

MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Monday, 17th December 2018

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 2018

"Through the Mercy tradition we welcome and celebrate individual difference".

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

For the last two months almost, shops and the media have been preparing us for the celebration of Christmas while the last three weeks have seen the Church's liturgical season of Advent preparing us more formally for the birth of Christ. My reflection today from the Gospel of Luke takes us back to that simple but momentous event in a small Palestinian village more than two thousand years ago:

In that region, there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.'

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

*'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'*

(Luke 2:8-14)

St Patrick's Parish Carols Night

Next Tuesday 18th December, members of St. Patrick's Parish as well as students and families from St. Patrick's School and Mercy Regional College will gather on the Mercy Oval for Christmas Carols at 6pm. Please join us for what has been a lovely evening in recent years. Bring a picnic tea, seating or rug and drinks. Santa may be joining us at some stage!

Mass of Thanksgiving and Awards

On Wednesday 5th December, the College community gathered for the last time in 2018 at St Thomas' Church, Terang to celebrate our End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving. The Mass was a special occasion that featured the College choir, the presentation of many gifts for the local St Vincent de Paul conference and was ably led by our College Chaplains, Fr Gerry and Fr Neville.

The Thanksgiving Mass was followed by our Annual College Awards presentation with academic and co-curricular activities recognised across Years 7 – 11 as well as special awards including the Spirit of Mercy Awards. Congratulations to all students recognised.

A full list of awards is included on pages 2 – 4.

2018 Student Award Recipients

YEAR 9 AWARDS LIST

YEAR 7 & 8 AWARDS LIST

ACADEMIC AWARDS

These awards are presented to the student who achieved the highest academic marks in their homeroom when all subjects are taken into consideration.

STUDENT NAME	CLASS
Alyssa Finney	7A
Eloise Chivell	7B
Ronan Ludeman	7C
Zoe Vogels	7D
Grace Van Eck	8A
Lauren Ryan	8B
Ruby Conheady	8C

HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARDS

These awards are presented to the student who has demonstrated individual achievement during the course of the year and has demonstrated effort and commitment in their school work.

STUDENT NAME	CLASS
Matthew Lenssen	7A
Lucy Finnerty	7B
Madidi McKenzie	7C
Kiarna Murfitt	7D
Skye Baran	8A
Jack Hutson	8B
Oscar Coolahan	8C

HEAD OF O'KEEFFE CAMPUS EXEMPLAR AWARDS

This award recognises one boy and one girl from across the Junior School for their outstanding leadership and example.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Ellie Rickard	7
Jackson Gill	8

ACADEMIC AWARDS

The Year 9 Academic awards are presented to the student who has achieved the highest academic result for the subject listed.

STUDENT NAME	SUBJECT
Ava Nolan	Religious Education
Nicole Bath	English
Sarah McSween	Mathematics
Ruby Bennett	Science
Ruby Bennett	Physical Education
Sarah McSween	History
Mia Moloney	Agriculture Studies
Sarah McSween	Art
Ruby Bennett	Design Technology-Woodwork
Mia Moloney	Drama
Samuel Whytcross	Electronics
Maggie Conheady	Food Technology
Hamish Sinnott	Football
Thomas Wright	French
Sarah McSween	Media
Rory Coverdale	Personal Development
Ruby Bennett	STEM
Ava Howells	Textiles
Ruby Bennett	Creative Writing

HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARDS

The Highly Commended awards are presented to the student who has demonstrated individual achievement during the course of the year and has demonstrated effort and commitment in their schoolwork.

STUDENT NAME	CLASS
William Baker	9A
Ruby Bennett	9B
Dominic Holswich	9C

YEAR 10 AWARDS LIST

ACADEMIC AWARDS

The Year 10 Academic awards are presented to the student who has achieved the highest academic result for the subject listed.

STUDENT NAME	SUBJECT
Oliver Wright	Religious Education
Hayley Wason	English
Oliver Wright	Mathematics
Patrick Ryan	Science
Casey Willis	Physical Education
Ruby Poustie	History / Geography
Lachlan Gass	Agriculture - Welding
Caitlin Martin	Art
Sheyna Robbins	Art Photography
Chloe Davis	Athletic Peak Performance
Luke Delaney	Design Technology-Woodwork
Charlie Scanlon	Engineering Design
Chloe Davis	Food Technology
Jordan Gray	French
Callum McSween	Media

HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARDS

The Highly Commended awards are presented to the student who has demonstrated individual achievement during the course of the year and has demonstrated effort and commitment in their schoolwork.

