Dear Parents and Carers

We had a wonderful celebration of motherhood this morning with our Mothers’ Day Breakfast being attended by over 140 mums and daughters. The freshly brewed coffee from the Coffee Cart was especially appreciated against the chill of the morning.

Our guest speaker this morning was Associate Professor Jennifer Burn, Director of Anti-Slavery Australia from the Faculty of Law at the University of Technology. Jennifer spoke of the trials that many mothers face in Australia as well as overseas when they or their children are sold into slavery. Yes it does happen in Australia, particularly in the sex industry. She also reminded us of the hope that these women have when helped out of this position into a life of freedom.

Thank you to the Parent Association for organising such a delightful experience. I would also like to thank the Parent Association Executive, in particular the President, Lee Sternberg and Vice President Melanie Bernes for another wonderful function for parents last term, the Cocktail Party. It was a beautiful venue, the Kirribilli Club and a warm and welcoming atmosphere. It was so good to see many new parents of our Year 7 students there mingling and making new friends. Have a look at the photographs later in Mercy Voice.

SMS TEXTS FOR STUDENTS ABSENCES: The College has been trialling a better way of communicating with you which we are hoping we can commence using within the next fortnight. Once it goes on-line if you haven’t informed the College of your daughter’s absence, you will receive a SMS text message on your designated mobile phone informing you that she is not at school. You will then receive an email that evening reminding you that you need to send in a note to explain your daughter’s absence to her Tutor. The emails will continue until the note is brought in to the Tutor.

I ask your patience in the first few weeks as there may be a few teething problems.

VIETNAM EXPEDITION: The annual Vietnam Expedition will be running from the 17 to 31 January 2015 and is open to students currently in Years 10 and 11. This trip will have its usual social justice, cultural, geographical and historical focus but will include a stronger social justice aspect as we will be involved in a house building project. Students were given information this week about an Information Evening Monday week 19 May at 6pm. If your daughter is interested in going bring her along to the evening to find out all the details.
COLLEGE PROCEDURES FOR LATENESS OR APPOINTMENTS

I would like to remind parents/carers of the procedures if your daughter is late or is required to attend an appointment.

Please report to the Front Office if you want to see your daughter during school hours. The College has a Duty of Care to challenge visitors who have not been signed in at the Front Office.

If your daughter needs to leave the College for an appointment and/or is returning from one please provide her with a note which she takes to her Tutor in the morning who will then issue her an Exit Pass. When it is time for her to leave for her appointment she will then need to go to the Student Services desk to sign out and show her Exit Pass to the office staff. She must hold onto the pass whilst outside of the College as proof that she has permission to leave the school grounds. Although it is best to strive to make dental and medical appointments outside school hours it is understood, especially with specialist doctors, that this may not always be possible.

No student should phone or text their parent/carer if they are feeling sick or visa versa if a parent needs to take a student urgently to an appointment. All contact is to be made through the Front Office.

MOTHERS’ DAY PRAYER: Let me share with you the prayer we said at our breakfast this morning for all mothers.

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.
We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; may they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; may they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; may they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.

Best Wishes

Suzanne Kavanaugh

Principal

Message from the Assistant Principal

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Message from the Assistant Principal...

Please see below for sickbay procedures :-

**Illness during the day and use of Sick Bay**
Sick Bay is provided for the comfort of students who become ill during the day. It is not possible to provide all-day care for students. If a student remains unfit for class after a short period in sick bay, parents will be contacted by office staff and asked to make arrangements to collect her. **Students must not make their own arrangements to be collected by parents.** Parents are asked not to send a girl to school who is obviously unwell.

It is important these procedures are followed for the wellbeing of your daughter/s and the good organisation of the College.

**Winter Uniform**

**The length of the kilt is to be 5cm BELOW THE MIDDLE OF THE KNEE.**

The uniform is available from Lowes at Chatswood and it is expected that all students will be in the correct uniform and have the correct length of the kilt. **It is suggested that ample material is left in the hem to ensure the kilt can be lengthened as your daughter grows.**

If the length of the uniform is incorrect, a letter will be sent home to inform you. If the length has not been corrected by the time indicated on the letter then your daughter will be suspended from class until the length has been corrected.

