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 2012
Through the Mercy tradition we support, acknowledge and strive for personal excellence and achievement.

This month, the Church remembers the loved ones in our lives who we have lost. Rather than it being a time of sadness and loss, All Souls Day and All Saints Day provide us with the chance to remember and celebrate the lives of parents, grandparents, siblings, extended family and friends who are no longer with us. Although physically departed, their spirit, wisdom and inspiration does not diminish. This newsletter's prayer uses the words of the prophet, Isaiah:

On this mountain, The lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food.
On this mountain, he will remove, the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy death forever.

(Isa 25:6-7)

Changes to Conveyance Allowance
Two weeks ago the State Government announced significant changes to the allowances paid to families for transport to schools, these payments are termed Conveyance Allowance. Mercy Regional College relies enormously on its network of contract and Government buses and, quite simply, wouldn’t be in existence without their capacity to transport students to our O’Keeffe and McAuley Campuses.

This decision, of which we were given no warning, could result in the loss of current and future enrolments and therefore threaten the ongoing growth of Mercy Regional College. It is a decision that violates a cornerstone of Government policy, that is, the right of parents to be able to send their children to the school of their choice.

Two letters have been sent home with all students today (Friday 16th November) that details both the decision itself and the specific impact that the decision could have on the College. I urge all parents and members of the school community to read these letters closely as well as the articles that have canvassed it in local newspapers. These letters are on pages 3 - 6 of this newsletter.

The College website - www.mercy.vic.edu.au - will be updated from Monday to include sample letters that parents, families and other members of the Mercy community can complete and either post or email to our local State member, Mr. Terry Mulder or to the Victorian Premier, Mr., Ted Baillieu.

Mercy Regional College Teacher of the Year Award
A reminder to all parents, students and families of the “Mercy Teacher of the Year Award” that is being introduced this year. I have included the details below and encourage all members of the community to consider nominating a teacher for the award. A nomination form is on page 7 of this newsletter.

Mercy has many fine teachers whose energy, knowledge, dedication and care enable our students to achieve their very best and this award will give the school the opportunity of recognizing this excellence.

Nomination forms can be handed in to either College Campus and addressed to the Principal. I encourage nominators to include a letter detailing how the teacher they are nominating has exemplified the award criteria.
Mercy Arts Night

Wednesday night was a great night of celebration for the College with Mercy Arts Night running alongside the Car Raffle draw.

As is often the case with students, I was amazed at the quality, creativity and range of work on display which reflected subjects as diverse as Studio Arts, Textiles, Design Technology, Visual Communications Design, Food Technology, Woodwork, Building and Construction and Year 7 - 10 Art.

Thanks again for the wonderful guidance and support that these students receive from their teachers throughout the year. Congratulations to Campbell Robbins whose painting was judged best work on display and will be purchased by the College.

Mercy Regional College Car Raffle

Congratulations to all the winners. Please see full list of Car Raffle winners and sponsors on page 8.

iPads@MRC

As part of the iPads@MRC announcement made in 2011, the College will be rolling out iPads to all Year 7 - 10 students in 2013.

This will mean that all 2013 Year 7 & 9 students plus any students new to the College at Year 8 & 10 will be receiving the devices at the start of the new school year or, in the case of Year 7 students, in the first month.

Full details of the roll out will be mailed to all parents in the next couple of weeks. There will be a Parent Information Evening which will be held on Wednesday 28th November at 7.00 pm in the Multipurpose Room at McAuley Campus. Please see the information flyer on page 9 of this newsletter.

The evening will include two separate but related topics:

- The first will be an Information Evening for new and current parents on the iPads@MRC program, the options for purchasing the devices, the infrastructure and support offered and details on safety and security in cyberspace.
- The evening will also include a forum for parents keen to explore and discuss the broader issues of adolescence, cybersafety, the proliferation of electronic devices and ways of managing these.

VCAA Exams

VCAA exams have been underway for almost two weeks without incident. Congratulations to all Year 12 students for the mature and conscientious work ethic that has been evident throughout this exam period. As a school, we should never take for granted the extra work Year 12 teachers do in support of their students!

Mercy Regional College Oratory Competition

Last month, I was privileged to attend both the Middle and Junior School Oratory Competitions. The quality of both finals was quite outstanding as was the reception all speakers received from the students gathered to listen. Congratulations to all who competed at class and school level and to the winners. Thanks to all the teachers who encouraged and led this wonderful competition. A full list of participants and winners can be found on pages 13 of this newsletter.

Year 7 - 11 Exams

Over the next few weeks, most students from Years 7 to 11 will sit end of year examinations in a range of subjects. I strongly encourage parents to ask your children how their revision for these exams is progressing. Copies of the exam timetables are on pages 22 - 24.

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

An invitation is warmly extended to all in the Mercy community to join us at the College’s End of Year Thanksgiving Mass on Monday 10th December at St Thomas’ Church, commencing at 7.00pm. At the conclusion of Mass there will be the presentations of awards and prizes followed by supper in the St Thomas’ Community Centre.

We are asking parents of Year 7-9 students to bring a plate of supper to share, if you can help, please ring Betty Kenna on 5592 6297 or 0407 052 019.

Student and Staff Activities

A summary of what else has been happening at Mercy in recent weeks:

- Students continue to take the opportunity to travel to Geelong to donate blood at the Red Cross Blood Bank.
- A group of Year 11 students and staff travelled to Melbourne to visit the Alfred Hospital as part of their PARTY program.
- Groups at Middle and Junior school were involved in Super 8 cricket.
- The Unit 2 Outdoor Ed students spent three days in the Grampians on camp.
- BSW tennis competitions were held.

Yours in Mercy,

DR. DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL
Dear Parents and members of the Mercy community,

Attached to this cover letter is a communique from Audrey Brown, Director of the Catholic Education Office Ballarat. Her letter details the policy change by the Victorian Government in relation to Conveyance Allowance, some general effects of the change and possible courses of action that you can take, as well as additional sources of information that are available.

