**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 2016**
“Through the Mercy tradition we seek to act with love, fairness, tolerance and compassion to all”.

In churches across the world this Sunday, congregations will be celebrating Palm Sunday and Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. On arrival, he was greeted as a triumphant king and seen as a messiah whose mission was to overthrow the Jews’ historical oppressors; yet the truth was quite different. His mission was to bring the Good News, to proclaim and live it out even if it meant his own persecution and execution.

Today’s prayer celebrates those who call for justice and the Reign of God:

*Trust in God who know all our needs,*  
For peace among the world’s nations and peoples,  
For the gift of prayer among God’s people  
For those who are frightened, poor and hungry,  
For those searching for hope and meaning,  
For all who have died, and for all who mourn.  
God of life and all that is good,  
We long for you and seek to know the way that leads to you.  
Open our hearts to welcome the message of Jesus  
And so receive the life he brings.  
Amen

**Mercy Regional College Board of Management**
The Mercy Regional College Board has a fundamental governance and oversight function which is defined in the College’s Constitution. In particular, the Board provides an important consultative role in tasks such as policy development, financial management and, when necessary, in the appointment of the College principal. The Board meets eight times a year on the evening of the third Tuesday and, last week, held our 2015 AGM and March general meeting.

The membership of the Board should broadly represent the various local communities that constitute Mercy Regional College; last week’s AGM saw two members finishing their time on the Board and two new people were appointed. At this time, I would like to offer sincere thanks to Mr. Gerard Ryan who has been Board Chairperson for five years and to Mrs. Jenny Phillips who has completed two years as Staff representative. I welcome Mr. Michael Scanlon and Mr. Chris Grant.

**College Board**
- Fr. Matthew Thomas  
  Canonical Administrator  
  Parish Priest  
  St Patrick’s Camperdown
- Fr. Gerry Prunty  
  Canonical Administrator  
  Parish Priest  
  Terang & Mortlake
- Dr. Darren Egberts  
  Principal  
  Chairperson
- Mrs. Rachael Johnstone  
  Catholic Education Office  
  Ballarat
- Mr. Bill Slatter  
  Staff representative
- Mr. Michael McKenzie  
  HCSN representative
- Mrs. Ida Bone  
  Parent
- Mrs. Trish Gibson  
  Parent
- Mr. Michael Scanlon  
  Parent
- Mrs. Lynn Wadley  
  MRC Business Manager
- Mrs. Sue Bohm  
  Executive Secretary

Please feel free to make contact with any of our College Board members if you feel there is a matter that needs to be raised with us.

**Mercy Parents’ Consultative Group**
As I have highlighted in previous newsletters, the Mercy Parents’ Consultative Group is an important means by which parents can have open and constructive dialogue with me about developments or issues at Mercy. It is open to all parents and I would love to see some parents new to Mercy join us next Monday 21st March at 5.00pm in the Board Room, McAuley Campus.
Presentation Ball
On the evening of Friday 4th March, I had the great privilege of attending this year’s Mercy Regional College Presentation Ball at Glenormiston College. This year’s ball was an outstanding success; it highlighted how the Ball is a celebration of family, community and young people. A sincere thank you to all those who contributed to the preparation and running of the night but especially to Mrs. Rose Henry whose organisation, attention to detail and calmness under pressure made the event ensure that the event ran seamlessly. Special congratulations to the young men and women who made the Ball a memorable event; throughout the Ball and its associated activities, they conducted themselves with maturity and good humour.

Parent Teacher Interviews
A reminder that the first set of Parent Teacher Interviews are being held on Wednesday 23rd March (4.00 – 8.30pm) and Thursday 24th March (9.00am – 1.00pm). They are a very important opportunity for you, your children and teachers to meet to discuss how the year has started and opportunities for improvement. Arrangements for booking appointment times are as they have been in the last few years electronically through the College’s Parent Access Module – please contact Mr. Chris Grant or College Reception if you are in need of assistance with this. If a teacher you would like to see is fully booked or on leave, please feel free to ask them to ring you or make another appointment to talk about your son or daughter’s progress.

