

# MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER

**ISSUE 4-2**

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 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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Next week heralds the month of November and, in the Christian tradition, November is a time where those we have loved and have passed on are remembered and celebrated. In particular, the feast days of All Saints (November 1<sup>st</sup>) and All Souls (November 2<sup>nd</sup>) were historically significant for all Christians and remain very much so in many parts of the world. Unfortunately, popular culture and multinational commercial interests have, to some degree, hijacked these with an overwhelming focus now on the secular celebration of Halloween (October 31<sup>st</sup>) rather than its liturgical basis, All Hallows' Eve.

Our prayer today remembers all those we have loved and lost.

#### *For the Departed*

*Immortal God, holy Lord,  
God and Protector of all You have created,  
we raise our hearts to You today for those  
who have passed out of this mortal life.*

*In Your loving mercy,  
be pleased to receive them in Your heavenly company,  
and forgive the failings and faults  
they may have done from human frailty.*

*For all the faithful who have died we pray,  
but in particular for those dear to us,  
parents, relatives and friends.  
nor do we forget all who loved while on earth,  
who helped us by their prayers, sacrifice and example.  
We pray also for any who may have done us harm,  
and stand in special need of Your forgiveness.  
Amen*

### **Last Day for Year 12 2017**

Each year, the College's calendar includes the final day(s) for our Year 12 group; for the class of 2017, these events culminated yesterday. I would like to pay credit to this wonderful young women and men as the day's celebrations were an absolute pleasure to be a part of. As I said to them at the conclusion of their Year 12 assembly, "It says much that your final days at Mercy testify to the respect, affection and joy in which you hold staff, other students and your peers".

The day included a number of separate aspects:

- Celebrations conducted in good spirits as students arrived for breakfast cooked by the Year 12 teachers;
- A liturgy prepared by Mrs. Kellie Wilson to celebrate their final year at Mercy;
- The annual Mercy's Got Talent where students from across Years 7 – 11 performed a range of solo, duet and group musical numbers in a range of styles.

Thanks to Mrs. Janet Backhaus for her leadership of this excellent event and also to her support cast of Mr. Luke Bouchier, Mr. Brendon Norman and Old Collegian, Mr. Christopher Barks.

- The memorable Year 12 Assembly hosted by Emily Van Donk and Nikita Buchholz and attended by all College students, staff as well as the parents and families of many Year 12 students. It was also great to see Fr. Gerry Prunty as well as a special return by Fr. Matthew Thomas. This year's assembly was amongst the best I've seen; congratulations to all involved and especially to Alexander Wallace whose technical nous facilitated seamless moves between videos and live action.



The focus for our Year 12 students now shifts to the upcoming VCAA exams which begin next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at Camperdown College (*more information about this later in the newsletter*). I wish all involved the very best for your study time.

### **Investiture of 2018 Student Leaders**

Last week, the College gathered in the de Chantal Stadium to formally recognize the election of the 2018 Year 12 student leaders and for the liturgy which highlights the handover from the 2017 leaders to the incoming group. As always, it was a beautiful event, rich in symbolism and included speeches from College Captain, Brad Lucas, and College Vice Captain, Sarah van der Schans. The candles presented to the incoming student leaders were blessed by College Chaplain, Fr. Neville.



2017 College Captain, Brad Lucas, and College Vice Captain, Sarah van der Schans



2018 Leadership Group



2018 College Captains Edward Lee and Polly Moloney

### **Mercy Arts Night and Car Raffle**

A reminder to all parents, families and friends that our annual car raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday 15th November** at the de Chantal Stadium and therefore all tickets sold or unsold need to be returned by that date. Although the raffle draw is the highlight of the evening, the opportunity for parents and families to view the students' art and technology work is a wonderful one. Their work is always quite amazing! A flyer advertising the evening is attached.

As was the case last year, the evening will run from **4.00 – 7.00pm** with the raffle draw at 6.30pm. We will be running a free BBQ for all present and well as other food and refreshments. I encourage as many families as possible to join us – you may drive away in a new car!

