Dear Parents and Carers

HARMONY DAY

Today is Harmony Day, a day celebrated throughout Australia on 21 March each year. It has become a significant day of the year when Australians are encouraged to celebrate the cultural diversity of our country.

It’s about community participation, inclusiveness and respect—a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, while also recognising the traditional owners of this land.

At Mercy College we recognize the ethnic and cultural diversity of our students and staff, respecting their diversity and celebrating the benefits that that cultural diversity brings to our College.

OPEN DAY

This year’s Open Day was a huge success with around 600 people visiting our College, including Acting Mayor of Willoughby, Ms Gail Giles-Gidney.

Open Day is a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage with the public and show their families what they have achieved over the term.

I would like to thank all those volunteer parents who helped on the day manning stalls and barbequing sausages.

LAUNCH OF NEW COLLEGE WEBSITE

I’m pleased to let you know that our new website was launched last week. The new format is very user friendly and contains much more information and photographs than the previous version. Have a look and encourage friends to do the same.

Remember it’s a good source of information for current parents as well as prospective ones. The calendar, current news articles, the Mercy Voice and updates are here. Let us know what you think and if you can offer any suggestions for improvement.
YESE 7 STUDENT LEADERS

Our Year 7 portfolio leaders were presented with their badges and made their pledge of commitment to the College at this week’s assembly. Congratulations to:

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Best Wishes

Suzanne Kovarnski

Principal

Open day
Year 7 History

On Friday, the 7th of March 7C and 7A went to the Rocks for a History Excursion.

First we went to the ‘The Big Dig’ where we looked at artefacts and the Rocks history. We learnt about the Black Death and how it affected the area. We learned how to examine and sort artefacts, it was a challenge but good fun and we managed to get it right in the end. Our tour guide Alfonso shared some wonderful and amazing stories about the early settlers.

After our morning of playing an archaeologist, we went to have lunch at a nice park near the overseas passenger terminal in Circular Quay.

After lunch we met our aboriginal tour guide Robert and started our expedition around the Rocks and the harbour foreshores. Robert painted Ochre on our arms and explained the significance of it. On the tour we also went to the Rocks museum and learnt how the aboriginals used to hunt.

After the Museum Robert shared some aboriginal secrets with us, how to make soap and a whistle made of long grass. In the end this excursion was an exciting adventure full of learning and challenges.

By Georgia Manning and Lauren Hilder 7C

Year 7

On Monday 17 March Prue Salter from Enhanced Learning Educational Services (www.enhanced-learning.net) ran a study skills evening with Year 7 parents and students.

The evening informed families on how to put systems in place to help students work towards achieving their personal best in an efficient and effective way. Students examined their home study environment, the way they organise and manage their papers, how to work effectively at home and deal with distractions, how to manage the workload in high school, and the steps to studying in high school making study notes, learning the notes by testing yourself and doing as much practise as possible. Parents are encouraged to review the handout from the session with students and discuss the main areas identified where changes need to be made.

Parents can also find extra study skills tips on the following website: http://studyskillstoptipsparents.com/.
Earth Hour Breakfast  
St Ignatius College Riverview - 18 March 2014

On Tuesday 18 March, St Ignatius College Riverview kindly invited representatives from our school to participate in the annual Earth Hour Breakfast. It was an informative morning which included presentations from organisations including Composting Cannon, Australian Youth Climate Coalition and Freshie. The presentations provoked ideas associated with environmental sustainability and its application within our school community.

Other schools that attended were Loreto Kirribilli, North Sydney Boys High and St Peter’s Catholic College. The team came away with ideas that will be brainstormed and applied in relation to our own school environment. More will be revealed in the forthcoming weeks.

Next on our environmental agenda is our commitment to supporting Earth Hour at Mercy. Earth Hour is an annual international event where millions of people across the world participate in switching lights off for one hour. This year the Mercy Environment Team has decided to involve our entire school in conserving energy on Friday 28 March by switching off unnecessary power within our classrooms and workspaces. This is aimed at reinforcing the message of sustainability for the benefit of our environment and will encourage the girls to pass the message on at home.