Please refer to the Student Planner and website for uniform regulations.

**The College blazer is to be worn to and from school throughout Terms 2 and 3.**

**Students can purchase stockings and Navy scarves from the office.**

Ms L Kayrooz

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**Year 9 Student and Parent Study Skills Evening**

Year 9 Student and Parent study skills evening will be held on **Monday 12 May, 7.00pm—8.30pm.**

**Year 7 Parent/Teacher/Student Night**

Year 7 Parent /Teacher/Student Interviews will be held on **Tuesday 20 May, 3:30pm – 6:30pm.** Your daughter has received an appointment sheet so that she can make appointments with her teachers.

**Year 11 and 12 Parent Teacher Night**

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**Message from the College Bursar**

A reminder to those families paying their 2014 fee account on the standard 3 instalment plan, your second payment was due on the 2nd May 2014. Please pay any outstanding instalments as soon as possible.

Thank you to all those who have paid promptly.

If you find you are unable to pay at this time please contact me at the College office to discuss possible alternate payment arrangements.

Mrs Louise Turnbull
Bursar
Student News

Year 10 Talk on North Korea

On the 27th March, Year 10 was incredibly lucky to attend a talk held at lunchtime by Mark Fahey (uncle of Siobhan Fahey) about North Korea. He revealed that he had been working with the American government and had been undercover in North Korea so that he could create a documentary based on the regime of the Dictator, Kim Jong-un, and the life of an everyday North Korean. He faced incredible danger, playing the part of a communist Australian who wanted to bring the North Korean way of life to Australia, in order to gain access to the country. What he discovered was astounding. He spoke to us about everything from the trance music that was played at 6am every morning, to the propaganda promoting the supreme leader, to their hatred of America and their fascination with rockets and their military.

We learnt that North Koreans all must wear a badge of the leader and that they weren’t allowed to travel further than a 25 km radius around their home. They don’t have cameras or the latest technology and all television programmes are state run.

Mr Fahey presented this information to the American government in Washington only a week previous, so we were lucky enough to be among the first in the world to hear about this information. Year 10 is very grateful for the opportunity to learn about the North Korean regime.

Kaitlin Mesiti

Lindfield Rotary Fun Run

On the first Sunday of April, ten keen students braved the drizzling conditions and participated in the 5km Lindfield Rotary Fun Run. Clair Frost, Mary-Ann Heaney, Ffion Lavery, Isabella Thornton-Bott, Ashleigh Hoggard, Emma Woo, Caitlin Lambert, Katie Proudian, Kristel Baluyut and Tatiana Bedikian all deserve to be proud of their effort in making such a worthwhile contribution to the local community. I must also add that there may have been other Mercy students in attendance that I did not see before they began racing, so I apologise for not including you in this article. Special congratulations must go to Isabella Thornton-Bott who was crowned Champion of her age division. Additionally, thank you to the parents who supported and also participated in this event. If you know of any other fun runs in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College. The next possible run is on Sunday 22 June around the Domain, Sydney. This event raises money for children with neuroblastoma. Stay tuned for more details.

Mr M Cuttler
Ancient History is perceived to be a subject that never changes, is not interesting and is just knowledge written in a book that you have to memorise. The Year 11 Ancient History students learnt on Tuesday April 1st that this was most certainly not the case. On our excursion to the Nicholson Museum in Sydney University, we learn that Ancient is very much alive, changing and engaging.

The day started late, a 10am meet-up outside the museum, all of us ready to start the day. We were lead into the museum by our guide, an experienced archaeologist and lecturer for USYD. She challenged us to open our minds and to use our logic to decipher the possible uses of objects in the museum. We looked at the Ancient Egyptian section, in preparation for our studies on Tutankhamun, examining mummies, CT scans, x-rays and sarcophagi, determining the answers to our questions: the age of the mummy, gender, and how they died.

