Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Open House on Saturday the 13th June was a great success. Over 300 ex-students and ex-staff, along with present staff and representatives of the Sisters of Mercy congregation celebrated Eucharist together before adjourning to the College for Afternoon Tea.

The oldest ex-student present on the day graduated from Mercy College in 1946.

There was much conversation and laughter as people reconnected and told stories of the past. What a wonderful way to celebrate our history and our connectedness as a community.

ACADEMIC REPORTS
Parents of students in Years 7 to 10 will receive their daughter’s report in the mail this week. The end of Semester 1 is a time for students to reflect on what they have learnt. It is important to remember that no matter what the ability level, everyone can strive for excellence in whatever they do; so look carefully at your daughter’s report not just at the grade but at the effort column to see whether she is working to her capability. Give praise and encouragement where due.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parents of Years 8, 9 and 10 should have by now received an email with instructions and a password for you to book your teacher appointments on-line. Be quick to get the time slot you want.

Best Wishes

Suzanne Kavanagh
Principal
As we begin the holidays for Term 2, I would like to thank the
• Staff for all the work they have done this term, especially with the number of major events.
• Students who have participated in all these events enthusiastically as well as working hard on their studies.
• Parents for your ongoing support for the College. It is important that we work together encouraging your daughter’s to live out the Mercy values.
I wish everyone a restful holiday.

Elizabeth Kayrooz
Assistant Principal
Early 1960s Student Recollection

In the early 1960’s when we had the blinds drawn at lunch time so we could not observe the Pius boys who came out to lunch before us. The only time we had the opportunity to latch eyes on the boys was on a Friday when we went to Benediction together! We were told by a certain nun “if I was dressed up in the yard broom in trousers – you would be after that”.

A student - Joan Liden recalls the late 1930s

“I attended the school in 1938-41. I have many happy memories of my school life at St Catherine’s. Sister Gregory and Sister Cyril were my teachers. Margaret Tweedy, Joan Lynch, Thea Nowlings, Margaret Monica Coy and my very best friend Maureen Donnely.”

Early 1940s

I enrolled at St Catherine’s in 1941 as a 5 year old, then a year or so later the school merged with Our Lady of Dolours and we “crossed the road”. I remember fondly dear Sister Joseph and Sister Mary Charles (the old tyrant – “who’s the Queen of Chatswood? “ ... Sister Mary Charles”. She probably just had a great sense of humour but she sure put the fear of hell into us 7 year olds). Girls I remember well – Mary Dye, Anne Horner, Anne Courtney, Valda Lees, Berenice Drover, Mary Lyn Lawson. I’d love to meet up with any of them if I could.”

Rosie Rider (now Rose Pickard )

Late 50s

“My name is Jennifer Smith (Morgan). I attended Our Lady of Dolours from 1957-1962. We had a very strict dress code during that time. Once I was sent home for forgetting my school apron. I lived at Forestville at the time. My mother would not let me return and was up at the school the next day with a few well chosen words to Mother Carisas. What also stays in my mind is Sister Mary Claver’s sex lessons”.

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Thriving at Mercy

Many parents find that they have had the chance to see a new environment of a small school.

At Mercy Catholic College, which opened in 1984, academic and pastoral care programmes have been designed to promote confidence and success.

"It is a very happy school," teacher Anne Donnelly said.

For some students, the school's location has been a feature.

"It is close to where we live," one student said.

Yr 7 Students enjoy a lesson outdoors

"The school is very spacious and well-equipped for learning," another student said.

"Teacher Donnelly is always available to help us," a student said.

Trailer’s Bushcare tale

"Hello world... let’s make a better place," was the message from Mercy College students taking part in World Environment Day activities at Chatswood and Mill hill last week.

Last Thursday, the school held its first bushcare day, and the students were excited.

"We are learning about the importance of protecting our environment," one student said.

Willingborough Mayor Emma Ryan said the school was an example of how adults and children could work together to protect and enhance local bushland.

"The school will be used to promote awareness at a variety of events such as local schools, shops, community groups and other organisations," Mayor Ryan said.

"The key message of reducing waste, conserving water and going to the local ecovillage is environmental protection," she said.

"We encourage local businesses and residents to participate in environmental activities," she said.

Catholic Girls’ High School

CHATSWOOD.

Major Retail Complex by David Jones

Below is the content of a public notice received by the school re the D.J.’s proposed development.

It is the view of the staff in the school that the complex will have a disastrous effect on the educational environment of the school.

