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In his 2016 Lenten message, Pope Francis called the faithful to place special emphasis on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy this Lent, taking into account the current Jubilee Year of Mercy.

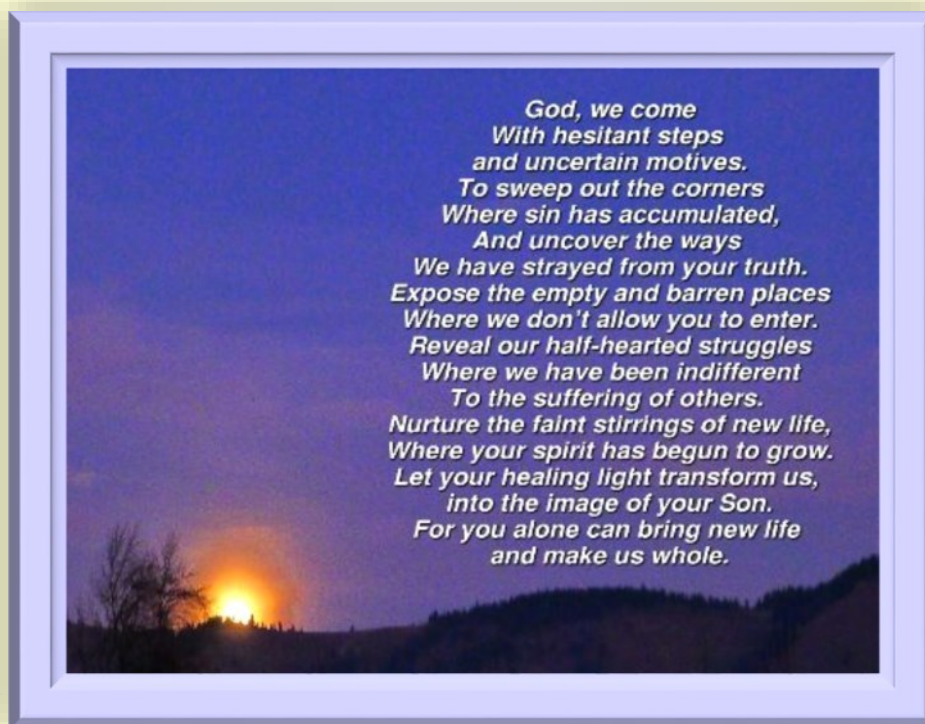
"God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn" The spiritual and corporal works of mercy, the pontiff said, "remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbours in body and spirit: by feeding, visiting, comforting and instructing them." Pope Francis stressed that "the corporal and spiritual works of mercy must never be separated."

"By touching the flesh of the crucified Jesus in the suffering, sinners can receive the gift of realizing that they, too, are poor and in need," he said.

"This love alone is the answer to that yearning for infinite happiness and love that we think we can satisfy with the idols of knowledge, power and riches."

The Pope warned against constantly refusing "to open the doors of their hearts to Christ who knocks on them in the poor," as such consistent refusal on the part on the part of the "proud, rich and powerful" leads to condemnation.

"The mercy of God is a proclamation made to the world, a proclamation which each Christian is called to experience at first hand," he said.



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This reflection on Lenten observance challenges us to think about the way we live out the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in our day to day lives.

Last Friday we hosted a retirement function for three staff members who have given outstanding service to Mount Lilydale Mercy College over the course of wonderful careers in different aspects of College life.

Magda Pisotek has worked at MLMC for 24 years and for 45 years in Catholic education. Magda is best remembered in her role as Year 7 Coordinator where she played an integral role in the transition of students from primary school to secondary education. Each year at the Year 12 final assembly, Magda would pay tribute to the graduating class, reminding them of how far they had come since their first tentative steps in Year 7. Genuine affection and respect is the only way to describe the way the entire school community looks upon Magda.

Margaret Conway has worked as College Nurse at MLMC for 18 years. In this capacity she dispensed much more than band aids and panadol. Marg would always offer a sympathetic ear and she worked incredibly well with parents, teaching staff, the Counselling Team and Office Staff to ensure clear and accurate information was communicated. Marg was also at the forefront of education campaigns within the school community for first aid training and anaphylaxis.

Gerry Donovan worked for 16 years in the role of Property Manager at MLMC. During this time the College underwent a physical transformation with a significant building program resulting in the construction and refurbishment of large sections of the school. Gerry also involved himself in number of other areas of the school, in particular the ongoing fundraising cause that became known as "Sr Sarah's Tractor Appeal" to support a small rural community in Uganda.

During the course of the retirement function, family members and colleagues paid tribute to the work of each of these people as well as the way they went about it in the true spirit of Mercy. We wish Magda, Margaret and Gerry a long, happy and healthy retirement as they enter this next phase of life.

Last Friday the College Swim Carnival was held with Years 7, 8 & 9 students involved up until lunchtime followed by participants from Years 10, 11 & 12. The weather was ideal and a great atmosphere prevailed. Well done and thank you to Ms Danni Webb and the staff that supported her in the organisation of this important school event.

Thank you to the parents who attended the VCE/VCAL Information Evening last week. This type of forum is an important way to develop the working relationship between school and home as well as pass on important information relating to the year.

Likewise, thank you to the parents who supported the Parents & Friends Meeting last week and I encourage others to come along to the next meeting scheduled for March 15.

Members within our community have suffered the loss of dear and loved family members;

Hugh Lane, grandson to staff member Michael Kerr; Adelia Centracchio (Snr), grandmother to Anthony (Year 8), and Old Collegians Marco (2015) and Adelia Centracchio (2013); and Marinus Bissels, grandfather to Chloe (Year 12), Tyson (Year 10) and Brodie Bissels (Year 7).

