Dear Parents and Carers

The devastating news nine days ago of typhoon Haiyan hitting the Philippines with the strongest winds every recorded and tsunami-like waves is one which has had a major impact on families in the Mercy community and in the local Chatswood parish.

To all our dear friends in the Philippines and their families and to the parishioners from Our Lady of Dolours who have family members affected by the typhoon and its after effects, please be assured of our prayers and support at this difficult time.

NEW STUDENT LEADERS 2014

It is with pleasure that I announce that the College Leaders for next year have been finalised.

The College House Captains are: Coolock - Annabelle Hanson, McAuley - Isabella Barquin, Mercy – Sarah Nicoll and Stormanston – Kiera Austin.

Our Portfolio Prefects are: Mercy Action – Shaneika Galluzzo, Liturgy – Caitlin Almada, Environment – Lauren Hoggard and Creative Arts/Media – Kiara Munich.

It was very rewarding to see that so many of our Year 10 students put themselves forward for a leadership position for 2014 and that the calibre of those students made the decision a very difficult one. I am sure that these fine young women will act with dignity and commitment to fulfil their roles as Mercy leaders.

A full list of all the senior Student Leaders can be found later in this newsletter.

SECOND HAND BOOKS AND UNIFORMS

The College now has an association with the Sustainable School Shop so that families have on-line access to second hand books, musical instruments, stationery and uniform items. The site lists all the books required for each Year group so that parents can trade with parents from Mercy as well as parents from other schools.

There is an annual subscription but the Shop is providing free subscription to Mercy families as we have just finalised our arrangements with them. This complimentary annual subscription lasts until 30 November, so go on-line now and register, www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au or call them on 1300 683 337.

Best Wishes

Principal
Important Messages

Tickets are going fast so make sure you don’t miss out. They are for sale every lunchtime in the student foyer or you can call the office 9419 2890 and pay by credit card. The tickets will then be mailed out to you.

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


Please note ticket holders only will be allowed entry.

Any queries please contact Mrs Lennon

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Invitations have been sent to all of the wonderful Mercy College volunteers to join us for the annual "Volunteers' Cocktail Party”

Date: Tuesday 26 November, 2013
Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Location: in the grounds of Mercy College

For catering purposes please RSVP to kirsteen.fisscher@dbb.catholic.edu.au or call the College office on 9419 2890 by Friday 22 November

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ENROLMENTS – Year 7, 2015

The enrolment process for entry into Mercy College in Year 7, 2015 is underway. For more information, or to download an enrolment application form please follow the links to enrolment on the College website here. Alternately, you can contact the Office on 9419 2890 between 8am and 4pm.

Please note that whilst preference is given to current Mercy families and families within the diocesan systemic system, we must receive a completed application form for each daughter you wish to send to the College.

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College Administration
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![Image of college leaders](image-url)
In August, all elective French, Italian and German students sat for the **Australian Certificate of Language Competence.**

This is an **Australia wide** examination which tests both Listening and Reading comprehension. Certificate 2 is targeted at Years 9 and 10. Certificate 3 is targeted at Years 10, 11 and 12.

**All our Year 10 students attempted Certificate 3 and were thus competing against HSC students!**

Their results are particularly commendable.

All our students did very well and the following girls achieved either Distinction or High Distinction

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More results on page 5
Permission slips, medical forms and equipment lists have been issued to all the Duke members who shall be participating in the Adventurous Journey in December. They are now encouraged to be well underway organising their equipment and again it must be stressed the importance in ensuring the appropriate equipment organised. Details regarding this were mentioned in the previous Mercy Newsletter. Please ensure all permission slips and payments are returned as soon as possible.

There are a number of extra items that need to be mentioned. First, the Bronze students in Year 9 have been made aware that they must have at least organised themselves to have started their other three activities (Skills, Volunteering and Physical recreation) before they can attend this coming December expedition. Duke of Edinburgh Award is more than a camping trip: it involves being committed to all aspects of the Award.

Next, several students have finished their Bronze Award requirements but wish to continue at the Silver level have not entered all necessary information onto the ORB site to be recognised as having completed their Bronze. Once this is done, they then need to register again on the ORB website as undertaking the Silver Award. If this is not done, those wishing to attend as a Silver participant level in the up-coming expedition cannot do so. To qualify, the preceding Award must be recognised as having officially been finalised. If there are any issues regarding this please speak to Mr Marshall or Mrs Kellendonk. This needs to be done immediately.

Finally, please be aware of the organisation that goes into the planning of any expedition. This includes camping areas requiring up-front payments of fees and involves a promise of a certain number of students who shall be attending to book travel, teacher support, etc. If a student cancels participation within seven school days of the expedition, only 50% of the expedition fee will be refunded. If less than 48 hours notice of cancellation is provided, no fees can be refunded. This is necessary because the Award within Mercy College is self-funded and all attempts to minimise expenses are made to keep it as economical as possible for all participants – late cancellations means expeditions run at a loss, resulting in higher charges next time. We hope that parents understand and support this policy. If the expedition is cancelled due to Extreme or Catastrophic bushfire conditions the money for the expedition will be held to pay for an in lieu expedition in 2014.

Looking forward to a very successful December expedition!

Regards,

Sean Marshall
Duke of Ed Co-ordinator
**2014 NETBALL SEASON – Winter Competition**

Grading for next year’s season commences next week.

If you wish to play Netball with MCC in 2014, please submit your Netball Grading Form ASAP (especially for U14 & U15)

Grading is compulsory, as 2014 teams will be finalised based predominantly on performance at grading this year.

