

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".

In this final newsletter for the year, we look forward to the great celebration of Christmas and the birth of the Saviour. Today's prayer celebrates the wonder of the newborn child:

A Christmas Prayer

*Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter,
we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us:
for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger.
We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child.
We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.*

*Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas,
the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact,
the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder.
We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wise men.
Help us to rise bigger than we are.
Amen.*

Royal Commission Report into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse – Case Study 28 (Ballarat)

At the end of my newsletter article I have included the press release sent out by Bishop Paul Bird following the publishing of the Royal Commission's report into the Diocese of Ballarat. I encourage anyone who would like further information to read the report (or more succinctly its Executive Summary).

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass and Awards

Last Wednesday, I had the privilege of joining our students, staff and many parents and friends at St Thomas' Church, Terang for the College's End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving and Awards ceremony.

For the last two years, we have celebrated this Mass and the Awards that follow during the day and the benefits of the decision to move from the evening are bearing fruit; the congregation included all Year 7 – 11 students as well as all staff and many parents and families. Having such a large and rich crowd as part of this important celebration provided an excellent way for the College's spiritual and academic year to come to a close.

I would like to thank Fr. Gerry for celebrating mass with us, Mrs. Jo-Anne Saunders for her work in preparing the mass and the SVDP gift giving and the College's staff for their work in organizing the many student awards and the students, parents and families who joined us on the night. A full list of award winners is included below.



2017 STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

YEAR 7 & 8 STUDENT AWARDS

ACADEMIC AWARDS

This award is presented to the student who achieved the highest academic marks in their homeroom when all subjects are taken into consideration.

STUDENT NAME	CLASS
Jasmine Ryan	7A
Lily Baker	7B
William Kealley	7C
Sarah McSween	8A
Jessica Creely	8B
Ella Pekin	8C

HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARDS

This award is presented to the student who has demonstrated individual achievement during the course of the year and has demonstrated effort and commitment in their school work.

STUDENT NAME	CLASS
Sarah Lane	7A
Rory Mason	7B
Jack Hutson	7C
Riley Scanlon	8A
Edward Guthrie / Chelsea Carlin	8B
Ava Nolan	8C

HEAD OF O'KEEFFE CAMPUS EXEMPLAR AWARDS

The Head of O'Keeffe Campus Exemplar Award recognises one boy and one girl from across the Junior School for their outstanding leadership and example.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Jackson Gill	7
Ruby Bennett	8

YEAR 9 AWARDS LIST

ACADEMIC AWARDS

These awards are presented to the students who achieved the highest academic result for the subject listed.

STUDENT NAME	SUBJECT
Abigail Lucas	Religious Education
Ruby Poustie Hayley Wason	English
Charlie Scanlon	Mathematics
Oliver Wright	Science
Amy Vogels	Physical Education
Samuel Newcombe	History
Ruby Poustie	Agriculture Studies
Caitlin Martin	Art
Sheyna Robbins	Computer Applications
Krystal Baker	Design Technology-Woodwork
Tess Lourey	Drama
Harry Molan	Electronics
Caitlin Martin	Food Technology
Casey Willis	Football
Oliver Wright	French
Isabel Rowan	Media
Isabel Rowan	Music
Casey Willis	Personal Development
Jessica Wade	STEM
Grace Moloney	Textiles

HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARDS

This award is presented to the student who has demonstrated individual achievement during the course of the year and has demonstrated effort and commitment in their school work.

STUDENT NAME	CLASS
Isabel Rowan	9A
Jack Fleming	9B
Ella Angus	9C
Amy Vogels	9D

YEAR 10 AWARDS LIST

ACADEMIC AWARDS

These awards are presented to the students who achieved the highest academic result for the subject listed

STUDENT NAME	SUBJECT
Ella Gleeson	Religious Education
Jordana Bateman	English
Sonfi Guthrie	Mathematics
Sondi Guthrie Stacey Riches	Science
Maddison Hickey	Physical Education
Erin McLean	History
Jaedyn Bassett	Agriculture - Welding
Sophie Harlock	Art Photography
Zach Sinnott	Athletic Peak Performance
Hayden Brett	Design Technology-Woodwork
Brodie Humphrey	Engineering Design
Stacey Riches	Food Technology
Ella Gleeson	French

HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARDS

This award is presented to the student who has demonstrated individual achievement during the course of the year and has demonstrated effort and commitment in their school work.

