

MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Grace Howard

16th August 2000 – 10th March 2014

Early Monday morning, Grace Howard, a member of Mercy's 8C homeroom passed away after a long illness.

Many in our community will not have had the privilege of meeting Grace but I am sure that each of us shares with the students of 8C a great sense of sadness and loss at the death of a young woman before her time.

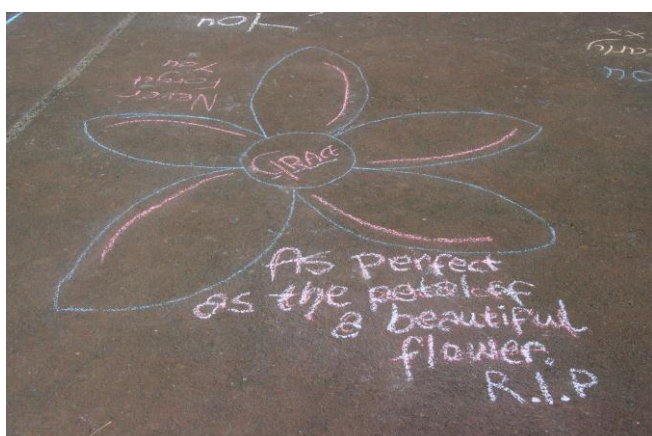
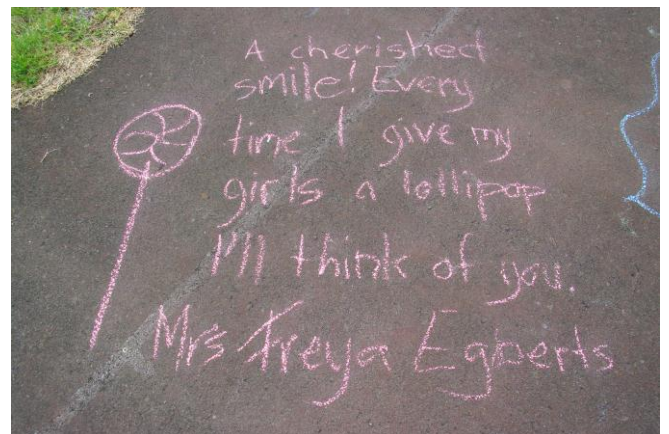
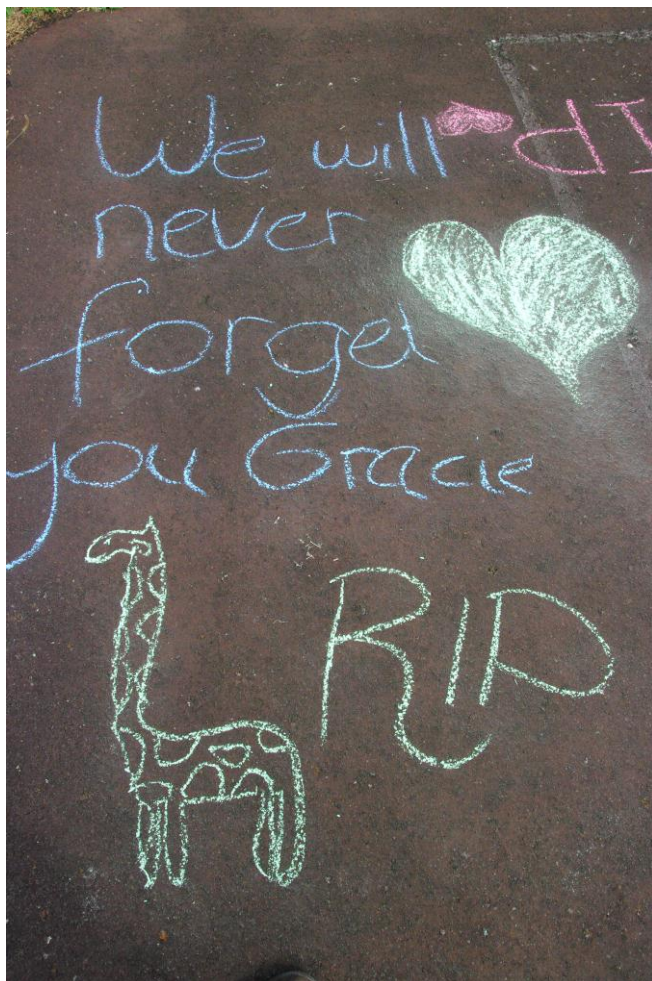
Grace joined the Mercy Regional College community last year and has brightened the lives of many students and staff in Years 7 – 9 since then. For the last nine months, Grace has lived for, and loved, the simple act of coming to school each day, catching the bus, talking with her friends and being in class. I have been told a number of times today that these times at the O'Keeffe Campus were amongst the happiest she has had in recent years. As a College, we should be immensely proud of how important this hospitality, welcome and sense of compassion has been for Grace, her parents and their family. It is the best measure of how authentically we are living out the core values of Mercy.

