Mercy students, staff and families a most restful and safe holidays,

Yours in Mercy,

DR. DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL

Deputy Principal Teaching & Learning

Mr. Chris Grant

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data School Students with Disability

Through the Catholic Education Office Ballarat, and with other schools within the Diocese, we are undertaking a process that involves collecting data on students with a disability. This process is being phased in over 2013 to 2015 and will be a requirement for all Schools in Australia by 2015.

Better information about school students with a disability will assist Teachers, Principals and the Catholic Education Office to support their participation in schooling on the same basis as students without a disability.

Every school needs to be ready and able to support students with disability to ensure that any obstacles to participation and achievement in their school education are identified and minimised.

This process will involve recording information on students with a disability, from a 10 week period prior to the collection date of 18th October, 2013.

If you would like any further information on this process, please contact the school. You may choose to opt out of this process, and if you wish, please fill out the form on page 24 of this newsletter and return to the school prior to the collection date of 18th October.

From Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Jo-Anne Saunders

School Mass in honor of Our Lady of Mercy Feast Day

September 13th saw the whole school community gather together to celebrate the Eucharist with Fr. Gerry Prunty as our presider. We reflected on the fact that The House of Mercy in Dublin was opened by Catherine McAuley in 1827 on the feast day of Our Lady of Mercy. Honouring Mary the mother of Christ we took time as a school to consider the work done by others and ourselves in the footsteps of Jesus, and of the example lived out by Mercy people all over the world. We prayed for many causes close to the heart of mercy charism, the values laid out by Christ in the Gospel of Matthew in the corporal works of Mercy: the care for the poor, the visiting of the sick or imprisoned, clothing the naked and feeding the hungry.

The small school choir swelled with a few extra voices to sing 'The Circle of Mercy'. This song echoes our works and calls us to see the face of Jesus in all whom we help. As a school community, Mercy Regional College shares the gift of Mercy with others through our many Social Justice Activities.

Both junior and senior teams have been busy this year organizing awareness and fundraising for Mercy Works and Mercy Beyond Borders. Caritas during term one, Shave for a Cure and the MacKillop Family Services. Our school also raises funds for local hospitals through the Lake to lake fun run.

So as a community of Mercy people, we continue to reach out to those who suffer and to help support people in need. This school mass was not just a time to celebrate what we have achieved but to humbly ask for the strength and courage to extend our fundraising and awareness to those less fortunate, both locally and globally.

I would like to thank all those who helped to make the Mass a special occasion. Those who shared their ministries and talents; in music, reading, technology, preparation and prayer.

Seeds of Justice

Report by Ebony Reynolds

On the 5th and 6th September, I had the opportunity to attend a seeds of justice event in Anglesea with five other students from Mercy. We travelled to Anglesea and stayed overnight along with numerous students from other mercy schools across the western district.

Over the two day period, we discussed many issues regarding homelessness as well as solutions we could incorporate into our schools to help solve this problem.

We had several guest speakers including Les Twentyman, a leading figure in solving the problem of homelessness as well as many others who were both funny and had interesting stories to tell. The entire trip was really worth it and it opened my eyes to important issues that I didn't really think about before and I met a lot of new people who shared similar views and also had stories of their own to tell. It was a fun two days and a great learning experience.



Social Justice Article



Tika Peru scarves are here and are a bargain for \$20 each, available from either Campus office. They come in either Navy or Black background.

By buying one of these scarves you are supporting a sustainable workshop for women in

the very poor district of Lima Peru. Organised by the Social Justice committee these scarves are permitted to be worn by students with their uniform.

Social Justice Lunch

On Friday after the Mercy Mass, our Social Justice Team from the O'Keeffe Campus had a shared lunch with Senior Social Justice Team members in Camperdown. Together the students shared their successes and hopes for the future of Social Justice in our school. It was a large gathering with over 20 students in attendance. It was also a great opportunity to congratulate Verity Watt and Toby Taylor for their efforts as Social Justice Captains for the 2012/2013 year.

College Captains applaud Student Achievements

Gen Lee and Louis Hickey

It is not often that we as a school get to hear about the achievements of our fellow students. Today, Louis and I would like to take a moment to congratulate a group of students who have used their own skill and initiative to take on new opportunities or participate in events outside of the school. We are also very encouraging of these students and anyone who in the future, will be taking on similar opportunities.

Beginning at the end of this year, a number of Year twelve students will be travelling overseas through volunteer programs:

- Ellie Moloney is travelling to The UK with "Global Latitude" volunteer program where she will be working as a carer at a holiday lodge for the disabled. The program will go from February to September.
- Alex Moloney will be spending three months in Cusco, Peru, on a volunteer program where he will teach at orphanages and help at construction sites. The program he is with is International Volunteer Headquarters.
- Brooke White is heading to South Africa at the end of November through the company "Global Work and Travel Co." where she will be staying on a conservation reserve called Seaview Lion Park for over a month. Her role will be looking after baby lion and tiger cubs by walking, feeding and playing with them.

The journeys the three students are embarking on will impact greatly not only on themselves but on the communities and people they will be volunteering with. Please give these three a big round of applause. Grace Lee was chosen along with eleven other girls from across Victoria to go to the Northern Territory to play cricket. The program is called "Cricket Without Borders" and aims to promote women's cricket in Australia. Grace will play three matches in Darwin and take a few clinics for young kids across the Northern Territory.

A group of Year Eleven students participated in the Frayne Speech Festival a few weeks ago. We would like to present you all with some certificates.

- Debating: Dana Rhode, Ruby Bradshaw, Ailish Glennen, Willy Keough, Laura Justin and Mikarla Poole.
- Public speaking: Caitlin Smart

The U17 Kolora-Noorat Power netballers won the grand final last weekend and this team), also congratulations to all footy and netball teams who were in finals and have grand finals coming up.

Well done to all students for their participation in the Year 11 street retreat. The Street Retreat is a challenging and rewarding experience that all students will enjoy.

Congratulations to the Year 11 Taster Group for their work on the Lake to Lake bake sale and dress up day. The group raised over \$1200. All students should be very proud of themselves.

Congratulations to these individual student achievements:

- Sharni Smethurst made the western region netball team
- Chloe Zentai came 2nd in a VET hairdressing competition.
- Briony Kent has started a clothing label titled-"they don't like US". Like her page on Facebook if you haven't already.
- Zach O'Flynn was short listed for the Tuckwell scholarship which is a prestigious scholarship for the Australian National University in Canberra.
- Recently, Courtney Stevens competed in Track and Field games in Kelowna and Vancouver in Canada. In the first competition, Courtney won gold in Shot-put, Javelin and Discus. At the second competition in Courtney won gold in the Javelin and silver in the Shot Put and Discus.
- Kirsty Almond participated in the National Youth Science Forum - Canberra in January chosen from 1300 students.
- Well done to Ben Finnerty - winner of the Hampden League Football U16 Best & Fairest.

Once again congratulations to all those students who have achieved fantastic things this year.

Hello from our Exchange Students

Claudia Hogar

Hi, two months ago, my big adventure started. Which adventure? I am an exchange student from Switzerland and I'm here for one year.

