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As we enter the fifth week of Easter the Sunday Gospel is taken from John 13.



Prayer

Lord God, help us to love those
whom we find it difficult to love.
Give us a heart that reaches out
to those we would otherwise ignore.
Give us the strength not to cross
on the other side of the road
but to play the part of the Samaritan.
This will not be easy, Lord.
It is not in our nature.
We spread our love thinly
among those we can relate to
those who share our values
and those who do not threaten
our comfortable lifestyle.
It's not easy, Lord
and on our own we shall fail.
But with your help all things are possible.
You led the way
and it is your example that we look to.
You turned the values of this world upside down.
Do the same with us, Lord.
Help us live the reality of your Love.

Amen

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No form of service is too menial for a Christian disciple, privileged exemption from service of others has no place in gospel living or in gospel leadership, writes Sister Veronica Lawson rsm.

Dear Members of the Mount Lilydale Mercy College Community

Welcome to this newsletter, the second for Term 2 and one which arrives available to you on Wednesday 27 April after the ANZAC Day long weekend. I can understand that new members to our community might not understand the timing of our newsletter as the last three have been communicated a different time of each week. It remains our intent to deliver a newsletter at the start of each school week one of term and then fortnightly after that.

Last week to commemorate ANZAC day, the College held its annual whole school assembly to remember those that sacrificed their lives and youth for us, so that we may enjoy peace. We remembered those men and women, really boys and girls, whose service to others was selfless, courageous and an act of love. This year for our ANZAC day assembly we welcomed the keynote given by Mr Ivor Jenkins whose address was entitled "A Gallipoli's Soldier's Story" and the content of which told the story of his father's involvement both at Gallipoli and other campaigns during World War One. As a part of the ceremony a new plaque of remembrance was blessed in memory of World War One Veterans and in the coming weeks it will be mounted on a rock and placed near the flagpole at the top of the driveway at the entrance to the school.



IN REMEMBRANCE

**We honour those who served in World War One
(1914-1918)**

Lest We Forget

Mount Lilydale Mercy College 2016

We were also honored to have present for the ceremony WO11 Daniel Costelloe, a serving member of the army whose address focused upon "The Modern Day ANZAC" and was followed by a film clip "You Never Came Home" a tribute to the Western Front soldier. Another serving member in Major Daniel Hayes then presented "The Ode".

Overall the ANZAC Remembrance Ceremony was deeply personalised by the participation of these guests and was indeed a fit ceremony to help us all understand the commitment and sacrifice of men and women during time of war.

On ANZAC Day itself, the College was further represented at the Lilydale dawn service by Dr Paul Curtis, Ms Elizabeth Keogh and the College Choir as well as Mr John Rodgers with College Captains: Paul Molluso; Annabelle Weinberg

College Vice Captains: Caitlyn Massarotti, Sienna Spencer, Darcy Myring and Matthew Graziano

Faith & Ministry Prefect: Katharine Graziano

All of whom lay wreath's on behalf of the College community.

Last Thursday the College held the Mount Lilydale Mercy College Athletics Carnival and we were blessed with beautiful Autumnal weather, although the threat of rain was present for most of the day. It did start to rain soon after the Carnival finished. The statue of St Joseph sitting in the garden outside the MSJ building did the job for us again for another year. This event is certainly a celebration of our community and I enjoy the many groups that come together to make it so special. This year Mr Michael Johnston opened the carnival and in so doing he said:

"2016 as many of you will know, is an Olympic year. In a bit over 100 days time athletes from around the world will gather in Rio de Janeiro to compete.

The Olympic motto is made up of three Latin words: Citius - Altius - Fortius

These words mean Faster - Higher - Stronger.

What does this have to do with our own Athletics Carnival?

Obviously there is a showcase of talent on display here today just as there will be in Rio.

Another link - it was the Catholic priest Henri Didon who first expressed the words in the opening ceremony of a school sports carnival way back in 1881. Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympics, who was present that day, adopted them as the Olympic motto.