This letter explains the possible effects of the policy change on Mercy Regional College, how we plan to fight the decision and the courses of actions open to the College if the decision does not change.

In 2012, approximately 350 Mercy students receive Conveyance Allowance to subsidise the cost of the ten contract buses that the College runs, most of these contract buses transport students from Government school bus interchanges (such as Cobden Tech, Terang P-12, Lismore Primary School) to our O’Keeffe or McAuley Campuses. This funding comes to Mercy via parents and goes out again to the various bus companies contracted to do the runs. Students attract individual allowances of $450-1100 depending on the length of the bus route they catch. If this was to be withdrawn, the cost of the bus runs would need to be met by the College, by parents or a mixture of the two.

The change to the Conveyance Allowance arrangements means that only students who attract EMA or whose families hold a Health Care card will remain eligible for the allowance. In 2012, MRC only had 45 students in this category - around 10% of those who attract Conveyance Allowance.

The Government has attempted to soften the introduction of the change by phasing it in over 6 years. Students will lose eligibility for the Allowance when they move schools (including a move from primary to secondary school) or move addresses. This means that the loss in income next year for MRC’s incoming Year 7 students will be around $58,000.

What are we doing?
This policy change was introduced without notice or consultation at any level of Catholic Education in the Ballarat Diocese, however, since it has been announced the College has undertaken significant work to accurately determine the effects on students and families, to provide this material to the Diocesan authorities and to speak to and lobby local politicians and media outlets.

As Principal of Mercy Regional College, I am committed to exploring every avenue available to us and to the other Ballarat Diocesan schools affected by this decision to lobby the State Government to review this decision. To have the maximum effect, this advocacy must be unified, large in scale and directed locally, at our local State Members of Parliament.
A summary of actions already taken:

- The Catholic Education Office Ballarat has prepared a detailed summary of the specific effects of the decision on all diocesan schools (including MRC) and this would have informed the discussions about the changes to Conveyance Allowance at the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria and the Ballarat Diocesan Schools’ Advisory Board this week.

- Mr. Tim O’Farrell, Principal of Trinity College, Colac and I met with our local State MP, Mr. Terry Mulder last week to explain to him the serious impact this decision will have on our schools. Mr. Mulder promised to raise the issue with the Education Minister, Mr. Martin Dixon in Parliament this week.

- I have spoken with the Federal Member for Wannon, Mr. Dan Tehan and he has expressed his dissatisfaction with the decision and, in particular, with the impact the decision could have on the capacity of parents to make education choices for their children.

- I have provided detailed notes on the decision and actions taken for the Mercy College Board and the College staff.

- At this stage, the College is yet to receive the information pamphlets produced by the State Government and mentioned in Audrey’s letter.

**Where to from here?**

As Principal, I retain some hope that the State Government will take pro-active action as early as this week to review the decision and its effects on rural and regional independent schools. I believe the decision is ill-considered having been instituted to save money largely from students attending outer metropolitan Melbourne schools.

However, if the decision is not immediately reviewed, I am asking all members of the school community and those in our broader local communities to immediately begin lobbying our local State Government member, Mr. Terry Mulder, the Victorian Minister of Education, Mr. Martin Dixon and the Victorian Premier, Mr. Ted Baillieu. The Catholic Education Office Ballarat has prepared form letters (that I have personalized for MRC) that can be sent. The letters as well as email and postal addresses of the politicians mentioned will be available on the College website from today (Friday 16th November).

Most importantly, I echo the warning on the attached letter from Audrey Brown for parents **not to act hastily in reconsidering the 2013 enrolment(s)** of their child/children at Mercy Regional College. It is prudent for all to wait for the response of the State Government and then make decisions based on that.

Again, I strongly encourage all parents and members of the College and local communities to consider contacting our local MP and the State Government to express our serious concerns about the unjust and discriminatory results of the removal of Conveyance Allowance from 2013.

Any parent or member of the school community who would like to speak to me about this or any matter is free to call the College on 5593 2011 or email me, degberts@mercy.vic.edu.au.

Yours in Mercy,

DR DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL
9 November 2012

To: Parents, Carers and Staff in Catholic Schools, Diocese of Ballarat

Re: Changes to Conveyance Allowance Eligibility Criteria 2013

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

On 31 October 2012, the Victorian Minister for Education announced changes to the existing Conveyance Allowance Program. This announcement coincided with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development - Victoria (DEECD) sending an email to schools, which have students in receipt of conveyance allowance, about two major changes to the current arrangements:

1. First, the metropolitan boundary (currently used for conveyance allowance purposes) is being changed to reflect Melbourne’s urban growth boundary and expanded public transport network. This is the first change to the boundary since 1983. This change will not affect schools of the Diocese of Ballarat.

2. Second, means testing is being introduced which targets the allowance towards those deemed by the State Government to be in need of financial assistance. This will have a significant effect on many families, particularly those with secondary schools students, in our diocese.

As part of the transition arrangements, eligible students in receipt of the allowance in 2012 will continue to receive the allowance until they complete Year 6 or Year 12 unless their personal circumstances change (i.e. they move residence or school or transition to Year 7).

Families in our diocese have traditionally benefited from a government education policy that respects the right of parents to choose a Catholic education for their children. Until now, students who have travelled over 4.8km to school or to their bus-stop and have not had access to public transport have been supported by successive State Governments through the student conveyance allowance. The changes to the Conveyance Allowance Policy in 2013 remove this right to choose a Catholic education for many families.

This is a policy decision that will have a significant impact on families across the Catholic education community in our diocese, adding to the cost of accessing Catholic education for a large number of families. Many of the families in our diocese may not be able to absorb the increased cost. They may no longer be able to exercise their right to choose a Catholic education for their children.

Whilst recognising that there are real pressures on government to ensure fiscal responsibility, the money saved by this change to policy seems to place an unequal financial burden on only regional and rural families.

