

MERCY REGIONAL COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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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 2018

"Through the Mercy tradition we welcome and celebrate individual difference".

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week's newsletter starts with a reflection on our mothers and all those who care for us; we give thanks for the unconditional love we see in their care and the witness they give to the life of the Beloved Mary, Mother of Jesus.

For Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

*We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need;
May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families
and themselves with great joy.*

*We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us;
May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.*

*We remember mothers who are separated from their children
because of war, poverty, or conflict;*

May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

*We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us
with motherly care and compassion.*

*We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers
who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love.*

Amen.

Mercy Regional College Open Day

Last Wednesday, the (much needed) rain held off until most of the prospective students and families had toured the O'Keeffe Campus. The sense of joint effort and direction amongst all staff was again present across the day and the enjoyment evident in the students and families was even more palpable than 2017.

More obvious and pleasing was the passion that staff brought to their domain and a real eagerness to engage students and parents in that subject area.

A reminder to any prospective students and families that enrolment packs are available through Reception at either College Campus or directly through Mrs. Sue Bohm on 5593 2011 or sue@mercy.vic.edu.au. Tours of either campus are also available.





St Patrick's Day Fires

It has been around six weeks since fires ravaged our local communities and trauma experts highlight that this is one of the peak times for unexpected and sometimes unwelcome responses to arise in families, young people and those not-so-young.

The College has received significant donations of vouchers, gift cards and money and has become to distribute those across those families in need. I urge any families who are struggling with shortages of anything or with school fees to please contact myself or Mrs. Jude Murfitt at the College. Alternatively, if you know of a family who needs assistance please contact us and we will endeavour to support them.

Staff Professional Learning Day

Prior to the Open Day and its set up, all teaching staff gathered in domains for a morning of planning and preparation; research makes it clear that achieving sustained learning improvement in classrooms requires well-directed and collegial planning team for teachers.

Mercy Regional College Feast Day Mass

On Thursday 24th May, the College community will gather in the de Chantal Stadium for our annual feast day mass. The Eucharist will commence at 9.30am and will celebrate Australia's patron feast day of Our Lady Help of Christians. I warmly encourage parents and families to join us in this important community event, an invitation is included below.

INVITATION

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



MERCY
Regional College

2018 FEAST DAY MASS

Time: 9:30am

**De Chantal Stadium, McAuley Campus
Henderson Street, Camperdown**

Thursday, 24th May, 2018

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for Years 7 & 9 will be held next week from Tuesday, 15th May until Thursday 17th May 2018. The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about your child's performance in literacy and numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement. All students are encouraged to participate in the NAPLAN tests.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual or complex disabilities. If your child is eligible for a special provision or exemption you should make contact with Mrs Claire Walsh to discuss your child's participation. Neither special provisions nor exemptions can be granted without parental knowledge and consent.

I encourage all students to do their best in these important tests which provide valuable feedback to parents, children and to us as a school.

Staff and Students Activities

- As I type this article, we are enjoying solid and consistent rain which is most welcome; as a result, the decision was taken today to delay the College's cross-country until next Monday. The event will occur during periods 3 & 4.
- Over the last two weeks, most students have completed surveys that will inform The Resilience Project which will be a major part of next term at Mercy.
- Congratulations to our boy's senior football side who were successful on Wednesday against Brauer College; they will face the winner of the Colac zone later this term.

Yours in Mercy,



DR. DARREN EGBERTS
PRINCIPAL

Career News

Mrs. Jenny Phillips

Weekly Career News

This is available through the MRC Careers website:

<https://careers.mercy.vic.edu.au>

Please take the time to have a read of this valuable publication, which contains a vast array of information and opportunities to assist students with their career planning.

Try a Career Day

All Year 9 students will be attending the SWTAFE **Try a Career Day** on Monday 28th May at Sherwood Park Warrnambool. Students have selected their three preferred sessions and permission forms have been sent home. This is an ideal opportunity for students to try a variety of course options that can lead into VETIS programs, trades, or further study.

RIST – Wool Overview Program

This is another great opportunity for a small number of our Year 9 students to check out the wool industry first-hand. This program is run by RIST at Mt Elephant station over three days (23rd to 25th May) and this year we have ten students attending the event.

From the Assistance Principal – Staff & Students

Mrs. Claire Wrigley

Vic SRC

On Friday May 4, Lily Baker, Oliver Wright, Tess Lourey and Rory Mason attended the VicSRC workshop at Trinity College, Colac. The students had the opportunity to discuss leadership in our school and work through an issue of concern from them in our school using a model presented to them in the workshop. The MRC students then presented this to the whole group. Our students represented the school in a confident manner and were very enthusiastic throughout the day. We look forward to further developing student voice in our school in the future.