My name is Claudia and I'm sixteen years old. I'm staying in Camperdown with the Smart family. My host-parents are lovely and they treat me like one of their own three daughters, which makes me very happy and I can feel welcome.

My host-sisters are like my own sister in Switzerland. We have a lot of fun and I'm glad that they are always there for me. I love my "new" family and I'm really grateful that they supported my dream to come to Australia.



Claudia with the Smart family

I'm also very grateful that Mercy Regional College has taken me for this year. I'm in Year 11 and I feel very comfortable, because the teachers help me in every situation and I'm never alone with questions. Of course I have problems with the language and the new subjects, but the students are very nice and help me as well. They try to integrate me and I can always be with them, which makes me really happy.

To be honest, I never thought that I'd live in Victoria one day. I always thought that my exchange year would be in Queensland. But now I'm glad to be here, in Victoria. I've never met so many nice people at once. The surroundings impress me a lot and I've never seen so much space before.

The lifestyle in Australia is totally different to the lifestyle in Switzerland. In Switzerland, everyone lives their own life and all the people are very strict. You haven't got much leisure time, because the school starts at 7.50am in the morning and ends 5.20pm in the evening. It's a longer day there, so I'm really happy to have my leisure time here. I'm enjoying my time in Camperdown and I'm glad to be here.

Marie Arstadvold

Hi, my name is Marie and I'm from a city called Stavanger in Norway. I'm an exchange student here in Victoria. Living in Australia has been my dream since I was a little girl and this year my dream came true. I've been here for a month now and I absolutely love it! I'm staying with the Parker's in Timboon and I don't think I could get a better host family.



Marie with Fiona, Millie and Nina Parker

Fiona and Peter are my host parents, they are great and it really feels like home. I have two host sisters, Millie (14) and Nina (12). We get along very well. I'm not used to having sisters, so it's fun to have two little sisters this year. I've already got a good relationship with my host family and I'm looking forward to spending this year with them.

Coming from a big city is very different to living in Timboon, but I really enjoy being here with heaps of animals. Since I arrived, I have a taste of what Australia is like. I've seen koalas, kangaroos and wallabies. Something I had to try when I got to Australia was vegemite. It was my first and last time, never again.

This year I'm a student at Mercy Regional College. I have to admit that I was a bit nervous about starting at a new school, but I had no reason to be. The teachers and students have been so welcoming and nice to me. I already feel like a part of the school and I'm enjoying every day here at Mercy.

Something I like about the school is that the students take really good care of each other and include everyone. I'm very glad that I got the chance to go to Mercy for a year.



Thomas Carr Exchange

Report by Sarah van der Schans & Stephanie Smart

On 26th August a group of ten Year 8 students went down to Tarneit (near Melbourne) to go to Thomas Carr College. We were to be partnered with 10 other Year 8s from the Melbourne school. This was going to be an experience to remember.

After arriving at Thomas Carr College we met with the students we would stay with. We had a tour of the school (which was massive) and a quick lunch before spending the last two periods of school with them in their classrooms. It was interesting to see all the different cultures and how many people were at the school. While we have four year 8 classes, they have 8 different year 8 classes.

After school we left with our partner to go to their houses. It was scary having to go into a family's house which you didn't know and had no idea what they would be like. For some of us we were lucky enough to get two-story houses and houses with theatre rooms and pools. We lived like they did and participated in whatever after-school activities they had.

Once we survived the first night we spent a day as a whole group in the city. Our first stop was at the Victoria Markets where we spent the morning looking through all the stores. We met up again and walked through the city streets until we arrived at Rutledge Lane. For those who don't know it is an alley which was covered in graffiti before being completely painted over in blue. Graffiti artists are at work again painting on the blue surfaces. We stopped for lunch at Federation Square before heading off to the Eureka Skydeck via South Bank. All of us, but one, braved the edge, a glass box which protrudes from the building. Hearing the screams from two of the Thomas Carr students (one of them was a boy) it was obviously a very scary experience for them. At the end of the day we headed back with our partner for another night at their house.

On Wednesday morning we said our goodbyes to the families and left the school on two mini buses. The trip home was long but had funny moments. We arrived at O'Keefe campus and as they became used to the smell (apparently they could smell manure in the neighbouring paddocks) we took them on a tour of the local area. We climbed Mount Noorat, this was a funny experience when one girl asked why we didn't pick up after the cows like we do for dogs.

We went home and introduced our partners to our families and pets. They spent the night in unfamiliar houses and got involved in the country life. Most of them had the opportunity to go to a farm and see how cows were milked. Thursday morning we left from Noorat on a trip around the Great Ocean Road and the Twelve Apostles including stops at Cheese World, Hopkins Falls and Port Campbell. They had another night at our houses before our last day together.

Friday came and it felt like only the day before that we had started the week. We had an assembly with all the year 8s, telling of our adventure and what their suburban life was like. We said our goodbyes and all too soon they were driving away. It is an experience all of us will remember forever.



Chess Tournament

Mr. Matthew Harkin

Monday 9th September saw an excited group of students head down to Warrnambool to participate in the inter school chess tournament. A relatively inexperienced team made up of ten year sevens on debut and four students in year nine, ten and eleven represented the school extremely well on the day. The team came up against some strong opposition on the day and although some results didn't quite go all the Colleges' way, the way the students participated was excellent.

Special thanks should go to all the students who tried out for the team, Maureen O'Loughlan and Fiona Sargeant for their organisation and Justin Staunton for his specialised coaching.



Australian Mathematics Competition 2013

Mrs. Narelle Williams

This year approximately 250 students from Years 7 to 12 participated in the Math's competition. 64 students received Credits and 51 Proficiency.

Congratulations and well done to the follow 10 students who obtained a Distinction:

Year 7: Joshua Newcombe
Year 8: Cheyenne Beaver
Year 9: Sebastian Conheady and Jed Millard
Year 10: Jack Williams
Year 11: Joseph Arundell, Henry Kissick, Tom Cheslett and Brodie Hill
Year 12: Zachary O'Flynn

A Prudence award is given to the student at the school who has the most consecutive questions correct, starting from question one. The winner of this award was Lilliana Marwood.

Interschool Equestrian Championships

Mrs. Katy Millard – Team Manager

On a beautiful sunny day on Sunday the 16th of September, 5 Equestrian riders from Mercy Regional College competed in the Warrnambool Interschool Equestrian Championships (WISE champs) at Albert Park. Riders completed three disciplines in the competition consisting of dressage, cross country and showjumping.

All five Mercy riders performed extremely well on the day. They were Steph Hibburt riding J Star Bushranger in Grade 1, finishing first overall, Elle Price riding PJ finishing fifth in Grade 2, Erika Grant competing in Grade 3 on Allvial finishing 5th overall and 1st in the dressage, Polly Moloney competing in Grade 4 on Vandel and Kate Gaut competing on her horses in Grade 5 Combined Training placing 3rd on Cilla and 5th on Teakia.