What are we doing?
The Catholic Education Office Ballarat, the Ballarat Diocesan Schools’ Advisory Council (BDSAC) and the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV), in liaison with the Principals of our diocese, are raising this issue with the Coalition State Government and advocating for families who will be affected by the changes to conveyance allowance eligibility. The BDSAC and the CECV both meet next week.
What you can do
1. Read the material that has been provided by your school’s principal about the Conveyance Allowance changes, including the Frequently Asked Questions sheet.
2. If you are unsure about the effect of these changes on your family, please contact the nominated leader in your school for clarification. You can also contact the Department of Education’s Information and Referral Service on 1800 809 834 (9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4.30pm Monday to Friday) or by visiting the Student Transport Unit webpage www.education.vic.gov.au/management/schooloperations/studenttransport.htm.
3. Discuss any concerns you have about your capacity to pay the extra costs with your school’s principal. Please do not make any hasty decisions about your child’s enrolment. There is some distance between a policy decision and its full implementation.
4. Keep an eye on your school’s newsletter for updates. If stronger advocacy is needed, we will assist families to contact their local State Members to outline their concerns.

I assure you that the advocacy work of the Catholic Education Office Ballarat will be ongoing and that we will continue to seek a just resolution for all families as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Audrey Brown
Director of Catholic Education
Mercy Regional College
Teacher of the Year Award

Mercy Regional College has been blessed over many years to have had a succession of outstanding teachers committed to supporting young people to be their best. This award will recognise one outstanding Mercy Regional College teacher each year with the award to be presented at the End of Year Thanksgiving Mass.

Any member of Mercy Regional College’s teaching staff may be nominated for the award which will be judged according to the following criteria. It would be expected that the recipient of the award will reflect many of these characteristics:

The Mercy Teacher of the Year:

- Has an absolute respect for the dignity of each person
- Exhibits a public and private example of integrity, love, commitment and justice in his or her daily activities
- Is consumed by the excitement of teaching young people
- Sees the classroom as a place of innovation, creativity and laughter
- Aspires to and encourages excellence
- Fosters honest, reciprocal, authentic and compassionate relationships
- Celebrates individual difference in learning and other activities.
- Is a committed life-long learner who opens up learning to others
- Demonstrates empathy and concern for the welfare of others
- Is willing to take risks and learn the lessons of experience
- Fosters Mercy community with students, staff, parents and those beyond the College
- Contributes to the spiritual and social environment of the school

The panel that determines the recipient of this award each year will reflect the breadth of the Mercy Regional College community – Principal (chair), College chaplain, member of the College Board, Staff member and Student leaders.

If you wish to nominate a teacher for this award please complete the details below. The selection panel encourages nominations to include a letter that outlines how the applicant has met the selection criteria.

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Name of Teacher being nominated - ________________________________

Name of Nominator - ________________________________

Signature of Nominator - ________________________________
MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE
2012 ANNUAL CAR RAFFLE RESULTS

1ST PRIZE: FORD FOCUS AMBIENTE HATCH - VALUE $23,065
Supplied courtesy of A.K. McKenzie Motors Colac
Proudly supported by Camperdown Autosales
   Winner: Jodie O'Loughlan, Warrnambool

2ND PRIZE: TRAVEL VOUCHER - Value $2,000
Supplied courtesy of Harvey World Travel, Camperdown
   Winner: Faye Phillips, Terang

3RD PRIZE: ELECTRICAL VOUCHER - Value $1,000
Supplied courtesy of Camperdown Betta Home Living
   Winner: Mark Buckingham, Jancourt East

4TH PRIZE: NUTRIMETICS PAMPER PACK - Value $250
Supplied courtesy of Helen Bourke, Kolora
   Winner: Val Greene, Cobden

5TH PRIZE: FUEL VOUCHER - Value $250
Supplied courtesy of Riordan Fuels & BP Camperdown
   Winner: Anthony Glennen, Terang

6TH PRIZE: JEWELLERY VOUCHER - Value $200
Supplied courtesy of Showcase Jewellers, Camperdown & Colac
   Winner: Leesa Seabrook, Simpson

7TH PRIZE: CLOTHING VOUCHER - Value $200
Supplied courtesy of Fashion Clubwear
   Winner: Bridget O'Brien, Camperdown

8TH PRIZE: DINNER VOUCHER - Value $100
Supplied courtesy of Madden’s Bar & Bistro, Camperdown
   Winner: Mary Daffy, Camperdown

Mercy Regional College Parents and Friends Association would like to acknowledge the generosity of:
- Trevor Lee, John Cheslett & Staff of Camperdown Autosales
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- Showcase Jewellers of Camperdown / Colac
- Fashion Clubwear
- Commercial Hotel & Bistro, Camperdown

Thank you to all Parents, Staff & Friends of the College for your generous support in making our Annual Car Raffle such a success in 2012 and to each business for selling Car Raffle tickets in their shops.
INVITATION

ALL MRC PARENTS

are warmly invited

to the

iPad Parent Information Night

to be held in the Multi-Purpose Room

on

Wednesday 28th November @ 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Speakers from Apple Australia and College Staff

will address the following issues:

- Introduction of iPads
- Classroom use
- Security @ school & home
- Financial arrangements
- General questions

The evening will also include a forum for parents of students who have iPads
this year wishing to explore the issues of adolescents and technology.

Tea / Coffee will be offered at the conclusion of the talk.

Please contact the College on 5593 2011 if you require further information.
Deputy Principal Wellbeing  
Mr. Kerin Glennen

Experiencing Cyber bullying…..We can work at it together...
Cyber bullying is a form of bullying which is carried out through an internet service such as email, chat room, discussion group, online social network, instant messaging or web pages. It can also include bullying through mobile phone technologies such as SMS. Examples of cyber bullying behavior are:

- Teasing and being made fun of.
- Spreading of rumours online.
- Sending unwanted messages.
- Defamation

Cyber bulling can happen to anyone no matter what their age and the bully can act anonymously (very cowardly) if they want to. People can also be bullied online by groups of people such as class groups or collective members of an online community. It’s really important to learn how to protect yourself online and to learn how to respond if you or a friend is being cyber bullied.

