

# MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

**ISSUE 1-4**

**23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017**

## **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 2017**

"Through the Mercy tradition we seek to act with love, fairness, tolerance and compassion to all".

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The last couple of days have brought change with welcome rains bucketing down after quite a few weeks of uninterrupted late summer heat; the next couple of weeks will also bring change with term 1 finishing next Friday, school holidays and then the Easter season. Today's prayer again focuses on this time of Lent and our preparation for Easter time through the Way of the Cross:

*Receive the cross on your forehead,  
Learn to know Christ and follow him.  
Receive the sign of the cross on your ears,  
that you may hear the voice of the Lord.  
Receive the sign of the cross on your eyes,  
that you may see the glory of God.  
Receive the sign of the cross on your lips,  
that you may respond to the word of God.  
Receive the sign of the cross over your heart,  
that Christ may dwell there by faith.  
Receive the sign of the cross on your shoulders,  
that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.  
Receive the sign of the cross on your hands,  
that Christ may be known in the work which you do.  
Receive the sign of the cross on your feet,  
that you may walk in the way of Christ.*

## **Mercy Regional College Board of Management**

The Mercy Regional College Board has a fundamental governance and oversight function which is defined in the College's Constitution. In particular, the Board provides an important consultative role in tasks such as policy development, financial management and, when necessary, in the appointment of the College principal. The Board meets eight times a year on the evening of the third Tuesday and, last week, held our 2017 AGM and March general meeting.

According to the College's constitution, the membership of the Board should broadly represent the various local communities that make up Mercy Regional College; last week's AGM saw Mr Michael McKenzie, Principal of St Patrick's Primary School, complete his two-year term as Hampden Catholic Schools Network representative. He was replaced by Mr Tim Bourke, Principal of St Colman's Primary School.

## **College Board**

Fr. Gerry Prunty	Canonical Administrator	Mr. Tim Bourke	HCSN representative
Dr. Darren Egberts	Parish Priest Terang & Mortlake	Mrs. Ida Bone	Parent
Mrs. Rachael Johnstone	Principal	Mrs. Trish Gibson	Parent
Mr. Bill Slatter	Chairperson	Mr. Michael Scanlon	Parent
Mr. Chris Grant	Catholic Education Office Ballarat	Mrs. Jude Murfitt	MRC Business Manager
	Staff representative	Mrs. Sue Bohm	Executive Secretary

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

## **Key Dates for the End of Term and Term 2**

Given the finish of first term is almost upon us, it is timely to highlight for parents and families some important dates in the next month or so especially a number of **student free days** early next term:

Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Term 1 concludes at 2.15pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Monday (no classes)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 8 Camp, Princetown
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff PD day (no classes)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC Day (no classes)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	MRC Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	MRC Open Day – Staff PD in morning (no classes)

Given the dates on which Easter Monday and ANZAC Day fell this year, the decision was taken to target this time of the year for staff professional development activities.

## **Mercy Regional College Open Day – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Over recent months, a group of staff have spent considerable time reviewing the format of our annual College Open Day as well as the publicity and publications used to promote the event and enrolment at the College more broadly. I encourage all parents, families and prospective MRC students to join us at the O’Keeffe Campus, Noorat on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 3.00 – 6.30 pm. A short information session for parents will be held at 5.30pm.

Changes to our Open Day include:

- Student-centred displays exploring each subject domain plus a range of other activities available through the College. Displays include Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Health and PE, Languages, Technology – Food and Materials, Visual and Performing Arts, Outdoor Education, MRC MacBook program, Student Wellbeing.
- New hospitality and registration area
- Student and parent enrolment showbags
- New advertising, billboards and College prospectuses.

## **Parent Teacher Interviews**

With the release of College interim reports at the end of next week, students and parents are encouraged to attend our first set of Parent Teacher Interviews which are being held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 11.00am – 7.00pm in the de Chantal Stadium, Camperdown. The change of time and date reflects our desire to move PTI’s away from the holidays to allow more students and parents to attend. To facilitate the daytime session of interviews, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April is a student free day. Details on accessing PAM to book an interview are detailed later in this newsletter by Mr Grant.

## **Parents’ Consultative Group**

Over the last three years, I have been privileged to work with a group of parents from across our region in the Mercy Parents Consultative Group. This group comes together once a term to provide advice to the Principal on issues currently under discussion in school, to offer suggestions on areas of improvement and to continue to build the fundamental partnership between parents, families and school.

Our first meeting for 2017 is being held on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March in the McAuley Campus Board Room from 5.00 – 6.30pm**. The group is open to any Mercy parents and I would love to see a number of parents representing students new to Mercy join us. Please contact me at the College if you would like further details or just turn up on the night.