These three words express the aims of the Olympic Movement not only in terms of athletic excellence but also from the view of human endeavour - it is about striving to achieve without any guarantee of success. It is about the sheer enjoyment of competing.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Athletics Carnival and to the eventual winner in O'Neill House.

Over these past two weekends on the Saturday night, the College and the Parents and Friends have hosted the first two of the four Debutante Balls with two more to follow next weekend.

The following students were presented at the Grand on Princes on:

Saturday, 16 April

Debutante	Partner
Melissa Batsanes	Matthew Di Pietrantanio
Emily Battaglione	Samuel Hennessey
Sarah Bibo	Zachary Griffin
Tyla Cole	Jack Muscat
Emily Corbett	Bailey Stokes
Chloe Dickson	Rhys Deray
Ebony Downward	Thomas Juzva
Stacey Fleming	Jesse Wyatt
Belinda Gerace	Liam Beach
Brooke Hurren	Max Thwaites
Rebekah Kelly	Domenic Aloï
Ruby Kelly	Ryan Macfarlane
Lily McDonald	Todd Chamberlain
Brittany Moorhouse	Alex Condello
Amber Mutsaers	Liam Dwyer
Ysabelle Price	Brendon Huynh
Tahlia Rooney	Declan Scott
Gemma Ryan	Lachlan McGrath
Isobella Saisi	Samuel Gibby
Trinity Simmons	Angus Faulkner – King
Harriet Stanley	Jackson Lowe
Cassandra Thaller	Shane Berrand
Hannah Wintle	Joel Koger

Saturday, 23 April

Debutant	Partner
Laura Abbott	Anthony De Francesco
Charlotte Birrell	Jack Staley
Kellie Cole	Liam Beach
Alexandra Duncan	Andrew Macfarlane
Samantha Falconer	Alexander Farmakis
Bianca Giusto	Grant Brown
Georgia Goss	Matthew Callaway
Kahla Gossip	Oliver Young
Romina Grey	Samuel Gibby
Tahlia Hayes	Cooper Giling
Kayla Jackson	Andrew Ward
Michaela Jarvie	Stirling Hughes
Zoe Lawson	James Duncan
Isabella Licciardi	Nicholas Birznies
Krystal Meyer	Callum Shore
Bethany Morison	Andrew Giusto
Phoebe Myring	Joel Peters
Georgia Perry	Jordan Trollope
Abigail Pettigrew	Joshua Peters
Kylie Verbakel	Henry Staindl-Dymond

We congratulate all the young people who presented themselves knowing the challenge that lay before them. Thank you to all the P&F, the staff and the parents that supported our Year 11 students in this important right of passage. We look forward to acknowledging the final two Debutante Balls occurring next weekend in the next newsletter.

Finally we remember in our thoughts and prayers the Pignataro family with the passing to eternal life of Domenico (Mick) Pignataro, father to Joey in Year 7. We pray for the repose of his soul and May he rest in peace after his battle with cancer. We pray that all the faithfully departed will rest in peace.

God Bless


Philip A Morison
Principal



As the weather begins to cool and the rigors of homework and assessment tasks begin to take hold, the topic of unnecessary absenteeism needs some discussion. There will always be occasions when a student should stay home to recover from an illness. In fact, on occasions the College has had to send students home, as rest and a visit to the doctor is the best remedy. In this instance, unnecessary absenteeism means, the times students say they don't feel like going to school because

Too often these reasons are little more than trying to avoid something at the College, be it friendship issues or falling behind in work.

It is important to note that each absent day has an impact on skill development and social connections. It is also important to note that the number of days away from school quickly adds up. Missing one day of school every fortnight adds up to a month a year. Allowing your child to avoid school unnecessarily allows for avoidance to become normalized and makes further absence easier. It's alarming to think how much skill development would be missed through unnecessary absenteeism.

When faced with requests to stay home, it may be a good opportunity to talk about the importance of showing up to school every day, as it will become a good behaviour to establish to help ensure regular attendance at part time and then full time employment. The lessons at school go well beyond the set curriculum.

To ensure your child can achieve 100% attendance, we ask that you try not to schedule hair, dental or medical appointments during school hours and arrange family holidays during scheduled school holidays.

