“For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
Mark 10:45

Last Tuesday we formally invited the 2013 Prefects to accept leadership of the student body in 2013. In the leadership programme they will participate in later in the year they will learn something about different types of leaders and already we have made it clear to them that leadership is much more than wearing a badge and walking in a procession at the front of a crowd.

Christian leadership is about being of service to others rather than about power. The authority of the College Captains and Prefects must not be associated with placing themselves gloriously above others. It must be about being humble and sincere. When leaders speak with authority, they speak with sincerity with their words reflecting their actions and attitudes. Servant Leaders often have to hold firm to their beliefs in the face of opposition and even ridicule. Our students leaders, and all of us, have to act in ways that reflect our Mercy Values, especially welcoming the stranger, feeding the poor, caring for the sick, setting captives free and giving drink to the thirsty.

By doing this service we all share in the priesthood of Christ.

“IT IS GOD’S WILL THAT EVERYONE CALLED TO HIS SERVICE SHOULD BE HAPPY.”
Catherine McAuley rsm

Prayer

Lord Jesus teach me to be generous,
to serve you as you deserve to be served,
to give without counting the cost,
to fight without heeding the wounds,
to work without rest,
to spend my life without expecting any other return
than the knowledge that I do your will.
Amen
St Ignatius Loyola

GRACE
Grace is the call and response – the invitation and acceptance – of love. Love needs a giver, a receiver, and the gift itself.

Grace is the name we give to the outpouring of love; it is the tell-tale sign of the presence of the God-who-loves. At the heart of the Christian faith is the relationship of love built on God’s delight in us and our response in gratitude. Grace is God’s gracious invitation to, and our thankful acceptance of, God’s many and varied gifts of love.
Bishop Peter Comensoli

Dear Parents and Carers, Students, Staff and Friends

Best wishes to Year 12 students as they prepare for their final days at the College. The 2012 Prefects’ theme reflects their desire to set a positive example and to animate others whilst sharing the journey of life. The Year 12 students, like the students who preceded them, have made their own special contribution to the College. Their commitment to social justice has been outstanding and their respect for each other and for ‘their school’ has been excellent. Thank you and may the blessing of God be with you as you continue your journey through life; a life of challenges and opportunities; a life where you can lead by example animating others and so continue to be Mercy women and men.

STUDENT FREE DAY - STUDENTS IN YEARS 7-11 WILL HAVE A STUDENT FREE DAY ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 24

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. We pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Kulin Nation and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians.
On Thursday the whole school will have the opportunity to say thank you to the Year 12 students and Year 7 students will present each departing Year 12 with a small memento. This assembly marks an important development in the lives of these talented, creative, joyful and compassionate young ladies and gentlemen who are the hands, feet and heart of Christ in our world.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Parents and Carers are invited to attend the Assembly, Eucharist and Awards Ceremony on October 25 at 8.50am.

**MARK PREST AWARD NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for the Mark Prest Award are invited from parents/guardians, students and staff. The award recognises educational excellence. A brochure explaining the Award and the nomination process is attached and you can also obtain a copy from the College Website. Please include some additional comments or a letter of commendation to provide background to your nomination. Nominations close on November 9.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the previous winners of the award, who are not eligible for nomination again. They are:

- 2005: Magda Pisotek
- 2006: Dianne De Munk
- 2007: Michael Johnston
- 2008: John Rodgers
- 2009: Hilda Cassidy
- 2010: Janet Barr
- 2011: Mark Johnson

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the Year 12 Design and Technology and Visual Arts students on the outstanding quality of their work this year and thank you to their teachers for bringing out such skill and creativity in the students. The standard seems to rise every year.

Well done to the Year 10 students and the Italy Study Tour students on their excellent behaviour. It is most pleasing to have members of the public approach staff to congratulate them on the behaviour of the students and this happened often during both programmes. Thanks also to the staff involved in these two programmes.

**SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT**

Centennial Hall will be the venue of the Sports Award Evening tomorrow night when we have the opportunity to acknowledge the sporting excellence of students. Parents/guardians are invited to attend this function which commences at 7.30pm in Centennial Hall.

**YEARS 7 - 11 VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION**

Parents, students and members of the Community are invited to attend the opening of the Exhibition of student work to be held on Monday October 22 at 7.30pm in McAuley Hall.

**STUDENT FREE DAY**

Students in Years 7-11 will have a student free day on Wednesday October 24.

**WORLD TEACHER’S DAY - OCTOBER 26 2012**

World Teacher’s Day is on the last Friday of October. It is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thank you. Every day in our classrooms at Mount Lilydale Mercy College our dedicated teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring our children to be the best that they can be.