## **2017 Mercy Regional College Presentation Ball**

Last Friday night, almost 80 Year 11 students did their families proud as participants in the 2017 Mercy Regional College Presentation Ball. Held at Glenormiston College, it was an outstanding night with the young men and women looking their very finest and putting into practise the many hours they had spent under the very capable direction of Mr Colin and Mrs Yvonne Langley.

It was a privilege to be a part of the Official Party that greeted each couple as they finished the long trek down the College hall. Thanks to all the staff and parents who worked so hard in the lead up to Friday night (and on the night itself) but special thanks to our wonderful Ball Coordinator, Mrs Rose Henry.

### **Staff and Student Activities**

Amongst the activities that have given life to the College in recent weeks are:

- All students recognised the start of the Church's Lenten season last week through Ash Wednesday liturgies;
- Several Geelong AFL footballers visited as part of their pre-season community camp program;
- A large number of Year 11 students visited the Alfred Hospital this week as part of the TAC's P.A.R.T.Y. outreach program. It was pleasing to access this program after missing out in the last couple of years.
- All Year 9 students are travelling today to Sovereign Hill as part of their Humanities program;
- The O'Keeffe Campus enjoyed their second campus assembly for the year with a variety of students recognised and affirmed.

Yours in Mercy,



**DR. DARREN EGBERTS**  
PRINCIPAL

### **Easter 2017 Parish Ceremonies Times**

#### **Camperdown, Cobden and Lismore**

##### **Holy Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

6.00pm Cobden

8.00pm Camperdown

##### **Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Stations of the Cross:

10.00am Cobden

Veneration of the Cross:

3.00pm Camperdown

5.00pm Lismore

##### **Easter Vigil 15<sup>th</sup> March:**

7.00pm Camperdown

##### **Easter Sunday:**

9.00am Lismore

11.00am Camperdown



Fr Denis Ryan will be here for all our regular Masses in April as well as Easter ceremonies.

#### **Terang & Mortlake**

##### **Holy Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April:**

7.30pm Terang

##### **Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April:**

1.00pm Mortlake

3.00pm Terang

##### **Easter 15<sup>th</sup> /16<sup>th</sup> April:**

6.00pm Terang - Saturday Vigil

9.00am Mortlake - Sunday

10.30am Terang - Sunday



# Mercy Regional College



## Year 11 Presentation Ball - Friday 17th March 2017

*Official Party - Fr Gerry Prunty, Dr. Darren Egberts (Principal), Mr. Chris Grant, Mrs Rhiannon Grant, Mrs. Lesa Thornton, Mr. Darren Cheeseman, Mr. Colin Langley (Trainer) & Mrs. Yvonne Langley (Trainer)*

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

*Photography by Still Perfection Photography.*



## From the Deputy Principal

*Mr. Chris Grant*

### **Parent Teacher Interviews & Interim Reports**

Interim reports will be released online and available to parents through the Parent Access Module (PAM) on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 3:00pm. As per previous years, Interim reports will not be printed. As Darren has mentioned above, Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 11.00am – 7.00pm in the de Chantal Stadium, Camperdown. Bookings can be made through PAM from 3:00pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March and will close at 8:00am on the morning of the interviews. If you are experiencing issues logging in to PAM, please contact the College Reception on 5593 2011.

## Year 8 Report

*Mrs. Sharyn Grinter*

### **Christian Outreach**

The Christian Outreach Program is an integral part of Religious Education at Year 10 and has been a successful way for students to engage with community members at a number of venues across our communities. Often this requires our students to move out of their comfort zone and challenges them to participate fully in the various activities going on at these venues. Year 10A are currently undertaking visits at Abbeyfield in Mortlake, Cooina in Terang and Sunnyside in Camperdown. We thank these venues for their ongoing support of our students and for their contribution to the long term success of this program.



### **Year 8 Humanities**

The Year 8 classes are currently completing a unit on Local Landforms and primarily, focusing on Mount Noorat and surrounds. Following Field Work where students walked up to the crater and around the rim, reports were prepared on the features of the Mount, how volcanoes are formed and what industries are connected. Additional research was conducted into how Aboriginal people used the features of the Mount and its importance as a meeting place also. The students have found this work interesting, have particularly enjoyed the practical component, having close access to such a great walk and views and have appreciated being situated in one of the largest Volcanic Plains in the world.



## Junior School Report

*Mr. James Castles*

### Core Value Awards

Congratulations to the following junior school students who received 'Core Value Awards' at assembly this week.



#### **JUSTICE AND MERCY**

Seeks to act with love, fairness, tolerance and compassion to all.

**Zoe Marsland**

8C



#### **CARE**

Commit ourselves to caring for each other.

**Layla Delaney**

7B



#### **LEARNING**

Encourages our community to seek knowledge, to nurture curiosity and to love learning.

