



The Mercy Voice

Term 3 Issue 2
6 August — 17 August
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Upcoming Events:

TERM 3

WEEK FIVE

**22 Aug— Visual Arts &
Design Exhibition 6pm-8pm**
**22 Aug—Year 11 Economics
Excursion**
**24 Aug— Year 10 French
Excursion**

WEEK SIX

27 Aug— BBSSA Athletics
**27 Aug—ThinkUKnow
Year 7 & 8 Evening 6.30pm**
**29 Aug—Co-Curricular Photo
Day**
**30 Aug—P&F Fathers' Day
Breakfast from 7am**

SAVE THE DATE

**8 Sept —P&F Trivia Night
7pm**

**Creative Arts Showcase
Friday November 2**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those parents who attended our very successful P&F Meeting on Wednesday night. There was much discussion around changes happening around the College and future directions. Save the date of the Term 4 meeting (24 October) in your diary, as it would be wonderful to have your opinion contribute to the discussion.



DEVELOPMENT OF THE KIRK STREET CAMPUS:

The development on our other campus is rapidly gathering momentum. At present we have five classrooms on that site and by the beginning of next year there will be ten.

By Week 8 of this term the Maths department will move off the site and move into classrooms at the primary school. It is through the generosity of the staff at Our Lady of Dolours that we will have the use of five classrooms. This means there will be no disruption to the learning of Mercy students.

CHANGES TO OUR 1:1 DEVICE PROGRAMME FOR YEAR 10 (2019):

If your daughter is currently in Year 9 the warranty for her Chromebook expires at the end of this year and you need to make the decision about what device she will use when she is in Year 10. You will have three choices: keep the current device, purchase a new Chromebook or she can bring her own device (BYOD).

The third option has become available due to a change in the Catholic Schools Office policy and at this stage is only a trial for Year 10, 2019.

All Year 10 parents should have by now received an email outlining the options in more detail.

YEARS 11 AND 12 PARENTS:

With the Year 12 Graduation fast approaching we are looking for support from our Year 11 parents to host the Graduation afternoon tea. It is a tradition at Mercy that Year 11 parents host the event as they will be given the same hospitality next year with their daughters. Year 12 parents are asked to help us with catering by letting us know how many family members will be attending. Please see the information from the P&F President, Tina Teixeira later in this newsletter which gives you the links to the Trybooking sites to let us know numbers coming.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:

Pope Francis has invited the Australian church to dialogue so that our Bishops have an understanding of the issues that face our contemporary church. The Australian Catholic Bishops have therefore announced the decision to hold a Plenary Council in 2020. Archbishop of Brisbane Mark Coleridge said that "the Church is not the presence in our society it once was. We need to take a measure of that and make decisions accordingly."

To provide feedback to the Plenary Council, 2018 has been nominated as a year of dialogue. You are invited to have your say to the question "what do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" To facilitate this, parishes and schools are giving their communities the opportunity to discuss the question and provide our response to the Bishops. At Mercy College we will be holding a session of listening and dialogue for parents on Wednesday 24 October. Save the date.

Best wishes

Suzanne Kavanagh

Principal

Year 12 Graduation Afternoon Tea

26th September 2018
3.10pm to 4.15pm

Bookings open on
www.trybooking.com/XRIA
from Friday 17th August

Please RSVP for every attendee
catering purposes
by September 19th



Mercy Week 2018

Mercy Week is a strong tradition at our College and it continues to be the favourite part of the year for our community. It is a time when we celebrate the Feast Day of our foundress Catherine McAuley, reflect on our Mercy Charism and live out the Mercy values of our school through fundraising and outreach activities.

Through knowing Catherine's story we come to understand why as a young woman she had such a deep sense of social justice. Catherine knew what it was like to be poor having lost her father and mother at a young age. She herself experienced personal poverty and knew what it was like to be homeless, to be hungry and to receive the mercy of others.



Catherine was also a deeply spiritual woman who centred her life on God. She was inspired by the Gospel of Jesus and the mercy he showed to the poor and the marginalised. When Catherine inherited a large sum of money which is estimated to be the equivalent of \$7 million dollars today she used it to build the House of Mercy, a refuge for women and children. Catherine loved the poor, and would say that "the poor deserve the best".