You may remember the end of term one saw the College SRC (with help from the Ministry team) run the World's Greatest Shave fundraiser. The following is a report from the College Vice Captains who coordinate and run the SRC.

SRC 2016

Over the last term, nominations and interviews have taken place in order for the Year 12 Vice Captains to carefully select students from each year level to lead their year level as members of the Student Representative Council. These students will be a part of the SRC for the rest of the year, and will be meeting regularly to discuss issues and ideas from the student body. We would like to congratulate these students on successfully becoming part of the SRC team:

Georgia Berrie	Danielle Virgona
Molly Bollaart	Isabella Preston
Mikayla Byrne	Eden Pritchard
Sienna Clark	Stela Yuwono
Kaitlyn Crymble	

The selection process this year was a difficult one with so many good candidates to choose from. We as the SRC team would like to invite all students to get involved in the many activities we will be running this year. Our Council is for all students.

From the College Vice Captains



WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

The World's Greatest Shave this year was a huge success. In spite of the looming overcast and the constant threat of rain, the school community again showed its support in backing this fantastic cause. The amphitheatre was filled to capacity and with almost 100 students electing to spray their heads, ensuring the five spraying stations had plenty to do! The hairdressers also had their hands full, with 10 students and one staff member shaving their heads in order to raise both funds and awareness for the Leukaemia foundation.



The cause was not only contained to the green courts, however, with many groups raising money around the school with buckets, whose collections greatly reflected the generosity of the whole school. In total, \$1,194.35 was raised, a new record for the event, with one individual, Joshua Read, raising a huge \$441 by himself. It was a group effort, with the SRC and volunteers from the Youth Ministry Lounge lending a hand to get it organised in time for the big day.

FROM THE REGISTRAR - MARY RYAN

Welcome back to Term two and what a busy start it has been for everyone. I want to thank the parents who gave so much of their time last Thursday to support the students at the Athletics Carnival. Your help with cooking the BBQ and selling food and drinks is very much appreciated.

Offers for Year 7 2017 were posted on Friday and we look forward to receiving notice from those families that they are accepting our offer to join our community.

A reminder that a Taste of Mount Lilydale Mercy College for current Grade 5 and 6 students and their parents will be held on Tuesday 3 May at 6.30pm. Please see the attached flyer for more details and RSVP information. This is a great way to experience some of the facilities and subjects offered at the college. I look forward to meeting many of you then.

CHESS CLUB | MCAULEY LIBRARY



We are very excited to have a diverse group of chess players gathering in McAuley Library each Tuesday Lunchtime. From beginners to advanced we are able to cater to all ability.

Ash Greene from Year 12 along with Mr Tom Warren and Mr Paul Bernetzke provide expertise to support our Chess Coach who will be with us for Term 2 and Term 3.

The wonderful McAuley Staff look forward to welcoming further students to come along and join us on Tuesdays at lunchtime in McAuley Library.



WINTER APPEAL



As winter approaches we as a Mercy community turn our hearts towards those in our community whose struggle is heightened during this season. This year's Winter Appeal will be donated to our local St Vincent de Paul and to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.



This year we are looking for the following donations:

- Canned meals* (stew, hearty soups)
- Jars of pasta sauce**
- Cereal
- Long life milk
- Toiletries and sanitary items
- Tea and coffee

*ring pull cans preferable

**there is a high demand for this item



Please start looking out for these items in preparation for this appeal and thank you in advance for your generosity.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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 for further information.



AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE NEWS



Students studying Agriculture and Horticulture have made a great start to the year with their practical work.

Recently a group of Year 9s harvested Pink Lady apples from the apple orchard.

The Year 12s have a mix of things growing: Lachlan McDonald and Sam McDonald harvested their watermelon, and Amy Trice bunched up some pink Cosmos flowers and Diosma.