How common is cyber bullying?
The number of reports of cyber bullying to the NetAlert Helpline has increased, particularly since 2006. An online safety survey conducted by NetAlert and ninemsn in February 2007 found that

- 16% of young people said they had been bullied online, whilst 14% were bullied through their mobile, with boys and girls experiencing similar levels.
- 56% thought it was easy to get bullied online.

Under certain circumstances (such as harassment and making threats) cyber bullying is a criminal activity and is illegal. If you feel your safety is at risk, contact “000” or your local police. Police around Australia work together to reduce this type of crime and there are serious consequences if people participate in such activities.

How you might be feeling if you are being cyber bullied?
Just like any bullying, there can be terrible effects on those who experience cyber bullying. Being bullied can lower your self-esteem and you may feel alone, sad, angry and scared. If you are being bullied it is not your fault and there is nothing wrong with you. Don’t be afraid to let someone know that you are being harassed so that help / support can be put in place for you.

How to stop cyber bullies:
It is true that if you are being cyber bullied you may feel alone but there are options for you to take so as to stop the problem.

These include.

- Keep a record…dates time of day..this may help the police to find who is sending the messages.
- Tell someone….talk to someone you trust about what is occurring.
- Contact your phone or internet service provider and report what is happening…they can help by blocking messages or calls from certain senders.
- Do Not reply to bullying messages…It only gets worse if you do.
- Do not give the bully a chance to engage you in any follow up contact. Change your contact details. Get a new user name for the internet, a new email account, a new mobile phone number and ONLY give them to your closest friends.
- Keep your username and password secret…keep your personal information PRIVATE
- Complaints can also be made to www.acma.gov.au/hotline.
- Contact the police for assistance and information on what else can be done.

The most important thing that you can do is commence the conversation with a trusted friend/parent or adult, when you first become aware that you are a victim of cyber bullying. You do not have to and should not put up with this style of hideous bullying at all.

Outdoor Education Camp  
Mr. Darren Cheeseman

Last week 22 Outdoor Education students attended a bushwalking camp at the Grampians National Park. When we arrived at the camping ground we unpacked and set up our tents, then left to complete our first walk up to the Pinnacle. It was a difficult walk but all students completed it with enthusiasm. We had a bbq back in Halls Gap and then returned to camp to get a campfire going and reflect on the day.

The next day we travelling to the Northern Grampians to complete a 12km walk at Mount Stapylton. It was also a challenging walk and after approximately five hours we were finished. The view from the top of Mount Stapylton was worth all the effort. Our final day involved a 2-hour mountain bike ride around Halls Gap and then it was time to travel home. All students did a great job completing all the activities and should be happy with their efforts.
**Director of Religious Education**  
*Mrs. Jo-Anne Saunders*

**Mercy Social Justice Team busier than ever!**
Twenty two kilometers between Camperdown and Noorat has not stopped a total of almost 30 students actively working together in Social Justice of late. Teams at both McAuley and O’Keeffe Campuses have been very busy decorating boxes and filling them with wonderful biscuits made by the Year 10 Hospitality Class. O’Keeffe Campus members spent lunchtimes last week cutting, gluing and tying bows to decorate boxes ready for the McAuley Campus Social Justice team to fill with the delicious biscuits ready for sale at Arts Night on November 14th. Many boxes were sold on the night and will be for sale at both St Thomas’ Parish and St Pat’s Parish after Mass this Sunday November 18th. All monies raised will add to our “Mercy Beyond Borders” tally.

Hot Chocolate Days at both campuses have also raised a few hundred dollars to add to the total as we work toward a thousand dollars for this worthy cause. Social Justice Students were busy pouring hot chocolate and topping them with tasty marshmallows to warm students on Wintery days. I would like to thank the students who have given up many lunchtimes to attend meetings, participate in Social Justice activities and also used their own time to create posters, send emails and ensure that our projects are successful. I would also like to acknowledge the great work done by our former Social Justice Captains for 2012: Laura McKenzie and Elizabeth Smart whose enthusiasm and energy ensured that many events went off without a hitch during the year. Our new College Social Justice Captains Toby McKenzie and Verity Watt have been exceptional in their enthusiasm and commitment already this term.

The Social Justice team would like to thank Ms. Lynn Davies and the Year 10 Hospitality class for their fine cooking efforts which made this latest Mercy Beyond Borders fundraising activity such a delicious hit.

**Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal**
As has been a tradition for five years now, Mercy Regional College has a Christmas gift hamper drive for St Vinnies. Each homeroom has been allotted three people of varying ages to purchase a few Christmas gifts for. These gifts are then presented at the end of year school Mass of Thanksgiving on December 10th at 7pm at St Thomas Church. This year we have expanded our giving to include some needy families through both the Camperdown and Terang St Vinnies conference.

Gifts to be purchased by each homeroom are listed below.

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School and Class Masses 2012
Each year at Mercy Regional College we celebrate 5 major Masses. Four of these are for whole school attendance. The Commencement Mass at the very beginning of the school year; our Feast Day Mass in May; the new tradition of a Mercy Day Mass in September and finally the Mass of Thanksgiving at the end of the school year to be held at St Thomas’ Church Terang at 7:00pm on 10th December. All staff, students and their families are expected to be present at this celebration which is followed by end of year awards and a wonderful supper.

As a Catholic school whenever we have an important occasion to commemorate, we do so in the midst of the Eucharist. Each homeroom has also had the opportunity to attend weekly Masses once a term at both St Thomas’ Church Terang with Fr. Gerry Prunty and at St Patrick’s in Camperdown with Fr. Matthew Thomas. We are fortunate to have this opportunity to share in the tradition of the Eucharist so regularly and would like to thank both Fr. Matthew and Fr. Gerry for their ongoing commitment to this important part of our school faith life throughout the year.