### **Board Holiday and Cup Weekend**

A reminder that Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November are holidays for Mercy Regional College and no classes will run. Good luck to those students whose VCAA Unit 3-4 exams continue over the long weekend.

### **Corangamite Youth Achievement Awards**

Last Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, I attended the Shire of Corangamite's Youth Achievement Awards that were held at Camperdown's Theatre Royal. They are always an excellent night and showcase the talents of young people from across the district in a wide variety of areas.

Mercy Regional College students featured in a number of categories that I have listed below with special recognition going to Ripley Watt who, in addition to receiving a nomination, did an outstanding job co-hosting the evening on stage.

#### **Performing Arts (Individual and Group)**

Lauren Huth (Winner)  
Demby McKenzie  
2017 Mercy Showcase cast and crew

#### **Sports (Individual)**

Tully Watt (Winner)  
Lachlan Gass  
Nina Parker

#### **Music**

Hayley Wason  
Isabel Rowan (Joint winner)

#### **Workplace Endeavour**

Polly Moloney

#### **Community Service**

Ripley Watt  
Joshua Newcombe  
Isabel Rowan  
Year 11 & 12 MRC Student Leaders  
Cheyenne Beaver

#### **Agriculture**

Cally O'Shannassy  
Hannah Whytcross (Winner)



*Ripley Watt*





*Demby McKenzie*



*Isabel Rowan*

### **Student and Staff Activities**

With the run up to exams and transition periods, plenty has been happening in and out of school:

- On Tuesday, all Year 10 students travelled to Warrnambool for "Discover Deakin" day where various course and career options were showcased at the only tertiary institution in the South-West.
- A group of Mercy staff joined more than 200 other teachers at a professional learning workshop put on by the Corangamite Shire directed towards the challenges facing young people who had suffered significant brain trauma.
- Sporting and cultural activities over the last two weeks include two shooting competition, schools state athletics, the Camperdown Show and the Year 7 & 8 Super 8's cricket.

Yours in Mercy,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D. Egberts'.

**DR. DARREN EGBERTS**  
PRINCIPAL

## Senior School Information

Mr. Lachie Lee

### VCE EXAMS

Those VCE students who are studying Unit 3/4 subjects will be sitting final exams beginning Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. All Unit 3/4 VCE exams in 2017 will be held at the Camperdown College Hall-Wilson Street.

VCE exam instructions have been issued to all MRC VCE students. We have been through these instructions with all the students. They also have a copy of the VCAA's Examination Navigator which details times and **dates** of exams (*a copy of these instructions and how to view the timetable is on page 7 of this newsletter*).

Year 11 students will also sit the Mercy Regional College end of semester exams beginning Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November until Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November (*a copy of the timetable is on page 8 of this newsletter*).

Year 11 students will begin the 2018 Year 12 Start Up Program on the 21<sup>st</sup> November finishing Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. This will be the final day for Year 11. The Start Up timetable will be issued to students (*a copy of the program on pages 9 & 10 of this newsletter*).

On the day of the exam, students may go directly to their exam from home or come to school and then proceed to the exam centre. At the completion of the exam they can be collected from the exam centre or return to school if the exam is early in the day. If returning, we would expect them to go to their scheduled class. If students are leaving from the exam centre please contact Lesa Thornton or me.

At this time, students may be feeling quite stressed, therefore it is important that they are quite well organised and that those around them know what is going on. If you have any questions, please contact Lesa Thornton or myself at the school

### EXAM EXPECTATIONS VCE 2017

1. All exams this year are to be held at the Camperdown College Hall.
2. You will be expected to be at the Camperdown College stadium at least 10 minutes prior to the exam. Your teacher will need to mark you off. This is a legal requirement and must be observed. You will be expected to wear normal summer uniform.
3. You will need the requirements of the exam i.e. pens, pencils, calculators, dictionary etc.
4. The practice in the past has been to allow those Year 11 students who have a Year 12 exam the following day to have a day off in preparation for the exam. This is to be used correctly. Year 11 students who may wish to come to school in order to catch up with teachers are to wear school uniform and to be situated in the library, the relevant class or be with the teacher. The only students, who can wear casual clothes, in their study time at school, are Year 12s. Year 11 students are always to be in school uniform, when at school, during the exam period.
5. When travelling as a group from MRC to the Camperdown College, normal school rules regarding cars will be enforced.