Catherine is a role model to us all, she embodied what it means to be a woman of mercy. During Mercy Week, we are called to live out these values, to be women who show respect to one another, be women of compassion, women who act with integrity, women who strive for excellence and welcome those who we encounter with hospitality and kindness.

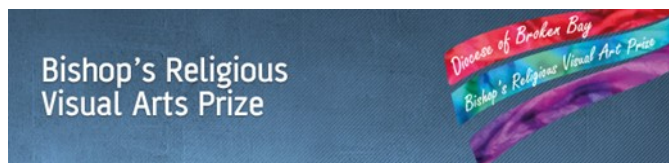
Mercy Week is the time for us to be like Catherine, to be merciful and show love to the poor and continue the work of the Mercy Sisters in our community.

MERCY WEEK – 3 September – 7 September 2018

Monday	Mercy Day Mass
Tuesday	Recess – Year 8 Cake Stall Fundraiser for the Farmers Lunch - Year 12 Mercy vs St Pius X Netball Game
Wednesday	Year 12 Fundraisers Year 11 International Lunch Year 7 – 10 Presentations on where the funds are going
Thursday	Year 10 Fashion Parade
Friday	Mercy Outreach Day

During Mercy Week we have a huge focus on fundraising so students need to save up their money so that they can contribute to the fundraising and participate in all the Year 12 activities and purchase the International Lunch.

Bishop's Religious Art Prize 2018



Year 8 RE students have once again achieved great success in the annual Diocesan Religious Art Competition for 2018. The theme for this year had a special focus on the Psalms in our Bible which describe the Word of God as "Sweeter than Honey". The Bible is not just a book that contains God's message for a community of people 2000 years ago that we seek moral guidance from. The Bible is a living book, a way in which God communicates directly with each one of us. God speaks to us through the scriptures today and this can transform our lives.

Year 8 RE students entered the Diocesan Religious Art Competition as a part of their assessment program for the Unit of Work on 'The Gospel Today' during Term 2. They were required to create an illuminated scripture passage from the Gospel which inspired them and spoke to their heart.

The artworks were judged by the Year 8 RE teachers and our professional Art Critics Mrs Lennon and Mrs Thompson. I would like to congratulate the following students who were awarded Highly Commended and Finalists Certificates.

Highly Commended Certificates

This was awarded to students who received a perfect score of 15/15 for their illuminated scripture passage. They also demonstrated a sophisticated understanding of the meaning of the scripture in their lives today.

Jessica M.
Catherine M.
Charlotte A.
Lucca T.
Kiara T.
Charlotte W.
Jewel Y.
Sofia S.

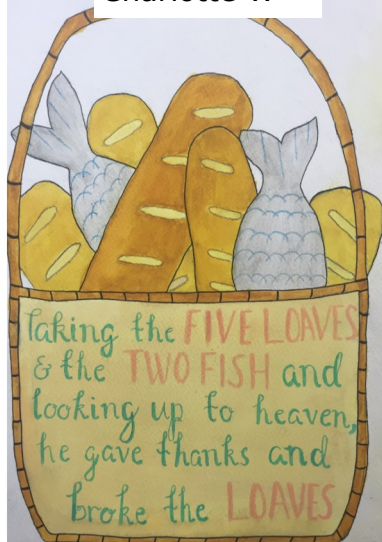
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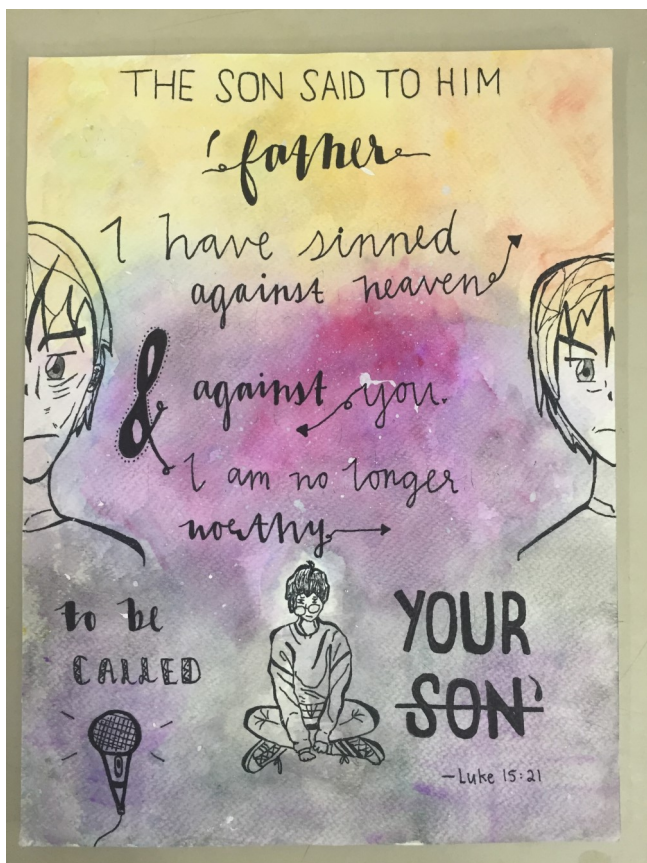
Finalists Certificates