Following our first lesson in the museum, we went and ate lunch in the university café, all of us feeling like real university students. When we returned to work, we went downstairs to examine real artefacts from various cultures. We had to wear gloves to touch the objects as some of them were more than 2000 years old! Individually, we sketched the object in as much detail as we could, and we tried to answer ten questions about the possible uses of the object and when & where the object was produced. As a group, we conducted a close examination of an ancient medicine flask and were given a great insight to the medicinal properties of the poppy. We also looked at various ancient oil lamps from different social classes. At the completion of this examination, we went back to the museum.

As we wandered around the museum, we became acquainted with different objects, their shapes and uses. We studied a Roman copy of a Greek statue of the god Hermes, trying to identify it (without looking at the label), and the reason for the marks all down the statue. We learnt how to differentiate between Greek and Roman statues – Greek statues are free standing, whereas Roman statues require something, for example, a small child or a cloak to hold them up.

Moving into the Ancient Greek section, we discussed the Acropolis and the history of it. We observed the largest Lego restoration of the Acropolis and amazed at its detail. This concluded our excursion for the day, and from here we were free to wander around the museum and leave when we wanted.

Overall, the Year 11 Ancient History excursion, has for me, been one of the most enjoyable, interactive and engaging excursions yet, as it was fast-paced and directed by the group and our responses. We were free to make it as fun as we wanted.

Caitlin Almada and Alyssa Houston – Yr 11 Ancient History
Tie dye fun
On the 27th of February, Year 9 Textiles class performed the task of making a kit bag which we tie dyed with various colours. This was a fun and enjoyable experience as we had to use our creative skills and thoughts. We had to create not only a kit bag but a pocket to match. We used various techniques to achieve different patterns such as bunching, pleating and spiral. Rubber bands were used to secure our fabric segments. We really enjoyed the process and were pleased with the designs achieved. PEACE OUT!!! [No pun intended!!]

We used our dyed fabric to make a kit bag. Constructing our bags allowed us to develop a variety of construction techniques, including: sewing and finishing closed seams, inserting zippers, applying pockets, creating button holes and a casing. We will use our kit bags to store our future projects.

By Lilian Starkey and Charlotte Humphreys, Year 9 Textiles & Design

STRINGS TUITION AT MERCY COLLEGE
Private instrumental lessons (violin, viola) are now offered during school hours. From absolute beginner through to intermediate level

To apply for lessons contact Mar'yana Sywak, Strings Tutor
0401 497 920
maryana_sywak@hotmail.com
Student News

Shaking Up our Learning

On Friday the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of May, Year 10 Drama visited the Apple Store in Chatswood Chase to participate in a field trip and learn how to make an iBook using Apple technology. We are making iBooks to address the question, "How can we make Greek and Shakespearian Theatre relevant and engaging for Generation Z? When we arrived the Apple Team, who bestowed beautiful mustard coloured shirts upon us as we were enthusiastically greeted. We all happily put the shirts on feeling super buzzed and excited, ready to begin making our iBooks.

The Apple employees helped us to make our iBook. They were very cool and groovy, rapidly explaining the functions of iBook Author. We learnt to create templates, change designs, incorporate our own photos and videos, and edit our information into creative stencils, designs and formats. iBook Author really allowed us to produce engaging, established and organised iBooks for our class project.

After almost two hours of hard work, posing for photos and constructing our eBooks, our trip had ended. We were rewarded with certificates and USB wrist bands which matched our shirts!

Everyone had a blast and thoroughly enjoyed the experience from this field trip to the Apple Store. It was eye-opening to see how advanced technology has become and how it now allows us to construct learning tools which have the potential to change education. This trip made us all realise how valuable technology can be as a learning mechanism and that it should have a bigger role in education today.

A big thank you to all who made this trip possible, Ms Gill and the Apple Store Chatswood Chase!

