



# The Mercy Voice

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**2018**

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**Upcoming Events:**

**TERM 2**

**WEEK NINE**

**26 June—Year 10 History  
Excursion**

**27 June—Year 10 English  
Excursion**

**27 & 28 June—A Thousand  
Cranes Production 7pm**

**WEEK TEN**

**2 July — Year 10 Parent  
Teacher Interviews**

**2 July—Classes finish early at  
1.45pm**

**3-4 July Band Camp  
Thursday 5 July—Term 2  
Concludes for students**

**TERM 3 COMMENCES  
MONDAY 23 JULY**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**8 Sept —P&F Trivia Night  
7pm**

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

Friday morning saw Mercy students combined with the students of Our Lady of Dolour's Primary School to celebrate the Year of Youth.



It was a wonderful liturgy we shared, recognising our joint heritage of being founded by the Sisters of Mercy and the importance of young people in the sustainability of our Catholic religion. Students were encouraged to take up the challenge given by Pope Francis to 'not be a couch potato'.

**Ex-MERCY DRAMA TEACHER ACCREDITED AS HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED TEACHER:**

We congratulate Mrs Amy Gill (Drama teacher until 2017 and current parent) who has been recognised by the New South Wales Education and Standards Authority (NESA) as a Highly Accomplished teacher, whilst she was working at Mercy College.

A ceremony to recognise this achievement is being held by the Catholic Schools Office next week where Mrs Gill will be presented with her Certificate in front of her family.

To receive this accreditation level teachers need to be "highly effective, skilled classroom practitioners who routinely work independently and collaboratively to improve their own practice and the practice of colleagues."

**COLLEGE CHOIR ACHIEVEMENT IN EISTEDDFOD:**

Congratulations to our choir members and conductor (Mrs Kath McGreal) as the choir was awarded a highly commended in the Sydney Eisteddfod, *Australasian Championship For Youth Choirs (19 & Under)*.

They have now been invited back to compete in the finals next Sunday 24 June. We wish them well.

**PARENT APP:**

Our Marketing & Promotions Officer (Mrs Nicole Clancy) has been working hard to develop an App which will contain information and up-dates about activities your daughter/s are involved in.

After feedback from the P&F and the College community I am pleased to announce the College is ready to launch the App.

## Message from the Principal

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I encouraged parents/carers to download the App as it will give you the opportunity to stay connected with the school and get timely information. The App is available to download via the App Store or Google Play. Simply Search 'Mercy College Chatswood'.

While there is lots of information including news, galleries, calendars and much more, some main functions that should assist parent/carers include:

- 1. Notifications:** Allows tailored messages to be pushed to parent/carers phone.
- 2. Access to Newsletter:** Easy one click access to the College newsletter.
- 3. Absentee Form:** Allows parent/carers to contact the College when their daughter is sick and will not be attending school.

You will soon be sent an email from Niccole which will assist you in loading the App. We look forward to seeing all our families adopting the App as an easy way for us to keep you up-dated.

*Best wishes*



**Principal**

## THANK YOU FROM THE SALVATION ARMY RED SHEILD APPEAL

Please see below a note of appreciation from the Salvation Army at Chatswood

Thank you very much to the school and students for volunteering and helping out with our Red Shield Appeal this year.

We couldn't of made our target without the input your school gave. We raised close to \$50,000.

We look forward to working with you again next year.

Thank you!

Chatswood Salvos



### Student's Work in Print

Driven by her passion and interest in Vikings and Nordic culture, Chelsea W (Year 10) entered her poem, 'They Came on Black Steeds', to the Australian Children's Literary Board. Her poem was selected for publication in the May edition of their *Oz Kids In Print* magazine. Chelsea's poem is now eligible for the **2018 Young Australian Writer's Awards**.

Congratulations Chelsea.

### JUNIOR MERCY IN ACTION DAY 2018

On the 15th of June, 2018 seven Year 8 girls and three Year 9 girls participated in the Junior Mercy in Action Day, held at Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta. We were all very fortunate to share our day with four other Mercy Schools: Catherine McAuley Westmead, Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College, Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta and Our Lady of Mercy College Burraneer.

The theme of the day was '**Be something more: together we can**' where we looked closely at the saying by Pope Francis: **"You are called to care for creation not only as responsible citizens, but also as followers of Christ."** We were involved in many fun activities including ice breakers and trivia. These activities helped us to meet new people at different schools and learn new things.

