“Jesus ... began to send them out in pairs .... And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff.”

The Gospel indicates that Jesus, having taught the disciples through his words and actions, was now sending them out to start speaking and acting with authority like he did. Sending them out with just a staff is an indication that they were to rely upon God as they took an active role in his ministry. If the people responded positively they were to remain with that community. If they did not respond positively, they were to move on to another community.

One of the things that I learned in my recent pilgrimage was that St Paul was very insistent about not living off the community to whom he was preaching. He continued to work and support himself. He stayed with communities if they listened to him and moved on if they did not or if they opposed him. He kept in contact with those communities that responded positively to his message, often writing to them and often sending his friends and co-missionaries to support them in their faith.

This sending out of the disciples seems to be like Work Experience. They were sent out to experience what it was like to preach the Good News. They later came back and reported to Jesus on their experiences and were given additional instruction.

At the end of each Mass, we are sent out to live and proclaim the Gospel. We do this in the same way the disciples did it and as Jesus did it, by our works and actions. We should not let distractions of possessions and activities distract us. Just taking a staff was keeping things simple. We need to keep things simple also and just focus on sharing our faith with others in our own small way. Like the disciples we might be ridiculed and like them we can ignore the ridicule and move on to give witness to others.

“The best apostolate we can engage in is the witness of holiness of life.”

CATHERINE MCAULEY

The Year of Grace is a call to respond to the grace of God that is already at work in the Church through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We can open ourselves to that Grace through prayer and reflection upon the scriptures. We come to know the ‘face’ of Jesus through scripture. It is through Jesus that His church will be renewed.

Prayer

God, you have chosen us as your loving children. Help us to clothe ourselves with tender-hearted mercy, kindness, gentleness and patience.

Amen

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students, Staff and Friends

Welcome to the following new students and their families and we trust that they will enjoy their association with the College.

4 short term Italian exchange students: Chiara Bergamo (Year 9), Marco Caldarulo (Year 10), Frederica Pinetti (Year 10) and Camilla Zunino (Year 10), and a 12 month French exchange student: Thibault Desjardins (Year 11).

In addition to these exchange students we have 2 new students beginning with the College: Amber Hawker (Year 8) and Liam Jones (Year 11).

We also welcome new staff to the College to replace those on leave. Linda Brasacchio (Italian, Industry & Enterprise and Sport), Danielle Calder (Careers Administration), Michael Dale (Mathematics & Sport), Tania Hawthorne (Hospitality), Samantha Murphy (Humanities, Civics and Industry & Enterprise), and Marisa Tsoukatos (Biology, Science and Forensic Science).
We welcome back from leave Brian Hawthorne, Nerrida Burnham and Gerry Donovan. I take this opportunity to thank Janine Biggin for her work as Acting deputy Principal – Director of Studies during Brian’s absence.

During the term the following staff will be on leave. Mick Hill (Grounds), Geoff Hopkins (Daily Organiser), Jo-Anne Hopkins (Technology & Careers), Anthony Schepis (Italian & New Horizons), Danny Katzen (Science), Fiona Johnston (Hospitality) and Kerrie West (Humanities).

Andrew Leaumont and Nick Woodard will be responsible for Daily Organisation, Valdy Gravis for Science Faculty Leader, Emma Whitehouse for Humanities Faculty Leader, Urszula Faiklmer for Assistant Science Faculty Leader and Marlyya MacNeill for Assistant Humanities Faculty Leader.

Please Pray
Please pray for Shirley Cowie, the Grandmother of Josh Garnett (Year 9) and Drew Garnett (Year 11).

O God, shepherd Shirley from death into life. Gently raise her up and heal her weary soul leading her on the path of truth. Remain at her side comforting her with your hope and crowning her with your love.

Enrolment for Year 7 2014
If you have a child in Grade 5 now and are considering sending that child to Mount Lilydale Mercy College in Year 7 in 2014, you need to prepare for action. The first of the Information Nights for parents/guardians will be held on Wednesday 25 July. This session is strictly for current parents/guardians and Information Sessions for new parents/guardians will be held on 7, 20 and 31 August.

If you do not attend one of these sessions, you will not be able to enrol this child at the College. Current parents/guardians are welcome to attend any session but as you already know much about the College, the first session is prepared with this in mind.

All sessions will be held in Centennial Hall at 7.30pm.

