

MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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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 night, we recognised the achievements of the graduating class of 2017 with Eucharist at St Thomas' Church, Terang followed by our Graduation dinner at the Kolora-Noorat FNC rooms. As is the case every year, the evening was enormously enjoyable with students, parents and staff celebrating twelve months of sustained effort and 13 years of primary and secondary school education. Despite the warmth of the night, our graduands looked fantastic with each student receiving their graduation certificate and gifts after our mass; additionally, all of the Year 12 special award winners were announced. A full list of these is included below.

This week's prayer is the traditional blessing shared after each Mercy Regional College mass and last night was led by Charlie Finnerty and Joshua Bone.

A Mercy Blessing

May you meet Mercy each day:

In the light of your own heart,

in the hands of your loved ones,

in the eyes of the stranger and the needy.

And if by chance you do not at first meet it, then search your heart for it,

listen patiently for word of it and it will tap you on the shoulder,

a quiet surprise, a small gesture, the tender look, given and received

in the encounters of your day.

CORE OF MERCY AWARDS	OTHER SIGNIFICANT AWARDS	
COMMUNITY AWARD Ripley Watt	CORANGAMITE CITIZENSHIP AWARD Ripley Watt	SOUTH WEST TAFE AWARD Rebecca MacDonald
INCLUSIVENESS AWARD Nikita Buchholz	ADF LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK AWARD Cheyenne Beaver	RIST AWARD Erika Grant
LEARNING AWARD Chloe Gibson	CALTEX ALLROUNDER Sarah Van der Schans	COLLEGE CAPTAINS PRESENTATION Chloe Gibson and Bradley Lucas
CARE AWARD Ailie Bateman	MERCY TECHNOLOGY PRIZE AWARD Dimity Moloney	PRINCIPAL'S AWARD Harry O'Sullivan and Zac Green
JUSTICE AND MERCY AWARD Cheyenne Beaver	DEAKIN UNIVERSITY VCE AWARD Jack Guthrie	SPIRIT OF MERCY AWARD Cheyenne Beaver
EXCELLENCE & ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Sarah Van der Schans		



End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

As was the case in 2016, this year's College's Year Thanksgiving Mass and Awards will be a daytime event. This change reflected our desire to enable all students (Year 7 – 11) to be a part of the celebration as well as giving those parents and family members who can join us the opportunity to do so. Attached to this email is an invitation for Mercy Regional College family to attend the celebration on **Wednesday 6th December at St Thomas' Church, Terang starting at 12.15pm.**

With all students travelling to Terang in the middle of day, some special arrangements will be in place for students as follows:

- All Year 7 – 11 students will be bussed to St Thomas' Church for Mass at 12.15pm
- Following Mass and Awards, most students will then be bussed back to catch their normal buses home. However, students will be able to be dismissed from the church afterwards if parent contact has been made with College Reception prior OR parents are in attendance and HR teachers are notified.
- We are still investigating provision for Terang based students wishing to stay ahead of catching their bus connections and will communicate these arrangements ahead of the day.

INVITATION

All parents, family and friends are cordially invited to the **Mercy Regional College**

2017

Thanksgiving Mass & Student Award Ceremony

To be held at St Thomas' Parish Church Terang

on

Wednesday 6th December, at 12:15pm

Students will be bussed from their Campus to and from the Mass.

2018 MacBook Program

A reminder about some of the changes that have been implemented for the College's MacBook program in 2018, these changes affect students moving into Year 7 and Year 9 next year.

- The major change is that students at Year 7 & 8 (starting with next year's Year 7 students) will be leasing their MacBook from the College over two years rather than purchasing a new device outright for three years. This decision was taken to lower the costs on families both for Year 7 & 8 but more substantially over a child's six years at Mercy.
- Students commencing Year 10 in 2018 will purchase their MacBook under arrangements similar to those used in the last two years.
- From 2019, Year 9 students will purchase their MacBook under Apple's new four year guarantee which will mean the purchase of only one device across the six years of schooling at Mercy.

For full details on the MacBook program, please use the College's MacBook portal, www.mercy.vic.edu.au/macbook

Mercy Arts Night and Car Raffle Draw

Last Wednesday night was an excellent one with the annual College Arts Night followed by the Car Raffle draw. Although the evening was probably affected by thunderstorms, numbers were substantially higher than 2016 and the buzz was more positive.

