

# MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

**ISSUE 3-4**

**4<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

## **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 2015**

"Through the Mercy tradition we encourage our community to seek knowledge, to nurture curiosity and to love learning".

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## **From the Principal**

One of the most profound changes in the last 25 years has been the emphasis given to the fundamental role that fathers play in the growth and development of children. This Sunday is Fathers' Day and an opportunity for us to celebrate those men in our lives who have nourished and guided us whether as fathers, grandfathers, other relatives or other significant men in our lives. This week's prayer gives thanks to them,

### *A Fathers' Day Prayer*

*God our Father,*

*We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.*

*We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation;*

*May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.*

*We pray for all those fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering;*

*May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.*

*We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.*

*We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers*

*who are no longer with us*

*but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.*

*Amen.*

## **Our Lady of Mercy Mass**

Today the school community will have come together to celebrate the College's charism of mercy through a whole school mass. Thanks in advance to those responsible for the mass, Mrs. Jo-Anne Saunders and Fr. Matthew Thomas, as well as everyone who contributed through reading, singing or behind the scenes.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the Sisters of Mercy for the enormous contribution that they have made over many decades to each of our local communities. Today is a particularly special day for those Sisters who had a connection with the St Thomas' Parish community in Terang; after more than 100 years, Sr. Aileen's move to Geelong completes this service to the St. Thomas' Primary School and community. I am sure it was a fabulous day for all involved.

## **Wellbeing Issues**

Notwithstanding my belief that our students (your children) attend one of the safest and most pastorally caring schools in Victoria, it is imperative that we always seek to maintain or even increase these high standards.

A couple of important wellbeing initiatives have been or are about to be undertaken at Mercy Regional College in this area:

- A number of our senior female staff have put together a half day presentations next Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September that is titled "Be Confident, Be Strong, Be You" and is being offered to all girls at Years 9 – 11. We believe that it is fundamentally important to provide young women (and men) with accurate information for them to make mature decisions in areas such as mental health, respectful relationships, sexual health and body image. Such information is best delivered in an environment where it can be discussed and reflected upon in light of the core values of Mercy Regional College.


All parents with girls in Year 9 – 11 should have received a letter outlining the morning and I encourage you to read through this carefully. The letter includes a form to allow you have your children opt out of the program.

- Lesa Thornton and I are in the process of sending home a letter to Year 11 parents regarding our concerns about patterns of behavior observed amongst our Year 11 boys.  
In particular, a number of them have struggled to take responsibility for their own inappropriate actions or see the need to take some responsibility when inappropriate behavior occurs in a larger group. It is frustrating and quite un-Mercy-like for young men who are approaching Year 12 to simply shrug their shoulders and look blankly if called to account for an incident in the yard or corridor. I ask that all parents support us in dealing with these behaviours.

### **Employment Opportunity**

The College is currently advertising for a College receptionist to assist our administration team at the McAuley Campus. The role is a contract position running from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

A copy of the advertisement is included below.



**Mercy Regional College** is one of the leading Catholic co-educational schools in the south west region of Victoria, with campuses located at Camperdown and Noorat (6km from Terang).

Applications are invited for the following full-time position at the College's McAuley Campus

- **College Receptionist**

The position will run from Monday, September 14 - Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

A role description can be found on the College website.

**Applications close 9.00am Wednesday, September 9, 2015.**

Applications in writing, including a completed application form (located on the College website [www.mercy.vic.edu.au](http://www.mercy.vic.edu.au)) can be emailed to [principal@mercy.vic.edu.au](mailto:principal@mercy.vic.edu.au) or posted addressed to:

**Dr Darren Egberts**  
Principal  
**Mercy Regional College**  
PO Box 152  
Camperdown VIC 3260

### **Our core business – Teaching and Learning**

A couple of points in relation to the importance of learning and teaching at Mercy Regional College. In the midst of the busyness of our lives and especially that of a school, it is easy to forget or just devalue the importance of learning and teaching, they are the reasons for existence:

- Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for next Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 4.00 – 8.30pm in the de Chantal Stadium and provide the most crucial opportunity for you to dialogue with your child's teachers and support the fundamental

partnership between teachers and parents. Interviews are arranged through PTOOnline, please contact College Reception if you are having problems with the program.

- Many Mercy families have taken the opportunity in recent weeks to have time away from the cold Western Victorian winter on family holidays; these breaks provide both wonderful memories and valuable rest. I encourage students on their return from family holidays to ensure that they touch base with all teachers on work that may have been missed and to minimise time away from school in the weeks following a family holiday.

