

# MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

**ISSUE 3-1**

**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 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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One of my favourite prayers and one that I have used before in the College newsletter celebrates The Arts and those gifted with creativity; it highlights that capacity of art and aesthetics to portray truth and beauty in ways that are otherwise not possible. Through these pursuits, the artistic and creative people in our communities often bring us closer to the mystery that is our God:

#### *Prayer for Artists*

*Bless the creators, O God of creation,  
who by their gifts make the world  
a more joyful and beautiful realm.  
Through their labours, they teach us  
to see more clearly the truth around us.  
In their inspiration they call forth  
wonder and awe in our own living.  
Pour your Spirit upon them  
that their hearts may sing  
and their works be fulfilling.  
Amen.*

## **Mercy Showcase 2017**

Mercy Regional College's 2017 musical production is only three weeks away with cast and crew very busy preparing for the four public performances. With almost four months of rehearsals including a three-day camp during the holidays, the students involved in the show have displayed great dedication, enthusiasm and creativity to bring to us a production of the highest quality. The first performance will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August for students from the HCSN primary schools. Next week, the cast will perform a short 15-minute preview of the show for all staff as well as students from the O'Keeffe and McAuley campuses.

I strongly encourage all members of our school community to come along to support the students on stage at one of the public performances at Camperdown's Theatre Royal – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August (7.30pm) and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August (2.00pm matinee & 7.30pm). Tickets are priced at \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. They are available for purchase online through the website [www.trybooking.com./298842](http://www.trybooking.com./298842). If you are unable to access the TryBooking website, please contact the College for tickets or they may be purchased at the theatre door before each performance. See Showcase flyer on page 3.

## **Congratulations to Chris Grant**

On Monday, I announced to all staff that our Deputy Principal, Mr. Chris Grant had been appointed as the new Deputy Principal of Damascus College, Ballarat from the start of the 2018 school year. Chris has been at Mercy Regional College since 2012 initially as Deputy Principal – Learning and Teaching and then last year as sole Deputy Principal. This is a very exciting appointment for Chris as his family home is in Ross Creek, about 15 km south of Ballarat. The College will have the opportunity to thank Chris more formally at the end of this year. Next week, I hope to commence the process of appointing a replacement or replacements for Chris.

### **Planning for 2018**

With the start of third term, planning for next year is underway in earnest and given the size of Mercy, forward planning needs to be comprehensive, considered and completed in a timely fashion. Central to this planning are the subject selection processes for students entering Years 9 – 12 in 2018. I strongly encourage all parents to take an interest in the selections and decisions that your son/daughter is making in the next few weeks. Specific details on subject selection processes and the upcoming VCE Information Night are included later in this newsletter.

Next Monday and Tuesday sees the second stage in the College enrolment processes for incoming 2018 Year 7 students with enrolment interviews to be held at McAuley Campus (Monday evening) and O’Keeffe Campus (Tuesday evening) from 3.30 – 6.00pm.

These enrolment interviews provide both the College and prospective students and parents to meet, discuss transition arrangements, identify and discuss any areas of concern and provide an invaluable opportunity for prospective students to reflect on what the transition to secondary education might entail. Any students or families that are considering an enrolment at Mercy are asked to make contact with the Principal’s Secretary, Mrs. Sue Bohm at the College on 5593 2011 or [sue@mercy.vic.edu.au](mailto:sue@mercy.vic.edu.au).

### **Employment Opportunity**

In local newspapers across this weekend, the Hampden Catholic Schools Network is advertising for a Compliance Officer whose responsibilities will extend to each of our five separate sites.

This role reflects the significant increase over recent years in the areas of compliance, risk management, OHS and child safety for schools and especially school leadership.

We hope that through the employment of a full-time Compliance Officer some of these responsibilities will be taken away from principals and school leaders allowing greater time to be directed to leading school improvement. I encourage anyone interested in the position to visit the MRC website. [www.mercy.vic.edu.au/jobs](http://www.mercy.vic.edu.au/jobs).

Looking forward to a great term 3.