Congratulations to all riders on their efforts and presentation and a big thank you to all parents who helped make the day possible.



Outdoor Education Ski Trip

Mr. Darren Cheeseman

Earlier this term all Unit 2 Outdoor Education students participated in the annual ski trip to Mount Buller. On the weekend prior to our arrival there was a significant amount of snow fall at Mount Buller. This meant conditions were good for the two days we were skiing. This first night we arrived at Mansfield and our accommodation and began the process of collecting our ski lift passes and equipment hire. This meant we were able to get to the mountain bright and early the next day.

We arrived at Mount Buller and went straight to work in learning new skills with our instructors. After the allocated 2 hours students were able to hit the slopes and begin to master either skiing or snowboarding. Two-thirds of the class decided on skiing with the remaining having a go at snowboarding.



Staff and students were able to participate in perfect conditions until about 4.30pm. We returned back to Mansfield to rest up and begin the entire process again the next day. After the two full days of skiing and boarding students were tired when we returned the equipment back to Buller Sports.

Early Friday we packed the bus and began the trek home. It was an enjoyable four days away and all students involved did a great job. Thanks also to the staff that attended.

Active Learning Program

Mr. Darren Cheeseman

In Term 3 all Year 9 students have been able to participate in two full days of activity as part of this subject.

The first day was planned by the Physical Education Domain and it was decided to travel to the Bluewater Fitness Centre in Colac. The activities planned were a bike spin session, fitness assessment, gym session and

core workout. These activities were chosen because they are ones that are not easily accessed at MRC. We also had an hour presentation from a dietician to reinforce the facts on healthy eating and lifestyle.



Our second day was for the Technology subject area and held this week at Lake Bullen Merri. Students were split up into three groups and they rotated around three activities. The first activity was raft building and then each raft was tested on the water with various success rates. The second activity was preparing food for throughout the day for approximately 90 people (a very big task) and finally the third group directed a short film using their iPads to report on the happenings of the day.



Careers Reports

Mrs. Jenny Phillips

Congratulations to Ailish Glennen who got a very pleasant surprise at the College Assembly on Friday 13th September.



Ailish, a current Year 11 student, was presented with an iPad, compliments of the Australian Catholic University. She had attended the ACU Melbourne Open Day on Sunday 11th August and registered her interest in receiving ongoing information from the university. Ms. Jessica Campbell, a marketing officer at ACU, made a special trip from Melbourne to make the presentation to Ailish.

MRC Year 10 Journalism student - Chloe Yates-Knibbs Report

Mercy Regional College (MRC) students are opening their minds to the world of books through the Premiers Reading Challenge - an important state-wide literacy initiative. Since early April, 52 students from Years 7 to 10 have read a total of 1157 books. The Challenge requires students to read 10 books from a selected list and five of their own choice.

MRC's Librarian, Mrs. Maureen O'Loughlan said this year had seen some impressive results. "I am extremely proud of their efforts, and a very big accomplishment considering it's a real challenge," The school's Vice-Principal, Mr. Chris Grant, agreed that it was a wonderful achievement. He said that reading was a valuable foundation for all year levels. "This year's result is a significant increase on last year."

For the past seven years, Ella Van Donk, a Year 10 MRC student, has participated in the annual reading challenge. Last year she read 86 books and has read even more this year. "I really enjoy it, its fun."

The students who participated will have their names printed on an Honour Roll during October. For further details on the Premiers Reading Challenge visit <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/>

Frayne Speech Festival

Report by: Caitlin Smart, Laura Justin & Ruby Bradshaw

On Friday 30th August, eight Mercy students headed down to Melbourne with Mr. Glennen and Miss O'Connor. We had entered two debating teams and one oratory speaker.



The first debating team, consisting of Dana Rhode, Laura Justin and Will Keough, were the negative team for the statement: "Voting should not be compulsory in Australian Elections" against Notre Dame College, Shepparton. The team argued their points successfully convincing the judge that voting should be compulsory and winning the debate.

The second team, made up of Ruby Bradshaw, Ailish Glennen and Will Keough were the affirmative side for the topic: "Smoking should be banned in public spaces" against Our Lady Mercy College Melbourne. This debate was very close ending on an equal result, with the final count back unfortunately resulting in Mercy going down by only one point, we were still very proud of our efforts. As each of the participants this year were first time debaters, we owe a lot of thanks to Mikarla Poole, who helped prepare our speeches, teach us the fundamentals of debating, and was there for moral support on the day.

Caitlin Smart also represented our school in the public speaking, preparing an 8-minute speech on the topic 'Sport and Science'. Caitlin focused not only on the negative involvement of science, but, its positive involvement in sport. She competed against five other entrants from Mercy schools across the state. Although none of the competitors made it through to the final rounds, all had a positive experience, and the lead up was well worth it. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Lee for all his support and guidance in the lead up to the Frayne Speaking Festival.

We all highly encourage Year 10 students to put their hand up for next year, as we are glad we did so.

Instrumental Concert

Ms. Janet Backhaus - Instrumental Co-ordinator

On Thursday 11th September the Mercy Community had the pleasure of listening to many talented musicians. Students and teachers joined together on the night to showcase their talent.

The evening began with a performance by Mr. Peter Sharp, Mr. Luke Bouchier and Mr. Tony Forbes. At this point the audience had only a taste of the talent and musicianship to come.

With 27 performances there was a wide selection of instruments, from Guitars to Double Bass, Piano, Voice and Choir, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone and String instruments. The standard of performance was exceptional and the evening was relaxed and friendly.

The night ended with a supper and parents, students and teachers had a chance to discuss and share their enjoyment of the performances.

Congratulations must go to all the students who participated on the night. You have all worked hard to develop your skills and we thoroughly enjoyed your performances. Thank you!!!

It was a wonderful night, and on behalf of the students I would like to thank all of our staff. You inspire our students to create beautiful music.

Special thanks must go to:

- Mr. Peter Sharp - Guitar Teacher, Singer
- Ms. Michelle Mackinnon - Piano and Choir Teacher
- Ms. Kelly Kerr - Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone Teacher
- Ms. Fiona Pugh - String Teacher
- Mr. Tony Forbes - Guitar Teacher, Singer, and for assisting with setting up
- Mr. Luke Bouchier - Teacher, Singer, Guitarist, and for assisting with setting up
- Mrs. Jenny O'Neil - Supper
- Mr. Mark Evans and Mr. Danny Gordon - Assisting with setting up
- Mr. Brendon Norman - Assisting with setting up and assisting on the night
- Mrs. Freya Egberts - assisting on the night
- Mrs. Jenni Lenehan – Program

Thank you all. It was a wonderful evening and we look forward to another year of learning and performing together.