We appreciate the hours of time given in creating opportunities and experiences for our children and the hours they spend away from their own families at activities such as Camps, Retreats, Sporting Events, Musicals, Deb Balls, School Socials and overseas trips.

On behalf of all parents, the Advisory Council pay tribute to all of our teachers on World Teachers Day.

Marianne Birtchnell
Chair
A well trained, job ready workforce is the key to Victoria’s and Australia’s economic stability and growth. Australia like many other nations is experiencing a skills shortage in key trades or areas of high need. I was fortunate to attend a National Conference where the CEO of World Skills Australia and current students presented. Many would not be aware that Australia received a Gold medal in the electrician category and a Silver medal in the welding category.

Many of our past students have gone into apprenticeships, work and further study after completing certificate courses and pre-apprenticeship courses whilst at the college. Their earning capacity in many areas exceeds that of other professions.

Some parents may not be aware that Mount Lilydale Mercy College is one of only eleven Catholic schools in Victoria that is a Registered Training Organisation. This means that we can deliver nationally accredited Vocational Education Training (VET) qualifications on campus, thus eliminating the need for students to go to outside TAFEs. We also have access to other programs within our cluster via partnerships with other training providers. Currently we run certificate courses on site in Hospitality, Building & Construction, Engineering, Outdoor Recreation, Music, Horticulture and Digital Media. These subjects are available to students as extension options in Year 10 as well as part of their VCE or VCAL programs in Year 11 and 12.

Students who have successfully enrolled in the 2013 VCAL program will be attending an information session as outlined later in this newsletter. VET is an essential component within VCAL and allows students to graduate from the college with multiple qualifications. Our VCAL programs are highly regarded by employers and we have some of the best completion rates in Victoria.

I encourage students to not be put off selecting VET courses due to recent funding announcements and Swinburne closure as an RTO. We can continue to provide these valuable courses and forge broader partnerships with other training organisations.

EXAMINATIONS AND TRANSITION

All Year 10, 11 and 12 parents would have now received a letter outlining examination dates and transition dates. Students will be issued timetables prior to these exam periods. It should be noted that the Year 11 science exams conclude at 3.50pm. If any parent has concerns regarding transport arrangements please contact me at the College and I will make alternative exam arrangements.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS ACHIEVE MORE WITH LESS FUNDING

On average, it costs the government 20 per cent less to have a student educated in a Catholic school. Even with school fees, it still costs less to teach students in a Catholic school.

In a faith-filled environment, Catholic schools instil discipline and have high expectations of their students. Our school aspires to develop well-rounded learners who achieve their best and who are committed to action for justice and the common good.

In all areas, a higher percentage of Catholic students have achieved at or above the National Minimum Standard for the National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing, compared to the Victorian average. Even in our most disadvantaged communities, students in Catholic schools are more likely to study at university after they finish school.

According to financial data from schools in Australia, Catholic schools also save the Australian taxpayer $2.2 billion each year.

Catholic school funding must keep pace with rising government school costs. Our school cannot afford to have its funding frozen. Any funding freeze would really be a cut. A funding freeze would be unfair because our school already saves the government money.
YEAR 12 NEWS

With the end of the year drawing ever closer, the time for reflection has set in for many of the Year 12 students. After 13 years of education there are only a few days left of formal classes. It is a lovely time to reminisce and think about their time at the College - looking down the Calthorpe corridor at all the Year 12 photos and realising theirs will be added to this piece of history.

To ensure the Year 12 cohort can celebrate the final days in a fitting manner, there are some special events that will take place.

- Wednesday October 24 is Activities Day with the day beginning with breakfast, followed by classes and a BBQ lunch. It is a great opportunity for the students to enjoy each other’s company and the many teachers who have supported them on their journey through the College.
- Thursday October 25 begins with an Assembly for the school to farewell Year 12 in the Doyle Centre, followed by Awards in Centennial Hall and the Year 12 Mass in the Chapel. Parents and family members are most welcome to attend. As a final celebration, Year 12’s will join together for lunch and Captain’s Awards and they will be dismissed at 2pm.

The VCAA exams will begin on Thursday November 1. All students studying a Unit 3 / 4 sequence have been given an individualised timetable. It is extremely important students are aware when and where their exams are scheduled. These must be adhered to. If there is an issue in attending any one of your exams, please notify the school immediately. We will endeavour to assist where possible. The VCAL students will also need to ensure all outcomes are completed satisfactorily to achieve the competency required. Letters have been sent home regarding this.

