Dear Parents and Carers

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAYS

Today the 1st November and tomorrow the 2nd are both very important days in the Church’s calendar. The 1st November is All Saints Day, the day on which Catholics celebrate all the saints, known and unknown, while the 2nd is All Souls Day where we pray for those who have passed away.

All Saints Day, which is all so known as All Hallows, is a surprisingly old feast. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrs increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown were properly honoured.

The eve of All Saints Day or All Hallows Eve is now more commonly called Halloween (originally spelled Hallowe’en, a contraction of All Hallows Eve).

So Halloween should be a time for remembering and honouring the saints, not trick or treating. It is important to remember the heroes of the faith and follow their examples of how to lead a good Christian life. All Saints Day is perhaps like a Christian Remembrance Day or Anzac Day, a day to celebrate the lives of all the great heroes of the Christian faith, those who fully dedicated their lives to Christ and to celebrate the deep communion we have with them.

On All Souls Day tomorrow, I ask you to offer a prayer for a very special person who contributed so much to the Mercy community. Mrs Sue McDonald who was the College Secretary from 1965 to 1990 passed away on the 22 October. Mrs Mac as she was affectionately known as, by both staff and students, became a trusted and loyal friend to staff and a "mother" to all the Mercy girls. Whether they needed a band-aid or a kind word Mrs Mac was the one to come to. She will be sadly missed by all. The College community offer our condolences to her family and friends.
GOLD FOR MERCY EX-STUDENT:
I was privileged to be invited to a ceremony at Government House on Wednesday where ex- College Captain (2012) Linley Henry, received her gold Duke of Edinburgh medal. Linley is the first Mercy girl to reach this level. As you would imagine, it takes a lot of commitment and perseverance to reach this standard as Linley had to complete not only expeditions, but also learn new skills and complete community service. Congratulations Linley and I look forward to other students following her example. (See more information and photographs later in the newsletter).

SCHOOL REVIEW:
The month of October has been a demanding one for our College as we have been through a process of School Review where panels of educationalists review the school’s documentation and speak to students, staff and parents regarding the progress of the College over the last four years. It has been a very rewarding process as the panels have validated the high calibre of teaching and learning that occurs at Mercy, the safe and secure environment we provide for our students and the way we practice our Catholic heritage. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in any way in either preparing documentation or been asked to speak to panel members. It gives us a great sense of pride to have external validation of the wonderful education and environment that we are providing for your daughters.

Best wishes

Suzanne Kavanagh
Principal

Important Message

Tickets will be available for sale from Wednesday 6th November in the student foyer.

There will be a seating plan for viewing as all tickets are numbered.

To view this plan from please refer www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Community/Facilities/The-Concourse

Please note ticket holders only will be allowed entry

Any queries please contact Mrs Lennon
**Important Messages**

A message from the Administration Office

In preparation for 2014 travel passes if you have changed your residential address **ANY TIME** in 2013 the students will need to complete a new bus/train form.

These are available in the front office. Could they please be completed and bought back to the office by 15th November.

Many thanks

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**Renovations complete**

The newly renovated playground finally opened to the students this week and as you can see full use is being made of the new facilities. It's quite a change from the black asphalt and lines of green benches that used to be there.

There are still a few things to do including the planting of the hedge along the wall at Archer street, which will be done by the end of the month, and an extra seat/cupboard for the chess pieces at the Coolock end of the area - Mr Geoghgan and Mrs Mooney have certainly enjoyed the challenge of some of the Year 7s at outdoor chess the past few lunchtimes! There will also be enclosures to hide the blue bins and air conditioning units by Agneta block.

Many thanks to the generous donation from the P&F which has funded the new court and goal posts.

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BEFORE RENOVATIONS

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MR GEOGHAN PLANNING HIS WINNING MOVE
History Extension News - Congratulations to Audrey Lising

This year six students are sitting for the HSC in History Extension. This is a challenging course and students complete a university style essay as part of their Project. This year students have chosen a range of topics from ‘East Timor – Why the Silence?’ to ‘Who owns History’. Audrey chose to research Richard III and in the process of researching this topic she contacted the ‘Richard III Society’ in England. They were very impressed that a young student in Australia was completing research on Richard III and provided some assistance with the Project. Audrey submitted the completed essay to the society and recently Audrey has been informed that they intend to publish it in their journal. This is a wonderful achievement for Audrey and she is to be commended for her commitment in completing an essay at such a high standard. This should encourage all students to research thoroughly and to contact experts in their field of research. It can lead to amazing outcomes. Well done Audrey!

