

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 2014

In the Mercy tradition, we seek to act with love, fairness, tolerance and compassion to all.

In the last fifteen years, the annual commemoration of Anzac Day has grown exponentially, with 60,000 – 70,000 people gathering at Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance last Friday morning for the dawn service and many smaller groups of people, young and old, joining ex-servicemen and women at local ceremonies.

In our local district, Mercy Regional College students, staff and families, joined others at Cobden, Mortlake, Derrinallum, Terang and Camperdown and special congratulations to Georgia Buchholz who spoke of her experiences on last year's Battlefields tour at Derrinallum.

Today's prayer calls us all to the pursuit of peace:

*In the midst of hunger and war,
we celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.
In the midst of oppression and tyranny,
we celebrate the promise of service and freedom.
In the midst of doubt and despair,
we celebrate the promise of faith and hope.
In the midst of fear and betrayal,
we celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.
In the midst of hatred and death,
we celebrate the promise of love and life.
In the midst of sin and decay,
we celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.
In the midst of death on every side,
we celebrate the promise of the living Christ.*

*For peace in your country
For the victims of violence everywhere
For those struggling for peace and justice
For churches in conflict situations
For a world without war and violence
Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth,
Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust,
Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace,
Let peace fill our beings, our world and our universe.*

Amen.

Staff Curriculum Planning Day

A reminder to all parents that next Tuesday 9th May is the first staff PD day for the year and **no classes will run for Years 7 – 12.**

Teachers will be focused on Domain-based activities with particular foci in Mathematics, the Middle School Pathways program and English. Mercy will be hosting a number of Maths teachers from local HCSN schools as part of the Mathematics PD session by Charles Lovitt.

Mercy Regional College Open Day and Information Evening

This Wednesday 7th May, Mercy Regional College will be holding its annual Open Afternoon and Information Evening at the College's O'Keeffe Campus, McKinnon's Bridge Road, Noorat from 3:15pm - 7:00pm.

Information sessions will run at approximately 4:30pm and 6:00pm. The afternoon and evening provide a great opportunity for prospective students and parents to walk around the O'Keeffe Campus and see the range of activities and classes that are available at Mercy.

Enrolment packages and application forms will be available on the night.

Winter Uniform

With a couple of days of welcome rain and the arrival of cooler winds, it is clear that winter is not far away. Later in this newsletter, Mr. Glennen spends some time reminding all about what constitutes correct winter uniform. I ask all students and parents to read the article and/or to refer to page 8 of the College Diary where the uniform requirements of the College are detailed. I am aware that the College's Uniform Shop is currently having some shortages with respect to a number of uniform items; if these shortages occur, please ensure that your child has a note explaining this in their diary.

Susan McLean – Cybersafety

Last Monday was a day packed full of references to the online and digital world, a place where apps, games, social media and selfies rule. It was a day where more than 400 students, staff and parents were privileged to listen to Mrs. Susan McLean, one of Australia's leading speakers on social media, the online world and the implications of these for children, adolescents, schools and families. Susan spoke at length to four groups – Mercy's Year 7 & 8 students, the Year 9 & 10 students, and staff from Mercy plus other HCSN schools and in an evening session, parents from both Mercy and other HCSN primary schools.

There will be a number of articles over future newsletters in relation to issues that Susan raised during these sessions including changes that the College is investigating in relation to students' capacity to access specific apps and online sites.

Student and Staff News

The first few weeks of Term 2 have included a number of activities for students and staff:

- All Year 9 students participated in a three day program called BRICKS (Building Resilience in Corangamite Kids) facilitated by local people who already work with adolescents. Reports back from students, staff and facilitators have been most encouraging.
- A number of Mercy students have been participating in the first rounds of interschool winter sport competitions as well as the State Swimming finals in Melbourne. Congratulations to all those involved.
- Good luck all the Mercy students and staff who next week strut the stage as part of Camperdown Theatre Company's production of "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" (see flyer on page 11 of the newsletter).
- Congratulations to Ms. Kellie Wilson and her family on the safe arrival of their fourth child, Roy, on Saturday 19th April.

Yours in Mercy,



DR. DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL

From the Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Jo Saunders

Visit by Dr. Karen Schneider (RSM)

Mercy Regional College are very excited about the visit to our school of Dr. Karen Schneider, Assistant Professor in Paediatric Emergency Medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital Baltimore USA. Dr Schneider, who is also a Sister of Mercy will be at the McAuley Campus

speaking to the Year 10 and 12 students on Friday May 23rd. In the afternoon she will travel to the O'Keeffe Campus to speak with interested students especially those who have attended Social Justice Meetings.

In the evening there is the opportunity for any interested students or parents to join Dr Karen Schneider for dinner at the Commercial Hotel in one of their smaller function rooms. Dr Schneider will speak about her travels to third world countries four times a year with medical students and how she takes on this ministry alongside her hospital teaching role. This is a unique opportunity to listen to and speak with someone who uses their gifts and talents to educate others and to serve the most needy.

Please see the flyer on page 12 for more details of the dinner. (Please book so we have numbers and purchase your own dinner). For more information contact Mrs. Jo Saunders jsaunders@mercy.vic.edu.au or call the school to book a seat.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat"

Supporting our staff and students who are involved either on stage, backstage or in production!!!!

Well it is amazing to see the talent of our staff and students as they sing, dance and play their instruments to create this wonderful musical show.

Supporting local Theatre is a positive way to make sure that our local communities keep up the creativity and enjoyment that performing brings. The following Mercy students and teachers are involved in some way either on stage or back stage.

Year 8: Demby McKenzie, Joshua Newcombe, Laura Hickey, Louis Johnstone

Year 10: Gemma Lees, Jordyn Hickey, Sam Bailey

Year 11: James Anderson, Martinique McKenzie, Amy McKenzie, Chris Barks

Year 12: Jen Rowan

Past students: Lilli Van Donk, Toby McKenzie, Lucy Keough and Jacqui O'Brien

Staff: Freya Egberts and Melissa Brisbane

Performances are on the 9th, 10th, 16th & 17th May.

Tickets are available online through www.trybooking.com.au

Available with a help line if needed, or you can be assisted to purchase tickets at both Laffs and Affordable Elegance.

Want a fun night out? Looking for a mother's day gift? Why not buy some tickets to the show!

Deputy Principal Wellbeing

Mr. Kerin Glennen

Welcome all back to term two. Thank you to the students who represented Mercy in the ANZAC commemorations throughout our district.

We have a lot to look forward this term: State Swimming Carnival, the CyberSafety work shops for students and parents (held last Monday), Street Retreats, Mercy Open Day and Information Evening, Year 11 Mock Interviews and Mercy Feast Day Mass and a lot more.

Term 2 is also the time for students to be in their correct winter uniform:

Girls Winter Uniform is College Skirt, White College Shirt, Navy Tights and Black Leather School Shoes.

Boys Winter Uniform is Tailored Grey Trousers (**NO GREY SHORTS**) Maroon Jumper, Grey Socks and Black Leather Shoes.

VCE Students wear blue jumpers.

Girl's winter skirts will be in next week, best to ring first before coming in.

Students are asked to be in correct uniform no later than Monday 12th May. *"Mercy uniform is compulsory and students are expected to maintain a high standard of personal grooming and neatness."* Page 8 of student diary. If for some reason your child will be out of their correct uniform, then they need to give a note to their homeroom teacher explaining the reason why.