STUDENT NAME	CLASS
Alexandra Dickson	10A
Sondi Guthrie	10B
Jasmine Coolahan	10C
Elizabeth Cook	10D

YEAR 10 WORK PLACEMENT ENDEAVOUR AWARD

This award is presented to the student who has demonstrated individual achievement in their work placement during the course of the year.

STUDENT NAME	CLASS
Tom Fleming	10A

RIST AWARD

This is an encouragement award to a student for their studies in the RIST (Rural Industries Skill Training) program.

STUDENT NAME	CLASS
Max Bond	10A

YEAR 11 AWARDS LIST

ACADEMIC AWARDS

The Year 11 Awards are presented to the student who has achieved the highest academic result for the subject listed.

STUDENT NAME	SUBJECT
Jacinta Henriksen	VCE Unit 1 Religion & Society
Martin Robbins Shanaye Smith	VCE Units 1/2 English
Samantha McKay	VCE Units 1/2 Foundation English
Jacinta Henriksen	VCE Units 1/2 Literature
Joshua Newcombe	VCE Units 1/2 Mathematical Methods
Isabella Giblin	VCE Units 1/2 General Mathematics
Tayla Reynolds	VCE Units 1/2 Foundation Mathematics
Joshua Newcombe	VCE Units 1/2 Specialist Mathematics
Samantha McKay	VCAL Intermediate Work Related Skills
Casey White	VCAL Intermediate Personal Development Skills
Joshua Newcombe	VCE Units 1/2 Chemistry
Luke Lenehan	VCE Units 1/2 Biology
Demby McKenzie Joshua Newcombe	VCE Units 1/2 Physics
Sondi Guthrie	VCE Units 1/2 Psychology
Erin McLean	VCE Units 1/2 Health & Human Development
Gabrielle Beaver	VCE Units 1/2 Physical Education
Polly Moloney Tate Tregea-Copeland	VCE Units 1/2 Business Management
Lauren Huth	VET Cert 11 Hospitality-Kitchen Operations
Georgia Vick	VCE Units 1/2 Outdoor & Environmental Studies
Benjamin Toose	VET Cert 11 Building & Construction
Toby Roberts	VET Cert 11 Furniture Making Pathways
Toby Roberts	VCE Units 1/2 Product Design & Technology
Hayley Riches	VCE Units 1/2 Studio Arts
Jacinta Henriksen	VCE Units 1/2 Legal Studies
Sarah Pekin	VCE Units 1/2 Media
Hayley Riches	VCE Units 1/2 History: 20 th Century
Hayley Riches	VCE Visual Communication Design

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING EXCELLENCE (VET) AWARD

This award recognises a student who has successfully combined VCE/VET studies with vocational training and experience in the workforce. The student has displayed outstanding organisational skills and time management ability, ensuring that the student has been able to combine the demands of school and the workplace.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Toby Roberts	11

OTHER AWARDS

MERCY SCHOLARSHIP

The annual Mercy Scholarship is offered by Mercy Education Ltd. and recognises students who demonstrate leadership in the Mercy tradition. Students chosen by their schools are acknowledged for their involvement in promoting school spirit, community service, fund-raising and for their genuine concern for others less fortunate.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Isabel Rowan	9
Hannah Whytcross	10

ADF LONG TAN LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK AWARDS

This award is given to the student who demonstrates leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader local community.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Tyson Foote	10

KWONG LEE DOW YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Is an academic enrichment program for high achieving students and certificates are presented to the following students who have been accepted into the 2019 Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars program.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Jordana Bateman Tadgh Dwyer	10

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

The College Performing Arts Award is given to the student who represents the College with distinction. This student is recognised for his outstanding contribution and support of the College's Music and Drama Program.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Demby McKenzie	11

MERCY ARTS PRIZE

Bob Reed made a significant contribution to the development of Visual Arts in the early days of Mercy Regional College. He died in 1994 and is remembered through the College purchasing the most outstanding piece of VCE artwork for the year.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Koiko Zako	11

COLLEGE SPORTS AWARD

The College Sports Award is given to the student who represents the College with distinction. This student shows evidence of a positive contribution to the College's sports program and participation in sport in the wider community and of responsible leadership to his peers whilst displaying the ideals of good sportsmanship and fair play.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Lachlan Gass	9

SPIRIT OF MERCY AWARDS

This award is presented to a student in each year level who has demonstrated a commitment to the core values of Mercy Regional College as expressed in our Vision and Mission statement.