Yours in Mercy,



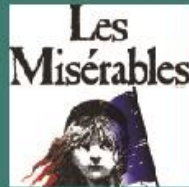
**DR. DARREN EGBERTS**  
PRINCIPAL

### **HELPERS REQUIRED**

#### **Mercy Regional 2017 Car Raffle**

**We are looking for a coordinator for the  
Derrinallum/Mortlake area as well as someone  
to help the coordinator in Terang.**

**If available, please contact Rose Henry at the school  
on 5593 2011.**



Mercy Regional College Presents

# MERCY SHOWCASE

# 2017

## Tickets

Adults \$15

Child/Concession \$10

Tickets available through  
[www.trybooking.com/298842](http://www.trybooking.com/298842)

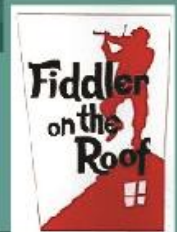
## Mercy Showcase 2017

Theatre Royal

11<sup>th</sup> August- 7:30pm

12<sup>th</sup> August- 2pm & 7:30pm

Camperdown, Victoria



### **Warrnambool & District Careers Expo 2017**

The Warrnambool and District Careers Expo is held every second year, across four venues, on four different evenings. This is a fantastic opportunity for students and their parents to research a wide range of career options. The program schedule and venue maps can be obtained from the careers stand outside the library, or by emailing Mrs. Jenny Phillips. Whilst students and parents from Warrnambool schools need to register, regional school students & parents can just turn up to the reception area at the designated school, obtain an up to date Program for the night and then go to the presentation of choice.

### **VCE/VCAL Subject Selection Process**

This process began last term for Year 10 students. During Career classes, they have been presented with material and involved in activities designed to guide them through the process of selecting their VCE studies. It is important that they choose the subjects that will give them the best possible chance of satisfactorily completing their VCE, or VCAL certificate and provide them with the career pathway of their choice. Students are encouraged to choose subjects based on the following guidelines: choose studies that interest you, you are good at, lead to a job you are interested in and will help you to pursue the post school option of your choice.

All Year 10 and 11 students will have a scheduled time during Term 3 to meet with one of the following teachers: Mrs. Lesa Thornton, Mr. Lachie Lee, Mr. Darren Cheeseman, or Mrs. Jenny Phillips. These interviews give students the opportunity to discuss their subject selections for 2018. If parents would like to be present at these meetings and are unable to attend at the designated time, the appointment can be rescheduled to a more convenient time by contacting Mrs. Phillips.

**NB. VCE/VCAL Information Evening – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm in the MPA**

### **Deakin University Warrnambool Campus Open Day**

As many of you may be aware, there was much discussion in 2016 surrounding the future of the Warrnambool Campus of Deakin University. After investigating several options, Deakin University committed to ensuring that there would be a University Campus in Warrnambool and that any student who began a Degree at Deakin University would be able to complete that Degree.

Mercy Regional College strongly supports this commitment, because we feel it is vital that students in this community have access to a university education that does not require them to relocate. Below is the link to the Deakin Warrnambool Open Day Website and see attached flyer for the Health Courses Information Sessions.

<http://openday.deakin.edu.au/campuses/warrnambool>

However, whilst the Warrnambool Campus of Deakin University will be the ideal choice for some, I encourage parents and VCE students considering post-school studies, to investigate a range of tertiary Campus options to ensure that their son/daughter finds the course and institution which best suits their needs.

### **Tertiary Institution Campus Open Days**

If students are considering studying at TAFE or university after school, it is **crucial** that they attend Open Days. Throughout the year, vocational and tertiary institutions open their doors to the public and showcase their courses, accommodation, scholarships, pathway courses, student services and their 'point of difference'. For more information about how to get the best out of Open Days check out the latest Career News and Open Day Information through the link on the Careers Section of the MRC Website Homepage.



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2017 Course Information Sessions  
Warrnambool Campus

\*Industry Employment Projections 2016 Report, Department of Employment  
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## Warrnambool Information Sessions

Friday 11 August 2017

Health Sciences	6.00pm - 7:00pm
Nursing and Midwifery	6.00pm - 7:30pm
Psychology	6.00pm - 7:00pm

Register online at [deakin.edu.au/health/events](http://deakin.edu.au/health/events)

For more information on any of our health courses  
contact **1800 MYFUTURE (1800 693 888)**

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# AUGUST IS COME AND TRY MONTH



**Come and have fun in these “taster” courses,  
learn something new, try something different  
and experience what SEAL has to offer.**

