



The Mercy Voice

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TERM 4 COMMENCES
14 OCTOBER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, Mercy Week was one of the highlights of the College Calendar. The week was dedicated to celebrating our Mercy charism and focussing on our College values of respect and compassion by raising funds for our social justice initiatives.



The girls were fully engaged in all the activities and there was a wonderful positive vibe throughout the College. You can read about many of the outreach activities on the following pages.

I would like to recognise the teachers who contributed to making Mercy Week such a success. Mrs Genine D'Arcy for our inspiring liturgy, Mrs Wendy Symons for working with Year 11 to provide our International Lunch, Mrs Catriona McDonald for overseeing the Year 12 activities and Miss Charisse Gange for the organisation behind our Outreach Day. They had many supporters to make it all happen, so a big thank you to all our staff, both teaching and admin.

After the Mass I received this lovely email from Sr Lyndall

Dear Suzanne,

Yesterday I had the greatest of pleasures in attending Mercy Catholic College Celebrations for Mercy Week. I wish to express my gratitude to you and all the staff and students of Mercy Catholic College Chatswood for the inspiration offered by each and every one. I felt so very privileged to be a part of the sincerest of celebrations of Mercy with the beautiful Mass followed by the lovely morning tea. The memory of it will continue to live on in me.

With all my gratitude and appreciation.

Warmest regards

Lyndall RSM

NEW STUDENT LEADERS:

During our Mercy Week Eucharistic celebration, we inducted our new student leaders for 2019/2020. Our current Year 12 Leaders, who will graduate in two weeks time, passed on their roles to our new Leaders.

I am very happy to announce the Student Leaders for 2019/2020 are:

College Captain: Brooke Atkin

College Vice -Captain: Sofie Tobin

Message from Principal

Prefects:

Hannah Bexton	Prefect for Year 10
Abbey Johnston	Prefect for Year 9
Sydney Miller	Prefect for Year 8
Hannah Morgan	Prefect for Year 7
Isabella Roberts	Prefect for Year 7

TRIVIA NIGHT:

Last Saturday's P&F Trivia Night was a great success. Between the ticket sales, games, donations and silent auctions nearly \$9,000 was raised. We will be using this money to resurface the tennis courts. The surface has deteriorated due to the constant use for sport and it is the most popular spot for girls to sit and have lunch where they can catch the sun in winter.



Nicole Clancy the College's Marketing and Promotions Officer and Phillipa Sobb, the P&F President (along with her band of helpers) must be thanked for the time they put into the organisation of the evening.

Best wishes

Suzanne Kavanagh

Principal

MERCY WEEK 2019

Mercy Week began with a celebration of the Eucharist to commemorate our Feast Day and commission our incoming 2020 College Leaders. We were delighted to have two of our Year 11 students Felicia Lim and Angelique Zarro receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist during the Mass. We were blessed to have Sr Loreto Conroy the Congregation Leader for the North Sydney Sisters of Mercy and numerous other Sister of Mercy join us for our celebration of the Eucharist.



This year we have been inspired by the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary in Luke's Gospel "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Lk 1:38). Mary, a young women living in Nazareth said 'Yes' to God and placed full trust in His love and promises.

The foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, Catherine McAuley, is a wonderful example of a women who said 'Yes' to God. Catherine used her influence, despite the impossibilities of her time, to carry out the works of mercy, and to proclaim to a people whose lives were bounded by poverty, the Christian message of mercy and hope. Like Mother Mary and Catherine McAuley, we too are called to say Yes to God, to care for the poor, to speak a word of love, to sing a song of happiness, to share a tear of joy or pain, to speak words of praise, to share in prayer, and to shine the spirit of mercy upon all people we encounter.

I would like to thank our Parish Priest Fr Jim for celebrating Mass with us.



Message from Director of Mission and Religious Education

Mercy Week has been a huge success this year. Our fundraisers which included the Year 10 Fashion Parade, Year 11 International Lunch and Year 12 Fundraising Activities were successful in raising over \$5700. This money will be donated to the Mercy Foundation which is working to end homelessness in Australia as well as funding the building of a new primary school in Vietnam.