Your participation at Grading is an expression of interest to join MCC Netball in 2014. 2014 Registration form will be circulated next year.

THIS FORM IS AVAILABLE EITHER AT THE FRONT OFFICE, MRS KELLEN DONK IN THE LIBRARY OR EMAIL netballmcc@gmail.com

Completed forms to be returned to silver Activities Club box in library or email to margaret.kellendonk@dbb.catholic.edu.au

A list of players will be circulated via email on Monday 18 Nov. If your name is on that list, please turn up to grading at the allocated time/day. Meet on the Netball courts in sports uniform (and sport shoes) or netball uniform. Be on court, warmed up and ready to play by 7.30am.

Forms may be obtained by email request to netballmcc@gmail.com
Hardcopies are available from the School Library.
If you are trying out for U14 & U15, please scan/email your form to Margaret.kellendonk@dbb.org.au OR netballmcc@gmail.com ASAP.

2013 Netball Convenor Josephine Maras
2014 Netball Convenor Jacquie Parker
NETBALL WITH MCC ACTIVITY CLUB – UPDATE

SEEKING AN UMPIRE CONVENOR
In 2014, the 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 a parent, teacher or carer who is interested. Please contact Mrs Margaret Kellendonk on 9419 2890 or email her 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 this to the MCC Activity Club by (5pm) Wednesday 13 November. These preliminary gradings are compulsory if you wish to play in 2014.

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

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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.
MESSAGE TO PARENTS
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

November 2013

Dear Parents/Carers

At this time each year, following endorsement by the Diocesan Schools Board and approval by Bishop David Walker, I write to advise you of school fees and charges for next year.

The changes in fees for 2014 are necessary to meet increases in educational costs and to compensate for the freeze on grants from the State Government which was announced in September 2012.

**DIOCESEAN TUTION FEES**

Diocesan Tuition Fees for 2014 will be:

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Along with contributing to salary costs the tuition fee covers the cost of NAPLAN tests for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, copyright fees, student accident insurance for school activities, internet access, download and network costs. The Diocesan Parent Council receives a $5 subsidy per family from the tuition fees to enable it to continue to provide the forums, newsletters and other activities for which it is known.

**DIOCESEAN BUILDING LEVY**

The Diocesan Building Levy is to support the building of new schools and major renovation of existing schools. Most schools in the Diocese have loans needing to be serviced. The current level of this debt is $36 million. In 2014 each family K – 12 will be asked to contribute $840 per annum to help service loans.

**SCHOOL-BASED CHARGES**

Each school sets its own school-based charges. These vary across the Diocese and cover such items as excursions, retreats, sport and other school needs. I have requested principals, as far as practicable, to contain school-based charges and to provide the relevant information to parents about such charges. At this time we are endeavouring to keep the financial burden on parents to a minimum.

**PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

Fee payments are due at the beginning of terms 1, 2 and 3. Parents can apply to the school to arrange smaller, more frequent payments. The Diocesan Schools System has a commitment to supporting families experiencing financial difficulties. No child will be excluded from access to a Catholic systemic school due to genuine family financial hardship.

I acknowledge the generous support by families of our Catholic schools through their financial contributions to the school.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Peter Harrell
Director of Schools
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

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.
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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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.

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

Macquarie University
HSC-University Pathway for Talented Students

This programme allows high achieving students in their final year of the HSC to undertake a university course. Units undertaken as part of this programme will not form part of the HSC or contribute towards the student’s ATAR. However, the programme will count towards a degree programme with Macquarie University. There are no tuition fees for students in this programme. Courses are available from the faculties of Arts, Human Sciences & Science. For further information please contact (02) 9850 6831 or email nonaward@mq.edu.au http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/centre_for_open_education/hsc-university_pathway_for_talented_students

Macquarie University
Gifted and Talented Programme

Macquarie University is offering its Critical Thinking (PHL 137 – Philosophy Unit) course for students who enjoy analyzing and deconstructing arguments, are independent thinkers and learners, and are of high natural ability with good problem solving skills. The course will appear on a student’s Year 11 Record of Achievement and will count towards their degree should they choose to enroll at Macquarie University.

Information Night: Tuesday 5 November, 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Applications close Friday 13th December.

http://www.mq.edu.au/future_students/school_partners/gifted_and_talented_students/

Students who are interested in a career in design, will find this a great opportunity to discover the range of degrees including Architectural Computing, Interior Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Industrial Design, Planning and Construction Management and Property. UNSW will showcase the work of the graduating students for two weeks, with a 3D digital projection and light show that celebrates the best of design, culture and technology.
Career News

Invitation for Year 10 and 11 Students

Campus Tours
Students in Year 10 are invited to come and visit one of Australian Catholic University campuses, see the facilities at ACU and get a feel for campus life. To book a tour please go to www.acu.edu.au/visit

Year 10 & 11 Guide for 2014
This guide has been prepared specifically for these year groups to answer questions on areas such as subject selection and career paths. Copy of this guide is available in the Careers Library.

Whitehouse Institute of Design Australia
25th Anniversary Parade and Exhibition
2 Short Street
Surry Hills

Whitehouse Institute of Design Australia is celebrating their 25th anniversary by showcasing the graduating student work from their Creative Direction, Fashion and Interior Design. This would be a great opportunity for students interested in studying at Whitehouse to see the work created by Whitehouse’s students. Monday 2 December at 6:30pm and Tuesday 3 December 12:30pm & 6:30pm. http://moshtix.com.au/v2/whitehouse-institute-of-design-australia