Peter Ryan and Jen Rowan



Mollie Gaut



Liam Parker



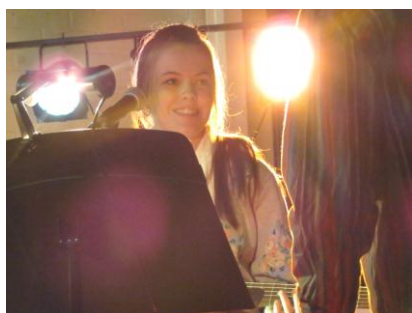
Matthew Murray



Julian Hill



Zane Searle



Chloe Collins



Tony Forbes & Tara Suri



Jordyn Hickey



Billy Buckingham – MC for the Evening

Library News

Mrs. Maureen O'Loughlan - Library Manager

The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge (VPRC) which has been running since early second term, has ended. Last Friday at our whole school assembly, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate our participants. The Challenge, which involved reading at least 15 books, aims to foster a love of reading and encourages our students to read widely. Across Years 7 – 10 there were 52 students registered.

I am delighted to announce that all 52 students completed the Challenge – every student read the 15 books required – and some have read many more! At the start of the Challenge we set a goal of reaching 1000 books – which seemed like a huge task – but I am happy to say that the grand total of books read for 2013 was... **1283!** This is a fantastic achievement!

This year, The Age newspaper will publish the Honour Roll online from Sunday 27th October. Each student will be able to view a personalised video and download a personalised front page of The Age that is theirs to keep. A link will be available on the VPRC webpage.

An excursion to celebrate the success of the Challenge will take place in last term. Details will be available when we return from the term break. Certificates and awards will be handed out at an assembly in last term. Thank you to everyone who has encouraged the challengers along the way and also to Mrs. Mel Brisbane for her assistance. The biggest thank you goes to the students whose commitment to the task was untiring – well done – you should be very proud of yourselves! I certainly am.



Archie Fussillo Visit

Report by: Taneisha Bentley & Maggie Suhan

On Friday 6th September Archimede Fussillo, the award winning author of *The Dons*, came and spoke to our Year 8 classes. He told us about his culture and the stories behind *The Dons*.



Archimede grew up in an immigrant family. His life was very different to the people around him. He thought he lived in a normal household but when he came to secondary school things changed. He didn't get very far through school because he couldn't read or write properly, so he just played pranks, told stories and mucked around.

Archimede told us about his father, when his dad got taken out of school at a young age because Archimede's Nonno had been killed. His Nonna was a widow at a very young age that had three children and no money and never remarried.

He told us about how he had a pig as a pet, not a dog or cat but a pig. The pig ended up as food, its blood was used to make "Italian Vegemite" or so he called it. In this "Vegemite" it had almonds, crushed biscuits, vanilla essence, chocolate and pigs blood. His family would then put it in his sandwiches and send him off to school with it, then he would trade sandwiches and only after they ate he would then tell them what was in it, later getting bashed. There were so many stories and so much to hear and learn. His childhood was definitely a unique one, but it bought him to where he is now.

After recess we came back and did a workshop with Archie, he wrote up parts of a story and we had to answer the questions he had listed down, and in that one session Maggie and I, and probably many other people, agreed that we learnt so much! Archimede was very funny and very informative, these stories he told us really helped us understand and get a clearer idea of *The Dons* and the background behind it. It was good to see the actual meaning of the book and how much it meant to him.

Pathways 'Lifeline' Excursion

Have you ever donated an item of clothing and wondered where it has ended up or who you have helped? Have you purchased something from an Opportunity Shop and wondered where the money was going? On Friday 6th September the VCAL and Pathways students travelled to Warrnambool to learn more about the operation of the 'Lifeline' stores. While many students were aware that Lifeline ran an opportunity store in Camperdown and Warrnambool, they did not know that there is a whole lot more to the stores than just selling pre-owned/disregarded goods.



Lifeline stores exist to "keep people on the phones". Lifeline provides a 24 hour free phone counseling/referral service for people in need. Most people would be unaware that to man those phones takes a great deal of money, after all overheads are covered about \$44 per call. To raise that money the organization relies on the donation of clothes and goods and the hard work of volunteers. Students were amazed by the amount of "rubbish" dumped. 'Lifeline has to pay to get that rubbish taken to the tip, funds that could be put too much better use". Things like people donating dirty, stained and damaged goods all cost the company money.

This excursion gave students not only an insight into the running of an opportunity store but the importance volunteers play in making this organization the success it is. Students also identified the need for people to have a purpose, whether it is to get up and sort clothes or man the pickup trucks Lifeline provides this. Anyone over the age of twelve can apply to volunteer. Above everything, those who presented to the group of students stressed how important life is and to look out for each other.

The following pictures are of two of our students who recently attended the Royal Melbourne Show. They featured this week in an article on page 94 of The Weekly Times on Wednesday 18th September. Congratulations boys.

To the left is Ricky Nelson from Cobden.

Below is Anthony Glennen – Year 9A from the The Sisters.



Junior star: Ricky Nelson from Cobden was the VAS State Junior Judging winner.

Young judge a gun

By SIMONE SMITH

YOU have to know how to judge when showing cows.

That's the opinion of Ricky Nelson, of Cobden, who won the Victorian Agricultural Show State Junior Judging final on Sunday.

The 17-year-old capped off a stellar day by also winning the Master Fitter Challenge and coming third in the VAS paraders competition.

Ricky will now judge at the national VAS final at

Brisbane next year. Ricky was at the Royal Melbourne Dairy Show helping local breeders, but he also has his own stud, RJs Holsteins.

He also attended the Royal Adelaide Show and has shown at Camperdown for the past five years.

"I like travelling to all the different Royals, seeing the quality of cattle in Australia and meeting new people," he said.

Ricky took the top judging prize on Sunday after judging three pens of four

in-milk cows and speaking about the Jersey pen.

Competitors had to place the cattle and then provide reasons for their ranking.

In the fitter class he drew on skills learnt by watching experienced fitters.

"I have worked with a few different fitters and I watch and learn . . . I clip my own cows from practice, but when you work with a fitter you can see what they do," he said.

Ricky is still at school and hopes to work in dairy farming or as a stock agent.



Mercy Regional College
VCE DANCE EVENING

MONDAY 7th OCTOBER
7pm - 8:30pm

to be held in the
Mercy Regional College, Stadium

You are invited to attend the VCE DANCE Evening. This evening will provide a chance for the current Unit 4 students to perform their solos in front of an audience prior to their external Performance Exam at the end of the week.

The current Unit 2 students will also feature with the unit 4's in a Learnt Work from semester one as well as a combination choreographic work. The Year 10 Dance elective students from Semester One will also perform their group dance.

I would encourage all prospective VCE Dance students to attend as well as family and friends of the students performing.

The following students will be performing:

Unit 4 Students

Lydia Conheady (Terang College), Lucy Johnson (Terang College), Bethany O'Sullivan and Leah Veenstra,

Unit 2 Students

Vicky Conroy, Georgi Cook, Isabelle Corneby, Marti McKenzie, Ruby Moloney, Annie Moloney, Meg O'Sullivan and Kia Rethus (Cobden Technical College)

Year 10 Elective

Ella Clarke, Haylee Davis, Alanah Frost, Grace Lucas, Frost, Natalie O'Connor and Elle Price

There will be a light supper provided at the conclusion of the evening.