Each of us will grieve for Grace and for others in our lives who we have loved and lost in different ways but, as a Catholic school, we are defined by a shared belief in the power of prayer and community. Our prayer today remembers the life and smile of Grace Howard:

*Today, as the community of Mercy Regional College,
we pray for the life of Grace Howard,
for her family, friends and all those who knew and loved her.
We remember her smile, her warmth and her determination.
We ask that the never ending love of Jesus Christ remains with Grace
as she journeys to be with him
and that strength and hope of the Holy Spirit is with each of us
as we struggle with the reality of a beautiful life lived but cut short.*

*We make this prayer through Christ our Lord,
Amen.*

Darren Egberts
Principal



Arrangements for Monday

As I detailed in the letter to parents that went home yesterday afternoon, a number of special arrangements have been put in place for Grace's funeral service on Monday.

These are:

- I have made the decision that **no classes** will operate at the O'Keeffe Campus on Monday. Given the number of O'Keeffe Campus staff wishing to attend Grace's funeral, few classes would have been taken by their proper teachers and little effective learning would have been possible.
- Year 7 & 8 students are therefore asked to remain at home on Monday. If students are unable to be supervised at home, special arrangements have been put in place for these students at McAuley Campus and they will be fully supervised by teachers during the day. These students will catch buses in the morning to Camperdown as per other College sports and/or Mass days.
- Students wishing to attend Grace's funeral are encouraged to do so in the company of their parents or the parents of friends. I am conscious of the need for staff to attend to their own grief during Monday's service and therefore have decided that we will not organize the attendance of an entire class or year level. A number of Mercy student leaders will also represent the broader student population at the service.
- Students attending the funeral service are asked to wear correct College uniform or appropriate purple-coloured clothing.

As I also said yesterday, students and staff have been overwhelmed by the support we have received from the broader College community, local community groups and from other schools, both locally and across the state. As a College, we hold the core values of community, inclusiveness, care, justice and mercy most dearly but it is in the most challenging of times that we see these fundamental themes most clearly lived out and celebrated.

Mercy Regional College Presentation Ball

On the evening of Friday 28th February, I had the great privilege of attending this year's Mercy Regional College Presentation Ball at Glenormiston College. The success of this year's Ball was particularly pleasing as a number of challenges had confronted the 2014 Presentation Ball committee not the least of which being the possible closure and sale of Glenormiston itself. However, the Hall looked fantastic with the interiors reflecting the work of Lush Events and a group of creative and energetic parents. But, of course, the highlight of the night are the young men and women being presented. This year 55 girls and 33 boys were presented and the dedication shown in dance practices through the heat of February paid off in a number of beautiful dances.

Jasmine	Adlam	Jesse	Johnson
James	Anderson	Liam	Johnson
Maria	Arstavold	Samuel	Johnstone
Sophie	Atkins	Laura	Kemp
Samuel	Bailey	Maggie	Lee
Mitchell	Banks	Stephanie	Lee
Christopher	Barks	Georgia	Lucas
Kara	Beaton	Grace	Lucas
Jessica	Bell	Luka	Lunn
Meaghan	Bone	Lachlan	MacDonald
Steven	Bouchier	Thomas	Marshman
Laura	Bourke	Kaitlyn	Martin
Lillie	Bourke	Jessica	McIntosh
Georgia	Buchholz	Amy	McKenzie
Billy	Buckingham	Marti	McKenzie
Joseph	Cain	Annie	Moloney
Mia	Cain	Hannah	Moloney
Alex	Cameron	Ruby	Moloney
Macaulay	Carlin	William	Moloney
Thomas	Carmichael	Hayden	Moore
Ella	Clarke	Nathan	Moran
Sophie	Clissold	Tyler	Mungan
Sarah	Cole	Susan	O'Brien
Victoria	Conroy	Natalie	O'Connor
Georgina	Cook	Jack	Osborne
Isabelle	Corneby	Meg	O'Sullivan
Jake	Crawley	Elle	Price
Emma	Croft	Georgina	Quinn
Olivia	Cunningham	Brianan	Reichman
Haylee	Davis	Ebony	Reynolds
Lachlan	Evers	Zeya	Robbins
Benjamin	Finnerty	Grace	Rogerson
Deanne	Fleming	Joshua	Rowan
Hannah	Fleuchar	Thomas	Ryan
Alanah	Frost	Olivia	Stephens
Olivia	Giblin	Nathan	Stevens
Kieren	Gleeson	Kirby	Stonehouse
Brady	Green	Caitlin	Toose
Caitlin	Hall	Hayley	Turner
Samuel	Henderson	Ella	Van Donk
Jasmine	Hickey	Georgia	Watson
Olivia	Hickey	Samuel	Watt
Alysha-Jayne	Hill	Jack	Williams
Claudia	Hoger	Timothy	Woodmason