This year, a decision was taken to make the evening compulsory for most staff; and although there were a few complaints, I felt it added to the perception of the night and certainly the efforts by all to make it successful.

The Car Raffle draw was exciting this year with so many prizes being won by people with close and current links to the College and, especially, with the car being won by Mrs Helen Hickey. Full list of winners on next page.

2017 ANNUAL CAR RAFFLE RESULTS

1st PRIZE: MITSUBISHI ASX

Value \$27,000

Supplied courtesy of Callaghan Motors, Warrnambool
Proudly supported by Camperdown Autosales

Winner: HELEN HICKEY, CAMPERDOWN

2nd PRIZE: ELECTRICAL/FURNITURE VOUCHER

Value \$2,000.00

Supplied courtesy of Betta Home Living, Camperdown

Winner: ELWYN & MAX HEARD, GLENORMISTON

3rd PRIZE: BEATS HEADPHONES & iPad

Value \$728.00

Supplied courtesy of Comp Now, Nottinghill

Winner: VAL McKENZIE, NOORAT

4th PRIZE: TRAVEL VOUCHER

Value \$500.00

Supplied courtesy of Helloworld, Camperdown

Winner: JON BURTONWOOD, PORT CAMPBELL

5th PRIZE: FUEL VOUCHER

Value \$250.00

Supplied courtesy of United Fuels, Camperdown

Winner: BRENDON NORMAN, COLAC

6th PRIZE: CLOTHING VOUCHER

Value \$250.00

Supplied courtesy of Fashion clubwear, Canterbury

Winner: PAULA HIGGINSON, MORTLAKE

7th PRIZE: MEAL VOUCHER

Value \$200.00

Supplied courtesy of Shirley Maria's Café, Camperdown

Winner: SOPHIE CONHEADY, CAMPERDOWN

8th PRIZE: JEWELLERY VOUCHER

Value \$200.00

Supplied courtesy of Showcase Jewellers, Camperdown

Winner: ROBERT KENNA, ELLERSLIE

9th PRIZE: CANON CAMERA

Value \$150.00

Supplied courtesy of Officemax, Richmond

Winner: ROB JEWELL, MORTLAKE

10th PRIZE: DINNER VOUCHER

Value \$100.00

Supplied courtesy of Maddens Bar & Bistro, Camperdown

Winner: SHANE LOUREY, TERANG



The Mercy Regional College Parents and Friends Association would like to acknowledge the generosity of:

- Callaghan Motors, Warrnambool
- Camperdown Autosales
- Camperdown Betta Home Living
- Helloworld, Camperdown
- Comp Now, Nottinghill
- Riordan United Fuels, Camperdown
- Fashion Clubwear, Canterbury
- Showcase Jewellers, Camperdown
- Shirley Maria's Cafe, Camperdown
- OfficeMax, Richmond
- Maddens Bar & Bistro, Camperdown

THANK YOU

**Thank you to all Parents, Staff, and Friends
of the College
for your generous support in making our
Annual Car Raffle such a success in 2017.**

**Thank you to each business for selling car
raffle tickets in their shops.**

Staffing News

This evening, many past and current Mercy Regional College staff will join his family and professional colleagues from across the Diocese of Ballarat to farewell Mr. Kerin Glennen. Kerin is finishing his time with us at Mercy Regional College after 18 years and more than 30 years in diocesan schools; it will be an emotional afternoon. In other staffing news for 2018:

- Following the appointment of Mr. Chris Grant to Damascus College, Ballarat in 2018, a review of senior leadership positions has resulted in the following appointments
 - Mrs. Berni Sinnott has been appointed as Assistant Principal: School Operations
 - Mrs. Claire Wrigley has been appointed as Assistant Principal: Staff and Students. Claire is currently Year 7 coordinator at St Joseph's College, Newtown and is moving to the South-West with her family following her husband's appointment as Deputy Principal at Emmanuel College, Warrnambool.
 - Mrs. Kristen Jensen is joining the College in a new senior curriculum role, Director of Student Learning. Kristen has had a number of lead curriculum roles in her 10+ years in government schools and looks forward to joining us from Phoenix Community College, Sebastopol.
 - Mr. Ben Brisbane has been appointed as Head of O'Keeffe Campus for 2018-2020. Ben has been Acting Head of O'Keeffe this term following the departure of James Castles.
- Mrs. Tina Gartlan has been employed as a senior Art and Design Technology – Wood teacher from the start of the 2018 school year. Tina has most recently been working at Mortlake P-12 College.