**Samuel Kenna**

8B



#### **INCLUSIVENESS**

Welcomes and celebrates individual difference.

**Edward Guthrie**

8B



#### **COMMUNITY**

Promotes the uniqueness of the Community and its heritage.

**Shayne Woods**

7C



#### **EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT**

Support, acknowledge and strive for personal excellence and achievement.

**Elizabeth Pringuer**

8C

### Leaders Report

*Nicole Bath – Markey House*

What a great first term this has been. The year seems to have gone by so fast. This term has been a good one, with the swimming carnival and athletics carnival already gone by. Well done to everyone who competed on these days. Numbers were a little low at the swimming carnival but everyone picked it back up for the athletics. The students who advanced will be representing out school on the 29<sup>th</sup> March at the HSSSD athletics. Best of luck to all those students.

During this term we had a visit from three Geelong football player, which I'm sure everyone enjoyed and we also had a visit from Mr Harkins brother, Ben. Who, even though he was born without arms, still stayed positive and happy. A truly inspirational story.

Overall this terms behaviour has been pretty good. Our attitude towards our learning needs to improve a bit next term, and our use of language needs to improve. Our uniform is looking great, pretty much everyone is wearing it with pride and respect which is good to see. Just make sure you're always wearing the right socks, and if the rim of your hat has been ripped off or written on make sure you get a new one.

This term has been a good one, keep up the good work.



## Ben Harkin Visit

Peter Delwig

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Ben Harkin came to the O'Keeffe campus at Noorat to speak to the Year 8 cohort about **resilience** and what it has been like to grow up without arms. Ben is the brother of one of our teachers Mr. Matt Harkin. Both Ben and Matt were former students at Mercy Regional College.

Ben first showed a video called 'Ben the Bandit', about how he grew up without arms. The video was accompanied by the song "**I Believe**". The video of Ben showed that you can accomplish anything if you have a go and do not give up. Ben showed by using his feet he could learn to do anything that kids his own age, with both arms could do e.g. pouring a drink from a jug or milk bottle, eating using a spoon, pour cereal into a bowl, writing, tying shoe laces, dress himself, ride a three wheeler bike, swim and drive.

The whole Year 8 group sat in silence watching in amazement at what Ben could do.

Bens parents didn't know he was going to be born without arms, his mum cried herself to sleep the first couple nights after he was born because she was worried about all the things she thought he wouldn't be able to do. Bens parents were very supportive when he was growing up and they helped him to adapt with no arms. Ben defied the odds and worked extremely hard to make a meaningful life for himself.

When Ben was about eight when he played a game of footy. He was selected in the team before a now great AFL player Gary Rowan, Ben claims he is the better player, he also kicked one goal.

Ben shared many inspirational stories about his life and travels. He has travelled a lot around the world by himself. He has been to America, India, Brazil and Vietnam, he had some good times and some bad but managed to get through them all by being **resilient**.

Ben said that by being polite to people enabled him to make friends. One of his friends he stayed with lived in the richest part of Barcelona amongst the rich and famous.

Ben spoke about people who didn't have confidence in themselves because of the way they looked, he reassured them by using himself as an example with no arms and told them that it's not what you look like on the outside, it's what is on the inside that counts. Ben explained that if you have a disability it is very hard to get a job, even with a university degree it took him six months to get a job. He was rejected on many occasions and in the end he went overseas to get a job. At the end of the talk Ben answered a lot of very challenging questions from the students.

Ben emphasised that no matter what happens in life '**there is nothing you can't do**'.



## Senior School Report

**Lesia Thornton, Lachie Lee and Darren Cheeseman**

The senior school is well into Semester 1 and we would like to take time to touch base with everyone and remind them of some fundamentals in the management of the senior school. We would encourage everyone to keep the communications lines open from home to school.

Firstly, please inform us of any absences that may occur, in advance if possible. The VCE and VCAL have attendance criteria to fulfil for satisfactory completion and students are accountable for absences. If you have any concerns of a well-being nature or queries about students' progress, please feel free to contact us. At the same time, we will contact parents or guardians if we believe that there is an issue that needs to be discussed.

If students are absent through illness especially for an extended period of time we would ask that a medical certificate is provided. These are needed especially in the event of absence when a SAC task is undertaken and at exam times. On these occasions we can apply for special consideration for the student due to exceptional circumstances but we will require evidence of medical issues.

As Year 12 students begin to turn 18 an increasing number will be driving to school. We ask that students make sure that they get the permission form signed that will be held at the office and that they carry only one passenger when travelling to and from school.