STUDENT NAME	YEAR
Grace Van Eck	7
Xavier Glossop	8
Hayley Wason	9
Tyson Foote	10
Eliza Johnstone	11
Cheyenne Beaver	12

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VCAA Results

This Friday will see the release of the 2017 VCAA results with students able to reflect on the years of hard work that led to a simple number of set of numbers. I strongly encourage students who are unsure of what their ATAR means for future plans to make contact with the College and one of our senior staff who are trained in this area: Mrs. Jenny Phillips, Mrs. Lesa Thornton, Mr. Lachie Lee or Mr. Darren Cheeseman.

End of Year Correspondence

As is always the case at this time of year, a number of publications will be heading home to you. These include:

- Your children's semester 2 report which should include much of the information available to you throughout the year on PAM plus a teacher's learning recommendations for 2018.
- The College 2017 Yearbook which has been completed most successfully by Mrs Julie Giblin. It is always a joy to read and explore, please take the time!
- If you have a starting at MRC next year you should also receive a copy of the College transition booklet, "So Your Child is Coming to Mercy". This includes a range of information designed to assist with their first days and weeks at the college.

A Busy End

Students in Year 7 – 11 enjoyed a very busy and productive completion to the school year with a myriad of activities both in and out of the classroom. A big thanks to the many staff and parents who assisted with these especially at the end of a long school year. They included:

- Year 8 – 10 examinations
- 2018 transition periods for Year 7, 9, 10 and 11 students
- The annual McLeod Shield Day won in 2017 by Ryan House
- Summer Sports, Lawn Bowls and the Amazing Race for O'Keeffe Campus students
- First Aid and White Card training for Middle School students
- Student Leadership day for 2018 Year 12 student leaders at South West TAFE in Warrnambool

St Patrick's Parish Carols Night

Next Tuesday 19th December, members of St. Patrick's Parish as well as students and families from St. Patrick's School and Mercy Regional College will gather on the Mercy Oval for Christmas Carols at 6pm. Please join us for what has been a lovely evening in recent years. Bring a picnic tea, seating or rug and drinks. Santa may be joining us at some stage!

Wishing all the students, staff and families of Mercy Regional College a most joyous, restful and holy Christmas.

Yours in Mercy,



DR. DARREN EGBERTS

PRINCIPAL

*The Whole earth is filled with
his glory*

Mary Christmas.....





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December 6, 2017

Bishop Paul Bird's response to the Royal Commission's Report into Case Study 28

The Catholic Bishop of Ballarat Paul Bird has received the report from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in relation to the Diocese of Ballarat in Case Study 28.

The Royal Commission has found serious failures in the way the Diocese responded to child sexual abuse. Bishop Bird said that mishandling of complaints against priests and church personnel and a lack of response to such complaints led to unnecessary suffering for many victims and their families and has brought distress to communities throughout the diocese.

He said that the Church should be a safe place for everyone but the history brought to light in the Royal Commission's inquiry has shown that the Church was not safe for those who were victims. "Where the failures of my predecessors allowed abuse to occur, I offer my heartfelt apology."

Bishop Bird added that he is confident that the diocese and its parishes and schools now have the policies and procedures required to provide a safe environment for children. He said that there is a firm commitment from all those who minister in parishes, schools and social services across the diocese to the safety and wellbeing of children in their care.

Bishop Bird said that the Church would learn from the case study and the forthcoming final report from the Royal Commission, both to assist those who have suffered in the past and keep children safe now and in the future

+ Paul Bird

Paul Bird CSsR

Bishop of Ballarat

Careers Report

Mrs. Jenny Phillips

Important Information – Year 10 Work Experience 2018

All Year 10 students, apart from four students who are too young, are expected to undertake work experience between 12th and 16th February. The relevant forms are available from Mrs. Joanne Roberts in the office, or can be downloaded from the MRC Careers Website (careers.mercy.vic.edu.au). All Work Experience forms were due back on Friday 3rd November, but there are currently a number of outstanding. Some students have indicated that they have organised their work experience, but are waiting on employers to return the completed paperwork. If a student is yet to organise their work experience, they need to do so as soon as possible and if assistance is required, please email Mrs. Jenny Phillips.

SpotJobs Career Expo 2018

The SpotJobs Career Expo is one of the largest and most comprehensive careers event in Australia. The expo showcases career opportunities from large employers, trades to higher education in an exciting, interactive and informative format. All sectors and industries are covered, with the latest career trends and opportunities showcased and ready to be explored.

Now in its 16th year, the event will be held on Friday 20th July – Sunday 22nd July 2018 at the Royal Exhibition Building next to the Melbourne Museum in the Carlton Gardens.