Student Transition Arrangements

Although we are coming close to the end of the school year, things are very busy for students and staff particularly in respect of transition arrangements for students ahead of next year. As I have said in previous newsletters, the transition classes and arrangements are a fundamentally important means by which senior students can make an early start in their 2018 studies (and make effective use of the long holiday break) and junior students can get a sense of what the new year and different environment will mean.

- 2018 Unit 3&4 students have begun their two weeks of transition classes which will run until Wednesday 6th December.
- 2018 Unit 1&2 students will complete transition classes in the week beginning Monday 4th December.
- Current Year 8 students will spend a day at the McAuley Campus on Tuesday 28th November ahead of their move to Camperdown next year.
- Prospective 2018 Year 7 students will complete their second transition day at the O'Keeffe Campus on Tuesday 28th November.

As part of these arrangements and to allow the Year 7 2018 Transition Program to work as well as possible, **all current Year 7 students will not have classes next Tuesday 28th November.**

Special Congratulations to Ripley Watt

Yesterday, Mr. Daryl Richardson and I represented Mercy Regional College at the presentation of the local 2017 Australian Government Volunteer Awards to residents in the federal electorate of Wannon. Hosted by our local federal member, the Hon Dan Tehan, the ceremony was held at the Beaufort Community Bank Complex and saw Ripley Watt (12C) recognised with a Young Volunteer Awards for her. This award recognises the many aspects of Ripley volunteerism in Corangamite Shire and beyond. Congratulations, Ripley!

Student Achievements

The last couple of weeks have seen the conclusion to most of the College extracurricular sporting and other activities:

- Congratulations to the students who participated in this week's state finals for basketball and Super 8's cricket. Reaching this level of competition is a fantastic effort.
- Well done to the students and staff who completed last week's Outdoor Education camp in the Grampians. Despite some challenging weather conditions all went safely and well.
- Congratulations to the large group of students who spent last Friday in Ballarat and Clunes following the success of this year's Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge.

Yours in Mercy,



DR. DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL

2018 School Year Information

Orientation Day - Tuesday 28th November

An Orientation Day will be held for all enrolled Year 7, 2018 students to be held at the O’Keeffe Campus as well as the current Year 8 students moving up to Year 9, 2018 at McAuley Campus, Camperdown.

2018 Booklist

Booklists have been distributed to students. Please complete according to the instructions on the front cover and return to the College office by the due date. Please do not send any payment with the booklist. Payments are to be made to Warrnambool Books only and they will mail you a payment advice in January.

Book Parcel Collection Day

Book collection day will take place on **Wednesday 31st January, 2018, 10:00am to 3:00pm** at the McAuley Campus, Camperdown. A number of options for paying for your booklist are available and will be on the front page of the booklist.

Uniform Order Form / Shop Trading Hours

A uniform order form for 2018 is attached on the next page.

Trading hours for December, January and February are listed below.

DECEMBER 2017
Thursday, 5 th December, 12 – 2:40pm Tuesday, 7 th December, 12 – 2:40pm Thursday, 12 th December, 12 – 2:40pm Thursday, 14 th December, 3:30 – 6:10pm
JANUARY 2018
Thursday, 25 th January, 3:30pm – 6:10pm Wednesday, 31 st January, 10am – 3:00pm (book collection day).
FEBRUARY 2018
The uniform shop is open during the year twice a week in the school terms Tuesday & Thursday between 12pm and 2:40pm.

Secondhand Uniform & Books

If you are interested in purchasing second-hand uniform or text books, there are two avenues available to parents.

- “**Mercy Regional College Buy/Sell/Swap 2nd Hand Books and Uniform**” is a Facebook page that has been set-up by the parents of the College.
- Sustainable School Shop can help parents buy or sell items through their website www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

Office Hours

The College office will open on **Monday 29th January, 2018** for normal hours of operation from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

First Day of Term 1

Term 1 will commence for all students on **Thursday 1st February, 2018**.

	MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE UNIFORM PRICES FOR TERM 4, 2017 and TERM 1, 2018 Address: Crn Walls Street and Dimora Avenue, Camperdown VIC 3260. Email: uniform@mercy.vic.edu.au Website: http://fcw.com.au/schools-online-shop/ Nicola Fletcher (Uniform Shop Manager) Phone: 0481 311 701 OPENING HOURS: 12:00 PM – 2:40 PM on TUESDAY & THURSDAY (DURING NORMAL SCHOOL WEEKS)					
	Uniform Items	Available Sizes	Select Size	Qty		Price
	BOYS UNIFORM					
Jumper	Sizes - 10-16				\$84.00	
Jumper	Sizes - 18-22				\$90.00	
Jumper	Sizes - 24-30				\$94.00	
Boys Short Sleeve Shirt	Sizes - 8-32				\$47.00	
Trousers	Sizes - 10-16				\$59.00	
Trousers	Sizes - 17-M7				\$60.00	
Shorts	Sizes - 10-16, 77R, 82R, 87R, 92R, 97R, 102R, 107R, 112R, 117R				\$49.50	
Belt	Sizes - 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100 and 105cm				\$18.00	
Socks (short black)	Sizes: Small - 2-8, Medium - 7-11, Large - 11-14				\$15.00 (for pack of 3)	
GIRLS UNIFORM						
Jumper	Sizes - 10-16				\$84.00	
Jumper	Sizes - 18-22				\$90.00	
Jumper	Sizes - 24-30				\$94.00	
Dress	Sizes - 8-12				\$69.00	
Dress	Sizes - 14-18				\$73.00	
Dress	Sizes - 20-30				\$74.00	
Socks (short - white)	Sizes: Small - 2-8, Medium - 7-11, Large - 11-14				\$15.00 (for pack of 3)	
Winter Skirt	Sizes - 8-12				\$76.00	
Winter Skirt	Sizes - 14-18				\$80.00	
Winter Skirt	Sizes - 20-30				\$86.00	
Girls Short Sleeve Blouse	Sizes - 8-32				\$47.00	
Tights (black)	Sizes - Small, Medium, Tall & X Tall				\$12.00	
ACCESSORIES						
PE Shorts	Sizes - 8-26				\$33.50	
PE Polo Top	Sizes - 8-26				\$37.50	
Tracksuit top (PE)	Sizes - 10-14, Small, Medium, Large, XLarge				\$56.00	
Tracksuit pants (PE)	Sizes - 10-14, Small, Medium, Large, XLarge, XXL Large				\$39.00	
Rugby Top	All sizes				\$65.00	
Waterproof Jacket (Spicer)	Sizes - 10-24				\$65.00	
Hats	Slouch - Sizes: 57cm, 59cm & 61 cm				\$14.50	
Scarves	Navy or Maroon				\$15.00	
Gloves	One size fits all				\$ 8.50	
Backpack	Maroon				\$63.00	
				TOTAL COST		

PAYMENT DETAILS (Parents to Complete)

☐ **CHEQUE** (enclosed is my cheque to **Fashion Club Wear Pty. Ltd.**) ☐ **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT**

CREDIT CARD NO: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

EXPIRY DATE: ____ - ____ Please charge my: ☐ Visa or ☐ Master Card

AMOUNT: \$ _____ SIGNED: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

CONTACT PHONE NO: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

YEAR LEVEL: _____

I wish to pick my order up from ☐ **McAuley Campus, Camperdown**
(please tick a box)

☐ **O'Keeffe Campus, Noorat**

Premiers' Reading Challenge Enrichment Day

Tom Wright, 8A

To celebrate the successful completion of the Premiers' Reading Challenge, 33 students who had completed the Challenge, ventured to the Art Gallery of Ballarat. Students participated in the Eureka Hall of Debate, which gave them an insight into the Eureka uprising, viewed paintings and took part in a watercolour drawing class.

We then journeyed to Clunes, where students were given a tour of the local museum and explored the picturesque township. Many students enjoyed checking out the bookstores, some even found a bargain or two! Many thanks to Tania Bruckner and Jan Smith for accompanying us on the day.

'The excursion for the Premiers' Reading Challenge was good. I especially enjoyed the Eureka Hall of Fame exercise at the Ballarat Art Gallery, where we dressed up and played a role to do with the Eureka uprising - I was a trooper. The town of Clunes was very historical, lots of old bookstores and shops! It was interesting to see how another small town survives.'



PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE AWARDS 2017

Mrs. Maureen O'Loughlan

Each year, Mercy students are invited to participate in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. In 2017, 56 students across Years 7 – 10 registered for the Challenge.

