Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week of celebrations. Last Tuesday we were blessed to have Bishop Peter A. Comensoli celebrate Eucharist for our 125th birthday, along with Fr Paul Finucane as co-celebrant. We had many special guests who then attended the unveiling of our glass sculptures honouring the work of the Sisters of Mercy and the heritage of the College.

Three glass panels, which were inspired by many people’s ideas but the final design was done by Mrs Michelle Thomson, our Visual Arts teacher, were unveiled by Sister Loreto Conroy RSM, Congregation Leader.

The first panel reminds us of our commitment to our Catholic faith with the question “what does the Lord require of you?”

The second panel is dedicated to Catherine McAuley as a reminder of the Sisters of Mercy who worked tirelessly for many years of their lives so that they could instil in students not only reading, writing and arithmetic but the values to make them strong Catholic men and women.

As you know even though we are 125 years old we have had a few name changes along the way. The third panel depicts this history and those changes reminding us no matter what our name we still hold true to our faith and our values.
On this day two Time Capsules were also blessed by the Bishop and placed in the ground by Fr Paul Finucane and Councillor Gail Giles-Gidney, Mayor of Willoughby. These capsules contain the work of many of our students as well as a photo of every student and staff member. They will be opened in 2035.

The day continued in the birthday party mode with cake, entertainment and dancing.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION: Our Year 12 students are entering their last two weeks of school life. A time for mixed emotions as they are ready to move forward to the next stage of their lives but they reflect on the friends they will miss.

Traditionally we provide afternoon tea for the girls and their parents served by YEAR 11 PARENTS. At the moment we are short of Year 11 volunteers and would ask anyone who is available on the afternoon of Wednesday 16 September to let Lee Sternberg (P & F President) know by email effectiveone2one@bigpond.com. The same will be done for you and your daughters next year, so please help out this year.

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST: Another extremely successful Breakfast this morning for Dads and their daughters. Many of the Dads provided photos of themselves with their daughters and this made a wonderful collage viewed by all. Thank you to Mrs Lee Sternberg and her band of helpers for barbequing hundreds of eggs and rashers of bacon.

Happy Father’s Day to all our Dads!

Best wishes

Suzanne Kavanagh

Principal

Message from the Deputy Principal

Summer Uniform

Term Four is fast approaching when students will be in their summer uniform. Now is the time to check the uniform as many of the girls have become taller since Term One. The summer uniform is available from Lowes in Chatswood. Please ensure your daughter’s uniform is in good repair and the length of the summer uniform is to be on the middle of the knee. White ankle socks are to be worn with the uniform.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Elizabeth Kayrooz

Assistant Principal

Breaking News

Watch Spelling Bee Channel 10 next Tuesday 8th to see Mercy College students.

Refer page 12
We launched our 125th Anniversary Mercy Week with a celebration of Eucharist in our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood. Bishop Peter A. Comensoli, Fr Paul Finucane and Fr Barry Nobbs co-celebrated our annual Mercy Day Mass. We were fortunate enough to have many talented singers and musicians lead us in song as well as many special guests including Sisters of Mercy from around Sydney.
Blessing Ceremonies

After Mass, we continued our 125th anniversary celebrations at the College by blessing our new Commemorative Sculptures and Time Capsules. This was followed by refreshments for all our guests and birthday cakes for all the students.

Mayor of Willoughby Gail Giles-Gidney and Father Paul placing the Time Capsules with 2016 Captain Karina and 2015 Captain Shaneika

Mrs Thomson with the Commemorative Sculptures
Year 10 Fashion Parade

Fundraising for Mercy charities forms a large part of our Mercy Week celebrations.

This year each Year group had a responsibility to raise money to support the works that the Sisters of Mercy are undertaking in Timor Leste. Traditionally, Year 10 have always put on a Fashion Parade for everyone. This year we decided to go with the theme of “Around the World” as a way of showcasing the many different nationalities in our school. We staged a “Miss Universe” pageant where students dressed up in costumes that were indicative of their country of origin. As a special treat, Miss Mercy, was dressed to impress and modelled the “Mercy uniform” with flare.

Thank you to all the staff and students who were involved, for all their hard work and time, and for all the students who supported the parade with donations.

“Miss Mercy” owning the catwalk
Mercy Week

Interfaith Dialogue Day

Mercy Week ended this year with a day of Interfaith Dialogue Day for about 40 students from both Mercy College and Amity College. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to meet with each other a couple of times a year to have an experience of interfaith and intercultural activities. In addition, this year some Year 11 students and staff are travelling together to Turkey to help commemorate the anniversary of Gallipoli. Last Friday was the first time the students all met. We played some ice-breaker games and netball and participated in small group discussions about interfaith events. Our girls demonstrated Mercy hospitality with a wonderful morning tea and lunch.

