Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I would like to share with you an article I recently read by Carol Glatz from the Catholic News Service (May 24, 2016). Pope Francis is giving us a very important message about how we should respond to gossip; a message we have often heard and that basically says “If you can’t say something nice about a person then don’t say anything at all”.

Holiness sometimes means biting your tongue, Pope Francis says.

VATICAN CITY — Holiness doesn’t depend on superhuman powers, but rather demands a heart filled with courage, hope and grace that strives for conversion each and every day, Pope Francis said at his morning Mass on Tuesday.

In fact, holiness is reached by taking tiny steps, like biting your tongue every time there is the urge to gossip or demean somebody, he said on May 24 during the Mass in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

“Bite your tongue a little. Your tongue will swell up a bit, but your spirit will be holier,” the Pope said.

“Holiness is a journey. Holiness cannot be bought, it is not sold” and it is not given away as a reward, he said. It is “walking in God’s presence in an irreproachable way.”

Every person is responsible for striking out on a path of holiness, he said. “I have to do it, someone else can’t do it in my name. I can pray for someone else to be a saint, but he has to take that path, not me.”

The holiness Christians must strive for is an “everyday” task often carried out in anonymity, he said.
This journey first demands courage, “the courage to move forward,” said Pope Francis. That courage is inspired by hope — the hope “in an encounter with Jesus.”

However, people cannot live holy lives on their own. “It is a grace of God and we must ask for it” and be open to receiving it, he said.

Christians must not conform themselves to the world, but must “change one’s own heart from within — in an ongoing, daily intense activity within.”

Conversion isn’t telling the priest, “Oh father, for me to convert I must do penance — give me a clobbering.”

The process of conversion requires small concrete steps. For example, “If you are able to not speak badly about someone else, you are on the right path for becoming a saint. It’s that easy.”

**FRIDAY 10 JUNE:**

A reminder that the College is closed next Friday the 10th June. Students and staff have been given this day in lieu of them attending school on our Open Day.

*Best Wishes*

Suzanne Kavanagh

Principal

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**COLLEGE ENROLMENTS**

**Year 7, 2018**

It is anticipated that the interview process for students seeking enrolment in Year 7 2018 will take place in Term 3 2016. To be included in the first round of interviews a completed enrolment application form, including all supporting documentation **must** be received by the College office no later than Friday 1 July 2016.

**Sibling Enrolments**

Whilst preference is given to families with daughters already attending the College, **we MUST receive a completed enrolment application form for each daughter** you wish to send to the College. If you have not already submitted an application for your daughter for Year 7, 2018 please contact the College office as soon as possible to discuss.

**Year 7, 2019**

Applications for placement in Year 7, 2019 are open and should be received by the College office before the end of the school year. It is anticipated that the interview process for entry into Year 7, 2019 will commence by the end of Term 3, 2017.

For more information, or to download an enrolment application form please follow the links under the ‘Enrolment Contacts’ tab on the College website (www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au). You are most welcome to contact me via the College Office on 9419 2890 or kirsteen.fisscher@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

**Mrs Kirsteen Fisscher**

College Registrar
Message from the Director of Student Wellbeing

This week I was given an opportunity to meet with staff from the other Mercy schools in Sydney. As a group we looked at what mercy looks like in a day. Here are some thoughts about mercy. Mercy is not a habit, mercy gives charitably. Mercy welcomes you and makes all those around you feel valued. Mercy is about how we react to situations, the care and love we show through words and actions. Mercy gives people the power to support and help others and treat everyone with respect. Mercy is a smile, a kind word. Mercy is inclusive and affirming.

In previous articles I have written about how we should treat others with respect, love, a kind word however, I have never put them in the context with the beautiful word mercy. I challenge you to look at your day and think about how mercy was present.

7 Silly Mistakes You Make In The Pursuit Of Happiness

Article from Generation Next Blog by Ann Davis is on a mission to help people succeed at fulfilling their dreams.