Also, as Mercy schools we all collaborated together in finding ways to protect our environment. Through this we were able to share our ideas and exchange our thoughts. Together we worked to learn how we can do our part and make a significant mark on the world.

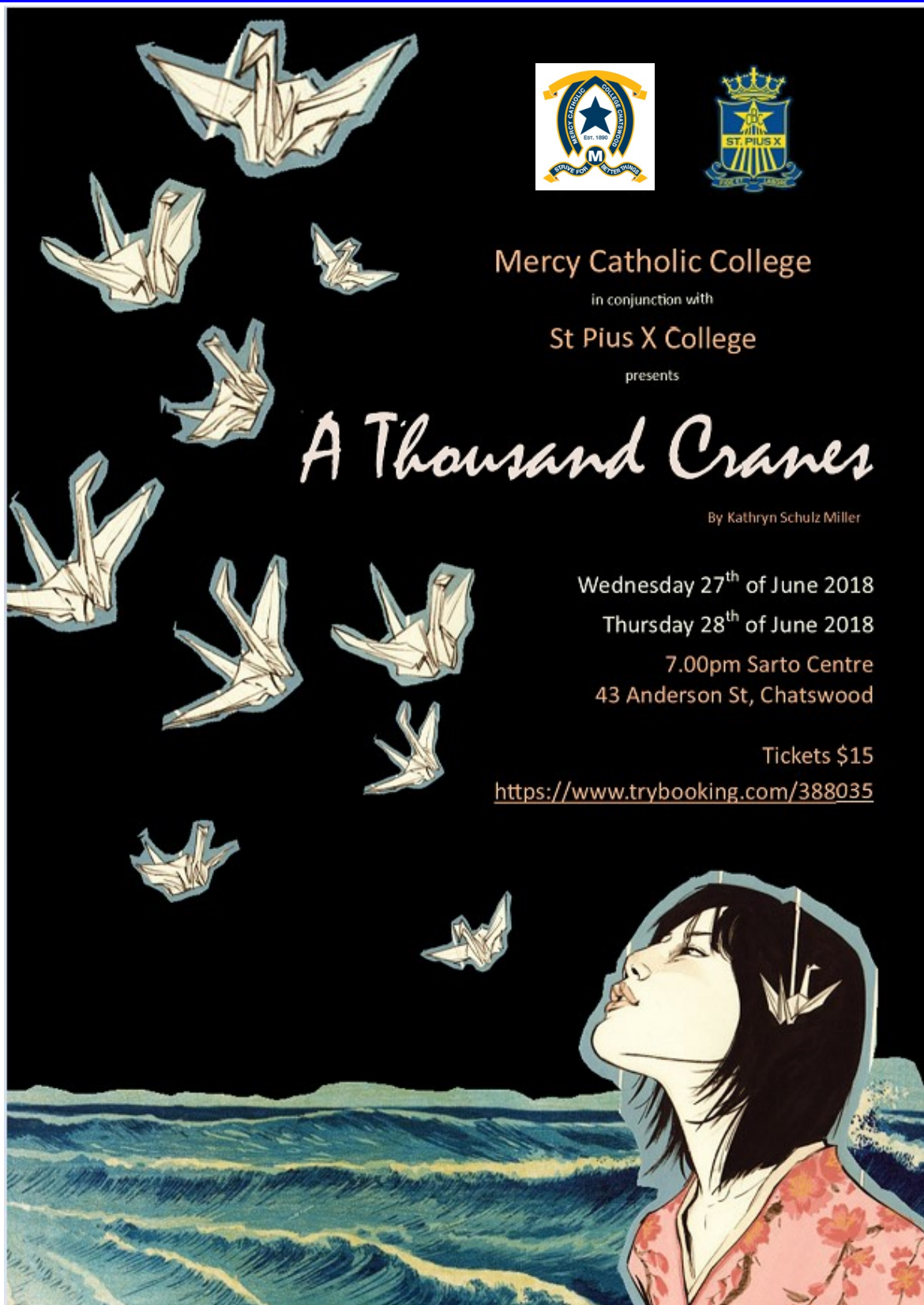
We were lucky to be joined by Rachel Whitely, an OLMC Parramatta graduate of 2010. In her life, Rachel has been heavily involved in working to protect the environment for many environmental protection agencies and organisations. She spoke to us about her experience, which enabled us to become more aware of the environmental issues in the world.