The uniform shop is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 12pm to 2pm. The contact person is Nicola Fletcher and their phone number is 0481 311 701 or email directly to uniform@mercy.vic.edu.au

For your convenience, the current uniform price list is on the last page of the newsletter.

Senior School Report

Mrs. Lesa Thornton

We are all aware of the busy term we experienced in Term 1.

- Year12 Retreat to Bacchus Marsh.
- Year 11 Camp to Melbourne.
- Presentation Ball trainings and the actual ball itself.
- Year 11 Street Retreats.
- Lions Youth of the Year competitions at both Camperdown and Terang.
- Swimming and Athletics carnivals within our school, our local sports associations and the greater region.
- Bowls night.
- TIS tours.
- Parent/Teacher interviews....the list goes on!

Hopefully we have all utilized the holiday break well.

Term 2 promises to be as busy but we will all be ready for it.

With this in mind I would like to make parents aware of some of the events that the senior school will be involved in during this time.

Week 3

May 8- 11 VCE Careers Expo at Caulfield Racecourse

Week 4

May 14 Beginners Guide to Year 12 in the MPA 7:30pm. All parents and students doing VCE are invited to attend.

Week 5

May 21 Unit 3 Design Technology excursion.

May 23 Year 11 students will be involved in mock interviews.

Week 6

May 28/29 Year 11 Street Retreat (5).

May 30 Year 11 RE students attending the Holocaust centre.

Week 7

June 4/5 Year 11 Street Retreat (6).

June 6 Unit 3 Dance excursion.

Week 8

June 11 GAT for students studying a Unit 3/4 sequence VCE study.

June 11/12 Year 11 Party program to the Alfred Hospital.

June 13 Year 12 Energiser day at Port Campbell followed by the Footy colours night for Year 12 parents and students at the Noorat/ Kolora clubrooms.

June 13 Mid-year exams begin for Year 11s.

(Please note: Exam timetables will be published in the next newsletter).

Week 9

June 16/17 Mid-year exams continue.

June 19/20 Unit 4 Outdoor Education excursion.

Could I also remind students and parents about the policy for Year 12 students driving a car to school. The College must be kept informed if a student is driving a car to school, therefore a CAR REGISTER form must be completed and signed by both the parents and student. A copy of this form can be collected from the College office or downloaded from the College website.

A reminder also that the library is open after school for students each week night till 4:30pm. This is a great opportunity for students to get into good study practices before the exam periods in June and November.

Head of Learning & Teaching VCE

Mr. Lachie Lee

Anzac Day

On Anzac Day last Friday, significant numbers of Mercy Regional College students and staff attended commemorative services around the district. Student representatives of our school lay wreaths contributed readings and joined in proceedings at a number of district venues. In addition quite a number of Mercy students and families attended the Dawn Service in Melbourne. Of special note was the contribution of Georgia Buchholz who delivered the special address at Derrinallum. She spoke of her experiences travelling the battlefields of France and Belgium as part of the MRC France and Battlefields Tour in 2013.

On the day before Anzac Day, students and staff gathered at both campuses to reflect on the importance of Anzac Day and to remember those who gave so much in the service of their country. Below is the address that was read at both O'Keeffe and McAuley campuses.

"Anzac Day is a day of remembrance. It is a day when we remember the sacrifices of the generations who have come before us. On the 25 April 1915-99 years ago today-men from all over Australia and New Zealand landed at Gallipoli in Turkey as part of an allied campaign to defeat Germany and her allies. Australia fought as a part of the British Empire and as such most Australians were supportive of the war and its efforts to defeat the militaristic ambitions of the German government. Australians went on to fight in France and Belgium, Egypt and Palestine and in other parts of the world. They fought in the army and the navy and even in the new air forces of the day.

Sixty thousand Australians died in the First World War. Hundreds of thousands were wounded or sick and nearly all would have been damaged in some mental or emotional way by the horrors of what they had seen. Most men who served were single and most were aged between 18 and 25 so those who returned and were physically or mentally damaged by their experiences would have been looked after by their families-their mothers and sisters.

In our towns and communities are memorials which list the names of those who served and died in the service of their country. In the Corangamite Shire offices in Camperdown is an Honour Board which lists the names of about 1200 men and women from the old Hampden Shire who served. Of these about 210 died. Anzac Day also recalls those who died in later wars of which Australia has been part; World War 2 in which almost 40,000 Australians died- in battle, of disease and as prisoners of war. Later conflicts in Korea, Malaya and Vietnam cost many Australian lives as did more recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Today we remember and pay tribute to their sacrifice; but we also remember the sacrifices of their friends and their families. We owe it to those generations who have come before us to understand that the freedoms and privileges that we enjoy have come at great cost. Lest We Forget."





VCE Exams

As occurred last year those VCE students who are studying Unit 3/4 subjects will be sitting the General Achievement Test (GAT) on **Wednesday 11th June**.

Specifically, this will include those students from Years 11 and 12 who are studying a Unit 3/4 subject in 2014. All Unit 3/4 VCE exams in 2014 will be held at the Camperdown College Hall.

Year 11 students will also sit the Mercy Regional College end of semester exams beginning **Friday 13th June**. A timetable for these exams will be issued to students next week and a copy included in the next newsletter.

VCAA requires that all students from Years 11 and 12 who are studying one or more Unit 3 and 4 sequences are to sit the GAT. This task is sat over three hours in strict exam conditions. The results are used in helping the assessment of exams, in particular where there are difficulties in reaching an agreement over a particular result.

I quote below the VCAA definition of the GAT's role and its importance:

'Although GAT results do not count directly towards a student's VCE results, they play an important role in checking that school assessments and examinations have been accurately assessed, and in determining Derived Examination Scores. So it is important to sit the GAT and do as well as possible on all parts of it. The GAT is used in these ways because achievement on the GAT is a good predictor of achievement on other assessments. If students have done well on the GAT, then their achievements are likely to be high on their school assessments and examinations. Clearly, some GAT questions relate more closely to achievement in particular studies. The VCAA takes this into account when it calculates students' expected achievements in each study for each school. For example, GAT results in mathematics, science and technology play only a minor part in calculating students' expected achievements in humanities studies.

- **contributing to statistical moderation of School-assessed Coursework**
- **reviewing school assessments in School-assessed Tasks**
- **checking the accuracy of examination marking**
- **Calculating the Derived Examination Scores.'** (VCAA website)

Thus, it is important that all students sit the task and do so to the best of their ability. We will give the students, particularly those in Year 11, some individual instruction regarding the GAT including some practice questions. Year 11 students in Week 4 and Year 12 students will undertake a practice GAT in Week 5. The GAT is not something that can be studied for but it should be done to the best of the student's ability.

As the term progresses, students may be feeling quite stressed, therefore it is important that they are quite well organised and that those around them know what is going on. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Lesa Thornton, Mr. Justin Staunton or myself at the school.

Deputy Principal Teaching & Learning

Mr. Chris Grant

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN tests will be held on Tuesday 13th May, Wednesday 14th May and Friday 15th May. The Year 7 tests will be held at the O'Keeffe campus and the Year 9 tests at the McAuley Campus. Students are reminded that they will need to bring 2B or HB pencils, blue or black pens, a sharpener and an eraser to the tests. Year 9 students will be required to bring their calculator. For further information regarding the NAPLAN tests, please refer to the NAPLAN information sheets on pages 16 and 17 of the newsletter.