This was awarded to students who received a perfect score of 15/15 for their artwork. They were also selected as the three finalists whose illuminated scripture passage were submitted to the CSO for judging. Their artworks were selected because it was inspired by an original idea, was technically proficient and showed a highly sophisticated understanding of the scripture in the Gospel.

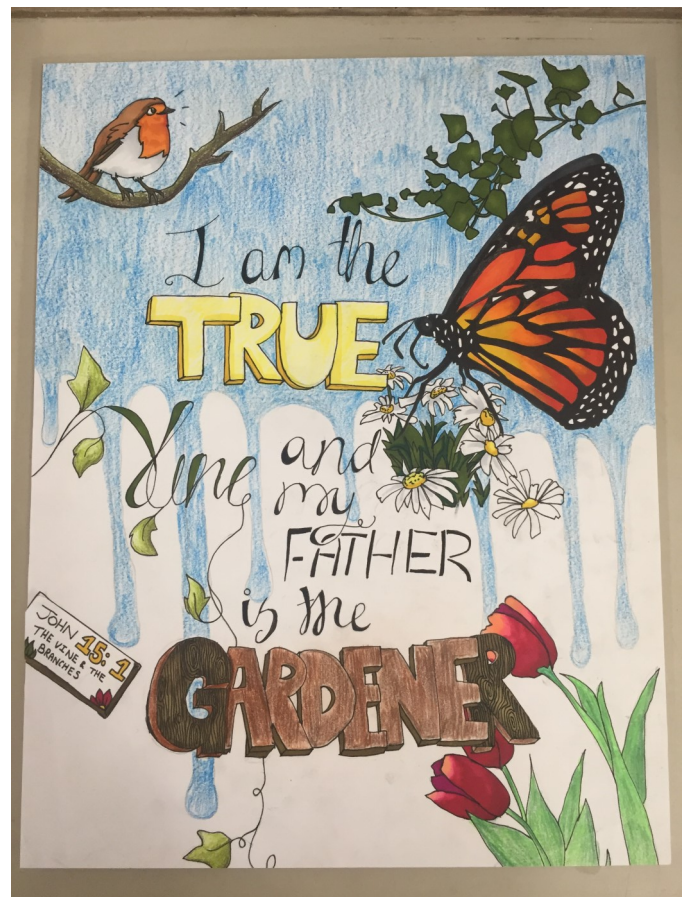
Year 8 Finalists for 2018

Arleia V.
Caitlyn M.
Michella K.