### **Student and Staff Activities**

With term 3 coming to a close, a number of important school activities are of note:

- Next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September, our intrepid Battlefields travelers fly out of Australia bound for France, Belgium and the UK. We wish them very well on what promises to be a most moving, educational and exciting adventure.
- **Save the Date (Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October) – Lake to Lake Fun Run.** As will be heavily advertised over the next month or so, the College will be hosting a day of fun and perspiration at the Camperdown Golf Club to benefit local hospitals. Organised by the College's student leaders, it will include runs and walks of different length plus a range of other activities.
- This week, the O'Keeffe Campus hosted 60+ prospective 2016 Year 7 students in the first of two transition days. They were days marked by equal parts nerves and excitement. Thanks to James Castles, Dan Glennen and the O'Keeffe staff who looked after the students so well.
- Congratulations to all the students, staff and families who made last Wednesday night's Instrumental Music Evening such a success. It is always special to see the fruits of long hours of practice come to fruition. Special thanks to Ms. Janet Backhaus for the magnificent job she does in coordinating the music evening.
- The last fortnight also saw an information evening for next year's Cambodia Immersion trip, students participating the annual Mercy schools' Frayne Public Speaking Festival and the second Think Tank day. Well done to everyone involved in these.

Yours in Mercy,



**DR. DARREN EGBERTS**  
PRINCIPAL

## Deputy Principal - Wellbeing

*Mr. Kerin Glennen*

Depression is not a fleeting sadness, but a pervasive and relentless sense of despair.

*(Professor Scott Henderson)*

Feeling sad, irritable or anxious most of the time is not a normal part of adolescence. Everyone is sad or down sometimes and they may be an appropriate response to a particular situation. These feelings should only last a very short time, usually hours or days, and will not interfere with day to day activities in a major way.

*(Carr-Gregg and Shale 2002)*

However depression is more than a short-term sadness: it is a serious health problem. When the sad or down mood along with other symptoms lasts two weeks or more, the condition may be desperation

*(Youth - youthbeyoneblue)*

Depression causes significant distress and impairs a person's ability to cope or perform.

- It is not a character flaw or sign of weakness.
- It is a medical illness just like diabetes or asthma.
- It causes persistent changes to a person's thought, mood, behaviour and effects their enjoyment of life.

These are only some of the changes in a person's demeanour.

### When should you worry?

Depression in an adolescent may be indicated by uncharacteristic behaviour such as withdrawing socially, dropping in performance at school, using drugs, or engaging in risky behavior.

### What should you do?

Look for and symptoms of depression.

Listen to your adolescent and talk with them about how you are concerned about them and seek help if you are concerned or go to your local doctor

The most important thing is to do something.

## Frayne Speech Festival

*Mrs. Chamon Vogels*

Last Friday a group of Mercy Regional College students Year 11 students headed to Melbourne to compete at a prestigious speech competition for Mercy schools across Australia.

The Frayne Speech Festival is an annual public speaking competition between Mercy affiliated schools. Many of our students have proudly represented us over the years.

In the public speaking section, Gemma Lees delivered a polished speech on 'It's not easy being green.' The

judges were impressed with her imaginative efforts and flawless delivery but just missed out on beating other competitors.

Public debating students in the affirmative group for the topic of 'That the life of a teenager is easier today than it was 40 years ago' were Stephanie Hibburt (first speaker), Emma Lucas (2nd speaker) and Jordyn Hickey (3rd speaker). It was a fine performance with solid arguments and supporting evidence which saw the team take out first place in their section. However on overall points, they missed out on a spot in the final.

In the negative group on the topic of 'That failure to immunise a child should be a criminal offence' Caitlin Williams (first speaker, Austin Evans (second speaker) and Jordyn Hickey (third speaker) showed some prowess in their delivery but competition proved too strong.

Support crew Matt Harty and Austin Evans provided a helping hand to the team in preparation leading up to the competition and support on the day.





## Grandparents/Special Friend Day

*Report by Ruby Poustie*

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August, Mercy Regional College warmly invited all Year 7 student's grandparents or a special friend to the O'Keeffe campus to spend time with their grandchildren or younger friend, and be shown around the school.

Grandparents and friends began showing up at 10am and were given a thorough tour of the school by their grandchildren or younger friend. The tour included the art room, the library, the home rooms, the science room and basically every other nook and cranny of the school. In 7D, the students had written about one of their grandparents in preparation for the special day, and many grandparents went to look at the work of their grandchildren, and were very pleased.

