

MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Monday 22nd May, 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".

Last week, I was privileged to spend three days in Marysville attending the annual conference of the Principals Association of Victorian Catholic Secondary Schools with the highlight of the time away undoubtedly being the guest presenter, Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP, a Dominican theologian from the United Kingdom. I hope to share some of his insights through future newsletters and other communications. The prayer today is one that was used at the conference and brings to mind the importance of our environment. A theme that we were acutely aware of as the conference centre was built on the same site as the historic Cumberland Resort sat in Marysville, one of the hundreds of buildings destroyed in the brutal and tragic 2009 Black Saturday bushfires.

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si'

College Feast Day Mass and Assembly

This **Wednesday 24th May** sees the College coming together in the de Chantal Stadium for our term two Feast Day Mass and College assembly. The Mass will begin at 9.30am and I encourage parents, family members and friends to join us for the celebration.

HCSN Combined Boards' Dinner

Tonight, the board members of the four Hampden Catholic Schools' Network (Mercy Regional College, St. Colman's, St. Thomas' and St. Patrick's) will come together to celebrate Catholic Education Week. The evening is a great opportunity to recognise the valuable links that exist within and across our four schools as part of Catholic Education Week. Our guest speaker is Josh Hose, Paralympian and alumni.

Social Media

As a follow up to concerns highlighted in the last newsletter regarding inappropriate use of social media, Trudy Moreland and John Keats from the Victoria Police spoke to our Year 11 students this morning.

Their message was both concise and sharp through the acronym **CYBERR**:

- **Communication** - If you're getting inappropriate messages, photos etc. communicate this to someone: parent, teacher. If you are sending it, it needs to stop.
- **You** - You are in control; you have the power to control what is put on and sent through social media. Don't blame anyone else. You are sending it!!
- **Balance** - You need to find a balance; think about how much you are using your device, its positive/negative impact. Is it taking up your life?
- **Education** - You cannot sit there and say, "I didn't know that was wrong, I didn't know that was a rule." There is no excuse anymore. If you are unsure then simply don't comment, send or post.
- **Respect** for each other and yourself!
- **Resume**: The likes you tick on Facebook, the hearts you click on Instagram, the Snapchats you send, the comments you write. These are your digital footprint.
Businesses contact us daily to do a 'Digital Footprint' check on applications for positions and scholarships.

The police reiterated our message that complaints received through school or that we become aware of will be directed straight to them for investigation

Student and Staff Activities

Congratulations to the following students and staff on activities over the last two weeks:

- The community was abuzz last week after two weeks of performances from the Camperdown Theatre Company's production of "*Seussical*". Notwithstanding my proud role as a husband of a pink-adorned bird girl, the production celebrated many Mercy past and present students and staff members. Among those involved were Demby McKenzie, William Kealley, Laura Hickey, Josh Newcombe, Ava Howells, Alex Baker, Carla Newcombe, Emily Wallace, Georgia Buckle, Sarah McSween, Isabel Rowan, Callum McSween and, of course, Freya Egberts.
- After more than ten years of testing, the NAPLAN tests that occurred last week went very well with students undertaking them maturely and conscientiously.
- Our recent staff meeting included an excellent presentation from Tom Bennett and Sarah van der Schans on their two weeks in January at the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra.
- Well done to Tate Tregea-Copeland (11D) and Brianna Thompson (11D) who were joint winners of the Port Campbell SLSC "John Younis Junior Club Person" awards for the 2016/2017 season. Brianna together with Lilly Hose (11A) were also recognised for their role in the club's successful Under 19 surf boat crew.



Yours in Mercy,



DR. DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL

Robert Burns Festival - Scottish Family Dance

Ms. Jo Williams

VCAL students were approached by The Corangamite Shire to run a Scottish Family Dance as part of The Robert Burns Festival. As this ties in beautifully with the Certificate III in Events they are undertaking as part of their VCAL certificate they took up the challenge.