Michella K



Arleia V



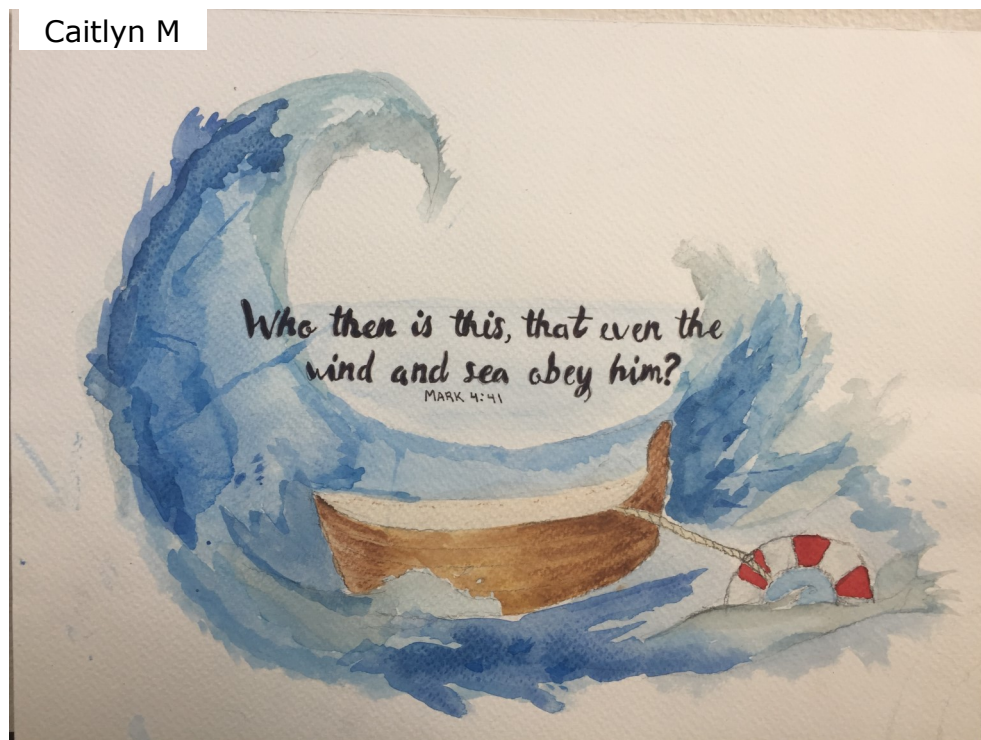
Bishop's Art Prize 2018 Winners

I am delighted to announce that two of our finalists were successful in receiving Diocesan Awards for Stage 4 in the Bishops Religious Art Prize for 2018.

Honourable Mention was awarded to Arleia V. for her illuminated scripture passage from the Gospel of John "I am the true vine and my father is the gardner" (Jn 15:1).

First Prize was awarded to Caitlyn M. for her illuminated scripture passage from the Gospel of Mark "Do not be afraid". I would like to share Caitlyn's reflection on the scripture:

I chose this bible verse, as I believe it perfectly captures the moment when we realise how powerful God and Jesus are and how they can influence our lives to benefit us in a positive way. The verse is conveying how we must have a strong faith in God. In the passage the disciples did not have enough faith in Jesus to believe he would save them from the storm.



The waves in the artwork represent the rough moments in our lives that we feel can often swamp us. The boat represents us as disciples of Christ, and that though our journey of life, especially the hard times, Jesus is by our side to accompany us and save us from the wild storms and seas.

Congratulations to all of the Year 8 award recipients and their RE and Art teachers who assisted in preparing them for their Assessment Task.

Ms Gabie Stojanovski
Director of Mission & Religious Education

Mercy College
Year 7 and Year 8 Parent
Evening
on Cyber safety by
ThinkUKnow Organisation
on Monday 27th August at
6.30pm.
Held at Mercy in M block

Save the date.

**It is an expectation that all parents
of students in Years 7 and 8 attend.**

ThinkUKnow is a free, evidence-based cyber safety program that provides presentations to Australian parents, carers and teachers and students. They will provide you with information on the technologies that your daughter uses, the challenges she may face, and importantly, how they can be overcome.

On this evening the aim is to provide you with the tools to create a safer online environment for your daughter. Presentations will cover what young people SAY, SEE and DO online.

