Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 4 has begun well with the girls quickly settling back into the routine of classes, homework and study.

At our assembly this week I encouraged the girls to make this term one in which they could be proud of the work they have done in the classroom. In aiming to do better, to set themselves a goal of achieving just one more mark in the next test or assignment. Have a conversation with your daughter and ask her how she is going to achieve this extra mark.

The HSC exams have gotten off to a good beginning with the students so far happy with the questions in the English and Ancient History papers. The HSC continues until the 4 November, so please remember the girls in your prayers.

STAFF SPIRITUALITY DAY:

The theme of our Staff Spirituality day at the end of third term was Pope Francis and God’s Mission: Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium).

“The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus”, is the first line of the encyclical (letter) written by Pope Francis which develops the theme of the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. We began our day as Mercy staff thinking of the joys that we have in our lives. I ask you to read the following written by Mrs Amy Gill, our Drama teacher where she describes where she finds joy in her job of teaching your daughters.

We continued on to explore the message and the man of Pope Francis. Some of the key concepts included:

- The call to “take on the smell of the sheep” and “the sheep are willing to hear their voice”. Whether we “shepherd” our students, our own children, our neighbours or colleagues, how do we remain close to the poor, the vulnerable, those facing difficult daily challenges?

- Pope Francis sees the Church as a field hospital after battle. “There are field hospital moments in an ordinary day...those moments when you have to drop everything and attend to the needs of a particular child or an adult who is fragile or struggling”.

Upcoming Events:

TERM 4
WEEK 3
19th October—9.00am to 3.00pm Year 9 Reflection Day
21st October—7.00pm to 8.00pm Parents & Friends AGM
23rd October—9.30am to 2.30pm CYMS Open day and 13 Year 10 students

WEEK 4
29th October—RUOK DAY
30th October—9.00am—3.00pm Year 11 RYDA
30th October—9.00am—3.00pm Year 8 Art Excursion

Save the Date
6th November—Creative Arts Showcase
PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION MEETING:

A reminder to all that it would be wonderful to see you at our P&F meeting next Wednesday, 21 October. This is an important avenue for parents to voice their opinions to the College Executive and to find out what is happening in the College. 7pm in the Flexible Learning Space.

JOY

Each and everyday I set out to teach,
I find joy.

Joy is the question mark at the end of “How’s it going Miss?’
It is at the heart of a wave fluttering from across the yard,

In the smiles that await me in the corridors,
And the laughter emanating from the photocopy room as colleagues share a joke.

Joy is the exciting news shared from the weekend,
Written between the lines of homework that went the extra mile.
Laid firmly in the palm of the hand shooting up eager to please,
In the hug shared between friends giving birth to a new smile.

I feel joy as the students,
My students,
Busily collaborate together to solve difficult and complex problems,
As they navigate, debate and create,
When the quietest student speaks up for the first time all term,
When I hear the words ‘Awesome lesson Miss’ or ‘I finally understand’.

But that’s not all…
Joy can be found in the buzz of a staff meeting where passionate teachers share passionate ideas,
In parent teacher interviews when both parent and teacher realise for the first time
how much the other cares,
At the front office where bandaids are in high demand and love given just as readily.

Joy is in the content we teach and the way we teach it.
It is the way we relate to our students and each other,
Present...
As we readily give and readily receive.

And I wonder,
Is this the same joy Jesus felt when he went out to teach?
When he stood on the mount in front of the crowd,
Or shared a parable with the apostles as he broke bread?
I wonder, how can it not be?

Is this the same joy felt by Catherine McCauley,
As she opened a house in Kingstown and began educating young women she found on the street?
How can it not be?

You see,
“When you do things from your soul, you feel a river moving in you, a joy.”

Each and every day I set out to teach,
I find joy.
Do you?

Best Wishes

Amy Gill
Drama Teacher
Mercy Catholic College Chatswood presents its annual Creative Arts Showcase.

This year is a significant one as the school is commemorating 125 years of education and we will be further celebrating with an evening of music, song, dance and drama.