Mrs. J. Carroll
HSIE Co-ordinator

Sock It To Poverty Day

On Wednesday 30th October, Year 7 participated in the Sock It To Poverty fundraiser run by Catholic Mission. We were very lucky to have Anita Lee from Catholic Mission to come and speak to us at our College assembly about this great event, and tell us more about where our money is going. We were reminded that $3 can fund a child’s education for a month. This made us realise that our fundraising was very important for many children in poorer countries.

It was a fun day where students in all years were encouraged to wear colourful, crazy socks and bring in a gold coin donation. It was great to see so many people get involved and put on some silly socks, even the teachers. Also to raise money, Year 7 held a cake stall at recess and lunch selling lots of delicious cakes and treats, which were all very much enjoyed. Overall, the day was enjoyable and very worthwhile, and we are sure all the money is going to a worthy cause.

Thank you to all the Year 7s who contributed to the cake stall. Also, a big thanks to Miss Sinclair. We couldn’t have done it without her.

Mary-Ann Heaney
**Student News**

**Australian Mathematics Competition 2013 Results**

This year we had 191 students participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition. 65 students achieved Credit or better and 68 received Proficiency Awards.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Credit (C), Distinction (D) and High Distinction (HD) Awards in the Competition. Other students achieved Proficiency or Participation. All students are to be commended for having a go as this Competition is challenging.

Special mention to Anna Yoo (Year 7) who received the Prudence Award which recognises her as the student with the best results.

We look forward to more participants in next year’s competition.

Edward Lai
Mathematics Coordinator.

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On Thursday 17 October Year Ten participated in an incursion with a presenter from the company Reach. Reach is an organisation aimed to give support and guidance to young people to encourage self-belief and motivation to be their best selves. The purpose of their visit was to help our grade understand the impact of mass-media, peer influence, social expectations and values, which they taught us through a programme called Birdcage. We explored everyday beliefs that influence how we think we should look, think and act in order to discover who we are.

We started by exploring media concepts that have influenced our entire lives and standards that have been in place since we were born. This included coloured possessions, clothing, toys, sports etc. We then thought about what influences us now (our family, friends, magazines, the internet and television) and how we are classed into stereotypes. We examined what could be seen as alright for a specific gender may be frowned upon if done by the other and why this might be the case.

Furthermore the grade participated in an exercise where we had to answer questions about ourselves and the rest of the grade by stepping in (if your answer was yes) or out (if your answer was no) of a circle. It was surprising to see how people really felt about themselves and definitely made everyone a lot more aware of what they say and how they act around people.

Finally we finished by doing a whisper-circle. It started by a few people choosing someone in the group and telling them how important they are in front of everyone. Then the group had to try it. This consisted of a group of girls standing in a circle with their eyes shut and anyone else could go up and whisper things in their ear. This was the most emotional exercise of the day and many people were brought to tears by the positive things that they heard about themselves.

Overall the day was successful and everyone agreed it was a useful and eye-opening experience. Thank you to Reach for coming to our school and the teachers that organised for Year Ten to be involved in such a programme.

Rebecca Coen-Gibson
(Creative Arts/Media Representative, Year 10)

Other feedback from Year 10 . . .
Year Ten Reach Incursion - Birdcage...cont

I volunteered to do the first activity of the day along with 3 other girls. We were asked to “strut our stuff” on the runway giving as much energy as we could. This was a fun activity which put us all in confronting positions since we were in front of the entire Year group. We then discussed our feelings of excitement, nervousness and of being scared and why we felt this way.

Stef Piper

We learned how to build confidence in ourselves and the different ways of how beauty can be defined. Through a number of activities, including a catwalk, we cleared the room of judgment and discovered how we view ourselves and others.

Emily Watt & Elyssa Zalidas

We participated in an activity where we partnered up and stood in two circles. The girls in the outer circle went around and told the girls in the inner circle something they admired about them. They had to close their eyes so they didn’t know who was whispering in their ear. It was a favourite part of the entire workshop as it gave us the chance to really bond as a Year group. It was an amazing experience and many happy tears were shed.