The presentation will cover topics such as social media reputation management, cyberbullying, 'sexting', online grooming, online gaming, inappropriate content, privacy management, identity theft, how to protect your devices, and how to report matters when things go wrong.

If the shoe fits. . .



Year 9 students were recently charged with the task of creating their own contribution to an exhibition called 'If the shoe fits'. Their pieces demonstrated their skills in appropriating, transforming or adapting traditional fairy tales for a modern audience. Many of the works were drawing on the Disney films about princesses, such as *The Little Mermaid*, as well as traditional fairy tales like *Rapunzel*.

Very clearly, there were messages about empowerment and strength. Many pieces examined the idea that a woman should be judged according to her character rather than her appearance. Year 9 students don't want to be princesses but be powerful, intelligent young women in charge of their own destiny and not wait for a prince.

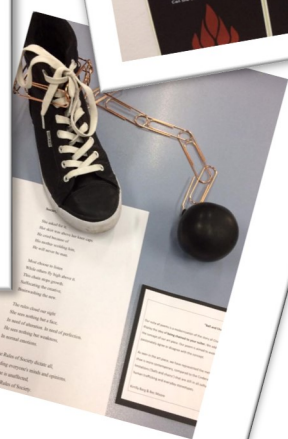
From cakes to castles, song books, memes, dating site profiles and lots of shoes (and not of the glass kind), Year 9 English students certainly showed their skills in creativity and collaboration.

What did the girls say?

It was fun being creative just for the sake of it? Rebecca

We could interpret the fairy tale any way we wanted to. It was good to have that freedom? Genevieve

It was nice to see everyone's different take on the fairy tales to make them more modern. Jovita



YEAR 9 ENGLISH EXCURSION - WHICH WAY HOME



On Monday the 30th of June, Year 9 travelled to the Seymour Centre and watched the ILBIJERRI Theatre Company perform 'Which Way Home'. ILBIJERRI Theatre Company tells stories about what it means to be Indigenous in Australia today. The play was amusing and moving. The writer and actor, Katie Beckett, drew on her memories of growing up with her single Aboriginal father.

The story follows a young woman named Tash who takes her father on a road trip back 'home'. The flashbacks interestingly showed the ups and downs of growing up as an Aboriginal girl in a predominantly white area. A scene that stuck with many of us was when Tash was scolded by her father for getting muddy in front of the white children because he was scared that people would think he couldn't look after her. This helped us realise how severe discrimination can be in Australia.

Overall this performance created an uplifting and touching experience for all of us and opened our eyes to the Aboriginal culture and hardships that they have faced in our contemporary society. The daughter and father relationship conveyed in the play provoked laughter, joy and sympathy in us all, as well as allowing us to make connections to our own lives.

It was a fun and engaging way to tell a true story and was different to anything most of Year 9 had seen before. It was performed on a small stage and cleverly used space, lighting and props to tell a story that warmed all of our hearts.

Year 9 thoroughly enjoyed the performance by the ILBIJERRI Theatre Company and it has inspired us to love everyone for who they are and to appreciate those who do lots for us. We look to further study of Indigenous Stories and the role of media in shaping our understanding of Indigenous issues later in the year.