Freya Egberts
Teacher of Dance



Leah



Bethany



Lydia



Lucy

Weekly Career News

TERM 3

17 September 2013

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

William Blue College of Hospitality and Management: is a private college in Sydney that offers vocational and tertiary level courses in hotel and hospitality management, commercial cookery, tourism, and business. They have just launched their new website. Access the link to learn about their courses, pathways, open days and scholarships, <http://www.williamblue.edu.au/>

Interested in counselling, wellbeing and a holistic approach to health? The Think Group recently launched their new Pyrmont Campus in Sydney, which has the following private colleges on site- Australian National College of Beauty, Australasian College of Natural Therapies, and the Jansen Newman Institute. Learn about the Colleges via the launch video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wwePgPP6zY&feature=youtu.be>



Live and study in France: You have the opportunity to participate in one of the high school or gap year programs offered through AFX Student Exchange. They have partnered with Alliance Française to offer students free French lessons if you participate in one of their high school programs. For information, go to <http://www.australia-france-exchange.com/australie/>



New Explorer Award: UNSW Arts & Social Sciences have just launched 3 x \$10,000 scholarships to "recognise outstanding students who are intellectually adventurous and demonstrate significant engagement with critical social issues affecting Australian society and/or impacting upon our position in the region". Applications close on Monday, 30 September 2013. <https://scholarships.online.unsw.edu.au/>

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Decisions, decisions: Are you feeling confused and overwhelmed about making future tertiary course decisions? The following two websites might help! You just answer some simple questions, and you will receive guidance on occupations and courses that could suit you.

- **Monash University- FutureYou,** <http://monash.futureyou.net.au/>
- **La Trobe University- Career Architect,** <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/choices>



How about VCE study tips? Monash University has just released a series of videos called 'Brilliant Advice'. They feature Monash students who received high ATARs – they share their tips and tricks with you. To view the videos, go to <http://www.youtube.com/user/monashunivideo>

Are you interested in studying architecture? The team at the Architectural Education Portal have just released a website for students who are considering studying architecture at university. The site provides advice on where you can study architecture in Australia and overseas, and information about the industry. Go to <http://www.archied.com/>

University of Melbourne Sports Scholarships: You will need to apply by 1 November, 2013 for sports scholarships. For information, go to <http://www.sport.unimelb.edu.au/EliteAthlete/>

University of Melbourne Elite Athletes and Artistic Performers: Secondary school students who have spent a large amount of time dedicated to sport or performing arts may be eligible for special consideration when apply for courses at the University. To see if you are eligible and for information on how to apply, go to <http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/pathways/elite-athletes-and-artistic-performers>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Think group events: The following colleges are located in Sydney

- **21 Sep: Billy Blue College Open Day** (Communication, Branded Fashion, Digital Media, Branded Environment and Commercial & Residential Design)
- **24 Sep: William Blue College of Hospitality Management- A Day in the Life Workshop**
- **26 Sep: APM College- A Day in the Life Workshop** (Business, Marketing, Event Management, Public Relations)
- **28 & 29 Sep: CATC Design School- Design Discovery Workshops** (Graphic Design, Interior Design & Photography)

For more information and to register, go to www.think.edu.au

Year 11 Inspiration Day, Monash University, Clayton Campus. If you are in Year 11 and would like to explore your future tertiary options, you should consider attending this day running on Thursday 26 September. You will be able to explore Monash courses, find out what university is like, attend inspirational workshops, tour the campus and speak to academics about your career interests. For more information and to register, go to www.monash.edu/year11-day

Year 12 students – key university application dates

September



- Friday 27: course applications due for state-based Tertiary Admission Centres
- Friday 27: Educational Access Scheme applications due to UAC and QTAC
- Friday 27: Equity Scholarship applications due to UAC
- Friday 27 Early Entry applications due for University of Canberra, Uni of New England, Flinders University.

October

- Early Entry applications due for Australian Catholic University
- Tuesday 8: Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) application due to VTAC
- Tuesday 8: Early Entry due for La Trobe University & University of Ballarat via SEAS
- Friday 18: Scholarship application due to VTAC

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

- **19: More Than One Career Law Panel,** Australian Catholic University, Melbourne campus, http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/faculties_institutes_and_centres/law/news
- **21: JMC Academy Information Session,** Melbourne, <http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/>
- **22 – 26: ConocoPhillips Science Experience,** University of Ballarat (22 – 24) and Swinburne University, Hawthorn (24 – 26), www.scienceexperience.com.au
- **23 Sep – 4 Oct: Flight Attendant Pre-Training Program,** William Angliss, www.angliss.edu.au/Flight-Attendant-Pre-Training
- **24, 25, 26: Discover Deakin University,** Melbourne (24), Warrnambool (25), and Geelong Warrnambool & Waterfront (26), <http://www.deakin.edu.au/discover>
- **24, 25: La Trobe University Advisory Day,** Melbourne (24) and Bendigo (26), <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/school/events>
- **Zoo Keeper for a Day, Healesville Sanctuary:** 24 & 25 September and 1 & 2 October and **Vet for a Day, Healesville Sanctuary:** 25 & 26 September and 2 & 3 October, <http://www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/>
- **Zoo Keeper for a Day, Werribee Open Range Zoo:** 24, 26 & 30 September and 2 October, <http://www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/>
- **26 – 27: RMIT Nuclear Medicine Hospital Visits,** <http://www.rmit.edu.au/medicalsciences/nuclearmedicine>
- **JMC Academy High School Workshops,** Film (27 Sep), Entertainment Business, Animation, Music, Games Design (1 October), Audio Engineering (2 October), <http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/>



“Journalism in the age of the open web”

A lecture to be delivered by Katharine Viner

Editor-in-chief of Guardian Australia & Deputy Editor of the Guardian worldwide

In this globalised era, most news organisations have international ambitions. From Al Jazeera to BuzzFeed,

Katharine Viner argues that journalism that is open to the web is the best way to make a global impact. But what does that mean? Who is our audience in such a world? What do they want from us?

What kind of business models best serve 'post-industrial journalism'? And why is Guardian Australia here?

Katharine Viner is editor-in-chief of recently launched Guardian Australia and has been deputy editor of the Guardian worldwide since 2007. Having previously worked at London's Sunday Times, Katharine joined the Guardian in 1997 and has worked as a writer, editor of Weekend magazine, features editor, head of comment and Saturday editor. She tweets at @KathViner.

Wednesday 9 October 2013

6.30pm

Basement Theatre
The Spot, Business and Economics Building
198 Berkeley Street
CARLTON

Bookings essential
www.events.unimelb.edu.au

Enquiries
E: Chris.Faragher@unimelb.edu.au
T: 8344 6004



The A.N. Smith Lecture in Journalism commemorates Arthur Norman Smith, a leading political journalist. Over its 70-year history the lecture has attracted a series of distinguished speakers and is regarded as the most prestigious lecture on journalism in Australia. Past speakers include: Geoffrey Blainey, Beatrice Attwood, John Faine, Michael Gwynd, Michelle Grattan, Bob Hawke, Marlene McKew, Rupert Murdoch, Mark Scott and Kim Williams.