AGRICULTURE STUDENTS LIVE UNIVERSITY STUDENT LIFE AT DOOKIE

Year 11 Agriculture students were the special guests of University of Melbourne academic Chris Barnes for two days. Staying at the university campus in Dookie, with its 150 year history was a wonderful experience for the students. Dookie is located between Shepparton and Benalla and is the largest teaching farm in the southern hemisphere

Some of the highlights of the trip included:

- Exploring the 150 year-old wine cellars and winemaking equipment at Chateau Tahbilk winery. This was rounded off with a vineyard tour, examining warm climate trellising.
- A comprehensive tour of the \$2m university robotic dairy. Milking 85 cows, this dairy is winner of multiple milk quality awards. The dairy is state of the art.
- Discussing the role of genetically modified crops in integrated weed management programs with the farm manager
- A visit to Para Boer Goats of Nagambie, where genetic selection of breeding stock and herd management were discussed.
- Sleeping in student dorms overnight and living the life of a real university student.

Agriculture provides a viable and varied option for future studies and career paths for students of Mount Lilydale Mercy College. Did you know that Agricultural science has one of the highest employment rates for graduates of all tertiary options at the moment, and that more than half of graduates end up working in capital cities, rather than “in the bush”?

I am very thankful to Chris Barnes and his team at University of Melbourne for the opportunity provided our students and look forward to taking students back in the future.

Tim Thompson, Agriculture Teacher



SENIOR VCAL CAMP, ANGLESEA

In the last week of Term 1 Senior VCAL students attended a two night camp in Anglesea. The camp was an integrated unit that addressed VCAL outcomes across all strands. In preparation for the camp students were required to complete a number of learning plans that involved planning, managing, and facilitating a healthy and fun activity for the rest of the class on camp.

Once students conceptualised their activity they resolved issues such as budgeting, resource management, and Occupational Health and Safety. Prior to the camp, students delivered a formal presentation to camp participants that introduced their activity and prepared participants with necessary information such as timeline and emergency procedures. Some of the activities students facilitated on the camp were: Volleyball, Beach Life Saving Activities, Tie Dye T-shirt Making, Karaoke, and Trampoline activities.

A large part of the program was meal preparation. Students were required to research healthy recipes, go through the ingredients, calculate portions, and order food items so students and staff could enjoy healthy eating during the camp. As part of this process students were required to adhere to strict food handling and hygiene practices.

Congratulations to the Senior VCAL class. Your weeks of planning and preparation resulted in a successful and enjoyable camp. Many students showed great leadership and initiative throughout the camp, while meeting outcomes. Well done.





HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The whole school nervously awaited the confirmation of our athletics carnival to go ahead on Thursday. We were all fearful that the day would be cancelled due to showers that were showing on the radar. Luckily the rain just held off until the end of the day, with rain starting at 3.45pm! The school showed up to Quarry Road with DJ Josh Peter's awesome music pumping. The Year Twelves were very impressive in their colourful and creative costumes for their last ever house athletics day. It was obvious that many people went to a lot of trouble to promote house spirit and their participation in many events was also a highlight.

After a long day of fierce competition between houses, the last event was the Teachers vs students relay with the Year 12 team winning by a massive margin. Towards the end of the day, the Cheering Cup was held, and all the students were screaming their house chants to win some last minute points!

Just when everyone had thought the day had ended, the Year Twelves surprised everyone with their very own "flash mob"! Then the moment had arrived that everyone had been waiting for, the announcement of the winner of the Athletics House Cup. It resulted in O'Neill taking out the win, once again!

All in all, the weather was perfect and the day was a great success. A huge thank you to everyone for participating and a special thanks to all those who helped set up and organise such a memorable day for Mount Lilydale.

Jorga Borg (12 Red)



TINTERN INTERSCHOOL HORSE TRIALS

On Saturday the 23rd and Sunday the 24th of April 2016, 10 students competed at the Tintern Horse Trials at Wandin Park. Ruben Capobianco, Jasmine Dillon, Tia - Rae Wieneroider, Brookley Williams, Ella Tosh, Abigail van Bergeijk, Madison Jackson, Grace Clinton, Taryn Williams, Maddison Clark and Kyle Kroeger as our support crew!