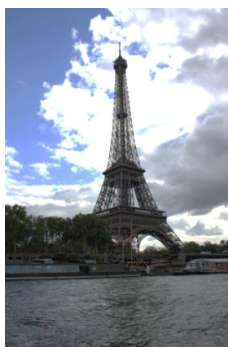
As we near the end of first term the pressures of the year will become more evident. One way to help prevent becoming overstressed will be to simply keep on top of studies. Some students will be having a day a week in VET work programs and they will be required to catch up on any studies that are incomplete. We recommend developing a clear study plan that all in a household are aware of; making a reasonable balance between studies, work and sporting commitments and being prepared to seek help with studies when needed. The library is open every afternoon until 4.30pm and teachers are always available for help with coursework.

At this stage of the year all students have settled into their units of study for VCE, VET and VCAL and we will make no changes to those courses. Students of Unit 1 subjects are able to apply to change into a different Unit 2 subject at the end of first semester but will need to apply closer to the end of semester in June. There is a process of counselling involved and we invite parents and guardians to contribute to that process if they wish.

As we approach the end of term students will have begun to complete School Assessed Coursework tasks, known as SACs, in their various subjects and these will be clearly developed with them by their teachers. These can be quite involved as they are usually an assessment of work that is completed in an Area of Study in a particular unit. In Units 3 and 4 these will contribute to a study score at the end of the year and in Units 1-4 they will contribute to the satisfactory completion of units leading to the successful achievement of the VCE. Similarly, the satisfactory attainment of units of work will lead to the successful achievement of the VCAL. It is important that students and families make attendance at school on these days a priority. If students miss a SAC they will need to complete the task at an alternative time. It is also important that students make a concerted effort to do their own best in these tasks. A half-hearted approach may result in a piece being deemed unsatisfactory.

We all hope for the best for our students this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at school.





## **MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE FRANCE AND BELGIUM BATTLEFIELDS TOUR 2017**

PLACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY  
THIS TOUR HAS BECOME A TRADITION IN THE LIFE OF MERCY

**BE PART OF THIS GREAT EXPERIENCE IN 2017**



Departs Melbourne on **Friday 15 September 2017**  
and returns  
**Thursday 28 September 2017.**

Open to all students from Years 9-12.

For more information contact:

**Lachie Lee** at [llee@mercy.vic.edu.au](mailto:llee@mercy.vic.edu.au)

or see the office for itinerary and further information.

### **FRANCE AND BELGIUM BATTLEFIELDS TOUR** **2017 INFORMATION SESSION**

There will be an information session at McAuley Campus on  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 6:00 – 7:00pm.**

If interested, please register your name at Reception (McAuley Campus) on 5593 2011  
or email Mr. Lachie Lee [llee@mercy.vic.edu.au](mailto:llee@mercy.vic.edu.au).

## **PARTY Program Report**

*Joshua Newcombe*

“Confronting, shocking but insightful.”

“A worthwhile experience that I’m glad to have been a part of.”

“Eye-opening and will probably affect my future decisions.”

These are just some of the comments some of the students shared after visiting the Alfred Hospital last week. On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 33 lucky students from Mercy Regional College had the chance to visit the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne to participate in the Preventing Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth Program. The group of us participated in presentations, activities and tours to open our eyes to the results of wrong or risk-taking decisions in our lives.

An important lesson for us was to never hesitate in calling the ambulance in a critical situation even if we think we might get into trouble. “The ambulance are not the police,” they told us, so always call for help when someone is injured or in fatal conditions. In these situations, there is a list of actions you should do.

1. Recognise the situation.
2. Call the ambulance.
3. Perform CPR
4. Use a defibrillator.
5. Ambulance arrives.
6. Patient taken to hospital.

Three places in the hospital really impacted most of us hard, the intensive care unit (ICU), emergency room and the ‘distressed relatives’ room. Walking through ICU we caught glimpses of patients in life-threatening conditions, where some couldn’t move or do anything. It showed us how many people in one hospital could be near death or painful conditions, we couldn’t imagine how many could be in the same conditions nationwide or worldwide. During our visit a person was flown in via helicopter in critical condition and was taken straight to emergency. During our visit to this room we could see the amount of people around to help in saving this man’s life, it was quite shocking really to have seen the procedure even for just a couple of minutes. The ‘distressed relatives’ room was an emotional one especially for the guiding nurses. They use this room to tell families of patients the condition of the patient or break terrible news such as a death.