Generation Next is an exciting new initiative featuring a national seminar series and supporting resources aimed at protecting and enhancing the wellbeing of our children and teenagers.

Be happy.

Do you get confused by that.

I mean, happiness. You’re told to be happy no matter what.

Everywhere you find advice on happiness. Books promising to deliver true happiness. Blog posts telling you do this and you’ll be happy. Friends and family telling you to add happiness on your to-do-list.

You strive to stay happy. But the more you pursue happiness, the harder it gets to achieve. The truth is happiness shouldn’t be your focus. Striving to be happy causes you to be miserable.

The mistakes caused by chasing happiness

1. You are addicted to quick fixes
And the chase of happiness leads to pleasure.

Which causes you to rely on it in unhealthy way.

The problem with quick fix pleasure leaves you craving for more as soon as you’ve achieved it—it’s like drugs where a person becomes addicted and all they want is their next fix.

Or junk food where the craving surpasses the side effects of eating that food. The more they eat, the more they want more...And eventually it leads to health issues.

To achieve long lasting happiness invest in meaningful experiences. Like learning a new skill.

Mastering that skill is a journey that brings satisfaction, and it propels you forward, it also gives you a reason for living and when it comes to fruition, you’ll have that ridiculous smile that’s contagious.

2. You want it now
You become self-centered instead of achieving happiness through meaningful experiences and services to others.

When you focus on must have it now. You become a “me’ person which causes you to prioritize happiness over friends, family and those who need you.

You know making a difference in other peoples lives brings lasting happiness. By reaching down and lifting others up gives you meaning, purpose and fulfillment which surpasses everything else.
Learn to slow down, Lao Tzu said,  
Nature doesn’t hurry, yet everything is accomplished.

3. You ruin experiences
Have you ever planned for a vacation only to have it ruined by your high expectations of the place?

You were probably determined to be happy in a certain way and you ended up focusing too much on what was lacking.

Those who do certain activities with a specific set of expectations end up enjoying less than those who focus and soak in the experience rather than the expectation.

Try to accept whatever experience comes your way. And you’ll be able to appreciate the positive things around you instead of seeking for fantasies because it extrapolates things into that which doesn’t exist.

4. You give up on opportunities
You start on adventures but abandon them as soon as you experience a roadblock. You expected the ride to be smooth but instead you got bruised.

That experience left you anxious because you expected to succeed but failed.

To achieve your dream you can’t expect to be happy every moment.

Ride through the rough wave, experience it, gain wisdom and in the future you’ll be armed to deal with it.

As they say;  
Opportunity is missed by most people simply because it’s dressed in overalls and looks like hard work.

Don’t let it fool you...ride on the rocky ride and you’ll be happier in the end.

5. You seek in wrong places
You are obsessed in finding happiness no matter what. In the process it gives you poor judgment leading to unhappiness.

For example; you might want a to be like the joneses because they seem happy after buying a new house. You go out and buy one. Keeping up with the neighbors or friends is stressing you out.

6. You link happiness to perfection
You want everything you do as perfect as it can be.
And because perfection is an illusion it leaves you worse and misery becomes your companion.
Know this, perfection is just a myth because we are imperfect beings in an imperfect world and trying to achieve happiness through perfection is pointless.

Instead embrace and appreciate imperfection and you’ll be a whole person.

A fulfilled life is what you seek and not happiness because sadness, frustration, pain, joy, failure are bound to happen.

Even though life seems hard learn from those experiences rather than hide from them.

7. Don’t chase happiness
Focus on living your life wholeheartedly no matter what.
It’s about how you react to the surrounding that determines the outcome.
Learn to take the bad and the good because as the saying goes; there wouldn’t be a rainbow without a little rain.
Student News

McAuley Athletes Bask in Glory

Although Autumn provided yet another cracking day of weather for all students to shine for the College Athletics Carnival, it was the women in green who outshined their rivals in a tight race for aggregate points. Coolock was looking for back-to-back wins but the consistency of McAuley’s athletes proved to be the difference between the rivals as they combined their track and field totals to bathe in glory.