"... A further amended proposal to erect a major retail shopping complex at Chatswood has been approved in principle by Council following advice that the Minister for Planning and Environment is prepared to suspend the provisions of the Willoughby Planning Scheme and amend Interim Development Order No. 17 to enable the development to proceed.

The site which had an area of some 82,850m² has frontage to Archer Street, Heridah St., Victoria Avenue and Havelah Street and involves a partial road closure of Havelah Lane and the northern section of Heridah Street. Access is also to be available by the proposed access road off Malvern Avenue. (See Location plan.) The proposed development provides for a Department Store, Variety Store, small shops reception rooms etc. having a total net trading floor area of about 41,000m². Car parking is provided for about 1,885 vehicles within a multi-deck car parking station.

A scale model and plans of the proposal have been placed on public exhibition and may be viewed at the Town Planning Department, 2nd floor, Administrative Building, 411 Victoria Avenue, Chatswood..."
CENTENARY

It may be an opportunity at this stage to give mention to some of the occasions in which the girls from Mercy College took pride.

- Students delighted audiences with hand bell-ringing at Grace Bros. Chatswood leading up to Christmas 1981.
- A Youth and Community Week held at the school during 1984 raised $2,500 for St Lucy’s School for Blind and Visually Handicapped Children.
- Some of the the girls joined with St Pius X musicians to win the 1989 “Battle of the Bands” competition held during that year.

The above occasions give an example of the versatility of the students in playing part in different areas of charitable giving and entertainment.

April 1981 saw the official opening of the Music, Art and Technics Block at St Pius X College. It was named the Frank Supple Building. In 1985 construction began on the multi-purpose hall. It was chiefly used as a gymnasium. This was completed in 1988 and officially opened and blessed by Bishop Patrick Murphy in July.

In 1983 co-educational classes were discontinued between the school and St Pius X, and in November 1988 the Ministry of Education and Youth Affairs released its Discussion Paper on the curriculum and called for public comment. Many submissions were received as a result of this which led to all proposals in the original Paper being re-examined. As a result of this undertaking many proposals have been significantly changed.

No curriculum changes resulting from the reforms outlined in this paper will be implemented in schools before 1992 to allow time for further extensive consultations and planning.

As 1990 – the Centenary Year approached, a band of ex-students met with the idea of forming an ex-students’ association. Several attempts had been made in the past to document details of past students, but up to this time these attempts had failed. Lack of records was one reason; this would have come about by the fact that so many of the old records had been destroyed at the time of demolishing...
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. An email was sent on 19th June with the instructions and an instruction sheet has been included with your daughter’s report.

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.

Student News
Year 8 Christmas in June

On Wednesday the 3rd of June, all of Year 8 walked across the road to the rotunda during lunch time to celebrate ‘Christmas in June’. This included a large lunch provided by each student in Year 8 and the exchanging of Secret Santa presents. Each student had a great time and enjoyed swapping presents and eating lunch together. The purpose of this lunch was to bring our Year Group closer, and to experience a fun activity with the whole grade. Secret Santa was a perfect way to achieve this and definitely did so. It was very funny to watch the surprised faces on everyone when they opened their gifts, and we were all very happy with what we received. There were lots of great photos taken expressing how much fun everyone had, including the teachers, and Year 8 look forward to our next grade gathering later in the term!

Phoebe C
Creative Arts/Media Portfolio Representative
Student News
Year 10 Amphitheatre Acts

On Wednesday 3rd June, Year 10 held their ‘amphitheatre acts at lunch time’. We had a great amount of talent showcased and listened to some amazing voices and talented musicians. The first act was Aisha H, Nina P, Rhea T and Mr Robertson performing a beautiful version of ‘Sunday Morning’ by Maroon 5. Following this was Keelin M and Tasha M singing the popular song ‘Let It Go’ by James Bay and to finish the acts, Rhea T and Rheanne L—F performed ‘Weightless’ by All Time Low.

Thank you to all our acts and to Mr Robertson for organising the equipment.

Alex S

Message from Caritas

“Thank you for the generous donation and your support for our work in response to the Earthquake in Nepal.

Funds raised through Caritas Australia’s Nepal Earthquake Appeal will support the short and long-term disaster response and recovery work of our local partners and the international Caritas network in Nepal and neighbouring countries. Despite the challenging conditions and a second powerful earthquake, Caritas staff are continuing to work to help those affected in Kathmandu and isolated regions. Our coordinated response will support families with urgent needs such as shelter, food and hygiene kits. The Caritas network has already supported over 38,000 individuals and aims to reach 175,000 people in the coming weeks.

