Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3

Semester Two has begun with Parent/Teacher evenings for Years 8 and 9, Year 10 will be on Tuesday 28 July. These evenings provide valuable feedback on Semester One and ways for your daughter to improve her learning throughout Semester Two.

In Term 2, Mercy competed in the Catholic Schools Debating Competition in which two teams Years 7 and 8 made it through to last Friday’s semi-finals at OLMC Parramatta. The girls debated extremely well but unfortunately did not make it to the finals. I was very proud of the girls’ achievements as there were 150 schools competing in this competition and to make the semi-finals was outstanding. All the teams that debated throughout Term 2 are to be congratulated on their wonderful efforts.

Students also competed in the BBSSSA Netball Gala Day on July 15. The girls showed great determination and sportsmanship in their games. Even though we did not make the finals, the girls were wonderful ambassadors for the College on the day.

It is important that the students continue to do their best in their learning as well as become involved in many of the College events coming up this term. ‘It is the ordinary things that we do extraordinary well in life that can make a difference to our world.’

At this time I would ask the College community to remember Year 12 in their prayers as they begin the Trial HSC Exams on Monday 27 July. I wish Year 12 all the best.

May we pray:

A Prayer at Exam Time

Gracious God, some of our students are anxious, worried, or tense about exams; we ask You to grant them the gifts of peace and calm during this time. Help them to do their best so that they can reap the rewards of their study. Help them also to be true friends and a support to one another. Allow them to give you the gift of their work, so that they can use their talents now and in the future in your service. We ask through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Elizabeth Kayrooz
Acting Principal
Winter Uniform

- Years 7-12: College kilt (length is to be 5cm below the knee), blouse, jumper, blazer, pale grey tights/stockings.
- All students: Skivvies are not to be worn under the blouse.
- Pale grey tights/stockings. Socks are not to be worn under tights/stockings.
- Black, lace-up leather school shoes with no coloured stitching, metal tabs or higher heels.
- Plain navy or black scarf (if required), to be purchased from the College office. Cost $15 (made by ladies in Peru who are supported by the Sisters of Mercy). No other coloured scarf is to be worn.
- The College blazer must be worn as the outer garment.

General Uniform Regulations:

- If the hair touches the collar, it should be tied back with a ribbon, scrunchie or hairclip in navy, white or black.
- Hair should be a natural colour and of a conservative style.
- The following jewellery items may be worn: a watch, one pair of plain studs or sleepers (gold or silver) in the lower earlobe. All other facial piercing is prohibited. A cross on a chain may be worn but must not be visible when worn with the school uniform.
- Make-up, nail polish, acrylic and gel nails are not to be worn.
- Chewing gum is prohibited. A detention will be issued to students who chew gum.

It is important that the students wear their uniform with pride, showing respect for themselves and the College.

PE uniforms are not to be worn to or from school. It may be worn to school if a student has netball training or boot camp but must change into their College uniform before Period 1.

Girls are not to wear leggings for training or any sporting event.

Liturgy

Wednesday’s Liturgy was centred around Pope Francis’s encyclical, Laudato Si’, which encompasses caring for our environment. Karina, our Environment Portfolio Leader, passionately discussed how small actions, such as flicking off a light switch in an unused room can help preserve the earth. All small efforts combined with efforts from many other people ultimately do create change and so she highlighted the importance of caring for the earth we live in. A breath of fresh air was also brought into the church as charismatic and multi-talented musician Simon Hyland introduced and lead us in some new hymns. Simple yet catchy, we caught on quickly and were soon singing in chorus.

Momoko
Creative Arts/Media Portfolio Leader
Student News

Claymations Article—TAS Department

On Friday 17th July, Year 8 participated in a technology incursion called “Claymation”, run by DigiEd. The incursion consisted of the creation of a short film made with small clay characters and colourful paper backdrops. It went for the entire school day and was very enjoyable! At the beginning of the day, each technology class was shown a demonstration of how to produce the film and manufacture the set and the characters. The process was extremely detailed and precise and involved taking a large amount of photographs that later made up the short film. It was amazing to find out that for every one second of the film, approximately 12 photos needed to be taken! Year 8 thoroughly enjoyed the incursion and found it very informative and interesting and would happy to do it again!

Phoebe C
Year 8 Media/Creative Arts Representative

Year 8 Mathematics

On Monday 22 June, the Year 8 maths classes took turns participating in a maths incursion. The workshop went for two hours in length, and consisted of problem solving activities and ways to improve understanding of difficult maths questions. The purpose of this activity was to expand Year 8’s encouragement towards maths by helping them identify the correct strategies for problem solving and basic maths equations. There were many rewards for participation and achievement, and most girls loved the fact that there were challenges including the reward of chocolate and lollies! Overall, the workshop was a huge success, and year eight greatly enjoyed taking part in this incursion.