Thank you to all the staff and students for embracing the day with such enthusiasm.
Year 7 - Mercy Week

Mercy Week was definitely a memorable week for the Year 7 students. Apart from the usual hype and festivities associated with this occasion, the 125th party celebrations introduced Year 7 to a world of excitement, pride and generosity. Students were able to experience the rich historic and cultural foundations of our College and also the immense kindness associated with fundraising for those in need. Furthermore, many brave young women also ensured Tuesday was a success by performing in the Amphitheatre Acts in front of the whole school. Throughout Wednesday, they graciously participated in all the activities and enjoyed learning about where their money was specifically being donated and how it would help educate children their age who live in poverty. On Friday, the young women of Year 7 decorated socks as part of their “Sock It To Poverty” fundraiser with Catholic Mission whereby all students in the College will be encouraged to wear some crazy socks one day during Socktober. It was a pleasure sharing the week with these students as they embraced and embodied the Mercy values with pride.
Outreach Day
Edmund Rice Centre & The Sudanese Centre

Students Comments:

“Words cannot explain my experience on Outreach Day at the Edmund Rice Centre and Sudanese centre. The Aboriginal talk was the highlight of the day as it completely changed my perspective towards Aboriginal people. This was the way that Cassandra presented it by using the metaphor of a plate which throughout the presentation we had to draw on symbols to represent our relationship that was shared with Cassandra. At the end the plate was smashed and it was unable to be mend- ed and put back together to show the Aboriginals can’t move forward with us.”

“I loved the Sudanese kids, they were adorable and they loved the new toys we brought.”

“The Aboriginal talk was really effective in revisiting issues dealing with the topic and changing my outlook on the situation. The talk about global warming and human rights changed my perspective about the issue and made me more aware of the issue.”

“The talk about the Aboriginal past and present completely changed my perspective. It opened my eyes to everything they have experienced and I now view everything differently. Words cannot explain it! But I am very thankful for how she changed my mind.”

“Playing with the children was so sweet and it was nice to spend time with them and bless them with the toys we brought with us.”

“The Aboriginal talk by Cassandra was really good, the way she talked about issues and Aboriginal culture. The smashing of the plate was really memorable and eye opening.”

“Playing with the Sudanese kids was really fun SO CUTE!”

“Australia is the biggest emitters of greenhouse gas per capita”

“By 2050 the average global sea level is predicted to rise 25-30 cm”

“One of the aspects of today that I will remember is our impact on the Earth and the effect of carbon dioxide pollution to our surrounding developing countries.”

“Our visit to the Edmund Rice And Sudanese centre was rewarding, fun and enlightening. Taking care of and playing with the toddlers and children was a highlight of the day. Afterwards, my group learnt about the connection between climate change and human rights – how global warming is threatening the island countries in the Pacific as well as their cultures and traditions. It was confronting to face the fact that the first world countries that caused their suffering from climate change. Moreover, the people of island nations Kiribati and Turalu are pleading for countries like Australia to act on global warming.”
Year 12 News

Congratulations
Year 12 have had a huge couple of weeks since returning from their Trial Examination block. They conducted themselves with grace and pride through our Mercy Week Mass as well as during the blessing of the quasquicentennial sculptures and placement of the time capsules before the birthday celebrations began. I would also like to extend to them once again my congratulations for their planning, organisation, implementation and execution of birthday party activities for the College on Wednesday. Through their thoughtful planning and enthusiastic running of their activities they raised an astounding $3179.30 for our chosen charities.
Study – the final countdown

As the planning begins for the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony, Mass and Formal I have challenged the girls to now focus their skills of planning, organisation and determination into wisely using these last couple of weeks of study. They recently spent an hour with Pru Salter from Enhanced Learning, planning out their study time both before the end of term and during the period leading up to the start of HSC Examinations.

Pru led the Year 12’s through a comprehensive strategy that ensured all subjects were given an even amount of study time as well as incorporating some flexibility to allow for the unexpected, days of illness or time for further consolidation where necessary. The slides and planning materials can be found at www.enhanced-learning.net click on “Parents and Students”, then scroll down the page to “Slides”. The password is success.

It was explained to the girls that they should ‘live’ the HSC patterns through their study period; 3 hour blocks of study and getting up at the same time each day. They were also encouraged to use the exam markers guidelines when completing past papers to ensure they understood where their focus should be and to avoid common mistakes. These can be found at http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/hsc_exams/ as well as through the link on our Edmodo page.