For the first time in history, the House Cheers were held in the College amphitheatre to enhance the viewing spectacle and provide the students with a superior sound system for their performances. After close scrutiny of the judging criteria, only half a point separated the winning House. Dressed as police and law enforcers, Mercy edged out their competitors to earn bragging rights for a creative routine.

Competition and rivalry continued to Rotary Athletics Field where Pirates (Stormanston), Tinkerbelles (McAuley), Lions (Coolock) and Police (Mercy) ran, threw and jumped their way to House glory. Whilst the younger students have always been traditionally competitive, it was pleasing to see many older age groups defy the apathetic stereotype and participate strongly in all events.

Throughout the carnival, 14 records were broken and over a dozen new records were set. Congratulations to Lilly H (javelin), Karina B (discus), Olivia T (3000m, 1500m), Imogen S (3000m, 1500m), Isabella TB (3000m, 1500m, 800m), Betsy W (800m), Jana D (200m), Lauren B (200m), Kyra A (200m) and Diane M (200m) who all broke records this year. Additionally, many new records were set and many students recorded personal best achievements for their chosen events.

Thank you to all staff who measured, timed, supervised, encouraged, judged and recorded throughout the day. A special mention must go to the dozen staff who eagerly competed in the Open Relay and proved that age is no barrier to exercise. Lastly, thank you to all students who competed on the day; your participation and positivity was admirable.

Champion House: McAuley

Champion Athlete: Karina B (5 x 1st Place and 1 record broken)

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Yours in sport

Mr M Cuttler
PDHPE Co-ordinator
Student News

**BBSSSA Junior Basketball**
On Thursday 26th May, the BBSSSA Basketball Gala Day was held at Terrigal. We were up before the birds and at school by 6.20am to make the trek up north.

The Junior basketball team were a force to be reckoned with and won all three games against; St Brigids, St Joesphs and St Peters, which put us straight into the semi final, up against Mount St Benedict. Unfortunately, we lost to a much stronger St Benedict, but we had an absolute blast and worked super well as a team. Of course, we needed to refuel after our big day out, so a pit stop at McDonalds in Gosford was the only way to go. It was a great day to be representing Mercy College.

**Imogen O**

**BBSSSA Intermediate Basketball**
On the freezing morning of the 26th of May, we all assembled at the Mercy gates, ready for the day ahead. We were extremely excited, having been given the opportunity to participate in the basketball Gala Day. After a long and sleepy bus ride, we finally arrived at our destination and were ready for our first game, which, for the intermediate team, happened to be about five minutes after our arrival. Both our junior and intermediate teams were to play three games against opposing schools. Throughout the day, all the Mercy girls exhibited a great ability to demonstrate teamwork, sportsmanship and perseverance whilst partaking in the sport. The day as a whole was an incredible experience that we all enjoyed thoroughly, and we can’t wait for next year’s competition.

**Sarah B**

**Carnevale Masks 2016—Year 8 Italian**

**Teachers Choice Awards** -

![1st Ainsley B](image1)

![2nd Hannah M](image2)

![3rd Tomoki H](image3)

**Students Choice Awards**

![1st Jana D](image4)

![2nd Andrea L](image5)

![Jasmine P](image6)

![Tied 3rd Place](image7)

![Grace V](image8)
Student News

On May 3, Year 11 and 12 visual arts classes went on an excursion to the city to visit the Art Gallery of NSW and the MCA. We went to the Art Gallery first, taking inspiration from the Art Express exhibition that showcased a selection of some of the best HSC works from 2015. These works were all so diverse in concept and technique, so each of us was able to find a few that we could connect with and draw ideas from to inspire our own works. After spending some time in the Art Express exhibit, we moved into the 2016 Biennale exhibit in the gallery that had the theme of 'embassies'. The specific theme for this collection of works was 'Embassies of Spirit' and it featured some interesting works including an Aboriginal tree installation, a massive psychedelic painting and an Indian video exploring life and death.