The week culminated with our Mercy Outreach Day on Friday where all students and staff were involved in a community service, social justice, advocacy or outreach activity. I encourage you to read the student reflections of the outreach activities in this newsletter which demonstrate the powerful transformative experiences that students were involved in. I would like to thank Miss Charisse Gange our Youth Ministry Coordinator for coordinating the Outreach Day.

Ms Gabie Stojanovski
Director of Mission & Religious Education

Mercy Outreach Day - The Lake's College Youth Off the Streets

On Mercy Outreach Day, a group of six Year 12 students, travelled up to the Central Coast of Sydney to visit our ex teacher, Ms Amy Gill, at her new school. The Lakes College works with Youth off the Streets, and provides amazing opportunities for kids who have experienced physical abuse, homelessness or substance abuse in their lives.

The Lakes College provides an alternative to mainstream education, using innovative teaching methods to keep the students engaged and provide a safe place where they can reach their full potential. When we arrived, participated in the morning circle and their Friday Auction, which is a unique strategy to motivate the students during the week. We baked banana muffins for morning tea, and after sharing a meal, we all went to the beach to do land care and photography.

At the beach, we started to see the kids come out of their shells as we did as well. As a group we had fun walking along the beach and making art with feathers, seaweed and other natural elements we could find on the beach.

The day was very eye opening and allowed me to see how fortunate I am to live in metropolitan Sydney with so many opportunities, as well as have a healthy family and school life. It was also so much fun seeing Mrs Gill again, and seeing her making such a great impact for the students in her community.

Sophie B. (Year 12)



HANNAH W—YEAR 9

School Sport Australia Australian Rules Football – Hannah W (Year 9)

On the 27th of August, I arrived in the freezing temperatures of Launceston, Tasmania to spend the rest of the week representing the NSW All Schools Bluebirds team in the All Schools Australian Football competition. We spent our first day in Tassie watching the Hawthorn Hawks and the Brisbane Lions play at the University of Tasmania Stadium, where the Lions smashed the Hawks beating them 87-60 and we then proceeded to have our opening ceremony for the tournament.

The next day we were to play the Northern Territory. The girls put up a tough fight but the Bluebirds ended up taking the win. We played WA the day after. They were tall and intimidating compared to our fast team who probably had an average height of about 5'3. Unfortunately, NSW couldn't seem to find our groove and we lost the game. That afternoon both the boys and the girls team had to do recovery. We were taken to an outdoor pool and told to jump in, well we were more pushed in by our coaches, then we had to do exercises to loosen our legs. At that point, it was so cold I wasn't even sure if my legs were even moving.



Day three was our education day. We had people come in to speak about sporting nutrition, recovery and sleep. Like we wanted to hear anything more about recovery. The seminars were very enlightening and I now take that knowledge into my everyday life to become a better athlete. Day four we were up to play Tasmania. Tassie had beaten WA in an extremely close game, coming down the last couple of seconds. If we won this game we would be in the finals competing for a place in 1 - 4. We played our hardest but let a couple of big girls get a ball that should've been ours. Heartbreakingly, we lost.

The next day we now had to play ACT to have a shot at playing for 5th and 6th. We returned from our game with big smiles on our faces as we had shown ACT no mercy and beaten them.

Our last game was against our biggest rivals of all. Queenslanders. We knew that if we lost this, it would be a disgrace. It was an intense game. The siren went on to signal us on for the last quarter, we were tied. The umpire blew his whistle and the game was on. Competition for the ball became scrappy and even more difficult to dominate in the packs.

The Queenslanders wanted it as bad as we did. We finally got it to our end and with just minutes left one of our forwards gets a penalty for a high tackle from QLD. She had a difficult shot on goal, all the way out on the wing. She booted the ball and almost made it, but the harsh Tassie wind took the ball and it was only a point. We still cheered and celebrated because we knew it was enough, with limited time left on the scoreboard.

A few plays later the sound we were all praying for came, the siren for end of game. We jumped and cheered because, although we hadn't been crowned first in Australia, we were better than Queensland and isn't that the only achievement a New South Welshman needs?

HANNAH W—YEAR 9 continued...

Straight after the game, we raced for a quick celebratory Maccas run and went to attend the closing ceremony where the winning states would be crowned and 25 boys and 25 girls would be selected for the All Australian team. Victoria won in both the girls and boys competition, the Bluebirds came 5th and the boy's team, the Bulldogs, came fourth.