Student and Staff Activities
A number of significant staff and student activities to acknowledge and celebrate:
- Early tomorrow morning, a group of Mercy students and staff depart for Cambodia on the first Cambodia Immersion trip. An enormous amount of preparation has been undertaken by all involved and I am sure that this work plus the energy and enthusiasm of those involved will ensure that the trip is an outstanding success.
- Last night, a substantial number of Mercy Regional College and St Patrick’s Primary School staff plus local parishioners joined Fr Matthew as he celebrated the ten year anniversary of his ordination as a priest. It was a wonderful evening that began with mass at St Patrick’s and then moved to supper at St Patrick’s School. Congratulations to Fr. Matt!
- Overnight much of our district was blessed to enjoy upwards of 15mm of rain with the arrival of a cold front, however, this front made life more challenging for our Year 8 camp at Princetown. Up to that point, students and staff had enjoyed excellent weather and great activities, no doubt we will hear how today progressed in the fullness of time.
- Congratulations to Dan Glennen, his wife Sarah and their extended families on the safe arrival yesterday of their first child, Thomas Patrick Glennen.
- Good luck to Stacey Hillman and her fiancé, Luke, who will be married tomorrow in Warrnambool.

My Long Service Leave
This newsletter article will be the last I write for several months as my family and I head off around Australia next Thursday for 14 weeks. At this point, I would like to thank my Canonical Administrators, Fr. Matt and Fr. Gerry for giving me this wonderful opportunity and to the staff of Mercy Regional College for their support.

In my absence, Mr. Chris Grant will be Acting Principal and due to Mr. Kerin Glennen currently being on leave I have appointed Mrs. Berni Sinnott as Acting Deputy Principal. I wish them both well in these roles.

Yours in Mercy,

DR. DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL

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Year 11 Presentation Ball - Friday 4th March 2016

Official Party - Dr. Darren Egberts (Principal), Mrs. Freya Egberts, Fr Gerry Prunty, Fr. Matthew Thomas, Mr. Chris Grant, Mr. Lachie Lee, Mrs. Lesa Thornton, Ms. Stacey Hillman.

Dance Instructors: Mr. Colin & Mrs. Yvonne Langley & Ms. Sue Reinheimer (Above).

Photography by Still Perfection Photography.
From the Director of RE
Mrs. Jo-Anne Saunders

Shave for a cure
2016 a resounding success!

Congratulations to the students who had their heads shaved for Leukaemia research and are now braving the cold with only hats to keep them warm. March 10th was a great day for our school. At both campuses there was an air of excitement as students: Rory Coverdale – Year 7, Jordyn Hickey and Michael Rowan – Year 12, all raised funds by having their heads shaved. Ellie Gunn – Year 11, had 30 centimetres cut from her hair to be made into a wig for those who suffer from the side effects of cancer treatments. At the O’Keeffe campus there was crazy hair spray at recess and Rory was surrounded by 14 supportive family and friends as she wore the bright orange “World’s greatest Shave” apron. All the Year 7 and 8 students counted down to the big shave and cheered her on in what was a heartfelt and beautiful sense of ‘giving’ for others.

At the McAuley Campus, the multipurpose room was packed to the brim with students who were cheering and encouraging both Michael and Jordyn during their shaves. Ellie Gunn lost her beautiful locks and quite a number of Year 11 and 12 boys were prepared to have their legs waxed to raise extra money for the occasion. Certainly a brave decision to let their friends do the waxing for them! Thanks to all the staff involved in supporting the students in any way. This was a huge team effort at both campuses and involved many people.

Overall a grand total of $3495.00 was raised for our ‘Mercy Saves’ Team to support the Leukaemia Foundation.

Cambodia Trip
Tonight our 19 Year 10 and 11 students head to Cambodia. They are off to be immersed in the Khmer culture and to learn from its history and people. With the message of the Gospels in mind, the Team are on a journey to support those who are grasping education as the most effective way to end the cycle of poverty and lack of infrastructure. Along with the provider company “Destination Dreaming”, these students, accompanied by My Ben Brisbane and Mrs Jo-Anne Saunders are going to visit both city and rural Cambodia to provide English lessons in SOLS 24/7 schools. The students are excited and eager to be underway. We ask your prayers for a safe journey and a wonderful opportunity to become ‘Global Citizens’ along the way. Please follow our journey on Facebook by liking the ‘Destination Dreaming’ page and following our Mercy Twitter feeds on the school homepage.