Winter Uniform

Students are now all expected to be in full winter uniform. With the dramatic change in temperature some students are wearing hoody tops under the MRC jacket. This is a breach of our uniform policy and we ask that parents support us by ensuring their son/daughter has a school jumper. Camo jackets and Kathmandu jackets are not to be worn at school and students are encouraged to wear the MRC jacket for extra warmth.

Also, a reminder that caps and beanies are not part of the uniform and are not to be worn at school or on transit to and from school.

Year 7 Project Rockit

All year 7 students will be involved in a workshop at Emmanuel College on Monday May 21 presented by Project Rockit. This workshop will inform students about best practice online and cybersafety. Ben Brisbane will forward home more information on this excursion next week.

'Mindfulness in May'

Mindfulness is a reflective practice that focuses on being present in the moment. As part of Year 12 RE classes this year we have practiced mindfulness with the students at the start of each class. This allows the students some time out in their day to focus on themselves and the current moment and to have some space in thoughts away from school work. We are offering mindfulness every Tuesday at lunchtime throughout the month of May at the McAuley campus for all students. Mindfulness is a practice that we all should try and include in our day. A wonderful free app is '*smiling mind*' that can be used to help ease stressors in our lives. Please consider looking at this app for your child and other family members for daily use.

Table Tennis

Last Friday three teams represented Mercy at the **School Sport Victoria Regional Competition** in Warrnambool.

Our Year 9 team went through undefeated and our senior team were runners-up.

The Year 9 boys now go onto State finals later in the year.

Well done boys.



Senior Football

On Wednesday, 9th May, Mercy Regional College played Brauer College at the Leura Oval in Camperdown. The results from the football match are as follows:

Mercy: 2.5, 6.6, 12.6, 16.7 (103)

Brauer: 1.1, 1.1, 2.4, 2.6 (18)

Goals: P.Smith, T.Roberts 3; L.Cook, E.Lee, N.Koroneous 2; N.Payne, Z.Sinnott, B.O'Sullivan, H.Sinnott 1

Best: B.O'Sullivan, N.Payne, L.Cook, E.Lee, J.Anderson, T.Kent, N.Koroneous

Congratulations to all on a great win.



COMING DATES

TERM 2

Tuesday 15th May

NAPLAN Tests – Years 7 & 9

MRC Board Meeting

Wednesday 16th May

NAPLAN Tests – Years 7 & 9

Thursday 17th May

NAPLAN Tests – Years 7 & 9

Friday 18th May

HSSSD Cross Country

Tuesday 22nd May

HSSSD Netball (Senior & Intermediate)

Year 11 Mock Interviews

Wednesday 23rd May

Year 7 & 8 Geography & History Competitions

Year 9 & 10 History Competition

Thursday 24th May

Whole School Mass

Friday 25th May

Unit 3 Legal Studies Excursion - Karreenga Prison

Wednesday 30th May

HSSSD Year 7 & 8 Netball

HSSSD Year 9 Football

Thursday 31st May

Science Competition

Friday 1st June

GWR Cross Country

Friday 8th June

Unit 1 & 3 Chemistry Excursion

Monday 11th June

Queen's Birthday Holiday – no school for staff & students

PUBLIC NOTICES

Camperdown Theatre Company presents in 2018

**CAFÉ
MURDER**
A DINNER COMEDY

A HILARIOUS MURDER MYSTERY BY NATHAN HARTSWICK

Friday, May 25 | Saturday, May 26
Friday, June 1 | Saturday, June 2

Camperdown Golf Bowls Club
6.45pm for 7.00pm start

Tickets \$50 for show and 2 course meal
Drinks at bar prices, supporting the venue

Tickets at Laffs, 163 Manifold St, Camperdown
Phone 5593 1469
or online at camperdowntheatrecompany.com.au

Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Denver, Colorado



NETBALL FOR JUNIORS

Beginning Tuesday 22nd May (6 weeks)

Tuesday's –after school, Terang Stadium

Juniors: Years 2-4

Intermediate: Years 5-7

Senior: Yrs 8-10

Cost: \$30 (6 weeks)

All Players required to have VNA registration- go to my.netball.com.au or see our Facebook Page for the link

Registration night Tuesday 15th May, 3.45pm- 4.15pm

Registration forms available at Terang Stadium or on our

Or Contact Carolyn Lucas 0438925358

SCOTTISH FAMILY DANCE



*Robert
Burns*

scottish festival

18-20 May 2018
Camperdown

FEATURING

FRIDAY 18 MAY
6:30 PM-8:30 PM
THEATRE ROYAL
CAMPERDOWN



CHRIS DUNCAN & CATHERINE STRUTT
TUNIVERSAL

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

TICKETS \$20 FAMILY \$10 ADULT \$5 CHILD AVAILABLE ONLINE OR AT THE DOOR
www.camperdownburnsfestival.com.au