Our next important Eucharistic celebration centers on the graduation of our Year 12 students from the College. This Mass will take place for the families of the Year 12 students on November 23rd at 6pm at St Patrick’s Church, Camperdown. The Year 12 students are to be assembled by no later than 5.30 pm. A talented group of Year 10 and 11 students have been practicing their singing which will enhance this special celebration. Mass is followed by the presentation of awards and a wonderful dinner for the graduates and their parents at the Camperdown Five Star Function Centre.

Christian Outreach Program going strong for over three decades
On Wednesday 14th of November all year 9s gathered at St Patrick’s Church to hear from representatives from the many facilities they will be able to visit during their Year 10 Christian Outreach in 2013. During Year 10, as part of the Religious Education Program, students will visit a facility each week on Wednesday afternoons for one term. We are very pleased to announce that there are now twelve facilities involved in this program in 2013. Our students are called to live the Gospel Values by giving of their time and energy to others in the community and to both witness and live these values.

Mercy Regional College would like to thank the following venues for their commitment to our Christian Outreach program.

Sunnyside House  Camperdown  Abbeyfield Hostel  Mortlake
Merindah Lodge  Camperdown  St Colman’s School  Mortlake
David Newman Centre  Camperdown  Mountview Aged Care  Terang
St Patrick’s School  Camperdown  Cooinda Services  Terang
St Vinnies Shop  Camperdown  St Thomas’ School  Terang
Terang Day Centre  Terang  May Noonan Aged Care  Terang

Current Year 9 students should return their nomination forms and parent permission forms for Christian Outreach by Wednesday November 21st.

Year 8 Guest speaker to learn more about Aboriginal Spirituality
On Thursday November 15th, Jeanette Morris from the Catholic Education Office Ballarat engaged the Year 8 students regarding Aboriginal spirituality. The students learned a great deal about family bonds and responsibilities. Jeanette had many stories to share and the students gained a great deal of knowledge from their time with her. Jeanette's visit coincided with the Awakenings Unit of study; “Why are there differences in the world?” This unit focuses specifically on the study of Catholicism and the many links back to Judaism. It also challenges the students to learn about the ancient and modern customs and belief systems of Aboriginal Spirituality.
Mercy Regional College Junior Oratory Competition
Mrs. Chamon Vogels

About 200 Year 7/8 students settled into O'Keeffe's multi-purpose area for the much-anticipated Junior Oratory Competition Final on Friday 2nd November.

The guest judges were local business people - all with extensive public-speaking experience, including Timboon's David Pope, Karen Van Kempen from the Terang Racing Club, and Cobden identity Frank Martin.

The enthusiastic participants did themselves proud with well-prepared and very interesting speeches, making it a tough call for the judges. But in the end there could be only one winner - Year 7 student Stephanie Smart.

Mercy Regional College Middle School Oratory Competition
Miss Sophie Carr

After a brief hiatus last year, the Middle School Oratory Competition was back with a vengeance in 2012. All Year 9 and 10 students busily prepared five minute speeches in their English classes based on a choice of six different topics. The winner from each class then moved on to the Oratory Competition final.

We were lucky enough to hear seven fantastic speeches during the final and after a tough decision from our judges, Jen Rowan (Year 10) received the Encouragement Award for her speech on ‘Is Australia a Welcoming Nation’ and Olivia Giblin was a worthy winner with a brilliant speech on ‘Are high profile sports people good role models?’.

Big thanks to our judges; Darren Egberts, Lesa Thornton and Hannah Gibney. Well done to all students involved, a truly fantastic effort!

Below is a list of Middle School & Junior School entrants and winners.

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| Lucy Halloran- 9A | Cheyenne Beaver 7D |
| • Should we help a stranger as much as we would help a friend? | • 'Is near enough good enough?'
| Haylee Davis- 9C | Taneisha Bentley 7C |
| • Are high profile sports people good role models? | • 'You should not judge a book by its cover'
| Deanne Fleming- 9B | Paddy Bourke 8A |
| • Should we help a stranger as much as we would help a friend? | • 'Is Australia a welcoming nation?'
| Henry Kissick- 10C | Hannah Justin 8C |
| • The Playstation has destroyed the playground | • 'High profile sportspeople are good role models'
| Laura Justin- 10B | Matthew Stevenson 8D |
| • Should we help a stranger as much as we would help a friend? | • 'You should not judge a book by its cover'
| Ripely Watt 7B |  

Winner Olivia Giblin (left) and Jen Rowan (right).

Middle School Finalists.

Junior School Finalists.

Winner Stephanie Smart (right) and Michael Rowan (left).

**Coming Dates**

**TERM 4**

* **Friday 16 November**
  * Year 8 into 9 - Orientation Day @ McAuley Campus
  * Year 11 Classes conclude

* **Monday 19 November**
  * Year 11 Exams

* **Tuesday 20 November**
  * Year 11 Exams
  * SW Super 8’s Cricket Carnival in Melton

* **Wednesday 21 November**
  * Year 11 Exams
  * Blood Bank (3:00 PM-8:00 PM)

* **Thursday 22 November**
  * Year 11 Exams
  * Year 11 into 12 Transition Day

* **Friday 23 November**
  * Year 11 into 12 Transition Day
  * White Card Training Day
  * Graduation Mass & Dinner 6pm @ St Patrick’s Church

* **Monday 26 November**
  * Year 11 into 12 Transition Day

* **Tuesday 27 November**
  * Year 11 into 12 Transition Day

* **Wednesday 28 November**
  * Year 11 into 12 Transition Day
  * Blood Bank (3:00 PM-8:00 PM)

* **Thursday 29 November**
  * Year 11 into 12 Transition Day

* **Friday 30 November**
  * Year 11 into 12 Transition Day
  * Year 11 students conclude
  * Exams for Year 7 & 8 and Year 10

