



The Mercy Voice

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TERM 4

WEEK FIVE

16 Nov — Year 11 Ext 2
English Excursion
16 Nov—Year 8 Geography
Excursion
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Market Day
16 Nov—Year 7 2019
Welcome Evening 6pm

WEEK SIX

19-23 Nov — Year 9 and
Year 10 Exams

SHOWCASE 2018
VIDEOS CAN BE
FOUND ON OUR
WEBSITE UNDER
NEWS.

CLICK BELOW TO
WATCH OUR
TALENTED STUDENTS
<http://bit.ly/2qA2Mjq>

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with pleasure that I announce the new Portfolio Student Leaders and House Captains for 2018/2019.

Portfolio Leaders:

Liturgy: Cailin G
Learning: Hannah B
Environment: Louise F
Mercy Action: Brooke A
Creative Arts/Media: Betsy W

House Captains:

Coolock: Sofie T
Mercy: Abbey J
McAuley: Chloe T
Stormanston: Lilly H

On Monday these students joined the Leaders from Year 11 for a joint Induction Day. The aim of the day was to establish an approach to team work as well as establishing the goal this team would be working towards achieving in 2019.

It was wonderful to see the way the girls bonded with no barrier caused by what Year group they were in or what leadership role they held. The day concluded with a clear goal and the beginning of a plan to achieve that goal.

I, along with the College Executive look forward to seeing the strategic approach this fine group of young women will take to contribute towards "striving for better things".



CREATIVE ARTS NIGHT:

Last Friday was a wonderful celebration of the amazing talent within the College as our students danced, sung and dramatically played their way through two hours of fantastic entertainment. It was a delight to see so many of our families, parents, grandparents and siblings present to support the evening.

A big thank you must go to our Creative Arts teachers: the incredibly talented and dedicated Music staff – Mr Matt Robertson and Ms Kath McGreal, our inspiring Drama teacher – Mrs Kate Caron, the wonderful, creative Visual Arts teacher – Mrs Michelle Thompson, who are all lead and encouraged by the head of the faculty – Mrs Jane Lennon.



REFURBISHED CHANGEROOM REOPENS:

I would like to thank the P&F Association for their generous donation to the refurbishment of the girls' changeroom. The contributions you make to the P&F are passed back to the school to improve the facilities that your daughter uses.

The changeroom was gutted during the last holidays, an increased number of new toilets were installed with modern washbasins and improved hanging space for the girls' uniforms was added. The girls now have a lovely fresh looking space of white, grey and blue.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Suzanne Kavanagh". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Suzanne" and surname "Kavanagh" clearly legible.

Principal

A background image of pink and yellow flowers, possibly Impatiens, with green leaves. A large white circle is centered over the image, containing the text.

Mercy Catholic College
would like to

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY &
COMMITMENT THROUGHOUT 2018

Please join us for the
VOLUNTEERS COCKTAIL PARTY

Tuesday, November 27th 6pm-8pm
on the veranda outside the Chapel
in the College Grounds

For catering purposes please RSVP
www.trybooking.com/YZTS

DIRECTOR OF MISSION REPORT

Our newly elected 2019 Mercy College and St Pius Student Leaders met with Fr. Jim and Youth their respective College Youth Ministers to discuss ways they can support the faith development of the students in their schools and the mission of the Church.

One of the projects they would like to introduce is to have a monthly “takeover” of the Parish’s Sunday Evening Youth Mass whereby the students and their families are invited to come and takeover the many ministries of the Mass.

This would include ministers of the Word, ministers of Communion or joining the Youth Band and Choir. Student Leaders would also be invited to speak during the Mass about social justice projects, retreats and other events in the life of the College to the whole parish. After Mass there will be a BBQ and a social event for the students. This is an amazing opportunity to build a strong community in faith and encourage our students to engage in Parish life.

The first “Takeover Youth Mass” will be held on Sunday 25 November at 5:30pm at OLD Church. I encourage all students to attend this great opportunity to be a part of a faith community. Please see on the next page an information flyer.

Ms Gabie Stojanovski
Director of Mission & Religious Education

Mercy College & St Pius X College

TAKEOVER



of Chatswood Catholic Parish's
Sunday night 5.30pm Mass
with Fr Jim.

Sunday November 25th



Come and show your school spirit!

St Pius and Mercy students will be:

Welcoming

Ministers of the Word

Ministers of Communion

Altar servers

Music ministers (arrive at 3.30pm)

Cooking a BBQ

And telling the parish about the good things your College
does.



94 Archer St Chatswood

(parking in St Pius grounds via Kirk St)

See your Youth Ministry Coordinator to find out more.

