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”.

This newsletter finds us back for the start of a new term and personally a return to work after almost four months away (some more on that later). In Europe this week, the 100th anniversary of the some of the key battles of the First World War’s Western Front (Fromelles, Pozieres) will be commemorated but sadly the sacrifice of so many human lives in such battles sometimes appears in vain with global peace as far away as it has ever been.

My prayer today is a call to peace:

Almighty God and Creator,
You are the Father of all people on earth.
I beseech You to guide all nations and their leaders
in the ways of justice and peace.
Protect us from the evils of injustice,
Prejudice, exploitation, conflict and war.
Help us to put away mistrust, bitterness and hatred.
Teach us to cease the storing and use of the implements of war.
Lead us to find peace, respect and freedom.
Unite us in the making and sharing of tools of peace
against ignorance, poverty, disease and oppression.
Grant that we may grow in harmony and friendship
as sisters and brothers created in Your image,
to Your honour and praise.
Amen

Enrolments and Planning for 2017
From an administrative perspective, third term in schools is mostly directed towards planning for next year. With a school the size of Mercy, this forward planning needs to be comprehensive, considered and completed in a timely fashion. Central to this planning are the subject selection processes for students entering Years 9 – 12 in 2016. I strongly encourage all parents to take an interest in the selections and decisions that your son/daughter is making in the next few weeks. Specific details on subject selection processes are included later in this newsletter as well as a 2017 Enrolment Intention form.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday sees the second stage in the College enrolment processes for incoming 2016 Year 7 students with enrolment interviews to be held at McAuley Campus (Tuesday evening) and O'Keeffe Campus (Wednesday evening) from 3.30 – 6.00pm.

These enrolment interviews provide both the College and prospective students and parents to meet, discuss transition arrangements, identify and discuss any areas of concern and provide an invaluable opportunity for prospective students to reflect on what the transition to secondary education might entail.

Any students or families that are considering an enrolment at Mercy are asked to make contact with the Principal’s Secretary, Mrs. Sue Bohm at the College on 5593 2011 or sue@mercy.vic.edu.au
Family Time
It has been lovely to return to Camperdown and to Mercy in the last three weeks after 14 weeks away travelling around Australia; talking to staff, students and parents has given us the opportunity to relive some of the many highlights of our trip. Although I realize it is quite difficult for some families to take the time away from farms or work, I still urge you to try.

Our time away was one of the very best things we have ever done as a family and our country is an extraordinary place to be able to explore. We travelled more than 24,000km in our Ford Ranger and caravan passing through central NSW, outback Queensland, Mount Isa, Katherine, Darwin and Kakadu, the Kimberley, Pilbara and Western Australia coast, Perth, Kalgoorlie and then the Nullabor Plain and home. There were highlights every day and many that we missed (perhaps next time).

But the best memories are those long days and nights as a family in a tent or mostly alone in a caravan park talking about the day just gone and looking forward to what the next day would bring.
Stage 2 Building Update
Notwithstanding the wintry weather that has been around for the last few weeks, progress remains good on the Stage 2 building works. The building now rises substantially behind the de Chantal Stadium with most of the roof, internal wiring and plumbing complete. Over the next few weeks, plaster and painting will begin with the construction running about a week ahead of schedule.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education
This long acronym is a buzzword in education and especially so in Australia. There are significant resources being directed towards the different aspects of STEM education from federal and state governments all with a view to increasing the profile of these subjects for students. Later in this newsletter, there are a couple of great stories about some of the fantastic STEM activities that Mercy students were involved with towards the end of last term.

Insight SRC Surveys
Over the next couple of weeks, 100 Mercy families will receive packages from Insight SRC, a company which conducts surveys of school performance. Every two years, all Ballarat diocesan schools are required to have this data collected, collated and examined. Personally, I have found these surveys to be amongst the most important sources of data for us to examine how effectively Mercy is performing across a range of areas including academic outcomes, classroom teaching, student learning, Catholic school identity and school community. In addition, the data collected informs our key strategic tool, the School Improvement Framework.

Could I ask that any families who receive an Insight SRC pack spend 30 minutes completing the survey (either online or the paper version) and ensure it is submitted by the required date. All completed paper surveys need to be delivered to College Reception. Responses are strictly confidential with the College not provided with any individual data or responses.

New Arrivals
The past few weeks have been a joyous time for several Mercy Regional College staff with the arrival of new babies:

- Congratulations to Claire and Matt Harkin on the arrival of their first child, Sylvia Anne, who was born on Sunday 28th June.
- Congratulations to Melanie and Luke Bourchier on the safe arrival of their third child, Eleanor Myrtle who arrived into the work on the morning of July 12th.