Special thanks to the coordinators of the Presentation Ball, Ms. Susan Moloney, Mrs. Kate Kent and Mrs. Betty Kenna and to Mrs. Lesa Thornton and Mrs. Sue Bohm here at school for the effort and attention to detail required to put such an event together. Personally, I would like to highlight the contributions of Susan over the last three years and Betty for past six, without the generosity of parents such as these, Mercy would not be as rich a place for your children to come.

The Good Life Concert

Given the overwhelming success of the Presentation Ball, I am disappointed to have to raise my concerns over the number of Year 10 and 11 students who were absent from school last Friday. In total, 16 Year 10 and 44 Year 11 students were away leaving classes at both year level significantly short on numbers. While I understand the attraction of such an event and applaud the organisers holding an event to promote healthy living, the impact that such large absences had on learning programs was substantial. What was most disappointing was the effect these large absences had on the learning of the students who chose to come to school; with more than half the students away, little new material could be taught and a day's education wasted.

The College will be much more strident in its opposition to students attending such a concert in 2015.

iPad Information Night

Since the introduction of the iPads@Mercy program in 2011, the College has run an annual iPad Information Night for parents. Last year, the decision was taken to move this evening from late term 4 to mid-term 1 to match the roll out of the devices to our new Year 7 students.

This year's iPad Information Night will be held next **Wednesday 19th March** in the Multi-Purpose Room, McAuley Campus, Camperdown from 7.00 – 8.30 pm. A flyer outlining the program for the night is attached to this newsletter. The College's Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning, Mr. Chris Grant and the Wellbeing Coordinator, Mrs. Emily Stephens will run the session.

Hold this date – Monday 28th April

Early next term, Mercy Regional College is very excited to host Australia's foremost expert in the area of cybersafety and young people, Mrs. Susan McLean. Susan is a former policewoman who was the first Victorian police officer to be appointed to a specialist role in cyberbullying and young people. Susan will be presenting four sessions across the day to Year 7 – 10 students, staff from Mercy and other HCSN schools as well as a special session for parents and friends of Mercy in the evening. This public session will run from 6.00 – 7.40 pm in the de Chantal Stadium, McAuley Campus and is free.

I strongly encourage any parents interested or concerned about the world of cyberspace, social media and what the online world is like for adolescents to come along. She is without question the most outstanding speaker I have heard on this most important topic.

Social Justice Guest Speakers

Year 11 students at school last Friday were able to listen to an engaging presentation by Br Doug Walsh – Br Doug spoke about the upcoming Year 11 Street Retreats and their central role in the outreach work of St Vincent de Paul. We look forward to seeing regular reports in the newsletter of the fabulous work undertaken by our Year 11 students and staff on the Soup Van.



As we move into Lent, Year Nine students listened to a presentation by Mary Wachira the Caritas Coordinator for Sudan (South) on the work undertaken by Caritas as a result of the funds raised through Project Compassion. I encourage all students, families and staff to consider contributing generously to the Lenten Project Compassion to support this work and the many other programs of Caritas.

In closing, let us all remember to keep close those we love as life is a most precious gift.

Yours in Mercy,

DR. DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL

Year 11 Camp Report

Annie Moloney

On 19th February, all Year 11s classes went on a camp to Melbourne for one night. On the first day of our camp we were split up into groups of around nine and ten. We left Camperdown at 7am and arrived in Melbourne at 10am to begin our camp. Firstly my group and I visited the Australian Catholic University where we listened to and watched a slideshow presented by one of their current students. We also got a tour of the university.

After that we visited the university, RMIT. At RMIT they talked to us about the university and the different courses available. They then had an amazing race type of game where we had to answer different questions from around the university. Once we had finished there all groups met back together to hop aboard a river cruise which departed from South Bank. We then caught a tram to where we were staying to unpack and get ready for tea. After that we headed to the jam factory for tea and a movie. The movie finished quite late so after it was done we went straight back to our accommodation and were straight to sleep.