The A.N. Smith Lecture in Journalism is presented in association with the University's Centre for Advancing Journalism.

A.N. SMITH LECTURE IN JOURNALISM



2013 Jean Wood Memorial Music Scholarships

For Instrumental Music and Vocal Students



Senior Prize - \$600

18 years and under at 31 December 2013

Junior Prize - \$200

12 years and under at 31 December 2013

Conditions of Entry: You will have learnt a musical instrument, including voice, for two years or more, and you will live or study in the districts of Terang, Camperdown, Lismore, Mortlake or Timboon.

AUDITIONS: SATURDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2013

Students are to prepare two contrasting pieces for the Audition and will be interviewed.

Audition Location: Terang

In addition to the Jean Wood Memorial Music Scholarships, a place at the Geelong Summer Music Camp (January 2013), and free concert tickets are also being awarded.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES:

Monday, 14 October 2013

Entry Forms Tel: 5592 1989 / Email: mcrav@westvic.com.au

Like us on Facebook for Entry Form and Updates.

TERANG GOLF CLUB

School Challenge Shield



Tuesday 24th September 2013

SHOTGUN START

10.00 for 10.30 am

Open to Teachers and Support Staff

Individual Stroke event for those with a handicap

Individual Stroke event for those without a handicap using the Calloway system

For a school to be eligible to win the School Challenge Shield you need a minimum of 3 players. School with the best average score wins.

Nearest the pins on all par 3s

Entry Fee- \$15 Includes Afternoon Tea
BBQ available on course

Entries preferred by Monday 21st September to:

Colin Venn venn.colin.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Home 55921652 School 55951202 Mobile 0429031509

or

Stephen Arundell arundell.stephen.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

School 55921349 Mobile 0439108988



2013 Interschool Dirtbike Team Challenge

It's finally here again! Were you there last year at Lake Gilliear? You weren't? Forget all the other sports; this is the real thing. Motocross is the name and fun is the game. If you are an experienced motocross rider we would love you to be at Lake Gilliear for the Interschool Challenge. Does your school team have the skill and determination to get the 2013 cup?

Friday November 1

Lake Gilliear, Allansford

8.30 to approximately 3.30pm

\$20 entry fee

Entry forms and details from your school's Dirtbike Team contact person. Get your entry forms in and return to your school's contact person.

(Events that run on the day will depend on rider numbers)

65cc a,b & up to 150cc 4 stroke

85cc a,b & c

125cc/150cc 2stroke a,b

250cc junior lite, senior lite, a & b class

250cc over

All powers

ladies

Relay race

Enduro race (one person)

Handicap race (one person)



2013 Interschool Dirtbike Team Challenge

Friday November 1

Mud, dirt and a smile on your face

REMINDER TO PARENTS

School Fee Accounts

Parents are reminded that school fee accounts are due to be paid:

TODAY

Friday, 20th September, 2013

Payment of outstanding amounts (excluding those that are on a payment plan) may be made by one of the following options:

- **Cash / Cheque / Credit Card in person at the McAuley Campus office.**
- **Cheque / Credit Card notification by mail.**
- **Direct Credit into NAB account in person at a branch or via Internet Banking.**

Mercy Regional College account details are as follows:

National Australia Bank
BSB number: 083-526
Account number: 528899931

Thank you to all parents who have met this deadline already and to those who will after completing their payment plans.

Mrs. Lynn Wadley - Business Manager

2013 Dates

TERM 3

Monday 7th October

* **TERM 3 COMMENCES**

* VCE Dance Evening 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Wednesday 9 October

* Year 8 Camp

* Year 9 Melbourne Camp

Thursday 10 October

* Year 8 Camp

* Year 9 Melbourne Camp

Friday 11 October

* Year 8 Camp

* Year 9 Melbourne Camp

Sunday 13 October

* Melbourne Marathon Running Club Trip

Monday 14 October

* GW Athletics

* SW Clay Shoot - Middle Years

Tuesday 15 October

* Assembly/Investiture of 2014 Student Leaders 9:30

* MRC Board meeting 7:30 PM

Friday 18 October

* Year 12 / St Patrick's Mass 11:15 AM

Tuesday 22 October

* State Athletics

Wednesday 23 October

* Year 12 Final day - Assembly and Mercy's Got Talent

Thursday 24 October

* Seeds of Justice Retreat

Friday 25 October

* Seeds of Justice Retreat

Monday 28 October

* Term 4 Sports Day

Tuesday 29 October

* Immunisations (All Year 7 & 9 Boys, Year 10 Catchup)

Wednesday 30 October

* Outdoor Ed Bushwalking Camp

* VCAA Exams begin

Thursday 31 October

* OE Bushwalking Camp

PUBLIC NOTICES



\$5 entry

Lake 2 Lake

HOSPITAL FUN RUN & WALK

Sunday October 6th

LAKE RECREATION PARK
Sadlers Rd. Camperdown

REGISTER ON THE DAY BETWEEN 12 & 1pm
4.5km starting from Golf Clubrooms

All proceeds to Local Hospitals

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During September, Laffs are running a promotion on their SALE items. When you (the customer) purchase a sale item if you nominate our school (Mercy Regional College) they will donate \$1 to us for every sale item sold. Please support this by buying some sale items and nominating our school to receive a \$1 per item.

Some of the item on sale are as follows:

Our sale items include;

*Baronne -bath towels \$15 -handtowels \$5 -face washers \$2.95

*ladies wear, childrens wear, baby wear up to 50% off

*ladies socks \$6

*ugg boots \$15

*Smokin' Hot Briefs \$5

*Bras \$22 and under

*ladies \$22 & \$33 rack

All SALE items are found throughout the shop.

CAMPERDOWN SHOW

Will take place on 12th October, at the Camperdown Showgrounds. The animal nursery is looking for unusual pets for children to play with. Your pets will be looked after for the day whilst getting lots of attention. If interested please contact Julie on 0428 323 821. Animals will be sold on the day for the cost of a donation to the show.



MONSTER COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE & MARKET DAY

Raising Funds for Camperdown's new "Playground" at Apex Park

**Saturday 5th October
9.00am – 2.00pm**

Old Basketball Stadium

Clear out the House and Shed, turn your 2nd Goods into Cash

Stall Bookings @ \$20 and Further information available from Elise 0409 701 311

TIMBOON & DISTRICT JUNIOR TENNIS

Tennis seedings to be held at Timboon Recreation Reserve on Saturday 12th October @ 9:30am. All players wanting to play are to attend. Competition commences Saturday 19th Oct. Any interested players unable to attend seedings are to ring Katrina Currell on 5598 3443.

NIRRANDA & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION



TWILIGHT MIXED NETBALL

2013/2014 SEASON

Commences Monday 14th October 2013

Minis – 13 & Under
Juniors – 16 & Under
Seniors – Open

Entries close September 30th 2013, no late entries accepted

For more info & to enter, please contact
Rebekah Haberfield 0417 666 961



*** AUDITIONS ***

Jack and his Amazing Multi-coloured Beanstalk

Come and be part of a fun, revamped version of this classic fairytale being produced by the Camperdown Theatre Company.