We wish each of these staff members and their families all the very best and that the days and weeks ahead are filled with special memories.

Yours in Mercy,

DR. DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL
Cambodia Immersion Trip Display and gift for our school:
As part of our focus on the Immersion Trip to Cambodia earlier this year there is now a display in the library of photos from the journey. These include our service in the form of teaching and our introduction to culture at larger temple sites. Students as well as visitors to the school are welcome to take a look. Recently at a Middle school assembly, some of the participants spoke about the trip and presented Chris Grant with a crucifix, which is symbolic of the Cambodian people in that a leg is missing from the body of Jesus. This is a very powerful reference to the plight of the Cambodian people and the impact of landmines in their country.
Lauren Huth, Sophie Rowan and Joshua Newcombe present Mr Chris Grant with the crucifix and the wall plaque depiction the washing of the feet both handmade by Cambodian artists who make a living carving figurines.

Beanies for Brains Day: Social Justice Team in Action

Again this year on July 28th we will participate in the Beanies for Brains Day appeal. Hot chocolates and slice will be available in the multipurpose room at McAuley and from the Canteen at O’Keeffe. Students will be able to purchase beanies for just $2 and wear a beanie to school for the day. For more information about the Beanies for Brains day please follow this link.
curebraincancer.org.au
Year 12 Winter Christmas Giving: Year 12 Religious Education Program.
As a result of a discussion held back at the Year 12 Retreat
at the start of the year, the Year 12 students will be participating in the first annual
Winter Christmas Giving Day on August 5th.
Students will enjoy a lovely hot roast lunch and bring gifts to present to the Regional Vinnies
Conference to add to the Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal which the year 7 – 11 students
support each year. This gives our Year 12 students the chance to be part of the giving and to
enjoy a warm meal and some carols! Guest speakers from Vinnies will speak to the students
and accept the gifts ready to distribute later in the year.
Each homeroom is to decide how they will purchase gifts for the Appeal and bring the gifts
before the day so we can set them up under the Christmas tree.

**Gifts to Bring for Vinnies Christmas Giving**

**12 A**
Boy – 2 – 4 years
Girl – 1 -2 years
Elderly couple 70 +
Woman - 20 – 25 years
Man 20 – 25 years

**12 B**
Boy 10 – 12 Years
Girl 10 – 12 Years
Baby boy
Teenage Boy – 14 - 16
Teenage Girl – 14 – 16

**12 C**
Baby Girl
Girl 5 – 8 Years
Boy 18 – 25 Years
Woman – 50 – 60 Years
Man – 50 – 60 Years

**12 D**
Man – 40 – 45 Years
Woman – 40 - 45 Years
Girl 5 – 10 Years
Boy 5 – 10 Years
22nd July, 2016

Dear Parents and Students,

The College is looking for expressions of interest from students to participate in a trip to France, Belgium and England in September next year, 2017.

I offer the opportunity to all students from Years 9-12, who will be enrolled at Mercy Regional College in 2017. The trip is strictly optional and will take place in the last week of Term 3 and the first week of the September / October 2017 school holidays. I anticipate the trip will be for approximately 15 days.

The trip will focus on the experience of the Australians on the Western Front in the First World War. The group will visit Paris, the Somme region where Australians fought in the great and terrible battles of 1916 and in the campaigns of 1918. We will then travel to the Flanders region and the Ypres battlefields of Belgium, stopping on the way to visit the village of Fromelles where Australia's tragic first major battle in France was fought in July 1916. From Belgium we will travel to London where we will visit some of the sites of that great city as well as other places of interest in England's south.

An information eventing will be held on Monday 15 August at 7:00pm for all who have expressed interest already, or are interested. Those who wish to book a place on the tour will be required to pay a deposit of $500.00. Further instalments may be made throughout next year with final numbers to be confirmed by June 2017. In organising the tour, Mercy Regional College works in conjunction with Hello World Travel Agency, Camperdown.

If you are interested in attending the information evening, please return the attached form to the College office at McAuley Campus by Friday 5 August.

If you require any further information you can speak to Mr. Lachie Lee at the McAuley Campus.

Yours sincerely,

DR. DARREN EGBERTS
Principal

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM - FRANCE AND BELGIUM TOUR 2017**

**STUDENT’S NAME:** ________________________________

**CURRENT YEAR LEVEL:** ___________

☐ I give permission for my son / daughter to be considered for the France and Belgium Tour to take place in September/October 2017.