Students are encouraged to see their teachers throughout the study period for support and discussion regarding the upcoming exams. It is also valuable to email teachers with any concerns and to make appointment times to ensure teachers are available when it suits students study programs. The library will be open as normal for study during the exam period.

Graduation for Year 12 students will be on Thursday November 22. Letters have been sent to families with details of the night. Please return the ticket order forms as soon as possible and tickets will be issued during the exam period.

On behalf of all the staff at Mount Lilydale Mercy College, I would like to thank the Year 12 students for their involvement in the school community and wish them well in their upcoming exams and future pathways. They have been a delight to work with and I will miss their humour, enthusiasm and presence within our College.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Janet Barr
Year 12 Wellbeing Coordinator
barrj@mlmclilydale.catholic.edu.au

VCAL PRESENTATION EVENING

On Tuesday October 30 commencing at 7.00pm, Intermediate (Year 11) Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) students will host a presentation evening in Centennial Hall that showcases the achievements of students in 2012. The evening is designed to provide insight into the types of self-directed projects undertaken during the year and to create an opportunity to ask questions and clarify student programs as well as meet staff involved in the delivery of the VCAL units.

The event will also provide transition information to our Year 10 students who have successfully enrolled in VCAL for 2013 and to their parents. Letters of offer have been posted to those students who have successfully enrolled into the VCAL program and it is an expectation that they attend this evening.

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

Steve Tarulli
Applied Learning Coordinator
FROM THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The Parents and Friends Uniform Shop has moved. The shop is now located in portable 11 (entry is via The Eyrie) and is open every Thursday in Term 4 from 12.00pm to 1.30pm.

We want to extend a very big ‘Thank you’ to Bob Stewart’s Uniform Shop who has recently donated two racks for us to use in our shop. Their help and support is very much appreciated.

Jacqui Macdonald
President Parents and Friends

OLD COLLEGIANS’S MEMORIAL MASS
The Old Collegians’ Memorial Mass will be held in the new Our Lady of Mercy Old Collegians’ Chapel on Saturday November 17 at 10.30am. Please contact Patricia Olson or Leonie Ziolkowski regarding those you wish to be remembered on 9237 1356 or email: oc@mlcilydale.catholic.edu.au.

The Australian Government has commenced the public consultation process regarding planning for Anzac Day at Gallipoli in 2015 to make sure that the Anzac Day services at Gallipoli provide a safe and secure environment for all attendees, while maintaining solemn and respectful commemorations.

The Australian Government is still discussing the final site capacity of the Anzac Commemorative Site with the Governments of New Zealand and Turkey. Current considerations are that the site has a maximum capacity of around 10,000 people, that will be shared between Australia and New Zealand - around 80% of the places could be available for Australians. A ballot is seen as the most fair and equitable process to allocate attendance passes to an occasion of such significance.

To inform the Government on how the ballot process could work, we want to hear the views of as many Australians as possible. To enable participation in the consultation process, a discussion paper and survey have been included on the Gallipoli 2015 website www.gallipoli2015.dva.gov.au and public forums will be held in more than 30 locations across Australia. Details of the public forums will also be available on the Gallipoli 2015 website. The consultation period will close on November 30 2012.

CONTRACT BUS PASSES
Please ensure you have your Contract Bus Pass on you and present that to the driver as you board the bus. If you have lost or misplaced your pass, please order a new one from Student Reception at a cost of $5. Drivers can refuse you entry should you repeatedly not present your pass.

Please continue to follow the procedure for the rest of 2012.

ART EXHIBITIONS IN McALLEY HALL

YEAR 7-11 VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION
Parent Viewing Evening & Awards Night for Year 7, 8, 9 students: Monday October 22 - 7.30pm
Parent Viewing Evening & Awards Night for Year 10 & 11 students: Thursday October 25 - 7.30pm

MOUNT LILYDALE OLD COLLEGIANS’ SOCCER CLUB - Players Wanted!
Official season launch:

Open AGM Wednesday October 31 at 7pm.
Mt Lilydale Sporting Complex Quarry Road Lilydale.

Free BBQ and drinks provided and the full 2013 season agenda will be presented to all in attendance.

See our website for further details www.mlocsc.com.au

Go the Goats!

ST MARY’S YOUTH MASS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 28 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
This week we have pleasure in publishing the Year 8 Poetry Competition winner entry by Tim Cook:

The Reapers

Harbingers of death over life
From the edge of the galaxy known to man
They come to earth and unleash suffering and strife
To all sentient species they are the damned.
They destroy and enslave
Converting us to their soldiers of hell
They ravage all that we know and have made
To every race the death bell knells.
From the ancient past they have come
When they finish with us they will be our keepers
They will assimilate with us to be one
They are known throughout the universe as
The Reapers.