End of Semester Exams

End of Semester Exams will be held from Friday 13th June until Tuesday 17th June for Students in Years 8 to 11. Exam timetables will be published in the next newsletter.

Middle School News

Mr. Ben Brisbane

Welcome all to Term 2 in Middle School. It promises to be a term full of fun and learning with exams at the end that will test all within Year 9 and 10. For the Year 10s it will be the second last opportunity for exam practice before embarking on their VCE pathway. I wish of the students the best of luck, however we all know that it is effort and not so much luck that will bring a good result.

The term for Year 9 has started with a very rewarding experience courtesy of the Corangamite Shire. It was the first time Mercy had been involved in the BRICK's (Building Resilience in Corangamite Kids) program. It was a very enjoyable three days and the students seemed to gather good information and discussion on the skills they may need to assist with life's challenges. I also took a few points away to help build my resilience. I encourage all parents to sit with your child and ask about the program. I met with students on Wednesday who are interested in taking this program a step further and receive further training to becoming a BRICK'S leader. This group of leaders will at some stage this year be running an activity to help other students with resilience skills.

Monday 28th May saw Susan McLean come and speak to the Year 9 and 10 groups. There was a lot of student interest and many pointers on how to be cyber safe. It's an area we are constantly referring to in our teaching as well.

In Term 1, I advertised the positions of Captains and Vice Captains to Middle School. The Captains were chosen from Year 10s with the Vice Captains from Year 9s. It was an exciting experience for all which stemmed from our class captain process.

Out of this were four candidates that will be working closely with staff to help improve Middle School. I am proud to announce that the four captains in Middle School are:

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAPTAINS



Emma Lucas



Josh Hickey

MIDDLE SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS



Ailie Bateman



Charlie Pollard

They have already had an active part to play in our Assembly on 29th April and for their courage to take on such a role they received the Middle School Term 1 Award.

Some of the focus early this term has surrounded the changing of uniform from summer to winter. Over the next two weeks I will be checking students and sending SMS communication home to inform parents about the uniform infringements. This communication is not meant to display a lack of understanding on our part of what occurs at home with regard to uniform items. If you receive an SMS and have a concern I am happy to listen and work with you all to enable your child to be at school correctly attired. Please don't hesitate to make contact.

On Thursday 8th May a representative from the Commonwealth Bank STARTSMART program will be with us to give Year 10s a few skills on financial planning. With many Year 10 students taking part-time jobs it is important they learn some skills on how to manage their money.

To all parents of Middle School, I hope all goes well this term and are looking forward to the winter chill.

Learning at O'Keeffe

Mrs. Fiona Sargeant- Head of Teaching and Learning-Junior

With the onset of cooler weather, the lunchtime homework classes begun yesterday. These classes are optional for students who may need to catch up on homework, complete an assessment task or who just need some help. They are supervised by a teacher and run every Monday and Thursday during Term 2. Students are able to attend these sessions according to their needs.

After school classes on Thursdays at the O'Keeffe Campus are also available for those students who would like some extra support. These run until 4:00pm, requiring parents to make their own arrangements to collect students. Please contact the O'Keeffe Campus office if you would like your child to attend this session. Any students waiting around after school on Thursdays for local football or netball training will be required to attend the after school class.

MathsOnline Parent Access

This year we have introduced the use of MathsOnline as a homework tool for Year 7 & 8 students.

As a parent you are able to access the MathsOnline account and view your child's progress. This access offers you the ability to review and monitor your child's academic progress through real time information or sign up for weekly updates via email.

To do this, go to the following link: <https://www.mathsonline.com.au/>

From here click on Parent Login, then choose Option 2 (see screen shot below) and enter student login and password. These details are available from the student themselves, or from their Mathematics teacher.

Parent Login

Option 1

☐ I have registered a single student or family membership

OR

Option 2

☒ My child has an account provided by the school

Student's login:

Student's password:

Login

Forgot your password?

Type your email address and we will send your login and password to you.

Email address here [Send](#)

To receive weekly emails, click **+ Sign up here** and enter a valid email address.

Parents' Area Version 2.0

Parent Settings

Parents

Sign up to receive regular feedback.

[+ Sign up here.](#)

Term 2 Dates

Monday 5 May

- * Hampden Cup Football/Netball (Years 7-9) Terang

Tuesday 6 May

- * **Student Free Day & Staff PD Day**

Wednesday 7 May

- * **MRC Open Day @ Noorat 3:15PM – 7:00PM**

Thursday 8 May

- * Startsmart Presentation to Year 10s
- * Year 10 English Drama Production

Saturday 10 May

- * Noorat Garage Sale - Fund raising event

Tuesday 13 May

- * NAPLAN

Wednesday 14 May

- * NAPLAN
- * Beginners Guide to Year 12 - 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Thursday 15 May

- * NAPLAN

Monday 19 May

- * MRC Cross Country Noorat/Terang Walking Track

Tuesday 20 May

- * MRC Board Meeting 7:30PM McAuley Campus

Friday 23 May

- * Year 11 Mock Interviews McAuley Campus

Monday 26 May

- * HSSSD Cross Country @ C'down Athletics Track
- * Brainstorm Show 1 at O'Keeffe Campus

Tuesday 27 May

- * Mercy Feast Day Mass/Assembly Stadium 11:30
- * Battle of the Bands in Stadium 1:15 - 2:50 PM
- * Mercy beyond Borders' fundraiser Fashion Parade
(See flyer on page 15).

Wednesday 28 May

- * Brainstorm Show 2 at McAuley Campus
- * Year 11 Street Retreat in Melbourne

Thursday 29 May

- * Year 11 Street Retreat in Melbourne

Friday 30 May

- * Year 11 RE Excursion to the Holocaust Centre.

Sports Report

Stacey Hillman

The senior and intermediate netball teams had a very successful day at the Country Cup netball tournament this week. Both teams were very competitive and finished the day undefeated and now progress onto the Greater Western tournament in Ballarat in Term 3. The skill level of our girls was a highlight and showcased the talent that our College has.



Hannah Justin was the sole competitor for MRC at the State Swimming Championships held at MSAC on Tuesday. Hannah was up against some strong competition and should be proud of her achievements swimming a PB in her 50m breaststroke final. Well done Hannah we are very proud of you!

The senior football team competed in Colac on Tuesday. The boys came up against some tough competition in Trinity and Colac Secondary College.

Thanks to Daniel, Jeremy and Joe for assisting the boys.

Mercy 3.5 (23) def Colac College 1.1 (8)

Goals:

J. Hickey, B. Saunders, Mi. Carlin

Best:

Mi. Carlin, J. Hickey, B. Finnerty, N. Stevens, T. Cheslett, B. Saunders

Mercy 2.2 (14) lost to Trinity 5.3 (33)

Goals:

B. Saunders 2

Best:

B. Saunders, C. Darcy, T. Carmichael, B. Finnerty, B. Green, W. Moloney

2014 Year 8 Princetown Camp Report

This year the Princetown Camp recommenced after a hiatus of four years. Out of all the camps that the college has, this camp is unique in the fact that students have to provide their own shelter and food.