Archie McBean and Anna Cole said a prayer for everyone in the multi-purpose area, and Charlie Scanlon and Amy Vogels each gave a speech about somebody from their past, Charlie's great-grandfather, who was the first ambulance driver in Terang, and Amy gave a speech about her great-grandparent's farm, which has been passed down in the family.

Isabel Rowan on the flute and Stacy Riches on the bagpipes delighted everyone with their Irish jigs and heaps of people were tapping their feet to the beat. Then Ben Atkins, Archie Pollard, Sam Newcombe, Meg Pickles, Hayley Wason, Monique McKay, Stacy Riches, Isabel Rowan, Grace Moloney and Bec Uebergang performed Riptide by Vance Joy, which was amazing. The performances finished at the start of recess and the grandparents and special friends headed to the Food Tech room for a snack and drink.

When recess finished, the students found their grandparents or special friends and led them to their respective home rooms. In each home room, the students did different activities with their guests. Some asked questions about their guests' school life, some just got to know each other and some just had a good old chat.

Everybody enjoyed the day very much. Lots of grandparents said how much schooling has changed since their day (for the better) and they also agreed that Grandparents/Special Friend Day was a great idea.



## Instrumental Concert

*Ms. Janet Backhous - Instrumental Co-coordinator*

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, the Mercy Community enjoyed our Annual Instrumental Concert. And, once again, it was a night to remember!!!

The evening began with a performance by Stacey Riches who delighted us with her bagpipes. We then enjoyed 21 performances both individual and group, on a wide selection of instruments. We sincerely thank all of our amazing students who performed at our concert.

Congratulations - Joshua Newcombe, Mitch Wyss, Zane Searle, Ebony Reynolds, Stacey Riches, Archie Pollard, James Hallyburton, Ben Atkins, Jack Hands, Lauren Huth, Tara Suri, Jacob Bone, Sondi Guthrie, Hayley Wason, Sam Newcombe, Isabel Rowan, Demby Mc Kenzie, Brigitte MacDonald, Samantha Mc Kay, Hayley Riches, Faith Thornton, Sarah Pekin, Charlie Darcy, Jordan Hickey, Laura Hickey, Oliver Darcy, Charlie Darcy, Seth Wright-Corneby.

The night ended with a supper, and parents, students and teachers having a chance to discuss and share their enjoyment. These discussions were accompanied by Mr. Chris Barks, our amazing sound engineer, putting on dance music; the multi-purpose area was jumping as the students celebrated with the energy that only the young have at that time of night. It was pure joy!!! Thank you, Chris! You work tirelessly, and give so generously of your time and talents to ensure that our sound enhances the work of our students. You are amazing!

I would also like to especially acknowledge and thank Mr. Luke Bouchier. Luke always encourages and helps our students before and during our musical events. He rehearses with many students, and this year he helped Brigitte MacDonald workshop and prepare her original song so that she could debut her work at our concert. It was a brilliant song, Brigitte!! Luke also sets up and operates sound and lighting equipment, accompanies singers, performs with the staff and student bands, and makes sure everyone has the opportunity to participate positively. Thank you Luke! You inspire us all to create beautiful music.

It was a wonderful night, and on behalf of the students I would like to thank all of our staff. You love what you do and it shows in our students work.

Thank you -

Mr. Peter Sharp - Guitar Teacher, Singer.

Ms. Michelle Mackinnon – Piano teacher.

Ms. Kelly Kerr - Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone Teacher

Mr. Tony Forbes - Guitar Teacher and Singer.

Mr. Luke Bouchier - Teacher, Singer, Guitarist, Lights, Sound and Everything.

Mrs. Annette Price – Supper.

Mr. Mark Evans - Assisting with setting up.

Mr. Brendon Norman - Assisting with preparation, setting up, pack-up and photography.

Mrs. Jenni Lenehan – Program.

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



Lauren Huth



Jack Hands



Tony Forbes  
and Tara Suri



Hayley Wason



Zane Searle



## Year 7 Humanities

Mrs. Sharyn Grinter

### Artefact - Research and Presentations

As part of our work in the History unit on "Uncovering the Past" the students, again this year, were assigned the task of sourcing an item that is a valued part of their family history.

They were required to present this to the class along with the necessary researched information about the background and why it is a precious item or information to those concerned.