This is a Chatswood Catholic Parish event promoted
by Mercy College and St Pius College

OVER DUE SCHOOL FEES

Changes to the management of overdue school fees

The management of overdue school fees within the Diocese of Broken Bay will be centralised at the Catholic Schools Office located at Pennant Hills. The new arrangement will be a staged implementation across all schools, and will have an impact on Mercy College families from Term 4, 2018.

This will ensure a consistent approach to managing overdue school fees across Broken Bay systemic schools, and reduce operating costs following recent funding changes.

The Fees Liaison Team has been established at the Catholic Schools Office. During Term 4 2018, families who are affected will be contacted by a team member to discuss payment arrangements. In the meantime, families who wish to discuss their situation can contact the team as below.

Fees Liaison Team

Telephone: 9847 0728

Email:

schoolfees@dbb.org.au

COLLEGE BACKPACK AND SPORTS BAG

Mercy Catholic College Backpack and Sports Bag will no longer be available through Lowes.

The new supplier will be Cowan and Lewis located at 1315 Pacific Hwy, Turrumurra.

Backpack orders may be placed online or alternatively, parents are welcome to go to the shop Monday- Friday between 9:00am and 5:00pm or Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm.

Although currently in production, the backpack will be available in early November.
To order online:

Go to <http://cowanlewis.com.au>

Hover over the **SCHOOLWEAR** link

Click **ON CAMPUS**

Locate Mercy Catholic College and place order

Review your cart, enter your details and select payment method and shipping method. Proceed to checkout to complete your order.

Shipping Methods – Free delivery to school, twice per week on Tuesday and Thursday

Purchases may also be posted home for a fee

Payment methods – Credit card, print fax order form or arrange a phone call for an over the phone payment.

Please note, that discussion is still underway in regards to the Sports bag design but they will also soon be available.

If you require any assistance with online ordering, please contact Cowan and Lewis on (02) 9449 8931.

Ms Kath Parker
Business Manager

On Thursday, the 1st of November, 4 girls from the 2019 Student Leadership team represented Mercy College at the Gathering of Broken Bay Diocesan Secondary School Student Leaders Day in Pennant Hills. At this event, leaders from all schools in the diocese came together to discuss and further broaden our knowledge of what it takes to be a good leader for our community.

During the morning session, our Diocesan Administrator Father David Ranson, talked to us about the qualities a leader should possess, and the actions each individual should take to lead a school. This included taking opportunities as it presents itself, as well as learning to be a good listener to our peers to create a more inviting school community and parish. The concept of belonging was discussed thoroughly and was agreed upon that it certainly is the building blocks for a greater and more welcoming community. Being part of a Catholic school, community is the framework for creating our strong faith, "trying to build faith without community is almost impossible".

After morning tea, we had another talk, and discussed the search for our purpose as leaders, as well as in our daily lives. As part of our Catholic faith, the pursuit to find meaning in our lives is forever evident. We were encouraged to always be deeply attentive to the questions of our hearts, as well as reflecting on our past. Through this we can find answers we are seeking in our lives. "God Speaks to us in the events of our life".

One of the most interesting talks of the day was presented by two young women, who had found their purpose in their daily lives. One was a studying doctor, and the other, a social worker. This was definitely effective for a lot of us. Our eyes were opened, as to how our faith is be present through our everyday lives, school and work. Hearing this advice and stories from young women, who were once in our position as school leaders, we were able to relate to their situations and was really inspiring and motivational.

Overall it was a very rewarding experience, having the opportunity to talk and discuss with other leaders from our diocese, and collaborate thoughts and ideas, to build a strong community and be great leaders and role models of our school.

Thank you!

Angela P—Year 11



Ms C. Gange
Youth Minister

A NOTE FROM KIDS GIVING BACK

I am writing to let you know you that Mia-Louise is a credit to your School. Mia-Louise was part of a team of 55 Kids Giving Back volunteers who cooked, packaged and delivered over 450 warm, nutritious meals to local shelters and individuals in need on Sunday.

Mia-Louise took part in our Community Cook4Good Program and should be commended for giving up time to help others. The photos of the day will be on our Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/KidsGivingBack>

If you would like to learn more about our programs, please visit our website: www.kidsgivingback.org We have Cook4Good programs scheduled throughout the year for which families may register, we will be releasing 2019 dates shortly.

You can also read about our school Service Learning programs here:

<http://kidsgivingback.org/service-learning/>, for which we are taking bookings for 2019 now.

Yours Sincerely,

Kirsty Warren
Program Delivery and Training Manager



Minister's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement

Jenya S , Year 10 was this year nominated for the 2018 Minister's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement in the senior category by the Armenian Community Saturday Language School.

Out of 99 nominees in this category Jenya is to be congratulated for receiving a Highly Commended award.