We would also like to offer sincere condolences to the McLindon family on the death of Mrs Veronica McLindon on December 22. Veronica is the wife of Michael who worked for many years at Mount Lilydale Mercy College as a teacher and counsellor. The McLindon children, Elizabeth, John-Michael, Catherine and Paul are Old Collegians. Veronica was well known and highly respected within the parish community of SPJE.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of our loving God, rest in peace.
Amen.

This week our Year 7 students are involved in their camp. This will be a great way to develop new friendships and experience many different activities. Thank you to the staff who have been involved in the organisation of the camp and school based activities on the two days when students are not on camp. We also appreciate the efforts of those staff who attend the camp for without their efforts this activity and many others in our school program could not operate.

Parents, guardians and family members are invited to join with us for the College Community Mass to be conducted at 7.30pm on February 24. The venue will be the Doyle Centre. An important part of the liturgical celebration will be the commissioning of our Year 7 students along with new enrolments at other year levels. Year 12 students will also be recognised with the blessing and presentation of their Year 12 badge.




Michael Johnston
Deputy Principal - Studies

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STUDIES - BRIAN HAWTHORNE

On Tuesday 9 February a full school assembly was held to acknowledge the top achievers of 2015. It was a pleasure to welcome back the 2015 graduates who achieved the highest scores and hear about the courses they have chosen and the careers that they are seeking to pursue.

STUDENT	WINNER	ATAR	WHERE ARE THEY NOW
Teresa Yuwono	Dux of the College	99.55	Bachelor of Science - The University of Melbourne
Hayley Wilson	Top VCAL	High Distinction	Working as a Beauty Therapist whilst continuing her Diploma of Beauty Therapy
Karla Champion	Top Achiever	97.90	Double Degree Law & Arts with Honours at Monash University
Maddison Cubitt	Top Achiever	95.95	Double Degree Law & Arts with Honours at Monash University
Elijah Foster-McLachlan	Top Achiever	Details not released	
Benjamin Morison	Top Achiever & Catherine McAuley Winner	95.10	Double Degree Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and Pharmaceutical Science at Monash University
Blair Nyko	Top Achiever	93.45	Double Degree Bachelor of Business and Law at Queensland University
Dylan O'Neill	Top Achiever	97.70	Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Honours) at Monash University
Jordan Sibberas	Top Achiever	94.30	Bachelor of Biomedical Science with Honours at Queensland University
Nicole Spence	Top Achiever	93.00	Bachelor of Law at Deakin University
Keegan Tarrant	Top Achiever	95.30	Bachelor of Film and Television at Swinburne University. Kegan received the Vice Chancellor's Scholarship for

We also acknowledge six students who received the VCE Baccalaureate obtained by having completed higher levels in Maths, English and a Language: Maddison Cubitt, Emily Groves, Elizabeth Kennedy, Benjamin Morison, Dylan O'Neill and Teresa Yuwono .

An excerpt of the speech provided by the Dux of the College, Teresa Yuwono and Catherine McAuley Award recipient, Benjamin Morison is published on the next page.

Included in the Newsletter is a Parent's Guide to the Internet Use. Given that all our students are now using iPads and MacBook Airs parents can help minimise potential risks to their child by observing the guidelines outlined in the flyer.

TOP ACHIEVERS 2015 - MADDISON CUBITT, NICOLE SPENCE, HAYLEY WILSON, BENJAMIN MORISON, TERESA YUWONO, DYLAN O'NEILL. ABSENT: KARLA CHAMPION, ELIJAH FOSTER-MCLAUGHLIN, JORDAN SIBBERAS, BLAIR NYKO AND KEEGAN TARRANT



TERESA YUWONO—DUX OF THE COLLEGE



BENJAMIN MORISON
CATHERINE MCAULEY WINNER



TERESA YUWONO—DUX OF THE COLLEGE

To attain the title of Dux of Mount Lilydale Mercy College is not a feat that should be attempted alone. There were many people who supported and helped me achieve my goal, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank these people - my teachers, my family and my friends.

This past year was the hardest year I have had at the college. There was a lot of work involved that kept me awake from early morning to late at night. It could have been a much more stressful year but luckily I have great friends who took my mind off studying. It is thanks to them that I managed to achieve a balance between studying and relaxing which allowed me to tackle Year 12 with a positive mindset. It was indeed a hard year but the end result was worth all the work.

BENJAMIN MORISON - CATHERINE MCAULEY STUDENT OF THE YEAR

As the winner of the Catherine McAuley Award, Ben gave some practical advice on how we can all dedicate ourselves to the community in a manner which is mutually beneficial.

He spoke about goal setting, getting involved and doing the little things that helped him achieve his goals throughout the year. He stated that the most important things to remember were the importance of setting quantifiable goals in a range of areas including study, co-curricular activities and other commitments, recognising the mutual benefit of participating in and helping out with co-curricular activities, and finally, mastering the little things.



A PARENT'S GUIDE TO INTERNET USE

The cyber world will never be completely predictable or controllable - just like the real world!
Parents can help minimise potential risks to children when they use the internet.

Please remember...

- The cyber world is an exciting and safe world! It's how people use it that creates issues.
- Children are still developing real life skills and mature instincts. Guidance will help them make sound choices and identify 'red flags'.
- Technology will always change but, household rules and protective practices can help to positively guide children.
- Online dangers are real. It's important to educate children on what these are and how to respond when they occur.
- Always consider the potential risks when deciding what programs your children should use.
- It's the parent's responsibility to put restrictions on a child's access to technology, devices and internet use outside of school boundaries.
- Rules and boundaries won't necessarily stop children using technology but will help to teach them to use it responsibly.
- Online risks aren't about technology - it's about people!
- Using technology that can monitor and filter online content is a right of the parent.
- Every time a child logs on to the internet, they have access to everything the adult world has to offer.
- Whatever a child puts on the internet - whether it be via social media, chat forums or anything else - make them aware that parents, principals and everyone else can probably access it!