Official Earth Hour is on Saturday 29 March from 8:30pm-9:30pm. For more information on Earth Hour and how you can participate, visit: http://www.earthhour.org

The Mercy environment team would love to hear any feedback or ideas you may have in relation to environmental sustainability within the school. Feel free to discuss with any of the representatives of the 2014 environment team:

Alison Wright (Yr 7)  
Caolyn Mann (Yr 8)  
Erin Humphrey (Yr 9)  
Olivia Partridge (Yr 10)  
Lauren Hoggard (Yr 11)

Lauren Hoggard, Environment Portfolio Leader (Yr 11)
Senior MAG Afternoon Tea

On 6th March, two Year 11 students, Lucy Jimenez, Michelle Boyd, and two Year 10 students, Stephanie Woo and myself, travelled to Our Lady of Mercy Parramatta for a Mercy 5 afternoon tea. Other schools present were Monte Sant’ Angelo North Sydney and Catherine McAuley, Westmead.

We arrived at around four o’clock and were greeted by a few girls from Our Lady of Mercy who led us to the Library where afternoon tea took place. We had a short afternoon tea where we met with the other girls and introduced ourselves. Following afternoon tea, the guest speaker, Mary who is an Ambassador of Caritas, talked to us about how Caritas is impacting upon war-torn Sudan. Her story gave us insight about how the loose change we have in our pockets can actually go a long way.

After her talk we were split into mixed groups with other girls to discuss important matters concerning social justice. We spoke about International Women’s Day and how our role models have an influence upon our lives as well as how we carry ourselves as a person. In addition, we discussed what our school does for fundraising and later presented them to a larger group. By contributing to discussion, we were able to note down ideas such as a Fair Trade Café that Monte holds and a ‘boiled rice and water at canteen’ day that Catherine McAuley holds. Through these fundraising activities, these girls were able to promote social justice and raised money and awareness.

We would like to thank Mrs D’Arcy for escorting us there and supervising us. Overall it was an inspiring and enlightening afternoon.

By Stephanie Woo and Karina Silvanian – Year 10
U13 BBSSSA Touch Gala Day

On Tuesday 18th March the U13 Mercy Touch team travelled to Bateau Bay on the Central Coast for the annual BBSSSA Touch Gala Day. The Mercy spirit was in action as every member of the team displayed great commitment, determination and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Alyssa Low, Rebecca McNally, Isabella Ali, Kyra Atherton, Eleanor Au, Jessica Bult, Sarah Brannan, Emily Dickinson, Claudia Douglas-Robertson, Gabrielle Harmata and Arabella Snaith for such a great effort.

Ms Reed

We arrived at Mercy in the dark at 6.20am and even though it was early the bus trip was fun and enjoyable. We played four very fast games and even though we didn’t win it was a great day. We bonded as a team during the day, acknowledging attempts to score and showing great sportsmanship.

As the day went on we all really improved, learning the rules and supporting one another when attacking. It was a great day for all.

Eleanor Au Year 7

Mercy Amphitheatre Acts

12th of March saw Year 12s opening the annual Mercy Amphitheatre Acts for 2014. Charlotte Regan led us off by singing “Poisoning pigeons in the park”, followed by Guthriessa Tjiong and Jennifer Brady with a medley from Maroon 5’s Songs about Jane album.

Pamela Buenaventura sang “Right There” by Ariana Grande and then a hilarious act about Olivia McDermott’s “One True Love”, “Taylor the Latte Boy”. Jennifer Brady returned to the stage, this time with Jaclyn Braganza and they sang “Anna Sun”. And the most anticipated act to return to the scene was Dance Dance Revolution, consisting of Olivia McDermott, Ysabella Z’Graggen, Mille and Tyla Woo, who performed a very unique routine to selected music.