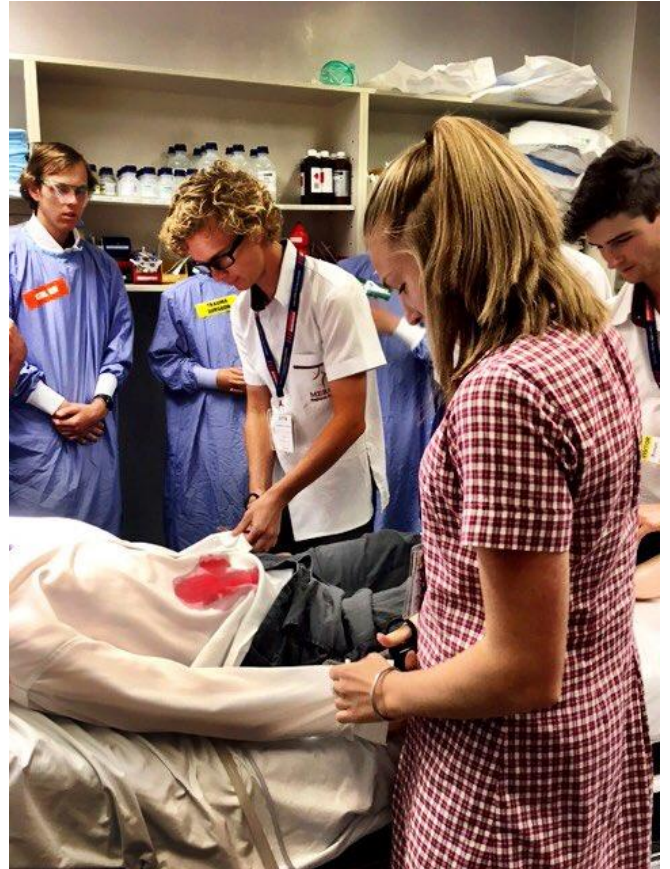
The group of us were also fortunate enough to talk to a man who had been in an alcohol and risk-related accident. The man had been in a boating accident where his mate had more drinks than they thought so couldn’t drive the boat properly. He is in recovery now and can expect a full one. It really showed us that we just need to be careful in these situations and pay attention to any threats where possible.

Other speakers of the day included a nurse who helped clarify trauma and what could cause it; a disabled man paralysed from the waist down who told us about how he accustomed to his new life after his risk-related experience; an ambulance worker who shared a horrifying story of girl who passed away because she was at a party and her friends didn’t call the ambulance to help anyone due to thinking they’d get into trouble; also some speakers in the rehabilitation ward on how some patients do recover completely while others will never be the same.

Our final activity for the day included trying to do things patients would have to do every day in their life. Including, putting on pyjamas with a broken leg and injured spine so you cannot bend down to put them on or put pressure on one leg; putting on a button up shirt with a broken wrist and hand; and trying to get into the shower/bath from a wheelchair with a broken pelvis. These difficult scenarios instilled us with knowledge of how difficult it can really be after a traumatic accident.

All together the day was eventful, intuitive, interesting and life-changing. On behalf of the students I would like to thank Ben Brisbane, Daryl Richardson, Chamon Vogels, Lydia Darcy and Lily Lourey for attending the day with us and having to put up with the 33 of us for 24 hours. Everyone had a great time and learnt more than they could have imagined.







## **'Tunes on the Deck' PERFORMANCE**

*Daryl Richardson*

Tuesday March 14 saw the first of the lunchtime 'Tunes on the Deck' performances. This activity is allowing our students to perform to students and staff at McAuley Campus in a relaxed environment. It is hoped that a number of students who love musical performance will take up the opportunity to get up and 'strut their stuff'; this can be instrumental, voice, combination of both, solos, duets or small groups – we will try to cater for any request. Venues will differ, depending on weather conditions.

On a magical autumn day, the first performance saw Tara Suri and Hayley Wason being joined on the new decking of the Middle School building with staff members Jacque Hester and Luke Bourchier. They performed five songs that had some staff (Claire W & Mel K) dancing and singing along on the grassed area amongst the students as well as the crowd getting involved with in-tune hand-clapping.

Our performers delved into classic songs such as 'Shake it off', 'Royals', 'Walking on sunshine', 'Say you won't let go' and 'Uptown funk'.

Our congratulations to our performers and a big thank you to the students who supported and showed their appreciation at the conclusion of each song. It is envisaged that the next performance will be Tuesday March 28 with our performer/s' identities being kept under wraps until next week.





## Careers Report

Mrs. Jenny Phillips

### 2017 WCB Adrian Meade Dairy Innovation Program

***A fantastic opportunity not to be missed!***

Warrnambool Cheese and Butter is now inviting applications for the 2017 WCB Adrian Meade Dairy Innovation Program from Year 10 and 11 students aged 15 or over who are interested in a career in the dairy industry. This is a six-day structured workplace learning program in the July school holidays for up to 12 students from across WCB's milk supply area.

The program provides a unique insight into careers in across the dairy industry supply chain and the workings of the industry. It will appeal to students who might be considering careers in food technology, food processing, process engineering, agriculture/agribusiness, sales and marketing, trades associated with manufacturing, and supply chain logistics.