Congratulations Jenya



Mercy Catholic kicks sporting goals

Mercy College's involvement in the recent NSW Combined Catholic Colleges (NSWCCC) Championships for swimming saw one of its young students, Chloe, placing second in the 100m backstroke (U14s) and first in 50m backstroke.

Chloe is now through to the All Schools Championships where she

will be racing in the 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke.

Another Mercy student excelling is talented gymnast, Akari.

The athlete was extremely successful in the NSW State Gymnastic Championships, coming second in bars, third in floor and fifth in vault, placing third overall in the state and qualifying for the NSW team.

Article from North Shore Living magazine

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THE 'MERCY COLLEGE' APP
AT THE APP STORE OR GOOGLE PLAY

YEAR 7 REFLECTION DAY

Year 7 students attended their first Mercy Reflection Day last Monday. We were fortunate to spend the day at the Treacy Education Centre at Oxford Falls where we had lots of room for all of our activities including playing on the oval at lunchtime.

All of the students met our new Youth Ministry Co-ordinator, Ms Charisse Gange, who along with Ms Gabie Stojanovski, planned an exciting day, where the whole Year group had the opportunity to reflect back on their first year at high school.

There were various activities that allowed the students and staff to get to know each other better. The theme of the day was "Have Courage, Be Kind" based on St Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians (5:11). There were two main sessions before lunch called "Mirror Mirror" and "What Divides & What Unites", with time for small group discussion and journaling. During the day we focussed on friendships and relationships, and what it means to be kind to others. There were also times for listening, for prayer and meditation.

Thank you to all the teachers who attended the day and helped to make the day special for the students.

Thank you also to all the students who participated in the day and contributed to its success.

Mrs Genine D'Arcy
Year 7 Co-ordinator



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD NEWS

Bronze and Silver have both finished their hikes for the year, and are now in the process of finalising their Physical Recreation, Service and Skill components on ORB (hopefully in time for Awards Night). Many are keen to progress to the next level. 5 Year 12s finished their Gold awards before they graduated and 15 Year 11s are still participating in theirs, with many doing their hike and residentials in the summer holidays. Year 8 will soon get the opportunity to sign up for next year.

I have put some of their beautiful log books, which they write after each hike, on display in the trophy cabinet, so that everyone can see how much effort they put into their evaluations. (See pictures below, but they're much better in real life, especially Chelsea's amazing flora drawings.)



I do love some of the dramatic reflections they write, such as this Bronze pearl from Eloise B:

"This hike was not only challenging for me physically but also emotionally and mentally. My body ached for days after and I had bruises from my pack and burning quads. I found the hike really confronting and 100,000 times harder than the first hike.

Looking back I think I was being a bit of a drama queen and had a negative mindset – now I think about it there were way more fun moments than bad, so overall it was a good, although extremely challenging hike.

I learnt so much about packing and how my body is more capable than I thought. No matter how much I hurt I kept pushing and I am really proud of myself for completing this hike. I will definitely give Duke of Ed another go next year."

I'm looking forward to another adventurous and challenging year in 2019.

Ms C. Dorey
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator

CREATIVE ARTS SHOWCASE

The 2018 Mercy College Creative Arts Showcase was a great success, with the enormous dedication of both students and staff being highlighted.

The various drama, music, choir, band and dance performances were all extremely impressive, and the talent of the Mercy girls was prevalent. All performers should be exceptionally proud of themselves and the performances they showcased, which clearly required a significant number of hours of hard work to put together and to rehearse.

On behalf of all performers, I would like to extend our gratitude to the amazing Mercy Creative Arts teachers who assisted us in enabling this night to go off without a hitch, and for giving us the opportunity and guidance to share our passions and gifts with our family and friends.

There was such a wide range of performances, providing the audience with a chance to experience the diversity of the Creative Arts at Mercy. Behind the scenes, the commitment of the teachers and students working diligently to assist with lights, sound, organising acts and as backstage crew should not go unnoticed.

Without these girls and teachers, the night would not have been possible. Overall, it was a fantastic display of talent, involvement and the spirit of Mercy, with everyone working together to pull off another amazing Creative Arts Showcase.

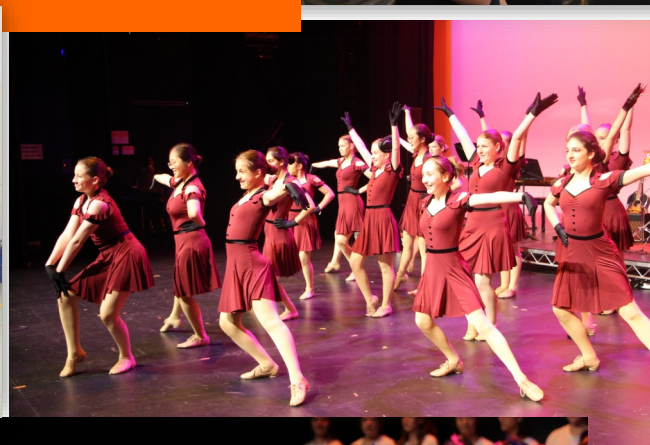
Hannah N — Year 11
Creative Arts/Media Representative





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SCULPTURES BY THE SEA

The Friday before last, Year 8 went on an Art excursion to Sculpture by the Sea in Bondi. There were so many stunning and unique sculptures seen on our walk around, with the beautiful beach scenery nearby.