Our Cambodian Journey Prayer
Lord, be our guide and our protector on the journey we are about to take.
May compassion direct our actions.
May respect be our mantra and the understanding of a global community be our stance.
Help us to learn, to love and to be reasonable.
Lord, support us with Your grace when we are tired.
Help us be patient in any trouble which may come our way.
Keep us always mindful of Your presence and love.
Amen
**Year 9 Agriculture Report**

*Mr. Tony Wynd*

It has been a busy start to the year in the Ag area. In February the Year 9 Ag students went to the Sungold Field Days at Allansford. Students were given a set of questions to answer, and were required to talk to exhibitors to get information on them. From a personal point of view it was very pleasing to catch up with a number of ex-students who are now actively involved in the many facets of the agriculture industry both as farmers and also working as agronomists and in businesses associated with farming. Back at school the students were required to do a report on the field trip and write up their answers to the questions.

The Year 9s have also been learning about plant propagation at the O’Keeffe Campus and are potting out plants for the St Pat’s fete later in the year. On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March the class went to Julie and Phil Whytcross’ farm at Weerite. Here is Jake Sinnott’s Report on that visit.

The farm was originally settled by Phil’s grandparents as a soldier settler block after World War Two. It was originally around 200 acres and had a walk in dairy. Milking 80 cows then took over 3 1/2 hours. Today they have over 300 acres and milk around 180 Jerseys and takes around 2 ½ hours in a 12 a side swing over herringbone dairy. Phil has Jerseys because of their good temperament, high protein and butterfat scores. Each cow produces around 36 litres a day. Friesians produce more milk, but he prefers Jerseys and can run the equivalent of 3 jerseys to 2 Friesian cows.

The average rainfall is around 600 mm a year. 80% of the farm is arable and in winter they use the rocky barriers as feedpads for the cows. With the dry weather at present, Phil is feeding out a lot and like other farmers is finding the conditions quite difficult. The soil is mainly black clay and they produce most of their hay and silage on the farm but they have to buy grain and hay during the year. Phil has 7 acres of maize for the cows that has grown very well in spite of the dry weather. Bore water is used for watering the cattle, with the average bore depth around 20 metres down. It was a good trip and we’d like to that Julie and Phil for giving up their time to talk to us.

**Year 11 Ag Report**

This year has seen the re-introduction of Agriculture and Horticulture in the VCE curriculum after a strong show of support from students. As a result, 17 students elected to undertake this subject.

Part of the course is to undertake an enterprise, and this year we decided to do vegetable production. We were lucky enough to be given a section of land at Fr Matts. It was full of buffalo grass so after spraying it we were fortunate to have to Henry Cavarsan come in on his tractor and rotary hoe the site. This saved us many hours of hard digging! The site is now free of weeds and after finding out what we could grow over winter is now seeded with cauliflower, broccoli, peas, carrots, onions and various herbs.

Before starting the enterprise, the class looked into what is required before choosing a course of action. We were very lucky to catch up with Frank Conheady from Mt Leura Garlic, who showed us around his farm and told us what was involved before they started up the farm. Much research was done on the internet on types of garlic that would be suitable for our area, pests and diseases and also potential markets. Frank’s garlic is organically grown and all work in done mostly by hand, though they had modified some machinery for sowing and harvesting. This year 90,000 cloves will be planted by hand! All garlic imported into Australia is treated with methyl bromide to kill any diseases that may be present in them, this also has the potential to be carcinogenic. Mt Leura Garlic is naturally grown so it is healthier for you.

Two weeks ago the group also went to the Wimmera Machinery Field Days. It was an early start but it was very worthwhile as the class was able to experience first-hand the new innovations in broadacre agriculture – two areas they had to look up were the use of drones and robot tractors. Students had a set of questions to answer and also had to write up a report on the day. A couple of students were especially impressed with the large size of the machinery on show.
By the time you read this newsletter I will be on my way to sunny, 100% humid Cambodia with a group of Year 10 and 11 students. It’s a very exciting time and one that will hopefully open our eyes to how fortunate we are to live in Australia. I’m sure we will come back full of desire to make change and cherish where we live. It’s ironic that the focus of this Middle School news is how a number of students don’t think the same.

The message below has been submitted by our Middle School leaders and like us they are keen for change.

"The first thing I see in the morning is another piece of rubbish in the yard." "I hate stepping on fruit scraps on the ground during recess.” These are just some of the comments made by students and teachers about the garbage left around our school. What sort of image does this display for our school? That we disrespect our place of learning like its one giant garbage bin? We can fix this. We need to stop littering.

The rubbish makes the yard look messy, and untidy. It is disgusting for those who end stepping on them during recess, lunch and PE classes and for the staff and students who have to clean it up.

The rubbish not only makes the school look bad it makes the whole street look bad. The rubbish from our yard blows out onto the street and into the yards of people living across the road. They don’t want our rubbish making a mess that they have to clean up.