I am delighted to announce that 44 students were successful in completing the challenge of reading at least 15 books during terms two and three. An amazing effort! During this time a total of 1,139 books were read – a new record by Mercy Regional College!

Congratulations to all students involved.

2017 Champions

Year 7 Lily Wade
Year 8 Ayla Lenehan
Year 9/10 Sheyna Robbins

Reading Star Awards

Max Cunningham
Jordy Gray

Mercy's Got Talent

Mr. Luke Bouchier

Mercy's Got Talent, our annual display of skills and talents from all fields, continues to grow and flourish. This year saw a range of musical performances, both by solo artists as well as small and large groups. We would like to deeply thank all of this year's performers for their courage to perform in front of the whole school, and for the excellence they displayed. You should all be commended on your performances.

I would like to express my utmost gratitude and appreciation for everyone who assisted with the setup for the event, and on the day to ensure everything ran smoothly. Janet Backhous' willingness to organise performers, encourage them, and her general 'make-things-happen' attitude was essential for the event's success. Past student Chris Barks' skill and expertise with the audio equipment was also invaluable – thank you Chris. And finally, thank you to Brendon Norman for assistance both during setup and on the day.

Performing Arts is continuing to flourish at Mercy Regional College. We are all very excited and cannot wait to see what 2018 holds.



French Books for the New School Year

Mrs. Chamon Vogels, Domain of Excellence Head of the Languages.

Year 7 students going into Year 8 French in 2018: you still need your Quoi de neuf student book 1 and activity book 1 for Year 8 French. We complete the Unit 4 component in Term 1. You will then use your Quoi de neuf student book 2 and activity book 2 for the rest of the year.

Year 8 students going into Year 9 French in 2018: you still need your Quoi de neuf student book 2 and activity book 2 for Year 9 French. We complete the Unit 4 component in Term 1. You will then use your Quoi de neuf 3/4 student book and activity book for the rest of the year and also for those going onto Year 10 French in 2019.

Any students wishing to sell their Quoi de neuf STUDENT books, we have been informed that there is a Mercy Buy Swap and Sell site on Facebook. This is not run by our school however it may be another means of obtaining French books. Thank you.

COMING DATES

TERM 4, 2017

Monday 27th November

- State Table Tennis Junior Competition

Tuesday 28th November

- Year 7, 2018 Orientation Day @ O'Keeffe
- Year 9, 2018 Transition Day @ McAuley

Thursday 30th November

- Middle School Exams

Friday 1st December

- Middle School Exams
- Junior Exams

Thursday 7th December

- McLeod Shield Day

Monday 4th December

- Junior Exams

Wednesday 6th December

- Year 11 Students Finish

Friday 8th December

- Term 4 concludes for Year 7 – 10 Students

PUBLIC NOTICES



Swimming Club

It's that time of year again as Swimming Club starts in 2 weeks so thought we had better get the ball rolling.

If you are interested in registering your child/ren for the upcoming 2017/2018 season please email Lisa Chesshire chessh@bigpond.net.au to secure your spot as numbers will be limited.

The pool opens on Saturday 25th November and will close on Sunday 18th March 2018.

Learn to Swim Classes, Stroke Correction and Squad sessions will commence Tuesday 28th November and will run Tuesday and Thursday's. We will break over January for school holidays.

Registration night will be Thursday 23rd November at 5pm at the Terang Pool. Our coach will be Hannah Justin who is a well experienced coach and has competed at State level many times.

For further information, please email Lisa Chesshire on chessh@bigpond.net.au or call Lisa on 0438 922 275 or Narelle Cavarsan on 0439 882 589.



3RD ANNUAL CONCERT

SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL

MORTLAKE

5.30 PM

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25th

TICKETS: \$10.00 Adult

\$5.00 Children (5—16)

Come along for a great night of entertainment with a difference.

*Make Camperdown your
Central shopping destination
this Christmas...*

**Gift Wrapping
BUSKERS Santa**

Christmas trading hours:

Thursday 23rd November: 9am - 7pm

Friday 1st December: 9am - 7pm

Saturday 9th December: 9am - 4pm

Saturday 16th December: 9am - 4pm

Raffle tickets for our Christmas prizes - reward for shopping locally:

- 1st TV from Camperdown Beta Home Living
- 2nd Accommodation Voucher 3CS
- 3rd Pharmacy hamper

Drawn by mayor on Saturday 16th December at 3.30pm