Dear Parents and Carers,

Calling all ex-students and ex-staff to come along to our OPEN HOUSE tomorrow, Saturday 13 June. To celebrate our 125th birthday the College is inviting all ex-students and ex-staff to attend Mass at 2pm in Our Lady of Dolours Church tomorrow, followed by afternoon tea at the College. This is an opportunity to reflect and reconnect.

YEAR 8 2015 SUBJECT SELECTION FOR YEAR 9 2016. To assist parents and students of Year 8 to make wise choices regarding their elective subjects for Years 9 and 10 you will have the opportunity to speak to either the subject teacher or the relevant Co-ordinator.

Tuesday 21 July is the Year 8 Parent/Teacher Interview evening (3.30pm to 6.30pm) and from 4.30pm to 6pm teachers of elective subjects will be available in the Flexible Learning Space.

Remember this year we are using an on-line booking system for interviews. An email will be sent to you next week with instructions and the password.

SESQUICENTENARY OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY. This year it is 150 years since the first Sisters of Mercy arrived in Sydney. Sister Elizabeth McQuoin with a small band of Sisters arrived at the Rocks in 1865 where they set up a school. From here she moved to North Sydney establishing Monte Sant’ Angelo and later her followers established our College at Chatswood.

An historical event happened last Friday when, for the first time the two schools Monte and Mercy joined together in celebration and thanksgiving for all that Elizabeth McQuoin and subsequent Sisters have done for our Colleges. Over 2000 people attend a Eucharistic celebration with the theme “Celebrating the Seeds of Mercy”.

125 YEARS PHOTOGRAPH. On our Photo Day last week, the whole school joined together in the park to form the numbers 125 to commemorate our birthday. See the photo overleaf. It will be available for purchase by families, later in the year.

Best Wishes

Suzanne Kavanagh

Principal
Parent /Teacher Interviews for Term 3

In Term 3 Parent /Teacher Interviews for Years 8, 9 and 10 will be held. Parents will be able to make appointments with their daughter’s teachers on-line. You will be sent an email towards the end of Term 2 with instructions and a code to access the Parent/ Teacher appointment schedule.

Parent/ Teacher Interviews are:
Tuesday 14 July – Year 9  3:30pm – 6:30pm
Tuesday 21 July – Year 8  3:30pm – 6:30pm. Subject selection information 4.30pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 28 July – Year 10  3:30pm – 6:30pm

Please note on the Year 8 Parent/Teacher Interviews evening there will be an opportunity for parents to discuss Year 9 electives for 2016 with teachers in the Flexible Learning Space form 4:30pm – 6:00 pm.

Enrolments

Year 7, 2016
Places are limited for the Year 7 2016 intake and whilst preference will be given to families with daughters already attending the College, we MUST receive a completed enrolment application form by May 31 2015.

Year 7, 2017
We are currently accepting applications for enrolment into Year 7, 2017. The interview process will commence in Term 4 of this year and completed enrolment application forms should be received no later than the end of Term 2 2015.

For more information, or to download an enrolment application form please follow the links under the ‘Enrolment Contacts’ tab on the College website (www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au.).
In the early 1960’s I came to enrol my son at Our Lady of Dolours’ Primary School to find a number of ex-school friends, now nuns, teaching in the Mercy schools in the Parish. I was immediately pressed into service preparing school fee accounts, typing, and doing the banking for both schools.

With the advent of the Catholic Education Office, I was officially employed and given the title of School Secretary, thereby becoming the first secretary employed by Mercy College.

Not long after, Mrs Kit Anderson joined me and so began a personal and working association of many years. We have seen a great number of girls, teachers and some nine or ten Principals come and go over the years.

For some time we were hidden in a little room on one of the split levels and then graduated to the Principal’s office at the front door.