Junior Mercy in Action Day helped us to open our eyes and discover new ways in which we can help the environment in the community and globally. Overall the day was a truly enlightening and interesting experience which helped us Mercy schools to become one, help to change the environment together and to become better followers of Christ.

**Written by Sophie M, Sonia A, Kate S and Isabella H**







### **A THOUSAND CRANES**

The Mercy Catholic College and St Pius X College production, *A Thousand Cranes*, is on next week! Performances will be on Wednesday 27th June and Thursday 28th of June at 7pm in the Sarto Centre.

Tickets are \$15 and are available from the TryBooking website: <https://www.trybooking.com/388035> There will be a limited number of tickets available at the door.

### DEBATING

Mercy students are enjoying an outstanding beginning to the 2018 Debating season. Our teams enjoyed success in the Round Robin part of the CSDA competition. Year 9 had four wins and Years 7,8,10 and Senior teams all had five wins out of six debates. The success of our teams is a testament to their spirit and energy, commitment and support of one another this year.

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Mercy Year 7	W	L	W	W	W	W
Mercy Year 8	W	W	W	W	L	W
Mercy Year 9	W	L	W	W	L	W
Mercy Year 10	W	W	W	L	W	W
Mercy SO	W	L	W	W	W	W

Unfortunately, Year 9 does not progress to the eliminations. They are a very strong debating team and we are so proud of their commitment to the "academic sport". They have worked to refine their refutation and develop comprehensive cases.

This week we begin the elimination debates. Year 8 debated last evening against St Pius X and we are sorry to announce their loss.

Tonight, Year 7 and 10 will debate against Loreto Normanhurst. These debates will prove challenging. However, Mercy debaters have strong convictions and can shape their arguments and counter-arguments with sensible examples.

Our Senior team, consisting only of Year 11 students have reached the elimination rounds by defeating Year 12 teams. Our students' strength is the compassion and common sense which they bring to their worldview and argument. They will debate Catherine McAuley College Westmead.

We would like to pass on our thanks to the fine support provided by parents and staff who attended a number of debates. It is also with much appreciation, I thank the staff who have given up much of their time and wisdom this season to adjudicate.

Mrs Rachel Morgan and Miss Michelle Brandwood  
**Debating Coordinators**





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# Spreading Joy

FRIDAY 29 JUNE 7-9PM

OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH  
94 ARCHER ST, CHATSWOOD NSW 2067

Have a question?  
Contact Adrian on 0414826326  
or [adrian@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:adrian@chatswoodparish.org.au)



### BBSSA UNDER 13s SOCCER GALA DAY – 2018

A team of 13 junior soccer players were selected to represent Mercy Catholic College in the BBSSA U/13 Soccer Gala Day at Melwood Reserve, Forestville.

#### The Mercy Super Stars

##### Year 7

Imogen H  
Chloe D  
Martha W  
Tahlia and Gemma F  
Tamara K  
Jasmine K  
Calista M  
Charlize K

##### Year 8

Ashleigh S  
Logan M  
Caitlin K  
Lauren T

This team was comprised of some very experienced and skilled players and it was evident from the start that Mercy had a real chance of advancing into the grand finals.



Mercy emerged as clear winners of POOL A, having defeated Mount St Benedict's and St Brigid's and drawing with St Joseph's. The Mercy Super Stars then advanced into the play offs between POOL A and POOL B, which saw us coming up against Stella Maris, the second place winners of POOL B. The team had a convincing two goals to zero win over Stella, placing them into the GRAND FINALS against St Joseph's.

The Grand Finals was a nerve racking experience. Mercy was the first to score which meant that St Joseph's needed to score 2 goals, if they were to win the tournament. The rules stated that in the event of a draw, the team that scored first would be deemed the winners. St Joseph's were unable to score owing to Mercy's formidable defence and team work.

Congratulations to all the players for becoming the first grand finalists of any BBSSA Soccer Gala Days. Thank you to Mrs Kissane who was assistant coach/manager of the team on the day.