I look forward to seeing you for the celebration of your daughter’s Graduation in Week 10.

Ms Tracey Stancliffe
Year 12 Co-ordinator
Student News

UNDER 13 BBSSSA SOCCER GALA DAY

On Tuesday the 18 August the Under 13 Mercy Soccer team travelled to Cromer Park to compete in the BBSSSA Soccer Gala Day.

Playing in defence, there was Anika C, Caela de M, Gabrielle K and Jana D. The midfielders were Cath- erine H, Micaela W and Annabel L. Playing in attack were Lily H, Ariann K, Gabrielle P and Holy M. A special thank goes to Raquel N who volunteered to be in goals and who played like a star.

There were two Pools consisting of four teams each. Mercy was in Pool B with St Peters, St Josephs and Mount Saint Benedicts. We won 2 of our games against St Peters and Mount Saint Benedicts and lost to St Josephs with a score of 0-1. This put us into one of the semi- finals against the Winners of Pool A – Mater Maria. Both teams were evenly matched and resulted in a 0-0 draw which led to a penalty shoot- out. Sadly we lost to Mater Maria but we had an awesome day and played our hearts out!!

Written by Ariann K and Annabel L

HISTORY EXCURSION

Year 9 students ventured to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra on 3rd August to complement their study of Australians in World War I. As it is the centenary year of Gallipoli it was important for the students to gain a first- hand experience of the importance of the Australian War Memorial. Students were led by experienced guides to the World War I exhibits. They also viewed the Hall of Memory with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They then studied the wall of Memory, containing the names of the 102,000 Australian soldiers who have lost their lives in all wars. In the afternoon the students attended a special performance by Brett Hunt on a soldier’s experience in World War I. The students displayed a keen interest throughout the day and it was a valuable learning experience for them.

Ms Jill Carroll
HSIE Co-ordinator.
Student News

TELEVISION CREWS ONCE AGAIN VISIT MERCY COLLEGE:

We were very excited to have Grant Denyer, host of the Great Australian Spelling Bee on Channel 10, visit the College two weeks ago. He was here to congratulate the College on winning one of 15 Commonwealth Bank National Teaching Awards, valued at $10,000. The grant will be used to create a Finance Hub, a flexible working space for 21st century learners, which will connect Commerce students with Year 6 students to help improving financial literacy and money management skills across a range of ages. The Commerce students will also be mentored by female business leaders in the community.

Be sure to watch the Great Australian Spelling Bee on Tuesday 8th September from 7.30pm to see the students in action.

Mrs T Franklin
Business Studies and Economics
Student News

Year 8 News

After a great deal of planning Year 8 gathering together for an enjoyable Sausage Sizzle and Movie Night earlier this term. The Year 12 leaders, Annika De Borja, Lauren Hoggard and Shaneika Galluzzo helped serve the food and organised running the movie. Mr and Mrs Greenyer and Mrs Hogan cooked hundreds of sausages which were then smothered in tomato sauce. There was a lot of laughter during the movie as everyone munched on popcorn and chips. We had a great time thanks to the Year 8 Leaders who were responsible for the overall organisation of the event.

Last Term Kaitlyn H asked if we could all participate in a Jazzercise class. The answer was YES and she went ahead and organised Michelle Kingman, Julie and her mum Karmena to teach us the basics. We all enjoyed an hour of Jazzercises with Michelle and Kaitlyn demonstrating the steps. With enthusiasm we all followed along marching, lunging and moving to the beat. Several songs later the enthusiasm had not waned. With Julie and Karmena also showing us the moves the girls just kept going and at the end everyone was asking if the Activities Club could run a Jazzercise class after school. A huge thanks to Kaitlyn for organising the event and introducing us to Jazzercise and to the Jazzercise Team for giving up their time to teach Year 8 a new fun way to be active and ‘beautiful’ at the same time!

Mrs Heather Reid
Year 8 Co-ordinator
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.

Volunteers 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

Nursing Discover Session
Wednesday 25 November - 5.30pm
UTS Tower Building Broadway - Ultimo


Sydney Scholars Awards
Applications open in September for study in 2015
Submission should be made to UAC by Friday 30 October

The Sydney Scholars Awards offer Year 12 students commencing studies in 2016 the opportunity to apply for scholarships ranging from $6,000 to $10,000 in value, for up to 5 years of study. As part of the selection criteria, applicants are required to achieve an ATAR of 95 and above, or 90 and above if they are applying to the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/prospective/sydney_scholars_program.shtml

Arts & Design Open Day
Saturday 5 September
Paddington Campus - Cnr Oxford Street and Greens Road

As part of UNSW’s open day, the Paddington campus will also be open to showcase their range of facilities. Those who attend will be able to participate in a portfolio entry workshop, and speak to staff and students about course options.