Thanks to all families who assisted their daughters and sons with this assignment, it is always a favourite among staff who look forward to the wide variety of artefacts and stories that are brought along and told.



*Sienna Buckle - Great Great Grandfather vase made from WW1 Shell.*



*Adam van Donk - Great Grandfather's Army Belt.*



*Robert Hibbert - Great Grandfather's life story.*



*Laneice Bond - Great Grandma's Posy Holder.*



*Oliver Wright - Ornaments bought during the war by Great Grandfather.*



## Head of O'Keeffe Campus

*Mr. James Castles*

### **HCSN Transition Day & Country Kids Day**

This week the O'Keeffe Campus hosted Grade 6 students from around the district for our Country Kids Day and the HCSN Transition Day. These days were activity based and gave students a greater understanding of Mercy Regional College. The activities included woodwork with Mr. Baker, playing netball, soccer, and team building skills with our PE staff. Although it was fair to say that baking chocolate chip biscuits in Food Technology with Mrs. Grinter was the highlight for many students. Staff at the O'Keeffe Campus commented on the excellent behaviour and respect shown by all transition students which was a credit to the primary schools, parents, and families. It's was also pleasing to see friendship develop and students connecting with future teachers and staff members.



### **HCSN Day**

As part of the transition program, Mrs. Emily Stephens and Mr. James Castles were invited to attend the Hampden Catholic School Network Grade 6 excursion to Melbourne. The day was a great opportunity to meet future Mercy students and help build relationship which will help support the transition from Grade 6 to Year 7 in 2016. The highlights of the day included, MCG Tour, Science works, and visiting St Patrick Cathedral (see photo below). Thank you to all HCSN schools for a wonderful day.





## Enhanced Learning Coordinator

*Mrs. Leesa Henriksen*

### **Think Tank Day**

There were lots of tired brains on Wednesday after our 'Think Tank Day' at O'Keeffe Campus. This day provides an opportunity for some students in Year 7 to 10 to get together and be challenged to 'think outside the square' and be involved in problem solving activities.

It began with a STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths) challenge to design build and test a catapult. Students were only given select materials to use and had 20 minutes to complete the project. Marshmallows and counters were used as projectiles as students tested for accuracy and power!

A 'Tournament of the Minds' facilitator visited us from Melbourne in the middle block and provided the students with an insight into problem solving and skills needed to work well as a team. Students were given lots of spontaneous problems to solve. It was a very funny session with lots of clever wit and humour being shown!

Rebecca Bailey an ex Mercy student visited us in the afternoon to enlighten us on her journey in gaining a university degree in Biomedical Engineering. She had an extensive list of university and work place experiences she shared with us. Rebecca spoke fondly of her years at Mercy and mentioned on a number of occasions the opportunities and support Mercy offered her and how grateful she is that she used these.

We finished with a chat with Mrs. Jenny Phillips about careers and I think students were already pondering what lay ahead for them in their career journey.

A great day was had by all involved and an excellent opportunity to mix with peers across different year levels.





## Year 10 Girls Retreat

*Mrs. Leesa Henriksen*

Stephanie, Chelsea, Shelbie, Sherry and Manami put together this reflection on the Year 10 Girls Retreat.

We came along to camp today,  
it was a chance to get away.  
We started with a talk from John,  
It left us with something to ponder on.  
We saw some very graphic scenes,  
A meaningful message for all us teens.  
Our decisions and actions affect us all,  
sometimes our choices are a tough call.  
Astrid opened our eyes to see,  
the wonderful things that we could be.  
We make our choices we have to think  
smart,  
we want to be heard when we speak from  
our heart.  
Life is short you have to be kind,  
Beauty is also what's in your mind.



## Homework/Study Classes Proving a Hit!

*Mrs. Chamon Vogels*

Students are taking advantage of homework/study classes currently being held at the O'Keefe campus – sharing their knowledge and enjoying the company whilst receiving support if needed.

Year 7 and 8 students are now able to access the library on Thursdays after school from 3:10 to 4:00pm for homework and study.

Head of Junior Teaching and Learning Dan Glennen said a number of students are now gathering at this time and the library was providing a nice quiet space for them to complete tasks or study.

"A variety of teachers are available on a regular basis for support and we also offer lunchtime classes on a Monday and Thursday for students to catch up or get ahead."

He said that all students were encouraged and welcome to attend. "It might be a regular thing for some students or just a 'now and then' needed-basis for others who struggle to find time for unfinished work and study.