Two girls and three boys from NSW were selected for the Australian teams, unfortunately, I did not make the cut, but I wasn't that disappointed. Playing for my State was a huge honour and an experience I'll forever be proud of and remember for the rest of my life.

Hannah W—Year 9



MERCY OUTREACH DAY ACTIVITIES

Socktober – Year 7 Outreach Day



To read this entire article please go to;

<https://www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au/socktober-year-7-outreach-activity/>

Year 7 showed themselves to be considerate, compassionate, interested and thoughtful young women during their participation in their first Mercy Week Outreach Day. I was particularly impressed by their thoughtful reflections during the workshops and their listening during the talks. The heart-warming message that I heard back throughout the day was the students developing understanding that small gestures of kindness can have a big impact on someone else.



Please read below a few of the written reflections I have received from Year 7. If your daughter has not yet had a chance to create a fundraising page, I hope some of their reflections will encourage you to do so.

As I write this, Year 7 Mercy Girls are holding 9 of the top 14 fundraising spots on the leader board and I am so proud of their efforts!

The Mercy College fundraising page is at <https://www.socktober.org.au/MercyCollegeChatswood> where you can create for your daughter an EveryDay Hero page.

Students have until *Friday 18th October* to collect as many donations as possible and each Colour House has challenged themselves with high targets ranging between \$960 and \$3300. You can follow their progress on the same webpage.

Tracey Stancliffe
Year 7 Co-ordinator

Year 7 Outreach Day – Student Reflections

Ghana. What is it? Where is it? Ghana is a country in Africa that is a third the size of Australia but with a much bigger population.

Children in Ghana suffer from not enough money for food, water or education as well as forced child labour with no pay and little food.

This year in Mercy Week Year 7 learned what our fundraising will do to help the children in Ghana. We were shown our mission and how even the little acts of love and kindness can have an impact on a person.





In Ghana, those with a disability are thought to be a curse and many parents can't look after their children. This woman is Sister Stan.

She believes that all of the children deserve to have food, water and a home, so she became a nun and went out to help the children.

Isabelle V D, Year 7

Something that stood out to me was the story of Michael. It taught me about the power of stories, how we found ourselves lost in the stories itself, and how surprised we were when the bell rang and broke the trance the stories left us in.

Chloe C Year 7



The Nazareth Home for God's Children that raises, feeds, educates and provides necessary life skills for children persecuted in Ghana.

To date, Sister Stan's organisation is looking after 100 children.

Victoria F, Year 7



Socktober which is to raise money for children in need. We take part in this activity by making soccer balls out of used plastic bags and old clothes.

I was really moved when I heard about Michael, a little boy who had HIV and became an orphan. Michael was taken into care by Father Bill when he was at a very young age and was really sick.

This story inspired me to help children like Michael through fundraising and it also made me more aware of people who are less fortunate than myself.

Isabella M, Year 7



Year 7 Outreach Day continued...

Outreach Day - Ghana

The Republic of Ghana, a small country that discards any children born with a disability or a twin. The Nazareth Home for God's children was founded by Sister Stan who rescues and protects these children from any harm, whilst feeding them and giving them a proper education.

On Outreach Day we made friendship bracelets and wrote prayers or messages to the children in the orphanage.



Sahara T Year 7



To help children in Ghana Year 7 are raising money for Socktober and have been making bracelets and writing notes for them.

This amazing experience we had helped to us to understand more about Catholic Mission and about the people in Ghana.

Anna R Year 7



Year 8 Mercy Outreach Day

On Friday, while all other years went and participated in their outreach activities in other areas, both Years 7 and 8 stayed at school and listened to talks and participated in activities in regard to certain issues in which ourselves and our school are concerned about. To start off our day we split into colour Houses and each colour House joined with another.

In the first session two colour houses combined and either listened to a talk from Amnesty Australia or from Caritas Australia. In the session presented by Amnesty Australia we discussed issues such as human rights in regard to refugees and asylum seekers and how our government deals with these people and what their policies are. We also discussed gender equality and how it affects not only women but men as well.