Twilight Tour and Course Information Evening
Tuesday 24 November - Thursday 26 November
104 Broadway - Chippendale

The Prospective Students Office will be open for extended hours to assist potential students with tertiary study options and admissions information. For further info please contact 8204 4404 or email sydney@nd.edu.au or visit http://www.nd.edu.au/events/2015/twilight-tour-and-course-info-evening-nov2015
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Luminocity Workshops and Information Sessions
During School Holidays
Gallery - Ground Floor - West Wing
Red Centre Building UNSW Kensington

Please visit https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/alternative-admissions-workshop

Architecture Workshop and Tour  Monday 21 September  9.00am - 1.00pm
Computational Design Workshop and Tour  Monday 21 September  12.00pm - 3.30pm
Interior Architecture Workshop and Tour  Tuesday 22 September  9.00am - 1.00pm
Industrial Design Workshop and Tour  Thursday 24 September  9.00am - 1.00pm
Planning Workshop and Tour  Monday 28 September  9.00am - 1.00pm

Scholarship and Co-op Programme Google Hangout 2015
Wednesday 16 September
6.00pm - 7.00pm

You can get all scholarship related questions answered before the deadline. For further info please visit https://plus.google.com/u/0/events/cbb90a5hed26sa5p8rbgjam0snk

HSC Plus

HSC Plus is designed to reward strong performances in HSC subjects relevant to UNSW undergraduate degrees. Domestic students who complete the HSC and perform well in subjects that are relevant to their preferred UNSW degree may be awarded a maximum of 5 bonus points. Please visit http://www.unsw.edu.au/domestic-undergraduate/hsc-plus

Elite Athletes and Performers Programme
Applications for 2015 close on Monday 30 November

The Elite Athletes and Performers (EAP) Programme supports students with a flexible entry process that recognises both academic and elite achievements by awarding bonus points. UNSW also offers flexible study arrangements and support for elite athletes and performers who wish to continue their elite commitments while studying at UNSW.

To find out about this programme please visit http://www.unsw.edu.au/domestic-undergraduate/elite-athletes-and-performers-program
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Scholarships 2016
Applications close Monday 14 September

Scholarships are available in Hospitality Management, Event Management, Tourism Management and Commercial Cookery. A William Blue Industry Partner from each of these industries will assist in the awarding of the industry scholarships.
http://www.williamblue.edu.au/apply-online/scholarships

Day in the Life
Tuesday 22 September - 10.00am - 4.00pm
The Rocks Campus
1 - 5 Hickson Road - The Rocks

You are invited to participate in practical workshops, view the facilities, enjoy a meal from the student-run restaurant, and attend a Q and A session.

For further enquiries please ring 1300 851 23 or email enquiries@williamblue.edu.au or visit http://www.williamblue.edu.au/about-william-blue/upcoming-events/william-blue-day-in-the-life-sydney-77

Teaching at ACU

This online booklet provides information about the teaching courses and alternative pathways available for anyone who would like to enroll in a teaching degree 2016, but may not have the academic requirements for direct entry. For more information please visit http://www.acu.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/769434/Teaching_at_ACU.pdf

2016 Undergraduate Scholarship Booklet

Each year Macquarie University awards scholarships based on equity, financial need, academic excellence and sporting achievement.

To learn more about these scholarships, view their 2016 undergraduate scholarship booklet visit http://students.mq.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships_and_prizes.jsp
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?

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

VENUE: Chatswood Community Health Centre
57 Hercules St, Chatswood
DATES: Wednesdays 28th October - 25th November (5 sessions)
TIME: 7.00pm - 9.30pm
COST: $175pp (Concession $150)

PARENTS OF TEENS OR ALMOST TEENS
"Learn how to restore a respectful and positive relationship between you and your teen"

Topics include:

- Similarities & differences between being a teenager today & their parent’s day
- What it is like being a teenager in this fast paced & competitive world
- Assertiveness skills to deal with teen’s behaviour, set boundaries & consequences
- Listening skills to find out what is going on in our teenager’s world & support them

VENUE: Chatswood Community Health Centre
57 Hercules St, Chatswood
DATES: Wednesday 21st October 2015
TIME: 7.00pm - 9.30pm
COST: $50pp

PLEASE PHONE 9887 5830 TO BOOK YOUR PLACE IN THIS WORKSHOP
This workshop will be facilitated by a qualified Parent Educator from
Child and Adolescent Parenting, Northern Sydney Local Health District