The camp has a number of objectives that we wanted the students to achieve:

1. Organization: Students were given six weeks to organize food groups, tents and camping gear, with the intention of borrowing tents and items of camping gear not buying them.
2. Teamwork: Students had to know how to erect tent and provide the necessary food and camping gear for their groups.
3. Tolerance: Students are in close proximity.
4. Resilience: To each other for an extended period which can cause friction, so these are necessary skills to develop.
5. Independence: They needed to be able to look after themselves with personal hygiene, cooking skills and to set up and pack up their own gear.



This year's groups achieved these objectives admirably, the ability to set and pack up some very

large tents was most impressive. This camp was originally started in 1986 and it is amazing to see how camping gear and levels of comfort brought by the students has changed, especially for the better.

Back in the early days the students had the Princetown reserve to themselves. This year there were many campers from all over the world and Australia to experience this great coastline.

While the students were on camp they were lucky enough to have Ben Harkin (a former student) talk to them about the challenges he faces in life and how he manages them. Ben's positive attitude and skills greatly impressed all the students. Some of the questions asked of him were very interesting too! We were extremely lucky to have such great weather and many students enjoyed fishing and activities in the sand dunes. Congratulations to Jack Smith who caught his first fish!

I would like to thank the students for their great level of cooperation and also thank the teachers, Mrs. Grinter, Mr. Casey, Mr. Nicholson, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Sargeant, Mr. Glennen, and also the visiting teachers for giving up their time to make this camp happen.

Christian Outreach Program Term 1 Reports from 10A Students

Merindah Lodge

- I played bingo with the residents helped them to their seats so they could play bingo and socialise with others.
- Met some of the resident's family members for example sisters, brothers, daughters, sons etc.
- Helped them to their seats and also helped the staff to find tables so they could put their cards on as that day we played in the lounge room area.
- Removed the morning tea dishes off the tables to help the staff.
- Handed out the bingo cards and counters to the residents.
- Read out the pictures/numbers/letters.
- Helped Hannah with footy tips.
- Talked to the residents and learnt so much about their younger days.
- On the last day I gave them a box of favourites and a thank you card, they were so pleased that the resident clapped for our time that we spent with them.
- Also on the last day I met more residents while doing footy tips and learnt that there were two parts to Merindah Lodge (high care and low care).

By Brooke McInnes

David Newman Day Care Centre

For my Christian Outreach program I went to the David Newman Centre. I did many things such as: play the game categories, table tennis with the elderly, I cooked biscuits and cupcakes and made some mini handbags in craft. One of the ladies showed her miniature scale doll pieces and then we had some afternoon Tea. I met some very interesting people like Marg, Margi, Helen, Frank. It was nice to hear their stories and they were pleased to hear some of mine.

By Alistar Huth

St Thomas' Primary School

Elly and I went to St. Thomas' Primary School Terang, for our Christian Outreach Program. We helped out the teachers in a range of different class rooms by working and helping the students with different activities. We especially liked working with the preps and watching them learn and grow. We also enjoyed doing art with Mrs. Cavarsan who was one of our teachers in primary school. It was good to be able to give back to the school after they had done so much for us growing up.

By Hannah Justin and Elly Harris

St Patrick's Primary School

In outreach myself and Josh walked over to St. Pat's and each time, chatted with the office lady and would be assigned some kind of task by any of the St Patrick's staff. On the first day Liam and Alastair came with us and we all got separated and I read to the preppie's but when recess came we all played chasey with the other primary kids. It was good coming back each time with most of my time spent there cutting and pasting happily as the hours ticked by. Josh and I stuck paper all across the walls and roof of Janelle's room and even raced each other to see who could cut up egg cartons and turn them into spiders the quickest we also made trips back and forth from the library to retrieve books and our last day was spent laminating the Year 5 and 6 student's artwork.

By Michael Rowan

Sunnyside

Our first week at Sunnyside, we met Sarah, the organiser, and she introduced us to the residents. Throughout the weeks we played various games, including, indoor bowls, croquet, scrabble, celebrity heads, and scattergories. It turned out that the residents were quite competitive. We met Lu, who turned 100 this year. To our surprise, she was quite fit and could participate in all the games with us and all the Sunnyside residents. It was great to visit Sunnyside and get to know how everything worked there.

By Charlie Brett, Brad Francis, Jacoba Mungean, Jessica Cheslett

Cooinda Disability Services

The very first day they weren't ready for us to come and help out. We stayed in the main room and helped out with drawing and helping on the computers. Daniel and Tom helped the men most of the time. The boys recycled for 45 minutes every time they were there. We also helped them sort and rearrange different types of metal so they could make some money for themselves. Luella worked in the pottery room with girls painting and gossiping.

By Luella Foster, Daniel Kenna, Tom Suhan

St Colman's Primary School

I went to St Colman's in Mortlake and meet up with the teacher when I went to the school. The first week we went to the Mortlake pool to help them learn to swimming with the students. I had to move furniture for the rooms and move old paperwork in to recycling bins. In the last week I helped the P-1 students make biscuits and put on icing and 100s and 1000s.

By Tom Grant

Terang Day Care

In Term 1, our 10A class were involved in the Christian Outreach program:

- We went to Terang Day Centre
- Helped out with activities – Crafts, drawing, colouring, painting, word-finds, crosswords
- We met the staff members
- Sat and talked with the residents
- Met new people
- Helped outside – gardening, painting
- Afternoon tea with the residents
- Played different games – scattergories, bingo, pictionary
- Had our own personal buddy, who we worked with each week
- We learned new things
- Worked on iPad, playing different games, such as crosswords and word-finds
- Learned about the residents' lives

By William O'Brien and Jess Quick

May Noonan Hostel

During our few weeks at May Noonan Hostel in Terang we had lots of fun running a Bingo game for the clients (Lucretia mainly enjoyed eating the chocolate). We got to meet and know some of the bigger personalities, such as Nora, Heather, Jack and Ronnie. Lily even got up and sang for us one week. We gave some really good back and hand massages which brought a cringe to our face, but a smile to theirs, which was the main objective. It was important to give them a gift and what better than some boxes of chocolates to replace the ones Lucretia ate.

By Lily Lourey and Lucretia Bell

Camperdown Theatre Company presents

JOSEPH

AND THE
AMAZING Technicolor® DREAMCOAT

At the Camperdown Theatre Royal

SHOW TIMES

Friday 9th May - 8.00pm
Saturday 10th May - 2.00pm Matinee and 8.00pm
Friday 16th May - 8.00pm
Saturday 17th May - 2.00pm Matinee and 8.00pm

BOOKING LINK

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TICKET PRICES

VIP Opening Night - £45 (50 tickets only)
General Admission - Adults £30 and children £20

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Mercy Regional College

Welcomes international guest speaker



Karen Schneider (RSM) M.D.

Friday 23rd May, 2014.

**Sr. Schneider is a Peadiatric Emergency Physician at
Johns Hopkins Children's Centre in Baltimore U.S.A.**

Sr. Karen Schneider teaches and practices Peadiatric Emergency Medicine at Johns Hopkins, but four times a year, in a unique partnership between her life as a sister and her work as a Medical Professor, she takes peadiatric residents from Johns Hopkins to third-world countries.

We feel very blessed that on her whirlwind trip to Australia and various Mercy Schools, Sr. Karen will be with us for a whole day.

First session: 11.20am - 12.55pm periods 3/4 - Year 10 & 12 students in the Multi-purpose Area McAuley campus.

Second session: 1. 25 pm - 2.25 pm Year 7/8 Social Justice Team and Junior School Captains at O'Keeffe Campus.