### UNITS 1 AND 3 START UP PROGRAMS

The 2017 Start Up period for Unit 3 2018 begins on Wednesday 22 November and concludes on Wednesday 6 December. A timetable has been produced which outlines the program. The Start Up begins the Year 12 studies for 2018. It is most important that every effort is made by students to attend. All subjects will begin Unit 3 activities and homework will be set for the holiday period.

The Unit 1 2018 transition period begin on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December and conclude Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Again, this period gives students a head start for their 2018 studies and is essential in working towards a successful Year 11. If there are any questions, please contact me or Mr. Chris Grant at McAuley Campus.

*(A copy of the letter below has been sent to parents)*

Friday October 27, 2017

Dear Parents,

This is a note to clarify the position regarding study days for Year 11 students who are completing Year 12 Unit 3/4 exams. As per previous years and after due consultation with teachers and administration staff, all students who are currently in Year 11 and who are doing a Unit 3/4 exam **will** be able to take the day prior to their exam/s as a study day. This can be used in two ways:

- a) The student stays at home and uses the time to study for the exam.  
If students choose this option, they **MUST** notify reception staff prior to the study day that they will be absent from school. **If this is not done, an SMS follow up will be sent to parents.**
- b) The student comes to school **in uniform** and studies for the upcoming exam in the library. In this instance, the student will have access to the class teacher, subject to arrangements made between the teacher and the student.

If students wish to come to school either on a study day or on the day of their exam to attend a scheduled class, **they must sign in at reception.**

Students who have an exam on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November (Business Management and/or Further Maths)** must attend school as normal on the preceding Friday 3 November. The same situation applies for those students who have **Outdoor Education on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

On the day of the exam, students may go directly to their exam from home or come to school and then proceed to the exam centre. At the completion of the exam they can be collected from the exam centre or return to school if the exam is early in the day. If returning, we would expect them to go to their scheduled class after signing in at the office.

If students are leaving for home from the exam centre please contact Lesa Thornton or me.

If you have any queries regarding this process again, please let us know

Regards,



**LACHIE LEE**  
**Head of Learning & Teaching Senior School**

## 2017 VCE Examination Timetable Information

- Students should check the **starting time** of each examination and **arrive at least 30 minutes earlier**, and be familiar with rules about late admission to examinations.
- The start time for the afternoon session on Thursday 2 November, Friday 3 November, Tuesday 14 November and Wednesday 15 November – when only two sessions are scheduled – is **2.00pm**.
- The start time for the afternoon session on all other days when three sessions are scheduled is **3.00pm**.
- The **reading period** is included in the times shown in the timetable. Each examination commences with a 15-minute reading period unless otherwise specified.
- All **written responses** must be in English, unless otherwise instructed in the question book for that particular examination.
- If students are presenting for **performance examinations, Languages examinations oral component** or the **Extended Investigation oral presentation** they will be issued with individual examination advice slips. Photo identification and examination advice slips must be presented for entry to their assessment. In some cases, students in regional and rural areas may be required to attend venues in Melbourne.
- The following written examinations **have an audio component**: English as an Additional Language (EAL), Music Style and Composition, Music Performance, VET Music Industry: Sound Production and all Languages **except** Indigenous Languages of Victoria, Classical Greek, Classical Hebrew and Latin.