All in all, it was a lunchtime to remember and we look forward to the other Year groups as they try to top this performance!
Duke of Edinburgh Expedition: 13 to 15 March, 2014

It was a very excited but perhaps sleepy group of 39 students who met at 7.20 at Central railway last Thursday morning for the combined Bronze and Silver expedition. There was a certain degree of uncertainty regarding the weather, as forecasts predicted rain on all of the days of the hike. Despite this, all the students were soon on board the train where they could grab a little more sleep, played cards or watched the passing scenery during the journey of over one hour to Glenbrook railway station in the lower Blue Mountains. This was a new destination for expeditions, so even the staff who were present had a great deal to look forward to.

Upon arrival at Glenbrook and after a Personal Location Beacon was first obtained as a safety requirement, the students hoisted their backpacks and off they hiked. Twenty minutes later they arrived at the gates of the National Park and the first destination was Jelly Bean Pool. This was a very lovely spot where a group photo was taken. Following this, the students removed their shoes to cross the creek; however, upon discovering there was not a through track on the other side, the girls again had to take off their shoes to re-cross the creek! Many of them actually enjoyed walking through the cool water.

They then followed the road to the bottom of a gulley when there was a causeway and here they enjoyed a stop for some lunch. For many, the creek provided a very refreshing opportunity to splash water over themselves considering the heat of the walk. Soon, it was time to leave, so again they hoisted their heavy packs to begin the uphill walk to the start of the walking track. This soon had the girls walking along a lovely trail through open forest. Within the hour they soon reached Apple Tree Flats, the camping site.

This was a very pretty area covered in thick green grass and students selected spots to erect their tents away from any overhanging branches. Later in the afternoon, they set out to observe views of the setting sun but unfortunately, the sun had set before the lookout was reached. So, the girls turned back and prepared themselves for the evening. After dinner, they soon had a fire going where they compared their talents roasting marshmallows. Really, it must be said that little beats a campfire while out in the bush. Soon, it was off to bed.

The next day, the Bronze students were up and while describing their various degrees of sleeping experiences, packed their tents and were soon making their way to Glenbrook Station, relieved they were soon returning to the comforts of home. It was not long before the seven Silver students were farewelling the 32 Bronze girls. With their absence, things became a whole lot quieter!!

The Silver students were soon on the trail to Red Hands Cave where it is possible to observe the stencilled hand prints made by Aboriginals many hundreds of years ago. The terrain in this region of the walk was very different to what the Bronze girls witnessed because here there were many fine rock formations to observe. As this walk continued, the septet plus two staff members were soon back at the causeway, and due to the heat of the day some of the girls enjoyed a dip in the shallow waterway. But, soon there was the rumble of thunder and darkening clouds, so it was agreed it was time to return to camp. Despite these threats, the clouds soon parted and they enjoyed a pleasant afternoon with no rain. It was certainly a much quieter camp site on the second night, and after the girls enjoyed roasting their marshmallows, they decided to retire early.

It was decided that they could have an early return to home on the third day due to their concerns for an approaching assessment task, so after returning to Glenbrook and filling up on hot cross buns and banana cake, they were soon on the train and heading for home.

On reflection, many of the girls mentioned how they enjoyed the opportunity the expedition provided to spend time trekking and camping in the bush, the new people they interacted with and particularly the camaraderie they displayed whenever it was necessary to assist each other. Of great relief, the impending rain never presented itself!

Again, without the help of those staff members who volunteered their time, the expedition would not have been possible. Appreciation goes to Mrs Christine Mooney and Miss Amy Gill, and especially Miss Lana Sage who spent all three days with the Silver students. Of course, a special congratulations to the students themselves whose behaviour was excellent during the Glenbrook Duke of Ed expedition!

Sean Marshall
Duke of Ed Expedition Co-ordinator
Training commences the week of Monday 24th March. Below is a list of training times, coaches and managers.

Teams without Managers – please nominate /volunteer for the position of a Manager. I will be emailing details of match times and relevant information to your Team Manager.

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Regards

Jacquie Parker  netballmcc@gmail.com
Sharon Houston  houstons@live.com.au
Dear Parents,

Tickets to the Parent Association Cocktail Party are on sale NOW and selling fast. Buy your tickets today! This is the main social event for the Parent Association for the year so be sure not to miss it.