☐ I will be attending the information evening.   How many attending the meeting *(please write in box)*.

**Parent / Guardian Signature:** ________________________________
Our first newsletter for the term highlights Mercy Regional College’s Involvement in STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) activities and initiatives as we ensure our students are equipped with necessary skills for the future. These experiences so far have shown students the great careers built on science, engineering, maths and technology.

STEM differs from traditional mathematics and science education by promoting curiosity and encouraging students to explore and engage in the world around us. It supports critical thinking, builds expert problem-solvers and allows individuals to apply this knowledge to aspects of everyday life, all the while using today’s technologies to support this process.

In 2016/2017 STEM will be a major focus as we work towards introducing a STEM elective and also supporting the introduction of computer coding across different year levels. We will also continue to offer challenging and rewarding extracurricular activities in these areas.

Jacqui Hester  
Domain Science Leader

Jarrod Carter  
Technology Domain Leader

Leesa Henriksen  
Enhanced Learning Coordinator

Great South Coast Science and Engineering Challenge

On Tuesday 21st June a small group of Year 10s competed in the Great South Coast Science and Engineering Challenge at Deakin University in Warrnambool. It was a day that encouraged us to consider a career in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (STEM).

We were one of eight teams who worked in pairs and competed against each other in various activities such as:

- Hover Frenzy – design, build and fly a model hovercraft.
- Stringways – using string to develop networks to join a series of points in the most efficient way possible.
- Electricity – provide electricity to a model city at the lowest possible cost.
- Mission to Mars – build a buggy to tackle the vast landscape of Mars.
- Grasping at Straws – build a bionic hand that can do a number of tasks.
- Helter Skelter Shelter – build two towers that will resist an earth quake.
- Flat-Pack – build a table and chair which are strong and cost effective.
- Bridge – construct a light and strong bridge.

The schools we competed against were:

- Emmanuel College
- Warrnambool College
- Brauer College
- Apollo Bay College
- Baimbridge College

It was a long and challenging day where persistence, patience and lots of trial and error was needed! Working as a team and coming up with an idea was one of the hardest things. Neither of us had any idea really of what to do. We went into the day flying blind, with no idea what the tasks were, an advantage that the other schools had. We learnt how to work in small groups to complete difficult tasks within a set time limit and that you have to be patient and not get mad at each other otherwise nothing will work.

We were very overwhelmed and excited to find out at the end that we won! The odds were stacked up against us as we only took a small group and couldn’t compete in all the challenges. So to win overall was an outstanding success! Deakin University were very impressed with our collaborative skills.

“It was a great day to try something different and although challenging was a lot of fun.”

“This Challenge tests your mind in more ways than one, which is a great skill to have in life.”

“We kept trying and eventually we found what was going to possibly work for us to get our Mars Rover across the terrain carrying the block and it worked really well in the final test.”
Women in STEM – Careers Opportunity Day
Participants: Gabrielle Beaver, Danica Clough, Ebony Davies, Caitlin Gass, Brianna Gass, Laura Hickey, Polly Moloney, Sophie Rowan, Faith Thornton, Abbey Vines.

On Friday 15th July, 10 science interested girls in Year 10 participated in a fun science day at Bacchus Marsh with the women of STEM. It was a very early start leaving school at 6:30am but was all worth it being one of the best experiences we’ve had all year.

When we arrived we had a guest speaker called Stephanie Grylls who spoke to us about her career path and the organisation she works for now. We attended workshops, one included programming a robot to perform certain tasks like moving in a square. The second workshop we participated in involved us making biodegradable plastic. This workshop taught us about other small companies trying to make a difference by creating biodegradable products to reduce the negative impacts the plastics and other types of waste have on animals and the environment. The third and final workshop was when we conducted an experiment to observe how to make a house more energy efficient.

Then we moved onto ‘speed dating’. The speed dating involved us selecting six preferences from a list of women whose careers involved STEM. We each talked to six women that were all doing amazing science and environmental work. They talked to us about what they do and how they got there. We finished with another guest speaker ‘Jenny Graves.’ She talked to us about sex chromosomes and genetics in animals. She was an inspiring and motivating women.

Women in STEM Program Participants: Gabrielle Beaver, Danica Clough, Ebony Davies, Caitlin Gass, Brianna Gass, Laura Hickey, Polly Moloney, Sophie Rowan, Faith Thornton, Abbey Vines.
The National Youth Science Forum

CONGRATULATIONS
to Sarah van der Schans in Year 11 who has been selected to attend
the National Youth Science Forum in January 2017.