Thank you once again for standing in solidarity with those families affected by this devastating crisis.”

Well done Mercy

Helen Thomas
Youth Minister
**Student News**

2015 Leadership Afternoon Tea

Our Mercy Leadership Afternoon tea was a great success, with everybody contributing in all activities and generally getting to know one another. It was a great opportunity for us to get to know how other schools pursue their leadership roles and how we can improve our leadership team at Mercy. **Elyssa**

The activities were lots of fun, but the best part was being able to meet new people from different schools and discuss leadership initiatives. I came away from the afternoon tea with new inspiration and a sense of empowerment. **Karina**

The leadership afternoon tea was an insightful experience into leadership at other schools. It gave us a chance to socialise and learn how others leaders influence their school. This afternoon tea was very enjoyable! **Rachel**

I thought the afternoon tea was really good as we met students from other schools and hear what they do as a part of their leadership roles. The team building activities worked well and allowed us to form connections with other people and schools. **Liz**
At the end of Term One the CSDA Debating season started. It has been a long competition. And it is with great pride that we can say that we are still involved as the Final approaches in Term 3.

Mercy College community would like to congratulate the Year 7 and 8 debating teams who have won two finals and have made it to the Semi Finals. This means the Year 7 and 8 teams are in the top four teams out of over 80 schools in the Catholic Schools Debating Association Competition based in Sydney. They have pleased me in the way they have improved each week and developed skills which have won debates. They have had to debate tricky subjects along the way but they have done it with a bit of style and sass.

I would personally like to commend the Year 9 and 10 debaters, who were eliminated from the competition at the end of the six debates of the round robin. Year 9 was especially unlucky to have lost two debates which meant they did not continue. I would like them to know that they are good debaters. Both teams debated with enthusiasm.

Debating is a wonderful but difficult skill to develop. It has so many benefits to the way you think and the way you communicate with others. It strengthens your confidence and it challenges your perceptions. It challenges you to understand the complexity of all situations and it demands articulate argument, essentially thought of “on the spot”.

I would also like to thank all students who helped to host the debates held at Mercy during this term. They were polished in their manner and good ambassadors of the school. And I would like to thank all the teachers who assisted in the running of the debate competition. Their experience as adjudicators and coaches is invaluable.

The Semi Final debate will be held on July 17 at OLMC Parramatta. Everyone is invited, especially the debaters of Years 9 and 10, to show their support for the younger girls. It will be a nail-biting, exciting event.

Good Luck

Year 7: Isabella S, Betsy W, Holly H, Felicia L, Jasmine P.
Year 8: Vanya D'Silva, Claire F, Alessia I, Sarah B, Aoife M.
Year 9: Zoe C, Caitlin H, Danielle C, Tanisha S, Nicola B.
Year 10: Sarah H, Keelin M, Ella K, Aisha H, Ashleigh H.

Rachel Morgan

Year 8: Aoife, Claire and Vanya
On the 1st of June, Year 9 and 10 Visual Art elective classes went on an excursion to the Museum of Contemporary Art to view the exhibition "Light Show".

At the gallery we were split up into four groups, with guides who showed us the various light exhibitions. The guides told us the concepts of the artworks and presented us with a different way of looking and thinking about them.

One of the favourite artworks was David Batchelor’s work, which consisted of an extraordinary industrial installation, framed by a wide range of rainbow-coloured lights.

There were also some weird and wonderful exhibits, including Leo Vallancel’s Cylinder, with sparkled with moving stars and a work of James Darel, which was a red screen that showed the angles of the room in lighter shades of the original colour.

Soon after, the amazing light exhibit came to an end and it was time for lunch. After lunch we split into Year Groups of 9 and 10, and took a tour of the Rocks.

We took some photographs for our next unit of work, Year 9 focusing on architecture and Year 10 on spaces for installations. We were very inspired by the view and the surroundings around us. Finally the time came to leave and we caught the train back to Chatswood. It was a great experience, and one we will never forget.

By Olivia V D K and Elizabeth K
Happy Holidays – see you after the break

The competition resumes with **Round 10 on 18 July** - the first Saturday back in Term 3.

Enjoy a break from the regular training and game routine, but please work on fitness over the next few weeks.

**Please note: weekly netball training will not make you / keep you fit.**

Sustaining effort and stamina over four quarters will make a big difference to some, if not all, teams. Likewise goalies, keep practicing your shooting and improve those percentages!