## Head of Sport

*Mr. Matt Harkin*

Jacoba Mungean was involved in a major bowls tournament recently in Warrnambool, please see her report below. Louis Cain also competed at the same event and finished 4th overall in the under 18 male section - a terrific effort.

Last week I participated in the 46th Australian Indoor Bias Bowls National Championships in Warrnambool. Instead of playing for Victoria I played for Queensland, as Victoria had an abundance of juniors and Queensland needed extra participants.

On Monday we had an open fours tournament in which you could play with whomever you wanted in. My team won that section and I scored \$30.

On Tuesday we started the Junior singles Championships, in which we played two games a day until Saturday where we played one. By the end of the week I had put together three wins, and had a few close losses.

With this being my first year playing I am very happy with the way I bowled throughout the tournament. -  
*Jacoba Mungean*



## Running Club

In 2015, the Running Club has once again been a very successful event with 40-50 Mercy Regional College and St Pat's students participating in the run every Wednesday morning. The run begins at 7.20am with the students running anywhere between 3km-10km and it has been great to see improvements in the students' fitness at only week 6. We have also loved seeing participation from staff and parents who come along each morning and friends who joined in at our 'Bring a Friend' day.

After the run, the students are provided with breakfast thanks to our major sponsors being Safeway, Camperdown Dairy and Loaf and Lounge.

On 18<sup>th</sup> October, 40 Running Club members will travel to Melbourne and put their hard training during the term to the test by participating in the Melbourne Marathon. The students will run either 5km, 10km or 21km and we wish them the best of luck for this event and hope their training with the Running Club continues to prepare them for their run.

At halfway through the program, the Running Club has been a great success and we would like to congratulate those who have participated every week. Anyone who is interested is still welcome to come along for a run on Wednesday mornings to see how it all works. We will be continuing with the program until the Melbourne Marathon.





## Lake 2 Lake Fun Run

*Sam Watt & Laura Kemp - Communications Captains*

The Year 12 leadership group and members of staff in conjunction with major sponsor Charles Stewart Real Estate have been working very hard on coordinating this year's annual Lake 2 Lake Fun Run. A fundraising fun run/walk held between Camperdown's Lake Gnotuk and Lake Bullen Merri to benefit local hospitals of the area. This year Timboon Hospital will be receiving the proceeds raised from the event which will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October (the last Sunday of the Term 3 holidays).

Kicking off at 1pm the activities will be run in combination with a barbecue and other attractions to ensure the event will hopefully draw a crowd and be a success. Everyone from the school and the wider community are encouraged to head along to the day to participate in the activities and also be a part of the day itself, after all it is for the benefit of our local hospitals.

**We hope to see you there on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm.**



**LAKE TO LAKE FUN RUN**

**LAKE 2 LAKE**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

4km WALK/RUN - 8km RUN

REGISTRATION 1pm - 1:45pm

HOSPITAL FUN RUN & WALK

**Come along and join us on our Lake to Lake Fun Run...All proceeds going to our local hospitals**

**Sunday 11th October**

**4km walk/run or 8km run**

**Registration 1pm-1:45pm**

**At Camperdown Golf Club**

**\$5 Entry fee**

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## Safety Talk

*Mrs. Lydia Darcy*

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August, Police Officers Trudy Moreland and John Keats visited our Year 9's to talk about appropriate technology use and staying safe online.

The officers spoke about using social media and its potential impacts, digital offences including unauthorised sharing of images, and cyber bullying as well as online scams. Importantly, John and Trudy also discussed the need for us to trust our own instincts; and staying safe from online predators, looking out for our mates and what to do if we need help. The session was particularly interesting as Trudy and John shared experiences from real life cases they have worked on, and was a timely reminder for us all to take care with passwords and privacy settings.



## Clay Shooting at Noorat

*Mr. Dean Ludeman*

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 17 students from Years 7-11 competed in the South West Zone Clay Shooting Championships at the Noorat gun Club

With nearly 350 competing on the day, the quality of the competition was at the highest standard. Our student's performed very well with Luella Foster and Ethan Domney securing a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their respective divisions, both through tense shoot-offs.

Well done to all the students who competed.





## Mathematics Challenge Results

*Mrs. Melissa Wood- Mathematics Domain Leader*

Towards the end of last term we had a number of students participate in the Australian Mathematics Challenge. This is a competition that operates to encourage a greater interest in, and awareness of, the power of Mathematics.

The Challenge is composed of five difficult questions; students must use their problem solving ability and apply their understanding of mathematical concepts in order to successfully solve these problems. Congratulations to all of the students who participated.