* **Monday 3 December**
  * 2013 Student Leaders Camp
  * Exams for Year 7 & 8, Year 9 and Year 10

* **Tuesday 4 December**
  * 2013 Student Leaders Camp
  * Exams for Year 9 and Year 10
  * Year 7 - 2013 Orientation Day @ O’Keeffe
  * Year 9 - 2013 Orientation Day @ McAuley

* **Wednesday 5 December**
  * HSSSD Summer Sports Day

* **Friday 7 December**
  * Last Day for Years 7 - 10

* **Monday 10 December**
  * End of Year Mass 7pm @ St Thomas’ Church

* **Tuesday 11 December**
  * Secondhand Book & Uniform Sale 1:00 – 3:30pm

* **Friday 14 December**
  * Teaching Staff conclude

* **Wednesday 19 December**
  * College office closes
INFORMATION FOR 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

2013 BOOKLISTS
Booklists will be distributed to current students next week in Homeroom tubs. Year 7 – 2013 students will have theirs posted next week. It is very important that all students return their booklists to the College office by no later than:

- **Wednesday 12th December, 2012**

Please remember to write your child’s name and address on the booklist.

Please Note: A copy of each year level booklist will be put up on the College website at the end of next week. These booklists will only be there as a guide to parents for pricing text books they wish to sell in the secondhand book sale.

BOOK PARCEL COLLECTION DATE

- **Monday 21st January, 2013, 10am to 3pm**

A number of options for paying for your books are available on the day, check the front cover of the booklist.

SECOND-HAND BOOK & UNIFORM SALE DAY

**Date:** Tuesday 11th December, 2012

**Time:** 1.00pm to 3.30pm

**Campus:** McAuley Campus, Camperdown

We would remind you that all books and/or uniform in the sale belong to other parents and students and are not the property of the College, so payment must be made on the day [*Cash/Cheque ONLY no EFTPOS or Credit Card facilities are available*] please remember to bring your child’s Booklist.

Selling Instructions

All uniform items must be fit for sale, therefore they must be:

- clean and presentable and in good condition
- current uniform items ONLY (no green shirts)

Text books must be fit for sale, therefore they must be:

- clean, presentable and in good condition
- they must be current and on the 2013 booklist (please don’t bring in old text books they won’t be accepted).

To determine the price to sell a text book for, the guidelines are as follows:

- Excellent condition – two-thirds the price of a new book
- Good condition - half the price of a new book

Uniform items and text books must have an envelope attached to them, stating your name and the price. These items can be dropped off to the office at either campus by no later than **Friday 7th December**.

All unsold items must be picked up by the following day **Wednesday 12th December, 2012**. Money from books or clothing sold, can be collected from the College office in Camperdown.

2013 SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students are to be in full summer school uniform at the start of Term 1, 2013.

STUDENT’S COMENCE 2013

- Monday 4th February - Year 7, 9, 11 & 12
- Tuesday 5th February - Year 8 & 10

UNIFORM SHOP

Fashion Club Wear runs the College uniform shop. They are offering the following options of purchasing your child’s uniform items for 2013.

Options are as follows:

- Fill out the attached **PRE-PAID ORDER FORM** on page 16 and return the form to the College office by no later than **Friday 14th December**.
- Email your order through to Fashion Club Wear @ sales@fcw.com.au
- Go directly to the uniform shop at McAuley Campus.

Orders will be packaged and available to pick-up from the College. Fashion Club Wear will ring you when your order is ready to pick up.

The uniform shop trading hours over the next three months are listed below.

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2013 STUDENT PLANNER

2013 Student College Planners will be distributed to students on the first day of school.
# Uniform Price List

**Mercy Regional College**  
**Uniform Price List**  
*(Back to School 2013)*

1-13 Shierlaw Avenue, Canterbury VIC 3126  
Phone: (03) 9836 3388, Fax (03) 9836 3057  
Email: sales@fcw.com.au  
Website: www.fcw.com.au

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**Payment Details - Parents to Complete**

- **Cheque** (enclosed is my cheque to Fashion Club Wear Pty Ltd)

  Credit Card Number: _____ _____ _____ - _____ _____ _____ - _____ _____ _____ - _____ _____

  Expiry Date: _____ _____ - _____ _____  
  Amount: $________________________

Please charge my  

- [ ] Visa  
- [ ] Master Card  
  Signed: ______________________________

Parent Name: ______________________________

Contact Phone No: _______________________

Student Name: ___________________________  
Year Level: ________________

**Order will be distributed to the College Office for Pick-Up**

***Prices subject to change without notice***
The Riddle of Martha and Mary

The story of Martha and Mary raises more questions than it answers. Such stories are designed to challenge us, to make us think outside the square. Jesus turns up at his friends’ Martha and Mary’s house – with seventy two others!

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her” (Luke 10:42).

Over the centuries there have been many attempts to explain what Jesus meant. Martha and Mary are old friends of Jesus – he knows them well and his comment to Martha about being diverted by so many things is hardly a comment based solely on what she is doing that day. It’s her nature to be worried and distracted. But surely Martha’s frustration with Mary is quite justified – if seventy three people turn up for lunch, it is difficult to handle all that on your own. To say the least, that situation is hardly fair.

Over the years, Mary has been presented as the contemplative type, choosing the better path. Thus Jesus’ comment about Martha being “worried and distracted” by her many tasks and her resentment of Mary’s behavior has been presented by some commentators in terms as a value judgment about activism versus contemplation. Jesus tells Martha that she needs only one thing. And what is the ‘one thing’? Jesus talks about, the ‘better path’? Most of us will choose either one or the other as we see ourselves as either Martha people or Mary people. But we limit the story’s message if we say “Mary is right and Martha is wrong.”

St Bernard of Clairvaux wrote about this story back in the 12th century.