For more information about cyber safety, contact The Office of the Children's eSafety Commission.

To find out more about how CyberHound provides innovative, school-focused solutions to over 400 schools in Australia and overseas, please visit www.cyberhound.com or call 1300 737 060.



5 TIPS FOR PARENTS TO HELP GUIDE A CHILD'S ONLINE DEVELOPMENT AND HELP KEEP THEM SAFE ONLINE:

1. Try to keep lines of communication open with your child
2. Consider monitoring and filtering software to help protect your child from online dangers
3. Take interest and have active involvement with your child's internet use
4. Take control of the internet and devices
5. Have firm guidelines, rules and consequences around device and internet use

A big thank you to the parents who attended the VCE / VCAL information evening last Tuesday. We hope the information presented answered any questions you may have regarding the final year(s) of your child's education. Although for many this year may be the second or third time you have had a child move through the senior years, it is always worth the effort to become more involved in your child's education and become more familiar with the language used in VCE / VCAL. We also hope the time spent meeting your child's Homeroom teacher was of value, and now have a face to a name that should be your first point of contact in dealing with any issue that may present itself this year. Students in Year 10 undertaking a Unit 1 subject will soon be invited to a lunchtime meeting to have VCAA requirements to Unit 1 studies explained to them.

For those who drop off or pick up their child at school, you will have noticed our latest sign asking you to slow down. I cannot emphasize strongly enough how important it is that you monitor your speed so our school remains a safe environment for our students. Please adhere to our speed limits.

On another note about safety, it is worth mentioning the need to talk to your child on what actions they should take if they feel threatened by a stranger when traveling to, or from school. Please take the time to talk to your child about what they should do in the case of unwanted attention.

The process of electing the College Student Representative Council has begun. Our College Vice Captains will soon be visiting classrooms to distribute role descriptions, and will explain the process of selection. We value the leadership roles students hold within the College and would ask that you encourage your child to have a go at some formal leadership role in 2016. The process for selecting Class Captain will also commence very soon.

Please remember that although February is a blazer free month, the outer garment to and from school cannot be the jumper. A reminder also, during term one, all students must wear a hat at recess or lunchtime if not in a designated shade area. A copy of the Uniform Requirements for 2016 is outlined below

On Friday 5 February the 2016 student photos were taken. The catch up date for those who did not have their photo taken will be Monday 22 February. Family portraits will be taken at recess for those interested.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any concerns.

John Rodgers
Acting Deputy Principal - Students



UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS 2016

BOYS' UNIFORM

Summer

- Black leather lace-up school shoes with standard sized heel are the only shoes permitted without a medical certificate.
- Short sleeved white shirt with the top button done up and neatly presented. Shirts with tails should be tucked in at all times except when students are directly involved in sporting activities at lunchtime or recess. Students have the option of wearing a tailored ('jack') shirt which may be worn in or out when the shirt is the outer garment provided that the shirt does not reach below the hips or below the jumper or blazer.
- Students may wear a traditional short sleeve shirt with tails which is to remain tucked into the trousers or shorts.
- College Pinhead fabric grey trousers/regulation grey, fully tailored shorts (NB pants should be worn around the waist, not on the hip or below).
- Black leather belt.
- College jumper. This is not to be worn as the outer garment to or from school.
- College blazer to and from home as outer garment.
- No t-shirt underneath shirt.
- College socks –official College grey socks worn with coloured bands clearly visible above the ankles, not folded into the shoe.
- Approved Sun Smart Hat purchased as part of the uniform requirements. This is the only hat that is permitted to be worn. All parents of new students are advised that approved hats are available through the official Uniform Supplier.
- Approved Cancer Council sun glasses (Optional).

Winter

- Black leather lace-up school shoes with standard sized heel are the only shoes permitted without a medical certificate.
- Long School Pinhead fabric grey trousers (No shorts allowed).
- Long sleeve white shirt with top button done up. Shirts with tails should be tucked in at all times except when students are directly involved in sporting activities at lunchtime or recess. Shirts without tails must not reach below the hips or below the jumper or blazer.
- Tie correctly done up to the neck.
- Black leather belt.
- College jumper.
- College blazer to and from home as outer garment.
- Navy or white neck scarf permitted.
- College grey socks.

Sport

- College Sports Jacket with embroidered crest (Optional). When wearing the College sport uniform to and from school, the Sports Jacket is to be worn as the outer garment.
- College track pants with embroidered badge (Optional).
- College Sports rugby top (Optional).
- College polo top with embroidered crest. Long sleeve undergarments are not permitted.
- Sports shorts with embroidered crest.
- White sport socks – no branding is permitted.
- Sport specific shoes must be worn.

GIRLS' UNIFORM

Summer

- Low heeled, black leather lace-up school shoes are the only shoes permitted without a medical certificate (for safety reasons, the school shoes must completely cover all of the foot). T-bar or 'dolly' shoes are not permitted.
- School socks – long white socks, not folded into the shoe or regulation white socks.
- College summer dress worn to the knee or longer. The tie at the back must not be tampered with to change the style of the dress.
- College jumper. This is not to be worn as the outer garment to or from school.
- College blazer to and from home as outer garment.
- Approved Sun Smart Hat purchased as part of the uniform requirements. This is the only hat that is permitted to be worn. All parents of new students are advised that approved hats are available through the official Uniform Supplier.
- Approved Cancer Council sun glasses (Optional).