In the other session, with a speaker from Caritas Australia, we also discussed how we would feel as refugees and what items we would take if we suddenly had to flee from our home. We did an activity which allowed us to take any six items from our home and through our journey, which items we would have to remove as a result of the many issues that arose through our journey.

This made us rethink what we would take and which items would be most essential through our journey. Altogether, the day gave us a glimpse inside the world of others who may be fleeing from their country or may be becoming refugees or asylum seekers. It also made us rethink how lucky we are to live where we live and to have what we have.

Larissa C (Learning Prefect) and Eadie C (Mercy Action Prefect)

STREET MISSION

We are all very appreciative to have been given this opportunity, to be able to experience collecting money to help out those who are homeless and are disadvantaged. Street Mission is a local charity that provides meals to people in need by opening up a cafe where meals are only \$6. These cafes are available at Balgowlah and Dee Why where they serve chicken curry and rice, fresh vegetables and dessert.

During this Outreach Day, we were all spread out around the Chatswood Interchange into threes or pairs for around 3 hours waiting for the public to donate and help out. It was difficult to attract attention during the first few minutes and we found it to be confronting for the times we were rejected.

Although it was hard, as the day went by, the donations started to pile up in our buckets and standing up in the heat for long hours seemed to be worth it. This made us realise that there are a lot of generous people in the Chatswood community as we were given donations of \$50 and \$100 bills and many gold coins.



The generosity of the people made us feel rewarded and proud to be able to work with a charity like Street Mission, and allowed us to feel like we were making a strong difference and improvement towards alleviating homelessness in Australia. Our volunteering helped us understand that the smallest donations count and they can have an impact in a way that it is able to provide a meal for those who cannot afford one.

Pia Vi and Gianella S (Yr. 10)

MERCY OUTREACH DAY ACTIVITIES

Cardoner Project - Two Wolves Cantina

While on my Outreach visit to the Cardoner Project - Two Wolves Cantina I was inspired by the volunteers who give up their time, to work within the community that has been built at the Cantina, as well as through the Abroad program.

Lauren Year 11



In visiting the Two-Wolves: Community Cantina, we were afforded the opportunity to think beyond our own contexts and consider the wider need for equity and compassion in our world. We learnt about the immersions and overseas trips to Nepal, Vietnam and many other countries undertaken by the social enterprise, and how these efforts to educate and empower local communities fulfilled the gospel values of our faith.

The experience illustrated how simple actions, such as volunteering to wipe down a restaurant's tables, can lend itself to the wider pursuit of social justice.

Sarah Year 12

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE COMMUNITY CENTRE

For Outreach Day last Friday, 8 students from Years 11 and 12 visited the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) community centre in Westmead. We caught a train to Westmead and coincidentally met some JRS clients on the walk from the station to the centre who told us a bit about their stories.

When we got to JRS, we were introduced to the executive staff who explained to us a bit about the organisation and how it came about. They also gave us a tour of the



facilities and we learnt about the opportunities and activities available for refugees and asylum seekers who come to JRS. For example, JRS provides free English lessons, a gardening club and a play area for young children.

After the tour we went into the kitchen and prepared lunch for the drop-in visitors. Between the 8 of us, we cooked various rice dishes such as mushroom risotto, fried rice and a vegetable stir fry, finishing off with a rice pudding for dessert! We then shared this meal with the visitors and listened to their stories about their life and journey as a refugee coming to Australia. It was a very eye-opening experience.

After lunch and cleaning up, we did some work in the centre's foodbank. We added our own food donations and helped organise and shelve the many other bags of donations. Overall, it was a very rewarding experience and it was an excellent opportunity for us to learn about the wonderful work being done for refugees and asylum seekers by organisations such as JRS. We are very grateful to have had the chance to be a part of this Outreach visit and would like to thank Ms Simmons and Mrs Peterson for accompanying us.

Angela P - Year 11

MERCY OUTREACH DAY ACTIVITIES

Aboriginal Spirituality

Twenty students were very fortunate to spend their Outreach Day with David Ella in the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park learning about Aboriginal Spirituality.

David is the Diocesan Aboriginal Education Advisor and he was able to provide valuable insights into the culture of Guringai, Darkinjung and Darug People.

Students were shown various rock carvings and hand paintings on their journey which culminated in some selfies and lunch at West Head Lookout.



