Dear Parents and Carers

The refurbishment of our yard is getting close to completion and the girls will soon be able to use the beautiful new timber seating and tables. The tennis court has been re-surfaced and the wire fence replaced. We are now ready to re-plant our garden. I am looking for help from the parent body in terms of some advice on what to plant. If anyone has any horticultural knowledge I would appreciate a phone call (9419 2890). Once we work out what will be the best plants to put in we are going to have a working bee with the girls to get the garden done.

PARENT ASSOCIATION AGM
The next meeting of the Parent Association is next Tuesday 22 October. This is the AGM for the year where all positions on the Association executive are called vacant. The Association offers you the opportunity to become involved in your daughter’s school, and contribute towards maintaining the wonderful sense of community that we have here. Meetings are a great venue to find out in more detail what is happening at Mercy and its future direction. And a place for you to voice your opinion.

It would be good to see as many of you as possible at Tuesday’s meeting – 7pm in the Flexible Learning Space.

VOLUNTEERS COCKTAIL PARTY
Save the date Tuesday 26 November, 2013. Mercy relies so much on our volunteers who assist at the canteen or through their roles in the MCC Activities Club that we invite them to join the College Executive at a Cocktail Party. This evening is set aside to recognise and thank them for their generosity. If you have been involved in assisting the College, remember to mark the date in your diary.

PASTORAL CARE AT MERCY 2014
During 2012 the College community went through a review process of our Pastoral Care system. The whole community had the opportunity to have their say in a survey and a number of parents, students and staff were interviewed. You might remember reading the commendations that I published which showed that over 80% of students responded at the highest score levels that they felt Mercy College was a safe and nurturing environment.
One of the recommendations that came from that Review was that we should look at the structure of our Homeroom system. To this end a Pastoral Care Task Force was set up and has been working since the end of 2012 to research a better structure. In 2014 we will move to a vertical structure within the Homeroom. The now called Tutor Groups will be smaller in size with either 16 or 17 students in each with two or three students from each Year group. They will still be based on Houses. The idea of this new structure is to give all students a greater sense of connection to the different age groups and it will allow for our senior students to be "big" sisters to the younger students. Each Tutor Group will have a teacher looking after them, with the smaller size allowing for a more mentoring role from the teacher.

If you have any questions and would like to find out more about the changes, feel free to ring the College and speak to either Ms Liz Kayrooz or myself.

Best wishes

Principal

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**Important Message**

**NAPLAN**

All Year 7 and Year 9 students received their NAPLAN test results on Wednesday 16 October. These results assist teachers to better assess each student’s performance and to take action to improve their literacy and numeracy skills. Additional information to assist in understanding your daughter’s test results can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/Test_Results/Student_reports/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/Test_Results/Student_reports/index.html) and at [www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/naplan](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/naplan)

Please do not hesitate to contact the College if you have any concerns or queries about the results.

**Heather Reid**
**Teaching and Learning Facilitator**
A message from the Administration Office

Sick Bay

Of late a number of students have been sent home from school due to a highly contagious stomach flu. Symptoms include fever, headache, vomiting and diarrhoea. If your daughter is exhibiting any of these symptoms or is feeling generally unwell please keep her at home until all symptoms have passed. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Playground renovations – ALMOST THERE!

During the holidays the renovations outside progressed significantly, despite rain, wind & extreme heat. The College now has a smart multi-sports court, complete with the right lines for netball, basketball and volleyball and new reversible goal posts. The new black fencing was also completed. The fencing incorporates gates on the amphitheatre side which open right back, allowing much better access onto the court from that area and giving a much larger open space for the girls to use at recess and lunch.

The playground works are almost complete: the final touches are being added to the seating and the gardens which will be planted out later in the term. The new granite paving has been laid together with the chessboard and the chess pieces have also arrived. We are hoping the fencing will be removed early next week allowing full access to the site. Work on the new paving in the Foyer should be finished by the end of next week.
Student News

While most students were enjoying the first Saturday of their September holidays, five students and three staff participated in the Willoughby Fun Run. Caitlin Lambert, Andrea Torresan, Emma Woo, Lauren Hoggard, Ashleigh Hoggard, Mrs Ros O’Halloran, Mr Matthew Robertson and myself decided to support the local community and enjoy the early morning exercise. Thanks must go to the parents and families of these students for their support and encouragement on the day. 2013 has seen the College support a few community and charity running events and we are hopeful that this will continue and grow stronger next year.

Year 7 Lunchtime Touch Competition

McAuley finally silenced the Stormanston sporting prowess with a deserved win in the lunchtime touch football competition. Run over a few weeks in Term 3, Year 7 students from McAuley, Stormanston, Coolock and Mercy organised teams and participated in this popular lunchtime activity. All teams recorded at least one win but it was the consistent McAuley House that earned themselves the honour of being crowned the champion team for 2013. Thanks goes to all students who participated and to Isabella Calvi, Alanna Kellendonk, Kate Roser, Olivia McDermott, Bianca Oliva and Andrea Kovacs-Hegedus for their assistance.