The talents of our Music and Drama students as well as the Band, Choir, ensemble groups and MCC Activities Club groups will be showcased.


CREATIVE ARTS SHOWCASE

November 6
6.30pm - 8.45pm

The Concourse
409 Victoria Ave Chatswood
Tickets on sale through Ticketek
or at The Concourse box office
Mercy-Amity intercultural Study Tour
Turkey 2015

To commemorate 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli and to show solidarity with Turkish citizens, five Year 11 students went on a cultural tour during the September holidays. Eleanor T, Rebekah S, Natalie R, Rose P and Diane M and I joined six students from Amity College, Prestons for a two week tour of western Turkey. Istanbul, straddling two continents, was once the cradle of civilisation. This sprawling, ancient city, along with the rest of Turkey, provides visitors with an array of rich ancient and modern history. It was a jam packed schedule filled with opportunities for engaging, learning and involving ourselves in the cultural diversity of Turkey. The girls from the two colleges shared their experiences and formed a lasting friendship. It was a wonderful experience and one we will all fondly remember.

Ms Christine Mooney.
Student News

Year 10 Guided Inquiry Project - Adria de Borja – Year 10 Detention Centre Installation

The Year 10 classes have undertaken a Guided Inquiry Project on the plight of refugees and asylum seekers that required students to investigate this issue and produce a multi-media project. An example of distinguished achievement was Adria de Borja’s installation which has been constructed in the library and depicts the experience of what it would be like to visit a detention center such as Nauru. Through the Guided Inquiry process students developed their research, note-taking, critical thinking and literacy skills and were required to record the process of their research and learning in their log book.

Ms G Stojanovski
Religious Education Coordinator

St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol

On a cold September evening in the holidays, 6 students, 2 teachers and 1 parent from Mercy College went out on Vinnies Night Patrol to feed the homeless of Sydney. Ward Park, Surrey Hills was our first stop. It was a miserable night and the regular clients seemed to be happy to forgo a coffee and conversation. Not so much the case at Martin Place. As it drizzled in an unusually cold spring evening the crowds increased. Many of the clients were delighted to be able to speak to the young ladies. The 6 Year 12 students were overwhelmed and extremely grateful to have been given this opportunity.

Helen Thomas
Youth Ministry Coordinator.
Student News

Chemistry Competition 2015

On 23 July 2015 students from Years 9 and 10 Science classes as well as Year 11 and Year 12 Chemistry classes participated in the Chemistry competition run by R.A.C.I. Other countries, including New Zealand, Hong Kong, India, Germany and Vietnam, to name just a few, also took part in this competition. Across the state, a total of 136 schools and more than 11000 students worked diligently to achieve their best results in the competition. Some questions in the competition can be very difficult as they do not match the National Curriculum or the Australian BOSTES outcomes. In Year 9 Grace J and in Year 11 Karina B achieved Credit. Natalie M (Year 10), Esther T (Year 11), Lucy J (Year 12) and Alyssa M (Year 12) earned Distinction. Congratulations to all these students on achieving great results. Your teachers are very proud of you.

L. Sage, Science teacher

Commonwealth Bank Teaching

Congratulations to Mrs Terrie Franklin (Business Studies/ Economics teacher) for receiving a second Commonwealth Bank teaching award during the holidays! Mrs Franklin received the initial award for her plan to develop a Finance Hub for young women that will foster Australia’s next generation of business leaders. The program, which will begin in earnest in 2016, will connect established and successful women in business with Commerce students in a mentoring relationship. Building on what they have learned and utilising technology, the students will design, create and present a multimedia storybook on financial literacy for primary school students. Of the 234 applications nationwide, only 15 teachers were chosen to receive the award and only one from Sydney. Mrs Franklin was one of four teachers further recognised with a second award for her utilisation of technology in the creation of a 21st century learning space, the Finance Hub. The awards were presented to Mrs Franklin during the holidays by the CEO of CommBank, Mr Ian Narev at the CommBank Teaching Awards ceremony.