The expo offers free career advice, inspiring and informative industry panels, employment opportunities, interactive training demonstrations and exhibits, free seminars and a wealth of information and opportunities for further study within the private education sector and universities.

With all career, education and training information under one roof, this event is the first stop for all Victorians seeking a successful future.

Below is a link to a free E-Ticket that students and parents can use to attend throughout the weekend.

<http://www.careerexpo.com.au/free-ticket-to-expo/>

Scholarships

Rural and Regional Stem Scholarships

<https://www.education.gov.au/rural-and-regional-enterprise-scholarships>

Federation University High Achievers Scholarships

www.federation.edu.au/high-achievers

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.

Change of Preference Information for Year 12 Students who lodged a VTAC Application

This Year 12 Resource material is available through the link on the Careers Section (under Important Info.) on the MRC Website Homepage.

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- Contributions to the School
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Applications open 1 December 2017 and close 29 January 2018.

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COMING DATES

TERM 1, 2018

Monday 29th January

- College Office Opens
- Teaching Staff commence, Staff PD

Tuesday 30th January

- Staff PD

Wednesday 31st January

- Staff PD
- Book Collection Day 10:00am – 3:00pm
@ McAuley Campus, Camperdown

Thursday 1st February

- Term 1 Commences for all Students

Monday 5th February

- Year 7 Welcome BBQ & Information Evening
 - Year 11 Camp, Year 12 Retreat

Tuesday 6th February

- Year 11 Camp, Year 12 Retreat

Wednesday 7th February

- Year 11 Camp, Year 12 Retreat

Thursday 8th February

- MRC Commencement Mass

Friday 9th February

- MRC Swimming Carnival

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

- Year 7 Camp
- Year 10 Work Experience

Thursday 8th March

- School Photos

Tuesday 13th March

- MRC Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 21st - Friday 23rd March

- Year 8 Princetown Camp

PUBLIC NOTICES

Camperdown After School Care (CASC)

Camperdown After School Care (CASC) Committee has identified a major need for quality after school care to assist working families within the Camperdown community. We are seeking to work together with local parents to successfully implement an after school program in Camperdown in mid-2018. We are seeking your feedback regarding the care your family may require.

Please click on the link below for more information and to complete the survey by Wednesday 13th December, 2017.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6WRVCKB>

COBDEN SWIMMING CLUB

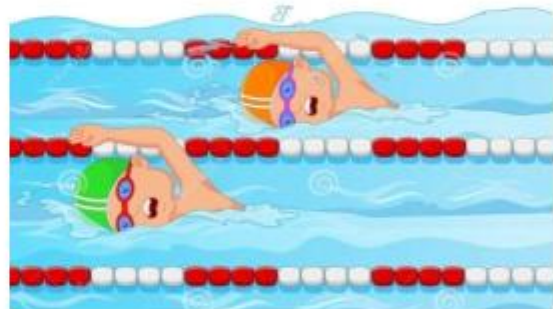
Cobden Swimming Club is up and running Monday to Thursday nights 5:30pm-6:30pm. We have 4 experienced coaches who volunteer their time to teach the kids.

3 free swims before membership is due. So feel free to encourage your child to come along and see if they enjoy it.

We will break for Christmas on December 21st and start up again January 15th until our break up on Friday March 23rd.

Swimming Club fees (including Swimming Victoria membership):

- Competitive swimmer :\$125
- Recreational swimmer :\$95
- U/8 years : \$65



The pool is also opening for morning swims Mon / Wed/ Fri (6.30-8.00am) for lap swimming all season so during our Christmas break (Dec 22- Jan 14) feel free to head down for some laps to keep your fitness up :-)

Any questions, please contact Jenni Wason 0415 801 275 or Matthew Coverdale 0417 650 026.

See you in the water!



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Christmas on Curdie

Friday 15th December, 5^{pm} - 7^{pm}

5^{pm} - 7^{pm}

Twilight Shopping
Two Jumping Castles and Giant Slide (free)
Face-painting (free)
Stalls, activities for all ages . . .
Music on Stage
Spinning Wheel

5.30^{pm}

Cobden AB Sausage Sizzle
- Community Bank staff cook up a storm!

6.15^{pm}

Santa arrives - courtesy Cobden Fire Brigade

6.40^{pm}

Monster Shopper Draws - at least \$2,000 in value!
- You have to be there to win first prize!
Best Christmas Lights announced
- Entry forms at Community Bank
Best Decorated Shop Window announced

Curdie Street, between Victoria and Walker streets will be closed from 4.30pm.



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