From dressage, cross country and show jumping, students ranged from competing in the 50cm class to 1.15m class. From our 10 riders competing this weekend, 5 of them finished in the top 10 of each of their classes. Amazing effort by all riders! This is one of the biggest interschool equestrian competitions in Victoria, with over 300 competitors. From tears, laughter and adrenaline rushes, everyone came home safely and enjoyed their weekend. MLMC had 3 teams competing for the weekend with 3 – 4 riders in each team. Some of the results were:



CNC one star (1.15cm class)

3rd place Tia- Rae Wieneroider riding Thrillseeker

EVA (80cm class)

6th place Ruben Capobianco riding Taco

9th place Tia-Rae Wieneroider riding Dom Pedro

9th place Madison Jackson riding Summerview Paige



EVA (65cm class)

5th place Jasmine Dillon riding Bert

Congratulations to everyone who competed and all place getters. A massive thank you to Miss Webb for giving up time over her weekend and coming to cheer us on and watch us ride!!!

WEIGHTLIFTING

Well done to all students who participated in the School League Weightlifting competition on 15 April. Some students were competing to qualify for Nationals, while it was the first competition for others – well done to everyone!

Results:

Hailee Stokes 1st

Travis Rowden 2nd

Emily McIntyre 3rd

Matt Graziano 3rd

Beccy Snell 2nd

Ashley Greene 3rd

Andy Macfarlane 1st

EISM WINTER SEASON START DATES

Year 8 – May 10

Senior – May 11

Year 9 – May 19

VICTORIAN DOWNHILL MOUNTAIN BIKE STATE SERIES ROUND 5

Congratulations to the following students who competed recently in Granton.

Tristan Heffernan - 7th Under 19's

Cooper Downer - 1st Under 17's

Harrison Wright - 3rd Under 17's

Lou Chidiac - 11th Under 17's (with a crash)

TENNIS

Congratulations to Lachlan Riddiford (7 Jade) who recently played in the Under 13 Junior Development Series Tennis Tournament held at Boroondara Tennis Centre. Lachlan beat the top seed in the final 6-3 6-2. Well done Lachlan – we look forward to hearing about more of your tennis achievements in the future!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Dylan Finley (Year 11) and Grace Clinton (Year 9) who have qualified to compete for Victoria at Level 6 Mixed Pair in Acrobatics.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Mount Lilydale Mercy College Theatre Studies presents Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. We would like to introduce to you some of the actors in the play:

Amy Roddis - QUEEN TITANIA

Who is your character?

My character is Queen Titania, she is the ruler of the fairies alongside her husband Oberon. Her relationship with Oberon has been an eternity in length and in this eternity they are forever changing from being in love to being worst enemies. Thus epitomising the absurd nature of love.

Who is your favourite character?

I would have to say the character of Bottom is my favourite, as he provides so much craziness and energy to the play.

Describe your character in three words?

Sassy, crazy, confident

Favourite part of rehearsal process?

Being in a cast of amazingly talented people that never fail to make me laugh.

Candice Farrugia-Roberts - HIPPOLYTA

Who is your character?

My character is Hippolyta, the soon to be wife of Theseus the Duke of Athens. Traditionally she was the queen of the Amazons, a tribe of warrior women known as some of the most powerful women throughout history, however in the context of this play, she has been modernised to show this element of traditional power through her confident and flirtatious nature.

Who is your favourite character?

My favourite character is probably Philostrate, the wedding organiser, due to her overly sarcastic and jaded characterisation. I think her character really adds a degree in comedy in scenes that aren't necessarily the most humorous regarding the given dialog.

Describe your character in three words?