The sick room in the early days was situated adjacent to the office and we always seemed to have a patient in residence. One lass spent so much time with us that we eventually decorated the room to her taste. She was a great fan of the “Bay City Rollers” and we had four huge posters of these strange fellows with their tartan trousers and braces adorning the walls. The Principal eventually discovered there wasn’t an epidemic in the school; the girls were just skipping classes to come and see their idols in the sick room and so the posters had to go. Another time we had a girl, supposedly ill, whom we bedded down after lunch. During the afternoon I looked in to find her fast asleep. Eventually we went home and forgot all about her until she woke up at 8.30 in the evening and phoned for us to come and get her out. The sick room kept Mrs Anderson fully occupied diagnosing anything from appendicitis to tummy ache to heartache. She arranged dances and socials, provided the shy girls with partners and often with a suitable dress to wear.

Later we were joined in the office by Mrs Pauline Hines – a charming, gentle person with a great sense of humour. It was a time of great sadness when Mrs Hines passed away.

The office was an exciting place with something always happening. The most hectic day was when the Commerce class was taken to Paddy’s markets and arrived back at mid-day with cats, dogs, rabbits and even a duck. Naturally they were kept in the office. Graduation day for Year 12 was always a special time for us. We would arrive on the day to find that during the night the office had been filled to the ceiling with coloured balloons, and each year we would look at each other and say “I think they were the nicest Year 12 we have had.”

After 25 years with the school I left to work as Parish Secretary and it is rather nice to meet so many of our ex-students to perhaps arrange their weddings or the baptism of their children and sadly in some cases, arrange their final resting place.

A quarter of a century of my life was spent at Mercy College – I enjoyed every moment of it. I was always very proud of the girls who came to us as nervous little Year 7’s and finally left as beautiful, confident young women – a credit to their school and teachers.
1920s Student Recollection
"My name is Evarleen Jones (O'Rourke). I attended Our Lady of Dolours School from 1921-1928. We paid 6 pence per week but if there was more than one of the family it was 3p, we had four so 1/- we paid. The Brothers, St Pius wasn't built then and we children played around the headstones of the graveyard, sat and ate our lunch there too, we came through from Anderson St., through sliprails to school, we used to have some lessons in a big shed at the back of the main school, also had spelling B's and mental arithmetic in lines in the sun in the yard. I enjoyed my school days. I used to read my "Schoolgirl Friend" inside my bible while in class but was finally copped out. Sometimes I must have given the poor nuns a worry but it was fun and wish we could all go back to those lovely carefree days.

Student Recollections from the 1910s
Grace Grass (Cook) Born 4.12.1909

I went to school at Our Lady of Dolours between 1914 – 1926. I lived in Penshurst St while at school on the corner of Forsyth St near the estate agent. I used to walk to school and sometimes when going home for lunch I used to run along Victoria Ave and race the tram coming from the station.” I lived at Fullers Bridge Road in Fairyland Ave when married. There was a girl Kathleen Carter at school with me who became Sister Patrick at Waitara’s foundling home. Other girls I went to school with were Mary Higgins, Kathleen Nolan.

1930s
"My name is Mary Cantrall (Watt) Left OLDS in 1940. In class with Maureen Maxwell, Mary Lynton, Marjorie balls into our playground, having no dividing fence. Sister would not allow girls to throw it back. Taught by Sister Joseph, Sister Christina. Married John Cantrall who attended Christian Bros. now St Pius X.
My sister Dulcie married John’s brother Pat.”
The History of Mercy Catholic College...continued

**Late 1920s – Early 1930s**

Winsome Betty Blanchfield (Jones) D.O.B. 8.7.22
Sister in law to Evarleen Jones
School from 1928-1936
“There were boys in class with her in green building down from Church. I was the best speller in class and best writer. (we were not drinking at the time of this interview)”
Pauline Boss
Student News

North Sydney Sisters of Mercy Sesquicentenary Mass
Thursday 4th June 2015

After much planning and preparation, the day finally arrived where we celebrated the Sesquicentenary (150 years) of the North Sydney Sisters of Mercy. Both Mercy Catholic College and Monte Sant’ Angelo Mercy College gathered together last Thursday to mark this momentous occasion through the celebration of Mass.