Students were to do all publicity, catering, decorating and host the event. Off the back of our popular bush dances we knew this would mean a whole new challenge.

Students were assessed on their ability to plan, use time wisely, problem solve, use leadership skills, work as a team and finish an event to completion. After a month of hard work and a couple of big cooking sessions we were ready. One student even got the opportunity to go to 3YB and be interviewed about the event.

The night was a great success with roughly 130 in attendance. People of all ages danced together, enjoying heel and toe polka and strip the willow. Michael Saunders and Merran Moir did a wonderful job calling the dances to Tuniversal and Chris Duncan and Chris Strutt (who had been flown in from Sydney for the event).

Students gained experience and confidence and were complemented by many for their organisational skills. Students would like to thank all who came to support their event, especially Rose Henry, Nicola Fletcher and Sarah Pollard who were a tremendous support.



IMPORTANT DATES

Term 2 - 2017

Wednesday 24th May

- Mercy Feast Day Mass 9:30am in the Stadium

Thursday 25th May

- Year 9 Football
- Year 7/8 Girls Netball

Monday 29th May

- Try a Career Day

Tuesday 30th May

- Unit 1 & 3 Legal Excursion
- HSSSD Senior Netball

Friday 2nd June

- Parent Morning Tea
@ O'Keeffe Campus 10am – 12pm

Monday 5th June

- GWR Cross Country - Warrnambool

Monday 12th June

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 14th June

- GAT Exam

Monday 19th June

- GWR Soccer - Warrnambool

Tuesday 20th June

- Board Meeting

Friday 30th June

- Term 2 Concludes

INVITATION

**All parents, families and
students
are cordially invited to
the**

MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE

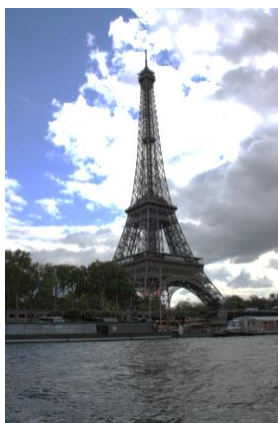
2017 FEAST DAY MASS

To be held at the

**McAuley Campus
de Chantal Stadium
Henderson Street,**

**Wednesday
24th May @ 9:30am**

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

or see the office for itinerary and further information.

RMIT

RMIT Experience Days: These full day events provide a fantastic opportunity for you to experience life as a RMIT student for a day and to explore the courses you are interested in. Dates in July are listed below:

- 3: Business
- 4: Science
- 5: Engineering
- 5: Health and Biomedical Sciences
- 5: Design
- 6: Marketing, Public Relations and Advertising

To book your place, go to, <http://bit.ly/2qRca05>

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

Deakin University: You have the opportunity to learn more about the innovative nursing and midwifery degrees at Deakin University. The evening sessions are running on the following dates:

- Melbourne campus – 26 and 29 July
- Geelong campus – 26 and 29 July
- Warrnambool campus – 11 August

For information and to register your place, go to <http://bit.ly/2pbrTdT>

TRINITY YOUNG LEADERS

Trinity College Young Leaders School: Trinity College at the University of Melbourne is running an intensive residential program for talented students. You can choose a one-week themed academic program in areas such as

- Arts, leadership for social justice, commerce, English intensive (drama and communication), science and engineering, fine arts, law and justice, biomedicine, psychology and personal development for future leaders.