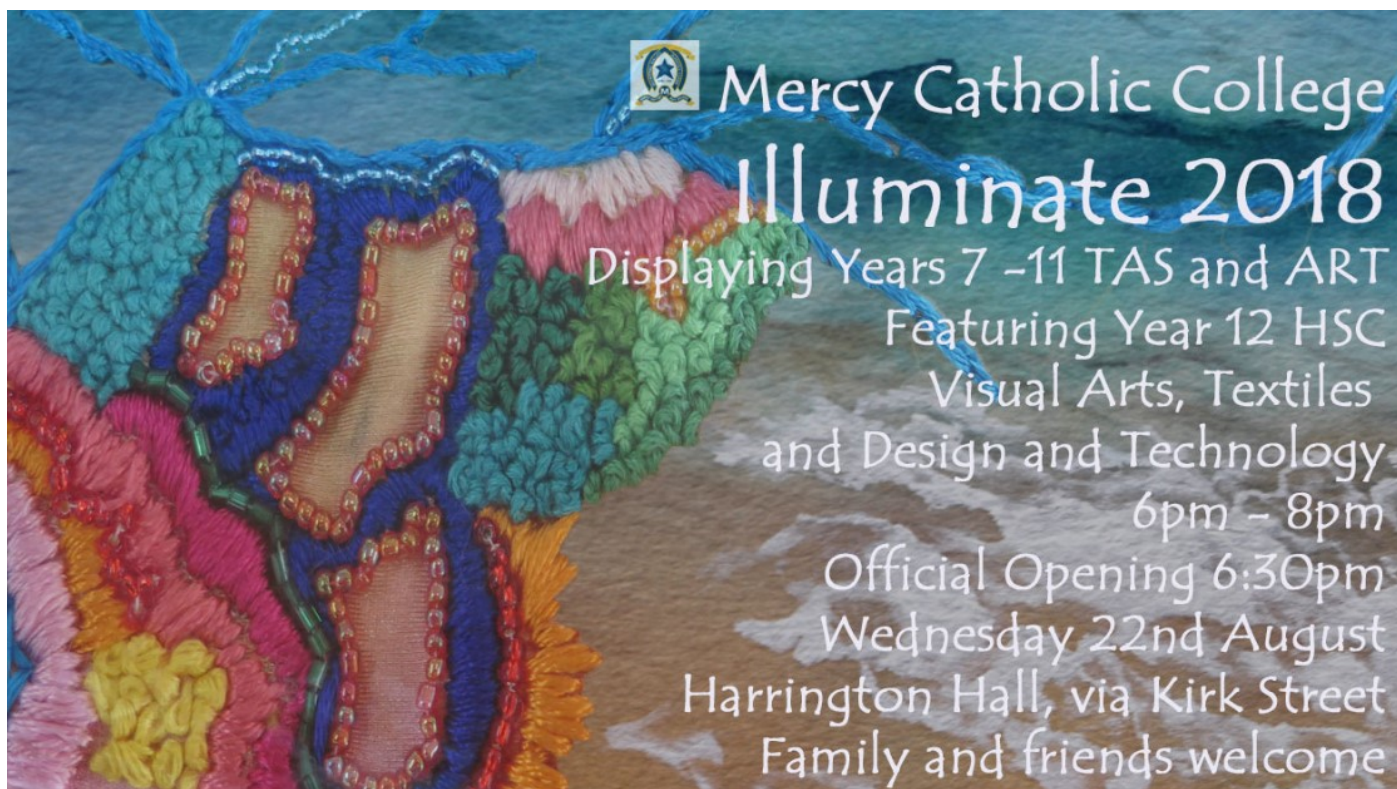
By Kiya H


Illuminate 2018

This year the exhibition displaying the work students have produced in Visual Arts and TAS has been given a new name. *Illuminate 2018*, encompasses the ideas, skills and talents of our students, highlighting and illuminating the results of their thinking and making.

Please join us on Wednesday evening 22nd August, 6 – 8pm in Harrington hall to view the work of the students, featuring the Year 12 HSC Major projects in Design and Technology and Textile Technology and Bodies of Work in Visual Arts. Also you can enjoy the catering by the Food Technology students.

Ms J Lennon
Creative Arts Co-ordinator



 **Mercy Catholic College**
Illuminate 2018
Displaying Years 7 –11 TAS and ART
Featuring Year 12 HSC
Visual Arts, Textiles
and Design and Technology
6pm – 8pm
Official Opening 6:30pm
Wednesday 22nd August
Harrington Hall, via Kirk Street
Family and friends welcome

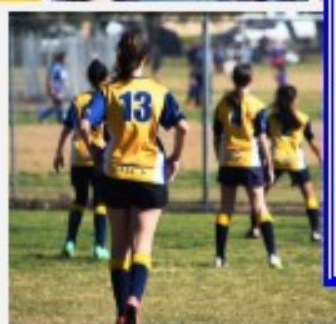
MCC Netball

Good luck to our 22 teams who play the last round of the general season this weekend.

