“Love one another as I have loved you.”

How many times have we heard this commandment of Jesus? What a wonderfully positive commandment it is.

Jesus goes on to say “You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; …. What I command you is to love one another” (Jn 15:16-17). The command is repeated again and the explanation of how we are to show that love is clear, we are to bear fruit, that is to do good works.

The relationship between Jesus and each of us is founded on a loving decision by Jesus to choose us.

As we celebrate Mothers’ Day we can see a reflection of the relationship Jesus invites us into in the loving relationship a mother has for a child. It is a close and intimate one, a love that is prepared to make sacrifices for the child.

Choose someone to encourage this week; someone to praise this week; someone to forgive this week. That is what mothers do; that is what Jesus does. This action will bear fruit that will last.

"You are a God of love and tenderness; I put my trust in you....."

Catherine McAuley

Prayer

Our God shares the fullness of our humanity, and calls us to honour and care for all those who share the joys and sorrows of our human pilgrimage. We pray that God will bless our companions in the journey.

Amen

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students, Staff and Friends

I trust that all mothers enjoyed a special day of tribute yesterday. May God continue to bless you as you continue your vital role as a nurturer, nurse, educator and counsellor to your children, whatever their age.

APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL

The Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea and the Mercy Education Board will be announcing the name of the Principal Elect of Mount Lilydale Mercy College this week. Please look for an announcement letter being distributed via students and placed on the College Website.

I look forward to working with this person to ensure a smooth transition to a new leader of our wonderful school.

ENRICHMENT LEAVE

Mr Michael Johnston will be Acting Principal of the College from next Monday until Thursday 7 June whilst I am on Enrichment Leave on a Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul.

PLEASE PRAY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of James Willis who is the Grandfather of Tahlia Rooney of Year 7 Blue.

We pray that James who shared his love with others will be welcomed into the fullness of life promised to him through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. May our prayers and support comfort his family and encourage them to look back on James’ life with joy.
TRANSITION EVENING
The Transition Evening last Wednesday was once again an outstanding success with over 300 parents/guardian/students present. This is an ideal opportunity for students in Primary school to visit the College and participate in enjoyable learning activities with family members. Special thanks to the staff and students of the College who ran the evening. On Thursday morning I received an email from one of the participants which sums up the evening very well.

“I would like to pass on my greatest Thanks to you, your Staff and Students for presenting such a wonderful Transition Evening. The huge amount of thought, planning and preparation that went into this evening was very obvious, and very much appreciated by myself and son.

To see the familiar faces of teachers that are still there from when I graduated in 1993, shows there is a commitment and loyalty unique to this School.

What once looked like a huge and daunting step into secondary school, was broken down to a fun and exciting experience for us both.

We now look forward to going through the enrolment and acceptance process with a better understanding and clarity, that Mount Lilydale Mercy College is where we want to be.”

ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS ON THE 2011 SCHOOL YEAR
This report is now available on the College Website. Please note that the report relates to 2011 and does not take into account any developments in Term 1 2012. A hard copy will be printed in the coming week and distributed to all parents/guardians via students.

EDUCATION COSTS RISING
The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics figures show that the cost of education in Australia rose by 6% in the year to March. This is more than three times the national inflation rate of 1.6%.

WEEKLY MASS AT THE COLLEGE
Parents/guardians, students and staff are invited to join 10 Silver on Tuesday morning at 8.15am for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Mary Ryan
Registrar

FROM THE REGISTRAR - Ms Mary Ryan

TRANSITION EVENING
A very successful Humanities, LOTE and Technology Transition Night was held last Wednesday evening. It was a delight to see so many happy, smiling faces as the groups moved from one activity to another. It was evident all enjoyed this interactive and welcoming evening as the comments above illustrate. Thank you very much to the parents who supported us by providing supper and hospitality to the Grade 5 & 6 students and their families.

2012 / 2013 ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE
The 2012 / 2013 Entertainment book has arrived. If you would like a copy, it can be purchased from Cathy Pote through Reception or ordered using the attached order form. It is priced at $55, $13 of which goes to the College. The book contains hundreds of discount coupons for restaurants, theatres, travel, accommodation and much more.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS
Another initiative from the Parents and Friends is the ‘Dough Raiser’ in partnership with Baker’s Delight. To add your support, collect a card from Reception, one of the members of the Parents and Friends committee or me. Show the card at the Chirnside Park or Mooroolbark stores and they will give 5% of the value of all sales to the College.

Mary Ryan
Registrar

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT - Dr Paul Curtis

MUSIC NIGHT
Friday 18 May
7:30-8:45pm
Music Room
All welcome
Order your new 2012 | 2013 Entertainment™ Book…
discover the best deal of all!

Choose what you want to do and when you want to do it with hundreds of valuable offers. Receive up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers valid now until June 1st, 2013!

Purchase a Book and at the same time, you will also be helping community fund-raising!
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- Sarti
- Sapore
- Paladarr
- Mercers
- and many more...