Mr M Cuttler
PDHPE Co-ordinator
Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia’s (CSYMA) purpose is to inspire and equip Catholic schools to respond to the Church’s vision for our schools being centres of the new evangelisation. CSYMA is a professional, teacher-centred organisation supporting those involved in youth ministry in Catholic secondary schools.

This year, 22 Year 10 students have embarked on this great adventure to be involved in discipleship and mission which meets young people where they are and takes them to new places.

As part of the CSYMA programme the Year 10 students undertook a project with the Year 5 Mercy Action students at Our Lady of Dolours primary school which is a school also founded on the Mercy tradition. The Year 10 students worked with the Year 5 students and developed a lesson which they taught to each year group at OLD primary school. The presentation took place during the RE lesson on August 16th. The activities which the Year 10s prepared for the primary students included;
- Colouring in the Mercy Cross
- Drawing the Mercy Cross and colouring it in
- Drawing another image which represents Mercy Spirituality
- Find-a Word
- Crossword puzzles
- Create a prayer card.

The Year 10 CSYMA class worked professionally and studiously for a number of weeks and presented their lesson on Friday August 16th to all the students at Our Lady of Dolours. They were then treated to a lovely morning tea. Thank you to Mrs Kathryn Gray for all her coordination at the Primary school.

“I want to become a teacher now, I love the children.”
“I felt that it really linked in to what were are learning in the CSYMA class”
“It helped us get out of our comfort zone, be more confident about our faith.” Year 10 CSYMA class

Mrs Helen Thomas
Youth Ministry Coordinator
Student News

Year 12 Formal

The Year 12 formal was held at the Sebel Pier One last term. Over 130 teachers, parents, students and partners enjoyed a delicious meal while looking out to the most beautiful harbour in the world. The girls looked beautiful in their formal dresses and thoroughly enjoyed the music and dancing. Our College Captain, Carla Wrightson welcomed the guests and our Vice Captain, Audrey Lising read a prayer to start the proceedings. During the night the formal committee, Eloise De Pomeroy and Flavia Leone took to the stage and announced the recipients of a variety of ‘Prom Night’ awards. I hope the girls enjoy looking at the professional photos and take the opportunity to order the images they want before the end of the year.
To recognise students’ participation and achievements throughout the year, an Awards Presentation was held in Term 3, where the entire school celebrated the achievements of all club members. In 2013 participants in Hockey (2012), Basketball, Drama, Dance, Tennis, Yoga, Swimming, Football and Netball were presented with a Participation medal and those who received major awards were also recognised. List attached.

Our Junior and Senior Dance groups opened and closed proceedings with short routines showing off their skills learnt throughout the year.

A big Thank You was extended to both Mrs Josephine Maras and Mrs Cathy Berry whose daughters’ are finishing Year 12 at Mercy this year and will be leaving the Club. Both Mrs Berry and Mrs Maras have been committed to the Club for many years in various roles. Mrs Berry has been our Netball Convenor, Umpires Convenor, Vice President and Treasurer and Mrs Maras has also been heavily involved in assisting with the day to day running of the club and taking on the role of Netball Convenor for the last two years. The Mercy community is extremely grateful for all they have done and they will be sorely missed.

A huge thank you to our parent volunteers for 2013.

President: Mr Kim Jephcott
Vice President: Mrs Philomena Brandt
Treasurer: Mrs Cathy Berry
Secretary: Ms Nikki Lodge
Netball Convenor: Mrs Josephine Maras
Football Convenor: Mr Ian Hopkinson
Yoga Convenor: Ms Sharon Dempsey
Basketball Convenor: Mrs Maree Herberstein
Hockey Convenor: Mrs Janet Lavery
Staff Liason: Ms Jenny Paton
Swimming: Ms Nikki Lodge & Mrs Margaret Kellendonk
Committee: Mrs Jacquie Parker & Mrs Helen Sheehy

The Activities Club is a volunteer parent run group which offers a variety of sports/activities to Mercy students out of school hours. The Club is an Incorporated Association registered with the Office of Fair Trading. The committee and sport/activity Convenors are all volunteers from within the Mercy parent body without whom the Club would not exist, we are always looking for volunteers to help within the Club in a variety of roles. If you would like to find out more about the Club please contact Mrs Margaret Kellendonk (Administration Officer) on 9419 2890. Club Meetings are held each term and all are welcome.

Term 4 meeting Date TBA.
Activities Club

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### Activities Club

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MCC Umpire of the Year 2013 Sarah Nicoll
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The next meeting, which concludes with our Annual General Meeting, will be held on Tuesday 12th November commencing at 7.00pm in the College Library.

There are currently only 10 parents involved in the Club, despite over 200 students involved with various activities. We need more parent involvement particularly as we will lose a number of long standing committee members this year as their daughters finish at Mercy. In particular we are looking for a Treasurer; duties include, attending 4 Activities Club meetings per year, preparing reports to update current financial position of the Club, draw cheques as required, reconcile bank statements and prepare annual NSW Fair Trading returns.