It was a beautiful, warm and sunny winter’s day at North Sydney where over 2000 students, staff, Sisters of Mercy and community members shared Eucharist.

Due to the thoughtful collaboration of staff and students from both colleges, the liturgy was a special and symbolic occasion. There was beautiful music that represented our Mercy tradition, an Aboriginal Leaf Cleansing Ceremony, silhouette puppetry for the Gospel, reflections, presentations, balloons and finally lots of bubbles as we congratulated and thanked those women of Mercy who have worked so tirelessly over the last 150 years. It was very special for the Sisters of Mercy to see how their legacy is continuing in the young women of Mercy today.

It will be a day that we will all remember – a day when we came together as one Mercy community, where we made new friends and met up with old ones as well.

Thank you to all those students and staff who contributed to the many aspects of the celebration.

Mrs Genine D’Arcy
Student News

A Herculean Achievement – Coolock Wins Gold

Instead of Instagram and Facebook, all eyes were glued to the Bureau of Meteorology website on the morning of Friday 29 May to assess the unstable weather conditions that surrounded Sydney. Fortunately, after one carnival being postponed, students were greeted with an overcast day that provided a perfect climate for plenty of activity.

It was clear that students were keen to immerse themselves in the spirit of this day as many had gone to great lengths in dressing up in their Colour House costumes. However, it was Stormanston who won the coveted Cheers with their Wildcat performance that amazed the judges and earned their house valuable points.

The real action soon got underway as athletes began to warm up and prepare themselves for a busy few hours of track and field events. Participation was at an all-time high, especially from the junior year groups with many track events hosting numerous races to cater for the large number of runners. Also, the House races were very popular with many students choosing to earn points in a less competitive manner throughout the day.

Aside from the many PB’s achieved during the carnival, seven College records were also broken which was an outstanding achievement for all involved. Congratulations must also go to the six Age Champions who managed to surpass their rivals and earn the most points for their respective age groups. It was extremely competitive throughout all events so all athletes should be proud of their achievements. Karina B earned the coveted status of Champion Athlete of the day for her four records and eight victories.

In light of these brilliant performances, it was Coolock who secured back-to-back victories for their House in the annual Athletics Carnival. With half of the Age Champions being Coolock students it was obvious that the women in gold were going to be tough to defeat. Stormanston’s high participation rate in all events earned them the most House Spirit Cup points so it is important to recognise their success on the day too.

Special thanks must be extended to all students who participated in the carnival and to all House Captains for their passion and commitment to guarantee their teams were organised. Additionally, thank you to all staff for their assistance in ensuring the day was a success and to all parents who supported their child at Rotary Athletics Oval.

### 2015 Age Champions

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### 2015 College Records

Karina B (17 years): discus, 100m, 200m and long jump
Izzy T—B (17 years): 800m
Jana D (12 years): 100m
Taylah L (14 years): Shot Put

### 2015 Champion Athlete

Karina B - 4 College Records, 8 First places and 2 Second places
Athletics Carnival..continued

2015 Age Champions

2015 College Records

Winning House
Captain Alex R
Athletics Carnival....continued
STUDENTS at St Pius X College, Chatswood, have explored the concept of vulnerability through a new studio musical written by their drama teacher Joshua Combes.

The production, based on Shakespeare’s *Much Ado About Nothing*, features actors from St Pius X College and Mercy College.

Mr Combes said the students had been working on the play for most of the year.

Alyssa D, Lauren B and Lauren R are in the North Shore Times and the Daily Telegraph. Please congratulate the girls if you see them around… and Emma M, Isabella J and Siobhan F who are also in the production.