Kind regards
Lee Sternberg

To watch the trailer go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KaR-UcCpZfA#t=59
Parent News

LOWES
SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR

Mercy College.
SPECIAL SALES
WEEKS
Lowes Chatswood
Sat 12 / 4 / 14 - Sun 27 / 4 / 14
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Lowes Rewards Card holders receive in-store Gift Vouchers
to the value of 5% of their purchase

PLUS

Lowes will pay your school annual 5% rebate on every
uniform purchased in-store.
Parent News

Lindfield Rotary Club Fun Run - Sunday 6 April 2014

Your daughter has the opportunity to participate in the Lindfield Rotary Club Fun Run on Sunday 6 April 2014. This is a community event to assist Rotary charities. The event is not a compulsory College activity but some students and staff have shown interest in the event and have decided to support it. There will be weekly training sessions after school on Thursday afternoons but these are not compulsory.

This event will be held at Roseville Oval, Clanville Road, Roseville.

Entry Fees

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All entries received after the close of business on Saturday 29th March will be subject to a Late Entry Fee of $7 for individuals and $15 for families.

**The 5km event will start at 8:00 am** and runners will be positioned at the front for the start with walkers to the rear.

**The 10km event will start at 8:15 am** and require two circuits of the course.

On the day, there will be toilets and changing facilities available at Start/Finish area, free security tent provided for participants' valuables, first aid along the course and drink stations provided on the course and at the finish.

Although the College supports this event, there will be no direct supervision at the Fun Run and it is the parents/carers responsibility to ensure their daughter is appropriately equipped for the run (including appropriate footwear, necessary medication, sun protection etc) and is accompanied to and from the event.

For any enquiries please contact me at the College.

**Mr M Cuttler**

Head of PDHPE
PARENT SEMINAR

The Digital Child
Apps for Learning & Creativity

- What is good gaming?
- Screen time: how much is too much?
- How to assess the educational quality of apps
- The top 10 apps for learning and creativity

As multiple users of technology, how can families support their preschool & primary aged children’s learning through digital technology?

Join Dr Kate Highfield
Teacher Educator – Institute of Early Childhood, Macquarie University, who will present her current research on the use of technologies for learning and play.

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH
Day: 9.30 – 11 am
Corpus Christi Catholic School
17 Link Road, ST IVES
Night: 7.30 – 9 pm
St Thomas’ Catholic School
2 Horsey Ave, WILLOUGHBY

WEDNESDAY 26 MARCH
Night: 7.30 – 9 pm
St Cecilia’s Catholic School
59 Seaview Street, BALGOWLAH

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Canteen Roster

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

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Claire Harrison | **Tues**  
Louise Burton  
Volunteer Required | **Tues**  
Maryanne Doban  
Marion Parrott (12-2.15) |
| **Wed** | Leanne McCarthy  
Joanne Barquin | **Wed**  
Vicky Bancroft  
Jacqui Hester | **Wed**  
Sophia Apostolopoulos  
Volunteer Required |
| **Thurs** | Irene Lavermicocca  
Miranda Harmata | **Thurs**  
Kathryn Breusch  
Carmel DeMesa | **Thurs**  
Sarah Trigg  
Peta Thornton |
| **Fri** | Siobhan Douglas-Robertson  
Rosemary Harmata  
Karmena Hayden | **Fri**  
Liz Bowers  
Khatra AhMad Reezai  
Ilune Tjong  
Isabel Dias-McCall | **Fri**  
Arezoo Khorram  
Ivana Hilder  
Nicola Van Laar |

**Canteen News**

Volunteers Required - Volunteers are still required at the canteen so if you can help please fill out the attached form. Hours are 9.45am -2.15pm, but if you are only available for 2-3 hours this would be a tremendous help with serving the students. Now the bell goes before all the students are served and some students miss out.

Fridays Meat Free – During the period of Lent the canteen has a meat free menu on Fridays. The choices are – nachos with a pinto bean salsa and cheese, penne pasta with napolitana sauce and cheese, vege delight wrap- lettuce, hummus, tomato, carrot, tatziki with vegetable pattie in a tortilla, gourmet roast vegetable pie, fresh sushi, sweet & sour fish with rice, McMercy Fish Burger.