Third session: Dinner conversation with Sr. Schneider M.D.
Commercial Hotel Camperdown 6:00 - 8.30 pm
(purchase meals from menu)

Dinner is open to:
Approx. 30 students and teachers

Any interested students staff or parents
Years 9 - 12 Social Justice Team

If you wish to attend the dinner please reserve your place by contacting

Mrs. Jo-Anne Saunders

jsaunders@mercy.vic.edu.au

Phone: 5593 2011

Peru Scarves.



Women working for a better future



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

for the cost of \$20

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

Help support this worthy cause and buy your
Scarf today!

Can be worn with school uniform, purchase at the College office.

Make a hat...make a scarf.....
make a difference!!!!



As the winter months are upon us, those who are homeless could really do with some warming up.

If you love to cut, knit or sew please feel free to make warm scarves or hats for the needy.

Our Year 11s will take them out to the Melbourne Vinnies Soup Van to give away.

If you have wool to donate for others to knit with please drop it into the office at either the McAuley or O'Keeffe Campus.





Mercy Beyond Borders

The Social Justice Team Presents



Fashion **Relief**

Fashion for a cause

The aim of fashion Relief is to provide much needed funds for **Mercy Beyond Borders**, an organization, which provides help, education and job opportunities for women who have faced personal disaster in countries such as Haiti & South Sudan.

A showcase of all the amazing local fashion we are lucky to have in our hometowns.

Tuesday 27th of May

Doors open at

6.30

Fashion Parade begins at

7.00

Mercy Regional College Stadium Henderson St.
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Nibbles & Drinks provided.

(Alcohol free event)

\$15.00 per ticket.

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Grab a group of friends and come down for a
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For more information please contact.

Briony Kent (0487 204 193) briony.kent@hotmail.com

Mercy Regional College (5593 2011) office@mercy.vic.edu.au

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Information for parents

What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

What will be tested and how?

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the national *Statements of Learning* for English and mathematics, which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The writing task requires students to write a text in response to a prompt.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, sample questions and a sample writing task are available on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au

Who will run the tests?

NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school deputies or the principal. Each state and territory is responsible for marking the tests in accordance with strict guidelines and processes.

How can I help my child prepare for the tests?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?

All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions, or who has recently arrived in Australia and is from a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your state testing authority can provide you with more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

How is NAPLAN performance measured?

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has 10 bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands represents the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Will I receive a report on my child's performance?

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent to you. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results on the My School website: www.myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- visit www.nap.edu.au
- contact your child's school
- contact your state or territory's education authority (details available on the NAP website).

NAPLAN 2014 tests timetable

	Tuesday 13 May	Wednesday 14 May	Thursday 15 May
Year 3	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	Language Conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy <u>Calculator</u> 40 minutes <u>Non-calculator</u> 40 minutes
Year 9	Language Conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy <u>Calculator</u> 40 minutes <u>Non-calculator</u> 40 minutes

- Language conventions** includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Numeracy** includes number; space; algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data.
- Calculators** are NOT permitted in the numeracy test in Years 3 and 5. In Years 7 and 9, there is one numeracy test where calculator use is permitted and one where it is not.

Careers Information

Mrs. Jenny Phillips

Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation Scholarship

The MSRF is a charitable organisation dedicated to the needs to rural and regional Victorian communities. They offer scholarships to Year 12 rural/regional students to enable them to participate in tertiary study. Demonstrated leadership capacity is a critical selection criterion for all MSRF programs. Applicants must have endorsement from the school principal and each school can endorse a maximum of two applications. Any students wanting to apply for this scholarship must seek endorsement in writing, from the Principal Dr. Egberts by **Friday 13th June**. For more information interested students need to visit <http://msrf.org.au/scholarship-and-programs/foundation-scholarship>

Introduction to Shearing & Wool Handling Program

RIST is conducting this three-day program at the Mt Elephant Estate from the 27th – 29th May for interested Year 9 students. The program is held within school hours and students will be bused between MRC and Mt Elephant. The three-day training includes extensive course material with morning tea and lunch provided. Any interested students need to collect the relevant documents from Mrs. Phillips in the Careers Room.

Meet Melbourne in Warrnambool



Meet Melbourne in Warrnambool

Thursday, 29 May 2014

Information session for prospective students and their families

The University of Melbourne will be visiting Warrnambool to give students, teachers and parents in the area the chance to talk to our friendly staff and find out more about:

- 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
- Scholarships and course costs
- Access Melbourne, our special entry and access scheme, which offers guaranteed entry to Melbourne's degrees for eligible students
- Housing options
- Information for Indigenous students

REGISTER NOW

Register your attendance online at:
futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne

EVENT DETAILS

When: Thursday, 29 May 2014
6.00pm – 8.30pm

Where: City Memorial Bowls Club
50-58 Cramer Street
Warrnambool

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Weekly Career News

TERM TWO

Tuesday 29 April 2014

PREPARING FOR UNIVERSITY STUDY

Preparing for university- just for parents! Is your child considering university study in the future? Are you keen to develop your knowledge about university terminology, programs, costs, accommodation etc.? The following universities have websites set up just for you!

- **La Trobe University,**
<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/parents>
- **Monash University,**
<http://www.monash.edu.au/study/options/parents/>
- **Deakin University,**
<http://www.deakin.edu.au/parents>
- **Charles Sturt University,**
<http://www.csu.edu.au/for/parents>

Preparing for university- just for students! Are you considering university study in the future? Would you like to learn about what university is really like? The following websites are set up to assist future students and include information pages and student blogs.

- **La Trobe University,**
<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/studentblogs>
- **University of Melbourne,**
<http://blogs.unimelb.edu.au/mymelb/>
- **University of Wollongong,**
www.uow.edu.au/in2uni/whatisuniversitylike/
- **Australian Catholic University,**
<http://www.acu.edu.au/417344>



VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Passionate about maths and science? If you are between the ages of 15 – 17 and receive consistently high marks in science and maths classes, you should consider speaking to your teacher about nominating for the 'Growing Junior Tall Poppies in Science and Maths' awards. There will be 10 winners in Victoria and the prizes for students and their schools are amazing. For information and to download a nomination form, go to <http://www.coecxs.org/>



Law at Australian Catholic University (ACU): If you are considering studying law at university in the future, it is crucial that you find the right institution and course for you. ACU has a social justice focus to their law program, and all first year students participate in the law induction week, which focuses on introducing key academic concepts and mootings. For more information, go to <http://www.acu.edu.au/605474>

Interested in business and economics? There are so many careers and occupations in this field and the choice can be overwhelming. As a school student, you may be wondering where a university degree in business or economics can take you in terms of jobs and further study.