On the second day of our camp we were up by 6am to get ready for the day ahead. Our day consisted of an amazing race which we completed with our groups. Our aim was to catch trams and answer questions that were given to us by Mr. Glennen. Once we had finished the question we had to find Mr. Glennen in Swanson Street to finish. To complete the race we had to write a postcard to our families and answer another lot of questions which had to do with different streets and places in Melbourne. We then had a few hours of free time to space to do what we wanted. We all met back at buses at 2:15pm and made our way home.

The third day was a retreat which was held at the Noorat Recreation Centre. Shane Garner was our guest speaker of the day. He came and talk to us about his life and the different careers he has had throughout his life. It was great to her his stories and he really reached out to a lot of people. Some could relate very well because they understood the hardships he had to overcome. I really admired how he never gave up and how motivated he was to reach his goals. For around an hour and a half we completed team games which he had set up on the oval. We did this in groups of six. Some were mind games and some were physical games which really made you have to work well as a team to get good results.

When that was finished went back to Mercy in Camperdown, had lunch and then had a presentation ball practice for the rest of the day. We then returned home on our normal buses.



Athletics Carnival Report

Ms. Stacey Hillman

Congratulations to all involved in the athletics carnival. The students competed in very warm weather conditions but it was great to see so much enthusiasm and participation. The competition was fierce on the day and the house champions came down to the final race of the day!

Thank you to the house and sports captains and all the staff for their help.



AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS:

U/13 Grace Hammond & Jia Anderson

U/14 Ruby Suhan & Scott Carlin

U/15 Sarsha Anderson & Lachie Davis

U/16 Emma Lucas & Jack Atkins

U/17 Brie Reichman & Nathan Stevens

U/20 Ailish Glennen & Ben Saunders

OVERALL RESULTS:

1st: Frayne: 1801

2nd: Markey: 1794

3rd: Ryan: 1463

4th: Tindley: 1405

The HSSSD aths are on Tuesday 2nd April at the athletics track in Camperdown.

A reminder to all parents that school carnival days are the same as a normal school day and should not be used to book appointments or the like. It was a little disappointing to see a number of students absent but also students leaving immediately after their events. The College prides itself on its sporting culture and despite the success of this year's carnivals this has been an underlying factor that is somewhat frustrating to all involved.

Library News

Mrs. Maureen O'Loughlan - Library Manager

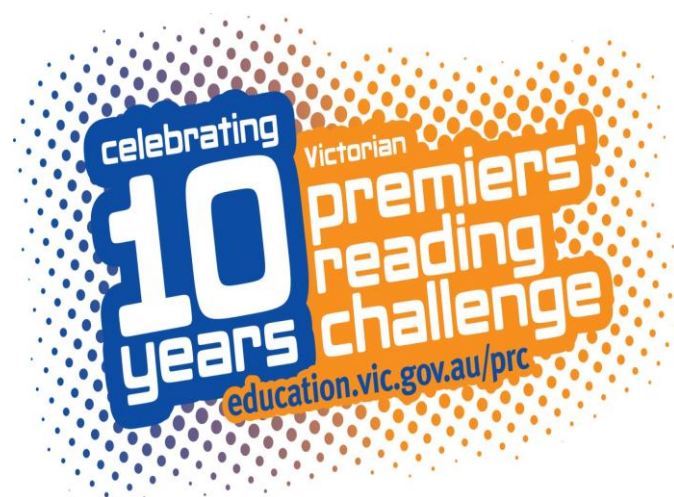
After the usual hectic start to the school year, students have settled in well. A priority for 2014 is to provide the opportunity for our students to see what is available in the library and improve their literacy knowledge and awareness. Wider reading across all year levels is being encouraged, with one initiative being a Book Club that is run each fortnight at both campuses. This is held every second Wednesday at O'Keeffe campus, and every second Friday at McAuley campus. Students are invited to come along to share, swap, talk, review, rave, love, recommend and request books. Mrs. Leesa Henriksen has provided assistance, enthusiasm and resources in getting this up and running and we look forward to robust, lively discussion over a good book, in the coming weeks.

Term 2 will also see the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge commence. Mercy has for the past three years been involved in this fantastic program and I strongly encourage students to consider participating in the 2014 Challenge.

Please find details below:

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open. The Challenge encourages families to be actively involved in supporting their children to read a set number of books and record their efforts online.

*A special A2 countdown calendar will be available FREE in the Herald Sun on **Tuesday 11 March** that celebrates 10 years of the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. Featuring key Challenge dates and literary events, fun facts and popular authors' birthdays, it's a great way for parents and children to track their reading progress, count down the days and stay motivated throughout the Challenge. For more information visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc*



2014 Calendar Dates

Term 1

Tuesday 18 th March	College AGM & Board Meeting
Friday 21 st March	Greater Western Swimming Carnival
Monday 24 th – Wed 26 th March	Year 8 Princetown Camp
Thursday 27 th March	Year 7 Retreat
Friday 29 th March	Year 9 Retreat
Thursday 3 rd April	Parent Teacher Interviews (4pm – 8.30pm)
Friday 4th April	Parent Teacher Interviews (9am – 1pm) Student Free Day Term 1 concludes

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Parents are invited to the following information night which is free of charge.