Feeling happy with what we’d seen so far, we walked down to Circular Quay and had some lunch before moving into the MCA to have a look at their Biennale exhibition themed 'Embassies of Communication'. In this exhibit were some Aboriginal dot paintings, textile art, a large gold foil sculpture and a very peculiar and entertaining video. Although the Biennale works were impressive, most of us came to a general agreement that a lot of the Art Express works were better, which raises the bar for us!

The day was a great experience for us to see some art, find some inspiration and collaboratively analyse and talk about the art in front of us and world around us. Thank you to Mrs Lennon and Mrs Zambetti for organising and accompanying us on the day.

Alex S
Year 11
Student News

Pentecost Liturgical Celebration

Our most recent College Liturgy celebrated Pentecost, the birthday of the Church which marks the beginning of the Catholic Liturgical Year. Mrs D’Arcy’s Year 8 RE Class led the beautiful celebration which included a dramatisation of the Day of Pentecost from the Acts of the Apostles.

Ms Stojanovski gave a reflection on the meaning and significance of Pentecost in our lives today: Pentecost, which occurred 50 days after Easter, was the fulfilment of the New Covenant, Jesus’ promise to send a helper, a spirit to guide and protect us and work with us to extend the Kingdom of God here on earth. It is the spirit that brings together God, the Father and Jesus the Son, which is how we understand the Trinity. Just as the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples who were locked in a room after Jesus death too afraid to come out for fear of persecution, the spirit also dwells with us and fills us with spiritual gifts such as courage, understanding and right judgement to help us to recognise each other’s strengths and talents overcome adversity.

As a Christian community we often pray to God and to Jesus. But, how often do you pray to the Holy Spirit, asking for guidance in the paths of our lives and in our relationships?

Pentecost is not an event that we just remember as a part of Church history. It is still alive today. So how can we let the Holy Spirit work through you today? We need to open our hearts to the spirit so that we can be graced with the fruits and gifts. The spirit helps us to understand what Jesus has said and understand how to do his work on earth.

Knowledge of Jesus, or knowing about Jesus, the topics that you learn about in Religion classes such as the Christmas story, Jesus healing miracles and Easter happens in our head. But knowing Jesus ‘to know’ Jesus is to have a relationship with him and being guided by the Holy Spirit, this happens in our hearts.

The Holy Spirit invites us to listen and open our hearts to welcome God into our lives. Have the courage to let the spirit guide you in your hearts and in your life by opening your ears to listen, your eyes to see and your heart to feel and experience God’s grace and mercy.

Ms Gabie Stojanovski
Religious Education Coordinator
BBSSSA Cross Country

On the 24th of May, 20 students from Mercy College travelled to St Ives showground for the BBSSSA Cross Country.

The weather was wonderful and sunny, and the events took place on a true cross country track which was rocky and covered with plants and other obstacles. Mercy students (aged 12-18) took part in challenging races ranging from 3-8 km.

As a school we encouraged and cheered on participants alongside supportive parents and teachers. Everyone challenged themselves, achieving some really amazing results. Mercy finished 5th out of 10 schools, despite being the smallest school in the diocese and only entering in 4 of the 7 events available. It was a very well organised day with great managers that put in over 40 hours of preparation into organising the competition. It was a really worthwhile day, the girls did not only run, but also had fun with their friends dancing and listening to music between the events.

If you would like to challenge yourself and achieve your personal best? If you want to have some fun with your friends in a competitive and supportive environment? Then why not try out for the cross country carnival and help Mercy achieve another year of great results in 2017!

Congratulations to the following teams and students that achieved some excellent results on the day.

Olivia T, Annabel L and Isabella T-B are selected to compete at the NSWCCC X/C 17th June at Eastern Creek.