Mrs K Fairbanks
HSIE Co-ordinator

Year 7 Sock it to Poverty

Socktober was celebrated last Friday and it was an opportunity for the Year 7 students to wear their crazy socks they designed in Mercy Week to help raise funds for Catholic Mission. Students graciously donated lollies for lolly bags, baked cupcakes and brownies for the sweets stall and also generously assisted in organising the fundraising events during their lunch breaks. Throughout the day, Year 7 managed to raise $380 which was a massive reward for the hard work and commitment they displayed. Thank you to all staff and students who supported the event.

Mr Mark Cuttler
Year 7 Co-ordinator
Student News

Year 8 Amphitheatre Acts Article

On Thursday 8th October, it was time for the Year 8’s to show off their talent in the Mercy Amphitheatre Acts, hosted by Eleanor A and Sarah C. The performances included a band performance and a special routine performed by Karis A-H entitled “One Woman Show”. There were also three incredible singing acts from Kiara H, Filipa G and Sophie B, who performed amazingly, as well as an appearance from one of the Year 8 bands; “Infinite Gravity”. Overall, the amphitheatre acts were a huge success, and the performers thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as well as the audience. We can’t wait to do it again next year!

Performers:
Kiara H
Filipa G
Sophie B
Karis A-H
Eleanor A
Sarah C
Gabrielle P
Charlotte V L
Shayne P
Julia H
Rock revolutionized music, in that ordinary people were given a voice. Give them a guitarist, drummer, bassist and vocalist and there you had it, a band, much like how The Beatles, Queen, Jimi Hendrix, Led Zeppelin started. Their music still lives on, and so it only seemed fitting that we paid tribute to it in our first ever Rock For A Reason concert which was held on Friday. Acts from both Mercy and Pius came together to fundraise for Catholic Mission, raising an incredible $350! We had an array of acts spanning the whole rock genre, from Led Zeppelin to Queen to Aretha Franklin to 5 Seconds of Summer which stunned the crowd. Thank you to all who came along to show their support!

Momoko M (Creative Arts Leader 2015)
Nominations are now open for the **2016 NORTHERN SUBURBS NETBALL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE POSITIONS**.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE BEARERS**
President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Competition Convenor
Umpire Convenor
Coaching Convenor
Representative Convenor
Modified Rules Convenor

**NON-EXECUTIVE OFFICE BEARERS**
Senior Registrar, Junior Registrar, Ground Convenor, Senior Umpires Coordinator, Junior Umpires Coordinator, Rep Logistics, Night Comp Convenor, Canteen Convenor, Communications Coordinator.

**SUB-COMMITTEES**
Finance
Competition
Grading – Senior / Grading - Junior
Fixtures
Ground
Umpires
Coaching
Selections
Modified Netball
Indoor / Night Outdoor
PR & Sponsorship
Canteen
Carnival.

**Please Note:**
As with MCC Netball, these posts are held by parent volunteers. Please consider if you have time or skill to contribute. Handover and ongoing support guaranteed. Please help if you can!
The positions will be voted upon at the Annual General Meeting scheduled for Monday 1 February at 7:30pm in the Willoughby Admin Room, Small St Willoughby. Both qualifications and signed nomination form must be received by the closing date of **30 November 2015**.
The nomination form can be found on main NSNA website menu – Forms. Please refer to by-laws 1.3-1.8 for an explanation of the duties to be performed by position
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

We are looking for volunteers to assist in the canteen. This may only be once a term. Most parents find helping in the canteen to be a very rewarding experience. Please fill in the attached form or email the Canteen at smccccanteen@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

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: _____________________________
RESILIENT KIDS
WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

- Help your kids learn how to ‘bounce back’ when faced with life’s daily challenges
- Help them to recognise, accept and express their feelings
- Teach them problem solving and coping skills
- Find out how to encourage optimism, curiosity and contentment