Mr M Cuttler
PDHPE Co-ordinator

Mercy Outreach: St Lucy's Wahroonga

For Mercy Week 2019, eight Year 12 students travelled to St Lucy's school for children with disabilities where we were able to assist in the athletics carnival for both junior and senior students at the primary school. The experience demonstrated the breadth of challenges which students with disabilities face in education but also provided the opportunity to converse with parents and carers.

St Lucy's is a Catholic school in the Dominican tradition and as volunteers we grew to understand not only how challenging it is for students with disabilities, but how much support staff in the disability sector continuously provide.

The opportunity was exceptionally eye-opening and some students found it to be quite confronting however we all left with a deepened appreciation for the work of the school and the volunteers and carers involved.

The experience was deeply unique and we all left feeling grateful for the opportunity and inspired by those who continuously work with children with disabilities.

By Claire F Year 12



Mercy Outreach Day- Carinya House visit

On Friday 6th September, Mercy Outreach Day, a group of twenty Mercy girls from Years 9-12 came together for a truly life changing experience that exceeded all expectations. We had the amazing opportunity to meet with a group of older men and women from Carinya House. We planned to play a game of bingo with them, but they preferred conversing with us too so much we didn't play!

We then ate an incredible lunch prepared by Mrs Cunningham and the awesome food technology students and listened to old school music like Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley together while the guests shared their life changing stories with us that instantly opened up our eyes to the world around us. The experience itself was one that I am sure will not be forgotten any time soon by both ourselves and our guests.

We were even told by a lovely guest called Angela that "this day was the best day she's ever had for at least ten years". It was unexpected and truly remarkable to see how much this day meant to all the lovely older people who were able to travel to our school and knowing that we were able to bring even the slightest smile to a person's face is definitely the number one reward out of the entire day.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Symons, Mrs Cunningham and Ms Gange for allowing us to take part in this once in a life time opportunity which I can 100% say that I will be forever grateful for.

Sarah H—Year 11

After our visit to Carinya House Ms Symons received this lovely email;

I WAS PART OF A GROUP FROM CARINYA SENIORS DAY CENTRE AT ERMINGTON WHO VISITED YOUR COLLEGE ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6. YOUR HOSPITALITY AND KINDNESS WAS SO MUCH APPRECIATED BY US, IN FACT I WOULD GO AS FAR AS TO SAY THEY WERE THE NICEST GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE I HAVE EVER COME ACROSS IN MY 80 YEARS OF LIVING. YOUR STAFF TOO WERE VERY WELCOMING – ONE WHOSE NAME I DID NOT GET IS THE DAUGHTER OF ONE OF OUR DRIVERS RUBEN GANGE

I WISH I COULD REMEMBER ALL THE NAMES OF THE STUDENTS AS THEY MINGLED WITH US OLDIES MAKING US FEEL VERY WELCOME AND INTERESTED IN OUR LIFE STORIES. MY MAIN CONVERSATIONALIST WAS A GIRL NAMED OLIVIA WHOM I IMMEDIATELY CHRISTENED OLIVIA NEWTON JOHN – HER PERSONALITY WAS EQUAL TO THE FAMOUS SINGER AND I WISH HER AND ALL YOUR STUDENTS EVERY SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING THEIR GOALS AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD.

GEOFF H



Year 10 Fashion Show 2019

Last Wednesday, Year 10 put together the annual Fashion Show with this year's theme focusing on iconic Australian television shows and movies from our childhood. There was over 10 acts varying from the world of Chris Lilley, Mister Maker, Kath and Kim, H2O: Just Add Water, Bondi Rescue, Hi-5, Muriel's Wedding, Prank Patrol and even a Masterchef vs. My Kitchen Rules battle.

An amazing number of girls and teachers stepped out of their comfort zones to perform in front of a packed audience, singing along to some memorable theme songs like "The Joker" and "The Wiggles" and dancing away to choreography put together in a short amount of time.

A large number of girls also helped backstage; organising the music, managing the acts, acting as security, creating props and assembling the Year group to create the show. Year 10's effort was clearly reflected by the large amount of laughs and donations that were received, allowing us to raise \$550.55 for the Mercy Works Foundation and building a new school in Vietnam.