By Eleanor Tomlinson

MICE Hit the Field

On a rainy Thursday afternoon, Mercy’s MICE Production Team attended a workshop at the Apple Store in Chatswood to learn about iMovie and how to edit films.

There we met two instructors - Troy and Leah. They were there to talk us through the editing procedure used on iMovie and answer our questions. After introducing ourselves to them, we received Apple T-shirts in the rather odd, bright shade of yellow. Soon, we began to dig into our work. We each got a fancy Mac-Book Pro (an extra source of motivation!) to mess around with. Using the sample clips and photos on the software, we learnt how films were put together and how elements such as music and effects could effect the mood of the film. Though we did not have a defined story to work with, we all successfully produced movies including one about a Disneyland romance and a cat called Fred. We then saved our movies onto a USB to take home and received customised certificates commending our participation in the workshop.

We would like to thank Mrs. Gill for organising this amazing opportunity, the Apple workers for teaching us and the participants for their effort.

Rhea Thomas and Michelle Prajogo
On the 10th of April, the second last day of school for Term 1, Mercy was surprised with a mystery band. We had been informed that this mystery band was well known in the Sydney area and the girls were pretty confident it was going to be Justice Crew. At lunch, the school crowded into the undercroft and was ready to listen to the mystery band. We were surprised to discover that it was Mr Robertson’s band ‘Magic Handkerchief’ and enthusiastically welcomed them. They sang covers of many popular and classic songs that everybody knew the words to and sang along. There was a great vibe amongst the students and staff and some of the teachers got out their signature moves and singing voices. Overall, the mystery band was a great success as the main purpose was to raise money for Caritas and everybody who came to watch contributed a small donation. A big thank you to Mr Robertson and his band ‘Magic Handkerchief’ for coming to perform for us and for helping to raise just under $300.00.

By Alex Swanson (9)

The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal is being held on the weekend 24-25 May 2014. If you can give a couple of hours to help a million people, please register on-line at salvos.org.au, or phone 13SALVOS (137258). Collectors will have adult supervision, official identification, and will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and a voucher from McDonalds for a Big Mac. A representative from The Salvation Army will be at the School on 21 May to speak at the assembly - you may also register as a collector then.

Year 10 Commerce Excursion the Downing Centre Courts

On Thursday the 1st of May, the Year 10 Commerce students visited the Downing Centre Law courts. The Downing Centre contains the local and district courts. We took the train from Chatswood to Wynyard, then to the Museum Station and made our way to the courts.

Before we entered the courts, we all had to walk through security, just like the ones at the airport with the metal detectors and x-ray machines. Metal items such as scissors were collected before going in.

We then went into groups and observed different court cases. There were many court cases held that day such as assault, drug possession and robberies. The girls had to take notes and report about the cases they watched.

While in court, we had to be respectful and aware of our surroundings. We had to bow to the magistrate when entering a court room and our phones had to be switched off.

Once we were all finished, we left the courts and headed down to Circular Quay for lunch. At around 2.30pm we started to make our way back to Chatswood. The day had come to an end.

Overall, the day was very enjoyable and the court cases were interesting and fascinating. We’d like to thank Mr Brown and Mr Geoghegan for taking us.

Simone Kollias
Breaking through the layers

After several stressful days of examinations, the Year 12s were eagerly anticipating the cathartic Retreat that lay ahead. For many students, two nights away from their hectic lifestyles would prove to be the positive experience they were yearning for. Edmund Rice Retreat & Conference Centre welcomed the girls on Wednesday the 9th of April and immediately thrust them into unfamiliar territory with a bush walk around the property. Some fresh air, fence climbing and dirt tracks cleared their minds and enabled them to enjoy the ensuing few days. Mrs Thomas’ creative ice-breakers and engaging activities further brought a positive vibe to the group who slowly began to peel away the layers of stress, school, daily pressures and personal battles. To enhance the students’ understanding of life and faith, Viktor Frankl’s story was used by Ms Davis to highlight that life is often unpredictable and it is important to be able to adapt to situations that are unexpected. Students engaged with this topic in their small groups which produced some very insightful and interesting conversations. Staff were impressed with the honesty and openness of the students throughout the retreat as it allowed for a much deeper investigation of all tasks and activities. Students should be proud of their ability to share personal experiences and fears with their fellow peers.