Rubbish in the yard isn’t a very hard problem to fix. All that is needed is for each person to put their rubbish in the bin instead of dropping it on the ground. If we all just simply put it in the bin, rubbish will no longer be a problem our school has.

Middle School Captains
Hopefully this message sinks in and if parents could have a chat to their families that would be much appreciated. If we could all aim to keep our school clean during term 2 then Mercy Regional College will be an even better place to study and work.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Easter break.

God bless,
Mr. Brisbane
Year 9D Locker Mayhem
Mrs. Leanne Carpenter

There would be nothing worse than arriving at school each day to walk into a bland mono-tone classroom. Well, 9Ds homeroom could be neither described as bland or monotone, not since the students have painted and decorated their locker doors. 9D was allocated one of the older classrooms to use as a homeroom base, the paint, chairs, tables and lockers, were all looking a bit tired.

As a homeroom we decided that one way of brightening up the place and allowing the class to add a personal touch would be to decorate the locker doors.

Using house paints, masking tape, spray paint, printed pictures, dishwashing detergent and PVA, the students were given the opportunity to decorate their lockers in a style of their own choosing. The students employed their artistic and creative flare to produce the collage of locker designs.

Each student has also contributed to a birthday wall and a display of helping hands. One section of wall is adorned with laminated posters the student prepared about themselves, their interests and hobbies.

The locker door decorations have definitely created some interest with the other homerooms. I have been asked countless times, “Why can’t we do this too?”

Jake Sinnott’s locker door (above) was created using house paint, dishwashing liquid and spray paint. Jake also uses this technique to decorate surf boards.
**Term 1 - 2016 Dates**

**Wednesday 23rd March**
- GWR Swimming
- Term 1 concludes for students
- Parent Teacher Interviews (4:00pm – 8:00pm)

**Thursday 24th March**
- Parent Teacher Interviews (9:00am – 1:00pm)
- Cambodia Immersion Trip commences until Tuesday 29th March.

**Term 2 - 2016 Dates**

**Monday 11th April**
- Term 2 commences

**Wednesday 13th April**
- HSSSA Athletics
- Year 11 & 12 Legal Excursion to Warrnambool

**Tuesday 19th April**
- State Swimming

**Wednesday 20th April**
- Outdoor Ed Unit 3 Camp to Ballarat & Grampians

**Thursday 21st April**
- Outdoor Ed Unit 3 Camp to Ballarat & Grampians
  - Year 7 Immunisations
  - TIS Tour for Year 12s

**Friday 22nd April**
- Outdoor Ed Unit 3 Camp to Ballarat & Grampians
  - GWR Bowls – Junior and Senior
  - GWR Golf – Junior, Intermediate and Senior

**Monday 25th April**
- Anzac Day Holiday

**Thursday 28th April**
- Unit 1 Top Arts and Top Design Excursions to Melbourne

**Friday 29th April**
- School Dirtbike Championships
FOCUS ON FASHION & TEXTILES

Have you considered studying fashion and textiles? This is an exciting industry and occupations will suit people who love design, business, and working with people. The following are four institutions in the Melbourne area that offer fashion courses.

- **RMIT**: has courses in fashion design, fashion and textiles merchandising and business, textile design, fashion styling, and footwear. [http://bit.ly/1QZabw8](http://bit.ly/1QZabw8)

- **Whitehouse Institute of Design Australia**: offers the Bachelor of Design where you can major in either Fashion Design or Creative Styling and Direction. [http://bit.ly/1WrZEOt](http://bit.ly/1WrZEOt)

- **Box Hill Institute**: has courses in fashion design and fashion merchandising. [http://bit.ly/1JcEWSO](http://bit.ly/1JcEWSO)

- **Academy of Design Australia**: has a course in fashion and costume design. [http://bit.ly/1Uv1ERS](http://bit.ly/1Uv1ERS)

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FOCUS ON FASHION & TEXTILES

What was your course like? My course was very broad. It covered both written and practical components. My theory subjects were business, design in historical contexts and IT. These classes were invaluable, especially business, as I learnt a lot about how companies operate, especially design companies. It also covered visual merchandising, interior design, fashion design, event design and photography. These areas were more hands on (which I loved), with a lot of group work, practical classes and creating industry contacts.