Fruit – fresh fruit salad tubs are made fresh every day $3.50. There is also a fresh fruit bowl – choice of orange, apple & kiwi fruit only $1.00.

Sushi – We have sourced a new vender to supply the canteen with fresh sushi. The new sushi is bigger rolls and very appetising which has become popular with the girls. Choice of Sushi is:– Chicken Teriyaki, Volunteering at the canteen gives you the opportunity to meet other parents, your daughters classmates, also to put a face to a name of a teacher. No previous experience required, tasks are very simple. Fill out the attached form and return it to the school office.

I am able to volunteer in the canteen. My preference day is: (please circle)

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Daughter: _______________________  Year in 2014____________________
Registrations for UMAT 2014

Registrations for UMAT 2014 are now open. If interested, please see Mrs Wilson in the Careers Office as soon as possible. UMAT test date is on Wednesday 30 July 2014. Registrations close Friday 6 June 2014 - 5:00pm. Visit http://umat.acer.edu.au

University of Sydney Scholarships Information Evening

Did you know that the University of Sydney gives out over $65 million in scholarships each year? That’s $65 million for over 700 scholarship schemes (not including prizes or college and sporting scholarships). There are hosting a Scholarships Information Evening for year 11 and 12 students. Please visit http://sydney.edu.au/future-students/career-advisers/events/

APM College of Business and Communication and William Blue

Learn about what both colleges have to offer at the same open day.
Saturday 3 May - 10.00am - 2.00pm
Northpoint, Level 9, 171 Pacific Highway
North Sydney

For any further enquiries please email enquiries@apm.edu.au or call 1300 851 237 or visit http://www.apm.edu.au/about-apm/upcoming-events
Careers in Law and Business Evening

Wednesday 21 May - 6.00pm - 140 Broadway - Broadway
Join academic staff from Notre Dame's School of Business and School of Law and explore potential study options and future careers in the legal and business spheres. All academic staff have real-world experience in their professions; find out about the doors that are opened by a Notre Dame Business or Law degree. Please contact 02 8204 4404 or sydney@nd.edu.au or visit www.nd.edu.au/events/sydney

Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 24 June - 6.00pm - 140 Broadway - Broadway
The evening is designed to help parents (and students, who are also welcome to attend) through the transition from secondary to tertiary education. Attendees will have the opportunity to find out about University life, talk to current students, meet academic staff and find out about pathways into university. Please contact 02 8204 4404 or sydney@nd.edu.au or visit www.nd.edu.au/events/sydney

A Day in the Life of a Nursing Student

Wednesday 2 July - 10.30am - 160 Oxford St - Darlinghurst
Find out what being a Notre Dame Nursing student is all about! Watch a dissection, experience clinical activities in our simulation wards, tour our anatomy museum and speak with staff and current students. For further information please contact 02 8204 4404 or sydney@nd.edu.au or check on www.nd.edu.au/events/sydney

Open Day

Saturday 30 August - 9.00am - 140 Broadway - Broadway & 160 Oxford St, Darlinghurst
Experience life at Notre Dame on Open Day, with course information, campus tours and free entertainment. Meet our friendly academic staff and socialise with current students. Course information for all areas at Broadway. Medicine and Nursing at Darlinghurst and Broadway. Contact: 02 8204 4404 or sydney@nd.edu.au www.nd.edu.au/events/sydney

UTS 2015 Course Guides

UTS 2015 undergraduate course guides are now available online. https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/teachers/tools-and-resources/course-guides
Willoughby City Library will hold **free ‘Surviving the HSC’** programme which consists seminars during April throughout May 2014.

**Secrets of HSC Success**  
**Thursday 3 April** - 4.30pm - 6:00pm  
The session will be presented by Rowan Kunz on his research into the strategies used by high achieving HSC students. Rowan is the head coach and principle presenter at Art of Smart Education, and author of *Secrets of HSC Success Revealed*.

**English—Area of Study—Belonging**  
**Thursday 1 May** - 4.30pm - 6:00pm  
The presentation will be relevant and valuable to all students, as Amy Murphy, Head Teacher Gifted and Talented at James Ruse Agricultural High School and experienced teacher and marker of HSC English (Advanced, Extension 1 & Extension II), provides students with proven strategies to excel in the shared English exam.