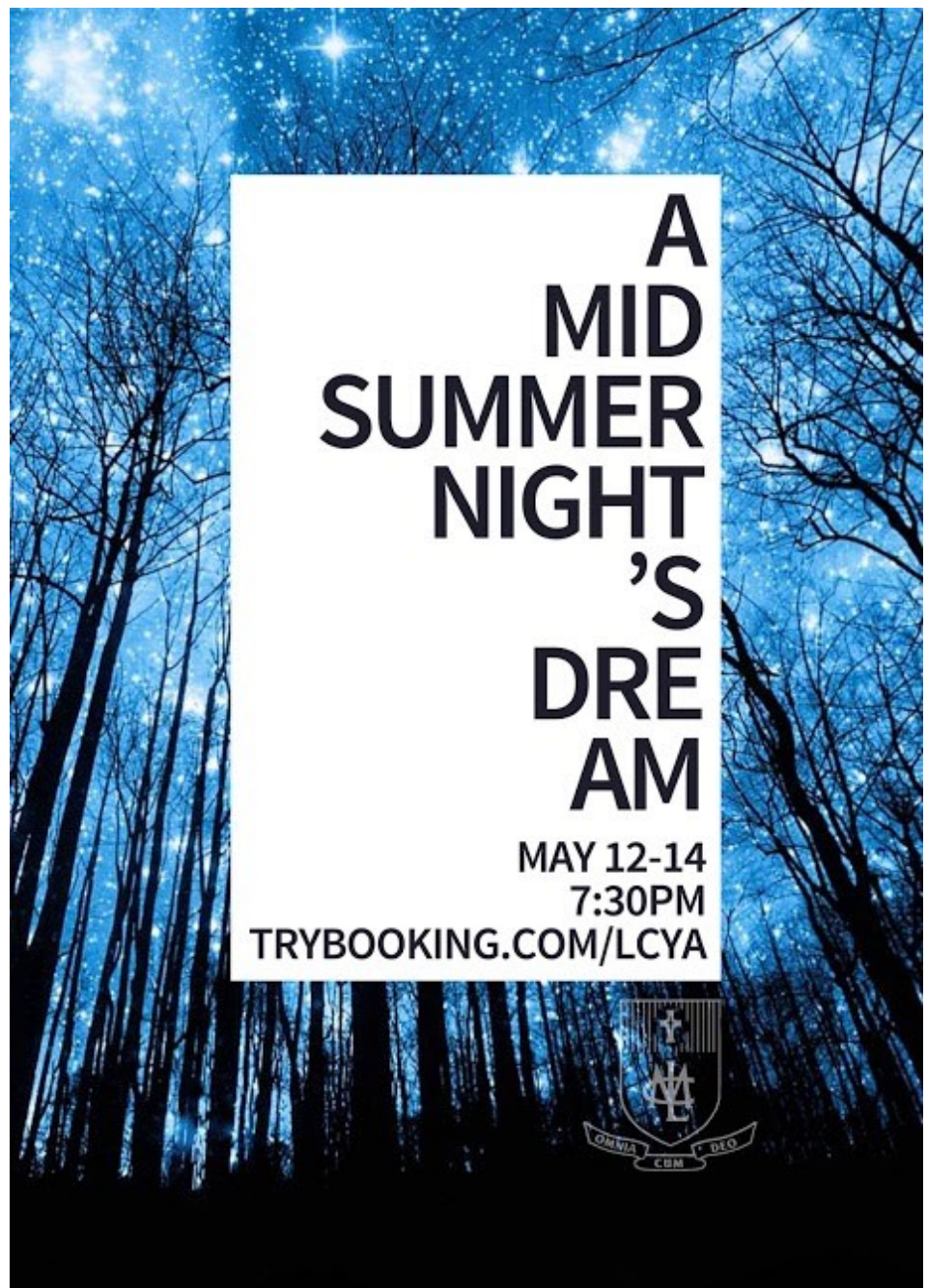
Powerful, confident, flirtatious.

Favourite part of rehearsal process?

Performing a show that I love, by a playwright that I love, within a field that I love, in a place that I love, with a theatrical family that I love. And of course, playing WA!

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Adults (over 18):	\$15.00
Concession	\$12.00
Student / Child (4-18)	\$10.00
Family (2 adults + 2 children)	\$40.00



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Join our College Staff and Students on

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and receive a taste of what Mount Lilydale Mercy College has to offer your child in the areas of Humanities, Technology and LOTE (Languages other than English - Italian and Japanese).



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**Students currently in
Grades 5 and 6 are welcome.**

Please RSVP to:
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Tuesday 26 April 2016