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is a 12-day residential program held in January each year for students before they enter year 12. It is a national program involving students from across Australia, selected through process run by Rotary districts. The NYSF aims to show participants the variety of study and career opportunities available to them if they continue to study science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) at a tertiary level.

3-Day Engineering Challenge
Charlie Scanlon

On 27th June, Ned Payne, Pat Ryan, Liam Russell and myself went down to Monash University Clayton campus for a 3-day Engineering Challenge. The aim was to encourage Year 8 students to explore the world of engineering. Throughout the three days we worked through six workshops, each with a focus on a different branch of engineering. These were Material Science, Civil, Mining, Chemical and Environmental, Mechanical and Aerospace, and Electrical. As part of the workshops we made a light following robot, a bridge made of uncooked spaghetti and were even able to make a robot dab! These workshops gave us a real insight into what goes on behind the scenes to make the world what it is today.
On Thursday 2nd June we visited Five Star Stockfeeds. Ash Sinnott and Elliot Pyke were our tour guides. Ash showed us the loading area. The loading area has six components to load the truck and the truck can hold around 30-40 tonnes.

The next part of the tour was the weighbridge. The weighbridge weighs the truck before it has been filled and after it has been filled. After that we went to the boiler which produces steam that helps cook the grain after it has been crushed. Ash said the current boiler is getting too small for the amount of pellets they now produce.

Five Star Stockfeeds has 18 silos, one of the silos holds 500 tonnes, two hold 200 tonnes and 15 hold various other amounts. The silos have augers that transport the grain to elevators and carry the grain to the loading area. Ash also talked about a roller and crusher, this machine crushes the grains together to get a smooth finish which is then put through the steamer and made into pellets after additives are put in.

Elliot took us into a warehouse that houses 25kg bags of urea and other minerals that they add to the mix as required. Ash showed us how they made special mixes for the farmers’ orders using the computer. The orders are typed into the computer and the program makes up the order that sends the message to the grain silos and puts in the required amounts. We also saw a truck getting loaded with the final product.

This trip was very beneficial to me as I now know the process of how our grains are mixed before coming to our farm. The group would like to thank Ashley and Elliot for giving up their time and showing us around the Five Star Plant.
Ben Kenna’s Farm Visit

Tobi Kent

On Friday 13th May our Agriculture class visited Ben Kenna’s farm, located between Noorat and Terang. Isaac’s dad milks his cows on a rotary dairy which holds 60 cattle at one time. Ben milks a total of 550 cows which takes him about 2½ hours with two workers milking. Each of Ben’s cows average about 30 litres of milk a day, although they can produce up to 45 litres. The cups, teat spray and test waters are all automatic, but can be done manually as a back-up. The split yards are also automatic.

Ben explained that if a cow doesn’t have good production over a month he will usually get rid of it. All up Isaac and Ben have over several hundred cows. Isaac’s dairy and farm is really clean and tidy. It shows that Ben is a good farmer as all his cattle look very healthy.

Ben has 715 acres all up and only 6% of this is sewn. Ben has two summer crops. The pest rate at the farm is pretty good although they do have to put down a chemical to stop the crickets. Ben rolls his own silage which goes into two large pits. Ben doesn’t bale his own hay, he only buys in. For Ben it is hay, grain and silage for all seasons.

Ben sends his calves up to Lake Bolac once they reach six months of age, to be fed and looked after for about two years. They are joined up there and then they come back and are ready to be milked or to calve. The mean rainfall is 782.2mm of rain annually.
Podgers’ Flower Farm Visit – Year 11 Ag
Ryan Marquand

On 6th June we visited Podgers’ Flower farm. The farm is based in Chocolyn and produces cut Gladioli and Dutch Iris’. Dion sells the flowers in bunches of 10 and at the moment the Dutch Iris’ are worth around $4 each. The prices he receives for the flowers can fluctuate greatly from week to week.

He owns around 1000 acres of land which is worth approximately $5000 per acre. He not only grows the flowers, but also owns Angus cows and grows yams as well as lucerne for hay. This is great because he has a large range of products, meaning his business is relatively stable for the future. He only grows the flowers on a particular paddock each 25 years in his rotation system. This gives him the opportunity to grow these other crops and his cows and it actually helps with his flower farm. Dion spreads lime on his paddocks to keep a relatively stable pH of 7, as well as spreading super and potash for fertilisers.