**Casual Restaurant and Family Dining**
- Anglers Tavern
- Monk & Me
- Baba
- TGI Friday’s
- Cafe de Cuba
- The Pancake Parlour
- Cafe Sienna
- Beachcomber
- La Camera
- Coco Lounge
- Hofbrauhaus
- Vegie Bar
- The Blackburn Hotel
- Trenta Cucina
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**Informal Dining and Takeaway**
- KFC
- McDonald’s
- Grill’d
- Nando’s
- Domino’s
- Mrs Fields Cookies
- Red Rooster
- Trios
- Brumby’s
- Cold Rock Ice Creamery
- Hudson’s Coffee
- Wendy’s
- Schnitz
- Noodle Box
- and many more...

**Arts, Sports and Attractions**
- Melbourne Racing Club
- Luna Park
- Village Cinemas
- Melbourne Storm
- Melbourne Aquarium
- and many more...

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- Coles
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Thank you for supporting Mount Lilydale Mercy College, $13 from each Book sold will contribute to student resources.
YEAR 11 AND 12 MID YEAR EXAMS

YEAR 12 VCAA EXAMS

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June 11: Queen’s Birthday Day
June 12: Year 11 Exams
June 13: Year 11 Exams
June 14: VCAA Exams (GAT)
June 15: Year 11 Exams

Exam Timetable will be published soon

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HAVE YOU EVER DONE BADLY IN AN EXAM?

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<td>Revising material you haven’t really understood.</td>
<td>See your teacher or a class mate.</td>
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<td>Not being used to answering exam questions.</td>
<td>Use practice test questions and practice exams and time yourself answering them.</td>
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<td>Running out of time.</td>
<td>Use reading time carefully to plan how you will “attack” the exam.</td>
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This year we have introduced a Literature Circles Programme in Year 9 which is a collaborative project delivered by the College Libraries and the English Department.

Throughout the year students will have the opportunity to work in small groups with their English teacher and the Teacher Librarians engaging in independent reading and discussion groups. We aim to build capabilities in our students through analysing and reflecting on texts and related issues that emerge from discussions, comparing ideas and justifying points of view with evidence from the text.

Students appreciate the structure of these discussion groups as they select reading materials from a range of recommended texts aimed at engaging students. Students meet regularly at weekly discussion groups to share their thoughts and responses to the text guided by written and drawn notes prepared beforehand which are guided by questions, notes and specific role expectations.

The discussions tend to evolve during the weekly meetings as students gather to respond and analyse the text read independently during the week. We have enjoyed rich and thought-provoking conversations that have naturally developed as students make personal connections and engage in open discussions guided by the allocated roles for the week.

Please feel free to chat to the facilitators of the programme if you require further information or your student requires assistance with any aspects of the programme.

Andrea Coney – Head of Library and Information Services
Alison Schlueter – Head of English
Katie Stanley – Teacher Librarian – McAuley Library
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
A big well done goes out to two students and a staff member this week.

Erica Hosking, 11Gold, is off to her second Pony Club Association of Victoria State Championships this year, having qualified on her horse Avoca Flowergirl with the Monbulk Pony Club Musical Ride team. Erica also represented her zone on two horses at the PCAV dressage state championships in February. An excellent effort Erica and credit to Avoca Flowergirl too.

On 7 May, Mr Steve Tarrulli played in his D Reserve Basketball Grand Final. Despite a career best game, including 27 rebounds, Mr Tarrulli’s team was narrowly defeated by their team-work orientated opponents. An unlucky result, but still an honourable and well deserved finish.

Daniel Butera, 11 Silver, also played in a Basketball Grand Final last Monday. Daniel’s team was successful in claiming the D Grade trophy, taking out the win with a determined approach. Another excellent effort.

Congratulations to Mr Tarulli, Daniel and Erica on their achievements.

SENIOR EISM RESULTS & YEAR 9 EISM RESULTS
Senior and Year 9 EISM teams are currently in selection mode for the Winter season. Dashing skills are being displayed in all sports and the keenness of the students is making the task difficult for the coaches to select the best.

Details of each week’s fixture, venues and results can be found at http://www.eism.org/
BUILDING RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN AND RAISING REAL PEOPLE

A Parent Seminar
At Mount Lilydale Mercy College
Presented by Clinical Psychologist
Andrew Fuller

A MUST FOR ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS!!

When: Thursday 24 May 2012
Time: 7.30 – 9.00 pm
Venue: Mount Lilydale Mercy College
        Centennial Hall
        120 Anderson Street, Lilydale

Hear from the expert in adolescents and resiliency
Andrew Fuller

Tea/coffee/biscuits provided. No cost to attend the seminar
FOOTBALL BOOTS WANTED!

Do you have any old football boots in good condition that are now too small and are cluttering up your cupboards?

If so, give those boots to someone who can only dream about having a pair!

In July this year, the School of Exercise Science at the Australian Catholic University (ACU) is running a three-week after-school football program for children and youth in the community of Baucau in Timor Leste. The program is being conducted in partnership with the Baucau Catholic Parish, St Anthony’s Secondary School and the local Football Association to promote health, wellbeing and life skills. Boots are needed for children ranging in age from 7 to 15 years. The ACU is hoping to collect 500 pairs of used boots, one for each Timorese child.

If you have a pair of shoes that is now too small for your child, can you please hand them into your school’s office by Friday 1 June.

Donated boots will be collected by the Catholic Education Office Melbourne and delivered to ACU during June.

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Your donation will not only put boots on feet but also smiles on faces!

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