Winter

- Low heeled, black leather lace-up school shoes are the only shoes permitted without a medical certificate (for safety reasons, the school shoes must completely cover all of the foot). T-bar or 'dolly' shoes are not permitted.
- College winter skirt worn to the knee or longer.
- White shirt ... top button done up and neatly presented. Shirt should be tucked in at all times except when students are directly involved in sporting activities at lunchtime or recess.
- Tie correctly done up to the neck.
- Regulation navy, cotton blend tights. Navy blue stockings may be worn if they are 50 plus denier. These are available from the Uniform Shop. Girls are no longer be able to wear socks as part of the winter uniform.
- Navy or white College neck scarf permitted.
- Blue College gloves permitted.

Sport

- College Sports Jacket with embroidered crest (Optional). When wearing the College sport uniform to and from school, the Sports Jacket is to be worn as the outer garment.
- College track pants with embroidered badge (Optional).
- College Sports rugby top (Optional).
- College polo top with embroidered crest. Longsleeve undergarments are not permitted.
- Sports shorts with embroidered crest.
- White sport socks - no branding is permitted.
- Sport specific shoes.

FREE DRESS DAY DRESS CODE

On occasions when Free Dress Days are permitted, students are expected to dress in a respectful and safe manner.

JEWELLERY

All students

- No jewellery is permitted in the form of rings, bangles or chains. The only jewellery permissible is a Christian medal or cross that is not visible, or an SOS medical notification. If visible these items will be confiscated.
- One sleeper/stud is permitted in the lower lobe of each ear. Any more will be confiscated. Plastic earrings or band-aids covering earrings are also not permitted.
- No visible body piercing such as eyebrow face, lip, nose piercing is permitted.
- Tattoos are prohibited.

HAIRSTYLES

- Extremes of hairstyles such as tails, mowhawks, dreadlocks, razorcuts or undercuts are not permitted.
- Haircuts with number two clippers or higher are acceptable. Extremely short or shaved hair and multi, unnatural hair colours or any stripes, spots or tips are not permitted.
- Shoulder length hair or longer must be tied back for health and safety reasons.
- Girls may wear royal blue, white or yellow ribbons. Other colours are not permitted. Hair accessories other than Bobbie pins and plain clips are not acceptable.

- Boys must be clean-shaven. No facial hair is acceptable for boys.

MAKE UP

- Make up is not permitted.

SHOES

- Black leather lace-up school shoes with standard sized heels are required. If shoes are damaged or if students grow out of them, parents should endeavour to replace them as soon as possible. If this presents a financial difficulty for parents, parents can have the matter dealt with discreetly through an appropriate Year Level Leader. Students may bring runners to school for use in sporting activities at recess and lunchtime, but they must change into their correct shoes for classes and for travelling home from school.

WATERPROOF COAT & UMBRELLAS

- A waterproof coat may be purchased from the Uniform Shop for use on rainy days in order to keep the blazer dry. This coat may be worn at recess and lunchtime but not to class. Students are encouraged to bring umbrellas to school on days when rain is expected.

COLLEGE BAGS

- Students should use the official College bag, which should remain graffiti free at all times.

UNIFORM NOTES FROM PARENTS

- If students are unable to wear the correct uniform, they are required to bring a note from home explaining the situation. Such notes will, in most cases, be valid for no more than two days. If supplying students with the correct uniform presents a financial difficulty for parents, please contact the appropriate Year Level Leader in order for the matter to be dealt with in a discrete manner.

TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

- Students are reminded that they should be in full school uniform from the moment they leave home until they arrive home at the end of the day. Blazers must be worn to and from school. The exception to this is throughout February when the wearing of the blazer is optional.
- At other times should it be deemed too warm to wear the blazer at the end of the school day, an announcement to that effect will be made.
- If students are not travelling home immediately after school and remain in school uniform, they must wear the full uniform correctly as they are continuing to represent the College. If students are with their parents after school, parents should ensure their son/daughter's uniform is being worn correctly.
- Students participating in rehearsals, dance practice, music lessons or any other activity immediately after school must wear the full school uniform when they do eventually travel home.
- Year 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 students may wear full sports uniform to and from school on days they are scheduled for sport. This means that they must wear the Sports jacket and track pants to and from school. Alternatively, students may wear full school uniform to and from school and change into sports attire at school.

DEODORANT SPRAY CANS

- Because of the impact on asthmatics and others, students are not to bring spray deodorants to school. Roll-on or pump deodorants are permitted.

CONSEQUENCES FOR UNIFORM BREACHES

- Staff will not argue with students who are not following these requirements. Consequences will apply and students who do not follow the uniform expectations will be required to make the appropriate changes in their behaviour and failure to do so in a prompt manner will lead to their exclusion from our community until they do so.

General

All items of clothing (except socks) must be the approved uniform purchased from the clothing shop. For example it is unacceptable for a student to wear "brand name" navy tracksuit pants. For students in Years 9 and 10 substitute the colour royal blue for navy.

The student's name should be clearly printed on each item of clothing.

Consequences for Uniform Breaches

Correct wearing of the uniform should be the responsibility of each student. This responsibility encourages self-discipline, which is a vital part of our students' movement towards adulthood. It is unnecessary and unfortunate if uniform becomes a source of conflict between staff and students. Parents are expected to support the College by ensuring their son/daughter is correctly attired according to school regulations (see Responsible Behaviour Policy).

Staff will not debate with students who are not following these requirements. Consequences will apply and students who do not follow the uniform expectations will be required to make the appropriate changes in their behaviour and failure to do so in a prompt manner will lead to their exclusion from our community until they do so.

Dear Parents & Guardians

All families should now have access to their annual College Fee Statement on the parent portal.

If you have not set up an automatic direct debit, credit card or other authorised payment plan, please make note of the following important dates:

15th February

- 1st Quarterly Instalment due. Please refer to your College Fee Statement for amount. **NB: If you are not paying your College Fees in full and are not on an automatic or authorised College payment plan then you must pay your 1st Quarterly amount by this date.**

22nd February

- Full amount of Annual Fees due by this date. Annual fees paid by this date will be eligible for an early payment discount. Please refer to your College Fee Statement for the amount but remember to take off your early payment discount from this amount. (*pro rata amount for split billers*)

Families that have set up an automatic payment plan must ensure funds are available on the day the payment is processed. Please see below for dates.