## MCC Co Curricular Soccer

This year Mercy College has entered 3 teams in the North West Sydney Womens Football Association, an U 14, U 15 and senior team consisting of Year 11, Year 12 and Ex students. The 2018 season has proved to be challenging for all teams however the girls have continued to improve their skill and game play each week. As always a huge thank you to our very generous volunteer Team Coaches and Managers who ensure all players are prepared and organised for each game.



### Mercy U14s/2 Football Team Report

It was in the eleventh hour that Ashlee S graciously accepted the role of Coach for our team. A recent graduate, Ashlee is currently playing in the AA5 team and has played for Mercy over the last few years, with the 18s winning their Grand Final last year.

Although we started out the season playing against Club teams, the girls scored a goal in their first game. Coach Ash holds training Wednesday afternoon at Beauchamp Park, teaching the girls ball control, playing positions, passing and shots on Goal.

Though we have had a few losses at the start of the season, every weekend there are still plenty of cheers coming from the sidelines. By the sounds of it, the fans and the girls have fun and that is the name of the game! The team is improving week on week with their resilience and efforts towards their opponents being relentless, despite their losses.

After four games the team was regraded to play against other schools, which equalised their performance with their opponents. Shortly after, they won their first game. A real group effort all around. Every one of the girls played their hearts out, as always and it paid dividends.

Sport is a learning curve to life and the girls are soaking up the experience like sponges, which is what it is all about.

Lastly, thanks to all the parents that bring the girls to the games, play Linesman and assist with the Canteen. Their support to the girls and the game are greatly appreciated, as it is the parents involvement that keep the girls enthused in Sport.

James Makarewicz (Manager)







### Mercy Competitive Dance Ensemble

In February of this year the Mercy Dance Ensemble Program was launched offering students the opportunity to participate in performance focused dance classes. This year two Mercy Ensembles will be performing at in-school events and competing against other schools at eisteddfods throughout Sydney.

The Contemporary Ensemble with their teacher Sophie Toppeross is developing a lyrical piece titled *Breathe*. The Jazz Ensemble are working on a theatre jazz routine called *Company B* choreographed by Anika Glennie. The groups are currently in the final stages of choreographing and polishing their routines in preparation for the Extreme Dance Competition at the end of July.



MCC Jazz Ensemble



MCC Contemporary Ensemble





### DRAMA CLUB

It has been a fun, dynamic and exciting semester as the Drama Club students from Years 7 & 8 have worked on the units of Theatresports, Improvisation and Playbuilding.

In Theatresports, the girls learned how to play a great variety of Theatresports games with great skill, fun and creativity. In improvisation, they created and performed improvisations and improvised scenes using the elements of Drama. In Playbuilding, the girls have been creating and developing their own 'plays'. They included rap, poetry, movement, physical theatre, soundscapes and script. Their performances are innovative, imaginative, fun, skillful and authentic. In Term 3, the girls will begin to explore scripts.

Parents and friends will have the opportunity to observe their creativity, wit, imagination and great humour as the girls showcase their talents in Term 4 at the Creative Arts Showcase, held in November, and the 'Family and Friends Performance', held during the last lesson of Term 4.



### MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

It has been a fun, creative and dynamic semester with the girls enthusiastically performing songs, scenes (improvised and scripted) and short choreographed movement sequences to the The Greatest Showman, Mamma Mia and Beauty and the Beast. It is so exciting to witness the confidence, technical skill and collaboration skills continually developing in such a fun and engaged manner.

Parents and friends will have the opportunity to watch their performances as the girls showcase their talents in Term 4, at the Creative Arts Showcase, held in November, and the 'Family and Friends Performance', held during the last lesson of Term 4.

*Donna D'Silva*

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# MCC Netball Mid Season Report

What an exciting year 2018 has been for MCC Netball. We registered 22 teams with NSNA, a clear indication of the increasing support for netball and the growth of the game at Mercy.

Heading in to round 8 we have 17 of our 22 teams who are placed in a top 4 position. It is clear that all the work put in to grading, team selection and coach recruitment early in the year is paying off.

It is also encouraging to see those teams outside of these figures who have improved dramatically since Game 1. None more evident than our MCC14 and MCC07 teams. MCC14 were elevated 2 grades to be placed in 14A this year and have faced the challenge head on.