U/12s
3rd place - Olivia T
4th place - Annabel L

U/12s Team 2nd Overall
Olivia T, Annabel L & Hannah R

U/13s
U/13s Team 3rd Overall
Imogen S (7th place), Ariann K & Chloe T

U/18s
1st Place - Isabella T-B
U/18s Team - 2nd Overall
Isabella T-B & Karina B
On the 18th of May, Mercy College’s Year 11 Ancient History classes had the opportunity to visit Nicholson Museum in Sydney University. This excursion gave us a hands-on experience of handling ancient artefacts.

The first part of the excursion consisted of studying the various artefacts that were presented, including vases from Ancient Greece and weaponry from the Bronze Age. Through studying this, we were asked to identify the purpose and material of the artefacts as well as where they would have been used and when.

The second part of the excursion allowed us to observe the mummification process and discuss the controversy surrounding the display of mummified bodies to the public. During this time, we were able to see various preserved bodies including Horace the child, bodies of cats and sarcophagi from two different time periods of Ancient Egypt. We also learnt about the Etruscans and the political links made with Ancient Rome, further exploring their burial rites. We were also told the story of the destruction of the Parthenon, learning of the importance of the site for future preservation.

Through this excursion, we were able to experience a university lifestyle and gain a wider understanding of what it is like to be archaeologists through studying historical and ancient artefacts.

We would like to thank Ms Kosutar, Ms O’Halloran and Ms Dorey for attending and organising this excursion.

By Rhea T and Caillin B
On the 25th of May, 8 girls made their way to Knox Grammar School for the da Vinci Decathlon. Knox’s Great Hall was at least twice the size of our entire school!! We competed against 1380 students from over 50 schools. The competition consisted of 10 complex tasks and each of them were extremely challenging in different ways but using teamwork and perseverance we completed them all to the best of our abilities. Mr Regoli accompanied us on the day and broke a few rules! He didn’t confiscate our phones away and sneakily brought us out brownies and caramel slices during lunch!! Overall, it was an amazing experience and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We may not have won any actual awards but by the end of the day our table cloth was absolutely outstanding! We would like to thank Mr Regoli for supervising us and the school for providing us with this opportunity.

By Hannah N, Marie D L, Jamie C, Claire F, Gabrielle P, Mia H, Aoife McC and Sarah C.

(I would like to say in my defence that the food would have been wasted anyway! Seriously, the girls deserve commendation for their effort and did us proud. Thank you for giving up your holidays and lunch times to prepare for the event. Looking forward to next year.) Mr Regoli
Student News

Year 11 Retreat 2016

From the 11-13 of May, our grade was lucky enough to go on our first ever Retreat, a time for us to explore, connect with God and allow time away from daily life - which at this point in time, we all needed. After a few slip-ups in the bus route, we swung right into our first and probably longest day of retreat, focusing on established relationships with others. We were all allocated to small groups where we got to know one another and gain an understanding of our family structures and the people we are closest to. Later in the day, we engaged in the activities that Galston Gorge Centre had to offer, including: BMX biking, archery, high ropes and laser tag. To say these were fun would be an understatement for everyone. After room allocations and dinner, we returned to the topic of our relationships with others and prepared a surprisingly stylish collection of formal dresses in our small groups, using newspaper and masking tape. We all came together as a year group to watch the parade and listen to the hilarious commentary. The night ended with Ms Stojanovski introducing us to the Mandala and the affirmation bags we would be working on throughout the course of the retreat.

The second day focussed on the relationship we hold with ourselves. The day kicked off with our first session where we split off into our small groups in order to learn about different values that people may have in their lives. From here, we all entered into an auction, featuring Ms Munro's outstanding auctioneer skills, where each value had a price tag and each group had to bid a price based on their values. This activity was a real eye-opener in seeing the diversity in values as well as the importance placed on our relationships with family, friends and ourselves. The day continued with some outdoor time where we were free to play some sport and use the small game facilities provided by the centre. We wasted no time in our next session, and started learning about the various behaviour types based personality, values and problem solving approaches. This really helped in understanding the psychology of the relationships we hold and being aware of our strengths. The final session for the day was Reconciliation where, as individuals, we were given the opportunity to connect with people and God, and further, restore our relationships. This was easily a highlight for everyone who took part and an overall rewarding experience.