“Action and Contemplation are very close companions; they live together in one house on equal terms; Martha is Mary’s sister. You do right when you offer faith to God; you do right when you offer works. But if you separate the two, then you do wrong…”

Bernard recognised that it is not an ‘either or’ story – one without the other, one being better than the other. Like Martha and Mary, action and contemplation are “sisters.” Contemplation is not presented as being better than active service of others – each needs the other and that is what the story is about. Some scripture scholars write that the story is about both sides of the one character – there are times when we need to be of service, but to do that effectively we also need times of contemplation.

Considering that this incident follows immediately on the heels of Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan, the seminal story of service to others, it can hardly be the value judgment about one being better than the other, as is often presented. Why does Jesus say that Mary has chosen the better path? In other places Jesus warns his disciples that ‘you won’t always have me with you’ (Mt 26:11). Make the best of it now! Martha, I am not here often, come and spend time while you can. Don’t get distracted by all you have to do, and perhaps we could add, like you usually do, as Jesus obviously knows her well. Have you ever visited someone and he or she spent most of the time out in the kitchen getting the cuppa or preparing the meal?

There will always be a tension in the living between contemplation (being in the presence of God who is everywhere around us, speaking through every part of creation), and action (serving those around us who need company or food or shelter or care of any kind) because it is in those people we also see the face of God. Jesus suffered from the same tensions - he often went aside to pray and took his disciples to places where they could be by themselves. But crowds mobbed him, bringing those who needed healing. He was tireless in preaching and teaching by words and action. But finding time to come aside was difficult – there were so many demands on him.

There are times when we can be either Martha or Mary. They describe two sides of our character. There are times when the busyness and pressures of life distract us and taking time out for prayer and meditation seems an impossibility. But we need to find time to sit in Jesus’ presence, not so that we can neglect what we are called to do but to enable us to do it more purposefully. The other message in the story is, that when we have the opportunity for such times, grab them. Take advantage of them, like Jesus tells Martha on this, one of his all too rare visits.

It is not an either or story. It is a ‘both-and-story’. It’s not a ‘you’re wrong, she’s right’ story either. Martha and Mary describe two sides of the one person, the tensions that lie within us all. One without the other is incomplete.

Regards
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The Riddle of Martha and Mary

23 October 2012

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FOCUS ON CAREERS IN MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

Marketing and advertising:

- **Is this for me?** This suits highly creative people who have excellent communication skills.
- **In a nutshell:** Essentially, you work with businesses and not for profit agencies to come up with innovative ways to market and advertise their products.
- **What will I study?** Courses can involve subjects and specialisations in: branding and identity design, consumer behaviour, graphic design, copywriting, cultural studies, web design, logo development, typography, market research and media planning.
- **What are the occupations?** Job titles include: brand manager, marketing analyst, digital manager and advertising executive. You could work in areas like health promotion, coordinating political marketing campaigns, acting as a branding consultant for major corporations and also in international advertising and marketing.

Public Relations

- **Is this for me?** This suits people who have excellent communication skills, have the gift of the gab, enjoy communicating with people from all different backgrounds, enjoy research and problem solving and are well groomed.
- **In a nutshell:** Essentially, you work with individuals and businesses to manage their public perception, risk manage any potential problems, liaise with media, and ensure positive media exposure.
- **What will I study?** Courses can involve subjects in: events management, campaign planning, global public relations practice, crisis and risk management and media relations.
- **What are the occupations?** Job titles include: media adviser, public image consultant, campaign manager, elite athlete manager, product publicity officer, and strategic planner. You may work closely with professionals in graphic design, marketing and communication design.

Journalism

- **Is this for me?** This suits people who have excellent written and verbal skills, love research, enjoy following the news and exploring social issues, can work to deadlines, and have a thirst for knowledge.
In a nutshell: Essentially, you research a topic in depth and report on it through a variety of mediums such as print, online, television and radio. There are many areas you can specialise in.

What will I study? Courses can involve subjects in: audio and video production, communications, media (broadcast and print), media studies, radio communication and television/studio production.

What are the occupations? Journalists can specialise in a variety of areas such as media, news, travel, sports, investigative, documentary, and photo.

Meet Chris Young: He is a second year journalism student at the University of Canberra and currently writes for an online publication.

Through his course he has conducted interviews with high profile figures in Canberra such as ACT Treasurer Andrew Barr, Election Commissioner Phil Green and Chamber of Commerce director Dr Chris Peters, for a variety of different stories, ranging from political, to business and economics, to court reporting and feature articles about the local gaming scene.

Chris recently won the Cameron Thompson Scholarship and an internship at the Border Mail. Chris states: “the internship is the most exciting part of the last few years for me, it gets my foot in the door of a notably difficult industry to break into”.

Concerning his career journey, Chris feels that the most important lesson he has learnt since leaving school is that it is useless to confine yourself to one plan.

“Before I left, all I wanted to do was political journalism for a major newspaper. Coming to uni has opened my eyes to all the different kinds of journalism, all the different formats, and has made me realise that I can make my career whatever I want it to be, that if I am committed enough and good enough I can write about anything I want.”

Focus on Careers in Media and Communication

Other course and career areas in Media and Communication include publishing, technical writing, professional writing and media studies.

Some courses like strategic communication and professional communication incorporate several areas of media and communication, so you graduate with a wide breadth of skills and you can fully explore your interest areas.