### Year 7

Patrick Ryan	Distinction
Jack Aitken	Distinction
Tess Lourey	Distinction
Adam Van Donk	Distinction
Laura Bentley	Distinction
Robert Hibburt	Credit
Samuel Newcombe	Credit
Amy Vogels	Credit
Charlie Scanlon	Credit
Cameron Vagg	Credit
Hayley Wasson	Credit
Oliver Wright	Participation
Lachlan Gass	Participation
Ruby Poustie	Participation
Jack Toose	Participation
Archie McBean	Participation
Anna Cole	Participation

### Year 8

Emma Bath	High Distinction
Tully Watt	Distinction
Stephen Papelera	Distinction
Tadgh Dwyer	Credit
Nina Parker	Credit
Ruby Absalom	Credit
Luke Urek	Credit
Hayden Brett	Participation
Nathan Wyss	Participation
Toby Mahony	Participation
	Participation

### Year 9

Joshua Newcombe	High Distinction
Gabrielle Beaver	High Distinction
Brianna Gass	Distinction
Eliza Johnstone	Distinction
Ebony Davis	Credit
Luke Lenehan	Participation
Abbey Vines	Participation
Sophie Rowan	Participation
Martin Robbins	Participation

### Year 10

Samuel Bath	Participation
Manami Furusawa	Participation
Chloe Gibson	Participation

## Term 3/4 Dates

### Monday 7 September

\* Literary Day - O'Keeffe Campus

### Wednesday 9 September

\* P/T/S Interviews, McAuley Campus (4:00 - 8:30PM)

### Thursday 10 September

\* Greater Western Basketball Year 7 & 8

### Friday 11 September

\* MRC Battlefields Tour departs

### Monday 14 September

\* Mercy Parents' Consultative Group (5:00 - 6:30 PM)

### Tuesday 15 September

\* MRC Board Meeting (7:30 PM)

### Friday 18 September

**\* Term 3 concludes**

### Monday 5 October

**\* Term 4 commences**

### Wednesday 7 October

Year 9 Melbourne Camp

### Thursday 8 October

Year 9 Melbourne Camp

### Friday 9 October

Year 9 Melbourne Camp  
Greater Western Athletics

**FRANCE AND BELGIUM BATTLEFIELDS TOUR 2015**



Finally, after months of preparation we depart for Paris next Friday. Most of us will depart by bus on Friday morning and we will gather at Melbourne Airport three hours before departure. We will arrive in Paris early on Saturday morning their time, and we will have a guided tour of this wonderful, cosmopolitan city before checking into the hotel. Our hotel is near the Place Clichy and a short walk from the artist's district of Montmartre and the church of Sacre Coeur. In Paris we will visit the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, and the Palace of Versailles and spend time wandering the boulevards of this wonderful city.

We will then travel by coach to the famous First World War battlefields of the Somme region. The students have been studying a soldier or nurse who served in the war and some of these were killed. While visiting this region we will attempt to visit as many sites relevant to these studies as we can. We will be in Amiens for two nights and we will also spend some time roaming the streets of this ancient city that has stood at the crossroads of French history for a thousand years.

When we leave Amiens we will travel north via the battlefield sites of Bullecourt and Fromelles familiar to most Australians as places of tragedy and heroism from 1916 and 1917. We will then arrive at Ypres where we will stay three nights while we explore the battlefields around this fascinating Belgian town.



The site of three major offensive battles in 1914, 1915 and 1917, Ypres entered into the Australian story with the Third Battle of Ypres in 1917-often known as Passchendaele. Many of those whom we have studied are buried in the fields around Ypres or remembered at the Menin Gate, a memorial to 54,000 British Empire soldiers killed in the region who have no known grave. Every night since 1927, the Last Post Association has conducted a simple Last Post ceremony in the memory of those who died. Again this year we will lay a wreath at the ceremony on behalf of our school and school community. We will also have a half day in

Bruges about an hour from Ypres which is a medieval town and whose old buildings and streets remain preserved despite the wars that have passed through them.

Our final three nights will be spent in London where we will visit all the sights that this great city has to offer as well as tours of Oxford and Windsor Castle. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young people and will open up a vision of the wider world that will remain with them forever. I thank all members of the school and district community for their interest and support for our journey.