SUSAN MCLEAN

from

Cyber Safety Solutions

www.cybersafetyolutions.com.au



Date: MONDAY 28th APRIL, 2014

Time: 6:00PM - 7:40PM

Where: De Chantal Stadium, Camperdown

Growing up online- what all kids need to know about cyberspace but what technology fails to teach them!

With the explosion of cyber technology, we are also seeing a dramatic rise in negative impact of such technology. The issue of cyber bullying, harassment and 'sexting' is emerging as the number one issue confronting the safety and wellbeing of young people and wider community.

Teens are often not aware that their words or photos, which may have been intended for a small audience, sometimes find their way to a larger one, often with both unexpected and undesirable consequences.

This session will cover what parents need to be aware of and the positive benefits of technology!

Topics covered include:

- ▶ Popular sites for youth, social networking, online games, apps that children are using
- ▶ The difference between an 'online friend' and 'stranger'
- ▶ Online grooming-what is it and when/how does it occur?
- ▶ Misuse of mobiles, email, skype, blogs, webcam, including legal consequences and criminal charges (what is cyber bullying and harassment)
- ▶ Potential dangers
- ▶ Safety tips- how to assist children to stay safe online
- ▶ Learn the lingo...converse with your children in the language of cyberspace
- ▶ Be confident in setting rules and boundaries around internet use in the home

Weekly Career News

TERM ONE

Wednesday 12 March 2014

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Scholarships for excellence: Did you know that Victoria University, Swinburne University and the University of Melbourne have scholarships for high achievers?

- **Chancellor's Scholarship, Victoria University:** If you gain an ATAR of 90+ and meet all eligibility criteria for the scholarship and course, you will receive \$5000 per year (for up to four years) towards your studies, <http://www.vu.edu.au/study-with-us/scholarships/chancellors-scholarships>
- **Vice Chancellors Scholarship, Swinburne University:** If you achieve 95+ in your ATAR and meet all eligibility criteria, Swinburne will cover the student contribution amount for your course (selected courses only), <http://www.future.swinburne.edu.au/scholarships/future/>
- **Dean's Scholarship, Swinburne University:** If you achieve 90+ in your ATAR and meet all eligibility criteria, Swinburne will cover the student contribution amount for your course (selected courses only), <http://www.future.swinburne.edu.au/scholarships/future/>
- **Chancellor's Scholars Program, University of Melbourne:** If you achieve 99.90+ and meet all eligibility requirements, you will receive a scholarship, mentoring, graduate study degree etc., http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/high_achievers_programs/chancellors-scholars-programs

Other universities have similar schemes. Please contact the university directly to find out more information.



VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Interested in trades? Pre-apprenticeship training is a pathway to an apprenticeship. The Victoria University Trades College runs a tour of their facilities every Wednesday at their Sunshine Campus. They will have experts from their trade programs available to discuss how to secure a trade career. Register your interest www.vu.edu.au/trades-tour



Trades Skills Shortage List: Would you like to find out what trades are in demand in Australia? Please download the flier at the following link- http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/sites/default/files/publication-documents/About%20the%20National%20Skills%20Needs%20List_1.pdf

How about emerging jobs? The myfuture website gives an overview of 6 emerging occupations, including data miner and futurist, <http://www.myfuture.edu.au/explore%20careers/occupation%20showcase/emerging%20occupations.aspx>



Have you considered a career in construction (not just carpentry!!): There are many occupations within the construction industry. Everything from drain laying to floor finishing to cartography (mapping) to surveying. Look outside the square of electrical, plumbing and carpentry to ensure you are assessing all of your options. Go to <http://www.constructmycareer.com.au/career-planning> to explore occupations, undertake aptitude quizzes and view pathway maps.