**Duty Round – Saturday, 20 June**

Many thanks to all the parent volunteers who turned up for scorecard and canteen duty last Saturday.

Every school team was represented and you all fronted on time, with a smile.

Great team effort from the Mercy netball community.

**MERCY ACTIVITIES CLUB— BASKETBALL TEAMS**

**Its Grand Final Time**

Mercy has 2 basketball teams this season, an U14 women's div 4 team and an U19 women's div 2 team.

Both have performed very well this season and made it through to the finals last Friday 19th June. The finals results were-

U16 team won the finals 17 to 13

U19 team won the finals 29 to 10

Both teams will now be playing in the **Grand Final Friday 26th June** and we wish them **GOOD LUCK.**

**U16 team play at 5.30pm and U19 will play at 7.30pm. Crows Nest Indoor Basketball Sports Centre, Hume St Crows Nest**

( Please follow the results in the newsletter next term)
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

**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.

**We NEED you. Can you HELP?**

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:__________________________
Parent News

Artxtra Program (9–16yrs)

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For bookings please call 99581298 or email judy@nsva.com.au
Venue: 307 Station Rd, Northbridge (near roundabout)

LOWES
SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR

MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE.
SPECIAL SALES WEEK
Lowes Chatswood, Monday 22nd June, 2015 – Sunday 28th June, 2015

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Career News

College of the Arts Winter High School Workshops
Monday 29 June - Friday 3 July
10.00am - 4.00pm
Sydney College of the Arts Campus
Kirkbride Way Lilyfield

An opportunity for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to gain an insight into the Bachelor of Visual Arts. Participants will be able to build a portfolio that demonstrates their depth and diversity of contemporary art, as well as get support with artistic direction. Please visit http://sydney.edu.au/sca/events/winter_workshops/

Discover Digital Design Winter High School Workshops
Interactive Digital Product Design: Tuesday 30 June - Thursday 2 July
Web and Mobile App Design: Tuesday 7 July - Thursday 9 July
10.00am - 4.00pm
The Faculty of Architecture Design and Planning
Wilkinson Building (G04)
148 City Road University of Sydney

High School students in Years 10-12 are invited to participate in digital product design and web and mobile app design, to experience what it’s like to study the Bachelor of Design Computing at the University of Sydney. Attendees will be able to develop new skills and use new tools to address specific social and commercial challenges as well as develop a portfolio that demonstrates depth and diversity within design and creative technologies. For further information please visit http://sydney.edu.au/architecture/events/winter_workshop/

Sydney College of Arts Information Evening
Thursday 2 July - 4.00pm - 8.00pm

Come along to this Information Evening and meet staff, hear from recent graduates, and get information on admissions and portfolio preparation. Contact creatives@sydney.edu.au or visit http://sydney.edu.au/sca/future-students/undergraduate/infoevening

Physics and Astronomy Careers Night
Wednesday 16 September - 5.45pm - 8.30pm
North Ryde Campus

Successful Macquarie graduates from a range of organizations and career stages will share inside knowledge on their experiences in physics, photonics, and astronomy. Please contact Janine Lacey janine.lacey@mq.edu.au or visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about/events/view/physics-and-astronomy-careers-night-3/
Career News

Discover Nursing
Wednesday 22 July - 6.00pm

An interactive workshop where participants can learn more about the working life of a nurse. For more information please visit http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/health/about-health/events-and-brochures/discover-sessions

Degrees for High Achievers Information Sessions
Wednesday 22 July - 4.30pm - 6.30pm
SCEGGS Darlington
Forbes Street - Darlinghurst

Speak to staff, current students, and learn about the opportunity to undertake research as part of an undergraduate degree at Australian National University. Please contact Naomi Shadbolt on 02 6125 7240 or science@anu.edu.au or visit http://science.anu.edu.au/degreesforhighachievers

Getting to Know Nursing
Tuesday 1 September - 6.00pm
160 Oxford Street Darlinghurst

Meet academic staff, engage in clinical activities, experience a Nursing lecture and tour their campus.

Time Management for Year 12
Wednesday 30 September - 9.00am - 1.30pm
104 Broadway Chippendale

The Academic and Enabling Support Centre will be open to assist Year 11 students to develop useful skills for their exams and assessments. Please visit http://www.nd.edu.au/events/sydney for further information.
UMAT PROGRAMME

Interested in medicine or a career in health? Need to tackle the UMAT and interviews?

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