Award Ceremonies
Parents and Guardians are invited to the Award Ceremonies to be held over the next two weeks. All ceremonies begin at 8.50am in Centennial Hall. Please encourage your children by attending. Your attendance will raise their expectations of themselves and may lead to even better results in Semester 2.

| Year 9 | Wednesday 18 July |
| Year 10 | Thursday 19 July |
| Year 7 | Friday 20 July |
| Year 8 | Monday 23 July |
| Year 11 | Tuesday 24 July |

Car Parking in Streets
With wet and cold weather there may be a temptation to drop and pick up students as close to the College as possible. To facilitate this we have a drop and pick up zone in the College and parking in Anderson Street in front of the Doyle Centre.

Some parents use neighbouring streets such as Brown Street and The Eyrie. Both of these streets have parking restrictions that prohibit standing at the start and finish of the school day. Recently some parents have started to stop and drop or pick up their students in these areas or more dangerously right near the corner of the intersection of Brown and Anderson streets. This action is endangering students and members of the public.

I urge all parents/guardians and family members to strictly observe the parking regulations which are designed for safety and convenience reasons. With the increased parking and other fines recently announced a breach of the regulations may be very costly.

Bernard Dobson
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - DIRECTOR OF STAFF - Victor Miles

College Chapel Progress
The construction of our new College Chapel is progressing at a rapid pace. The Chapel is to be named Our Lady of Mercy Chapel and it will be officially opened and consecrated by the Archbishop of Melbourne in September, this year.

Our Chapel sits in a very prominent location at the top of our drive and it offers spectacular views of the Yarra Valley. Circular in design, the Chapel will accommodate up to 250 students.

I am sure that those of you who do not have the opportunity to drive inside the College grounds regularly would be surprised to see the current progress of the build. To allay your curiosity, I have included some recent photographs of the Chapel.

To ensure all things progress well during construction, many people put in a large amount of time and effort. A number of staff with a specialist skills meet fortnightly to advise the architect on fixtures, fittings etc. and to respond to any proposed changes in design. On the alternate week, another group meet with the architect and builder on site to ensure the construction is proceeding as planned.

I would like to especially thank two individuals who have been paramount in overseeing the construction to make sure that we receive the best outcome and that our community’s Mercy heritage and traditions are closely aligned and connected to our new Chapel. Mr Gerry Donovan and Mr Bernard Dobson – on your behalf, I pass on our thanks to two very special individuals who demonstrate ongoing commitment and devotion to our community, day in and day out.

Victor Miles
Deputy Principal – Director of Staff
Chairperson Building & Planning Advisory Group.
FROM THE REGISTRAR - Mary Ryan

Although we have just completed Semester 1, it is now time to think about enrolling your Grade 5 child at Mount Lilydale Mercy College. Parents/guardians wishing to apply for enrolment for **Year 7 2014** are advised that Enrolment Application Information Sessions will be held at the College on the dates listed below throughout July and August 2012. To apply for enrolment in Year 7 2014, parents/guardians MUST attend one of these meetings. The meetings will be held in Centennial Hall.

Mary Ryan
Registrar

FROM THE BARAK CAMPUS DIRECTORS - Lucia Tabacchiera & Michael Callanan

Welcome back to Term 3 and the start of Semester 2. On behalf of both of us we hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday. What a busy Term 2 we had, but how wonderful it was to see the many events, activities and proactive initiatives that continued within the Barak Campus. We have been very proud of the students in their progress and the settled sense of ‘learning’ and focusing on their academic endeavours.

Semester 1 reports were sent out the first week of the holidays. Should any parent be concerned about their child’s report or feel there are learning concerns, feel free to make contact with the Learning Co-ordinator for Barak Campus; Ms Carolyn Ellul (Mr Anthony Schepis is on long service leave for Term 3). While he is away Carolyn will be looking after the Year 10 learning matters. In addition, the homeroom teacher is only a phone call away for further discussion.

This term we also look forward to celebrating and acknowledging the efforts and achievements of the students with the academic award ceremonies for each Year level. The Year 12 academic award ceremony was held in the last week of Term 2 on Tuesday 26 June. The Year 11 (Tuesday 24 July) and Year 10 (Thursday 19 July) academic award ceremonies will be held at 8.50am in Centennial Hall. We encourage all parents to attend and help celebrate their child’s achievements.