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RiST would like to invite you to the:

## 2015 INFORMATION SESSION

Monday 7th September 2015 - 4pm to 6pm or 7pm to 9pm

The RiST Centre, 915 Mt Napier Rd, Hamilton

This is a great opportunity to learn more about RiST and to see what study options are available for 2015/16. Along with presentations, staff will be on hand to provide specific details and answer any questions you may have about the following programs:

- Diploma of Agriculture (AHC 50110)
- Traineeships in Agriculture (School Based/Full Time)
- Certificate III in Wool Clip Preparation (AHC 33010)
- Certificate IV in Wool Classing (AHC 41310)
- Shearing Schools
- Lifetime Ewe Management & Lifetime Weaners
- Dog Schools, Farm Chemical Handling
- Short Courses

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# All things VTAC

September 2015

## VTAC Application Checklist



### TO DO

**Registration:** Created a VTAC Account

**Initial course application:** Put in at least one course. You can change your preferences (add/delete/reorder) until 10 November and then again between 23 November – 21 December (FOR MOST COURSES).

**Courses- extra requirements:** You have made of list of what you need to do for courses that have additional selection criteria other than just the ATAR (i.e., interviews, forms, folios, auditions, compulsory info sessions).

**SEAS application:** Completed your application, making sure you have checked your eligibility for each of the four categories.

**SEAS documentation:** Posted off any supporting statements or other documentation required by VTAC.

**Scholarship application:** Completed your application

**Scholarship documentation:** Posted off any supporting statements or other documentation required by VTAC

**Application fee:** You have paid the \$29 processing fee

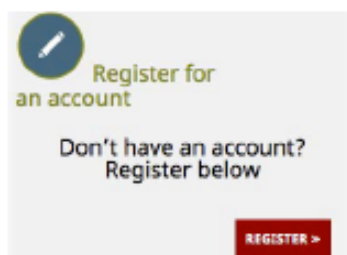
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# All things VTAC

## Step 1: Create a VTAC Account

1. Go to [www.vtac.edu.au/](http://www.vtac.edu.au/)
2. Click on 'Register for an account'
3. Work through the steps. You will need your VCAA ID number will be your VCAA student number and you can make up your own 4-digit pin.



## Step 2: Apply for courses

1. Go to [www.vtac.edu.au/](http://www.vtac.edu.au/)
2. Click on Login with your ID and Pin and enter your VTAC ID and Pin (this has been emailed to you).
3. Select the course application link
4. Work through the steps

## Step 3: Pay Registration Fee

1. Login to your VTAC Account
2. Select the payment link
3. You can pay the one off \$29 application fee via BPay or Credit/Debit card.

## Step 4: Complete SEAS

1. Work out your eligibility for any of the four categories by exploring the VTAC SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme) site- <http://bit.ly/1PG8zl4>
2. Login to your VTAC Account
3. Click on the SEAS link and apply for any of the 4 categories that you are eligible for.
4. Make sure you organise supporting statements and any other required documentation and post them with the SEAS document cover letter to VTAC by 6 Oct.

## Step 5: Complete Scholarships

1. Read about the scholarship application process and required evidence here- <http://bit.ly/1Kxa6kh>
2. Login to your VTAC Account
3. Click on the scholarships link and work through the steps.
4. Make sure you organise supporting statements and any other required documentation and post them with the Scholarships document cover letter to VTAC by 16 October.
5. Don't apply for scholarships if you are deferring.



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# Tertiary Scholarships

**Four scholarships of \$7,500 per year.**

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**The Victorian dairy industry is an exciting industry with a multitude of career opportunities, employing approximately 50,000 people in diverse jobs ranging from engineering to international trade.**

Gardiner Dairy Foundation is proud to offer tertiary scholarships to four individuals residing in Victorian dairy communities, commencing studies in 2016 to pursue a career that will either directly benefit the dairy industry and/or benefit small dairy communities.

Successful applicants will be:

- Pursuing a career that will either directly benefit the dairy industry and/or benefit small dairy communities
- Commencing their first year of full-time tertiary study in 2016 (University or TAFE)
- Required to move away from home to take up their chosen course
- Australian citizens

**Please Visit:**

**[www.gardinerfoundation.com.au/  
programs/scholarship.htm](http://www.gardinerfoundation.com.au/programs/scholarship.htm)**



## U2 Fitness Centre, Warrnambool

U2 Fitness Centre, Warrnambool runs courses through the Australian Institute of Personal Training at our facility. Our courses include Certificate 3 & 4 in Fitness, and there is also the option to include a Diploma of Business (online).