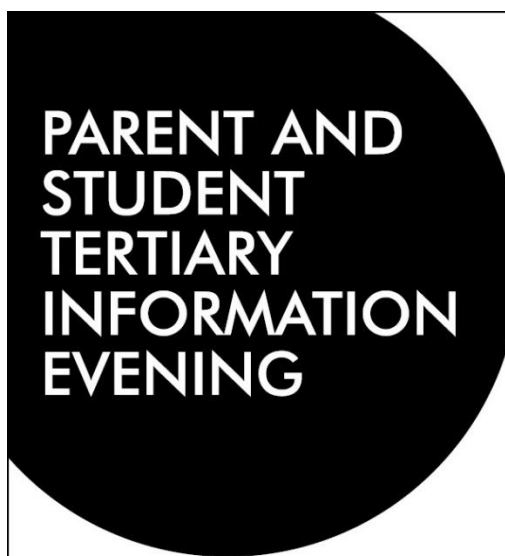
The program's first day will be held at WCB's Allansford factory learning about the WCB business, its products and processes. This will be followed by a four-day tour of the dairy industry supply chain and a final day back at the factory looking at career pathways into the industry.

The idea of this program is to show students the scope of careers in the dairy industry and to show how each career fits within the dairy supply chain. Feedback from students, schools and industry partners about the previous years' programs has been extremely *positive*. Read about the 2016 program in the August 2016 edition of WCB Supplier News available from their website [www.wcbf.com.au](http://www.wcbf.com.au).

Application forms for this year's program are available from the following places: Mrs. Phillips in the Careers Room or at [www.wcbf.com.au](http://www.wcbf.com.au) by contacting coordinator Louise Thomas on 0418 443 433 or email [louise@Lthomaswriter.com](mailto:louise@Lthomaswriter.com). Applications close 5pm Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Selection is by interview at the school.

### Tertiary Information Service (TIS) Information Evening for Parents & Students

Deakin University – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March: See Flyer below



**PARENT AND  
STUDENT  
TERTIARY  
INFORMATION  
EVENING**

**The tertiary sector have come together in offering parents and students a great opportunity to speak with a number of universities, TAFE's and independent tertiary colleges all in the one place.**


Parents and VCE students are invited to join us on the night to discover more about:

- courses, VCE prerequisites and extra requirements
- the VTAC application process and key dates
- the cost of further study, financial assistance and scholarships
- how to make a successful transition to university life.

**WHO:** For parents and students (Years 10 – 12)  
**WHEN:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 6:00pm – 7:00pm  
**WHERE:** Deakin University, Princes Hwy, Warrnambool

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**FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES: 5563 3444**



Tertiary  
Information  
Service

### Other great opportunities coming up during school holidays:

A Day at the University of Melbourne: See Flyer below

Deakin – Step on Campus Tours: See Flyer below

Experience La Trobe – <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/experience-la-trobe-events>

### Don't forget to check out the Weekly Careers News:

Mercy Homepage > Co-curricular > Careers > Mercy Careers – [careers.mercy.vic.edu.au](http://careers.mercy.vic.edu.au)

Once inside the website, to access the Weekly Career News go to:

Important Info. (top of the page) > Careers Newsletter > Career News



## A Day at Melbourne

Picture yourself at the University of Melbourne on Friday 7 April

Ever wondered what it's really like to be a uni student? If you're in Year 12, sign up for a Day at Melbourne and find out for yourself!

Sit in on a first year lecture, quiz our current students, go on a guided tour and check out the residential colleges.

You can choose your own adventure on the day, with activities and info available on the Melbourne Curriculum, scholarships, study abroad, Access Melbourne, clubs and societies, accommodation options and much more.

There's even a session just for parents, so they can learn what they need to do to support you during the exciting times ahead.

**Register now**

[futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/a-day-at-melbourne](http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/a-day-at-melbourne)

### A Day at Melbourne

The University of Melbourne,  
Parkville campus

Friday 7 April 2017

For more information, please call:  
13 MELB (13 6352)

CRICOS Provider Code: 90132K

## Deakin Step on Campus

### School Holidays Tours

Take a personalised tour with a current Deakin student and learn more about Deakin's study areas, campus life and how to make the best transition into university.

**Where:** Melbourne Burwood, Geelong Waurin Ponds, Geelong Waterfront and Warrnambool campuses

**When:** Term 1 and Term 3 school holidays (every Monday and Thursday)

**Time:** 10.00 am, 12.00 pm and 3.00 pm (Tour duration is 45 minutes)

Register now  
[deakin.edu.au/steponcampus](http://deakin.edu.au/steponcampus)

Deakin University CRICOS Provider Code: 00111B 1792.02 08/17



## Sports Report

*Matt Harkin & Lily Lourey*

### Senior Cricket

On the 20<sup>th</sup> February Mercy's senior cricket team competed in a 20/20 round robin competition in Timboon. The boys did really well winning their first game against Timboon comfortably.