Monash University has developed a fantastic magazine which not only gives an overview of their business and economics courses but also amazing business careers – many you may not have even considered. To download the magazine, go to <http://www.buseco.monash.edu.au/undergraduate/findoutmore/brochures.html> To read their business students blog, go to <http://monash-business-students.blogspot.com.au/>



MONASH University
Business and Economics

Are you in Years 10 – 12 and considering studying medicine, dentistry or optometry in the future? You may have to sit the Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test (UMAT), which is a three hour exam held each July. The National Institute of Education is running simulated UMAT workshops to assist students in preparing for the exam. Participants will undertake an overview of each section of the UMAT and then sit a test under exam conditions. For more information and dates, go to <http://www.nie.edu.au/>



Are you an international student? If you are planning to apply for medicine, physiotherapy, veterinary science and/or dentistry at selected Australian universities, you may need to sit the International Student Admissions Test (ISAT). The ISAT is a three-hour computer based multiple-choice test that assesses critical and quantitative reasoning skills. For information on the test and to register, go to <http://isat.acer.edu.au>

Rural Finance Scholarships: Rural Finance's Scholarship program is designed to encourage the education and skill development of those committed to the future of agriculture. The scholarship program includes vocational and undergraduate opportunities. The scholarships are open to all students who can demonstrate a career commitment to agriculture (i.e., farming, consultancy, research, technological and other services to the agricultural industry). Scholarship applications close 31 May 2014 <http://www.ruralfinance.com.au/scholarships>

Macpherson
Smith
Rural
Foundation



Scholarship for rural students: The Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation offers scholarships to Year 12 students from rural/regional Victoria to enable them to participate in tertiary study. The scholarships provide financial support of \$15,000 per annum for three years, and also participation in mentoring and leadership development programs. Applications close July 18 2014. For more information, go to: <http://msrf.org.au/scholarship-and-programs>

One Year Roles in the Army: Are you wondering what you would like to do in 2015? Does the thought of adventure, team work, leadership and learning new skills appeal to you? The Army offers the 'One Year Role' program- you can apply to undertake 12 months of training in one of the following 14 job roles:

- Administration Clerk, Air Dispatcher, Cargo Specialist, Clerk Finance, Cook, Dental Assistant, Driver Transport, Operator Movement, Groundcrewman Mission Support, Military Police, Preventative Medicine, and Supply Chain Specialist, Supply Coordinator, and Unit Quartermaster

You will undertake initial combat training at Kapooka, and then employment training in your job role. You will then work in this area and are under no obligation to stay in the Australian Defence Force once the 12 months is completed. To start the application process, go to the following website and click apply now- <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/army/one-year-roles/overview.aspx>

Discover the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA): If you are interested in undertaking a university degree whilst undertaking leadership training in either the Army, Navy or Airforce, then you should consider ADFA. The institution will pay for your degree, pay you a wage, provide free medical and dental, and subsidised accommodation. To find out more about ADFA, go to <http://www.defence.gov.au/adfa/>



Trades in the Defence Force: Did you know you can undertake an apprenticeship in the Airforce, Army or Navy? There are a huge range of trades available. Use the following websites to explore your options,

- **Airforce trades-** <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/airforce/trades/>
- **Navy trades-** <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/navy/trades/>
- **Army trades-** <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/army/trades/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Free music workshop at JMC Academy: To celebrate their entry into the Berklee College of Music international partnership, JMC Academy and Berklee College will be running a free music workshop for students in Years 9 - 12. You will work as an ensemble with other students and receive direct instruction and feedback from tutors and movement coaches. The event will be held Monday 19 May at the Melbourne campus. To register, go to <http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/>

The Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre (OPSMC) are running an information night about careers in sports medicine on Wednesday 28 May, 6.30 – 9pm at the AAMI Park Stadium and the Geelong campus. Practitioners from the disciplines of

- Sports medicine
- Nutrition
- Podiatry
- Psychology
- Massage therapy
- Physiotherapy, and
- Exercise physiology

will deliver short talks and will also be available to answer your questions about careers in these occupations. To register online, go to www.opsmc.com.au/professional-development/careers-evening.html by 26 May.

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MyDays at Charles Sturt University (CSU) give you the opportunity to explore career areas you are interested in. A Health and Community Services MyDay will be held at the Albury-Wodonga campus on Tuesday 27 May. You will be able to explore the following course areas:

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

The event is for students in Years 11 and 12. To register, go to <http://www.csu.edu.au/qo/myday>



UPCOMING EVENTS - MAY

- **At Monash Seminar Series dates,** www.monash.edu.au/study/life/student/seminars/
- **Meet Melbourne University dates,** <http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne>
- **3: Open Day, Endeavour College of Natural Health, Melbourne,** <http://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/>
- **3: Design Bytes, RMIT,** <http://www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au/>
- **8 - 11: The Age VCE & Careers Expo, Caulfield Racecourse,** www.vceandcareers.com.au
- **8: Medicine Taster Day, UTAS,** www.utas.edu.au
- **10: Billy Blue College Open Day, Melbourne,** <http://www.billyblue.edu.au/>
- **10: Career Discovery Day, Southern School of Natural Therapies, Melbourne,** <http://www.ssnt.edu.au/>
- **14: Information Night, Latitude Global Volunteering, Albury,** <http://www.latitude.org.au/>
- **15 – 28: Focus on Melbourne University,** <http://qo.unimelb.edu.au/w6c>
- **17: VCE Folio Help Days, Academy of Design Australia, Melbourne,** <http://www.designacademy.edu.au/>
- **20: Medicine & Optometry Information Session at Deakin,** www.deakin.edu.au
- **21, 28: Deakin Parent and Student Tertiary Information Evenings, Melbourne (21) and Geelong (28),** www.deakin.edu.au
- **24: SAE Institute Open Day, Melbourne** <http://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/>
- **28: Career Information Evening, Olympic Park Sports Medicine Centre, Melbourne and Geelong campuses,** <http://www.opsmc.com.au/>

CAREER EVENTS

May 2014

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
Visiting Regional Victoria

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Navitas College of Public Safety: offer the two-year accelerated Bachelor of Social Science (Criminal Justice) at the Melbourne Campus. Students undertake units in:

- Psychology and corrective services
- Criminal law
- Policing & law enforcement
- Criminology & sociology

They will be holding an information session on **Thursday 1 May** at 6pm. For more information, go to <http://www.ncps.edu.au/>



NATURAL HEALTH

Learn about courses and careers in natural therapies! Endeavour College of Natural Health, Australasian College of Natural Therapies and Southern School of Natural Therapies are running open days in May:

- **3rd: Endeavour** offer courses in Acupuncture, Homeopathy, Massage, Population Health, Complimentary Medicine, Musculoskeletal Therapy, Naturopathy and Nutritional Medicine
- **3rd: Australasian College of Natural Therapies** offer courses in Nutritional Medicine, Health Science, Naturopathy, Western Herbal Medicine, Massage, Fitness, Sport Development
- **10th: Southern School** offer courses in Chinese Medicine, Western Herbal Medicine, Naturopathy, Nutritional Medicine, Clinical Myotherapy, Massage and Health Science

For more information and to register, go to

<http://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/>
<http://www.acnt.edu.au/about-us/events/>
<http://www.ssnt.edu.au/>



BEAUTY

Thinking of studying beauty? The Australian National College of Beauty will be hosting an open day at their Sydney Campus on **Saturday 3 May**. You will be able to

- Attend information sessions on careers in the beauty services industry
- See their clinic in action
- Learn about courses and career options

For more information, go to <http://www.ancb.edu.au/>

CAREER EVENTS

May 2014

MONASH UNIVERSITY

At Monash Seminar Series: Dates are as follows

- 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/



SHORT COURSES @ RMIT

Design Bytes, Saturday 3 May: "Participants will gain a competitive edge when applying for tertiary studies, particularly in the field of design. The course will enable participants to improve their ability to select the most appropriate studies, institutes and career paths, whilst learning about what is current in the design world."