To research media and communication courses and occupations, go to:


Vocational & Higher Education News

Pathways to Macquarie University: If you are planning to apply to Macquarie in the future and you are worried you won’t receive the ATAR needed to get into your course, you may be able to gain entry via one of their alternative entry schemes- http://macquarieuniversity-recruitment.createssend1.com/tr/r-i-khiok-gfsilht-h/

Interested in JMC Academy? The Melbourne campus offers courses in entertainment business management, film and television production, games design and animations, and audio engineering/sound production. Read profiles on their staff here- www.jmcacademy.edu.au

Study how people become experts: The Centre for Elite Performance, Expertise and Training, at Macquarie University, investigates how people acquire skills and transition to expertise. Currently academics and students are studying expertise in areas such as sport, music, power control, rail, aviation, and driving. For more information, go to http://macquarieuniversity-recruitment.createssend1.com/tr/r-i-khiok-gfsilht-o/
Property Courses at Box Hill: In 10 weeks become an Agent’s Representative, continue on and in 7 months achieve a Certificate IV in Property Services (Real Estate). Further studies take you into Diplomas and Degrees in Property & Real Estate/Commerce. For further information email info@boxhill.edu.au

Deakin University newsletter for parents: Deakin University has developed a website just for parents. Topics covered include change of preference, exam tips, choosing the right course and there are parent newsletters. Go to www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/parents

Environmental careers guide: RMIT have developed The Guide to Environmental Careers in Australia 2010. The guide showcases the huge range of career opportunities and suggests ways to identify entry points and career pathways to the environment profession and provides pointers on where to go to get further information. To access the guide, go to www.rmit.edu.au/browse/ID=hjihqez7ofqy1

The Good Universities Guide: assists young people to make informed decisions about university study in Australia. The guide contains information about what a degree is, what you can study and where, and it contains independent 5-star ratings and comparisons of courses and providers. To order a copy, contact Hobsons at 1800 682 133, info@hobsons.com.au

So You Want to be a Doctor? This book by Kerry Breen has been written specifically for young Australian students wishing to study medicine at an Australian University. The book is very comprehensive and will give you all the information you need to know in helping you choose the right course, to the application process to starting and getting through your degree. To order the book, go to http://shop.acer.edu.au

The Job Guide: provides comprehensive information on hundreds of occupations. For each occupation, you can find out what you do on a day to day basis, what school subjects you need, where you can study courses related to the occupation and state specific information. It is an excellent guide for young people and their parents. To order a copy, contact Hobsons at 1800 682 133, info@hobsons.com.au

Box Hill Information Sessions: Box Hill are running information sessions on the following courses in November and December- aged care, childhood education, children's services, disability, IT, youth work, VCAL and VCE. Go to www.boxhill.edu.au for dates.

NOVEMBER EVENTS
- Information sessions at Box Hill, various dates, www.boxhill.edu.au
- Information sessions at Swinburne, VCAL: Croydon (15); and Community Services: Wantirna (21), www.future.swinburne.edu.au/events
- 20: Diploma of Nursing Information Session, Australian Catholic University, acucom.melbourne@acu.edu.au
- 28 – 29: Whitehouse Graduate Exhibition and Parade, Melbourne, www.whitehouse-design.edu.au

DECEMBER EVENTS
- 18: Diploma of Nursing Information Session, Australian Catholic University, acucom.melbourne@acu.edu.au
- 18: Box Hill Change of Preference, Elgar Campus, www.boxhill.edu.au
- 2 - 16: Trinity College Young Leaders Summer School, Trinity College Melbourne, www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/young_leaders
PARTICIPANTS NEEDED: PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT RESEARCH PROJECT

Deakin University is currently conducting research about parental involvement in education, in order to strengthen its engagement with parents of current and future students. As part of this research, we wish to conduct focus groups with parents of Year 10 students.

The purpose of this research is to investigate parents’ views of their experience of and involvement in their child’s post-secondary educational or career pathway. This research aims to:
• Contribute to research regarding parental engagement in higher education.
• Engage with parents during key times in their children’s transition to higher education, particularly parents from under-represented communities (for example, geographical areas from which there is low participation in university).
• Gain a clearer picture of the patterns of parents’ involvement in education, post-secondary and career planning.
• Gain a clearer picture of the patterns of parents’ engagement with universities.
• Gather qualitative data regarding the links between secondary schooling and post-secondary options.
• Understand parents’ information needs with respect to university pathways.

The focus group will be held on Wednesday 28 November from 7.30 – 9.00pm at the Quest Apartments, 15–19 Liebig St, Warrnambool. Participants will receive $80 for their participation in the focus group. To register, please call Alison Wray on 03 9246 8053 or email a.wray@deakin.edu.au

Your input and opinions are highly valued as we seek to provide support to you and your children as they undertake the next stage of their education. Please be aware you will be required to complete a consent form at the session as part of the research and reporting requirements of Deakin University.

VICTORIAN ATHLETIC LEAGUE

TERANG GIFT 2012

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2
(12.30pm)
TERANG RECREATION RESERVE
Entry: Adults $5, Under 16 Free
YEAR 7 & 8 Exam Timetable – SEMESTER 2 2012

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- Classes will run as per normal in the afternoon.
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YEAR 9 Exam Timetable – SEMESTER 2 (3rd and 4th December) 2012

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| **Tuesday 20th November** | BUSINESS MANAGEMENT 2  
HISTORY 2  
OUTDOOR EDUCATION A 2  
OUTDOOR EDUCATION B 2  
PSYCHOLOGY 2  | Stadium       | Normal timetabled classes |               | Normal timetabled classes |               |
| **Friday 30th November** | ENGLISH  
Reading Time: 9:20 – 9:30 am.  
Writing Time: 9:30 – 11:30 am.  | Stadium       | STUDY  
11:55 – 12:55 pm.  | Homeroom     | ART PHOTOGRAPHY A  
GRAPHIC DESIGN  
FOOD TECHNOLOGY A  
WOODWORK | Stadium        |
| **Monday 3rd December** | SCIENCE  | Stadium       | STUDY          | Homeroom     | PHYSICAL EDUCATION       | Stadium       |
| **Tuesday 4th December** | ART  
COMPUTER APPLICATIONS  
DANCE  
FOOD TECHNOLOGY B  
MEDIA  
TEXTILES | Stadium  
BRB15  
Stadium  
RMBO2  
Stadium | STUDY          | Homeroom     | MATHEMATICS       | Stadium       |

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## YEAR 11-UNIT 2 Exam Timetable—SEMESTER 2 - 19th, 20th and 21st November 2012

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