Unfortunately, they were unable to defeat Cobden Tech in the final. The boys played with a terrific sense of fair play and demonstrated some impressive skills.



### Athletics Day

Last Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March our annual Mercy Regional College Athletics Carnival was held at Camperdown Athletics Track. It was a fantastic day with a large majority of students involved in a large number of events including- shotput, discus, long jump, triple jump, high jump, 100mtr, 200mtr, 400mtr sprints and 800mtr and 1500mtr events. Student participation was excellent and we are hoping this trend continues in future years. Special mention to the Year 12 leaders on the day for their efforts in instructing students on where they needed to be and helping the day to run smoothly. Thank you to teachers and parents who helped at different events your efforts were appreciated.



Our overall house totals from the day were -

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Tindley- 3169
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ryan- 2390
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Frayne- 2301
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Markey- 2288

After analyzing all the results there were some hotly contested overall age champions- some too close to split. The following were the age group champions for the day -

- U13 FEMALE- Chloe Vick
- U13 MALE- Lachlan Herschell
- U14 FEMALE- Pippa Jones, Nicole Bath
- U14 MALE- Dominic Absalom
- U15 FEMALE- Amy Vogels
- U15 MALE- Lachlan Gass
- U16 FEMALE- Chelsea Baker
- U16 MALE- Toby Mahony
- U17 FEMALE- Lilly Hose, Brianna Thompson
- U17 MALE- Tarj Anderson
- U20 FEMALE- Sarsha Anderson
- U20 MALE- Ryan Marquand

Fourteen records were also broken in a range of different events, emphasizing the success of the day and the calibre of athletes we have at Mercy Regional College.

### Swimming Sports

After extreme hot weather threatened to end our swimming sports before it started, our annual swimming carnival was held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. An excellent day experienced by all with each swimming heat hotly contested, seeing many records broken.

A thank you goes out to all those who helped on the day including teachers, Year 12 leaders and parents.

The overall results of the day saw Markey House take out the carnival on 834 points.

2<sup>nd</sup>- Frayne: 808 points

3<sup>rd</sup>- Tindley: 676 points

4<sup>th</sup>- Ryan: 635 points



Age champions proved difficult to determine with a number of very close finishes which just shows the raw talent of the students at Mercy Regional College.

Age champions were as follows:

- U13 FEMALE- Lauren Ryan
- U13 MALE- Lachlan Herschell
- U14 FEMALE- Chelsea Carlin
- U14 MALE- Louis Darcy
- U15 FEMALE- Chloe Davis
- U15 MALE- William Elliot
- U16 FEMALE- Tully Watt
- U16 MALE- Dylan Hoare
- U17 FEMALE- Brianna Thompson
- U17 MALE- Zane Searle
- U20 FEMALE- Kaitlin Hickey
- U20 MALE- Martin Robbins

Numbers were slightly down for attendance and participation this year but we are hoping this will not be a continuing trend and Mercy's swimming carnival will be bigger and better next year.



### HSSSD Swimming

On the 28<sup>th</sup> February, Mercy students competed really well at the HSSSD Sports. We were fortunate enough to win the overall shield and the senior shield.

Results were as follows -

- MRC - 620
- Timboon - 583
- Terang - 367
- Camp College - 264
- Cobden - 221

We also had Brianna Thompson and Kaitlin Hickey win their age groups.

### Lions Youth of the Year



On 25<sup>th</sup> March Ripley Watt won in the District final at Willaura of the Lions Youth of the Year. Both Ripley and Josh Newcombe were excellent, both as ambassadors for our school and in the competition.





## **UNIFORM SHOP NOTICE**

In preparation for the commencement of Term 2, the uniform shop will be open on  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April from 3:00 – 6:30pm**  
Parents will be able to purchase any winter uniform items  
that your child may require for next term.

Regards  
Nicola Fletcher

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **Term 1 - 2017**

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

- GWR Swimming

#### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

- O'Keeffe Parent Morning Tea

#### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

- HSSD Athletics
- Battlefields Tour Information Session 6:00-7:00pm
- Presentation Ball Photo Viewing Night 6:30-8:00pm

#### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

- Term 1 concludes for students

### **Term 2 - 2017**

#### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

- Term 2 Commences

#### **Wed 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> April**

- Year 8 Camp

#### **Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> April**

- Unit 3/4 Outdoor Ed Camp

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

- GWR Bowls & Golf Day in Ararat

#### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

- Staff PD – no school for students

#### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

- Anzac Day – no school for staff and students

#### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

- Parent Teacher Interviews (11:00am – 7:00pm) – no school for students

#### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

- Year 7 Immunisations

#### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

- MRC Open afternoon/evening



Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting the fundraising efforts of Mercy Regional College Parents Association. The Annual Chocolate fundraiser contributes substantially to the extra resources the College can provide for your children.

