Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 3 is well under way and the girls have settled in well to their classes. This term is one for students to reflect on what they have discovered in Semester 1 about themselves as learners and to put into practice the advice they have received from their teachers.

I was extremely pleased to see in the end of Semester Reports just how diligently the majority of students have worked to achieve their academic goals. To congratulate students who achieved all A grades or who achieved Excellent in all subjects for Effort in their Reports, I am holding a special ACADEMIC MORNING TEA for them next week. These students should have received their invitation by now.

LIBRARY FURNITURE: The furniture for our refurbished Library has been in place now for a number of weeks. At the P & F Association Meeting on Tuesday night parents got to try out the new lounges in the reading area, which your parent levy paid for. I’m sure you are pleased to see that the levy you pay each year goes into providing resources for your daughters.

FATHERS’ DAY: With Fathers’ Day fast approaching it is time to respond to the invitation from the P & F Association to the Fathers’ Day Breakfast on Thursday 3 September. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the food and we are looking for a guest speaker who might give a short talk. So if you can help or know of a speaker then please see the information following from Lee Sternberg (P & F President).

NORTH SHORE SCHOOLS EXPO: The College is once again attending the Expo, which is an opportunity for us to advertise the wonderful work and academic results that we achieve here at Mercy. The Expo is on at the Concourse on the 15-16 August. If you know of any friends or neighbours who might be looking for a high school for their daughter tell them to come along to the Expo and chat to the College staff.

OPEN MORNING: Our annual Open Morning is on the 18 August from 9am to 11am. Once again if you know of anyone interested in Mercy College for their daughter, pass on the information that they can come and have a tour of the school.

Best Wishes

Suzanne Kavanagh

Principal
Message from the President of P & F

**Father’s Day Breakfast**

Please see the following invitation regarding the Father’s Day Breakfast being held at the College on Thursday 3rd September, 7am. We hope you are able to attend with your daughter.

**Volunteers needed**

Volunteers are needed to assist the P&F with preparations for the Father’s Day Breakfast being held on Thursday 3rd September at 7am.

Assistance is needed on Wednesday 2nd September between 3 & 5pm for set up, and from 6am -9am on Thursday 3rd September.

If you are able to assist, please email me at **effectiveone2one@bigpond.com** with your availability.

**Father’s Day Photo Request**

This year the P&F will be preparing a visual display which will run during the Father’s Day Breakfast. Please forward a photo of your daughter with her father/guardian or grandfather to be included in the presentation to effectiveone2one@bigpond.com asap.

**Father’s Day Guest Speaker**

Each year we invite a male guest speaker to deliver a 10-15 minute motivational speech at the breakfast. If you would like to address our guests this year on 3rd September, please contact me at effectiveone2one@bigpond.com asap.

**Year 12 Graduation Afternoon Tea – Year 11 Parent Helpers Needed**

Calling Year 11 parents to assist with decorations, preparation and food service for the Year 12 Graduation Afternoon Tea to be held on Wednesday 16th September at the College. Assistance will be needed from 10am – 5pm on the day. Please email me at effectiveone2one@bigpond.com with your available time slot. Traditionally Year 11 parents host this event on for the graduating Year 12s’.
Student News

Science News

Results of the 2015 Science International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

On Wednesday 3 June, 367 of our students from Years 7 to 10 entered the 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools – Science. The results have been released. There are 4 distinctions and 58 credits and 31 merits.

Congratulations to the following girls:

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# World Youth Day

#365daystogo

Celebrating in our Diocese

World Youth Day will be held in Krakow, Poland in July 2016. Six students from Mercy College will be joining this incredible celebration of our faith with the Diocese of Broken Bay. **July 26, 2015** marked the one-year to go countdown to the final WYD Mass in Krakow.

Pilgrims from Chatswood Parish including Mercy and Pius X students gathered for a Mass, blessing and refreshments afterwards on Sunday evening July 26. This event brought together Schools, Community groups and Parish to begin our joint pilgrimage. Fr Paul blessed the pilgrims at the end of Mass and the pilgrims were given an opportunity to meet each other. This is the first of many activities the pilgrims will be undertaking in preparation for their journey to World Youth Day on Krakow.