The 2017 VCE examination timetable can be viewed on the VCAA website via the link below:

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/timetable.aspx#timetable>

## **Unit 2 Exam Timetable–17, 20 and 21 November 2017**

	<b>SESSION 1</b> Reading Time: 9:20 – 9:25 am. Writing Time: 9:25 – 10.55 am.		<b>SESSION 2</b> Reading Time: 11:15 – 11:20 am. Writing Time: 11:20 – 12.50 pm.		<b>SESSION 3</b> Reading Time: 1:20– 1:25 pm. Writing Time: 1:25 – 2:55 pm.	
<b>DAY</b>	<b>EXAM</b>	<b>ROOM</b>	<b>EXAM</b>	<b>ROOM</b>	<b><u>EXAM</u></b>	<b>ROOM</b>
<b>Friday 17 Nov</b>	English <i>Reading Time: 9:20 – 9:30 am.</i> <i>Writing Time: 9:30 – 11.30 am.</i>  Literature <i>Reading Time: 9:20 – 9:30 am.</i> <i>Writing Time: 9:30 – 11.30 am.</i>		Physical Education Specialist Math Study <i>Reading Time 11.55am-12.05pm</i> <i>Writing Time 12.05pm-1.35pm</i>		Year 12 2018 Information Session Activities	
<b>Monday 20 Nov</b>	Business Management B PD and T Media Study		<i>STUDY</i> <i>11:15 – 12:55 pm</i>		Maths Methods General Maths Study	
<b>Tuesday 21 Nov</b>	Biology A Chemistry Study		Build Cons Biology B Legal Studies Physics Studio Arts Study		Business Management A HD History Outdoor Ed Psychology Study  <b>Catch up papers</b>	

- School uniform is to be worn to the school for the exams.
  - Exam conditions apply for all exams.
  - Silence must be maintained at all times.
  - Students will not be permitted to leave the room until the designated finish time.
  - Students may bring a novel (not the newspaper) to read if they finish early.



# Start Up TIMETABLE: YEAR 11 INTO 12 – 2017/18

Period	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
1	<b>Block A (4)</b> Methods Fur Maths A DT Media VCAL Work related Study A (4)	<b>Block D (7)</b> Bus Man Chem History A Legal Psyc A Studio Study D (7)	<b>Block F (9)</b> English C Furnishing H & HD Legal S B VCAL PD Study F (9)	<b>Block E (8)</b> Fur Maths C English B Spec Math Bus Man History B Hospitality Outdoor Ed Psyc B Study E (8)	<b>Block B (5)</b> Fur Maths B PE Lit A VCAL Sen Lit Study B (5)	<b>Block A (4)</b> Methods Fur Maths A DT Media VCAL Work related Study A (4)	<b>Block D (7)</b> Bus Man Chem History A Legal Psyc A Studio Study D (7)	<b>Block C (6)</b> English A Biology Accounting Vis Com  VCAL Math Study C (6)	<b>Block B (5)</b> Fur Maths B PE Lit A VCAL Sen Lit Study B (5)	<b>Block E (8)</b> Fur Maths C English B Spec Math Bus Man History B Hospitality Outdoor Ed Psyc B Study E (8))	<b>Block F (9)</b> English C Furnishing H & HD Legal S B VCAL PD Study F (9)
2	<b>Block A (4)</b> Methods Fur Maths A DT Media VCAL Work related Study A (4)	<b>Block D (7)</b> Bus Man Chem History A Legal Psyc A Studio Study D (7)	<b>Block F (9)</b> English C Furnishing H & HD Legal S B VCAL PD Study F (9)	<b>Block E (8)</b> Fur Maths C English B Spec Math Bus Man History B Hospitality Outdoor Ed Psyc B Study E (8)	<b>Block B (5)</b> Fur Maths B PE Lit A VCAL Sen Lit Study B (5)	<b>Block A (4)</b> Methods Fur Maths A DT Media VCAL Work related Study A (4)	<b>Block D (7)</b> Bus Man Chem History A Legal Psyc A Studio Study D (7)	<b>Block C (6)</b> English A Biology Accounting Vis Com  VCAL Math Study C (6)	<b>Block B (5)</b> Fur Maths B PE Lit A VCAL Sen Lit Study B (5)	<b>Block E (8)</b> Fur Maths C English B Spec Math Bus Man History B Hospitality Outdoor Ed Psyc B Study E (8))	<b>Block F (9)</b> English C Furnishing H & HD Legal S B VCAL PD Study F (9)
3	<b>Block B (5)</b> Fur Maths B PE Lit A VCAL Sen Lit Study B (5)	<b>Block E (8)</b> Fur Maths C English B Spec Math Bus Man History B Hospitality Outdoor Ed Psyc B Study E (8)	<b>Block A (4)</b> Methods Fur Maths A DT Media VCAL Work related Study A (4)	<b>Block B (5)</b> Fur Maths B PE Lit A VCAL Sen Lit Study B (5)	<b>Block C (6)</b> English A Biology Accounting Vis Com  VCAL Math Study C (6)	<b>Block D (7)</b> Bus Man Chem History A Legal Psyc A Studio Study D (7)	<b>Block E (8)</b> Fur Maths C English B Spec Math Bus Man History B Hospitality Outdoor Ed Psyc B Study E (8)	<b>Block F (9)</b> English C-LL Build & Cons Year 2-JBK Health & HD- DF Legal S-LT Out Ed B-BB Psych-MK	<b>Block A (4)</b> Methods Fur Maths A DT Media VCAL Work related Study A (4)	<b>Block F (9)</b> English C Furnishing H & HD Legal S B VCAL PD Study F (9)	<b>End of year Mass and Thanksgiving</b>