On behalf of Year 10, I would like to thank Ms O'Halloran, the Fashion Show Committee and the teachers and students who were able to sort out the logistics of the day, prepare rehearsals and help us achieve such a fantastic result.

Sophie S Year 10



LEGACY

On Friday, twelve girls from Years 9 to 11 took part in fundraising for Legacy to give back to our community on Outreach Day for Mercy Week. Legacy is an incredible charity which provides services to Australian families suffering after the injury or death of a parent or spouse, during or after their service in the defence force.

We set out around Chatswood to begin selling an assortment of badges, pens, keyrings and teddy bears for the cause. Everyone commented on the overwhelming positive and amazing responses we received during our experience.

We were met with numerous awe-inspiring stories, including those of grown up legacy children having lost a parent in the war and the profound support Legacy provided them, both financially and emotionally.

Overall, the experience of volunteering for Legacy were one of a kind and demonstrated the immense community support, having raised around \$100 to \$150 each! Finally, to anyone who is thinking of taking part in fundraising for Legacy, we highly recommend it!

Sabrina and Claire Year 11





YEAR 11- Mercy Week Lunch

One of the many traditions of Mercy Week is the International Lunch on Mercy Day provided by Year 11. This is one of the major fundraising activities that is run during Mercy Week and this year it was very popular and well done (Ms Kavangah even said it "was one of the best Mercy Day lunches we have ever had").

Providing three mains and two desserts for over 650 people is a challenge for a Year group of fewer than 100 girls, however, through the teamwork, enthusiasm and hard work of the Year 11 girls we were able to pull it off.

There was a variety of food from a range of cultures such as Mexican, Italian, Armenian and Australian. This year was the first year we did not include drinks in the International Lunch to support the environment as there were less wastage and if a drink was needed the Year 12 stalls were selling drinks.

Overall, I am very proud of all the Year 11 girls and would like to thank all of them for their efforts. I would like to thank all the teachers involved especially Ms Cunningham and Ms Holman who spent the whole day in the food tech room to help us as well as Ms Symons who oversaw everything. Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who supported the lunch by donating and eating it!

By Brooke A—Year 11



MCC Netball Grand Final Day 7th September 2019

An early start on a cold, windy day greeted our 6 teams competing in Grand Finals last Saturday. Our Year 7 13F and 13G teams starting the day in their first Grand Final in Mercy colours. As in all GF's intensity was at a different level. Nerves were evident at the beginning of play, but the girls managed to get them under control and play the brand of Netball that had got them into the Grand Final.

Both games were extremely close and as the final bell went MCC 24 (13F) were one goal ahead taking out the title. Over on Court 9 the 13G's finished with a draw resulting in the game going in to extra time, unfortunately their opposition just clicked ahead, and the girls lost in the in the dying seconds. Both Teams are to be congratulated for their positive display of good sportsmanship in both victory and loss.



Next up our 15D's took the court and adrenaline was high. The windy and blustery conditions had the team on the back foot as they struggled to keep the ball on the court. Tensions were high and at one point it they were down by 4 and it looked like the game might get away from them. A pep talk from the Coach in the last quarter break reminding them to keep calm and play their game was it all it took for them come back and take the game by one point.



The afternoon games saw our Year 12s (D1) Year 11s (MCC 05 - D3) and our Ex Students 2018 (C3) take the courts. Our D1s found the going tough and in what was a gruelling game played at a frantic pace managed to keep within reach until the dying minutes of the game. These girls showed their true Mercy Spirit by fighting to the last whistle and then being a credit to themselves and their coach in the way they accepted defeat and congratulated their opposition.



Next up saw D3 and C3 playing the final games for the day. It was lovely to see the large number of spectators for all games with a special mention to the Coach and players from MCC06 Year 11s who also played in D3 come along to support their fellow Mercy club mates. This game was Mercy's from the beginning! Both teams played a tough but fair game that was a pleasure to watch.

The sound of the cheer that went up after the game left no doubt Mercy were the victors. And finally, special mention to our team in C3. This team finished 4th on the ladder, gave it their all over the finals season to take victory in the Grand Final. Valiant in victory they were on hand to immediately congratulate their opposition on a game played in a strong, fair and competitive spirit.