Madeline Abram

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Word eXpress 2013

On the 24th October Cynthia Constantin and Tiana Falconer attended Word Express, a seminar for English Extension 2 students. Held in the inspirational setting of the State Library of New South Wales, students were given the opportunity to gain insights into the Extension 2 course. Speakers included the Chief Executive of the Board of Studies Carol Taylor, former senior marker Tony Britten and Dr Felicity Plunkett, poet and critic and former Chief Examiner – English Extension 1 and 2. Speakers shared their experiences about embarking on the creative process and gave helpful hints and tips about composing their Major Work and Reflection Statement. Particularly useful was a session where students could ‘Speed Date’ an expert and ask examiners, teachers and former HSC students about how best to approach the course. Library staff also presented information about how to access the online resources of the State Library of NSW and tips about researching on the internet. The students left the seminar feeling energised and excited about their own projects and will no doubt remember the inspiring and encouraging words of wisdom they heard on this day.
Year 7 Geography Excursion

On Friday the 11th of October two Year 7 geography classes went to Warners Park at Willoughby to attend a fieldwork excursion.

We arrived and then went to an area called Henry Lawson cave. Here we were educated by an Aboriginal elder who taught us about the significance of the land. The land was originally a meeting place, water supply and a place for hunting and fishing. She also showed us Aboriginal artefacts. My favourite of them all was a dilly bag. We then listened to a historian give an outline on how the cave was actually used by the poet Henry Lawson. He entertained us by reading to us Henry Lawson’s poem Chatty’s Wood. This is where the name Chats wood comes from.

We then split into groups, my group leader was a ranger called Stu he took us on a walk through the bush down to an old piggery. We relaxed here and listened to the sounds of the bush.

We completed activities on waste management and mapping. These were good activities to do as we are learning about both of these in class.

Thank you Mr Geoghegan, Ms Anderson and all my fellow class mates for a great day in the field.
By Nicola Bragg, Creative Arts and Media Rep

Ragged ruins from long ago
Tremendous nature overwhelming all
Hidden secrets wait to be found
While distant callings around us sound
Maybe one day these treasures will be discovered
But for now lets leave them covered

Written by Emma Morton 7C
RYDA Reality Check

Last Friday, Year 11 were fortunate enough to experience the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) Program at St Ives. The RYDA Program was developed in response to the tragic loss of young people in road crashes. The program is a community road safety initiative structured to deliver practical road safety information targeting "attitude and awareness" of young drivers and passengers. Throughout the day, the overarching theme, ‘My Life: My Choices’, was reinforced in six interactive sessions that covered a broad range of topics including hazard perception, distraction management, vehicle safety, stopping distances, fatigue, and powerful experiences from a crash survivor - all aimed at influencing the attitude of young people as passengers and/or novice drivers. Presented by experienced personnel at the Honda Australia Rider Training (HART) venue, students were engaged with the sessions and will hopefully use their acquired knowledge throughout their time on the road. The most riveting and emotive session of the day belonged to a car crash survivor who has permanent brain and spinal injuries from a horrific accident in her teenage years. She spoke candidly about her misfortune and the many decades of rehabilitation it has taken her to achieve some quality life experiences. She reinforced the message of 'My Life: My choices' and it was evident that the girls were very inspired by her message.

All HART and RYDA staff were very appreciative of the Year 11 students' behaviour and courtesy displayed throughout the day and recommended that they be praised for representing the College so maturely. Additionally, thank you to Ms Betts for her assistance and support throughout the day, it was greatly appreciated.

Mr M Cuttler
Year 11 Co-ordinator
Gold and Silver Awards
A number of important certificates have been awarded to students of Mercy College over the last fortnight.

On Wednesday, 30 October, Linley Henry, from the class of 2012, who was also College Captain, was presented with the highest award available in the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme: the Gold Certificate. The presentation of this prestigious award was held at Government House where Linley and other Gold Awardees were presented their certificates by the Vice Regal Patron of the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award (NSW Division), Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales. In attendance at the award ceremony were her proud parents, Mercy Principal, Ms Suzanne Kavanagh and Ms Clare Dorey. This is a particularly special event because Linley is the first student to be awarded a Gold Certificate at Mercy College. Hearty congratulations, Linley; you set an outstanding example for others to follow!

Next year there will be two more students from the 2012 Year group who shall also receive their Gold Certificates. Let us all anticipate that this represents a long line of gold awardees from Mercy in the future.