STUDENT NAME	CLASS
Gemma Harry	10A
Ella Angus	10B
Jessica Wade	10C
Tess Lourey	10D

YEAR 10 WORK PLACEMENT ENDEAVOUR AWARD

This award is presented to the student who has demonstrated individual achievement in their work placement during the course of the year.
The award is presented to

STUDENT NAME	CLASS
Liam Russell	10

YEAR 11 AWARDS LIST

ACADEMIC AWARDS

The Year 11 Academic awards are presented to the student who has achieved the highest academic result for the subject listed.

STUDENT NAME	SUBJECT
Erin McLean	VCE Unit 1 Religion and Society
Sondi Guthrie	VCE Units 1/2 English
Josephine Stephens	VCE Units 1/2 Literature
Erin McLean	VCE Units 1/2 Mathematical Methods
Taylah Casson	VCE Units 1/2 General Mathematics
Sondi Guthrie	VCE Units 1/2 Specialist Mathematics
Luke Urek	VCE Units 1/2 Chemistry
Erin McLean	VCE Units 1/2 Biology
Luke Urek	VCE Units 1/2 Physics
Ruby Poustie	VCE Units 1/2 Psychology
Keely Spoor	VCE Units 1/2 Health and Human Development
Elizabeth Cook	VCE Units 1/2 Physical Education
Toby Kent	VCE Units 1/2 Accounting
Isaac Kenna	VCE Units 1/2 Business Management
Tess Lourey	VET Cert 11 Hospitality-Kitchen Operations Year 1
Zali Searle	VCE Units 1/2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Oliver Darcy	VET Cert 11 Building and Construction Year 1
Thomas Henderson	VET Cert 11 Furniture Making Pathways Year 1
Thomas Henderson	VCE Units 1/2 Product Design and Technology
Ella Gleeson	VCE Units 1/2 Legal Studies
Liam Wass	VCE Units 1/2 Media
Erin McLean	VCE Units 1/2 History: 20th Century
Toby Fleming	VCE Units 1/2 Visual Communication Design
Dermott Carlin	VCAL Award

SOUTH WEST TAFE AWARD

This award recognises a student who has successfully combined VCE studies with vocational training at South West TAFE.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Alexandra Dickson	11

RIST AWARD

This is an encouragement award to a student for their studies in the RIST (Rural Industries Skill Training) program.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Max Bond	11

OTHER AWARDS

MERCY EDUCATION AWARD

The annual Mercy Education Award is offered by Mercy Education Ltd. and recognises a student who demonstrates leadership in the Mercy tradition. The student chosen by their school is acknowledged for their involvement in promoting school spirit, community service, fund raising and for their genuine concern for others less fortunate.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Gemma Harry	10

ADF LONG TAN LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK AWARD

This award is given to the student who demonstrates leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader local community.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Tess Lourey	10

KWONG LEE DOW YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

This is an academic enrichment program for high achieving students. A certificate is presented to the following student who has been accepted into the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program for 2019.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Laura Bentley	10

DIOCESE OF BALLARAT SCHOLARSHIP

This is awarded to a student currently in Year 10 moving into Year 11, who has fulfilled the following criteria: Demonstrated leadership potential and student advocacy; Community involvement characterised by actions for justice; Consistent academic application reflective of a commitment to study.

STUDENT NAME	Year
Hayley Wason	10

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

The College's Performing Arts Award is presented to the student who represents the College with distinction at school and local community events associated with the Performing Arts. These may be through music, drama, dance or a combination of each.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Grace Moloney	10

MERCY ARTS PRIZE

Bob Reed made a significant contribution to the development of Visual Arts in the early days of Mercy Regional College. He died in 1994 and is remembered through the College purchasing the most outstanding piece of VCE artwork for the year.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Hayley Riches	12

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

During the recent Mercy Arts night visitors to the exhibition were asked to vote on their choice for best art/technology student piece. The following student were awarded.

STUDENT NAMES	YEAR
Eloise Chivell	Junior School
Shaye Herron	Middle School

Jordan Cavarsan	Senior School
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COLLEGE SPORTS AWARD

The College Sports Award is awarded to the student who represents the College with distinction. This student shows evidence of a positive contribution to the College's sports program and participation in sport in the wider community. She role modelled responsible leadership to her peers whilst displaying the ideals of good sportsmanship and fair play.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Brianna Thompson	12

SPIRIT OF MERCY AWARDS

This award is given to the student who has demonstrated a commitment to the core values of Mercy Regional College as expressed in our Vision and Mission Statement. The recipients of the 2018 Spirit of Mercy Award are as follows:

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Matthew Lenssen	7
Lilian Wade	8
Jessica Creely	9
Chloe Davis	10
Ella Gleeson	11
Joshua Newcombe	12

SPONSORS

Thank you to all the sponsors of our 2018 student awards, your ongoing support is truly appreciated.