Tim Cook
Andrea Coney
Head of Library and Information Services

LIBRARY NEWS

TOMATO PLANT FUNDRAISER

You are invited to support this fundraising project which supports 3 different charities, namely St Vincent de Paul Society, the MSC Sisters in the Philippines (where past student, Sr Carol Terpstra, is working) & Zambian Aids Orphans

If you would like to order tomato plants, simply email your order as soon as possible to tomatoplants@hotmail.com.au stating the quantity & pick up date that you prefer. Alternatively, you may complete the order form below and place in the box at Student Reception.

ORDERS CAN BE COLLECTED AT THE FRONT OF CENTENNIAL HALL ON WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER 3.00pm to 4.00pm

PRICE IS $2.50 per pot – ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE IN CASH AT TIME OF COLLECTION

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Tomato Plant Fundraiser – Please complete and return to Student Reception, or email to tomatoplants@hotmail.com.au

NAME:........................................................................................................ HOMEROOM:............................. TEL :..................................................

Please indicate number required for pick up on Wednesday October 24

Sweet Bite Cherry .........  Tiny Toms ..............  Roma ...........
Grosse Lisse .................  Beef Steak.........  Bucci ...........

Thank you for your support

St John's Church Lilydale
Garage Sale & Fete
Saturday 27th October 8am-2pm
something for the whole family
white elephant; clothes new & old; home-wears; bric-a-brac;
craft; plants; cakes; preserves; sausage sizzle & drinks
Come and Grab a bargain,
there's something for everyone!
Pack a shoe box with special items for a child in need and place it in your homeroom by October 23. We will send it to South East Asia and the South Pacific. Our aim: EVERY CHILD receives a special gift on Christmas day! Each shoe box is treasured by the child who receives it, and is a lasting reminder that he or she is precious to God.

**McAuley Campus**

**Year 7 - SOMETHING TO LOVE/ SOMETHING SPECIAL** Teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc. Can include: Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers, note or photo of yourself. Cannot include: ANY BREAKABLE ITEMS- Including glass, porcelain, mirrors. ANYTHING OF A RELIGIOUS, RACIAL OR POLITICAL NATURE, no FOOD or LOLLIES

**Year 8 - SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL** Exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.

**Year 9 - SOMETHING TO WEAR** T-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie, sandals, thongs, etc.

**Barak Campus**

**Year 10 - SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH** Tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets (no battery operated items or war-related toys) also no GAMBLING-RELATED ITEMS - including play money, playing cards, and dominoes.

**Year 11 - SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGiene** Soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair-clips, scrunchies, etc. (no toothpaste)

*Cannot include: ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT (no toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles)*
MOUNT LILYDALE MERCY COLLEGE

MARK PREST AWARD

To commemorate our much loved and admired Deputy Principal, who commenced at the College in 1996 and became Deputy Principal in 1997, the College Executive has named an annual award for an ‘educationalist’ in his honour. Mark had a deep love for his God and was passionate educator who had a deep sense of the school community. He listened, accepted and embraced all the people he found in his life. Mark demonstrated strength during his own battle with illness and throughout his life he was willing to be a ‘shelter in a storm’ for others. He was a deep thinker and came to believe strongly in the stewardship model of leadership.

The award will be presented annually to a member of staff who most exemplifies Mark’s educational philosophy and witness as judged by the following criteria which embody the spirit of Mark as an educator. It is expected that the recipient of this award will reflect many of these characteristics.

Mark:
- had a passionate respect for the dignity of each person
- set a public example of integrity, love, commitment and awareness each day
- showed empathy and concern for the welfare of others
- fostered genuine, honest, authentic, compassionate and just relationships
- had a healthy sense of tolerance, acceptance and openness
- was filled with the excitement of teaching
- was a courageous and committed learner
- aspired to and encouraged excellence
- exhibited a quality of teaching which opened up learning to others
- encouraged a love of learning in others
- was willing to take risks and learn from experience
- believed that teaching mattered
- fostered a strong climate of community involving students, teachers and parents
- had a sense of civic responsibility and pride
- contributed to the social and spiritual environment of the school

The selection of the winner will be made by a special panel. The members of the Selection Panel will be the Principal, an Advisory Council Member, two Staff Members and one Student (a Student Leader).

I wish to nominate …………………………………………………………………………………………………………….. for the Mark Prest Award

Signature of Nominator: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Please attach a statement addressing the above criteria and forward to the Principal by 9 November 2012