The program will run in July and scholarships are available. For more information and to register by 2 June, go to <http://bit.ly/2qHVL1x>

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Experience Days at Australian Catholic University: University Experience is a hands-on event, where you will be able to participate in a range of activities related to the course area of your choice. The following sessions are running:

Melbourne campus, Tuesday 4 July:

- Arts
- Teaching
- Business
- Education
- Exercise Science
- Law
- Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedicine
- Science & Biomedicine
- Occupational Therapy & Speech Pathology
- Psychology & Counseling
- Philosophy

Ballarat campus, Tuesday 11 July:

- Education
- Science and Biomedicine
- Nursing, Paramedicine, Physiotherapy

For more information and to register, go to <http://bit.ly/2pb23CK>

YEAR 11 UNIEXPERIENCE

UniExperience Melbourne: If you are in Year 11 you may have the opportunity to apply for the two-day University of Melbourne UniExperience program being held at the Parkville Campus on Thursday 6 – Friday 7 July. Cost is \$100 and the program includes:

- One night accommodation and meals
- A guided campus tour
- Information on courses
- Social activities organised by current University of Melbourne students
- Workshops on the transition to university, student support, accommodation, scholarships, and study tips.

To find out if you are eligible and to apply, fill out the online application form at <http://bit.ly/1Nvott8>

DESIGN @ RMIT

Portfolio preparation programs: RMIT are running the following portfolio preparation programs for Year 12 students planning to apply for design courses to start in 2018. Workshops will run for one day and there is a choice of days available between Monday 26 – Thursday 29 June.

- Interior Decoration
- Visual Merchandising
- Graphic Design
- 3D Product Design

For information on cost, venue and to register your place, go to <http://bit.ly/2plydL7>

BUSINESS, MEDICINE @ MONASH

Monash University is running the following information seminars in June: Medicine and Biomedical Science on the 5th and Business on the 14th. For more information and to register, go to <http://bit.ly/2ki2NYw>

HOTEL MANAGEMENT

Career Week at the International College of Hotel Management: If you are interested in business, hospitality, working overseas, and working with people from different cultures you may enjoy a career in international hotel management. The International College of Hotel Management is running a 'Career Week' at their Adelaide campus between 10 – 14 July. For information and to book your place, go to <http://bit.ly/2qRmJ3d>

VCE WINTER SCHOOL

Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne - VCE Winter School: Developed in consultation with VCE experts and examiners, this is an excellent opportunity for VCE students to prepare for Literature, History, Italian and French exams with Australian and international scholars who are experts in their fields. Dates are between 11 – 16 July. For more information and to register, go to <http://bit.ly/2qRuOps>

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

La Trobe is running Experience Days on the following dates in July: Shepparton – 4th, Bendigo – 5th, Melbourne – 6th and Mildura – 7th.

Students and parents will be able to undertake hands-on workshops in their areas of interest from a huge selection of course and career areas. Examples of course areas covered at the Melbourne event include:

- Science, Biomedical Science, Physics, Anatomy
- Health Sciences, Nursing & Midwifery, Physiotherapy & Podiatry, Orthoptics, Paramedicine, Speech Pathology & Occupational Therapy, Audiology, Dietetics, etc.
- Hospital Experience – Nursing & Podiatry
- Commerce, Accounting & Finance
- Media Industries & Communication, Journalism,
- Events Management, Marketing, and Public Relations
- 3D Printing
- Teaching
- Politics and International Relations
- Civil Engineering and Robotics
- Psychology & Social Work
- Sport degrees, Sport & Exercise Science
- IT - Applications Development, Network Tech
- Animal & Veterinary Biosciences
- Sustainability & International Development
- Archaeology, Languages
- Criminology and Law

You will receive a free lunch and be able to speak with current students and lecturers.

To view the full list of workshops and to register, go to <http://bit.ly/2p07y7b>

BOATING CAREERS DAY

Marine Careers Day: The Boating Industry Association of Victoria (BIAV) invites you to the Marine Careers Day at the 2017 Melbourne Boat Show. The day will be held on Monday 19 June 20 at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre. For more information and to register your attendance, contact Arlene Adonis-Hawkins at arlene@biavic.com.au

CAREERS AT THE ZOO

Are you in years 7 – 12? Do you want to work with animals? The following programs will run during the mid year holidays.

Keeper for a Day, Are you an aspiring zookeeper? Find out what it takes to care for an amazing array of animals at both Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo. Learn how you can help us to fight extinction and be a hero for wildlife.