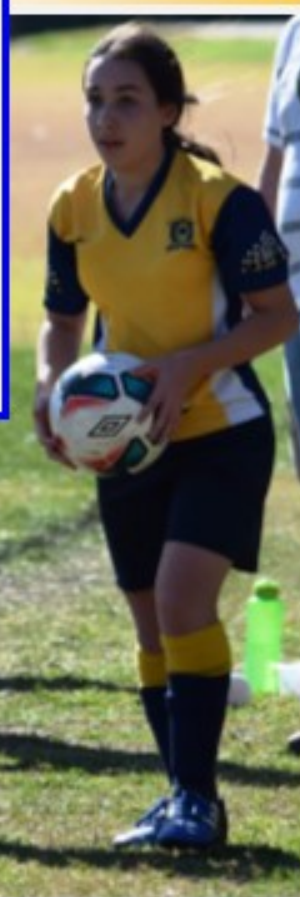
Win, lose or draw MCC wishes all teams the best as we look forward to those who will be playing in the upcoming Semis, Finals & Grand Finals over the next 3 weeks.



MCC SOCCER



The 2018 MCC Soccer season has drawn to a close with our 3 teams U 14s,U 15s and seniors ending their year in play offs for Permant Titles. Unfortunately no silverware for Mercy this year but we must thank all our Parent volunteers who gave up their time ensuing Mercy girls have an opportunity to participate in co curricular sport with their classmates. A detailed report will be published after the MCC Sports Presentations at the end of Term 3.



MERCY CRICKET WANTS YOU!!



Mercy Cricket wants you for our second cricket team!!

Since our first game, two years ago, our highlights have included:

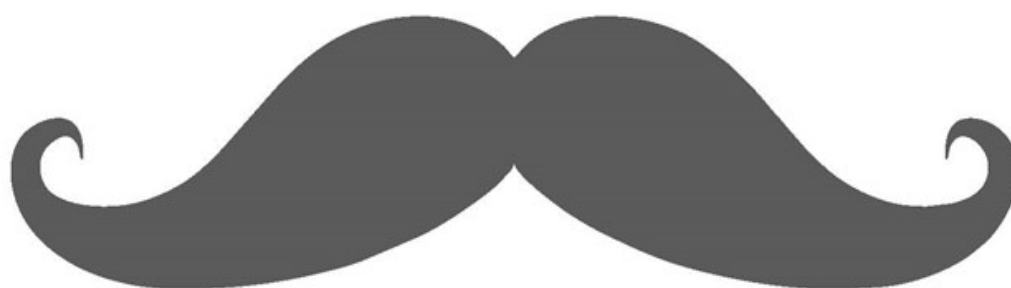
- having the best ranked fielding team
- having the second highest wicket taker
- coming third out of ten teams
- reaching the semi finals in our first season
- we are very close to having a second Mercy team but need more girls to play for this to happen. The following are some details to help you.

<i>My daughter has never played cricket before. Will she be out of her depth?</i>	No not at all. No experience is necessary. When we started in 2016, ten of the girls had not played cricket before.
<i>Do I need to purchase any equipment?</i>	No. Mercy Cricket will provide bats, pads, gloves, helmets etc. If you want to use your own equipment, then that is fine too!
<i>What is the format of the game?</i>	We play 9-a-side T20 cricket against other teams. Everyone must bowl and at Mercy we always try to ensure everyone has a bat as well.
<i>When and where are the games played?</i>	The games are played on a Saturday afternoon, normally at 1pm. However, we have played some 2pm games. Games are played on the North Shore.
<i>How long is a season?</i>	The spring season runs from mid-October to early-December. The Summer season runs from End of January to Mid-March.
<i>How safe will my daughter be whilst playing cricket?</i>	Very safe! Its mandatory to wear cricket helmets when batting and wicket keeping. Also, pads and gloves must be worn.
<i>When is training and who trains the team?</i>	Training is once a week normally at 5pm. Mercy has three qualified coaches to train the girls.

For more details email mercycricket@gmail.com or see Mrs Kellendonk.