None of these or any Netball Games are possible without Umpires. We thank all our umpires throughout the season and to those who volunteered to officiate during the final series. However, none of this is possible without our amazing Volunteer Umpire Convenor Mrs Alison Bird. Behind the scenes Alison is organising rosters and mentors, planning umpire training, problem solving when things go wrong, liaising with other Clubs as well as turning up each Saturday from 7am looking after all things "Umpire". With 26 teams this year this has been a huge job and we are grateful for all Alison has done for MCC Netball.



As with all community sport, volunteers are the backbone that facilitate and run the games and MCC is no different.

A big THANK YOU to all our coaches, managers, scorers, duty day helpers, photographers, cupcake makers and the list goes on.

A full report on the 2019 co-curricular sport season will be published at the end of the term.

Margaret Kellendonk

BBSSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A group of 29 of our students represented Mercy College at the BBSSA Athletics Carnival at Homebush Olympic Park on the 26 August. Our athletes competed in all the track and field events against seven other Broken Bay schools as well as Mount St Benedict College and Brigidine College.

Seven of our athletes were selected for the Broken Bay Team which will compete at the NSWCCC Athletics Championships on Friday 20 September at Homebush.

Congratulations to the following students for their selection in the following events:

Lucca Taylor	800 m
Lauren Brown	Shot put and javelin
Sofia Saroukos	200m
Hannah Morgan	Shot put, javelin and discus
Sophie Anderson	
Ariana Garland – Powell	800m
Matilda Newman	Javelin

Ms J Paton
PDHPE Teacher



MCC 2019 Trivia Night

This was a wonderful and fun filled evening held last weekend with MCC parents, staff and friends. We raised over \$8,000 for the school: more than half from silent auctions items secured by Nicole Clancy (the College's Marketing and Promotions Officer). Thank you Nicole for your enthusiasm.

Congratulations to the winning table: MCC staff (again) – we can be reassured our daughters' education is in good hands! We answered trivia questions, drew Mona Lisa portraits, guessed famous faces, played true or false games, created and flew paper aeroplanes, tossed coins at bottles and shot darts at balloons for prizes. Our tables were full of delicious food and entertaining company. I encourage you to attend this event next year and have as much fun as we did.

Year 12 Graduation Afternoon Tea – Wednesday 25 September 2019 from 3.00pm til 4.15pm

Thank you to the two Year 11 parents who have offered to help with this function. All Year 11 parents will have received a request for assistance via the App this week. If possible, another three parents to help set up then pack up (between 1.00pm and 5.00pm) would be wonderful.

Parent Involvement in the P&F

I am still very happy to speak with any parents who are keen to support the P&F and run events each year. These include: Open Day, Cocktail Party, Mothers' and Fathers' Day Breakfasts, Trivia Night, Year 12 Graduation Afternoon Tea and Incoming Year 7 BBQ.

All P&F Executive positions are declared vacant at the AGM in October, therefore there is an opportunity for you to take on any role: President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary. Please consider if you have time next year to support the school. Thank you. Please feel free to call me at any time if you have any questions or would like to provide ideas or feedback.

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

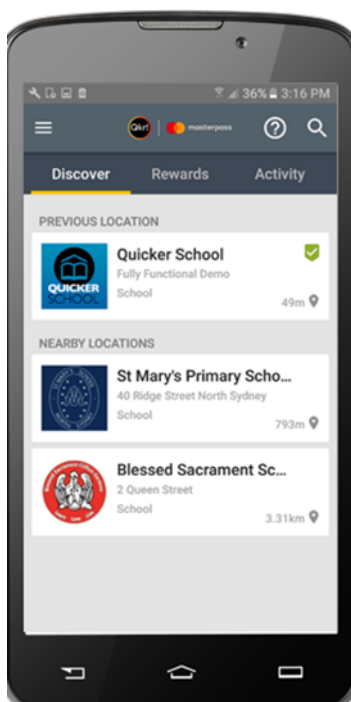
Note: The Qkr web client is available for those not wanting to complete transactions from their mobile phone.

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

[https:// www.marcard.com.au/en-au/about-mastercard/who-we-are/qkr.html](https://www.mastercard.com.au/en-au/about-mastercard/who-we-are/qkr.html)



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'.