4	<b>Block B (5)</b> Fur Maths B PE Lit A VCAL Sen Lit Study B (5)	<b>Block E (8)</b> Fur Maths C English B Spec Math Bus Man History B Hospitality Outdoor Ed Psyc B Study E (8)	<b>Block A (4)</b> Methods Fur Maths A DT Media VCAL Work related Study A (4)	<b>Block B (5)</b> Fur Maths B PE Lit A VCAL Sen Lit Study B (5)	<b>Block C (6)</b> English A Biology Accounting Vis Com  VCAL Math Study C (6)	<b>Block D (7)</b> Bus Man Chem History A Legal Psyc A Studio Study D (7)	<b>Block E (8)</b> Fur Maths C English B Spec Math Bus Man History B Hospitality Outdoor Ed Psyc B Study E (8)	<b>Block F (9)</b> English C Furnishing H & HD Legal S B VCAL PD Study F (9)	<b>Block A (4)</b> Methods Fur Maths A DT Media VCAL Work related Study A (4)	<b>Block F (9)</b> English C Furnishing H & HD Legal S B VCAL PD Study F (9)	
5	<b>Block C (6)</b> English A Biology Accounting Vis Com VCAL Math Study C (6)	<b>Block B (5)</b> Fur Maths B PE Lit A VCAL Sen Lit Study B (5)	<b>Block D (7)</b> Bus Man Chem History A Legal Psyc A Studio Study D (7)	<b>Block A (4)</b> Methods Fur Maths A DT Media VCAL Work related Study A (4)	<b>Block F (9)</b> English C Furnishing H & HD Legal S B VCAL PD Study F (9)	<b>Block E (8)</b> Fur Maths C English B Spec Math Bus Man History B Hospitality Outdoor Ed Psyc B Study E (8)	<b>Block C (6)</b> English A Biology Accounting Vis Com  VCAL Math Study C (6)	<b>Block B (5)</b> Fur Maths B PE Lit A VCAL Sen Lit Study B (5)	<b>Block C (6)</b> English A Biology Accounting Vis Com  VCAL Math Study C (6)	<b>Block D (7)</b> Bus Man Chem History A Legal Psyc A Studio Study D (7)	
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## **YEAR 8 Exam Timetable – SEMESTER 2 2017**