P&F NEWS

LET'S CELEBRATE
FATHER'S
DAY



MCC P&F invites all MCC Fathers & Daughters
to a Complimentary Breakfast
at school

Please RSVP for catering purposes by Monday 27th August
<https://www.trybooking.com/XGFW>

Enquiries: Tina Teixeira, mccpandf@gmail.com

**AUGUST
THURSDAY
30
FROM 7am**

P&F TRIVIA NIGHT

Please don't forget to buy your tickets for our Trivia Night. It's going to be so much fun and we are encouraging everyone to pick a theme for their tables so as to add to the festivities of the night! So, feel free to dress up, decorate your table and don't forget some good food and drinks to share. The link again is:

<http://www.trybooking.com/WDIM>

Year Group Information

Thank you for those of you who have already completed the Google Forms with your updated details. For those of you who have not yet done so, please take 2 minutes to fill it in.

As always send me any ideas, feedback and suggestions you may have.

Tina Teixeira
President P&F
mccpandf@gmail.com

UPCOMING DATES

2018 P&F Function Dates

Fathers' Day Breakfast	Thursday 30 August
Trivia Night	Saturday 8 September
Graduation Afternoon Tea	Wednesday 26 September
Year 7 2019 Welcome BBQ	Friday 16 November

2018 P&F Meeting Dates

Term 4	24 October (AGM)
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[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

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
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SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 7:00PM. HARRINGTON HALL

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Raising Kids & Teens in a Screen World

**A FREE WORKSHOP FOR
PARENTS AND CARERS OF
STUDENTS IN YEARS 4 TO 12**

Being a parent in today's digital world can be an overwhelming and confusing task... Become the pilot of your family's digital plane with some realistic advice to enhance learning and safeguard your child's physical and emotional health.

This engaging seminar arms parents with simple strategies to manage screen-time at home without tears and tantrums, and without having to constantly fret about online safety.

- ✓ Learn why our kids become infatuated with technology and why they find it hard to switch off devices
- ✓ Understand how to help your kids develop healthy digital habits
- ✓ Examine the current risks to kids' online safety – the 3Ps: predators, pornography and peers
- ✓ Explore why we need to avoid using screen-time as a reward or punishment tool

**Dr Kristy Goodwin,
Presenter**

As a leading digital parenting educator, speaker, researcher, author and former teacher (and mum who deals with her kids' techno-tantrums), Kristy translates the latest research into essential, digestible information and tips for parents and carers, so that they can safely navigate the digital terrain, without suggesting that kids be 'digitally amputated'!



Tuesday 11 September, 7-9pm (doors open at 6.30pm)

Mater Maria Catholic College, 5 Forest Rd, Warriewood NSW 2102

Tickets www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com/dr-kristy-goodwin

CARITAS WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Caritas Australia warmly invites you to the Women for the World Sydney Luncheon at the Four Seasons on September 7.

All funds from the event go towards the vulnerable communities that Caritas supports. Just by attending, you will have a positive impact on women and girls around the world!

Event Details:

Date: Friday 7 September

Time: 12:00 – 2:30pm

Venue: Four Seasons Sydney

Cost*: \$160pp, or \$1500 for a table of ten

*Price includes arrival champagne, 2 course lunch accompanied by a selection of wines

BUY TICKETS ONLINE: www.caritas.org.au/womensydney

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.

We very much hope that you will join us!

Sincerely,

The Women for the World Team

Women's Night of Spirituality

An evening of inspiration told in Story & Song

Music by — St Mary's Primary Parents and Friends choir and other local talent

For over 24 years, a celebrated Parish event

Tuesday 28 August 2018

7:30pm to 9:30pm

St Mary's Church, North Sydney

A light supper will follow in the Ron Dyer Centre

Parking available at the church (100 car spaces) or in the Council car park in Ridge Street

Please feel free to bring a pillow for your back



MC

Jenny Boland AM

Parishioner for 50 years.
A judge who is also actively
involved in working for a
number of community
organisations



Julie McCrossin

Broadcaster, campaigner,
cancer survivor



Sallie Hammond

Mother, author, Fusion
and Family Course
Developer.



Cynthia Banham

Writer. Mother. Risk-taker

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