After a slow start the girls have come together to produce netball of a high standard proving they are more than worthy of their place in A grade. MCC07 had unexpected changes early on in their team but have shown a commitment to work hard at training resulting in improved skill sets and team play. Games are tough and long but they always walk off with a handshake for the opposition and a smile on their face! A true example of winning isn't everything!

As with all sporting associations MCC rely heavily on volunteers who give up their time and expertise to coach, manage, umpire and coordinate games ensuring Mercy students are able to participate in a co curricular team sport with their cohort. These volunteers do much more than attend a game each week and without them MCC Netball would not function. They deserve our full thanks and admiration.

Unfortunately we have had a couple of incidents at the courts recently involving our spectators that do not reflect our Mercy values. As in all team sports there are correct procedures to follow if any type of issue or dispute arises. At **no** point is any spectator ever to approach an umpire. The captain of the team playing is the only one who is to speak to the umpire, only at a break and only to discuss a rule or clarify a call.

If necessary there is always an MCC Netball representative at the courts who can be called on to attend a game. They are then able to determine if an NSNA official is required.

The Coach or Manager are the only people who should call for officials. Parents, players and spectators are reminded of the Code of Conduct agreed to when registering for Netball.

We hope the rest of the season is a positive and rewarding experience for all involved in Netball and look forward to seeing lots of supporters at future games to watch the Mercy girls in action!

Margaret Kellendonk  
**Co-Curricular administration**  
**Merelda Pace Netball Convenor**

Let the *players* **play**  
Let the *coaches* **coach**  
Let the *officials* **officiate**  
Let the *spectators* be  
**positive!**





# MCC Netball Mid Season Report



**Year 12**



**MCC Parents cameras  
at the Ready.....**



**13E in action**



**Year 11**



**Our 13 E Team**



Mercy Catholic College has launched *Qkr* (by *MasterCard*) as an easy to use, secure phone app for making payments from your mobile phone for co- curricular activities (i.e. Swimming, Cricket, Basketball, etc). *Qkr* will accept payment using **ANY** credit/debit card (except American Express) and has a simple checkout function.



### Getting started!

**Step 1. Download *Qkr!* on your Android phone or iPhone Via [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)**  
iPad users can download iPhone App.

### Step 2: Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

### Step 3: Find Mercy Catholic College, Chatswood

Search for Mercy Catholic College or Chatswood

### Step 4: Register your Child/ren

When first accessing your school menu; you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school payments on their behalf.

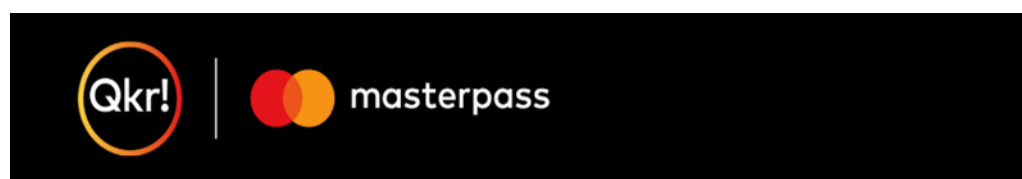
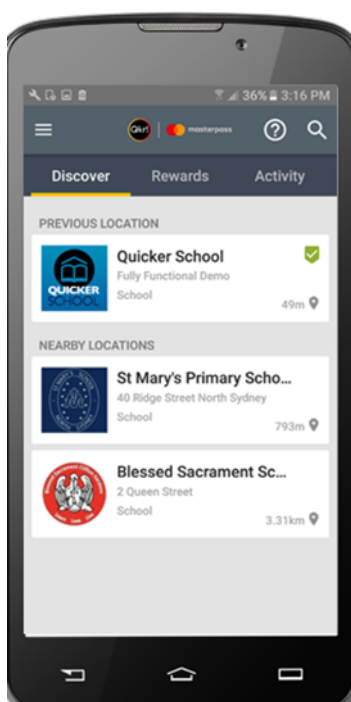
**Note: The Qkr web client is available for those not wanting to complete transactions from their mobile phone.**

### About the *Qkr!* App

*Qkr* is a safe, secure and reliable way to pay for school items. *Qkr* is provided by MasterCard so you know the payments are secure. No information is stored on your phone. Registration details and card information are saved securely on the MasterCard network.

For more information please click on the link below or contact Mrs Margaret Kellendonk Co-curricular activities Administrator 9419 2890 or [margaret.kellendonk@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:margaret.kellendonk@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

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## Q. How can I keep track of my Qkr! payments?