If you require any information regarding the College Fees, please contact our Finance Office on 9237 1315 or 9739 2209.

Cathy Pote
Assistant Business Manager

PROCESSING DATES FOR AUTOMATIC DIRECT DEBIT & CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS 2016						
QUARTERLY <i>Direct Debit & Credit Card</i>	MONTHLY <i>Direct Debit & Credit Card</i>	FORTNIGHTLY A <i>Direct Debit Only</i>		FORTNIGHTLY B <i>Direct Debit Only</i>		WEEKLY <i>Direct Debit Only</i>
15 February	17 February	05/02/16	19/02/16	12/02/16	26/02/16	40 Payments 05/02/16 to 04/11/16
15 April	17 March	04/03/16	18/03/16	11/03/16	24/03/16*	
15 July	18 April	01/04/16	15/04/16	08/04/16	22/04/16	
14 October	17 May	29/04/16	13/05/16	06/05/16	20/05/16	
	17 June	27/05/16	10/06/16	03/06/16	17/06/16	All processed on a Friday except for Thursday 24/03/16 due to Good Friday
	18 July	24/06/16	08/07/16	01/07/16	15/07/16	
	17 August	22/07/16	05/08/16	29/07/16	12/08/16	
	19 September	19/08/16	02/09/16	26/08/16	09/09/16	
	17 October	16/09/16	30/09/16	23/09/16	07/10/16	
	17 November	14/10/16	28/10/16	21/10/16	04/11/16	
* Processed on a Thursday All other dates are processed on a Friday						

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps/retreats, incursions & excursions for the benefit of your child. The CSEF is an annual payment to the school for students aged between 5 and 18 years inclusive.

\$125.00 for Primary school students

\$225.00 for Secondary school students **(This amount will automatically be credited to your school fee account)**

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

on the first day of Term one (27 January 2016) or;
on the first day of Term two (11 April 2016)

- Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, **are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of the (a) or (b) above**

CSEF application forms are available to download from either our MLMC Finance Website or from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Parents must lodge a CSEF application form with a photocopy of your Health Care/Pension Card to the school by 29 February 2016.
NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED. For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MOUNT LILYDALE MERCY COLLEGE

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You are warmly invited to join us to celebrate

SPECIAL PERSONS' DAY

Tuesday 8 March at 8.45am

Entertainment will be followed by a tour of the College and Morning Tea

Parking will be available on courts adjacent to Centennial Hall

RSVP for catering purposes to registrar@mlmc.vic.edu.au

by Wednesday 2 March 2016



Child:.....

Class: Number attending:



MOUNT LILYDALE MERCY COLLEGE

Annual Year 7 Picnic

Come on over, let's have some FUN

We are having a Family PICNIC and we really want you to come!

FRIDAY 4 MARCH

6 - 7.30pm

Mount Lilydale Mercy College

Behind the Doyle Centre

(In the event of rain we will move to the Doyle Centre)

Bring a Picnic and a Rug, and join us for some games.
Make new friends and have a laugh while enjoying your Picnic Dinner!

Please RSVP numbers attending by Monday 29 February to registrar@mlmc.vic.edu.au



MOUNT LILYDALE MERCY COLLEGE OLD COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION

BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Wednesday 16 March 2016 - 7.00-8.30am

Lilydale International,

471 Maroondah Highway, Lilydale

GUEST SPEAKERS

Cameron Heath (Class of 83) - Principal of Healesville Primary School

Belinda Barnett nee Spong (Class of 89) - Family Law

Please contact Mrs Margaret Kirkwood on 9237 1315 for tickets

Cost \$35.00 adult. MLMC Student Concession \$20.00

Email: OC@mlmc.vic.edu.au

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- celebrating -
Years of Education

Welcome to 2016. I would like to offer a special welcome to all families that are new to Mount Lilydale Mercy College and thank them for considering our school for their child's secondary education. Our community aims to foster Justice, Compassion, Hope and Hospitality in the Mercy Tradition and we trust that our new students will flourish in our supportive environment where they will be encouraged to develop a love of God, of life, of others and of learning.

Term One is always a busy time and this year we have a short term of 8 weeks only. Throughout the term we have activities that our families are invited to be involved in. I have listed these dates below which you may like to save in your diary. All are welcome to participate in these activities and in fact we encourage you to become a greater presence in our community.

*School is something that you learn - reading and writing. Education is what you learn from the family, from the environment, from the **community**.*

Bunker Roy

- FEBRUARY 24 Community Mass 7.30pm in the Doyle Centre
- MARCH 4 **Year 7 Family Picnic.** 6pm - 7.30pm - see flyer
- MARCH 8 Special Persons Day 8.45am in Centennial Hall - please see flyer attached to this newsletter
- MARCH 15 P & F General Meeting

Invitation

P & F General Meeting - Tuesday 15 March 2016

Come and join us! Meet new people! Make new Friends!

7pm - Tea, coffee and nibbles

7.30pm - Meeting commences

Mount St Joseph building - Staff dining Room

There is no obligation to commit to attending meetings or assisting with activities. We invite the community to come and see what we are about and support Mount Lilydale Mercy College in a fun and friendly manner. Please join us. We would love to see you there!

If you are unable to attend but would like to know more please contact the Registrars office on 9739 2229 or email registrar@mlmc.vic.edu.au

Mount Lilydale Mercy College Parents and Friends Association

FRIENDSHIPS

PARTNERSHIPS

COMMUNITY



FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

A CAPELLA ENSEMBLES

Mount Lilydale Mercy College is very privileged and excited to offer our students a **Junior A Cappella Ensemble** (Year 7 - Year 8) and **Senior A Capella Ensemble** (Year 9 - Year 12) in 2016.