We need a lively Jack (no climbing required) plus 16 other actors for speaking and non-speaking roles.

This 50 minute panto will be performed twice daily on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th December at the Theatre Royal.

No microphones will be used, so actors will need to be able to project their voices and speak clearly.

Auditions

**Sunday 22nd September between 2 and 5 pm
at the Theatre Royal**

You will be asked to read a part. The script can be found at <http://www.lazybeescripts.co.uk/Scripts/script.aspx?iSS=54>

If you have any questions please ring the Director, Cameron McAdam, on 0425 774 780.

MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE
PARENTS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

CAR RAFFLE

1st Prize – Ford Focus Ambiente Hatch



Air Conditioned,
CD Player, ABS
On-Road Costs , 6 Airbags
Value \$25,990

Supplied Courtesy Rex Gorell, Geelong
Proudly Supported By TREVOR LEE, CAMPERDOWN AUTO SALES

2nd Prize - Travel Voucher Valued at \$2000
Supplied Courtesy of Harvey World Travel, Camperdown

3rd Prize - Electrical Voucher Valued at \$1000
Supplied Courtesy of Camperdown Betta Home Living

4th Prize - Nutrimerics Pamper Pack Valued at \$250
Supplied Courtesy of Helen Bourke, Kolora

5th Prize - Fuel Voucher Valued \$250
Supplied Courtesy of Riordan Fuels (Steven Lucas BP Camperdown)

6th Prize - Clothing Voucher Valued at \$250
Supplied Courtesy of Fashion Club Wear, Canterbury

7th Prize - Jewellery Voucher Valued at \$200
Supplied Courtesy of Showcase Jewellers, Camperdown and Colac

8th Prize - Gift Voucher Valued at \$200
Supplied courtesy of Café 153 on Manifold, Camperdown

9th Prize - Dinner Voucher Valued at \$100
Supplied Courtesy of Madden's Bar & Bistro, Camperdown

10th Prize - Gift Voucher Valued at \$100
Supplied courtesy of Timboon Railway Shed Distillery

Drawn Sunday, 17th November, 2013 at 2.30 p.m.

At the Mercy Regional College 40th Anniversary Celebrations

CAR RAFFLE ROSTER 2013

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER	COBDEN	9.00-10.00 10.00-11.00 11.00-12.00	Adam / Jodie Collins Cheryl Francis Wayne / Kathryn Geddes	5595 1246 5596 3319 5595 2313	0459 672 758 0408 317 893 0439 954 405
	CAMPERDOWN	7.30 MASS	Kim / Michael McKenzie		
	TERANG	6.00 MASS	Peter / Jenny Battistello	5566 2334	0413 962 182
SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER	CAMPERDOWN	9.00 - 10.30	Kevin / Julie Bradshaw	5593 2218	0419 884 628
	CRAFT MARKET (Car)	10.30 - 12.00	Darren / Teresa Frost Christopher / Tracey Harty Stephen / Tracey Hickey James / Paula Atkins Greg / Paula McKenzie	5593 2013 5593 3525 5595 2015 5593 2384 5593 2041	0419 389 549 0409 173 500 0439 952 014 0400 920 274 0438 932 041
	TERANG	10.30 MASS	Ted / Geraldine Conheady	5592 5258	0428 528 835
TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER	CAMPERDOWN SALEYARDS (Car)	10.00 - 11.30	Ian Johnson		0429 987 351
WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER	CAMPERDOWN RITCHIES IGA SUPERMARKET (Car)	9.30 - 11.30 11.30 - 1.30 1.30 - 3.30	Laurie / Annette Hickey John / Donna Hickey Adrian / Donna Hickey Susan Belsar Paul / Jane Kingston Peter / Jodie Jehu	5593 9285 5593 3052 5593 2291 5593 1425 5593 2210 5593 1753	0418 500 756 0418 939 322 0417 577 264 0488 341 412 0437 951 927 0437 953 689
FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER	TIMBOON	9.00 - 10.30 10.30 - 12.00	Tim Marwood / Caroline Simmons Peter / Fiona Parker Chris Hibbert / Katy Millard Dianne / Arthur Finch	5595 0390 5595 0115 5596 3421 5596 3478	0407 194 477 0428 128 358 0438 983 421 0427 983 478
SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER	TIMBOON	9.00 - 10.30 10.30 - 12.00	Jason / Amanda Poustie Murray / Sharon Rhodes Michael / Raelene Arundell Craig / Kim Clough	5596 7283 5596 3365 5596 3510 5596 8130	0427 987 283 0439 983 365 0488 170 794 0407 559 129
	CAMPERDOWN SHOW (Car)	9.30 - 11.30 11.30 - 1.30 1.30 - 3.30	Mardi Johnson Paul / Jayne Brumby Anthony / Leanne Lucas Brad Martin / Penny O'Neill David / Jenny Heath Andrew / Catherine O'Flynn	5593 1781 5593 2083 5593 3120 5593 2902 5594 8282 5593 1332	0410 635 593 0438 376 610 0400 167 628 0409 401 223 0417 586 080 0407 056 126
SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER	TIMBOON FARMERS MARKET (Car)	9.00 - 10.30 10.30 - 12.00 12.00 - 1.00	Ashley Tregear / Georgina Copeland Scott / Kerry Thompson Jason / Rachel Mungear Hayden / Janine McKay Piers McKenzie / Leanne Evans	5596 6446 5596 5473 5596 5089 5596 3181	0400 124 924 0428 985 473 0439 985 088 0417 983 000
THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER	CAMPERDOWN SAFeway SUPERMARKET (Car)	9.30 - 11.30 11.30 - 1.30 1.30 - 3.30	Scott / Rachael Johnstone Marlene Justin Julie-ann Keough Wesley / Belinda Lenehan Stephen / Christine Lucas James / Sally Mahony	5594 7322 5594 7393 5593 2034 5593 9230	0407 041 771 0422 439 022 0437 946 757 0400 954 814 0447 939 230
FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER	COBDEN SPRING FESTIVAL (Car)	9.00 - 10.00 10.00 - 11.00 11.00 - 12.00 12.00 - 1.00 1.00 - 2.00	Stephen / Joanne Hammond Paul / Bernadette Hickey Graeme / Colleen Howarth Paul / Renee Mason Lisa Rogerson	5595 2036 5595 1941 5591 0305 5594 5216	0418 393 151 0448 951 941 0439 549 130 0408 110 439 0427 119 413
	TERANG	9.30 - 11.30 11.30 - 1.30 1.30 - 3.30	John / Kirsten Pekin Andrew / Diane Glennen Robert / Janine Carlin Gerard / Glenice Justin Paul / Allison Gaut Martin / Bernadine Glennen	5592 7279 5592 5314 5592 5117 5592 1632 5595 0315 5592 6222	0400 225 727 0429 925 314 0400 925 113 0438 921 632 0419 580 073 0438 926 277
SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER	COBDEN SPRING FESTIVAL (Car)	9.00 - 10.00 10.00 - 11.00 11.00 - 12.00 12.00 - 1.00 1.00 - 2.00	Rodney / Frances Clarke Wayne / Trish Gibson James / Jan Green Kim Rankine Lynn Marr	5595 1334 5595 1610 5595 1757	0419 759 730 0417 103 796 0418 529 201 0423 025 340 0477 681 131
SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER	TERANG	6.00 MASS	Leon / Cate Watt	5591 0386	0418 333 993
SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER	DERRINALLUM TOWN & COUNTRY MARKET (Car)	9.30 - 10.30 10.30 - 11.30 11.30 - 12.30 12.30 - 1.30	Rob / Michelle Millard Barry / Julie Osborne Robert Pemberton Gary / Cheryl Poole	5597 6661 5597 6757 5597 6592	0412 498 541 0423 229 439 0447 479 331 0407 976 592
SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER	MORTLAKE	9.00 MASS	Jenny Phillips		