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Watch this space! Victoria University will soon be announcing details of an exciting work experience program they will be running for 10 lucky students in Years 10 and 11. Official details will be released in April!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Interested in Nursing? You can become an enrolled nurse through studying a vocational qualification and a registered nurse through studying at university. The Australian College of Nursing is hosting a Nursing and Health Expo on April 12 at The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre between 9am – 1pm. You will be able to

- Meet a range of nursing and health organisations
- Explore career pathways
- Find out about educational opportunities

For more information, go to <http://acn.edu.au/expos>



Information evenings at the University of NSW (UNSW), Sydney:

- **Engineering Information Evening:** This evening will include talks and a career market, giving students and parents the opportunity to talk directly to academics from each Engineering School. March 19, 5.30pm – 8pm, <http://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/student-parent>
- **Science Information Evening:** This is for students who are considering studying a science degree in the future at UNSW. Students and parents will listen to a guest lecture from astronomer Fred Watson and will then be able to speak to UNSW staff about science courses on offer. March 26, 6.15pm – 8.30pm, <http://science.unsw.edu.au/events/infonight>



UPCOMING EVENTS - MARCH

- **Melbourne Now**, running until 23 March, National Gallery, www.ngv.vic.gov.au/melbournow/education
- **16: Veterinary Science Open Day**, University of Melbourne, Werribee, <http://www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday/index.html>

At Monash Seminar Series: Dates for March are as follows

- 13: Science
- 18: Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy
- 19: Information Technology
- 20: Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
- 25: Arts (Social Sciences and Humanities)
- 26: Design & Fine Art
- 27: Teaching, Sport & Outdoor Recreation

For more information and to register, go to www.monash.edu/seminars

Charles Sturt University MyDay events

- 14: Accounting, Business & IT, Albury-Wodonga
- 18: Nursing & Paramedics, Bathurst
- 21: Arts, Psychology & Social Work, Wagga Wagga

For more information and to register, go to <http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday>

- **15: Online Open Day**, Academy of Interactive Entertainment, <http://www.aie.edu.au/announcements/online-open-day-march15th-2014>
- **19: Engineering Information Evening**, UNSW, Kensington Campus, <http://www.eng.unsw.edu.au/student-parent>
- **Meet Melbourne University**, Bendigo (19), Sale (25), Warragul (26), http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/victoria/meet_melbourne_2014
- **26: Science Information Evening**, UNSW, Kensington, <http://science.unsw.edu.au/events/infonight>
- **26: Engineers Australia Careers Expo**, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, www.engineeringexpo.org.au

CAREER EVENTS

March - April 2014

MONASH UNIVERSITY

At Monash Seminar Series: Monash showcases different faculties within the University. The seminars run over several months and students have to book in advance. You will be able to attend seminars in areas such as engineering, arts, sport, education, health, design etc. Most seminars run in the evening, so you can attend after school. Parents are usually welcome as well.

Dates for March are as follows

- 6: Nursing, Midwifery & Emergency Health
- 12: Business & Economics
- 13: Science
- 18: Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy
- 19: Information Technology
- 20: Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
- 25: Arts (Social Sciences and Humanities)
- 26: Design & Fine Art
- 27: Teaching, Sport & Outdoor Recreation

For more information and to register,
www.monash.edu.au/study/life/student/seminars/



VETERINARY SCIENCE

Considered pursuing a career as a Veterinarian?

The University of Melbourne is hosting their annual Veterinary Science Open Day on **Sunday 16 March** at University of Melbourne Veterinary Hospital, 250 Princes Highway, Werribee, Victoria. You will be able to

- **Experience** amazing animal encounters
- **Step** behind the scenes of our world-class Veterinary Hospital
- **Talk** to veterinarians about their latest, ground-breaking research
- **Discover** our internationally-accredited veterinary science course
- **Enjoy** free, fun activities for kids of all ages - including our animal farm
- **Feast** at food stalls to support the local scouts and our students
- **Engage** with pet demonstrations, public lectures, interactive displays and guided tours.

The day provides prospective students and their families the opportunity to learn about pathways into the Doctor of Veterinary Science program.

Register your attendance at
www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday



CAREER EVENTS

March - April 2014

MY DAY- CHARLES STURT UNI

Charles Sturt University MyDay events: Each year, Charles Sturt University showcases their courses via a series of hands-on events. The following MyDays will be running in March:

- 14: Accounting, Business & IT, Albury-Wodonga
- 18: Nursing & Paramedics, Bathurst
- 21: Arts, Psychology & Social Work, Wagga Wagga

For more information and to register, go to <http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday>



ENGINEERING CAREERS EXPO

Interested in Engineering? The Engineers Australia Careers Expo will be held **Wednesday 26 March**, 12pm – 5pm at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

You will be able to:

- Participate in interactive workshops
- Talk to over 70 exhibitors from engineering, science and technological industries
- Attend inspirational engineering presentations.