On the final night of Retreat, Father Paul generously offered his time for both Reconciliation and also the Mass which was organised and prepared by all students. The Mass was a celebration of students’ journey through school and the memories they had made. It was obvious that the young women of Year 12 are very supportive of one another and enjoy their time together. This was especially evident in the bonding time they were allowed each night. Dancing in the corridors, birthday celebrations, ping pong duels, practical jokes and snooker championships all confirmed the camaraderie of the 2014 Year 12 cohort whilst on retreat.

Thank you to Mrs Thomas, Ms Davis, Ms Kavanagh, Mrs D’Arcy, Miss McKay, Mr Wong, Fr Paul, and to past students Sarah Robertson and Jess Sutton who all contributed to ensuring the Retreat was a success.

Mr Mark Cuttler
Year 12 Co-Ordinator
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**Level 1 Course - Umpires**
Level 1 course ($35) on Sunday 11 May running form 12 pm till 4 pm in the NSNA Admin room.

**Carnivals - Umpires**
Below is a list of future carnivals. Coaching is provided and NSNA will badge umpires who are meeting the criteria. Umpires J2 and above – if you can do one of these carnivals, please opt in by sending me an email.

- Parramatta 25 May
- Liverpool 1 Jun
- Campbelltown 15 Jun
- Hills 22 Jun
- Blacktown 27 July

**NEW UMPIRES**
I need your Completed NSNA exam asap. Once you pass the exam, the Umpire Convenor can start looking at allocating umpire sessions in coming rounds.

Regards
Jacquie Parker & Sharon Houston
netballmcc@gmail.com
2014 MERCY COLLEGE BASKETBALL

If you are interested in playing basketball for Mercy this year, please confirm your interest NOW with Liz Bowers, Mercy Basketball Convener for 2014

Email lbowers2311@gmail.com including the following:

- Student name/s
- Year/Class
- DOB
- Suburb
- Parent contact details: names, mobile number and email

We need to start organising teams now in order to register teams in May.

The current competition is the Northern Basketball Assoc. with games being played on a Friday night at Crows Nest, Willoughby or Cremorne. The new season runs July – December.

It is Time to Shine is a program that is offered at Mercy Catholic College. Speech and Drama, Musical Theatre and Communication Skills courses are facilitated by a highly qualified, experienced and practicing teacher of Drama – Donna D’Silva.

The programme encourages students to be innovative, multi-skilled, reflective performers in Speech and Drama, Musical Theatre and Communication Skills.

There is currently an opportunity to participate in this programme with two places being available. If your daughter is interested in participating in the Speech and Drama course (preferably Year 8 or 9) or the Communication Skills course (preferably Year 8), please contact – e: donna.d’silva@dbb.catholic.edu.au or m: 0422 392 901.

Please do not hesitate to contact Donna D’Silva if you have any further questions.
Positive Parenting Program

Free seminar, refreshments provided.

This program is a lecture style presentation and does not allow for children to attend that are over 6 months and mobile. Childcare is not provided.

This program consists of 3 seminars held over 3 Weeks designed to introduce the principles of Positive Parenting. Parents learn how to encourage their children to learn skills which promote children’s health, development and wellbeing. This program is aimed at parents of children aged 0-10 yrs.

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Triple P Seminars address general parenting issues: why children tend to behave in certain ways under certain influences, and what they best respond to; dealing decisively and effectively with behaviours such as aggression, non-co-operation and disobedience; recognising and managing situations that might be much less obvious such as sadness, anxiety, difficulty with separation and problems mixing with other children.

