



The Mercy Voice

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PUPIL FREE DAYS TERM 3

9 August — Staff Spirituality
Day: Pupil free day
21 August - Staff
**Development Day: Pupil
free day**

WEEK THREE

5 Aug—HSC Trials Begins
6 -8 Aug Bronze Duke of
Edinburgh

WEEK FOUR

13 Aug — Rugby Cup
13 Aug—Year 11 2020
Subject Selection Evening
4.00pm-6.00pm
14 Aug—Year 11 Drama
Excursion
14 Aug— P&F Meeting 6.00pm
15 Aug—Year 7 Geography
Excursion

SAVE THE DATE

ILLUMINATE Visual Arts
and TAS Exhibition
20 August

P&F TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 7 September

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week at Mercy as the College went through a process of Review. We have had a panel of six on-site for two days, reviewing our Teaching and Learning, Pastoral Care and Mission programmes. Staff, students and parents were interviewed and classrooms visited.



Following is an extract from the final report written by Professor Anne Cummins (Emeritus Professor Australian Catholic University).

The learning journey of the school has resulted in significant improvements in student enrolments and achievements, parental confidence and trust in the college, teacher capability and student ownership and pride in their school. These attributes were explored by the panel in their class visits, conversations with students, staff and parents and the Parish Priest. While operating in a challenging physical environment the atmosphere in the school is calm and orderly with students engaging in a wide variety of recreational activities and sport. The school students spoke highly of teachers' care for them and were confident that they were well supported.

Teaching staff described their strong engagement in professional learning and were moving to explicit evidence based practice which was resulting in improved student achievement.

The school has made significant progress in renewing its educational and pastoral approaches and has engaged staff in strategic professional learning. The Cultures of Thinking has been used effectively as a framework for professional learning and practice. This has had a positive impact on school climate and academic achievement.

I am more than proud of our achievements at Mercy and want to thank the staff (both teaching and support) for their commitment and dedication that they show to their students every day.

NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE MERCY COMMUNITY:

I am pleased to announce the birth of Mrs Westwood and Mrs Love's babies.

Mrs Catherine Westwood (Science Co-ordinator) gave birth to a beautiful boy, Wilfred John Westwood-Kane, while Mrs Laura Love (PDHPE teacher) welcomed an adorable little boy Lewis James Love last week. Congratulations to both families.

Message from Principal

LEARNING EVERYDAY COUNTS:

Free workshops for parents are being offered to help build parenting skills. The Workshops will have a wellbeing focus and will address school attendance matters such as, good routines and strategies, developing resilience and a growth mindset in children/adolescents. Please see the flyer later in Mercy Voice for details of dates and places where the workshops are being offered.

RESIGNATION OF CSO DIRECTOR:

We say farewell to the Director of the Catholic Schools Office, Mr Peter Hamill as he has resigned to take up the position of Deputy Director at the National Catholic Education Commission. The announcement was made last week by the Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev Dr David Ranson, who offered these words about Peter.

This development represents a very significant loss for our Diocese. Peter has made a magnificent contribution to the Diocese of Broken Bay and has been instrumental in developing what is a first-class Diocesan schools system with remarkable leadership.

The Mercy community offers our good wishes to Peter in his new role.

Best wishes



Principal

Congratulations to the following Music 2 students who have been involved in a series of high level Co-curricular music experiences.

Amy A in Year 11 has recently returned from a trip to Berlin where she was one of a select group of choristers in the Gondwana Childrens' Voices representing Australia in a performance of numerous works with the Berlin Symphony Orchestra. Amy's involvement in performing choral music at an elite level continued through the holiday break through her participation in the 2019 Gondwana Choral Festival held at the Sydney Opera House.



Chelsea W in Year 11 recently returned from a short period of international study in the USA.

Chelsea attended a week long Cello intensive workshop in Los Angeles and was privileged to study with world class cello students and teachers. It is hoped that her HSC performance program will benefit from her studies with tutors of international repute.

**Ms McGreal
Music Department**

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Gabrielle P in Year 12 represented Mercy College in the 2019 final of the Gordon Waterhouse Memorial Scholarship held at the Zenith theatre Chatswood.

Gabrielle performed to the high standard expected of this award with two impressive works from her current HSC program on Clarinet.

Ms McGreal
Music Department

NSW SCHOOLGIRLS RUGBY 7's

Over the holidays, Lilly H (Year 11) was selected in the NSW Schoolgirls Rugby 7s Team.

Lilly was one of four Mercy students who trialled for the NSW Team and it was unfortunate the other students were not selected.