Vet for a Day: Come along and work alongside our heroes, our veterinary staff, who work on real cases involving Healesville Sanctuary's animals, endangered species and injured wildlife.

For information, dates, and to register, go to <http://bit.ly/2pMDPPA>

UMAT PREPARATION DAY

UMAT Preparation Day: Students in Year 12 interested in applying for medicine, dentistry or optometry may need to sit the Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test (UMAT) on 26 July. Registrations close on Friday 2 June, <https://umat.acer.edu.au/> National Institute of Education (NIE) will be conducting UMAT intensive preparation days on 11 June and 6 July at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne. Places are strictly limited. To book your place, go to www.nie.edu.au/

NATURAL THERAPIES

Endeavour College of Natural Health is running an open day at their Melbourne campus on Saturday 17 June. The College offers courses in Acupuncture, Myotherapy, Naturopathy, Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine, and Complimentary Medicine.

For more information and to register, go to <http://bit.ly/2pRWsnA>



JMC ACADEMY

Information Session: The next information session will be held on Saturday 3 June at the Melbourne campus.

High School Workshops: You will be able to spend the day undertaking hands on activities in your area of interest. Workshops will run during the mid year holidays and may include the following topics -

- Animation, Game development
- Film and television
- Entertainment business management
- Game development
- Introduction to Pro Tools and Ableton Live
- Stagecraft and music performance, songwriting

Dates and information will be available at this link soon - <http://bit.ly/2pNjNU8>

FOCUS ON MELBOURNE UNI

Focus on Melbourne: The University of Melbourne is running a series of evening seminars showcasing their course areas. Dates for June are listed below.

- 6: Arts
- 7: Design
- 8: Law
- 13: Music
- 20: Fine Arts
- 21: Education

For information and to register, go to <http://bit.ly/23A4MUN>

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

MyDay events: Charles Sturt University will be running the following events to showcase their courses.

- 27 June: Allied Health (Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Health & Rehabilitation Science, Podiatry, Speech Pathology), Albury-Wodonga
- 3 – 4 July: Animal and Veterinary Sciences, Wagga Wagga

Information, <http://bit.ly/2kVYa5R>

MEDICAL LABORATORY VISITS

Medical Laboratory Visits: RMIT in collaboration with medical diagnostic and research laboratories is giving year 10, 11 and 12 students the chance to visit medical laboratories across Melbourne and regional Victoria. Students who are interested in the role of a Medical Scientist during the investigation, diagnosis and treatment of diseases are encouraged to attend. This free tour will give you a chance to find out what really happens behind the scenes. The visits will run during the mid year holidays. Information will be available soon.

SCIENCE IN THE CITY

Science in the City and Laboratory Tour at RMIT: Science in the City is a specialised tour of RMIT's facilities where students and parents can learn more about the following RMIT single and double degree science programs:

- Biology, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Food Science, Nanotechnology and Physics

The next tour will be run Thursday 29 June. For information and to register, go to <http://bit.ly/2pWOxnu>

MONASH INFORMATION EVENINGS

Monash staff will be visiting the following regional areas to speak to prospective staff and students about courses, pathways, accommodation, scholarships and student services: 5 June: Werribee and 27 July: Geelong. For information and to register your place, go to <http://bit.ly/2r7HX0u>

MONASH SCIENCE TOURS

If you are interested in studying science at Monash University, you can book a science precinct tour. You will be able to visit the new science facilities and learning spaces, get a feel for campus life and have a chat with current science students along the way. These tours are very popular so registration is essential, <http://bit.ly/2r8hm3d>

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

A Day at Melbourne University: You will be able to find out about courses at the University of Melbourne on Friday 7 July. You can learn about:

- Undergraduate degrees and graduate pathways at Melbourne
- Unique opportunities to enrich your degree such as concurrent diplomas and going on exchange and study abroad
- Admissions and entry requirements
- Access Melbourne and Melbourne Scholarships
- Accommodation options