For the Year 10 students the last week of Term 2 allowed them to have a real change and “Go to Work”. At Mount Lilydale Mercy College we believe that Work Experience is an important opportunity for students to explore a career and get a ‘hands on’ feel for what work really involves. It is a compulsory part of the Year 10 program and from all accounts many of the students had an enjoyable time with their endeavours.

**Year 10 into 11 subject selection:** during Term 3 students will be asked to make subject selections for 2013. The transition from Year 10 to 11 is often more difficult and can take considerable time and thought as the decision making required is to select either the Victorian Certificate of Education or Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning Program. To help facilitate this decision, Faculty Leaders will speak to all Year 10 students on Friday 20 July to overview various subjects on offer. Full details will be available in the Handbook distributed to students and on the College website. Following on from this a VCE and VCAL Parent Information Evening will occur on Tuesday 24 July commencing at 7:30pm in Centennial Hall.

The next stage requires each student to enter their subject selections online before Wednesday 15 August 2012. On Tuesday 21 August the College has arranged for parents and students of Year 10 to meet with a senior member of staff to discuss the subjects or program selected.

Our Year 11 students completed their term with the formal celebration of the Debutante Ball. After a last minute change of venue in the first week all three nights were very successful and everyone had a great time. It was lovely to see our young ladies and gentlemen looking beautiful in their dresses and suits and present themselves as adults to the College Community.

Our Year 12 students also had a busy end of term with VCAA exams and the formal. It was a great time for our students to celebrate their efforts thus far and to celebrate as a community, we wish them well.

The Barak Campus starts the term with a Campus Assembly that will highlight and acknowledge the happenings of the College.

Lucia Tabacchiera & Mick Callanan
Barak Campus Directors
1 MERIT AWARD

2 MERIT AWARDS
Olivia Burrows, Nicole Cochrane, Sabrina Cole, Darcy Cripps, Caitlin Curren, Sean Dwyer, Jessica Enright, Matthew Fotia, Sarah Gmeehling, Shae Meyers, Georgina Smith, Shayarna Styles, Simon Van Der Westhuizen, Daniel Watson and Briony White.

3 MERIT AWARDS
Isaac Andueza, Nicholas Dwyer and Ronan Johns.

4 MERIT AWARDS
Adriana Alo, Natalie Czisloeswki, Lachlan Koger, Darcie Marmion and Casey Wright.

1 ACADEMIC AWARD

1 ACADEMIC & 1 MERIT AWARD
Benjamin Di Battista, Hannah George, Breeana Loughnan and Alexander Turner.

1 ACADEMIC & 2 MERIT AWARDS
Courtney Broussard, Laura Cummane, Chelsea Damell, Gemma De Leo, Louie Di Martino, Hannah Dowling, Sean Jarvis, Sienna Kavanagh, Jordon Lott, Raphael Psallas, Erica Ryan, Lewis Thwaites, Craig Ward and Jordan Williams.

1 ACADEMIC & 3 MERIT AWARDS
Vasuki Ambekar, Lauren Chitty, Bianca Condello, Holly Grimes, Danielle Hughes, Cassandra Poynter, Jennifer Scott and Mary Tu.

2 ACADEMIC AWARDS
Matthew Gillett, Jake Nicholson, Naomi White and Shaun Wright.

2 ACADEMIC & 1 MERIT AWARD
Emily Drury, Thomas Nolan and Gino Parisi.

2 ACADEMIC & 2 MERIT AWARDS
Crystal Atkins, Nicky Bibo, Jessica Luxford, Breanna Pearce and Jessica White.

2 ACADEMIC & 3 MERIT AWARDS
Bianca Farley, Madeline France and Georgia Walsh.

3 ACADEMIC AWARDS
Daniel Clarke, Riley Gentle and Ruth Mosbauer.

3 ACADEMIC & 1 MERIT AWARD
Nicole Cassai, Claire Fitzgerald, Catherine O'Neill and Fiona Van Den Bronk.

3 ACADEMIC & 2 MERIT AWARDS
Jaymie Buis, Melina Lucisano and Sarah McLeod.

4 ACADEMIC AWARDS
Anthony Beshara, Amy Darvell and Tatum Joseph.

4 ACADEMIC & 1 MERIT AWARD
Alexandra Gallagher-Fox, Gareth Milloy, Zuzanna Palej, Alexandra Sherman, Johanna Van Der Linden and Daniel Wright.