Two students from this year’s Year 12, Jayde Chan and Sophia Almada, have also been awarded certificates, this time Silver Awards. These were only received in the last two weeks and as a result the girls, unfortunately, missed being presented with their certificates during the Year 12 Award Ceremony. Despite this, they deserve the same recognition and commendations as did other Silver Awardees did for completing the challenge that this award presents.
Well done girls! The College wishes to encourage both

The December Expedition
As mentioned in previous Newsletters, the next Adventurous Journey (expedition) will be held early in December. This will be quite a significant expedition because all three current award levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold) shall be attending, a total of approximately 45 students. It will be held at Royal National Park, south of Sydney. Dates for the expedition are as follows:
• Bronze students will participate between the 4 and 5 December (Wednesday to Thursday)
• Silver between 4 and 6 December
• Gold students from 4 to 7 December (Wednesday through to Saturday)
Student News

Duke of Edinburgh cont...,

It is vital to the success of all expeditions that **all students are properly prepared with all necessary equipment**. This is especially significant to the Year 9 Bronze students because this shall be their first expedition, and for several, their first bushwalking and/or camping experience. Also, please be aware that the expedition finishes on a Thursday and consequently the Year 9 Bronze students must attend school the following day, Friday.

All students will soon be receiving their permission notes for these expeditions. These notes will include comprehensive equipment details, but please be aware that the following items are particularly important and these need to be organised well before the journey:

- **a certified weatherproof 2-3 person tent** but light in weight suited to backpacking: all girls *must share a tent* and these sharing arrangements must be organised well before the expedition
- **a comfortable backpack of at least 65 litre capacity**
- **a warm sleeping bag certified to at least 5ºC**
- **wet weather gear**: the expedition continues even in the event of rain
- **comfortable covered shoes**, preferably hiking boots. Runners are adequate but these are not waterproof and may become dirty. If these are new students must ensure these are comfortable and have been worn for at least a fortnight prior to the expedition
- **suitable food**. Fuel stoves (Trangias) are available for boiling noodles/pastas etc. However, these cannot be used in a complete fire ban situation

In the lead up to the expedition there are several meetings where important details are discussed. These are compulsory and students are required to attend.

If there any questions regarding the expedition please speak to Mr Marshall at the College.

**Mr Sean Marshall**  
**Duke of Ed Co-ordinator**

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**Band at St. Thomas’ Fair**

On Sunday the 27th October, the concert band went to St Thomas Primary School, Willoughby to partake in their annual fair. The band had rehearsed over the past weeks until the pieces were perfected and on the day, they performed a variety of pieces, conducted by Mr Strykowski. Due to time constraints, the band had to limit their songs. However, the band still drew in the crowds and each song was met with much applause.

**Guthriessa Tjiong**  
**Media Representive**
Art Excursion

On Friday the 25\textsuperscript{th} of October Year 8 travelled to Bondi Beach to visit ‘Sculpture by the Sea’. We travelled by bus and once we arrived we started to realise there were all the different sculptures on the beach and we had our recess. The sculptures were different but very interesting. We were given a sheet to draw and write about all the exciting sculptures throughout the beach area. Some were found objects and others were very abstract. After walking around the beach for a couple of hours we had our lunch and enjoyed the view of the beach as well as the sculptures.

As we all walked through the beach we noticed how different people create different art styles and their thoughts on the art. On this particular day the artists of the sculptures were also there, some of us were able to meet the artists!! By the end of the day we were quite tired but we thought of the many moments throughout the day and remembered the sculptures. Many of us also had sand in our shoes!!!

‘Sculptures by the sea’ was a great experience and Year 8 had a spectacular time, it was very exciting and I’m sure we will all want to go again.

On behalf of Year 8 I would like to thank all the teachers who came along to supervise us, especially Mrs Lennon who had a part in organising the whole excursion.

\textit{By Emma Sutton  
Creative Arts and Media Representative}
Activities Club

MCC Activities Club AGM
12th November 7pm – College Library

WE NEED YOU!

The MCC Activities Club is a parent run organisation which offers a wide range of extracurricular sports and activities to the students of Mercy College. Current activities include Netball, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Swimming, Tennis, Yoga, Drama and Dance.

The next meeting, which concludes with our Annual General Meeting, will be held 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, attend the 4 Activities Club meetings per year, preparing reports to update current financial position of the Club, drawing cheques as required, reconciling bank statements and preparing the annual NSW Fair Trading return.