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National Australia Bank
Nexus Service Club of Terang
Ridley Agri Products
RIST (Rural Industries Skill Training)
Rotary Club of Camperdown
Rotary Club of Terang
SLM Lawyers
South West TAFE
Terang & District Co-op
The Loaf and Lounge
Warrnambool Books
Westvic Staffing Solutions



2018 VCE Results

Last Friday saw the release of results for all Mercy students who completed a VCAA Unit 3 & 4 unit.

It gives me some pleasure in announcing that the College dux for 2018 is **Miss Ripley Watt** who achieved an ATAR of 95.3.

Mercy Regional College students achieved some excellent results this year with three students receiving an ATAR above 90 and a significant number in the 70s and 80s.

Of particular note was the degree to which all students maintained their academic focus across the year with marks for the end of year examination closely reflecting those achieved in internal assessments during the year. This result is especially notable given the challenges that the school and Year 12 students in particular have confronted over the last nine months.

A list of the duxes for each Unit 3-4 sequence is included below.



2018 VCE SUBJECT DUX	STUDENT NAME
Accounting	Angus McBean
Biology	Eliza Johnstone
Business Management	Emily Jansen Van Beek
Chemistry	Ripley Watt
English	Nina Harris Sophie Rowan Ripley Watt
Equine Studies (VCE VET)	Ebony Poole
Furnishing (VCE VET)	Jordan Cavarsan
Health and Human Development	Jacinta Henriksen
History: Australian History	Nina Harris
Hospitality (Kitchen Operations VCE VET)	Huth Lauren
Legal Studies	Jacinta Henriksen
Literature	Polly Moloney
Maths: Further Mathematics	Ripley Watt
Maths: Mathematical Methods	Joshua Newcombe
Maths: Specialist Mathematics	Joshua Newcombe
Media	Polly Moloney
Music Performance (VCE VET)	Hickey Laura
Outdoor and Environmental Studies	April Harris Ebony Poole
Physical Education	Ebony Davis
Physics	Joshua Newcombe
Product Design and Technology	Lochie Cook
Psychology	Ripley Watt
Studio Arts	Hayley Riches
Visual Communication Design	Hayley Riches

College Yearbook

As students finished the year, each family should have received a copy of the College's annual Yearbook. Each year, it is a wonderful publication full of words and images that celebrate the joy and achievement of twelve months at Mercy Regional College. Special thanks to our Promotions Officer, Mrs Julie Giblin and to Star Printing for the huge effort required to produce such a professional document.

Staff Departures

Last Thursday saw farewells for a number of Mercy staff who will be returning in 2019:

- Darren and Freya Egberts – Kyneton
- Daryl Richardson – Retirement
- Jess Niblett – 12 months leave
- Jo Williams – Brauer College, Warrnambool
- Claudia Lee – Police or Army



Farewell

After eight privileged years as Principal of Mercy Regional College, I wish this wonderful community all the very best for the Christmas and New Year break and for all that life holds for you in the future. I thank you most sincerely for all you have offered me, Freya and our daughters, D'Arcy and Stella. We will always cherish our time at Mercy.

God bless,

Dr Darren Egberts

Principal



Wednesday, 24th October, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,



Re: Purchase of a Graphics Calculator for Mathematics

In line with previous years, students studying Mathematics at Year 10, 11 or 12 in 2018 will be required to purchase a graphing calculator. The graphing calculator required at Mercy Regional College is a TI-NSPIRE CX CAS graphing calculator. Students studying Mathematics as part of VCAL or Pathways are not required to purchase this calculator.

Students have 3 options for purchasing these calculators

- 1) Purchase a new calculator as sourced by the College using the attached order form. 'Abacus Calculators' is offering MRC students the calculators at a reduced rate, including a 3-year warranty. The calculator will come with a free padded protective case if you select this option on your order form. It is recommended that the calculator is kept in this case as the warranty does not cover broken screens. An online portal has been set up to purchase the calculator, please follow the directions on the order form (overleaf). **Please ensure your order and payment is submitted to Abacus Calculators before 16th January, 2019.** These calculators will be delivered to school and distributed to students.
- 2) Purchase a second-hand calculator. This can be done through Buy/sell/swap or directly from exiting Year 12 students or others. When purchasing a second-hand calculator ensure that it is the current model, as the older models cannot be upgraded to the most recent software. I advise all students purchasing a second-hand calculator to seek advice from their maths teacher prior to purchase to ensure the model they are purchasing is appropriate.
- 3) Purchase from a retail outlet. I do not recommend this option due to cost. Also, MRC will be unable to assist you should there be a warranty issue.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the other Maths teachers.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Darren Egberts

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MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE ONLINE STUDENT CALCULATOR ORDERS

ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED BEFORE:

16th January 2019

Delivery to school on the 1st Feb 2019

STEP 1: GO TO www.abacuscalculators.com.au

STEP 2: ENTER YOUR SCHOOL ID CODE TO LOG IN: MERCYREG

STEP 3: SELECT YOUR CALCULATOR AND ACCESSORIES & PAY FOR YOUR ORDER
USING CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD

STEP 4: ORDER WILL BE DELIVERED on 1st Feb, 2019

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This price includes an Extended Warranty AND free delivery to the school when
purchased before cut off date !