Well done everyone!
Year 8 Reflection Day

Year 8 recently participated in their annual Religious Education Reflection Day at Terry Hills Community Centre. The day was led by Mr Chris Doyle who played his guitar, sang a wide range of songs, organised team building exercises and games. The girls really enjoyed the day as he inspired them to be the best people they could be. He also encouraged them to reflect on their lives and how they can contribute to society in a positive way. The teachers joined in the fun and gave the girls some advice based on their experiences some suggested the importance of being yourself and that having a smile on your face can make a difference to your emotional well-being while others suggested there is a solution to every problem, you just have to share the problem with someone and ask for help.

Thank you to Ms Dorey, Ms McGreal and Ms Snel for your support and participation in a memorable Year 8 Reflection Day.

Mrs Reid
Year 8 Co-ordinator
Second half of the season (Rounds 8-14)

Despite some solid arguments, only three teams have been re-graded (two down, one up). The NSNA have to consider overall grade / competition balance, and any re-shuffle is contingent on teams either in the grades above or below meeting re-grade criteria to facilitate a swap. This time around, the moons only aligned in a few instances.

Good luck to everyone for the second half of the season. May all the teams set goals that will enable them to chart progress and improvement overall and individually.

Duty Round – Saturday, 20 June

MCC are on duty in Round 9 (next weekend).

We will require volunteers from each team to attend the scorecard desk in the Admin Block and serve in the Canteen. There are hourly shifts throughout the day. Your Team Manager will be in touch with further detail – please be generous with your time. We do this but once a year and it is only fair that we share the load.

Big thanks.

Philomena Brandt
netballmcc@gmail.com
Canteen Roster

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

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Canteen News

**Items only available by lunch order** – Items which are only available when ordered at recess for lunch are: - Margarita Pizzas (v) $3.00, Vegetable Lasagne (v) $4.00, Toasted Sandwiches $3.00 (Cheese, Tomato & Cheese, Chicken & Cheese)

**Volunteers Required** - If you would like to help out at the canteen for a couple of hours even for once a term you will be much appreciated as Monday and Tuesday are very low in volunteers no previous experience required and tasks are very simple.

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

Monday       Tuesday       Wednesday       Thursday       Friday

Part day (specify time eg 9.30-12 or 12-2.30) ________________

I am able to do: (please circle)

Once a Term       Twice a Term       Once a Month

Name: _______________________________        Daughter/s: _______________________________

Phone: _______________________________        Year in 2015: _______________________________

Email: _______________________________
Parent News

MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE
CHATSWOOD

125th Anniversary Celebrations
Saturday 13th June 2015

Reunion Mass
2:00 - 3:00pm - Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church

Open House
3:00pm - 5:00pm - Mercy Catholic College Chatswood

Reflect and Reconnect
We welcome all Mercy ex-students and ex-teachers to attend our celebratory event

RSVP: mccchatswood125years@gmail.com

Visit facebook for further details.
Weekend events and tours now open for Refugee Camp in my Neighbourhood Auburn

Public tour bookings are now available for the Refugee Camp in my Neighbourhood tours on Sat 13, Sun 14, Sat 20, Sun 21 June and some weekdays. All tours are free and run for approximately 2 hours (including a debrief session).

A range of events will also be held including kite making, film screenings and cooking classes. All the information is available on the website www.refugeeweekauburn.com.au.


Parenting Programs

Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT’S ON IN TERM 3 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Teens Course
Skills to communicate with your teenagers so that you understand each other better & are able to build positive relationships.
* Understanding teenagers today & communication skills
* Emotional intelligence skills
* How to prevent behaviour problems & conflict resolution
  Chatswood 5 wks/2.5hrs  (30/7 - 27/8, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop
* Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship with your teenager
* Understand what it is like being a teenager today
* Learn how to talk so that they listen & how to listen so that they talk to you
  Chatswood (23/7, 7.00-9.30pm)