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data School Students with Disability

Information for Parents/Carers

All Australian governments have agreed to work together to implement a new annual national data collection on school students with disability. This data collection process is being phased in over a three year period in 2013-2015.

The first two years will be a transition period. This means that all schools will begin preparing for participating in the collection from 2013.

In 2015, the first full national collection of data on school students with disability will take place in all Australian schools. From then on, this data collection will occur in every school every year, along with other school data collections.

WHY INTRODUCE A NATIONAL COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?

All Australian governments agree that every child in an Australian school, regardless of his or her circumstances, has the right to a high quality and inclusive education that meets his or her needs.

Better information about school students with disability will assist teachers, principals and education authorities to support their participation in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

HOW WILL IT BENEFIT MY CHILD?

There are students with disability in every school in Australia at some point. This means that every school needs to be ready and able to support students with disability to ensure that any obstacles to participation and achievement in their school education are identified and minimised.

This new national data collection will reinforce the actions required of schools under the national *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*. These laws mean that schools and education systems are required to make, where needed, reasonable adjustments for students with disability.

An adjustment is a measure or action taken to assist a student with disability to participate in education on the same basis as other students. Adjustments can be made across the whole school setting, in the classroom and at the individual level.

Determining the level and type of support needed for an individual student is not a new activity for Australian schools.

Currently there is only limited and inconsistent information available at a national level about school students with disability, their educational needs and the support provided to them.

The information provided by this new national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources. That will assist students with disability in government and non-government schools across Australia to complete school and go on to further education or find employment.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?

The following information will be collected annually at the school level:

- the level of adjustment provided;
- the number of students receiving each level of adjustment to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students; and
- where known, the student's type of disability.

WHO WILL COLLECT MY CHILD'S INFORMATION AND HOW WILL THEY DO IT?

School teams will collect evidence based on:

- previous consultation with parents/carers;
- their observations and professional judgements; and
- any medical diagnosis.

This evidence will help the school teams to determine:

- which students to include in the data collection;
- the levels of adjustment that are provided, both within and outside the classroom; and
- the broad category of disability.

Principals and school teams will be supported with training to assist them to make accurate judgements.

School principals will assure the accuracy of information collected about each student.

WHICH SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS WILL BE INCLUDED?

Your child's school principal will be advised about their school's involvement and when the school will be participating in recording information for the data collection.

A student will only be included in the data collection if he/she meets the definition of disability under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the school has evidence of this.

CAN I WITHDRAW MY CHILD'S INFORMATION FROM BEING INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REPORTING ACTIVITY?

All children that meet the definition of disability under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* where the school has evidence of this will be included in the data collection. If you decide that you **DO NOT** want your child's information to be included you will need to inform the school in writing through completion of the attached form.

HOW WILL MY CHILD'S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all children and their families is a key priority.

Authorised staff in each school will manage the information to ensure that personal or confidential information is not disclosed.

Transmission of data by the school will be done in such a way that the privacy and confidentiality of all students is protected and no individual student will be named.

When data are reported it will be at the school level only and individual students will not be identified. Schools will report on the number of students in particular disability categories and with evidence of the levels of adjustment required.

WHAT WILL THE INFORMATION BE USED FOR?

It is intended that the data collected about students with disability will be published on the *My School* website and in other national reports on schooling from 2016 onwards.

Public reporting of these data will mean more is known about how all Australian schools and education authorities support students with disability.

Australian schools and education authorities will use these data as evidence to improve their support for students with disability.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the national collection of data on Australian school students with disability and how you can support it, please visit www.deewr.gov.au/students-disability.



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

Parent / Guardian Non Participation Form

I confirm that I have read and understand the attached information about the National Collection of Data on Disability and/or have been informed of the nature of this project by my child's school.

I **DO NOT** want my child's information included in this process.

Student's name (please print): _____

School: _____

Parent / Guardian name (please print): _____

Parent / Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____



40th Anniversary Mercy Regional College



1973-2013

Please Join Us

As a past or present family of CRC / MRC
we invite you to attend the celebrations planned to commemorate
40 years of Catholic Education at our school.



Pioneer Staff of CRC

SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER Tour of Noorat Campus

9:00am – 10:30am

Followed by



Noorat Campus

40th Anniversary Dinner

7:00pm for 7:30pm

to be held at

Five Star Function Centre, Camperdown
with special guest speakers
and entertainment by "Sidekick Therapy"



Reception Office Camperdown



Old Convent Building

SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER Celebrations at Camperdown

12:00pm - 3:30pm

St Patrick's Parish Mass @ 11:00am

- ~ BBQ lunch @ 12:30pm
- ~ Tour of the Campus / Visit Displays / Unveiling of Plaque
- ~ Opening and Installation of Time Capsule
- ~ Annual Art Show / 39th Annual Car Raffle Draw



Art Show



RSVP

Thursday 31st October, 2013

Bookings can be made via the attached Reply/Booking form.
For further information please phone the College office on (03)5593 2011.



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REPLY / BOOKING FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO: _____

EMAIL: _____

40th ANNIVERSARY DINNER SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER

I / We wish to attend the 40th Anniversary Dinner @ Five Star Function Centre, Camperdown and would like to purchase: _____ Tickets @ \$50.00 per head. Total Cost \$ _____

Payment Method (please tick box)

☐ CASH ☐ CHEQUE ☐ CREDIT CARD

CARD NUMBER: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

EXPIRY DATE: _____ - _____ CARD TYPE: ☐ Visa Card ☐ Master Card

SIGNATURE: _____

OTHER EVENTS

Tour of O'Keeffe Campus @ Noorat on Saturday 16th November.

I will be attending the tour and staying for morning tea. ☐ No ☐ Yes Number of people: _____

Celebrations at McAuley Campus, Camperdown on Sunday 17th November.

I will be attending the BBQ Lunch. ☐ No ☐ Yes Number of people: _____

RETURN REPLY / BOOKING FORM TO:

Fax: (03) 5593 3941 / Email: office@mercy.vic.edu.au

Post: PO Box 152, Camperdown VIC 3260