What were some of the best parts of your course? As a collective our year produced our own runway event for charity with over 200 guests, celebrity hosts, models and photographers. This is something I found particularly rewarding, working with a large team, learning about what goes into producing an event on this scale, booking models, catering, staging etc. This particular component was my favourite part of the course, and without knowing, it pushed me to realize interests in an area of design and production I didn’t previously know I had. On top of this, we had lectures with different industry professionals on a regular basis, learning about different areas, gaining contacts and information from people I never would have had access to otherwise. Our teachers were also very knowledgeable, with one of my teachers previously working for Vogue Italia, and another working for Vivienne Westwood in the past.

What are you doing now in your graduate position? My full time position is currently working for the head office of an Australian men’s luxury suiting brand called Rhodes & Beckett. I really enjoy it and it’s something I can definitely progress in. I also am contracted by an event company in Melbourne called AMMEvents, where I manage runway events. I started with this company as an unpaid volunteer 3 years ago whilst I was at university and now have worked my way up to an event manager.

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**Meet Ben McCuie**: Ben completed the Bachelor of Design in Styling and Creative Direction at Whitehouse Institute of Design Australia.

**What VCE subjects did you complete?**

- **Year 11**: English, General Mathematics, Sociology, Visual Communication & Design, Media Units 3 + 4, Religion.

FOCUS ON FASHION & TEXTILES

A few of the shows I have managed so far are Hugo Boss Menswear Runway, Chadstone Shopping Centre Spring Runway show and a style workshop with Olivia Palermo. One thing I've learnt in the design industry is you are never too good for any job. Starting off as a volunteer is a must and the only way to get anywhere is to prove yourself.

What do you enjoy about your job? Event work is a great way to meet people, be interactive and still be surrounded by designers and those in the industry. I personally love organisation and working with people, so it allows me to still fulfill my design interests whilst being involved in hands-on and interactive environments.


Meet Katherine Padilla: Katherine is studying the final year of the Associate Degree in Fashion and Textiles Merchandising at RMIT.

What VCE subjects did you complete?

What is your course like? I have undertaken subjects such as business, textiles, global fashion marketing, merchandising, excel, industry research, and IT fashion illustration. Classes have textbook and hands-on active work. For example, going to a store and doing a window display, doing our own research and finding certain fabrics. There’s a lot that has to be done outside of the classroom as well as work in class. It is definitely not boring because there’s always a lot to do and it’s very interesting.

Yes there are essays but there are a lot of assignments that are fun to do like doing a window display for an actual store, doing flat lay displays, draping, mannequin displays, product displays, and selecting a store and learning their techniques on how they merchandise their products. It’s very active and quite fun to do.

FOCUS ON FASHION & TEXTILES

What do you love about your course? I have been able to participate in the following opportunities:

- **Study abroad**: A study trip to China last year
- **Field trips**: A field trip to the Kmart head office to learn about their operations and marketing strategies, how they prepare the products that drop every season and research what’s ‘on trend’.
- **Work experience**: I have participated in several runway shows as a back and front of house worker. These experiences have taught me what happens in runways and the things that need to be done in order to run those fashion events.
- **Leadership events**: I have been able to participate in several leadership events and hear from guest speakers working in industry.

What are you doing in the final year of your course?

- **Research projects**: I am currently working on an industry research project with a small team. We undertake market research, find out what’s trending and what consumers are wanting and create a range of garments that include products, styles and designs. It’s an actual folio with collections that we’ve designed. At the end of the year we will make a presentation to a room full of industry partners. My group was assigned the Myer Miss Shop department so we will pitch our idea and work to them.
- **Study abroad**: This year’s study trip is to New York. We get to study at LIM College for 2 weeks.
- **Industry experience**: I will be undertaking work experience with industry partners that the university is connected to. I will be able to gain experience in the industry and actually get involved in those fields.

To find out more about the course, go to [http://bit.ly/1U61hRQ](http://bit.ly/1U61hRQ)
**VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS**

**Science news:** Be inspired by the latest stories featured on RiiAus – Australia’s Science Channel. Some of the topics covered this week include:

- Exploring the science at WOMAD
- 2016 Space Calendar
- The science behind beauty
- Stress in cancer’s best friend
- No point in extra vitamin D for pregnant women


**News from JMC Academy:** JMC is a private college located at Melbourne and Sydney. They offer a variety of creative media courses such as Animation, Audio Engineering, Film, Entertainment Business Management, and Music. They have developed a series of articles featuring their students and graduates. The following are examples:

- How to make your design portfolio stand out
- Entertainment Business graduate working at Universal Music
- Being a film producer
- Film & TV graduate working for Channel 9 as a Vision Switcher
- Interning for Sound Campaign at Good Life Festival
- 9 tips on creating your first game
- The truth about working in the entertainment industry from a JMC graduate
- 5 skills you’ll need for a successful career in digital design

Click on this link to access the articles - [http://bit.ly/1X5fKnQ](http://bit.ly/1X5fKnQ)

Interested in business and law? Join the Deakin University Business and Law Facebook pages to keep up to date with the latest news and events and to discover what it’s like to be a Business and Law student at Deakin. You will hear about their overseas study programs to places like New York and China, their internship opportunities and important dates.