All Positions are vacated at the AGM and in 2013 include:

- President
- Treasurer
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Netball Convenor
- Football Convenor
- Tennis Convenor
- Swimming Convenor
- Hockey Convenor
- Yoga Convenor
- Basketball Convenor

Please consider volunteering a little of your time to assist the Club. There is plenty of support provided to help any new members. Should you require any further information regarding the Activities Club or any of the positions above please contact the Administration Officer, Mrs Margaret Kellendonk on 9419 2890 or email Margaret.kellendonk@dbb.org.au
Dear Year 8 Parents and Carers

Our final Year 8 social evening will be held at the home of Ben & Lee Sternberg (Bek’s parents). We hope to see you all there!

Date: Saturday 16th November
Time: 7pm
Place: 153 Rosedale Rd St Ives
Phone: 0412 377 720

BYO drinks and a plate of food to share

RSVP 8th November via email to me at effectiveone2one@bigpond.com

If you have not already provided me with the following information, please include it in your RSVP –

Your name:
Daughter’s Name:
Your Mobile number:
Your email address:

Please don’t press ‘reply’ to this email as it will go back to the school network.

Please respond to Lee Sternberg at effectiveone2one@bigpond.com
# Canteen Roster

If you are unable to attend Canteen on your rostered day please try and swap with another volunteer.

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Would you like to occasionally join the happy team at the Mercy Canteen for a couple of hours? The girls would appreciate you being there to help serve and make fresh salads and sandwiches. The tasks are not hard and no previous experience is required. Dads and grandparents are also welcome to join the team. Come and have a good old chin wag, a laugh and a cuppa.

If you would like to volunteer at the canteen, your help would be invaluable, please fill out the attached form as there is still days to be filled.

**Angela, Anna and Nancy**

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**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO FRONT OFFICE**

I am able to volunteer in the canteen.
My preference day is (please circle)
Monday    Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday

I am able to do: (please circle)
Once a Term    Twice a Term    Once a Month

Name: Phone:
Email:
Daughter/s:
Year in 2013:
Career News

**Australian Film Television and Radio School**

**New Online Animation Course**

Tuesdays between Tuesday 15 October & Tuesday 17 December
7:00pm to 8:00pm

This new online course will teach students the basics of animation via a series of online webcasts.


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**The University of Notre Dame Australia**

**Academic Merit Scholarships for Commencing Students**

Applications close Tuesday 31 December

This scholarship offers students a fully fee paid year of full-time tuition towards a single degree program at The University of Notre Dame Australia. Successful applicants will have a high academic ability demonstrated by their ATAR, IB result, a pre-tertiary qualification of Cert IV level or higher, or a combination of the above.

http://www.nd.edu.au/scholarships/academic-merit-scholarships

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**Raffles College of Design and Commerce**

**2014 Scholarships**

Scholarship applications close Friday 8 November

Applications are open to all current Year 12 high school students. Scholarships are open to people planning to undertake an accountancy, commerce, design, or arts (visual communication) degree. The scholarships cover either full or half tuition for the courses. Applicants must submit a design portfolio if they are applying for the Design or Arts (Visual Communication) scholarship, or a project if they are applying for the Commerce or Accountancy scholarship.


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**Inspired Learning Cadetship**

High achieving students completing their HSC in 2013 and who are enrolling in an initial teacher education program in 2014 are invited to apply for this cadetship. Successful applicants will undertake paid work experience at a NSW public school and will be guaranteed a permanent teaching position on completion of their teacher education programme.

Contact: 1300 301 435 or scholarships@det.nsw.edu.au


Applications close Friday 15 November 2013.
Community News

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS PRIMARY SCHOOL CHATSWOOD
COMMUNITY SPRING FAIR
Saturday 19 October 2013. 11am to 4pm
94a Archer Street Chatswood

Bringing the Bush to our Backyard!

We would like to invite you to our Our Lady of Dolours Community Spring Fair this Saturday 19th October, 11am to 4pm in our school grounds. Our theme this year is 'Bringing the Bush to our Backyard' so you can experience what it's like to see how things work if you lived in the country or on a farm.

We will have loads of activities & rides including giant slide, rock climbing, big splash dunking, basketball hoops, hoopla, jumping castle, and all the fun of sideshow alley too! There will be popcorn, fairy floss and snow cones – and a sweets store too. There will be a dedicated Kidzone area with plenty of things the younger ones including face painting, plaster mould painting, hairband decorating, nail polish, coloured hairspray, tattoos, cupcake decorating & lots more!

Plenty of other entertainment too with gourmet food selling home-baked cakes, cupcakes and market stalls selling everything from sweets & lollies, local honey & home-made jam, jewellery, leather goods, skincare & cosmetics, clothing, accessories, plants & flowers & pre-loved books!

HELP! We are looking for Mercy volunteers to assist us in our Kidzone area with nailpolish painting, coloured hairspray, sand art, and tattoos. We will provide a free lunch voucher, drink and ride ticket to anyone who can help us. If you can spare an hour this Saturday between 11am and 4pm please contact Glenda Chan – glenda.chan@gmail.com. Thank you!

SO COME ALONG & ENJOY THE FUN OF OUR FAIR THIS SATURDAY!