For more information, go to www.engineeringexpo.org.au



ENGINEERING

Engineering Information Evening at UNSW:

Parents and students are invited to this event being held Wednesday 19 March at the Kensington Campus. All engineering schools will be represented to ensure you can have your questions answered. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.eng.unsw.edu.au/student-parent>



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MEET MELBOURNE UNI

University staff will be visiting regional Victorian centres and selected Melbourne metropolitan locations to give students and parents in the area the chance to find out more about:

- Scholarships, accommodation, course costs, student services
- Courses and career outcomes, including the Melbourne degrees and graduate pathways
- Unique opportunities to enrich your degree such as studying a concurrent diploma or going on exchange
- Access Melbourne scheme

For a list of dates and locations, go to <http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria> and [interstate/victoria/meet-melbourne 2014](http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/interstate/victoria/meet-melbourne-2014)

Meet Melbourne
Visiting Regional Victoria

CAREER EVENTS

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FORENSIC SCIENCE

Have you considered a career in Forensic Science? Then you should attend the next Forensic Science Careers Information Day on Friday 11 April, 12.30 – 4.00pm at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIFM), Southbank.

Work at the VIFM includes

- Forensic pathology
- Clinical forensic medicine
- Medico-legal death investigation
- Paternity testing
- Forensic science services
- Preparing coroners reports
- Offering expert opinions on a range of issues

You will receive information on careers in the industry, but you will not be able to participate in a tour of the Building. There are limited spaces available so you will need to register quickly.

For more information and to register, go to <http://www.vifm.org/about-us/careers-at-vifm/>



SCIENCE IN THE CITY @ RMIT

Science in the City, RMIT: You and your parents will be able to learn about the science programs on offer at RMIT, which include biology, biotechnology, chemistry, environmental science, food science, nanotechnology and physics. You will also be able to undertake a laboratory tour at the City Campus and speak to lecturers about how you can broaden your career options and give yourself a competitive edge.

The event will run Friday 11 April. There are limited spaces, so register now- <http://www.rmit.edu.au/appliedsciences/discover>

EXPERIENCE LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Experience La Trobe is designed especially for future students to get a taste of what it's like to be a La Trobe student for a day. You will be able to:

- Chat with staff and students
- Participate in 3 hands-on workshops focused on your desired career/ course
- Meet student ambassadors and talk to them about studying at La Trobe

You can participate in workshops across a huge range of areas- this is an event not to be missed

The event will be held Friday 11 April at the Bundoora and Bendigo campuses.

For more information and to book your workshops, please go to <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience>

THE AGE VCE & CAREERS EXPO

This is a fantastic annual event which enables senior school students and their parents to be able to participate in a diverse range of over 150 seminars related to VCE subjects, gap year opportunities, vocational and higher education courses, career pathways and VCE study skills.

Over 190 organisations will be in attendance, enabling students to be able to talk to course and program advisers directly about their services. Cost is \$10 per student and schools have been sent free passes.

The event is being held at Caulfield Racecourse between Thursday 8 to Sunday 11 May. To find out more, go to www.vceandcareers.com.au, 1300 190 290



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ZOOKEEPER FOR A DAY

Are you in years 7 – 12? Do you want to work with animals? Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo present a day of activities where you get to work alongside their Zookeepers.

Keeper for a Day, If you are keen to find out what it takes to work in a zoo, caring for the amazing array of animals, then you may be interested in attending the a Keeper for a Day program, which is running at Werribee Open Range Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary

- **Werribee Open Range Zoo**, April 8, 10, and 14, <http://www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day>
- **Healesville Sanctuary**, April 8, 9, 15, and 16, <http://www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day>

Vet for a Day, This program allows students in Years 7 – 12 to work in the Healesville Sanctuary Vet Hospital for the day. You will be able to assist the veterinarian's with jobs such as

- Suturing
- Diagnosis
- Animal contact
- Health checks
- Rehabilitation
- Post Mortem

Dates are 9, 10, 16, and 17 April,
<http://www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/healesville-sanctuary-vet-for-a-day>



UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Students in years 10 - 12 have the opportunity to attend the 'A Day at Melbourne' program at the University of Melbourne on Friday 11 April.

You will be able to learn about-

- Courses and careers including the 'New Generation' Melbourne undergraduate and post graduate programs
- Unique opportunities to enrich your degree such as concurrent diplomas, going on exchange and study abroad or participating in community involvement activities
- Access Melbourne and Melbourne Scholarships
- Accommodation options by visiting the residential colleges
- Your parents will be able to attend information sessions too.

For more information and to register, go to www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/accessallareas

MONASH UNIVERSITY

At Monash Seminar Series: Dates for April & May are as follows

April

- 29: Architecture
- 30: Interior Architecture

May

- 1: Psychology
- 6: Medicine & Biomedicine
- 7: Law
- 13: Health Science & Social Work
- 20: Teaching & Nursing
- 28: Biomedical Science, Radiography, and Nutrition & Dietetics
- 29: Engineering

For more information and to register, www.monash.edu.au/study/life/student/seminars/

Careers Information – University Experience Opportunities

The LaTrobe University Experiences 2014 dates:

Bendigo Campus - 11th April & 10th July

Melbourne Campus - 11th April & 8th July

Albury-Wodonga - 20th June

Shepparton - 4th June

Information booklets are available from the Careers Stand outside the library.