She participated in the Australian Schools Rugby Championships held at Riverview College and will possibly represent NSW in future games this year.



Mark Cuttler
PDHPE Co-ordinator & Teacher

Dear Ms Kayrooz,

I am writing on behalf of the parents in my son's Netball team from the Gala day on Tuesday. The two wonderful girls (Georgie and Charlotte) were amazing. They organised the boys, coached them between games and even played handball and tip with them at lunch time.

Every parent I spoke to, both from this team and others, said what wonderful ambassadors the Mercy Girls were for the school.

Kind Regards,

Leanne M



Dear Ms. Kavanagh.

I am writing to give some feedback regarding the conduct of some of your students at the (primary school) Cluster Netball Gala Day which was held on Tuesday 2nd July at the Willoughby netball courts.

I am a parent of children at St Philip Neri in Northbridge and I accompanied a team of U9 girls who were participating in the Gala Day. We were assigned two Mercy girls, Claudia and Sophia (I am sorry that I didn't catch their last names or year level), who coached and umpired my daughter's team.

I just wanted to let you know that I was so impressed with not only Claudia and Sophia but all the Mercy girls who were helping out on this day. They were polite, respectful and confident when interacting with the parents and teachers and absolutely lovely with the children. I, along with many other parents from our school, commented on the attitude and behaviour of the Mercy students and we all agreed that we could only hope that our children showed the same qualities as teenagers! They were a real credit to themselves and their school and you should be very proud of them.

Kind regards
Alex

It was a big session this morning with most of our students completing at least 100 push ups each in recognition of the push up challenge.



Mark Cuttler
PDHPE Co-ordinator & Teacher

MUSIC – CITY OF SYDNEY EISTEDDFOD

As the eisteddfod season comes to an end it is timely to congratulate all of our wonderful music ensembles who competed in the City of Sydney Eisteddfod. This eisteddfod always showcases the very best of talent across schools in NSW and this year was no exception. The Concert Band, String Ensemble, Pop Choir and the Chamber Choir competed in school events with each ensemble delivering credible performances in their division.

Worthy of particular mention is the performance of the Chamber Choir. This ensemble received third place in their section (Youth Choirs under 19 for Female Voices) behind Frensham and Meriden schools.

Well done to all of the talented music students who have worked diligently in their respective ensemble rehearsals each week to reach such a pleasing musical standard in order to represent our College at this event. A thank you is also extended to the dedicated external ensemble directors Mr Strykowski and Mrs Dart for their time in coaching the students.

Ms McGreal Music Department



YEAR 11—YLEAD INCURSION Monday 29 July

On Monday 29 July, Year 11 participated in the YLead interactive program to develop the leader within each of us. We were shown how every girl in Year 11 can make a positive contribution to our Mercy community.

Students worked together in a range of practical challenges; developing a greater understanding of each other and creating a shared vision for the year ahead. Throughout the day we participated in activities that enabled us to appreciate the value and responsibility of leadership through a range of positive, fun and engaging experiences. The skipping rope and chair games allowed us to further strengthen our teamwork abilities whilst having a laugh at the numerous mistakes we made.

YLead's program has brought us closer together as a Year group and we can now use the newly discovered skills and goals to explore how Year 11 can have a dynamic and positive influence on our school.

Sofie T—Year 11



VINNIES WINTER SLEEPOUT



This year, girls in Years 11 and 12 were given the opportunity to participate in a Vinnies Sleepout at school on the 26th of July. In total, 34 girls took the challenge to sleep on the hard floor, have a light dinner in the middle of winter as an attempt to share the experience that people experiencing homelessness face every day. On top of this, we each had to raise at least \$10 and two guest speakers from Vinnies came to speak to us.

The night started at 6:30 pm where we played a few getting to know you games and ate our dinner of instant noodles and a bread roll. We then started the educational part of the night with a kahoot about the various facts about homelessness. We learnt about the different types of homelessness, common causes and misconceptions. A worker at Vinnies then presented to us. She highlighted to us that she always refers to homeless people as 'people experiencing homelessness' because homelessness should not be a defining part of their identity as it strips them from their human dignity. A volunteer then continued by sharing a story about two people experiencing homelessness, showing us the human side to homelessness that is often lost when we are presented with a series of statistics and numbers.

After this, we then went on a night walk around Chatswood to give us somewhat of an understanding about how it would feel to be sleeping and living outside at night time. This ended the formal part of our night. In the morning we were greeted by a delicious hot breakfast cooked by Ms Kavangah and Miss Gange which nearly made up for the fact we were woken up at six.