JUNIOR A CAPELLA ENSEMBLE

Rehearsals commence at the beginning of lunchtime every **MONDAY** in the Centennial Hall with Ms Dickason. All Welcome!

SENIOR A CAPELLA ENSEMBLE

Rehearsals commence at the beginning of lunchtime every **WEDNESDAY** in the Centennial Hall with Ms Dickason. Auditions upon entry!

If you have any further questions you can email Mrs Flint on sflint@mlmc.vic.edu.au

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSON VACANCIES

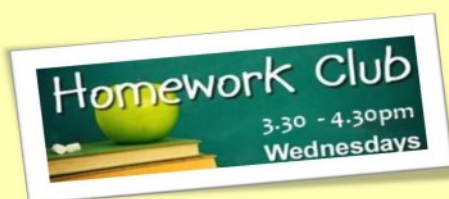
The Instrumental Music Department still have a few vacancies for private 30 minute lessons in Drums, Guitar, Violin and Woodwind/Brass. Be quick! All private lessons are run during school hours. If you are interested in joining this exciting program please download an enrolment form from the MLMC Parent News website or alternatively, email the Instrumental Music Secretary Sharon Flint on sflint@mlmc.vic.edu.au as soon as possible as lessons have already commenced.



Kool Skools is back for another year. Here is your opportunity to develop your musical skills and record music in a professional studio. You don't have to be a singer or write your own songs to be part of the Kool Skools team. This year Kool Skools is looking to expand its repertoire by including Rock Bands, Hip Hop and Electronic music into the mix. We also need drummers, guitarists, bassists and pianists to join our backing band. So if you are an aspiring musician or produce electronic music sign up by emailing Mr Carron at dcarron@mlmc.edu.vic.au

Auditions will commence in March further details later.

HOMWORK CLUB



Homework Club will start again on Wednesday 10 February 2016 after school from 3.30pm until 4.30pm in the McAuley Library. Come along if you need help with homework, assignments, presentations, revision etc.

No bookings are required but students must return the **Parent Permission Form** to the first session! A letter and form is available on the parent portal. Please return the form to McAuley Library so that your name will be registered.

All students ready to work are most welcome.





SWIMMING TRAINING

At Croydon Outdoor Pool

- Monday afternoons 3.30-5.00pm (bus will take students to pool, students to be picked up from the pool)
- Wednesday mornings 7.00-8.00am (Students to be dropped off at pool and a bus will return them to school – breakfast for \$1)

EISM SWIMMING TEAM

The team will be announced shortly, however, details are:

Date: 8 March

Venue: Nunawading Pool

Dress: Navy or MLMC bathers + College swimming cap (both available from the Sports Office)

More details to come.

SPORTS UNIFORM

A reminder that correct uniform is required for all students participating in both social and EISM sports – including white sports socks, correct school shorts

EISM HOCKEY TEAMS

A reminder that any student selected in EISM hockey teams will need to have both long, navy socks (available from the uniform shop) and a mouthguard to be able to take the field.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Brad Legg

Over the summer holidays, Brad (Year 10) competed in the Australian Impulse Sailing Championships. He won the junior category and finished 28th overall – a fantastic result Brad! Keep up the great work with your sailing.



Sam Hennessey

Congratulations to Sam Hennessey (Year 11) who, over the holidays, competed for the Outer East Eagles Cricket Team in the Under 16 Victorian State Championships. Sam was selected from over 100 boys to make this team, competing for a week against some of the most talented cricketers in the state. The Outer East Eagles had a fantastic week and managed to make the Grand Final for the first time in 10 years. Although they were unable to take the win, they had a terrific competition and we would like to wish Sam all the very best with his cricket for the future!

Cooper Downey & Harry Wright

Congratulations to Cooper Downey (Year 9) who won the third round of the Victorian Downhill series (Under 17) up at Mount Buller on January 24.

Congratulations also to Harry Wright (Year 10) who finished third at the same event.



Keep up the fantastic work in this amazing sport!

EISM RESULTS - Year 9 - 4 February

Sport	Opponent	Result	Winner	Best Player
Boys Basketball A	Luther Blue	49-22	MLMC	Angelo Romero
Boys Basketball B	Luther Blue	37-31	MLMC	Eden Champion
Boys Softball	Luther Blue	2-4	Luther Blue	Daniel Schlueter
Boys Tennis A	Luther Blue	13-23	Luther Blue	Anthony Salvitti
Boys Tennis B	Luther Blue	13-20	Luther Blue	Connor Denis
Boys Hockey	Luther Blue	0-2	Luther Blue	Joshua Boede
Boys Ultimate Frisbee	Luther Blue	9-9	Draw	Todd Garner

Sport	Opponent	Result	Winner	Best Player
Girls Basketball A	Mt Scopus	50-0	MLMC	Madeline O'Donnell
Girls Basketball B	Mt Scopus	56-6	MLMC	Laura Del Biondo
Girls Softball	Luther Red	11-1	MLMC	Ashley Sumner
Girls Tennis A	Mt Scopus	13-11	MLMC	Grace Staindl-Dymond
Girls Tennis B	Mt Scopus	18-5	MLMC	Elly Royle
Girls Touch Football	Mt Scopus	5-1	MLMC	Georgia Paffenholz
Girls Indoor Cricket	Luther Red	127-91	Luther Red	Alana McGurgan