To register visit www.latrobe.edu.au/experience or call 1300 135 045

The ACU University Experience 2014 dates - July school holidays:

Ballarat Campus - Tuesday 1st July

Melbourne Campus - Tuesday 8th July

For more information visit www.acu.edu.au/uni-exp-vic

University of Melbourne

Trinity College invites secondary students to the Young Leaders Programs Program dates:

July Holidays Week 1: 29 June-6 July 

July Holidays Week 2: 6–13 July 

December Holidays: 30 November-14 December

Contact details

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***A selection of Slavery-Free Chocolates
available in Australian shops this Easter***



Take a photo and share your actions with us via
www.facebook.com/sfchoccampaign or email: slaveryfreechoc@gmail.com

Supported by

- **ACRATH** – Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking In Humans
- **CARITAS Australia** – Archdiocese of Melbourne
- **Catholic Diocese of Ballarat** – Social Justice Commission
- **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne** – Office for Justice and Peace
- **Catholic Diocese of Sale** – Social Justice Group
- **Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst** – Social Justice Committee
- **Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand**
- **STOP THE TRAFFIK** (Australia)
- **Uniting Church in Australia** – Synod of Victoria and Tasmania
- **Victorian Council of Churches** – Social Questions Commission

Front image courtesy of StopTheTraffik



END SLAVERY
in your school and community

What is slavery-free chocolate?

It's chocolate that is free from exploitative labour practices.

Presently children as young as 12 years old are picking cocoa in West Africa to make the chocolate we eat. Some of these children are trafficked. Most are forced to pick cocoa from an early age for minimal or no wages, for long hours, in dangerous working conditions, without any possibility of attending school.

A global movement has begun to change this. The movement tackles poverty and empowers producers through trade. When you choose your chocolate this Easter, or anytime, look for a label that shows the cocoa has been sourced ethically. That means it doesn't come from the sweat and tears of children, trafficked or in forced labour in West Africa.

The best option is **FAIRTRADE**. Other ethical sources for chocolate are **UTZ CERTIFIED** & **RAINFOREST ALLIANCE**.



FAIRTRADE



RAINFOREST ALLIANCE



UTZ CERTIFIED

Campaign success so far

Efforts to promote chocolate that has been ethically sourced via slavery-free supply chains are already having an effect in Australia.

Five years ago Australian supermarkets did not have any Easter chocolate certified as slavery-free, but in 2013 there were at least six slavery-free Easter eggs and rabbits manufactured by Green and Black, Cadbury and Chocolatier.

Other big successes:

- Most Cadbury dairy milk chocolate made in Australia, and some Chocolatier products have been certified by **FAIRTRADE**
- All Mars bars made in Australia are now certified by the **RAINFOREST ALLIANCE**
- All Nestlé chocolate made in Australia and New Zealand is **UTZ certified**
- Haighs will be totally certified in 2014.

Let's not stop until **ALL** our chocolate is slavery-free!

What can you do?

Be a Good Egg this Easter.

BUY slavery-free chocolate this Easter

- find a list under 'resources' at www.acrath.org.au
- speak with your local supermarket manager this month

EAT slavery-free chocolate this Easter

- enjoy the taste of slavery-free chocolate

TALK slavery-free chocolate this Easter

- talk with 5 people within a week
- visit www.facebook.com/sfchoccampaign and help us achieve 1,000 'likes'.

ACT to bring about slavery-free Easter chocolate this Easter

- visit www.acrath.org.au for posters and more resources
- visit www.stopthetraffik.org/campaign/chocolate for Easter actions
- when you have a chocolate fundraiser, use slavery-free fundraiser packs

NOTICES

UNIFORM SHOP

Can all orders for Girls Winter Uniforms to be returned ASAP so we can make sure that we have enough stock ordered from the supplier please.



Practice Match against Simpson Football Club

When: Wednesday the 19th Of March

4:15pm Under 14's

5:15pm Under 16's

Where: Camperdown Football Grounds

All Welcome – Current or New Players

You will have to be a registered player/ member prior to the game commencing to play

Basketball Notice

Note to all CABA midget & junior basketballers.

If you have not yet returned your top from this season or past seasons could you please return them to Tower Computer Aid or Laffs ASAP.

Thankyou!

Jess Van den Eynde

Vice President of CABA