The final day of our retreat concluded with a focus on our relationship with God. We prepared our very own Mass where each person was able to contribute in their own way. We also completed our mandala which really highlighted the gifts and talents our Year group. We also received our affirmation bags where our peers left a kind note or comment for each of the girls to read. We would also like to thank Ms Stojanovski, Ms Thomas, Ms D'Arcy, Ms Kavanagh, Ms Munro, Mr Fleming, Ms Betts, Mrs McDermott, Ms Durrant-Whyte and Father Vincent for preparing the activities and sessions at Retreat. This was an overall wonderful conclusion to our three-day retreat and certainly something that we can all say will be staying with us as we continue our senior years.
Student News

Duke of Edinburgh Report

On May 4th and 5th, the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award girls completed their first hike of the year. Ms Dorey, Ms Stancliffe, Ms Hogan, Ms Mooney, Mr Bishop and Mr Robertson (and 20 Silver students) accompanied us on our expedition. Everyone arrived at Palm Beach Jetty after 9am on the 4th of May and caught a 10am ferry to Patonga Wharf, seeing dolphins on the way over. As we arrived at the campsite everyone set up their tents and gathered all their stuff together for our day hike. We broke off into three groups: Silver, fast Bronze and “scenic” Bronze. We started our day hike which took us to Warrah Lookout where we stopped for lunch and then to Pearl Beach for a rest and back to camp again, about 12 km in all.

We arrived back at camp to enjoy some well-deserved quiet time while we had dinner and dessert before gathering together in the freezing cold for our night walk. We walked along the water and sat down at Patonga Beach to enjoy the view of the stars, which was worth the walk. We walked back to camp, tired from a full day of hiking and ready for the next day to come.

Some of the group woke up bright and early to enjoy the sunrise. Both Bronze and Silver began packing up our tents and having breakfast before getting ready to go. Part of the group enjoyed beach cricket before meeting up to go. We walked to Patonga Wharf where we did mapping work and played more cricket before boarding the ferry. Everyone enjoyed an hour and half relaxing time on the ferry before we arrived at Bobbin Head. We parted ways from Silver, and Bronze started their long hike back to Asquith Station with full packs. This was the most challenging part of the hike but with encouraging words from teachers and friends we all made it to Asquith Station, past kangaroos and lovely views, where we finished our hike.

We all found the experience rewarding and fun and are all definitely excited for the next hike later this year.

By Natasha R
**Student News**

**Duke of Edinburgh continued....**

**Excerpts from students log books**

The best part of the hike was being able to work together and to become closer with other girls. The best part was seeing dolphins, camping overnight seeing the amazing views, reading and following the map and being out into the environment. During the camp we were able to learn more skills on teamwork and how to work together in dangerous and other types of situations. The low parts of the hike was carrying heavy backpacks and getting blisters making it harder to walk.

*Maddie Mc Year 9*

Overall the Duke of Edinburgh was a great experience and I enjoyed every minute of it. The challenging hills made me love the Duke of Ed even more as I now know my limits, and can prove myself wrong. Duke of Ed had some great moments that I'll never forget and taught me a lot of lessons and skills like: what to do when someone is bitten by a snake or what I needed and what I didn't need. Throughout these two days my friendships with people in my grade have grown and I have got to know people that I have never really talked to. Looking forward to the next Duke of Ed hike!

*Tayla S Year 9*

Duke of Ed has pushed my boundaries in so many ways. I became so much closer with the girls I was with and also built strong connections with people I would never usually talk to. I learnt a lot about who I am and what I can and can’t do and I continually surprised myself throughout the expedition. I also had a lot of time to think and to have time to myself and because I did not take a phone, I was really able to immerse myself in nature and not focus on technology or social media. It was a great experience and I would recommend the award to anyone looking to challenge themselves and find adventure. I am very happy with my experiences at the Duke of Edinburgh.