PLEASE SEE CONDITIONS BELOW:

- 2 YEAR REPAIR/REPLACEMENT WARRANTY (BROKEN SCREENS NOT INCLUDED)
- PLEASE KEEP PROOF OF PURCHASE FOR WARRANTY PURPOSES.
- NO REFUNDS GIVEN FOR INCORRECT PURCHASES.

**IF YOU NEED TO PLACE AN ORDER AFTER THE CLOSING DATE,
PLEASE CONTACT AMY via EMAIL**

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Please refer to our website for full terms and conditions.



LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs Maureen O'Loughlan, Library Manager and PRC Co-Ordinator

As the school year draws to a close, I am confident that we can reflect on a year that has been packed with many learning opportunities, especially in the library. I would like to thank Mrs. Rose Henry and Mrs. Beth Marburg for their valuable contributions to all that happens in both libraries, it is much appreciated. Happy holidays to all and I hope that you can find time for a good book or two!

Premiers' Reading Challenge Certificates and Awards

Congratulations to the students who successfully completed the task of reading 15 books during Terms 2 and 3. Many students went above and beyond what was required and recorded their own Personal Best! All together, across Year 7-10, 44 students completed this challenge and contributed to the marvellous total of **1142** books read - an outstanding effort! Certificates were awarded to the following students:

Year 7

Amity Forrest, Makye Gleeson, Mitchell Parker, Sienna Richards, Joshua Lucas, Katherine Ryan, Madidi McKenzie, Oliver Wright, Abbie Hanks, Claudia Fitzgerald, Hayden Menzel, Hayden Parker, Jess Negrello, Lily Hands

Year 8

Alison Kerr, Hayley Hewitt, Lillian Wade, Olivia Glossop, Skye Baran, William Kealley, Carol Arndell, Edward Johnstone, Georgia Kennedy, Isaac McVilly, Jasmine McDonald, Max Cunnington, Nathan Foster, Oceia Hahn, Sam Baker, Alice Hallyburton, Jackson Gill, Josh McGlade, Rory Mason, Shamyia Pender, Shayne Woods, Tully Darcy, Veni Ong

Year 9

Billy Baker

Year 10

Abigail Lucas, Jessica Wade, Monique McKay, Sheyna Robbins, Jordan Gray



Katherine Ryan, Lillian Wade & Hayden Menzel

PRC Champions for 2018 are:

Year 7 - Katherine Ryan
Year 8 - Lillian Wade
Year 9/10 - Monique McKay
Star Reader - Hayden Menzel

Well done to all involved and thank you to staff, students and parents for their encouragement during the Challenge.

COMING DATES

Term 4, 2018

Tuesday 18 December

College office closes

Term 1 2019

Monday 21 – Friday 25 January

Office open for limited hours this week from 10am – 3pm

Tuesday 29 January

Office open normal hours 8.30am – 4.30pm

All teaching staff commence

Friday 1 February

All students commence

Monday 4 – Wednesday 6 February

Year 11 Camp

Year 12 Retreat

Monday 11 February

Year 7 Welcome BBQ 6.00pm at O’Keeffe Campus

Thursday 14 February

Commencement School Mass 9.30am in the Stadium

Friday 15 February

MRC Swimming Carnival

Monday 18 – Friday 22 February

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 7 Camp

Tuesday 19 February

MRC Board Meeting

Tuesday 26 February

HSSSD Swimming

Friday 1 March

Presentation Ball

PUBLIC NOTICES

NEW YEARS EVE 2018 AT COBDEN MINIATURE RAILWAY & MINI GOLF PARK

FREE ENTRY

TRAIN RIDES \$2.50 per person over 2 years old

MINI GOLF \$3.00 children **\$6.00** adults per game

5PM TILL LATE

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE, SOFT DRINKS, TEA & COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE.**

PICNIC FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE.



**THERE WILL BE NO FIREWORKS, NO AMUSEMENTS AND
NO ENTERTAINMENT THIS YEAR.**