Overall, the sleepout was an amazing and eye-opening experience. As well as having fun, we became more aware of the complexity and depth of the issue of homelessness as well as having more empathy for those experiencing it. I would highly recommend every girl to participate in future ones that the school holds. Our joint efforts enabled us to raise over \$500 to support Vinnies this year!

I would like to give a big thank you to Miss Gange for organising this for us as well as thanking Ms Stoj, Ms McDermott, Ms Mooney and Ms Kavangah for giving up their time so the sleepout could run.

Brooke A
College Mercy Action Representative Year 11

MERCY CRICKET WANTS YOU!



Last season Mercy College had two girls T20 cricket teams playing in the local Sixers league.

In their first season, the Under 13's reached the Grand Final, only to be thwarted by the rain. Our Under 15's team, playing in their third season, came equal second.

This season we are looking at having **THREE** teams playing T20 cricket. Yes, that is right – three teams. Most likely in the Under 13's, Under 15's and Under 17's.

For more information, please email mercycricket@gmail.com or contact Derek on 0411 046 835.

TEACHER TRAINING IN TONGA

I recently had the incredible opportunity to travel with a small team from the Broken Bay Diocese to Tonga to help train RE teachers to teach the scriptures more effectively. We were invited by Cardinal Mafi from the Diocese of Tonga and Niue, as he realised many RE teachers were struggling to teach the bible confidently. I travelled with Mary (an Education Officer from the CSO) and Kim (an REC from a local secondary school) to Tonga from July 14 to 27th, and we toured the schools with Soane, the Director of Education, and Sina, the assistant director and one of the school principals. While we were there we visited 8 different school, including 4 high schools, 3 technical institutes and a primary school.

In the first week we were fortunate to fly to two of the main outer islands – Vava’u and Ha’apai – where we had an initial session with the teachers, covering methods such as Lectio Divina, Visio Divina, Archaeology of the Word and various thinking routines (especially Step Inside and Hot Seat) and then taught demonstration lessons to some of their classes.

While this worked OK we realised that the lessons weren’t very authentic as the students were quite shy and didn’t interact as much as we hoped, especially as they weren’t all that confident answering us in English (we discovered that while most of their lessons were in English in high school they did RE in Tongan).

We also had time to see a few sites and markets, watch the students perform traditional dances at one of the local resorts (as a fundraiser, which they do throughout the high season) and walk along beautiful sandy beaches (alas, no time to swim). It was also an experience catching the tiny plane and having a number of schedule changes (including ‘having’ to stay overnight in a fancy hotel after they cancelled our flight yet again.)



In the second week we stay at Cardinal Mafi’s house and met a number of lovely local teachers and workers. We fine-tuned our presentation and focussed on demonstrating the methods in depth to the teachers, and then watched as they demonstrated in front of their own classes, which was definitely more effective. It was so rewarding to see them try the new methods they had learnt and find new ways to make the bible come alive, for themselves and their students.

They were brave enough to try out new, more student centred lessons, sometimes in team teaching situations with the younger teachers. We also attended several masses where we heard the most beautiful singing (actually we heard that every single day, as they often sing their prayers and grace before meals.) I learnt to sing “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet” in Tongan and started to recognise words and phrases.

The time was not without its challenges. One school was not particularly welcoming and several times we were scheduled to observe lessons only to find the teacher didn't turn up, was not prepared or had changed classes on us, so there was nothing to observe. Occasionally we even stepped in and taught unexpectedly. At least Soane was able to meet with the Principal and discuss areas to work on in the future and how to build a strong leadership team. I was also disappointed to miss one school's grand final netball win (as I had another meeting), and that I didn't get to swim!

Some of the highlights including meeting so many dedicated teachers who were willing to explore new ways of teaching, laughing with the students (who are so like our own in many ways), exploring the islands, seeing so many pigs roaming around, photographing hermit crabs, being fed so well, the amazing singing and the scenic flights. And of course our farewell dinner on the last night at the institute, where we were treated like royalty with garlands, speeches, gifts, feasting, singing and dancing (cultural ones and our turn!)



It was a memorable and valuable time and one I hope to repeat in the future (they'd love to have us back!)

Ms Clare Dorey
History/RE Teacher

P & F MEETING

The next meeting is **Wednesday 14 August** in the 'Flex' at 6.00pm. We would love to welcome many parents at this meeting.

If you are interested in taking on P&F Executive role next year, this is a good meeting to attend (prior to the AGM at the next meeting). You can meet the current team and discuss what is involved in the Executive Roles. The tasks are very few, very easy, very enjoyable and very rewarding. A few of the current team are finishing this year, so there will be roles available at the AGM.