*Claire F Year 9*

**Generous Donations from Local Churches for our WYD Pilgrims**

The local churches of Chatswood have provided generous donations for our WYD Pilgrims to help fund their pilgrimage to Italy and Poland in July this year. Father Barry and Our Lady of Dolours Parish donated $1200 for our 6 pilgrims.

Reverend Michael Thomas from the Willoughby Uniting Church and administrator of the Help Street Foundation also provided financial support donating a total of $6,000 to our pilgrims. This money was received as a result of an application for a grant made by Mr Adrian Brannan, the Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry at OLD Chatswood. This gesture of solidarity from a fellow Christian Church shows a strong mark of unity in the Chatswood Christian community.

These donations have helped to reduce the financial burden for our families. Mercy College, the pilgrims and their families would like to extend their deepest gratitude for this act of kindness.

*Ms Stojanovski*

*Religious Education Co-ordinator*
Has your child’s private tutor or coach had a Working With Children Check?

Tutors must have a current WWCC
Parents must verify the WWCC online
Got a clearance? You’re good to go!

Volunteers needed for Career Talks

Are you passionate about your career or profession? Do you want to share your passion and experience with others? If the answer is YES, then you are the person we want!

I am asking for volunteers from our Mercy Community who are willing to come to the College and share their experiences about their study and profession/career.

The talks will be presented to a small group of interested Year 10, 11 and 12 students during lunch for around 10 to 15 minutes. This will be followed up with a Q and A session. You are an extremely valuable resource and your advice will help our students make more informed choices when choosing their future careers. If you are interested, email me at eric.regoli@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Mr Eric Regoli
Careers
Parent News

Federal Election

Five videos have been commissioned by the NCEC promoting the good work of Catholic schools across the country. The videos have been uploaded to the NCEC’s YouTube channel. The first video is on Catholic schools generally while the remaining four have a specific theme – parents, teachers, Catholic values and funding. You are asked to share the link https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=qIXO1qFPVRw in all communication channels your school uses (newsletters, Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

LINKED is the NCEC’s government funding message for next week.

News from the P & F President

P&F Meeting
Thank you to those parents who attended the P&F meeting on Wednesday night. The draft minutes will be posted on the web site in a few weeks. Topics discussed include: Success of Cocktail Party, Open Day and Mothers’ Day Breakfast. Internet Access, MySkool App, Maintenance of P&F Stock, Use of Try-Booking, Year Group Lists, P&F Finance, Social Events in addition to matters raised by staff.

Student Holiday Catch Up
Thank you to Catherine (mother of Betsy W) in Year 8 for organising a recent school holiday catch up at Sydney Academy of Sports at Narrabeen. The girls participated in girls rock climbing and archery.

Parent Catch Up
Please consider coming along to the Willoughby Hotel (315 Penshurst Street – on the corner of Macmahon Street, just up from Victoria Avenue) on Wednesday 15 June 2016 from 7pm for a casual catch up with fellow MCC parents. There is no charge for this gathering. There is a bar in the upstairs area for drinks (or water) and you can order food from the bistro if you like. Please drop in anytime for a chat. I would be grateful if you can RSVP using this link, https://www.trybooking.com/LSQF so we can ensure the Hotel provides enough staff in this area.

I look forward to seeing you then.

With best wishes,

Phillipa Sobb
President P & F
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Canteen Roster

If you are unable to attend Canteen on your rostered day please try and swap with another volunteer.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please help us to serve your daughters! We need volunteers for canteen—once a week, once a fortnight, once a month or even once a term. Whatever suits you. WE are always happy to see you.

If you can help in anyway please contact us ASAP 9419 2890.

Thank you

Anna, Angela and Nancy