Phoebe C (Year 8)
Year 8 Media/Creative Arts Representative
BBSSSA Netball Gala Day

Senior Netball Team

Our Senior team played 3 round robins against Mount St Benedict's, St Joseph's and Mater Maria, with a final against Stella Maris. Our first game against Mount St Benedict’s was close in the first half, but unfortunately we lost it in the second half with the other teams pulling ahead 15-8. Our second game was a win against Mater Maria with outstanding shooting and tight defense we won! For the last of the round robins we versed St Joseph's. It was a close game but we didn't grab the win, meaning we finished 3rd in our pool. Stella Maris was our last game of the day and unfortunately we couldn't pull the win. The senior team finish 6th overall and we were extremely proud to represent Mercy at such a fun and competitive gala day.

A special thanks to our coach Mrs Kellendonk for supporting us and teaching us throughout the day.

Sarah N Year 12

Intermediate Netball Team

On Wednesday 15th July, 9 girls were selected to play in the Intermediate team for the BBSSSA Gala Day. We met the other selected girls and teachers at school around 7.20 am. We played in the Pool B competition against three other schools: St Peter’s, Stella Maris and MacKillop. We won 1 of these games which resulted in us coming 3rd. After, this we won the play off against Mater Maria, where we came 5th place overall. Altogether, this was a fun and exciting day.

A big thanks to Ms Hogan for her fabulous coaching and guidance.

Bianca T & Annabelle H

Junior Netball Team

The Year 8 team set out for what was to be an exciting and challenging day. We played well, demonstrating sportsmanship and the Mercy values. We placed third in our pool and went home with a sense of achievement, having put our all into every game. We especially enjoyed winning against St Leos.

Congratulations to our team: Sarah B, Remie C, Claudia D-R, Emily H, Hayley H, Molly L, Georgia M, Breanna T, Marli V

Many thanks to Ms Dorey for being a great coach.

Sarah B Year 8
Year 7 Netball Team

On the 15th July, nine Year 7 students participated in the BBSSSA Netball championships at Pennant Hills. Due to their hard work and determination, were placed equal 3rd overall and 2nd in their pool. They challenged great teams but came out on top both physically and mentally. Everyone played their best and worked well as a team. We had loads of fun too! The following Year 7 girls represented the MCC in netball: Gabrielle P, Tiana J, Lauren B, Ainsley B, Sofie T, Lilly H, Kiana K, Holly H and Rosemary K.

Thanks to Mrs Lee for being a wonderful coach and mentor leading up to and on the day.

Lauren B Year 7

Broken Bay secondary sports NEW website
http://www.brokenbaysport.org.au
Activities Club

Basketball

The Mercy Magpies finished the season strongly, making it to the Grand Final of the Under 19 Women’s division 2 - against Willoughby Girls High School. While WGHS were deserved victors on the night (31-12), the girls can be very proud of their effort.

Despite being two players down (Georgia and Olivia) and suffering three injuries early on, the girls showed a lot of courage and determination to give their all. Reese, Ignazia and Chloe were terriers in defence while Keelin, Ella, Sonia and Oona worked hard to penetrate the WGHS perimeter to take their scoring opportunities.

Playing in the Grand Final was a great experience and capped off a season which saw our skills and teamwork improve in leaps and bounds. Most importantly, represented Mercy College well and always had fun! Players in the team are: Reese M, Ignazia R, Chloe S, Sonia M, Oona S, Olivia G, Georgia N, Keelin M and Ella K.

Coach- John Stokes

The Mercy Mermaids WON their GRAND FINAL, with a score of 29 to 18, they defeated the Firebirds in the U16 women’s div 4. The girls were a little nervous as they had lost to this team the first time around but won the second time they played them in the comp, so the result could have gone either way. The game started off with virtually goal for goal and then by half time we had hit the lead with a score of 13 to 9. With great defence work from Hayley & Lilly, brilliant intercepts from Esther and some super shots from Jess, Esther, Hayley, Lilly & Marie the team surged ahead. Victoria, Marie, Laura, Esther and Jess were also great in the mid court supporting each other as they took the ball down to the goals. A great game to watch and as a coach I was very impressed with all players on the night.

The team has had a great season winning all except two of their games. Well done and congratulations to them all.

Players- Hayley, Esther, Lilly, Jess, Marie, Victoria & Laura

Coach- Sharon Houston
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 once a term it will be much appreciated. Monday and Tuesday are very low although there are many times when Wednesday, Thursday and Friday volunteers are needed.

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:_________________________
Career News

Undergraduate Admissions 2016

Applications for Semester 1- 2016 open - Wednesday 5 August

On-time applications close on Wednesday 30 September
http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/

Passion for Business

Applications close Monday 31 August

A guaranteed early entry program designed to nurture learning and provide a step up for students in their future business career. The programme is available to current Year 12 students who have completed or are completing a business related subject in Year 11 and / or 12.