- Law School page – [http://on.fb.me/1S1qCek](http://on.fb.me/1S1qCek)
- Business School page - [http://on.fb.me/1pl6j1J](http://on.fb.me/1pl6j1J)

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MARCH**

- Meet Melbourne University, Sale (22), Geelong (23) and Warragul (23), [http://bit.ly/18qQwul](http://bit.ly/18qQwul)
- 21: Careers in Medicine Information Session, UNSW Clinical School, Albury Wodonga campus, Email Prue Barclay at p.barclay@unsw.edu.au

**APRIL**

- Zookeeper for a Day and Vet for a Day, Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo, [www.zoo.org.au](http://www.zoo.org.au)
- 8: UMAT Simulation Day, St Vincent’s Hospital, Melbourne, [www.nie.edu.au](http://www.nie.edu.au)
UNIFORM SHOP NOTICE

The uniform shop will be open on Thursday 7th April in preparation for the start of Term 2. Parents will be able to come between the hours of 3:00 pm – 6:00pm to purchase any winter uniform items that your child may need for the commencement of Term 2.

Regards
Nicola Fletcher

TENNIS NOTICE

Stay active through winter! Join a fun social tennis group.
We welcome beginners, current players and those who haven’t played for years, come and try with the Cobden Winter Tennis Group on:
Monday 11th April and 18th April
11.00am to 2.00pm at the Cobden Recreation Reserve.
For more information or to confirm your place please contact:
Alison van der Schans on 5595 2282 or Nicole McVilly on 5595 1291
Liam Elliott is shaving his hair for Shave for a Cure. All funds raised will go to this worthy cause, and Liam’s hair will be donated to make wigs for those who have lost their hair from cancer.

From Liam:

Today, 34 Australians will be given the devastating news that they have blood cancer and they’ll turn to the leukaemia Foundation for help. Please sponsor me and help support families and continue the urgent search for cures. Getting sponsored to shave your hair is an extraordinary way to help people with leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma, but I can’t do it alone.

Please support Liam in this event for the Leukaemia Foundation, or by donating at the link below:

https://www.facebook.com/events/1512354439071074/
“CELLULOID BY THE SEA” PORT CAMPBELL COMMUNITY FILM FESTIVAL
SHORT FILM COMPETITION

Welcome to the “Celluloid by the Sea” Port Campbell Community Film Festival Short Film Competition. We are seeking film makers to submit short films to the festival short film competition. For further information please message our Facebook page Port Campbell Community Film Festival or email portcampbellfilmfestival@gmail.com

Theme
Films can be of any genre, topic or theme. Films must have been made in the past two years to be eligible for entry and comply with the other conditions of entry.

Length
Films need to be between 1 and 8 minutes in length.

Format
Films will be required to be uploaded by the film maker to Vimeo (we will email you details about how to do this once we receive your application).

Award Categories
There are three categories: School Age (you have to be attending a secondary school) Novice and Open section. To classify as a Novice entry, the film maker must be above school age, and have publicly shown no more than two of his/her film productions.

Judging Criteria
1. Creativity
2. Originality
3. Technical execution
4. Subject matter / screenplay
5. Overall impression.

Screening
The judges top 10 films will be shown on the opening night.

Presentation of Awards
Prizes and awards will be presented at the conclusion of the initial screening. They will include ‘People’s Choice’ and ‘Best Local Film’.

Closing Date: Finished product must be submitted by 10.00 pm, Friday May 6th 2016.
Fabulous Friday Feast
Apex Park | April 1 | 12-2pm

You’re invited to bring your family and friends to our special event promoting healthy lifestyles for all ages.

- Chicken & Beef BBQ
- Baked Potatoes
- Salads & Fruit
- Activities

Made possible with funding from the Healthy Ageing Project (HAP)

Kindly help us plan for the event by letting us know you’re coming, either via our event on Facebook /camperdownch or by calling 5593 1403 with approximate numbers.