Tuning in to Kids Course - Chatswood (27/7 - 24/8)
Triple P Seminars- Chatswood (5/8, 12/8 & 19/8)
Communicating with Kids Workshop (based on RTC)- Chatswood (31/8)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF TEENS - 9887 5830
* Dealing with Teen’s Back Chat
* Transition to High School
* Triple P Seminar Series (Teens)
* Resilient Kids
* Bully Busting Workshop

OTHER WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST (2-2.5 hours)
* Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
* Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
* Speech & Language Development/Sleep
* Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series (1-12 years)
* Older Sibling - New Baby
* Transition to School
* Grand Parenting
* Communicating with Kids

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

NSW Health
Northern Sydney Local Health District
Marriage Debate – What Can You Do?

As you may be aware, the question of Same Sex Marriage has taken on a certain urgency recently. This question is not something that should only be left for Parliamentarians to decide, based solely on the views of lobbyists and pressure groups. We all have a responsibility and a voice to make clear that a change in the definition of marriage will impact our local communities in very real and immediate ways. To assist you in being well informed, a number of resource and information materials are available on the Diocesan website www.dbb.org.au including a Draft letter to Members of Parliament and contacts for those representatives in Broken Bay. To find out more about what you can do, please contact the Diocesan Communications Office on 9847 0724 / news@dbb.org.au.
Raising Resilient Teenagers

FREE online program empowering parents to make sense of adolescence and parent their teenager more confidently.

We are seeking parents and their teenagers to take part in a trial of a new online parenting program designed to provide parents with strategies to deal with adolescence, and protect their teenagers’ mental health.

Who can take part?
Parents or guardians of at least one child aged 12 to 15 who live in Australia, are fluent in English, and have internet access.

As our program is designed to prevent depression and anxiety disorders in teenagers, it is best suited for parents of teenagers who are not already having difficulties with depression or anxiety.

If you are concerned about your teenager’s mental health, we recommend that you see a trained mental health professional instead of participating in this trial.

What’s involved?
• As a parent, you will receive a brief, individually tailored parenting program that will give you feedback about your current parenting and strategies to reduce the risk of depression and anxiety in your teenager.
• You will be allocated to one of two groups, either receiving the program straight away, or in 3 months’ time.
• We will ask both you and your teenager (if they agree to take part) to complete some online surveys, at the beginning, and after 3 months. We may also ask you to complete similar surveys after 6 and 12 months.

In total over 12 months, your participation will take a few hours of yours and your child’s time. To say thank you, both you and your child will be reimbursed with e-gift vouchers.

How do I find out more?
To find out more, or to register to participate, please go to www.parentingstrategies.net/depression.brief.intervention
For further details, you can contact the researchers at med-parentingstrategies@monash.edu or on (03) 9905 1250.

MONASH University

This research has been approved by the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee.
MONTE PARENTS & FRIENDS INVITE YOU TO

The 2015 Parent Forum
Tuesday 16 June

Professor Ian Hickie
Professor Hickie is an internationally renowned mental health expert, a Professor of Psychiatry, a National Mental Health Commissioner and Executive Director of the University of Sydney Brain and Mind Research Institute. He is also a father of six.

As a leading voice on youth mental health, Professor Hickie’s talk on ‘teenagers, technology and mental health’ should not be missed.

DATE / TIME
TUESDAY 16 JUNE
Refreshments from 7pm
7:30pm - 9pm

VENUE
MCQUIN CENTRE, MONTE SANT’ ANGELO MERCY COLLEGE
128 Miller Street, North Sydney

TO BOOK TICKETS
TICKETS ARE FREE BUT LIMITED
www.trybooking.com/119390

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
Lauren Heath president@montepandf.org.au

https://youtu.be/qZC4x46uuXI
Career News

Project Management Winter Camp
Thursday 9 July - Friday 10 July
9.00am - 4.00pm
Darlington Campus
The University of Sydney

A two-day intensive workshop for Year 10, 11 and 12 students which aims to provide a head start in project management and demonstrate the opportunities available in this field. Please contact 02 9036 7517 or email kenneth.chung@sydney.edu.au or visit http://sydney.edu.au/project-management/winter-camp/