	<b>SESSION 1</b>		<b>SESSION 2</b>		<b>SESSION 3</b>	
<b>DAY</b>	<b>EXAM</b>	<b>ROOM</b>	<b>EXAM</b>	<b>ROOM</b>	<b><u>EXAM</u></b>	<b>ROOM</b>
<b>FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER</b>	<b>ENGLISH</b> Reading Time: 9:25 – 9:30 am. Writing Time: 9:30– 10.55 am.	Homeroom	Classes as normal	Timetabled Classroom	<b>HUMANITIES</b> Reading Time: 1.20 – 1.25 pm Writing Time: 1.25– 2.50 pm	Homeroom
<b>MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER</b>	<b>MATHEMATICS</b> Reading Time: 9:25 – 9.30 Writing Time: 9.30 – 10.55 am.	Homeroom	Classes as normal	Timetabled Classroom	<b>SCIENCE</b> Reading Time: 1.20 – 1.25 pm. Writing Time: 1.25– 2.50 pm	Homeroom

- NB.
- All Junior Exams will be conducted at the O’Keeffe campus.
  - School uniform is to be worn.
  - Exam conditions apply for all exams.
  - Students will not be permitted to leave the room until the designated finish time.
  - Students are to bring a novel (not the newspaper) to read if they finish early.
  - **Altered lunch times on both days – 12.40 - 1.10pm.**

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAM SCHEDULE – SEMESTER 2 2017**

### **YEAR 9 Exam Timetable**

Date	Exam	Time
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	English	Reading Time: 9:20 – 9:30am Writing Time: 9:30 – 11:30am
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	History	Reading Time: 1:20 – 1:25pm Writing Time: 1:25 – 2:55pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Maths	Reading Time: 9:20 – 9:25am Writing Time: 9:25 – 10:55am
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Science	Reading Time: 1:20 – 1:25pm Writing Time: 1:25 – 2:55pm

### **YEAR 10 Exam Timetable**

Date	Exam	Time
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	English	Reading Time: 9:20 – 9:30am Writing Time: 9:30 – 11:30am
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Science	Reading Time: 1:20 – 1:25pm Writing Time: 1:25 – 2:55pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Maths	Reading Time: 9:20 – 9:25am Writing Time: 9:25 – 10:55am
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	History	Reading Time: 1:20 – 1:25pm Writing Time: 1:25 – 2:55pm

#### **NB**

- All Middle School Exams will be conducted at the McAuley campus.
- School uniform is to be worn.
- Strict exam conditions apply.
- Students will not be permitted to leave the room until the designated finish time.
- Students are to bring a novel (not the newspaper, or their English text) to read if they finish early.
- Please note that there will be some changes to lunch and recess times during the exam period.
- Catch up exams are on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December

***\*Exam times are subject to change.***

# COMING DATES

## TERM 4, 2017

### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

- French Day – O’Keeffe Campus

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

- VCAA Exams Commence

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

- Year 9 Work Experience Forms Due Back

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

- Board Holiday

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

- Melbourne Cup Holiday

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

- Year 7 Retreat

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

- Mercy Arts Afternoon/Evening & Car Raffle Drawn

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

- MRC Board Meeting

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

- Year 12 Graduation

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

- Year 7, 2018 Orientation Day @ O’Keeffe Campus

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

- McLeod Shield Day

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

- Term 4 concludes for Year 7 – 10 Students

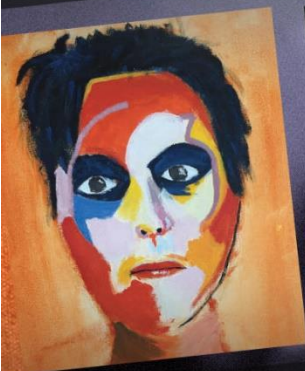




2017

Mercy Regional College presents

# ART AND DESIGN SHOWCASE



WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

DE CHANTAL STADIUM 4.00PM - 7.30PM  
HENDERSON STREET, CAMPERDOWN

**Featuring** student work from Art, Engineering Design,  
Food Technology, Photography, Media, Textiles,  
Woodwork and Visual Communication Design

ART PRINTS  
AVAILABLE  
FOR SALE



Car Raffle drawn at 6.30pm

Exhibition open Thursday 16th November 9.00am - 4.00pm

## Career News

Mrs. Jenny Phillips

### Defying the Drift Program

This program is available to secondary students considering a career in agriculture and related industries. It is an initiative of Rotary District 9780 which includes around 60 Rotary Clubs located throughout western Victoria and into South Australia.