Our next course commences on 9<sup>th</sup> October, and is ran at our facility through a series of workshops over 8 weeks. The sessions include every Friday night (6pm-9pm) and every second Saturday (8am-3pm) over the 8 weeks. The students will also have their own work to be completed online within 12 months. The Diploma of Business is completed online also within 12 months.

Learning within a fitness facility is very beneficial to the students as they are able to practically apply what they are studying as they go, which helps them to gain knowledge, experience and confidence right from the start.

**We are holding an information hour at our facility on next Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm for anyone who is interested in finding out more – anyone is welcome!**

Enrolment forms for the Certificate 3 & 4 in Fitness, and the Certificate 3 & 4 in Fitness bundled with the Diploma in Fitness can be obtained by contacting me at the email address below. At the moment there is an awesome Early Bird special offering the Cert 3 & 4 with the Diploma for an upfront payment of only \$490! This is a massive saving of over \$4,000.

For further questions please contact me by phone or email at the centre:

Beth Moncrieff  
U2 Fitness Centre  
5562 4400  
[u2fitwb@aussiebb.com.au](mailto:u2fitwb@aussiebb.com.au)



## NOTICES

### **CORANGAMITE RELAY FOR LIFE 27-28 FEBRUARY 2016 NOORAT RECREATION RESERVE**

Our 2016 event is to be held at Noorat in February 2016. We have an information/registration night at 6pm at the Noorat Recreation Reserve on 19 October. All registrations on line will be \$20, however paper registrations will be \$25. If you need assistance, please ring Trish on 0434926732. A Team Captain meeting will be held later in the year and again just before the event. This is our 6<sup>th</sup> event around the Corangamite Shire and we hope to have a great turn out of participants for this worthwhile cause. If you think you can help the Committee with ideas or assistance please contact Trish. Looking forward to your support.



The banner is purple with white and yellow text and graphics. On the left is the Cancer Council logo (a yellow flower). Next to it is a yellow arrow pointing right with the text 'Hope Lives Here'. To the right of the arrow is a white crescent moon and a yellow flower, with the text 'RELAY FOR LIFE' and 'Cancer Council' below it. On the far right, the text reads: 'Register. Participate. Donate. 1300 65 65 85', 'facebook.com/RelayForLifeAustralia', and 'relayforlife.org.au'.

#### **Camperdown Little Athletics Centre**



#### ***Family, Fun and Fitness!***

Little Athletics is back again for 2015-16  
For all Girls and Boys, 5 to 16 years of age.

**Registration pack collection  
and Come and Try Night Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 4pm.**

**Competition commences Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 4.20pm**

*Venue: Aths Track, Fuller/Frederick St (behind Basketball Stadium)*

Please register online at [www.lavic.com.au](http://www.lavic.com.au) and click on McDonalds Registration logo  
(Cost \$120 for entire 15/16 season)

For additional information, contact  
Mick Kavenagh (Pres.) 0407353923 or Kathy Hallyburton (Registrar) 0419671300

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# Secondary School Holiday Program

## Sept/Oct 2015



Got anything planned for these holidays? Why not head along to one of the Corangamite Shire holiday activities. Great day out, plenty of things to do!!!

These school holidays the activities will be...

### Melbourne Show

#### Tuesday 22 September

Cost: \$35 per student & \$45 per adult - Includes return bus trip and entry into Melbourne Show  
BYO lunch and spending money

Buses	Depart	Return
Timboon Senior Citizens	8.00 am	7.00 pm
Cobden Civic Centre	8.30 am	6.30 pm
Camperdown Killara	8.45 am	6.15 pm



### Luna Park, Melbourne

#### Friday 2 October

Cost: \$35 per child & \$45 per adult - Includes return bus trip, unlimited rides at Luna Park  
BYO lunch and spending money

Buses	Depart	Return
Timboon Senior Citizens	8.00 am	7.00 pm
Cobden Civic Centre	8.30 am	6.35 pm
Camperdown Killara	8.45 am	6.15 pm
Lismore Post Office	9.20 am	5.45 pm



Bookings are essential for all holiday program activities. Please call 5593 7100 to book your place in advance. For further information please contact Catherine O'Flynn.

\*\*\*The Corangamite Shire reserves the right to alter or cancel any holiday program activity at any time. Activities run subject to bookings\*\*\*

### Home

Wednesday 23 September  
Screening from 1.30pm  
Food & drink available for purchase



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### Cinderella

Wednesday 30 September  
Screening from 1.30pm  
Food & drink available for purchase



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