Fascinating Fashion, Tuesday 20 May: "This course will explore all areas of fashion design - from developing fashion figures to designing garments and accessories. Techniques used include: collage montage, linear work, conte ink, water colour, pens and pencils."

To register for these short courses, go to
<http://www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au/>



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



UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Focus on Melbourne: The University of Melbourne is running a series of seminars that aim to provide an opportunity for you and your parents to gain an insight into courses and careers in a broad range of fields. Course areas covered include-

May

- 15: Focus on Biomedicine & Oral Health
- 21: Focus on Arts
- 27: Focus on Commerce
- 28: Focus on Environments

June

- 3: Focus on Science
- 4: Focus on Agriculture
- 10: Focus on Law
- 11: Focus on IT and Engineering
- 18: Focus on Melbourne Conservatorium of Music
- 25: Focus on Victorian College of the Arts

Each session will run in the evening. For more information, dates and to register, go to
<http://go.unimelb.edu.au/w6c>

CAREER EVENTS

May 2014

INDIGENOUS

Indigenous Student Experience Day at Monash: Indigenous Australian students in Years 9 to 12 are invited to attend and gain hands-on experience through a large range of interactive activities at Monash University. The event will be held **Friday 2 May**. For further information or to RSVP, please contact Kristel Keleher at kristel.keleher@monash.edu or (03) 9905 8699

BILLY BLUE COLLEGE

Billy Blue College Open Day: Billy Blue offer courses in

- Communication Design
- Interaction Design & Motion Design
- 3D Design & Animation
- Branded Fashion Design
- Commercial Interior & Residential Interior

Their next open day will be held on **10 May** at the Melbourne Campus, <http://www.billyblue.edu.au/>



ACADEMY OF DESIGN AUSTRALIA

VCE Help Days, Academy of Design Australia: The Academy is running several days to assist students studying VCE Visual Communication and/or Product Design & Technology with starting and developing their folios. The first event will be held **Saturday 17 May** and is designed to assist students to start their folio. For information and dates, go to <http://www.designacademy.edu.au/>



UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

Open Day: UNE will be running an open day on **Friday 2 May**

Open day at the University of New England is an opportunity for prospective students to get a taste of life as a university student. Students will gain an insight into all aspects of UNE including academic, cultural, sporting and residential life. It's an action packed day with many activities, entertainment, giveaways and demonstrations. Students will have the opportunity to explore degree options that may be of interest to them, meet the lecturers, and get a feel for campus life.

- Free breakfast in the college
- Academic advice and information sessions
- College and campus tours
- Free games and entertainment
- Free morning tea & lunch

<http://www.une.edu.au/info-for/for-high-schools/open-day-schools>

WRITING FOR THE SCREEN

The Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) is running a one day intensive workshop introducing the craft of writing for the screen on **Sunday 4 May**.

Participants will develop core script-writing skills, from effective narrative structure and successful character development, to creating onscreen worlds and crafting dialogue, and will be guided through the steps of crafting a script for a screen based production and gain an understanding of other written formats crucial to pitching a film, including the synopsis and storyboard.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to <http://www.acmi.net.au/>

CAREER EVENTS

May 2014

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- Physiotherapy, and
- Exercise physiology

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SAE INSTITUTE

SAE Institute Information Day: The day will be run on **Saturday 19 May**, 11am – 3pm at the Melbourne Campus. You will be able to learn about career options and courses available in the following areas:

- Audio production
- Film production
- Sound production
- Games design
- Animation

You will also be able to tour the SAE facilities, view student work, meet staff and learn about the application process for all courses.

To register, go to http://melbourne.sae.edu/en-gb/content/188/Events_and_Workshops

HEALTH CAREERS

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- Occupational Therapy
- Podiatry
- Speech Pathology

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JMC ACADEMY

JMC will be running their next open day on **24 May**

They offer courses in 3D animation, game design, film & television production, audio engineering, sound production, entertainment business management, contemporary music & performance

On the day you will be able to

- Take a campus tour
- Undertake a focused overview on your course of interest
- View student work, listen to bands, view student films and even see live audio and film production in action.

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

GARAGE SALE !!!

NOORAT SALE TRAIL.

MONSTER COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE.

Saturday May 10th 9am -5pm

**Schools, scouts, church and more than 15 households all selling
“must have” GARAGE SALE goodies.**

BARGAINS EVERYWHERE!

Sponsored by the **Noorat & District Residents Association** the Noorat and District (4 klm Radius) will host garage sales in and around Noorat, Glenormiston, Kolora and nearby areas.

SALE TRAIL MAPS will be available at all venues, refreshments will be available at schools and scout hall. Look for the **ORANGE BALLOONS** at each venue! Collect your map for an adventure like no other!

Antiques, collectibles, bric-a-brac, garagenalia, photography, books, cake stall, plants, furniture, toys, crafts, art, model rail collectibles, dollhouse miniatures, baby needs, sporting goods, woodworking, farm memorabilia, tools, books and so much more will available at the various garage sales on the day.

Don't miss it. Make it a real day out. BBQ lunch fundraiser at Primary School available to all on the day.

Begins at 9am and will continue until 5pm, SALE TRAIL MAPS will be available at all venues, look for the orange signs and balloons.

For further information please call: Anna Conheady 55925243 Mob:
0428504078: Sue Bateson 55925110. Mob: 0437852718, Glenda Hampson
55925229

Positive Behaviour Support Workshop

For Parents and Carers of Children and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder

(see eligibility criteria below)

Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based three (3) day Autism specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshop in the Western Region of Victoria.

More than 1200 families have participated in Aspect's Positive Behaviour Support workshops across Australia. Post workshop evaluations showed an effectiveness of the workshops, with participants reporting decreases in challenging behaviours and increases in confidence and capacity to support their children and young adults.

When:	26th, 27th & 28th May 2014
Where:	City Bowls Club Colac - Gravesend Street, Colac, VIC, 3250
Time:	9:30am-2:30pm (9:15am for Registration)
Cost:	FREE (Tea, coffee & biscuits provided ~ participants to bring own lunch)
Registration:	Register online at www.autismspectrum.org.au/registration

Please note: You may search for this specific workshop location by entering the location into the 'Search Keyword' field

Eligibility to participate in this Workshop:

- » Parents or carers of children and young adults aged between 6 - 25 years, diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- » The individual with ASD must be living at home
- » Participating families are encouraged to invite professionals or service providers working with them to attend the workshop

Families participating in this workshop will:

- » Develop an understanding of autism and how an ASD impacts upon learning and behaviour
- » Learn how to be proactive by creating an autism friendly environment at home
- » Learn how to write an autism specific behaviour support plan for one of their child's behaviours
- » Learn how to write a plan to respond confidently when challenging behaviour occurs
- » Learn how to teach new skills to promote their child's independence and quality of life

Enquiries:

Contact Amber Day – Workshop Administrator or Heather Kirkhope – Service Coordinator
Phone: 03 9377 6600 or email: aday@autismspectrum.org.au

What participants say about Aspect Positive Behaviour Support Workshops:

"Brilliant information and concrete strategies to use, thank you. I have learnt very important self-reflection, being able to step back and really look at and examine behaviour, so valuable. I really value the focus on being positive and improving my child's, my own and my family's quality of life. Great workshop – I will highly recommend it to others."