**Mrs H Thomas**  
Youth Ministry  
Co-ordinator

![World Youth Day Pilgrims](image)
Student News

Bishop David Walker Art Prize 2015

The Bishop David Walker Art Prize is an annual Visual Arts competition run by the Diocese of Broken Bay. The theme for 2015 was a visual artwork inspired by a scriptural person, event or passage. At Mercy College Year 8 RE students entered the competition as a part of their assessment program for the Unit of Work on the Beatitudes in Term 2. Students were required to produce a visual artwork showing how the Beatitudes were reflected in the Parables of Jesus in the Gospels.

Students had to submit their artwork to their RE teacher for judging in Week 1 of this term. The artworks were then judged by a committee including the Year 8 RE teachers and our Art Critique Experts Mrs Lennon and Mrs Thompson.

Student’s artworks were awarded at three levels, including Commended, Highly Commended and Finalists. The three students who were selected finalists will have their artwork submitted to the CSO for Judging in Week 7 of this term. Their artworks were selected because their work was inspired by an original idea, was technically proficient in their chosen medium and their artwork showed a strong connection to the Gospel.

The following students were awarded certificates at this week’s assembly:

Commended Certificates

- Isabella Ali
- Phoebe Coleman
- Emily Dickinson
- Tara Di Cosmo
- Claudia Douglas Robertson
- Claudia Kurdoghlian
- Jacqueline Locker
- Mariah Manalese
- Natasha Robinson
- Charlotte Van Leeuwin
- Emma Woodlock

Highly Commended Certificates

- Marie De Lara
- Vanya D’Silva
- Amelia Goodwin-Barlow
- Molly Littrich
- Alysha Macri
- Paula Psaltis
- Chelsea Wong

Finalist Certificates

- Kyra Atherton – Visual Art Drawing
- Alyssa Littleton - Film
- Bridie Walsh - Book Art Sculpture

We congratulate all of our certificate recipients and wish the finalists luck in the judging process in the Diocese.

Ms Gabie Stojanovski
Religious Education Coordinator
The MCC Activities Club will hold their Annual Presentation morning in the College Amphitheatre to recognise all participants in Activities/Sports offered by the club. All students who have participated in the Club’s activities/sports will receive a participation medallion.

We also acknowledge those students who have been recognized by their coach/teacher/instructor for special mention.

All parents/carers welcome to attend.

Coastal Spirit Yoga

Winter Yoga Sessions
For Secondary Students

Yoga for Secondary Students
Wednesdays 3:30pm – 4:30pm
At Mercy College, Chatswood
$8 per session paid in full per term.

Develop techniques on how to create a calm mind and deal with stress, anxiety and change in your life. Learn ways to chill out and cope better with school and social pressures while also developing your self-confidence that will guide you through adolescence and into your adult life. Get fit and summer ready and do all of this in a really fun, supportive and relaxed environment. Learn how yoga can bring out the best in you and have a bunch of fun doing so!

Book Now
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

Ingrid Faucher – Yoga Teacher
coastalspirit@outlook.com
ph. 0402 129 473

www.coastalspirit.com.au
NSNA 2016 Junior Representative Player Nominations
Nominations are now open for NSNA 2016 Junior Representative Players aged 12 to 15 Years (by 31 December 2016). All Player nominations must be completed online with nominations closing 29 August 2015.

Please refer to the NSNA website for further information.

Win Netball World Cup Grand Final Tickets & other prizes
The NRMA Safe Driving School has kindly donated the NSNA two tickets in their Grand Final Box for the Netball World Cup Final.

NSNA is now holding a silent mini-auction for these tickets together with other prizes including a coffee machine and coaching sessions with Megan Anderson (Swifts Assistant Coach and soon to be appointed NSNA Coaching Director), and others. Proceeds from this auction will be donated to the Confident Girls Organisation which seeks to enable access to playing netball for all, including those with a disability and/or social or economic issues which prevent them playing at present. Some great prizes, with the proceeds going to a great cause. Bid now!

The mini-auction can be accessed via the following link:
http://myminiauction.com/nsnaconfidentgirls

Looking for an end of netball season function?
The NSNA is holding a Netball World Cup Grand Final event at the Neutral Bay Club on August 16th. A big screen will be provided together with a glass of sparkling wine and finger food. Adult and children bookings welcome.