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
SEEKING AN UMPIRE CONVENOR
In 2014, MCC Activities Club would like to add an Umpire Convenor and Coach Convenor to assist the Netball Convenor with the Winter Season.

The position is open to parent – teacher – carer who is interested. Please contact Mrs Margaret Kellendonk on 9419 2890 or email if you have any queries.

The Coach Convenor and some Senior & ex-Students will be assisting the Umpire Convenor in mentoring and coaching duties. This is an important role, especially in the earlier part of 2014. Please contact us if you are able to share your knowledge and skills.

STUDENTS/PLAYERS
The Club will be holding NETBALL GRADING for 2014 teams on the following days this year:

TIME: 7.30am-8.30am
VENUE: Netball Court at school
DATES: Tue 19th and Thurs 21st November 2013 (for 2014 U14-U15)
        Tue 3rd and Thurs 5th December 2013 (for 2014 Cadets, U16+)
DRESS: As per normal training – sports uniform or netball dress and runners.

Players who intend to play Netball in the 2014 NSNA Winter Competition (MCC Club) should complete a MCC NETBALL 2014 GRADING FORM and submit to MCC Activity Club by (5pm) Wednesday 13 November. These preliminary gradings are compulsory if you wish to play in 2014.

COACHES AND UMPIRES
If you wish to coach or umpire with MCC in 2014, please complete a STUDENT COACH/UMPIRE form and return to Mrs Kellendonk by Wednesday 13 November.

Umpires will be needed for the above grading days. If you are a current umpire (for MCC or another club) please complete the “UMPIRE” segment on the MCC NETBALL 2014 GRADING form.
Dear Parents

**Second-hand Textbook and Uniform Trading**

The College is conscious of the need to provide an efficient process for families to be able to recycle their textbooks, uniforms and student resources.

I am delighted to inform you of the College’s new initiative to provide parents with the ability to trade second-hand items via the “Sustainable School Shop”. Families are assisted to list For Sale & Wanted advertisements online and the system then matches buyers with sellers. Results from other schools have been excellent; families have enjoyed a comprehensive and convenient method of trading these second-hand items.

The Sustainable School Shop is providing complimentary Annual Subscriptions until 30th November 2013 and we would encourage parents to take full advantage of this opportunity. You need to nominate the College when you register on the Sustainable School Shop website to receive your complimentary Annual Subscription (lasts 365 days).

The service provides access to second-hand textbooks, uniforms, calculators, stationery, musical equipment, etc **all year round**. Parents can even trade with other parents from different schools and sell items no longer in use at our College or other previously attended schools.

For the best results:
- List unwanted items for sale
- List Wanted Ads for those items you are looking to buy
- The College’s books and uniform lists are loaded into the system to make listing ads easy
- The system matches the ads of buyers with sellers and notifies the buyer (Wanted Ad) via email
- Buyers contact sellers and arrange where and when to trade
- Most trading will occur with other parents from the school
- Parents are well supported via Sustainable School Trading’s telephone (1300 683 337) and email help lines
- The system is simple and easy to use - If you don’t have a computer, internet access or an email address, please call the Sustainable School Shop for assistance

**You can pre-arrange the transaction and then trade after the texts are not required.**

All enquiries should be directed to the **Sustainable School Shop on:** 1300 683 337 or help is also available through ‘Contact Us’ on their website at [www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au](http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au)

We are very excited about this new initiative being offered to parents and we hope you will make the most of the opportunity to annually recycle your daughter’s school items.
It has been my pleasure to be the President of the Mercy Catholic College, Chatswood, Parent Association for 2013.

My tasks have been many and varied and have made me realise exactly how much extracurricular work is involve with being both a high school teacher and a high school administrator. My thanks go out to our Principal, Suzanne Kavanagh and our Vice Principal, Liz Kayrooz, for the early morning openings of the canteen, the unfailing support they gave given me and the tolerance and acceptance of my outlandish ideas.

It is with sadness that I see the end of my time as the Mercy College Parent Association presidency and I wish our next executive the utmost success. I thank Mrs Garber and Mrs Ferguson (who can’t be here) and Mrs De Pommeroy, along with the current executive committee for all their hard work and enthusiasm. I also wish them, and their daughters’, the utmost success in all their future.

We have initiated many functions to the school calendar over the last four years, starting with the Dinner Dance, the Mothers’ Day breakfast, and the very successful Fathers’ Day breakfast. All three functions were well attended and well supported by both the school parent body and the staff. We hope to continue these functions in the next years and hope for even higher attendance.