2019 MCC Fathers' Day Breakfast



7.00 am til 8.30 am
Thursday 29th August 2019

This is an event for current MCC students and their fathers.

Mercy College Chatswood

Dear Parents,

MCC 2019 Fathers' Day Breakfast – Thursday 29 August 2019

We look forward to welcoming Fathers and their current MCC daughters to the annual Fathers' Day Breakfast to be held on Thursday 29 August from 7.00am til 8.30am.

This is a complimentary catered event. Please use the booking link below to RSVP for catering purposes. Please RSVP before 25 August and book a ticket for yourself **and** each of your current MCC daughter/s.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BEINL>

If possible, we would be grateful if you could locate suitable care for other siblings on this morning. Ideally, this event should only be attended by fathers and current MCC daughters to ensure this short period of time is very special for them. We understand this is not possible for all families and in these instances, siblings are welcome.

MCC 2019 Trivia Night – Saturday 7 September 2019

So far, 35 tickets have been sold to this event that promises to be a wonderful night of fun and provides the chance to win fantastic prizes. Please consider purchasing tickets using the link below.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BCKZQ>

Please feel free to call me at any time if you have any questions or would like to provide ideas or feedback.

Phillipa Sobb
P&F President

perrysobb@gmail.com

TRIVIA

Mercy Catholic College P&F presents their annual

Enjoy an evening filled with trivia, fun, games, laughter and a fabulous Silent Auction.

*Purchase your tickets
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September 7, 2019 7:00pm HARRINGTON HALL

— NIGHT

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You can see what fantastic prizes have been donated to date over the next few pages. Please support these business'.

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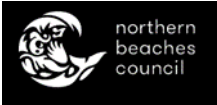
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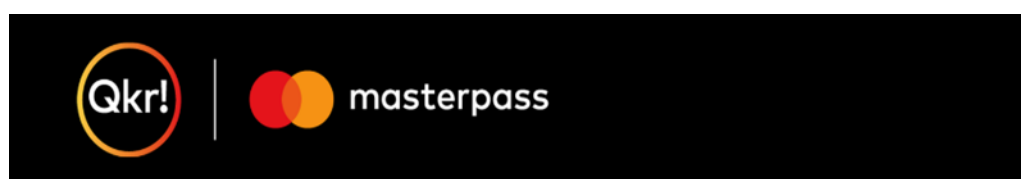
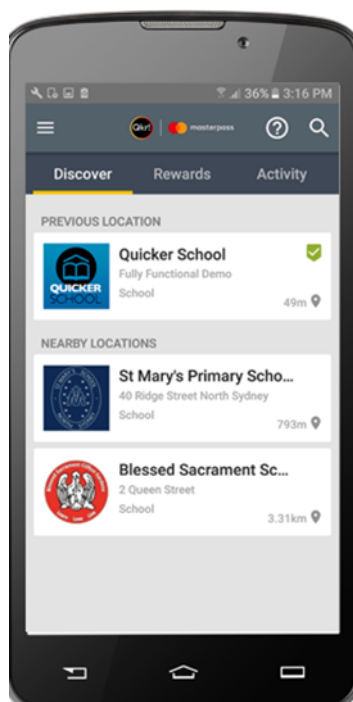
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Missing **2 days** of school a month is equivalent to **1 entire year** of missed learning in a student's school life.

Learning Every Day Counts



FREE PARENT WORKSHOP – ALL WELCOME

Tuesday 27th August 2019

Sacred Heart Catholic School, Pymble

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Morning: 9.30 – 11am Evening: 6.30 – 8pm

Brought to you by North Shore Catholic Schools, working with families to help improve student attendance and achievement. Contact your local Catholic school for more details.

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Community of Catholic Schools
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Dear Principal

Service adjustments from Sunday 28 July

To improve reliability and meet customer demand, timetable adjustments will occur on many bus routes from Sunday 28 July. There are also changes to the timetables of many school services.

Trip planning and further information

Parents and students are encouraged to plan their trip to see if these timetable changes will impact the way that they currently travel to and from school. More information, including timetables, maps, Trip Planning and school service details is available at transportnsw.info. You can also view school service information on the Transit Systems website – transitsystems.com.au.

Student Opal Card Reminder

Please ensure your students are aware of the condition of use of their Opal Card, and the importance of carrying and using their card whenever they travel.

It is a condition of travel that all students tap on with their Student Opal card every time they board the bus, and tap off when they alight. This allows Transport for NSW and bus operators to assess the patronage of bus services, including School Special buses, to ensure that resources are used efficiently and meet customer demand.

Regards,

Transit Systems

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