A. Itemized Qkr! eReceipts provide a record of purchase and are a convenient way to keep track of your Qkr! payments.

To view your eReceipts:

1. Open Qkr! and tap 'Activity'.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and tap 'Receipt' to view eReceipts.

Never lose a receipt: email receipts to your account:

1. Select the eReceipt you wish to email to yourself.
2. Tap on the mail icon at the top right of your screen.
3. Tap 'Send' to email the eReceipt to your email address, or enter another email address, and tap 'Send'.

**UPCOMING DATES—2018 P&F Function Dates**

Fathers' Day Breakfast - Thursday 30 August

College Trivia Night — 8 September

Graduation Afternoon Tea - Wednesday 26 September

Year 7 2019 Welcome BBQ - Friday 16 November

**2018 P&F Meeting Dates**

Term 3            15 August

Term 4            24 October (AGM)

**Tina Teixeira**  
**President P&F**  
**[mccpandf@gmail.com](mailto:mccpandf@gmail.com)**

ENJOY AN EVENING FILLED  
WITH FUN, GAMES, LAUGHTER.  
MEET & SOCIALISE WITH  
OTHER PARENTS.

WE WELCOME ALL FAMILIES TO

**MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE'S  
P&F TRIVIA NIGHT  
WITH SILENT AUCTION**

**SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER, 7:00PM  
HARRINGTON HALL, VIA FERGUSON LANE**

Bring your own snacks and drinks.

Don't have anyone to sit with? Don't worry. You can nominate via TryBooking to sit with friends or request to be seated with parents in your daughter's Year group.

If you would like to donate a prize towards the Silent Auction, contact MCCPandF@gmail.com. If you prefer, you could make a donation via TryBooking. If you are unable to attend this year, we would still welcome your donation.

**TICKETS \$30  
MAKE YOUR RESERVATION  
WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/WDIM**





*Women  
for the World*

Book now for the  
**Sydney 2018 Luncheon**



## **We've listened: Women for the World returns as a Luncheon This September**

**Date:** Friday 7 September 2018 | **Time:** 12:00-2:30pm

**Venue:** Four Seasons Sydney | **Cost:** \$160 per person  
or \$1500 for a table of ten

**BUY TICKETS ONLINE:** <https://bit.ly/2JEK6a6>

All proceeds from this event go to the vulnerable communities that Caritas supports. Just by attending, you will have a positive impact on women around the world!

Inspirational woman and special guest, Marie Mondu, will speak of her work in Papua New Guinea, assisting survivors of violence through local Catholic-run safe houses and helping young people overcome missed opportunities through life-saving informal education.

Ben Fordham, Channel 9 presenter and host of Sydney Live on 2GB will be the event MC.

For enquiries and offline ticket purchases, please email Tayana Grundy at [Tayana.Grundy@caritas.org.au](mailto:Tayana.Grundy@caritas.org.au), or call her on 0481 717 585.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

**The Women for the World Team**



# CATECHIST WANTED!

## Catechist Corner

We are looking for people who enjoy being with children, lives their faith, enjoys a laugh and cares for others. If this is you – have you ever considered becoming a catechist or helper? ***You do not need to be a teacher to share your faith with children.*** All you need is the

desire and are willing to give up to 1 hour a week of your time. They say "Faith is Caught – Not Taught!" All resources and training are provided.

Catechists and helpers are needed now across most schools in our Chatswood Parish. We also need catechists that would like to be a part of our ministry in a relief capacity or assist in the high school – which is only twice a term. This is also a wonderful way of being involved without the commitment of weekly classes and allows the current catechists a break or time to travel when they need to. No commitment small or large is wasted.

For more information, please watch the following video link "I'm a Catechist." <https://vimeo.com/91892546> I would love to hear from you if you would like to know more and could spare 30 mins each week to share the Good News of Jesus with our younger generation. We will be having a **morning tea at 10am on Monday, 25 June in the Bishop Barry Room** at the parish if you would like to know more or would like to take the next step. Please contact Jen Perrott at [jennifer@chatswoodparish.org.au](mailto:jennifer@chatswoodparish.org.au) or 9410 9000 for more information.

Jen Perrott

Catechist Coordinator