5 ACADEMIC AWARDS
Tali Duffield, Sarah McConnell, Molly McConnell and Tessa Van Eekelen.
This week Intermediate (Year 11) VCAL students hosted the annual Personal Best Presentation Evening in Centennial Hall. Over five weeks VCAL students were able to negotiate a project of their choice with teachers and work with mentors and fellow students to acquire knowledge and develop skills. After the opening prayer, which was sung by Anthony Gerace, students received a First Aid Certificate, which they earned during the semester. The hosts for the evening, Isaac Morse and Jack O’Kane, did an outstanding job of welcoming parents and introducing each presenter.

The projects were either formally presented to the audience or exhibited.

The presentations were:
- Solar Powered Portable Speaker Box – Anthony Tucci
- Motorised Scooter – Jack Spencer
- Display Cabinet – Bryce Addison
- Coffee Table – Joel Manning & Chris Moran
- Jewellery Box – Ilona Rawkins
- Make-up Photo Shoot – Jamie Heritage, Britt Munroe, & Chloe Serritelli
- Ga ga pit – Mitch Carratelli, Rory McArdle, & Anthony Molluso
- Kitchen Garden – Belinda Chalmers
- Remote Controlled Car – Jonathon Sugiharto
- Speaker Box – Jayden Cormick
- Motorised Bicycle – Ethan Schneider
- Fundraising Concert – Anthony Gerace

The Exhibits were:
- Paintings – Mirelda Bloxham-Parker
- Wooden Car – Jack O’kane
- Long-board and Stand – Isaac Morse

The variety of projects was outstanding and testament to the negotiable aspects of the program. We would also like to acknowledge and thank all of the VCAL staff who were present on the evening and mentored students throughout their projects: David Fitzgerald, Urszula Faulkner, Emily Tineo, Leigh Worrell, Carolyn Ellul, Nadia Fragnito, Michael Callanan, Steve Palmer and Janine Biggin.

If you have any inquiries regarding our VCAL programs please feel free to contact me at the college.

Steve Tarulli
Applied Learning Coordinator
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
SECOND INSTALMENT 2012

EMA is paid to eligible parents of students under 16 years of age.

Parents who successfully applied for EMA in Semester 1 2012 at this College need not re-apply for Semester 2. Your application will be processed automatically. If you have received a new Card from Centrelink since claiming the 1st instalment, could you please forward a photocopy to the College for our records.

If you put in a claim for Semester 1 and are no longer eligible, could you please notify the College.

The eligibility criteria must be met at the first day of Term 3 (16 July 2012) for the second instalment.

If your child has transferred to this College during the year or you have recently obtained a Centrelink Pensioner Concession/Health Care Card, or even if you forgot to submit an application in Semester 1, you need to lodge your Semester 2 application NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 3 AUGUST 2012 WITH A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR VALID HEALTH CARE CARD OR VALID PENSION CARD.

You can obtain an Application Form from the Finance Department or if you have any questions please contact Mrs Margaret Kirkwood on 9237 1315.

LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED. THIS IS A GOVERNMENT DEADLINE.

Margaret Kirkwood
Finance Department.

ST MARY’S YOUTH MASS
CLEGG ROAD, Mt EVELYN
ON SUNDAY 29 JULY AT 5.00PM
WE WELCOME ALL FAMILIES TO JOIN US IN THIS CELEBRATION

SPORTS REPORT

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
Dylan Findley, 7 Green, recently competed in State Gymnastics Level 2. The event was held in Healesville and included competitors from Emerald and Yarra Junction. Dylan turned in a super effort and was rewarded with 1st place. Congratulations on a great achievement Dylan.

If you know of a student achieving in their chosen field of sport, please send us the details at lworrell@exchange.mlmcilleydale.catholic.edu.au or mflood@exchange.mlmcilleydale.catholic.edu.au

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Details of each week’s fixture, venues and results can be found at http://www.eism.org/
New Leisure Courses

Healesville Living and Learning Centre for term 3 commencing mid July - mid August

Popular courses and groups that are continuing on our program in term 3 include:

- Art Folio Preparation
- Creative Computers - YouTube
- Guitar Technique - Blues and Folk
- Watercolour - Explore your Creative Potential
- Handy Woman’s workshop
- Latin Dancing
- Nail Art Workshop
- Photography - Phone Camera Computer

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