None of the above mentioned functions or the day to day running of the Parent Association could occur without the assistance of all the Parent Association Executive. To all our helpers, and I apologise, there are too many of you to name, I give you my utmost thanks for making what could have been a lovely, arduous task, fun and inviting.

Our regular task involved the New Parents evening, for the incoming Year 7 class of 2013 (in this case, and 2014 in the future); the Open Day, which is always a roaring success and involves the help of so many parents if would be impossible to name them all here; the graduation afternoon and the army of volunteers and a team of Year 10 students. While this is a very stressful afternoon, most of the attending parents were happy with the outcome.

Improvements can only be made within our school community with the assistance of parent helpers. It is impossible to hold functions at the school at a low cost, without assistance from the whole parent body.

Thank you and god bless

Kathryn Broomhall, Parent Association President, 2013
Chatswood Golf Club is excited to offer Willoughby Council (and surrounds) Schools Junior Scholarships. These scholarships are available for students in years 7 to 11 for a period of one year.

Golf is a sport unlike most others in that it is self-monitoring. The players are given the opportunity to learn life skills in Honesty, Integrity and Camaraderie through team events at a local club. Chatswood Golf Club believes there is a wealth of benefit to be derived from this offer and all Club staff will take personal interest in the development of the Scholarship recipients.

The Scholarship:
- 1 year Chatswood Golf Club Junior Membership
- 12 monthly 60 minute group clinics
- 6 private 30 minute tutorials with Club Pro
- 10 administered Competition games
- Free club and ball supply through the pro shop if required
- Nominal value over $1000 for each scholarship
- 3 bonus clinic coupons to be awarded by the recipient enabling a friend to experience the opportunity as well
- One scholarship per individual

Any worthy student in Years 7-11 is eligible, which will generally dictate an age bracket of 11/12-16/17 year olds. Their preference is for one Scholarship per Year, but there is flexibility on this. Therefore, if there are two worthy recipients in Year 8, but none in Year 10, the Club would not object to the school making this adjustment.

A scholarship involves one year free membership, free clinics and limited comp entry as mentioned above. Competition entries are only permitted in singles or pairs, in the company and under the supervision of agreeable members. Additionally, juniors are only eligible after achieving an acceptable standard determined by Pro Shop through the clinics.

Please email mark.cuttler@dbb.catholic.edu.au if your daughter is interested.
# Canteen Roster

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

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| **Mon** | Diane Federico  
Volunteer Required | Lisa Coyne  
Angela Eaton | Erika Keri  
Volunteer Required |
| **Tues** | Kylie Muga  
Volunteer Required | Laverne Saunders  
Volunteer Required | Sunjoo Park  
Volunteer Required |
| **Wed** | Carmel Daniels  
Annina Thomas | Megan Starkey  
Jacqui Hester | Leanne McCarthy  
Joanne Barquin |
| **Thurs** | Sarah Trigg  
Volunteer Required | Anne Lambert  
Rachel Woo | Irene Lavermicocca  
Kathryn Breusch |
| **Fri** | Fran Graham  
Volunteer Required | Sonya Sutton  
Volunteer Required | Josephine Bong  
Tamara Droudis  
Rosemary Harmatta |

**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 2013/14
Career News

University of Technology Sydney
Engineering and IT Discovery Day

Friday 29 November, 8:30am to 3:15pm
City – Broadway Campus

This day consists of a free interactive seminar for students in Years 8 - 12 where they can meet undergraduates and professionals in engineering and IT, and explore the possibilities of engineering and IT as study options and careers. Students will also learn practical information about choices, scholarships and opportunities in engineering and IT.

For further information please contact: (02) 9514 2666 or FEIToutreach@uts.edu.au

University of Technology Sydney
Information Evening for Year 12 Students and Parents

Wednesday 13 November (Kuring-gai Campus)
Thursday 14 November & Wednesday 4 December (Ultimo Campus)

These information evenings will tell parents and students all the information they need to know about studying a degree at UTS. This includes information about life at UTS, pathway options, scholarships, student services, applying, enrolling, and preparing for university.
http://cfsites1.uts.edu.au/science

University of Technology Sydney
Discover Architecture Summer School

Summer school runs from Monday 13 to Thursday 23 January
10:00am to 4:00pm at UTS School of Architecture
702 - 730 Harris Street - Ultimo.