VENUE: Community Health Centre, 57 Hercules St, Chatswood
DATE: Monday 16th November 2015
TIME: 7.00pm - 9.30pm
COST: $50

For all enquiries and bookings, please phone: 9887 5830

All our course leaders are parents and trained educators.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PARENTING

NSW Northern Sydney Local Health District

Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE two-hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

TIME & DATE: 6.30pm - 8.30pm, Tuesday 20th October 2015
VENUE: Regis Hall St Ignatius’ College Riverview Street Riverview
BOOK NOW: Council’s Road Safety Officer on 9971 3576

Helping learner drivers become safe drivers
**TUNING IN TO TEENS**

**EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING**

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**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?

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**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)

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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

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YOU'RE INVITED TO

Our Lady of Dolours

Parish Fiesta

Sunday

18 October

11am - 3:30pm

O.L.D Playground

Join us for a day filled with fun
for the kids and the whole family!

Funds raised will go towards our WYD pilgrims

adrian@chatswoodparish.org.au
Getting to Know Nursing
Monday 2 November - 6.00pm - 7.30pm
160 Oxford Darlinghurst

Students attending this session will learn about nursing as a profession and the varied areas in which nurses are able to practice. For more information please contact 02 8204 4404 or email sydney@nd.edu.au or visit http://www.nd.edu.au/events/2015/getting-to-know-nursing-nov

New Bachelor of Business Administration

With electives in areas such as Business Research Methods, Event Management, HR Development and Finance, students are provided with an extensive mix of theoretical and practical experiences taught by leaders of their fields. Applications for Semester 1, 2016 are now open. To apply or for further details visit our website www.nd.edu.au/applynow or call the Prospective Students Office on 02 8204 4404.

Sydney Aviators and Basair Aviation College Open Day
Sunday 1 November
Bankstown Airport

Learn about getting a commercial pilot licence, a remote pilot license, view the campus, and take a discounted trial instructional flight. For more information please contact 9793 8900 or visit http://www.sydneyaviators.com.au/Event.aspx?pid=121

Whitehouse Institute of Design - Summer Workshops
Monday 4 January - Friday 15 January
2 Short Street Surry Hills

Whitehouse will be holding two day to two week workshops in Fashion Illustration, Interiors Illustration, Image Styling and Sewing. http://www.whitehouse-design.edu.au/
Career News

Summer School Programme

The Summer School Programme offers Year 11 students from UTS partner schools the chance to attend intensive two-week summer schools in subject areas like filmmaking, engineering, information technology, design, nursing and midwifery, and science. For further enquiries please contact 9514 1084 or email cassie.willis@uts.edu.au or visit http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/teachers/essential-information/uuni-school-programs/summer-school-program

HSC Tutorial Scheme

The HSC Tutorial Scheme provides school-based tutorial sessions at UTS targeted schools in South Western Sydney. This tutorial support assists Year 11 and 12 students to improve their academic performance and broaden their educational aspirations. If interested, please Contact 9514 7821 or email Michael.Ormsby@uts.edu.au or visit http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/teachers/essential-information/uuni-school-programs/hsc-tutorial-scheme

Info Days

Friday 18 December - 10.00am - 3.00pm
Tuesday 5 January - 10.00am - 3.00pm
UTS City Campus - Broadway

An opportunity to speak with university representatives about course options for 2016. Please check details on http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/essential-information/events-and-info-sessions/uts-info-days

Year 11 Law Discovery Day

Thursday 19 November and Thursday 26 November
9.00am - 2.00pm
UTS Faculty of Law
Corner of Quay Street and Ultimo Road Haymarket

The day will include workshops and hands-on practical activities, as well as an opportunity to listen to professionals, academics and current students speak about all facets of law. Thu 19th November: http://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-law/events/law-discovery-day-year-11s-thursday-19-november-2015

New Bachelor of Health Science

A flexible and innovative degree that equips students with qualifications to help make a difference across diverse health care settings. Please visit http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/health/study-areas-and-strengths/health-science