Defying the Drift is run in partnership with Marcus Oldham College at Waurin Ponds near Geelong.

#### **Report from Hannah Whytcross**

*During the September/October school holidays, I was involved in the 'Defying the Drift' program which took place from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. The program took place at Marcus Oldham Agriculture College on the outskirts of Geelong.*

*On the Monday, we did a few workshops focusing on where agriculture is going, where it can take us in the next 30 years and some of the new technology being brought into agriculture.*

*On Tuesday, we all rose at 5.00 AM to drive to Colac to see some of the agriculture there. While we were in Colac we visited the Co-Op, the Bulla factory, Murnong farms, OZ trees and a dairy. That evening there was a formal dinner with teachers and rotary sponsors and Mrs. Jenny Phillips attended to represent MRC. The guest speaker was Judy Croagh, who with her husband Tim, manages Western Plains Pork. Judy, a former student and Dux of Marcus Oldham College, gave a very entertaining talk about their career journeys in Agriculture which eventually brought them back to the Western Districts of Victoria to develop and manage Western Plains Pork*

*On Wednesday, we all had to write a speech about where we see agriculture taking us within the next 30 years and present it to the group.*

*Overall this experience was very interesting and I strongly recommend this to anyone who loves agriculture because it didn't just focus on cows, but sheep, cropping and many other aspects of working in the agricultural industry that I hadn't even given a thought.*

### Need some help with your study

Deakin University has a digital content hub called 'this'. It has lots of interesting articles including:

- How to beat exam study and stress
- Six ways to make the most of your study breaks
- How to organize your study sessions
- Effective ways to memorise for exams

<http://bit.ly/2dh11BK>

### Career News

The latest Career News and Year 12 Resource material is available through the link on the Careers Section (under Important Info.) on the MRC Website Homepage.

**MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE**  
PARENTS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION



**2017 CAR RAFFLE**



**1st Prize – Mitsubishi ASX**

**Value \$27,000** (incl. on-road costs)

Auto, Air Conditioned  
Power Steering, Rear Parking Sensors  
CD Player, ABS, Bluetooth, Cruise Control  
Supplied courtesy **CALLAGHAN MOTORS**, Warmambool  
(Supported by Trevor Lee, Camperdown Auto Sales)

**2nd Prize: ELECTRICAL OR FURNITURE VOUCHER** Valued at \$2000

*Supplied courtesy of BETTA HOME LIVING, Camperdown*

**3rd Prize: IPAD 9.7", 32GB inc. BEATS HEADPHONES** Valued at \$728

*Supplied courtesy of COMP NOW, Nottingham*

**4th Prize: TRAVEL VOUCHER** Valued at \$500

*Supplied courtesy of HELLOWORLD, Camperdown*

**5th Prize: FUEL VOUCHER** Valued \$250

*Supplied courtesy of UNITED RETAIL, Camperdown*

**6th Prize: CLOTHING VOUCHER** Valued at \$250

*Supplied courtesy of FASHION CLUBWEAR, Canterbury*

**7th Prize: MEAL VOUCHER** Valued at \$200

*Supplied courtesy of SHIRLEY MARIA'S CAFE, Camperdown*

**8th Prize: JEWELLERY VOUCHER** Valued at \$200

*Supplied courtesy of SHOWCASE JEWELLERS, Camperdown*

**9th Prize: CANON CAMERA** Valued at \$150

*Supplied courtesy of OFFICEMAX, Richmond*

**10th Prize: DINNER VOUCHER** Valued at \$100

*Supplied courtesy of MADDEN'S BAR & BISTRO, Camperdown*

**Tickets \$10.00 each**

*(Early Bird Book Sellers/Buyer Prize: All full books to be returned by Monday 6/11/17 to be eligible for a 'FREE' ticket in the draw).*

Car Raffle Prizes drawn at Arts Night, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 6:30pm in the Stadium.