The UTS Discover Architecture Summer School is aimed at students who are considering a career in architecture.

Students will get to explore the Sydney CBD, make models and drawings using advanced digital equipment, meet and work with architects working at a variety of levels, and more. The course costs $599 and does not cover day-to-day costs such as meals or accommodation.

For more information please contact Joanne Kinniburgh on Joanne.Kinniburgh@uts.edu.au or call 02 9514 8849. Applications close Monday 23 December.
University of Technology Sydney
New Landscape Architecture Degree

The new Bachelor of Design in Landscape degree on offer in 2014 at the University of Technology Sydney is a course designed to develop skills in design, construction and management associated with both natural and built landscapes. It is on offer at their City campus and will take 4 years full time to complete.


University of Technology Sydney
Future Students Facebook Live Chat

UTS is holding a Facebook Live Chat for people interested in chatting about ATARs, study options, or entry schemes and pathways. Thursday 19 December, 2:00pm to 4:00pm. https://www.facebook.com/events/233507716804426/

Macquarie University
Admission Advantage and Guaranteed Entry Programme

Students who list an eligible degree as their first preference may receive an early offer through the Admission Advantage Early Entry Program. Students who meet or exceed the Guaranteed Entry ATAR for their first preference degree will be guaranteed a place at Macquarie University.

This page also lists the wide range of alternate pathways and programs that can assist students with gaining admission to Macquarie University. http://www.mq.edu.au/admission-advantage/

University of New South Wales
Science Info Day

Thursday 7 November - UNSW Kensington Campus

This day is open to students in Years 10, 11 and 12 and is designed to give students a taste of university life as a science student at UNSW. For further information please contact Nicole Cooney on 9385 7311 or nicolecooney@unsw.edu.au http://www.science.unsw.edu.au/future-students/science-info-day
Career News

Australian College of Applied Psychology
Information Evening

Wednesday 6 November - 6:00pm
Level 5, 11 York Street, Sydney

Learn about ACAP’s courses in psychology, counseling, case management, coaching, or people management. Please call 1800 061 199 for more information or visit http://www.acap.edu.au/Register.html

University of Sydney
The National Computer Science School (NCSS)
Summer School

The National Computer Science School (NCSS) is a ten day summer school bringing together young people in years 11 and 12 from around Australia for an intensive course of computer programming and website development. The course is residentially based at the University of Sydney with academic staff, alumni and students organising the course. For further information please email summerschool@ncss.edu.au or visit http://www.ncss.edu.au/index.html
Applications Close Friday 15 November.

History Course for Year 11/12 Students

The United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney is offering a history course for Year 11 and 12 students that will provide students with credits towards a degree at the University of Sydney. The course is also endorsed as a HSC course by the Board of Studies NSW. The course is entitled ‘America: Prophecy, Power, Politics’ and covers an overview of major issues in contemporary and historical American society, politics and culture. Applications are due by Thursday 12 December. If interested please contact Amelia Trial on (02) 9036 5086 or email amelia.trial@sydney.edu.au or visit http://ussc.e-newsletter.com.au/link/id/zzzz525cc2c333e38547Pzzzz525cab8675b7d804/page.html

Southern Cross University
Main Round Scholarships

Southern Cross University offers a range of scholarships to undergraduate students commencing study in 2014. Applicants can apply online and will be considered for all scholarships that they are eligible for. For further information regarding the scholarships please visit http://scu.edu.au/scholarships/index.php/14
Applications close Tuesday 31 December.
Your help will make a difference.

For the fourth consecutive year, Father Tony Smith S.J. is hosting a celebration for community members who are otherwise unable to celebrate Christmas in the company of others.

Volunteers will be preparing an enjoyable day with a warm welcome, a sit-down lunch, traditional festivities, music and entertainment, plus a small gift.

Organising such an event is not a simple task. We therefore invite volunteers and sponsors to call 8918 4101 or email christmas@sjparishnsw.org.au

A small team has already started work, but many more volunteers are needed to:
- contact various organisations to inform and invite guests
- serve and host guest tables
- greet guests, prepare food, plate, clean, etc.
- procure donations of non-alcoholic drinks, food and/or financial sponsorship ($35 per guest).

Contact us today! We are grateful for your support of our community members by helping them to participate in this memorable Christmas Day event.