“As I who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.”

Jn 6:57

If we are not nourished by food and drink we will die. Our bodies fail. Jesus reminds us that we also need spiritual nourishment or our spirit will die. We gain this spiritual nourishment in several ways including prayer, spiritual reading, reflection upon scripture and especially through reception of Holy Communion.

The Catholic Church has always insisted that the bread and wine of the Eucharist are the true flesh and blood of Christ. While the appearance of bread and wine remain, in reality they become the body and blood of the Lord. For this reason we receive Communion reverently and pray reverently after communion and we genuflect before the tabernacle when entering a church.

Jesus gave himself continually to others, even sacrificing His life for all of humanity. He offers us spiritual nourishment to give us life. During the coming week, give nourishment and life to others in the way that you treat them. Focus especially upon psychological nourishment, not just physical nourishment.

O God, we believe that in the bursting forth of your Spirit the face of the earth is renewed. Help us to recognise the working of the Spirit among us so that we may be open to transformation. Let us use our gifts for the empowerment of others. We ask this in the name of Jesus whose promises never fail.

Amen

“MAY GOD BLESS AND ANIMATE YOU WITH HIS OWN DIVINE SPIRIT”

Catherine McAuley

Prayer

REFLECT UPON THE IMAGES
OF CHRIST

Christ in the centre with
Mary and John the Baptist
in the Church of St Lydia at
Phillipi in Greece.

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students, Staff and Friends

Last Wednesday we celebrated the feast of the Assumption with the Eucharist. This gave us an ideal opportunity to reflect upon the way Mary was always open to the will of God and how she lived out the love of God in the way she cared for and treated others. The daily acts of kindness she participated in and the support she gave her son and the disciples should be a model for our own behaviour.

In the Easter Church the icons of Mary have her wearing a blue dress covered by a red cloak. Blue is regarded as the colour of humanity and red the colour of the divine. Mary, whilst human took on the cloak of divinity. Jesus is depicted wearing a red garment with a blue cloak over it, depicting his divinity taking on humanity.
FRAYNE SPEECH FESTIVAL
This year for the first time students from Mercy schools will be travelling to St. Joseph’s College Mildura to compete in the Frayne Speech Festival, a festival of public speaking, debating and voice choir. This festival provides a great opportunity for students from different Mercy schools to meet and share their stories.

On behalf of all members of the community I extend best wishes to the students and staff involved.

STUDENT PROGRESS INTERVIEWS FOR YEAR 12
This year we are making a change to the timing of the interviews for Year 12 students so that students, parents and staff have more time to work together to ensure the best outcomes for students. Interviews will be conducted on Tuesday 28 August in Centennial Hall, just for Year 12.

FINAL INFORMATION NIGHT FOR YEAR 7 2014
The final Parent Information Night for prospective parents of Year 7 2014 will be held in Centennial Hall tonight 20 August at 7.30pm. There will only be one further opportunity to obtain an Application Form and this will be as part of Open Day on Friday 31 August.

OPEN DAY
Please keep Friday 31 August free to pay a visit and see the College in action on Open Day.

Bernard G Dobson
Principal

FROM THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Musical serving tea/coffee.
Open Day is fast approaching on Friday 31 August. If anyone is interested in volunteering to serve tea and coffee we would love your help, we are seeking helpers from 9am till 5pm. If you have a couple of hours free and would like to help please contact me at pfs@mlmclilydale.catholic.edu.au

We also have our Baker’s Delight Fundraising Card. Pick up one the next time you are at the office or the Parents and Friends Uniform Shop.

There is still an opportunity to help out on Mercy Day so please contact me at the above email address for more details.

Jacqui Macdonald
President Parents and Friends

ST MARY’S YOUTH MASS
Sunday 26 August at 5pm
Clegg Road, Mt Evelyn

Please join us in celebrating the St Mary’s Youth Mass. For more information on how you can partake, for example do a reading or be a part of the Choir, please ring Laura on 0439 031 085.

MOUNT LILYDALE MERCY COLLEGE OPEN DAY
FRIDAY 31 AUGUST - 11AM - 5PM
OUTSTANDING FEES
The Finance Department along with the Principal would like to thank all parents and guardians for cooperation with the collection of school fees and levies during 2012. Fortunately we only have a small number of accounts, which are outstanding and remain a concern.

We are confident that all parents and guardians of our students appreciate the necessity of maintaining a healthy cash flow for the College, as it is our children who benefit.

Any parent or guardian who feels that they are unable to finalise payment of Term 3 fees over the next two weeks please contact me directly at the College on 9237 1314. This will ensure re enrolment for 2013. If you have an existing approved arrangement whereby the payment of fees are regular which will allow for a zero balance by early December there is no need to make contact.

At the end of 2011 only 3 accounts required significant follow up because they were outstanding without any explanation being given to us. The Finance Department are anticipating all outstanding Term 3 fees will be forthcoming during the next two weeks. Hopefully the employment of an external collection agency will not be necessary this year.

The College would like to once again thank parents and guardians for their past and future commitments to and involvement in the life and smooth running of the Mount Lilydale Mercy College community.

Dean de Munk
Business Manager
Ph 9237 1314

LITERACY MONTH NEWS

Last week the College Libraries hosted James Phelan as our Author in Residence.