We are sending home today a box of Cadbury chocolates. The boxes are pre-packed and contain 50 items for sale at \$1 each. A labelled envelope and a payment slip are included in the box for return of your fundraising contribution of \$50. We would appreciate return of all monies as soon as possible, but by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** at the latest. Alternatively, you can complete the payment slip below and return it to the Office.

Yours sincerely,

**Dr Darren Egberts**  
Principal

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## **CHOCOLATE DRIVE 2017**

☐ Thank you, I wish to pay \$50.00 for the fundraising box of chocolates

**I HAVE MADE PAYMENT DIRECT TO THE COLLEGE BANK ACCOUNT:**

BSB: 083-526      Account Number: 528899931      Date Paid: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**I ENCLOSE PAYMENT**      ☐ Cheque      ☐ Cash      ☐ Please charge my Credit Card

**NAME ON CARD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CARD NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

**EXPIRY DATE:** \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Contact Phone No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Youngest child attending the College)

**Home Room:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return payment to the College office by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**THANK YOU**

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**



### **The Let's Talk Initiative**

Invites Our South West Community to Gather Together  
To Be Proud to Step Out & Break Mental Health Stigma

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**East Framlingham Golf Club**  
630 Ellerslie–Panmure Road, Framlingham East

If you would like to Talk & Play 9 holes of golf commencing from  
9:30am contact Jack Kenna Mob 0407 052 420.

At 12:30pm our community including those who have lost loved ones from suicide and those with an experience of anxiety & depression are invited to step over the line to show we are united in breaking mental health stigma in our community.

You all have the power to make this change so come along and support our community initiative.

BBQ lunch and light refreshments will be available following the  
“Step Out” celebration!!!

For too long the taboo of speaking about our mental health has seen sufferers hiding. The silence of the conversation has led to the inability of those suffering anxiety & depression to talk & seek help.

Anxiety and depression can occur to anyone of us at any age. 1 in 5 of us will suffer from anxiety or depression at some point in our lives, this is a normal illness that occur and be successfully treated.

We all need to stand proudly and support our community to step out from the darkness and acknowledge our experiences of anxiety & depression.



The St Patricks and Camperdown College



# **MT LEURA FUN RUN/WALK**

*Open to all members of the community*

Come and have a run or take a leisurely walk up Mt Leura Rd, (approx 1.8 kms) or tackle the longer course (approx 4kms) with some off-road sections.

Medals and prizes for age category winners.

**DATE:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

**TIME:** 5.00pm onwards for registrations  
6.05pm start long course, 6.15pm short course

**COST:** \$5 adults, \$3 children.

**REGISTRATION:** forms available from the St Patricks and Camperdown College offices, or on race day at the showgrounds entrance.

**Enquiries:** Kathy Hallyburton 0419 671 300,  
or Claire Kempton 0402 332 963

**Sausage sizzle**

**Giveaways**

**Prizes**

St Patricks and Camperdown College would like to gratefully acknowledge the following organizations for their support: Corangamite Shire, Bendigo Bank, Wannon Water, Greavesys Fruit Shop and Friends of Mt Leura.

Proceeds from this event will be donated to Camperdown Community House.

Registration forms are available at the office.



# Camperdown Theatre Company

proudly presents  
in 2017

## Seussical™

**A musical extravaganza for all ages!**

**May 5, 6, 11, 12, 13**

**All 7.30pm (& 1.00pm on 13th) at Theatre Royal, Camperdown**

**Adults: \$30 | Student/Concession: \$25 | Child (15&U): \$20**  
**Family (2 adults, 2 children): \$90**

**Tickets at Laffs: 163 Manifold St, Camperdown | Phone 5593 1469**  
**or online at [www.camperdowntheatrecompany.com.au](http://www.camperdowntheatrecompany.com.au)**

**Music by STEPHEN FLAHERTY**      **Lyrics by LYNN AHRENS**

**Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty**  
**Co-Conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle**  
**Based on the works of Dr. Seuss**

**Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).**  
**All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.**

**Director:**  
**Toby McKenzie**

**Choreographer:**  
**Martinique McKenzie**

**Musical Director:**  
**Jane McSween**

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# KV Dance

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### **Cobden Winter Tennis Group**

Stay active through Winter! Join a fun and social Tennis Group.

We welcome beginners, current players and those who haven't played for years.

Come and try with the Cobden Winter Tennis Group on

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

11.00am to 2.00pm at the Cobden Recreation Reserve.

Competition to start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 11.00am.

For more information or to confirm your place please contact:

Paula Fleming on 0409 950 738

or

Nicole McVilly on 0437 846 984