Please refer to the NSNA website for further details:
www.nsna.nsw.netball.com.au
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.

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

Open Day Programme


Explorer Award

A $10,000 award, recognises the achievements of exceptional students who are finishing high school and starting university. The Explorer Award is given to students with outstanding academic results and proven experience as social leaders. To learn more and apply visit https://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/scholarships-awards/explorer-award/

Early Achievers’ Programme

Applications open Monday 10 August
Applications close Monday 19 October

The Early Achievers’ Programme considers the contribution you have made to your community through your school or workplace, local community organisation, cultural and/or religious group.

One of the biggest benefits of the programme is that successful applicants receive an offer well ahead of the usual tertiary admissions announcements.
http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/early_entry

Elite Athlete Programme

Elite athletes who apply to ACU may be eligible to receive up to five bonus entry points. Elite Athletes who successfully gain entry to ACU will be given greater support and flexibility for study and assessments.

Sydney Science Forum 2015  
Location - Eastern Avenue Auditorium

Wednesday 19 August - 5.45pm - 6.45pm  
Time After Time – Measuring Evolution with Molecular Clocks  
Associate Professor Simon Ho will reveal how molecular clocks use statistical modelling to describe the evolutionary process at the genomic level. Discover how molecular clocks are uncovering our past and predicting our future.

Wednesday 9 September - 5.45pm - 6.45pm  
Catch CO2: Getting Creative About Climate Change  
Dr Deanna D'Alessandro from the School of Chemistry will speak about why carbon dioxide capture has been so difficult and whether we can make fossil fuel energy sources less harmful.

Wednesday 21 October - 5.45pm - 6.45pm  
Galloping Genes: Equine Genetics in the Racing Industry  
Dr Natasha Hamilton will share her research on genes for galloping and DNA for dashing. Dr Hamilton investigates the genetics underlying not only racing performance, but also novel traits such as career length and susceptibility to certain diseases.


Domestic Student Professional Scholarship Programme  
Applications close Friday 27 November

The International College of Management Sydney (ICMS) offers a number of scholarships covering tuition fees for study and/or accommodation regardless of which stream is chosen. ICMS matches the candidates to the most appropriate scholarship from their application. Scholarships are available to Australian citizens/permanent residents completing Year 12 studies or who took a gap year in 2015. Please check http://www.icms.edu.au/scholarship-type/new-domestic-students for further details.

New Bachelor of Clinical Science  
Beginning in 2016

The new Bachelor of Clinical Science is a two year fast-track course designed to help students gain the professional skills needed for a future career in the medical, allied health or medical research professions. Students will learn the fundamentals of biomedical science before applying the knowledge to a human body system approach, where pathology is taught alongside normal physiology and anatomy. For further details please visit http://courses.mq.edu.au/undergraduate/degree/bachelor-of-clinical-science
PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage* (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child’s school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child’s gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at [www.acara.edu.au](http://www.acara.edu.au).
Parent News

Latest news from The Sustainable School Shop.

Below is a hyperlink that is unique to the College and when clicked it will present an up to the minute, uniform Stocktake Report that shows all the school’s second-hand uniforms items that are currently listed for sale on the Sustainable School Shop.

The hyperlink will provide parents quick and easy access to see all the items for sale.


Mercy Catholic College
Visual Arts & Design Exhibition 2015
Displaying Year 7-11 works
Featuring Year 12 HSC
Visual Art, Textiles & Design, and Design & Technology
6pm-8pm
Official Opening 6:30pm
Wednesday 12th August
Harrington Hall, via Kirk Street
Family and friends welcome
LOWES
EZY-WAY CREDIT CARD & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS
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card or Rewards Club card to receive offer.

North Ryde Fun Run
for Youth Mental Health
9am-2pm Sunday 30 August 2015
Macquarie University Sport Fields,
corner of Culloden & Talavera Roads,
Macquarie Park

- 2 km walk
- 5 km run (+ intercollegiate competition)
- Novelty races
- Entertainment
- Games & Stalls
- Food & Drink

For students, families & friends
all ages & stages of fitness

$20 online donation for adults or $10 for students
Carers & spectators – gold coin donation on the day
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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
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