It was the perfect sunny day to be in that kind of atmosphere. It was also very busy as everyone wanted to see the amazing creations. There were other schools and many members of the public. It was a pleasure to be there and everyone enjoyed their visit.

Anya K –Year 8



CRICKET NEWS

UNDER 13's

The new Mercy cricket team (aka the Mercy Mangoes) have made a great start to their first season in the Under 13's T20 competition. After their first three games the Mangoes are lying in equal second place.

The first game was against a very good Gordon team. Our opponents batted first and made 4/117. Emma B taking our first ever wicket. When we batted Jennifer B scored our first runs, but we fell short of a win finishing on 5/96. Given it was our first ever game the girls certainly played well.

Our second game was against Abbotsleigh and batting first we made 3/96. Jennifer B top scoring with 15, Matilda N scored 12 (including our first ever 6), Hannah J 10 and Caitlin W with 6 were our main scorers. The girls bowled exceptionally well to restrict our opponents to 5/87 to win our first game. Katelyn C taking 2 wickets and Hannah J and Emma B picking up one wicket each.

Our next game was against St Ives Healy. Bowling first we restricted our opponents to 72 runs off 20 overs. The girls bowled very well as Katelyn C, Jennifer B and Hannah J all bowling maiden overs. We were able to get the winning runs in the 15th over for the loss of just 3 wickets.



UNDER 15's

The under 15's are also sitting in equal second place after 2 wins and a loss. In the first game Mercy, restricted North Sydney to just 3/61 off 20 overs. With a storm approaching Mercy scored 2/37 off 8 overs to win on run rate. Ruby B top scoring with 7 and Rahni W scored 5.

The next game was a tough one v Lindfield. Our opponents proved way too strong and won easily. On a very small oval, Lindfield scored 142 and then bowled Mercy out for 20. A case of a bad day at the office!

Our third game was a forfeit as West Ryde Rovers folded and a replacement team could not be found in time.

P&F NEWS

YEAR 7 WELCOME BBQ

I am still in need of volunteers to help out at the Year 7 Welcome BBQ, on Friday November 16th (6.00pm - 8.00pm).

MCC will be holding a Year 7 2019 Information Evening. The P&F and current Year 9 parents run a BBQ for the incoming Year 7 students and the current Year 9 students who will be their "Big Sisters".

If you have a daughter in Year 9 and would like to help out on the evening, please send me an email.

YEAR GROUP GATHERINGS

If your Year group has not had a social gathering and you would be interested in a get together with other parents in your particular Year group feel free to send me an email. If there are enough people in a Year group interested in a get together I will arrange one for you at the Willoughby Hotel.

Tina Teixeira
President P&F
mccpandf@gmail.com

UPCOMING DATES

2018 P&F Function Dates

Year 7 2019 Welcome BBQ

Friday 16 November

Did you go to Prouille Catholic Primary School?

Do you remember Mr Ford?

After 25 years of service, Mr Ford is retiring!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO A MEMORY ALBUM AND/OR A GIFT

The Memory Album: We would like to present a Memory Album to Michael. This would be a collection of photos and messages from the parent/student community both current and past. We feel this would be a lovely reminder of the students that he has taught over the years. The Memory Album will be presented along with the gift on the day of the Liturgy.

If you have a photo and/or a message for the Memory Album please email them direct to ProuillePandF@gmail.com

The Gift: On behalf of the Prouille parent community, we would like to present a farewell gift to Michael.

If you would like to contribute towards the gift, please click here: <https://www.grouptogogether.com/MichaelFordsRetirement>

Please note: Closing date for gift and message contributions is Friday 16th November.

Mr Ford's Retirement Liturgy

You are also invited to attend Michael's Retirement Liturgy (**which, by the way, is a surprise!**).

**Date: Friday 23rd November 2018
Liturgy at 2pm in Veritas Hall, Prouille school
Followed by Afternoon Tea in the Meeting Place**

RSVP for catering requirements to ProuillePandF@gmail.com by 15th November

Many thanks
Prouille P&F



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AND EVERYTHING ELSE

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Offer ends midnight (AEDT) 15/11/18. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.