**Ancient History**  
**Wednesday 15 May** - 4.30pm - 6:00pm  
The session will be presented by Bruce Dennett, the Author of numerous textbooks and marker of ancient, modern and extension history HSC papers.

To book students will need to visit the library web page:  

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**Young Writer Showcase**

A collection of the most outstanding short stories, poems, scripts and critical responses submitted by past HSC English Extension 2 students.  
Community News

Harvest and Harmony Festival
Sunday, 23 March 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Enjoy fresh farm produce
International foods, songs, dance and art
Traditional Devonshire tea
Rides, stalls and crafts - fun for all the family

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at school

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Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Live and study overseas

INFORMATION SESSION
TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2014 @ 7 PM

MELBOURNE
Conochie Hall
2 Rochester Rd
Canterbury

SYDNEY
Lane Cove Library
Library Place
Lane Cove

ADELAIDE
Marion Cultural Centre
287 Diagonal Rd
Oaklands Park

www.scce.com.au 1800 500 501 scceaust@scce.com.au
Community News

Fact Sheet

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Ltd. (S.C.C.E.) is a not-for-profit professional organisation specialising in international educational exchange programs. S.C.C.E. has exchanged over 16,700 students with 20 countries since 1993 when the organisation was founded in Australia with the following stated purpose:

- To further tolerance
- To challenge youth towards international understanding
- To challenge youth towards further learning
- To enhance self-knowledge and awareness.

THE ORGANISATION:
- Founded and based in Australia as the first home-grown international student exchange organisation.
- Incorporated in 1993 with the National Office in Melbourne, Victoria.
- Represented also in Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth by professional staff.
- Over 9600 Australian students have gone on S.C.C.E. programs.
- Over 8100 international students have been hosted by Australian families.
- Approved and registered with Australian federal and state Education Departments.
- Recognised by the Immigration and Education authorities in relevant countries.
- First Australian organisation to be accepted as a member of the Federation of International Youth Travel Organisations, later amalgamated as World Youth Student & Educational Travel Confederation.
- Excellent worldwide reputation and recognition for high standard of quality programs.
- Regular reviews of performance of country exclusive international affiliate organisations.

THE STAFF:
- Professionals from the fields of cross-cultural exchange, education, and travel.
- Affiliated organisations overseas have been selected because of their capacity to provide the best program components, students, and host families in a given country.
- The overseas affiliate organisations are contracted exclusively with S.C.C.E. regarding exchange to and from Australia. S.C.C.E. does not use agents.
- Staffs are available on a 24-hour basis. Through S.C.C.E. experience in the field, a network of professional exchange organisations is available worldwide.

PROGRAMS:
- For the age group 15-18, programs varying from 6 weeks to ten months are offered to 17 countries.
- All programs include voluntary host families, school attendance, compulsory orientation, one student to a host family, and special insurance.
- Group exchange programs, 3-6 weeks, are arranged for several Australian schools or available annually.
- S.C.C.E. Australian students travel on Singapore Airlines to all destinations other than the Americas. This allows daily “best” services for all Australian students. Transportation to and from the host community is also included in the fee.
- A variety of host families throughout Australia are welcome to share their daily lives with compatible students from one of the countries listed below.
- S.C.C.E.’s financial support comes from the program fees.

ORGANISATIONAL FEATURES:
- Ability to respond to needs of Australian educators regarding intercultural exchange.
- High standards for student selection, preparation, and support.
- Worldwide network of professional support for 30 years.
- Ability to innovate, diversify, and adapt programs and procedures, as necessary.
- Programs reflect the needs and values of Australian students, families, schools.

AFFILIATED COUNTRIES:
- ARGENTINA  AUSTRIA  CHINA  DENMARK  ENGLAND  FINLAND  FRANCE  GERMANY  HOLLAND
- IRELAND  ITALY  JAPAN  MEXICO  NORWAY  SPAIN  SWEDEN  U.S.A.

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