Did you know?
◆ James is a Melbourne-based author.
◆ He started writing his first novel when he was fifteen!
◆ He has written a post-apocalyptic series, Alone, for YA readers, despite publishers telling him that all YA readers wanted to read was ‘young spies’!
◆ He has also written a series of political thrillers based around the character of Lachlan Fox.
◆ He initially studied Architecture at University, followed by English Literature and then even a PhD in writing, just to get his books seen by publishers and to let them know he was serious about writing.

Several of our Year 9 and 10 English classes spent a lesson hearing about James’ books and how he wrote them. The Year 9 Creative Writing class and members of the Writers and Illustrators Circle also spent time discussing writing and publishing with James. All in all, a fantastic three days!

Both the Alone series and the Adventures of Lachlan Fox are available through the College Libraries.

Katie Stanley
McAuley Teacher Librarian

EARN & LEARN STICKERS & CARDS

Thank you so very much for supporting the Music Department in the collecting of stickers. If you have any stickers or cards at home could you please return them to the College by Friday 24 August so the processing can be undertaken.

Dr Paul Curtis

PARENTS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS
Mount Lilydale Mercy College introduced iPads into Year 7 at the beginning of the 2012. As part of the evaluation process, feedback is sought from parents with children in Year 7. Interested parents can follow the link http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6PVKD78 to complete a short online survey. Thankyou.

John Parlas
eLearning Leader
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Shaun Wright, 12 Silver, recently competed in the Victorian Schools Cycling Championships. Shaun managed to secure 4th place after six gruelling laps against some very strong competition. An excellent effort Shaun.

If you know of a student achieving in their chosen field of sport, please send us the details at t worrell@exchange.mlmclilydale.catholic.edu.au or m flood@exchange.mlmcclilydale.catholic.edu.au

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

VICTORIAN EQUESTRIAN CENTRE
UPPER BEACONSFIELD
“SHOW JUMPING CHALLENGE”
MONDAY 27 AUGUST
$60 ENTRY
ENTRY FORM FROM MRS CONWAY
CLOSING DATE MONDAY 20 AUGUST
Welcome to Literacy Month
at
Mount Lilydale Mercy College

Mount Lilydale Mercy College
Annual Reading Matters
Evening

We take pleasure in inviting you to
An evening with Parents and Friends on
Reading & Writing for SUCCESS

Wednesday 22 August
from 7pm to 8:30pm in Barak Library
Come along and enjoy wine and cheese with

DAVID METZENTHEN
Award winning Author &
LEESA LAMBERT
Little Bookroom
Offering the latest literature for young adults and the opportunity to purchase on the evening

RSVP FOR OUR EVENING WITH DAVID METZENTHEN

TO: Andrea Coney
Head of Library and Information Services
Ph: 9237 1367
Email: aconey@mlmclilydale.catholic.edu.au

Please return to Mount Lilydale Mercy College Administration Office by Friday 17 August

Reply Slip
I/We will be attending the Reading for Success evening on Wednesday 22 August commencing at 7pm.

Family_______________________   No. Attending __________
TOPIC: HELPING CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS MAKE AND KEEP FRIENDS

Presenter: Murray Evely
Ages: Primary and Secondary

Can parents help encourage, teach or coach friendship and social competency skills? This seminar will look at the individual needs of children and adolescents in assisting their friendship development.

Friendship and getting along with other people is an important part of any child's development. For many children and adolescents, making and keeping friends seems to be quite effortless, but for others it can be a challenge. Whether it be shyness, difficulty relating to others, impulsive behaviour or a specific disability – repeated problems with friendship groups can lead children to feel they have no friends, and to feelings of loneliness, isolation and sadness.

Together we will explore some of the key strategies parents can use to help their child achieve greater success with peer acceptance and in making and keeping friendships.

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TOPIC: POSITIVE PARENTING – UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH

Presenter: Terese Sheedy
Ages: Primary and Secondary

This workshop focuses on understanding child developmental stages, building optimistic thinking and using strengths to build self-efficiency and self-worth. Early experiences and modelling can highly influence a child’s development and sense of self. Good mental health is essential in preventing the onset of mental health issues such as depression and anxiety.

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BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Contact your school or Catholic Education Office Melbourne, Parent Seminar Series Coordinator: Mrs Shirley O’Sullivan on 9464 5225 or shirley@stciaresthomastown.catholic.edu.au.

Seminar Cost: $10 (to be paid in advance) Only refundable due to cancellation.
WANTED

CREATIVE DESIGNERS FOR MERCY DAY!!
HELP DESIGN THE STAFF T-SHIRT!!

Every year, staff buy a special Mercy Day T-shirt to help raise money for the chosen cause.

This year we want **YOU** to design it!!

**REWARD OFFERED**

>>> $30 iTunes voucher <<<

See Mrs Prusac or email for more information ©
mprusac@mlmclilydale.catholic.edu.au

**Design criteria:**
- It must be creative but simple
  (printing will only be in one colour so your design must be effective and BOLD!)
- It must show the Mercy spirit!!

**How to enter:**
- Take your design to **student reception**
- Include your name and homeroom
- Include a brief explanation outlining why you drew that particular design

**ENTRIES CLOSE: MONDAY 27TH AUGUST**