## **Courses:**

### *Belly Dance*

Wednesday 16 August  
7pm – 8pm \$10

### *Creative Crafts*

Thursday 17 August  
10.30am – 11.30am \$15  
7pm – 8pm

### *Indian Cooking*

Friday 11 August  
7pm – 9pm \$25

### *Introduction to Creative Writing - Novels*

Wednesday 23 August  
7pm – 8.30pm \$15

### *Meditation*

Tuesday 1 August  
6.30pm – 8pm \$10

### *Self Defence for Women*

Wednesday 16 August  
7pm – 8.30pm \$15

### *String a Necklace*

Wednesday 2 August  
7pm – 8pm \$15

### *Tai Chi*

Thursday 3 August  
7pm – 8pm \$10

### *Travel Photography Tips*

Tuesday 8 August  
7pm – 8pm \$10

### *Ukulele for Beginners*

Tuesday 15 August  
7pm – 8pm \$10

### *Using your Smart Phone*

Wednesday 9 August  
7pm – 8.30pm \$15

### *Wellness through Mandala Art*

Tuesday 15 August  
7pm – 8pm \$10

### *Wine Appreciation*

Wednesday 9 August  
7pm – 9pm \$45

### *Yoga for You*

Wednesday 2 August  
10am – 11am \$10  
6pm – 7pm



**For more information, go to [www.seal.org.au](http://www.seal.org.au)**

**To enrol contact SEAL on 5562 6099 or**

**Email: [reception@seal.org.au](mailto:reception@seal.org.au)**

**Or visit us at 91 Hyland Street Warrnambool**

**Information on all our other courses is also available on our web site.**

South West Victorian SEAL Inc. A009630L. ABN 30 906 323 600. RTO 4076



# SBS National Languages Competition



**Enter Now: [sbs.com.au/NLC17](http://sbs.com.au/NLC17)**  
**24 July - 1 September 2017**

## SHOWCASE YOUR LANGUAGE SKILLS AND WIN!

SBS Radio presents the SBS National Languages Competition 2017 to encourage and celebrate a love of learning languages in Australia.

We are calling out to all school students across Australia, who are learning a language other than English.

Entries open on Monday 24 July and close on Friday 1 September 2017.

### Age Categories

Category A: Junior Primary (Aged 4 – 7)

Category B: Primary (Aged 8 – 12)

Category C: Junior High School (Aged 13 – 15)

Category D: Senior High School (Aged 16 – 18)

## How To Enter

Step 1: Log on to [www.sbs.com.au/NLC17](http://www.sbs.com.au/NLC17)

Step 2: Fill in the entry form

Step 3: Upload a video (max 30 seconds) telling us 'What learning a language means to you?'  
The video should be in a language other than English

Step 4: Include a written script in English, translating the video content

Step 5: Submit your entry

Terms and Conditions apply

**ENTER NOW: [sbs.com.au/NLC17](http://sbs.com.au/NLC17)**

[#SBSRadioNLC17](https://twitter.com/SBSRadioNLC17)



**Mercy Regional College**  
**2017 Annual Instrumental Concert**

On

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017**

the

Mercy Community will be treated to our

**Annual Instrumental Concert**

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Place:** McAuley Campus – Room to be confirmed.

Note the time and date in your diaries and come along  
and celebrate our talented instrumental students.

Every year we are pleasantly surprised and delighted by  
our students, and 2017 is definitely going to be another  
magnificent concert.

Come along and enjoy the warm and relaxed  
environment whilst being entertained by our talented  
musicians.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**Janet Backhous – Instrumental Coordinator**



## COMING DATES - TERM 3, 2017

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July

- Year 7, 2018 Enrolment Interviews at Camperdown - 3.30pm – 5.30pm

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

- Year 7, 2018 Enrolment Interviews at Noorat – 3.30pm – 5.30pm

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July

- Unit 4 P/T/S Interviews
- VCE/VCAL Information Night

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July

- Maths Competition

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July

- Author Archie Fusillo visit to Year 8s

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July

- GWR Basketball, Ballarat, Intermediate & Senior Girls and Boys
- GWR Table Tennis, Ballarat – Boys & Girls
  - Careers Expo Warrnambool College (7 – 9pm)

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August

- Unit 2 Outdoor Ed Snow Camp

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

- Careers Expo - Emmanuel College (7 – 9pm)

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August

- Careers Expo - Brauer College (7 – 9pm)