Students may study a range of business degrees as part of the programme including accounting, human resources, and marketing. Please visit http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/faculties_institutes_and_centres/law_and_business/school_of_business/passion_for_business

Sydney Open Day

Thursday 13 August
2.00pm - 6.00pm
CQ University Sydney - 400 Kent Street

Explore the campus and have questions answered by staff and students. For more information please visit https://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar/event-items/graduation/sydney-open-day

Sydney Event Calendar

Saturday 1 August - Tuesday 11 August

A range of events and activities catered towards high school students, university students and engineering graduates will be hosted across Australia. Please visit https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/sites/default/files/aew_sydney_2015_calendar.pdf to download Sydney event calendar
Career News

HSC Study Tips
The School For Excellence (TSFX) provides educational services designed to help students maximise their Year 11 and 12 marks. TSFX has released their study tips for a number of specific HSC subjects including Chemistry, Business Studies, and General Maths. Please visit http://www.tsfx.com.au/hsc-study-tips/

HSC Faceook Live Q and As
Thursday 1 October - 6:00pm
UTS will be hosting HSC Live Q & A sessions with HSC senior markers and teachers this October. The five subjects and dates of each Live Q and A will be announced soon. Please check on https://www.facebook.com/events/668149343315626/

Pre-Professional Year
Applications close Thursday 13 August
Sydney Dance Company’s Pre-Professional Year provides a unique opportunity for aspiring professional dancers to attend a one year, full time training course. Open to students that are at least 18 years of age in 2016, this nationally accredited one year intensive offers students the chance to work with some of Australia’s most successful and award winning choreographers and educators.
http://www.sydneydancecompany.com/sdcppy16/#.VRSVF0vEt4M
TUNING IN TO TEENS
EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING

5 SESSION PARENTING COURSE FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

Would you like to learn how to:
- Communicate effectively with your teenager?
- Understand your teenager?
- Help your teenager with emotional intelligence and managing emotions?
- Prevent some teenager behaviour problems?
- Teach your teenager to deal with conflict?

VENUE: Chatswood Community Health Centre
57 Hercules St, Chatswood
DATES: Thursdays 30th July – 27th August (5 sessions)
TIME: 7.00pm – 9.30pm
COST: $175pp (Concession $150)

PLEASE PHONE 9887 5830 TO BOOK YOUR PLACE IN THIS COURSE

The 5 session course will be facilitated by a qualified Parent Educator from Child and Adolescent Parenting, Northern Sydney Local Health District

Parent News

One Year Out --- World Youth Day Mass

On Sunday the 26th of July the 5:30 Youth Mass at our Lady of Dolours Chatswood Parish, a special presentation and blessing of all potential WYD Pilgrims will be made. This event coincides with a number of similar events being held around the Diocese this weekend to mark twelve months until the final Papal Mass in Krakow 2016. It also coincides with a 'High School Youth Social Night' being held in the Chatswood parish with pizza, drinks and social games available in the Bishop Barry meeting room at the conclusion of the Mass. Potential WYD Pilgrims from Mercy College, the Chatswood Parish and St Pius X College will attend on the evening gathering in the church from 5pm.

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Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, North Ryde
Under the care of the Michaelite Fathers

RE: CONFIRMATION

Bishop Terance Brady will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation in Holy Spirit Parish on Saturday 14th November 2015.

Would you please place the following notice in your school newsletter in the weeks leading up to our Parent Information Night that will be held on Wednesday 9th September.

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CONFIRMATION AT HOLY SPIRIT NORTH RYDE:

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in Holy Spirit Parish on SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2015. Parents of children eligible to receive the Sacrament are required to attend a PARENT INFORMATION EVENING on WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER at 7.30pm in the Catherine McCauley Hall, Holy Spirit School North Ryde. At this meeting you will receive information about the Parish’s Confirmation Preparation Program. To cover the costs of the program $50 per child is required and payable on the night. It is essential that you register your child’s name by calling Frances Vidakovic 0413484483, Anna Macri 0419787855 or emailing your details to hannacordination@gmail.com no later than Wednesday 12th August.

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Confirmation Coordinators
Frances Vidakovic & Anna Macri

Yours in Christ,

Rev Fr. Stan Khuk CSMA
PARISH PRIEST
Parent News

Dr Justin Coulson

FREE SEMINAR for Parents & Carers

What Your Child Needs From You

There are endless do’s and don’ts that surround parenting. In this practical seminar, Dr Justin will take you from confusion to clarity by sharing essential strategies to get to the heart of raising a happy child and creating a connected family.

“Justin is an engaging presenter and an effective communicator. His stories had us laughing and nodding in agreement – he really gets it. His real life examples really do help parents.”

Dr Justin Coulson, father of 6, is one of Australia’s most respected parenting speakers, authors and researchers. He is the founder and owner of ‘Happy Families’ and has written a number of popular books about parenting and happiness. Dr Justin appears regularly on The Project and Studio 10, and he is the parenting expert at Kidspot and the Daily Telegraph.

Monday
17 August
7 - 9 pm

Sacred Heart Catholic School
Richard Porter Way, Pymble
All Welcome - No Cost

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