You will also be able to participate in a session focusing on the course you are interested in. Information will be at this link soon, <http://bit.ly/2qHYbxk>

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

DeakInspire Day: Deakin University is running full day events at the Melbourne and Geelong campuses designed for Year 10 – 12 students to learn more about Deakin courses and programs. At the DeakInspire Day, you will:

- Hear innovative, entrepreneurial and creative stories from Deakin students, alumni and teachers.
- Choose to attend two workshops from a multitude of energising workshops.
- Learn how to stand out from the crowd and get ready for the jobs of tomorrow

Dates are as follows:

- Melbourne Burwood campus, Tuesday 4 July
- Geelong Waurin Ponds, Thursday 6 July

For information on the venues, speakers, workshops, and to register your place, go to <http://bit.ly/2r0rbh5>

ATTENTION YEAR 9 & 10 STUDENTS:

THE CONOCOPHILLIPS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

Nationwide STEM outreach program for Students in year 9 or 10 in 2017

A three-day or four day hands-on practical STEM program, will be conducted again in 33 Australian universities and tertiary institutions throughout 2017-2018. The programs are non-selective and open to all students in Years 9 and 10. Each program includes a wide variety of practical activities, excursions, career information together with interesting presentations by leading Australian scientists and engineers.

This is a Rotary Youth Services Project, supported by the Australian Science Teachers Association and The Young Scientists of Australia. Local Rotary clubs are often willing to sponsor students to attend, so please contact your local Rotary club for details, if funding is required.



Enjoy 3 or 4 days of science, engineering, technology & mathematics



Perform interesting experiments in a university laboratory



Hear leaders in science, technology and engineering speak



Learn about careers in the science area



Located on 33 campuses nationally see the where and when page on our website.



Financial assistance maybe available for those who require it through the local Rotary club.



Cost \$150 for the 3 day program, \$200 for the 4 day program



PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:



Please see Miss Hester for more information!

2017 FULL STEaM AHEAD Program

FULL STEaM AHEAD - Girls Designing an Inclusive Society. A one-week STEM based work experience program for Year 10 Girls – 10-14 July 2017



FSA Team 2016

Akorn Educational Services and Enable Development are once again pleased to offer this amazing opportunity for Year 10 girls to participate in the 5-day 2017 *FULL STEaM AHEAD - Girls Designing an Inclusive Society* program.

In a recent World Report on Disability, it is estimated that 1 in 5 people globally has a disability, which in Australia is calculated to be 4.27 million people. The majority of these people experience social exclusion, discrimination and lack of access to fully participate in society due to the barriers such as built environment and negative attitudes.

Responding to this challenge, students will collaborate to generate ideas and develop assistive/enabling technologies that will overcome said barriers. During the program students will be supported by Enable Development's facilitator team and the Akorn Educational Services team to establish the appropriate analytical framework and user centered design to come up with sustainable and viable solutions.

Click [HERE](#) to apply or see Miss Hester for more information.



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TAKE A STEP TOWARDS a 'WARMER' SOUL

TIME: 6:45am – 7:45am

WHERE: @ McAuley MPA

DATE: Tuesday mornings: 6th/13th/20th June

COST: Gold coin donation for breakfast



**Come and join fellow Mercy parents,
students and staff in**

Taking a step towards a 'Warmer' soul!!

**Begin the day with a meditation session with Suzanne Frydman followed by
a home cooked breakfast by our Mercy Food Tech domain.**

*Chairs and some equipment will be provided but it is recommended that you
bring a mat/towel/blanket/cushions to stay comfortable and warm.*

STUDENTS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT PLEASE

**The meditation session will go for 1 hour and breakfast will be available
from 7:45onwards.**

We welcome you to be a part of our warming our soul initiative.

Hope to see you there.

<http://relaxcommunications.com.au/>



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.

A box of chocolates was sent home last term. 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, by **Friday 26th 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 26th May 2017

THANK YOU