Change to Admission to Law 2017 Entry

In 2017 undergraduate entry into law will include a reasoning and rational assessment in conjunction with ATAR. Published ATAR will likely move down to 95.00, therefore allowing aptitude as well as ATAR to be used as part of the criteria for entry into law. For further information please visit http://www.law.unsw.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/entry

Find a Degree

UNSW’s Find a Degree tool, enables prospective students to search by Faculty and see all undergraduate degrees on offer. The tool provides all the information about each degree including the previous year’s ATAR cut-off, this year’s Guaranteed Selection Rank, the study areas, and majors. Please visit http://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/find-degree

The My Future website currently lists over 4000 undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships. The type of support ranges from course fees, accommodation, grants, and travel within or outside Australia, and covers fields of study across all Australian universities.

To view please visit http://www.myfuture.edu.au/tools-and-resources/study-or-training-options/scholarshipsearch
Career News

New Pathways into Law

Students who have been admitted to a non-law degree at Macquarie University in 2016 will be able to apply for admission to the Pre-Law Pathway prior to their first session of studies. To gain entry into the Pre-Law Pathway prospective students are required to have completed the HSC in 2015, achieved an ATAR above 93, and be accepted into an approved degree at Macquarie. For further information please check [http://law.mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate_law_programs/new_pathways_into_law/](http://law.mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate_law_programs/new_pathways_into_law/)

Global Leadership Entry Programme for Year 12 Students

Applications close Saturday 15 August

The Global Leadership program provides students with the opportunity to gain practical skills through volunteering and participating in leadership activities in Australian and overseas. As part of the programme students will gain early entry into a limited number of Macquarie degrees and will also receive invitations to special events and pre-study programmes.

The programme is open to Year 12 students who are not only doing academically well but are also leaders in their community. Please contact 1800 351 117 for any enquiries or visit [https://mg.edu.au/study/undergraduate/getting_in/entry_schemes_and_pathways/global_leadership_entry_program/](https://mg.edu.au/study/undergraduate/getting_in/entry_schemes_and_pathways/global_leadership_entry_program/)
Career News

Engineering Industry Merit Based Scholarships
Applications Open Monday 6 July
Applications Close Monday 5 October

A number of Industry Sponsored scholarships are available to provide financial support for the first year of the Bachelor of Engineering Diploma in Engineering Practice degree. Scholars will have direct access to industry sponsors and many undertake an internship with their sponsor company. Applicants will be chosen based on their academic performance, skills evidence in leadership, commitment to an understanding of the engineering profession, and demonstrated initiative in extra-curricular activities. For further information please contact 9514 2666 or email FEITOutreach@uts.edu.au or http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/scholarships/0000017874

Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship Programme
Round 1 - Applications Close Friday 19 June
Round 2 - Applications Open Monday 3 August
Round 2 - Applications Close Wednesday 30 September

The Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship Program provides students with $15,500 per year of study, and two six month full-time industry placements with sponsor organisations. There are two rounds of applications in 2015 for the 2016 intake. For further info please check http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/information-technology/essential-information/how-apply/how-apply-bit

New Digital Course Guides

New interactive course guides are designed to help students explore their UTS course and career options in new and engaging ways. Please visit https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/teachers/tools-and-resources/course-guides for further information.

UTS INSEARCH: Guide Available for 2015

The guide showcases academic programmes, support services and activities available at UTS INSEARCH. Visit http://www.insearch.edu.au/about-uts-insearch/publication-download

Free HSC Study Sessions
Monday 29 June - Friday 3 July
Bankstown and Kingswood Campuses

Free study sessions facilitated by HSC teachers where students can review mandatory syllabus content, participate in discussions, and learn exam techniques. http://www.uws.edu.au/hsc_study_sessions/hsc_study_sessions