Location:
Crow's Nest Centre
2 Ernest Place
Crow's Nest

Bookings are essential! To make a booking call CatholicCare on 8425 8700
Or email: naremburnfamilyservice@dbb.org.au

*Please note children are unable to attend and childcare is not provided*
PARENT & STUDENT SEMINAR

Supporting your adolescent’s learning at home

Time to step up ... or step back?
– what is a parents role at this time?
As a family, this seminar will provide:
• an understanding of the ‘Middle Years’ of
development - Year 5 to Year 8 and
• insights into learning and practical strategies
for time management & organisational skills.
The transition from the primary school years to
secondary school is a process, not an event.

Join Angie Wilcox from
High Hopes Educational Services
for a very practical evening
with your adolescent.

For parents and
students
Year 5 to Year 8
NO COST - Includes booklet
of strategies to take home.

WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE
7 – 8.30pm
Light of Christ Centre
27 Yardley Ave, WAITARA
RSVP via DPC website:
www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com

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2013-2014 Family Energy Rebate

$125* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!
Apply before 5pm Friday 13 June 2014

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
* eligibility criteria apply

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the costs of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2013 – 2014 the rebate gives:
- A $125 credit against electricity bills for eligible applicants who receive electricity from an electricity retailer.
- A $137.50 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a caravan or mobile home park and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:
- Be eligible for Family Tax Benefit A or B during 2012-2013 and have received a relevant payment; and
- Be the primary account holder of an electricity retailer, OR a long-term resident of a caravan or mobile park home, whose name appears on the electricity bills supplied by the park operator.

YOU CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE
- ONLINE – it takes a few minutes to submit and processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
FREE two day workshop and information sessions for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum

Workshop: 2014NSWPC8  Location: Northern Beaches

The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, through the Helping Children with Autism package.

What will you learn?
At a result of participating in the workshops and information sessions as parents/careers you will gain:
- a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- specific strategies on how to:
  - advocate for your child
  - support your child’s participation at school
  - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- information about your local school system’s processes
- opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/careers and key community members
- opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with an ASD and their families

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

Workshop details
Venue: Bayview Golf Club
1825 Pittwater Road, Bayview NSW 2104

When: Two day workshop – Tuesday 3 & Wednesday 4 June 2014
Day 1: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm (Registration from 8.15 am)
Day 2: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Registration opens Monday 28 April 2014 and closes 2 days prior.
Registration may stay open until one day before the workshop if spaces are still available, but we strongly recommend that you register as soon as possible.
You will receive a confirmation of your registration.
Online registrations preferred: please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au.

Only complete the following form if you do not have access to the internet and fax or mail to:
Fax: 02 9451 9661; Mail: Positive Partnerships, AIPCT, PO Box 361, Forestville, NSW 2087

Positive Partnerships info line number: 1300 881 971

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Parent and Association Cocktail Party
# 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** | Ann Marie Farahani  
Kerry Feneley  
Gail Goulston | Diane Federico  
Sandra Robinson | Toni Collins  
Kym Bult |
| **Tues** | Liz Burton | Maryanne Doban  
Marion Parrott  
Laverne Saunders | Stephanie Anderson  
Michelle Hadley |
| **Wed** | Carmel Daniels  
Cathy King | Sophia Apostolopoulos  
**Volunteer Required** | Jacqui Hester  
Vicky Bancroft |
| **Thurs** | Kathryn Breusch  
Patrice Rodrigues  
Maria Power | Donna Harris  
Peta Thornton | Carmel De Mesa  
Stephanie Brown |
| **Fri** | Liz Bowers  
Ahmad Reezai  
Illune Tjong  
Isabel Dias-McCall | Nadia Ali  
Ivana Hilder  
Kristine | **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL** |

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### Canteen News

With the weather getting a little chillier why not warm up with a toasted sandwich $3.00 these must be pre-ordered at recess. Also with the cooler weather there is more demand for hot food so do not be disappointed at lunch time, order your lunch requirement at recess.

Athletics Carnival – Friday 30 May there will be canteen facilities available for the students.
On display in the Flex at lunch on the 15th and after school
6 - 8pm on the 14th May

Mercy France Immersion Exhibition

The Art and French students who went to France will display their artworks and pages from their journals