Year 8 Results 9 February

Sport	Opponent	Result	Winner	Best Player
Boys Hockey	Luther Red	3-1	MLMC	Harry Van Duuren
Boys Volleyball A	Luther Red	0-3	Luther Red	Sam Hodgett
Boys Volleyball B	Luther Red	3-1	MLMC	
Boys Indoor Cricket	Luther Red	80-73	MLMC	Max Hall
Boys Tennis A	Luther Red	3-1	MLMC	Chris Fox
Boys Tennis B	Luther Red	0-4	Luther Red	Tyler Leist

Sport	Opponent	Result	Winner	Best Player
Girls Netball A	Luther Red	28-42	Luther Red	Madeline George
Girls Netball B	Luther Red	5-21	Luther Red	Tiarna Jackson
Girls Soccer	Luther Red	1-2	Luther Red	Taylah Allen
Girls Softball	Luther Red	2-7	Luther Red	Kirra Smark
Girls Tennis A	Luther Red	1-3	Luther Red	Emily Hoiles
Girls Tennis B	Luther Red	0-3	Luther Red	Madeline Remminga

Senior Results 10 February

Sport	Opponent	Result	Winner	Best Player
Boys Cricket	Emmaus	161-142	MLMC	Mitch Dall
Boys Basketball A	Emmaus	44-32	MLMC	Jackson Lowe
Boys Basketball B	Emmaus	28-44	MLMC	Jay Harris
Boys Softball	Emmaus	2-21	Emmaus	Tom Eaton
Boys Hockey	Emmaus	0-4	Emmaus	Cody McKellar
Boys Tennis A	Emmaus	0-4	Emmaus	Aaron Campbell
Boys Tennis B	Emmaus	0-1	Emmaus	NA

Sport	Opponent	Result	Winner	Best Player
Girls Indoor Cricket	Emmaus	101-44	MLMC	Serena Gibbs
Girls Basketball A	Emmaus	30-41	Emmaus	Emerson Woods
Girls Basketball B	Emmaus	13-38	Emmaus	Amy Bourke
Girls Softball	Emmaus	14-10	MLMC	Emily Corbett
Girls Ultimate Frisbee	Emmaus	13-4	MLMC	Emma Fewtrell-Rush
Girls Volleyball	Emmaus	3-0	MLMC	Dakota De Lacy
Girls Tennis A	Emmaus	0-4	Emmaus	Alex Stevens
Girls Tennis B	Emmaus	1-3	Emmaus	Emily Campanga

Year 9 Results 11 February

Sport	Opponent	Result	Winner	Best Player
Boys Basketball A	Billanook	58-8	MLMC	Harrison Strachan
Boys Basketball B	Billanook	52-9	MLMC	Eden Champion
Boys Softball	Billanook	15-4	MLMC	Thomas Badgery
Boys Tennis A	Billanook	3-1	MLMC	Anthony Cappellucci
Boys Tennis B	Billanook	4-0	MLMC	Connor Dennis
Boys Hockey	Billanook	1-7	Billanook	Troy Beath
Boys Ultimate Frisbee	Billanook	7-14	Billanook	Jackson Flint

Sport	Opponent	Result	Winner	Best Player
Girls Basketball A	Billanook	45-17	MLMC	Sarah McSpadden
Girls Basketball B	Billanook	62-12	MLMC	Heidi Sculthorpe
Girls Softball	Tintern	14-11	MLMC	Neve Biggin
Girls Tennis A	Billanook	4-0	MLMC	Kara Inglese
Girls Tennis B	Billanook	1-3	Billanook	Abi Van Bergeijk
Girls Touch Football	Billanook	8-0	MLMC	Kayla Tucker
Girls Indoor Cricket	Tintern	80-75	MLMC	Hannah Steele



MT LILYDALE OLD COLLEGIANS SOCCER CLUB

To all new, current and past players we invite you all to come and join our club in what will be an exciting 2016 season. Our home ground has recently undergone further surface and drainage works for the upcoming season, we are very proud to be offering one of the best grounds surfaces in the local area for football.

Our club is fielding 3 teams in the 2016 season, FFV State 5 on Saturday's (Senior's and Reserves) and a Sunday FFV Metro's Team.

All teams are open age 16+ and our 2016 player fees are "\$400 standard" no increase from previous years.

Please ask your family and friends to get involved ~ encourage and promote.

Stay up to date like Us on our Facebook Club Page and Club Website <http://mlocsc.com.au/>

We are looking forward to seeing you all.

Kind Regards,
MLOCSC Committee

Seville V Wandin War Memorial Cup

The Seville Township Group, along with Seville Football/Netball Club, Seville Cricket Club, Wandin Football/Netball and other members of the community are organising a fundraising event to raise much needed funds for the build and erection of a new State of the Art War Memorial in Seville. It is great to see two rival teams, Seville and Wandin, come together in support of such a worthy cause.

The idea behind this football/netball game is to raise some much needed funds to build and erect a War Memorial to acknowledge our local service men and woman.

Seville V Wandin War Memorial Cup — Sunday 6 March
All proceeds go to the construction of the Seville War Memorial
Tickets \$15.

<http://www.trybooking.com/180219>

First 500 tickets come with a free commemorative stubby holder (collect from the merchandise table on the day with your ticket), numbers strictly limited.

Seniors (65+) \$10

Children under 16 free.

Entertainment, silent auction, raffle, food and beverages and a fantastic footy game!

Doors open 11am, game starts at 12 midday.