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August

- Mercy Showcase, HCSN Schools Performance
- Careers Expo - Kings College (7 – 9pm)

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August

- Mercy Showcase Opening Night Evening, 7.30pm

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August

- Mercy Showcase Performance Matinee, 2.00pm  
Evening, 7.30pm

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August

- Feast of the Assumption
  - Year 10 Retreat
- MRC Board Meeting

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August

- Year 10 Retreat

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> & Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August

- Frayne Debating & Public Speaking

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August

- Mid-Term break, no school

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August

- ACER Testing Week for Year 7 – 10 students

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

- Instrumental Music Concert

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August

- Year 7, 2018 HCSN Transition Day

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August

- Year 7, 2018 Country Kids Transition Day

### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August

Mind Matters  
Years 7 & 8  
Years 9 - 12

## Dinny's Dinner Term3 - 2017 Roster

Starting Time is 10:00am

Wendy 0427 822 361      Nicola 0411 899 939

WEEK 2	WEEK 3
Monday 24/7	Monday 31/7
Tuesday 25/7-	Tuesday 1/8 -
Wednesday 26/7 Cherie Mungean-55985343	Wednesday 2/8 Ida Bone-0429387774
Thursday 27/7 Janine Swayne-0466262912	Thursday 3/8 Liz Brett-55963556
Friday 28/7- Wendy & Nicola	Friday 4/8 – Wendy & Nicola
WEEK 4	WEEK 5
Monday -7/8 -	Monday 14/8- Kerry Cain-0448943367
Tuesday -8/8- Angela Cunningham-55932260	Tuesday 15/8- Kylie Tickner - 0477487254
Wednesday 9/8- Liz Place-0427947238	Wednesday 16/8
Thursday 10/8-Caroline Bucholz- 55963564	Thursday – 17/8 Julie Whytcross-0408948218
Friday 11/8 – Wendy & Nicola	Friday – 18/8 Wendy & Nicola
WEEK 6	WEEK 7
Monday 21/8 -	Monday 28/8 -Julie Bradshaw- 0419884628
Tuesday 22/8 -Christine Moloney-0427921047	Tuesday 29/8 - Paula Poole- 0419889060
Wednesday 23/8 – Sharon Robertson-55951788	Wednesday 30/8 - Leah Buckle-0418505373
Thursday 24/8	Thursday 31/8 – Nicki Rikkard-0407323438
Friday 25/8 - Wendy & Nicola	Friday 1/9 Wendy and Nicola
WEEK 8	WEEK 9
Monday 4/9	Monday 11/9
Tuesday 5/9 Andrea Coutts- 0419567473	Tuesday 12/9 -Vanessa Suri-0407433421
Wednesday 6/9 Paula Flemming -04099950738	Wednesday 13/9- Carol Uebergang-0427922325
Thursday 7/9 – Angela Russell-	Thursday 14/9-Karen Harrison -55947349
Friday 8/9 -Wendy & Nicola	Friday 15/9 Wendy & Nicola
WEEK 10	
Monday 18/9	
Tuesday 19/9-Tanya Davis-0419567473	
Wednesday 20/9 -Natalie Roberts -0417035474	
Thursday 21/9- Sandra Tudgey-0427240071	
Friday 22/9 Wendy & Nicola	

Please note volunteers are now required to have a working with children check go to [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)

Canteen is looking for more helpers contact Wendy or Nicola on phone no above Thanks

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## TERANG JUNIOR BASKETBALL

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR OUR 2017 WINTER SEASON

- 🏀 ☐ All players must be registered and fees paid by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July
- 🏀 ☐ Season begins Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August
- 🏀 ☐ Please ensure that you select the correct age group so that the right fees apply.
- 🏀 ☐ All players must turn 7 years of age before season start date.
- 🏀 ☐ Any player that wishes to register and has paid bvc at another association this year may require a special link to pay fees, please contact us at [juniorbasketballterang@gmail.com](mailto:juniorbasketballterang@gmail.com) with a copy of your receipt before trying to register.

🏀 ☐ NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED - please ensure you are registered before the cut off date, this will ensure that all committee volunteers have time to select teams, get draws, court schedules, umpires and coaches sorted within the week.

Many thanks

Looking forward to another great season of basketball

- 🏀 All teams and draws will be on the website and on stadium wall when selected.

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