**'Early Bird Prize'**

If you sell your whole book of tickets, you will be eligible for  
**1 FREE TICKET**

To be eligible, books must be returned to the College office by:

**MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**





#### Activities and Competitions:

- Professional Performers!
- French Food Tasting including Crepes, Snails and Cheeses!
- Snail Races! (BYO Snail)
- Waiter Races!
- Paris Fashion Show!
- Special Guest: Judy Comley, Author of The Quoi De Neuf French Books!
- Best Homeroom Display Wins a Hot Chip Lunch!
- Best French Costume Dress Up Day! (gold coin donation)



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## I CAN SOUTH WEST REGIONAL SPEAKING TOUR



**Purpose:** To engage schools, families, communities and workplaces with I CAN South West, provide regional communities with an overview of our vision, and invite them to be a part of that vision.

#### Dates:

**Thursday 26th October:** Camperdown Information Night: Killara Centre, 6-8pm.

**Monday 30th October:** Colac Information Night: Colac Community Library (Colac Secondary School), 6-8pm.

**Tuesday 31st October:** Portland Information Night: Richmond Henty Hotel, 6-8pm.

Contact [southwest@icannetwork.com.au](mailto:southwest@icannetwork.com.au) for more information or to book your space.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES



Cobden Football Netball Club is pleased to announce that Cobden will have a team in the Deakin University Female Football league in 2018

This competition has 12 teams over South-West Victoria and  
Cobden is very excited to be a part of female football next year.

We are looking for players from the Corangamite Shire, aged from 13 to 18 years of age.  
We welcome all girls who would like to play AFL football regardless of your skills and knowledge of the game.

If you are interested in playing female football with Cobden next year, please contact:

Sue Stevens 0427 352 588

## **NIPPERS DAY**

**SOUTH  
WEST GAMES**



**SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER  
10:30 AM, PORT CAMPBELL**

As part of the opening celebrations of the South West Games in Port Campbell, all past and present Nippers are invited to come along and participate in some fun beach activities.

Make sure to dress in your Nippers gear. Uniform sales will be available on the day, as well as registrations for the 2017-2018 season (starting Saturday 25 November), and a BBQ. New members most welcome.

Stay tuned for more details on the 2017-2018 Nippers season in the next couple of weeks.

Please contact Junior Coordinator Ash Ellemor on 0417 359 613 for more information.

### **Nico's Pizza & Pasta Restaurant – Port Campbell**

Nico's has an opening for a casual employee. The position is available over summer and could also suit someone intending to take a Gap Year in 2018. Responsibilities would include both kitchen and waiting work.

For further details, phone 0439 397 982.



## **1<sup>ST</sup> COBDEN SCOUT GROUP**

COME & TRY NIGHT

# **ACTIVITIES**

## **ADVENTURE CAMPING**

WHERE: SCOUT HALL, PETER ST

WHEN: 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 6PM START

FREE BBQ TEA

OPEN TO KIDS AGED 6 – 25

PARENTS WELCOME



## **TIMBOON DEMONS**

### **JUNIOR NETBALL TRY-OUTS**

Inviting all new and returning netball players wanting to play in the 2018 season, to attend tryouts for Under 13's, 15's and 17's

**November**

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tues 28<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 30<sup>th</sup>**

**13 & UNDER - 4:30PM**

**15 and 17 & UNDER - 5:30PM**

**TIMBOON REC. RESERVE COURTS**

Further information or apologies please call

**Kerrie Thompson - 0417 682 231**

**Michelle Hose – 0408 172 642**