Mount Lilydale Mercy College

Canteen Menu 2016

Breakfast (Open at 8.30am)

Hash Browns	\$1.20
Egg & Bacon	\$3.30
Cereal	\$3.50
Oats	\$3.50
Muesli & Yogurt	\$3.50

Recess (Includes Breakfast Menu)

Dim Sims	\$1.00
BBQ Bacon Wrap	\$2.80
Egg & Bacon Quiche	\$2.50
Hot Muffins	\$2.50
Sausage Rolls	\$3.00
Chicken Nuggets 5 for	\$3.00
Pies from	\$3.50
Focaccia	\$5.00

Lunch

Cup of Chips	\$2.50
Chicken Melts	\$3.00
Noodles	\$3.50
Wedges	\$4.00
Nachos	\$4.00
Chicken Burger	\$4.50
Beef Burger	\$4.50
Parma Roll	\$5.50

Snacks

Raspberry Liquorice	\$0.50
Cookies	\$1.00
Jelly	\$1.50
Seasonal Fruit	\$1.50
Slices	\$1.50
Vegetable Sticks with Dip	\$2.00
Red Rock & Thins Chips	\$2.20
Yogurt	\$2.50

Cold Food

Sandwiches and Wraps	\$4.50
Rolls & from	\$5.00

Fillings

- Sweet chilli chicken
- Salad- Carrot, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber & Beetroot
- Ham, Salami or Roast Chicken With Salad
- Egg & Lettuce
- Roast Chicken & Avocado
- Turkey with Cranberry, Spinach, Tomato & Cheddar Cheese

Cold Drinks

Dare Iced Coffee	\$4.00
Powerade	\$4.00
Pump Flavoured Water	\$4.00
Vitamin Water	\$4.00
Iced Tea	\$4.00
Coke Zero/Diet Cans	\$3.00
Pump	\$3.60
Mount Franklin Water	\$2.50
Big M 300ml	\$2.50
Up & Go	\$2.50
Prima	\$2.00

Frozen Items

Jelly Fruit	\$0.50
Zing Sour	\$1.00
Sunnyboy	\$1.50
Calipo	\$1.50
Paddle Pop	\$2.00

How parents can help students in the senior years of school

Andrew Fuller

When you have a student completing the senior years of school, everyone in the family is doing Year 11 or 12. Here are a few ideas for coming through these years flourishing, and having everyone's dignity intact.

Parents have a vital role in helping students:

Manage time

Manage energy

Manage stress

Manage to get everything in at the right time and in the right place.

In addition to this you have to manage yourself.

Developing the System

Regular planned times for study throughout the year creates better results. Short regular sprints of learning are more effective than long study marathons. To create this you need to work out a system.

Sit down with your student and map out an ideal week including-

Times for sleeping (at least 8 hours a night)

Times for unwinding and relaxing

Best breakfast foods

The best times for study

The best time of the week for consolidating notes and extending memory

Time to catch up with friends

Required school hours

Time for part time work (less than 10 hours a week)

How to handle invitations around exam times.

Without a plan, you are simply left with doing what you like when you feel like it and often feeling like studying is not probably the most likely emotion in teenagers' lives.

Study sprints should be ideally 20 minutes long and never longer than 50 minutes with a ten-minute break between study sessions.

Usually on the weekend, have some time set aside for organising information and testing memory of new information.

Patiently, talk through the system until you all feel that you have the best plan. Ask them how often you should remind them of the system when they don't seem to be following it.

You may also need to discuss minimizing distractions- excessive social media use, listening to music while studying, multi-tasking or chatting with friends online is not compatible with studying. Multi-tasking is just splitting your attention and means you'll need to study four times longer than you need to.

As a parent of a senior school student, keep yourself informed. Come to information sessions and parent-teacher meetings yourself. Stressed students don't always store detailed information well so take notes of key dates and requirements.

Steering students back to the system

It is hard to get through Year 11 or 12 without some meltdowns. When a melt down occurs

rather than starting a long conversation about it or providing a motivational pep talk, think about what your student needs- Food? Rest? Exercise? Some social time? Try to quietly arrange for this to occur.

How to deal with the catastrophic thinking

Pacifying or reassuring the unsettled senior school student is a fine art. Acknowledge to yourself in advance that anything you are likely to say is probably going to be heard as the “wrong thing”.

Generally what you do is more important than what you say. Providing meals, comfort and for some, reassuring hugs is often more powerful than words.

Some teens “freeze up with fear” and want to avoid schoolwork completely. Try to avoid getting into lengthy debates about the merits of the current educational system or their own intellectual ability. Instead, go back to basics. Feed them. Hydrate them. Rest them. Then gently bring them back to the topic. Ask them to tell you what they do understand about an issue. If they will initially with, “I know nothing” say, “Well, tell me what you think you know”. Slowly rebuild confidence.

What to do when the system breaks down.

When you are planning the system develop a rule of “never miss twice”. We know there are days when even the most well thought through system falls into tatters. Accept this but also plan never to miss twice. For example, I can take a complete break from my study routine for one day but not for two days in a row.

Around August is the most common time for students to become disheartened and lose motivation. However the work done in August and September probably adds more to the final results than any other stage of the year. The reason is that by this time most of the basics have been covered and we are

now able to add the higher order thinking and deepen understanding.

If taking on new information seems too much at this time, go through the process with them of organising information, drawing up flow charts, making memory aides and consolidating notes.

What if my teenager won't listen to me?

Have a confidential chat with one of their key teachers so that they can have a conversation with your student directly about their progress and study strategies.

How to deal with the build up to exams

Here is the time to trust the system. Keep things as calm and consistent as you possibly can. Ensure that your student has enough sleep, good food, exercise and social time.

Consider ceasing part time work in the lead up to exams. Also discuss not using or at least lessening the use of social media sites.

If your family has major birthdays during this period it may be worth delaying celebrations until after the exam period.

It is not the end of the world

Your student's Year 12 result is not their future. There are many other more important determinants of success and happiness in life.

Many people who did not get the Year 12 results they wanted find careers where they thrive.

Above all, remain calm and believe in your student. Adding an anxious parent to a panicking teenager is always a recipe for disaster.

Andrew's most recent book is “Unlocking Your Child's Genius” (Finch Publishing, 2015).