He has the Chocolyn farm as well as another one at Warrion. He purchased the Warrion farm because it has very reliable ground water. He has a license for the storm water from Camperdown. At the Chocolyn farm he receives around 27 inches of rain each year.

Dion has a cutting and bunching machine which trims all of the flowers to the same length and puts them into bunches of 10. There are around 60-80 cut flower growers around the state of Victoria. Victoria produces around 70% of all the cut flowers in Australia. This means that Dion produces a fairly high percentage of all cut flowers in Australia. Dion plants the Gladioli with a machine, but does the Dutch Iris by hand. He harvests all of the flowers by hand by simply pulling them from the ground. It is a fairly labour intensive job, meaning he has to employ six people. They harvest the flowers at dawn because that is when they are the freshest and it also gives them a chance to process the plants throughout the day.

When there is a predicted frost for overnight, he pulls a plastic sheet over the flowers so that the plants are not affected by the frost. Plants are kept fresh in cold storage. Dion may get $4 per bunch one day and $1.50 another. They sell in Melbourne for around $13 a bunch.
Library News
Mrs. Maureen O'Loughlan

The Southern Zone Library Network PD day held at the O’Keeffe campus on Thursday, 21st July. A great day of learning and engagement for library staff in the Catholic and government schools. A delicious morning tea and lunch was provided by MRC Food Tech students, under the guidance of Mrs Berni Sinnott.

Warrnambool Books also attended on the day, bringing books and information to share. A highlight on the day was listening to Children's Book Council judge, Jane Parsons, speak about the Shortlisted CBC books.

Thanks to all who assisted in the preparations for the day.
**Tertiary Institution Representatives Address to Year 12 students**

On Friday 15th June, representatives from the following tertiary institutions visited the College: Australian Catholic University, Deakin University, Federation University and SWTAFE. Students were able to attend two 45 minute sessions of their choosing, listen to a presentation, ask questions and have small group discussions with the representatives. The feedback from both students and presenters was very positive and the consensus was that the smaller groups and venue sizes worked well.

**Careers News**


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**Adrian Meade Dairy Innovation Program**

*Lora Schulz*

During the school holidays, year 11 student Lora Schulz took part in Warrnambool Cheese and Butter’s six-day Adrian Meade Dairy Innovation Program, along with eleven other students selected by interview from around WCB’s milk supply region.

The program started at the WCB factory looking at milk processing, the product range, quality assurance, transport and logistics processes. This was followed by a four-day tour of the supply chain looking at dairy farms; talking with those who provide services to the farmers and manufacturing sector; seeing the logistics of producing, storing, moving and delivering products to customers; finding out about how retail and international sales are managed; and seeing export processes in action at the Port of Melbourne.

Students also visited Marcus Oldham Agricultural College and Melbourne University’s Agriculture and Veterinary Faculty to look at courses available. A visit to Dairy Australia in Melbourne also showed students how the organisation markets dairy products to consumers and raises the profile of dairy farmers in the community.

A final day at the factory showed students the training pathways into their area of interest in the industry and how to apply for jobs. Students presented to parents and WCB management and staff about their experience on the program and were presented with certificates by Director Bruce Vallance.

Through the program, the students have formed great friendships with other students in the group who have similar interests.

Lora is keen for a career in the area of dairy cattle genetics/breeding in the future.

‘My favourite things on the program were making so many friends, going out onto the farms, the university – and the Port of Melbourne was incredible!’ she says. ‘I definitely recommend the program to those who wish to pursue a future in dairy.’

*Lora is pictured (left) with fellow student Tayla at the Port of Melbourne learning about exports.*

ADFA ROADSHOW 2016

Tuesday, 23rd August at 6pm
Level 2/501 Swanston St, Melbourne

To further your knowledge, understanding and gain insight into the Academy, Defence Force Recruiting-Melbourne and ADFA would like to invite you, your students and any family/friends to attend the annual ADFA Roadshow Information Evening where both representatives from DFRC-Melbourne and ADFA will be available to discuss the various degree options, the university admissions process and answer any further questions you may have about the recruiting process.

Reserve your seat!
Seats at the ADFA Roadshow 2016 are limited and RSVPs are essential.
Reserve your seat/s by NLT Friday 12th August 2016

CALL 13 19 01
We hope to see you there!

DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING
2016 Open Day Calendar
Vic, Tas, ACT, NSW
June 2016

INTRODUCTION

Each year, universities, TAFE Institutes and private colleges open their doors to the public to showcase what they can offer to future students. To ensure you make the right decisions about what you would like to study after school, it is essential you attend as many open days as possible.

STEP 1 – Make a list of Open Days

Make a list of the institutions you would like to visit. Use the course search facilities on VTAC - www.vtac.edu.au to explore Victorian courses and on UAC - www.uac.edu.au to explore NSW and ACT courses.

STEP 2 – Explore Open Day websites

Explore the Open Day websites for the institutions you would like to visit. Sign up to receive email updates or join Open Day Facebook pages. View videos of last year’s events if they are available.

STEP 3 – Download program and highlight seminars

Download the Open Day program from the institution website and campus maps. Highlight which seminars and demonstrations you would like to attend.

STEP 4 – Get prepared for the day

Open days are free, but take along some money for lunch. Take along a note pad and pen and attend as many seminars as possible. You may be able to visit two institutions if their Open Days fall on the same date. Have fun!

Photo’s taken at Victoria University and University of Canberra Open Days.
# Universities - Victoria & Tasmania

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<td>1300 410 311, <a href="http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/">www.jmcacademy.edu.au</a></td>
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<td>1800 783 661, <a href="http://www.ncps.edu.au/">www.ncps.edu.au</a></td>
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<td>Photography Studies College</td>
<td>03 9682 3191, <a href="http://www.psc.edu.au/">www.psc.edu.au</a></td>
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<td>03 8632 3400, <a href="http://www.sae.edu.au/">www.sae.edu.au</a></td>
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All dates are in August.
## Universities and TAFE - Canberra

All dates are Saturday 27 August

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<td>02 6268 5201, <a href="http://www.openday.adfa.edu.au/">www.openday.adfa.edu.au/</a></td>
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<td>University of Sydney</td>
<td>1800 793 884, <a href="http://sydney.edu.au/open_day/">http://sydney.edu.au/open_day/</a></td>
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<td>Macquarie University</td>
<td>02 9850 6410, <a href="http://www.mq.edu.au/openday">www.mq.edu.au/openday</a></td>
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<td>Other</td>
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Term 3 2016 Dates

Tuesday 26 July
Unit 2 Outdoor Ed Snow Camp
Year 7 Enrolment Interviews 3:30pm - 5:30pm McAuley Campus, Camperdown

Wednesday 27 July
Unit 2 Outdoor Ed Snow Camp
Year 7 Enrolment Interviews 3:30pm - 5:30pm O’Keeffe Campus, Noorat

Thursday 28 July & Friday 29 July
Unit 2 Outdoor Ed Snow Camp

Monday 1 August
VTAC Applications open for courses, SEAS & Scholarships
GWR Basketball & GWR Tennis (Inter & Senior – Boys & Girls)

Tuesday 2 August
UNSW English Competition

Wednesday 3 August
Australian Science Olympiad

Friday 5 August
Year 12 Winter Christmas

Tuesday 9 August & Wednesday 10 August
Year 10 Retreat at Anglesea

Friday 12 August
Mid-Term Break – no school for staff and students

Monday 15 August
National Science Week
“France Battlefields Tour” Information Evening 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Tuesday 16 August
UNSW Science Competition
MRC Board Meeting 7:30pm

Monday 22 August
Middle School Oratory Competition

Wednesday 24 August
Instrumental Concert in MPA McAuley Campus 7:00pm – 9:30pm

Thursday 25 August
Year 7 Immunisations

Friday 26 August
Frayne Voice Choir

Monday 29 August
Country Kids Transition Day (for Year 6 State School Students) @ Noorat

Tuesday 30 August
HCSN Transition Day (for Year 6 Catholic School Students) @ Noorat
UNIFORM NOTICE

Just a REMINDER that the uniform shop has scarves and gloves for sale.
Great for these chilly mornings.

You’re invited to

Shaz & Nick’s

BIG GREEK WEDDING

Saturday, July 30 | 7.00pm
Five Star Function Centre, Camperdown

Saturday, August 6 | 7.00pm
Noorat Community Centre, Noorat

Saturday, August 13 | 7.00pm
Camperdown Golf Club, Camperdown

Saturday, August 20 | 7.00pm
Cobden Golf Club, Cobden

Saturday, August 27 | 7.00pm
Five Star Function Centre, Camperdown

Tickets $50
Includes show and 3 course meal. Drinks at bar prices.

Tickets available at:
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Ph 5593 1469 or online at
www.camperdowntheatrecompany.com.au

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