"Fantastic presentation. Very interactive, affirming & capacity building. Ideas not just discussed but taught how to follow through on."
"Best information session on Autism I have been to. So much clarity about getting to the core behaviour, unpeeling the onion. Enjoyed all the visuals. Thank you so much."

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Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) is Australia's largest not for profit autism specific service provider.

Established in 1966, Aspect provides a wide range of services and support. In 2010 Aspect commenced operation in Victoria.

Aspect has been funded by the Department of Human Services to provide a range of positive behaviour support programs across Victoria.

PUBLIC NOTICES

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

This weekend is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and focus on your relationship in a very positive way. *There is no group sharing.* Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together in the first place. *Your marriage deserves that kind of attention.* Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. **2014 weekend Dates:** 13-15 June, 15-17 August and 21-23 November in Melbourne. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. For further information and bookings: **Contact** Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

THANKYOU



Thank you to all businesses in the Shire who supported the "Paint the Town Purple" promotion for our 2014 event held in Timboon recently. The awareness this created amongst the public was noted and we hope to do a similar promotion next year before our 2015 event in Camperdown. Once again, our appreciation is heartfelt and we hope you can assist us next year. First prize was awarded to Timboon Takeaway and second prize to Beautiful Naturally.

Corangamite Relay for Life Committee

TOUCH FOOTBALL

Join this low impact, medium intensity, highly fun and family frantic activity. Catering to all ages above 6 years old and all fitness abilities, touch football offers an opportunity for fun and fitness with all the family. Held during **Term 2 on Sundays from 10.45am at Mockridge Park, Camperdown.** Interested persons can just show up on the day or contact Brooke Love by phone or text on 0409976204 for more information.

CAMPERDOWN APEX PARK REDEVELOPMENT

Sponsor a Plant or Garden Project

Interested residents are invited to sponsor a plant or garden as a part of the Camperdown Apex Park Play Space Redevelopment Project. An opportunity exists for individuals, groups or families to purchase plants and/or assist with the planting. **A working bee will be held on Saturday 10 May from 10am -12pm to plant out areas and finalise Stage 1. Everyone is welcome. The working bee will be followed by a BBQ lunch.** Interested persons / groups contact Brooke Love on 5593 7100 for more information.

Camperdown Little Athletics Centre



Presentation Evening and AGM

Friday 2nd May

5.30pm BBQ (no charge, drinks for purchase)

6.45pm Presentations

Frederick Street Clubroom, Camperdown

All members invited to attend

TERANG & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Tuesday Night Competition commencing Tuesday 6th May until 24th June. Anyone interested in entering a team or playing please contact Gill Hampson. on 0417 503 230 by no later than Sunday 4th May.

We want YOU! → Families BIG or small!



All you need is a spare bed and a heart big enough to share it with an international exchange student. STS Student Exchange has students from all over the world who come to Australia to experience our amazing country twice a year – July and January. We are looking for volunteer host families to share their home with an exchange student. Students have their own spending money and medical insurance. All you need to do is welcome them in and treat them like your own son or daughter.

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student or would like any information contact Amelia – STS Local Coordinator for South West Victoria Phone: 0438 899 807. <http://www.sts-education.com/australia/hs/host-family/>

Sunday 4th May is

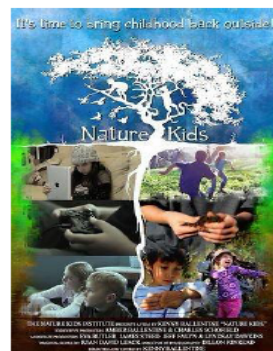
PLAY OUTSIDE DAY!

COME ALONG RAIN, HAIL OR SHINE FOR SOME **FREE AND FUN** FAMILY EVENTS.

10.00am - Camperdown Guides Hall

(Cnr Brooke & Manifold St, Camperdown)

FREE Film screening



NATURE KIDS is the new, timely, inspirational and entertaining documentary that everyone is talking about.

Award winning film maker and founder of The Nature Kids Institute, Kenny Ballentine, explores the consequences of an indoor childhood and how we can make the shift to getting our kids (and ourselves) back outside.

Featuring best-selling author Richard Louv (Last Child in the Woods) and Dr. Scott Sampson (TV's Dinosaur Train)



There will be some simple Nature play activities for the kids if they don't want to watch the whole movie!

12.00pm - Camperdown Playspace

(Apex Park, Princes Hwy, Camperdown)

LET'S GET OUTSIDE & PLAY

Meet at the new Camperdown Playspace for a fun Family Picnic and outdoor play! BYO all Food, drinks, picnic rug and a sense of fun!

 MERCY Regional College	MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE UNIFORM PRICE LIST 2014 1-13 Shierlaw Avenue, Canterbury VIC 3126 Phone: (03) 9836 3388, Fax (03) 9836 3057 Email: uniform@mercy.vic.edu.au Website: www.fcw.com.au Nicola Fletcher (Uniform Shop Manager) Phone: 0481 311 701 OPENING HOURS: 12PM – 2PM on TUESDAY & THURSDAY (DURING NORMAL SCHOOL WEEKS)			 your image maker
Uniform Items	Available Sizes	Select Size	Qty	Price
BOYS UNIFORM				
Jumper	10-16			\$80.00
Jumper	18-22			\$86.00
Jumper	24-26			\$92.00
Boys Short Sleeve Shirt	8-32			\$43.50
Trousers	10-16			\$57.00
Trousers	77R, 82R, 87R, 92R, 97R, 102R, 107R, 112R, 117R			\$59.00
Shorts	10-16, 77R, 82R, 87R, 92R, 97R, 102R, 107R, 112R, 117R			\$49.00
Belt	All Sizes			\$17.00
Socks (short – grey)	Small, Medium, Large			\$12.00 (for pack of 3)
GIRLS UNIFORM				
Jumper	10-16			\$80.00
Jumper	18-22			\$86.00
Jumper	24-26			\$92.00
Dress	8-12			\$64.00
Dress	14-18			\$67.00
Dress	20-24			\$69.00
Socks (short - white)	Small, Medium, Large			\$12.00 (for pack of 3)
Winter Skirt	8-12			\$68.00
Winter Skirt	14-18			\$72.00
Winter Skirt	20-24			\$78.00
Girls Short Sleeve Blouse	8-32			\$43.50
Tights	All sizes			\$10.50
ACCESSORIES				
PE Shorts	8-24			\$32.00
PE Polo Top	10-24			\$35.00
Tracksuit top (PE)	10-14, Small, Medium, Large, XLarge			\$52.50
Tracksuit pants (PE)	10-14, Small, Medium, Large, XLarge, XXLARGE			\$36.50
Waterproof Jacket (Spicer)	10-24			\$55.00
Hats	Slouch Hat			\$13.50
	Cap			\$13.50
Scarves	Navy or Maroon			\$12.50
Gloves				\$8.50
Backpack	Maroon			\$58.00
		TOTAL COST		

prices subject to change without notice

PAYMENT DETAILS (Parents to Complete)

☐ **CHEQUE** (enclosed is my cheque to **Fashion Club Wear Pty. Ltd.**) ☐ **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT**

CREDIT CARD NO: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

EXPIRY DATE: _____ - _____ Please charge my: ☐ Visa or ☐ Master Card

AMOUNT: \$_____ SIGNED: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE NO: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ YEAR LEVEL: _____

I wish to pick my order up from
(please tick a box)

☐ **McAuley Campus, Camperdown**

☐ **O'Keeffe Campus, Noorat**