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“And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed: but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.”

Jn 3:20-21

The light of truth and the darkness of wrongdoing are contrasted in this reading. The mission of Jesus was to point out to all humanity how we should live. We are welcomed into the light of truth, the love of Jesus for us all. We are challenged to do good works and to avoid wrongdoing.

God loved the world so much that God gave the Son so that we could have life. We can respond to this great gift by choosing ‘light’ not ‘darkness’.

The good that many people do, whether it is students raising funds for those in need, or visiting the homeless or whether it is Sister Marilyn Lacey rsm is a clear example to others. Examine ways in which we can challenge evil in our world. What can we do to help overcome injustice in many forms? Let us pray in the words of St Patrick that we may feel the presence of Christ in our lives and be the presence of Christ to others.

“The world is dangerous to live in, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and let them do so.”

Albert Einstein

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.

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students, Staff and Friends

There are many occasions in any one year that I am overcome with a sense of pride in the staff and students of the College. The most recent occasion was the EISM inter School Swimming Carnival at MSAC held last Tuesday evening. I am proud when I see outstanding performances and students and staff achieving at very high standards, winning prizes and the like. However, I am even more proud when I see students, fully supported by their staff and parents, striving for their best against considerable odds.

Some of the schools we compete against in swimming have several State and National swimmers attending and very strong relay teams. I am sure that their Principals are justly proud of them when they perform so well. However, their feeling of pride could not be as great as mine when I witnessed students draining every bit of energy from their bodies to finish a race as I saw last Tuesday. It made no difference to our team members and staff whether the swimmer was winning an event or was some distance behind the winner, each performed at their best and that is all that we can ask.

My profound thanks to the students and staff especially and to the parents for their encouragement and support.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
**VISIT OF SR MARILYN LACEY RSM**
On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week members of our community have the opportunity to engage with Sister Marilyn Lacey rsm who is the founder of Mercy Beyond Boundaries. Our World Youth Day pilgrims of last year had the opportunity to meet her and listen to her last year in Dublin. They were inspired with her work and when the opportunity arrived for her to visit Australia, they enthusiastically welcomed that idea. On Monday she is presenting to staff from the Mercy schools throughout Victoria. This will be followed by a visit to Mount Lilydale Mercy College and other schools on Tuesday and a presentation to student leaders from Mercy Schools on Wednesday.

This will be a great opportunity for students to hear more about the work of the Sisters of Mercy in our world and how they continue to be inspired by Catherine McAuley whose commitment to the Good News of Jesus Christ led to the establishment of the Sisters of Mercy.

**WEEKLY MASS AT THE COLLEGE**
We are planning to celebrate the Eucharist each Tuesday morning before school in the College Chapel commencing at 8.15a.m. A group of students will be asked to assist Father Bob Carden to prepare the prayers but the invitation is extended to students, parents and staff to join in this celebration.

12 Red invite you to the celebration tomorrow, March 20th.

**YEAR 9 CAMP**
Best wishes to Year 9 students who will be attending their Camp next week and special thanks to the staff who are supporting them during this time.

**COLLEGE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**
Due to the inclement weather the Athletics Carnival scheduled for last Friday was postponed. The carnival will now take place this Friday, 23 March. The Grounds and Maintenance Staff have prepared the oval exceedingly well and the Sports staff, led by Ms Flood, have developed a vital programme for students.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION FUNDRAISER**
Congratulations to the students on their efforts to raise funds for Project Compassion with last Wednesday’s Cake Stall. It is very pleasing to see students taking the initiative to do something to help those in need.

**WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL YEAR**
The Catholic Education Office of Melbourne has prepared a letter to parents of students in Catholic Schools to mark the beginning of the School Year and Catholic Education Week. This document is being distributed through Homerooms today and a copy is also available on the College web page. You will notice images of our students throughout the document.

**FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS - Mr Michael Johnston**

Congratulations to the following students on their appointment to Student Council for 2012:

- **Year 8**  
  Abbey Marshall & Paul Molluso
- **Year 9**  
  Bridgette O’Riley & Jordan Sibbersas
- **Year 10**  
  Beth Hanlon & Dominic Waterhouse
- **Year 11**  
  Tayla McConachy & Alex Grieve
- **Year 12**  
  Bianca Farley & Josh Schille (College Vice Captains)
  Amy Darvell & Nicholas Hearme (McAuley Prefects)
  Jessica White & Matt Ressom (Year 7 Prefects)

A reminder that the World’s Greatest Shave will be conducted at the school on Friday, March 23rd. This is on the assumption that the Athletics Carnival goes ahead on Friday, March 16. In support of the Leukaemia Foundation, students will have the choice of having hair colour applied or having a No 2 buzzcut performed by a qualified hairdresser.

To be involved students must have a permission form completed. These can be obtained from Student Reception or there is an electronic form attached to this newsletter. Cost will be $5.00.

Year 10 students are invited to make application for the 2012 Central Australia tour. A letter has been distributed in Year 10 homerooms providing details of the process. The tour departs on Saturday, September 22nd and returns on Tuesday, October 2nd.

**TERMS**
Term 2 commences on Tuesday, April 17 for all students.

**Leukaemia Foundation WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE**

Notification that Term 1 concludes on Friday, 30th March at 2.15pm due to the early arrival of contract buses. Students who travel on MET bus services will need to be aware that normal timetables operate on this day for those services. These students can either arrange alternate transport home or wait at school until the usual bus departure times. Staff will be supervising the bus bay area on this day until approximately 3.45pm.

**Deputy Principal - Director of Students**
Michael Johnston

Bernard G Dobson
Principal
INTERIM REPORTS AND STUDENT PROGRESS INTERVIEWS

A significant aspect of improving student outcomes is the ongoing interaction and dialogue between students, teachers and parents. The formal aspects of this includes our SMS notification of overdue work and our Interim Reports which are an indicative guide to performance in a range of areas to date. Suggested areas for improvement are also noted. For your information reports will be sent home with students in Years 7,8,10,11 and 12 on Thursday 29th March during a special homeroom. Due to the Year 9 camp, Year 9 reports will be posted. The extension to this is the Student Progress Interviews which will be held on Monday 23rd April in the Doyle Centre between 4.00pm and 9pm and on Tuesday 24th April between 10.00am and 8.30pm. I encourage all parents to schedule appointments. Bookings for these interviews open on Monday 2nd April. Instructions for making the online bookings will be provided in the next edition.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - DIRECTOR OF STUDIES - Mr Brian Hawthorne

OLD COLLEGIANS’ NEWS

MERCY HONOUR ROLL

At a Gala Dinner to be held on 2 June in Centennial Hall at the College, the Old Collegians’ Association will launch the Mercy Honour Roll. The purpose of the Mercy Honour Roll is to acknowledge inspiring Alumni who have achieved success in a recognised field and who would serve as role models for future Mount Lilydale Mercy College Students. A copy of the criteria and nomination form is attached and is also available on the College Website. Nominations close on Monday 30 April. Further details regarding the Gala Dinner will be published shortly.

FROM THE REGISTRAR - Ms Mary Ryan

Our celebration of some of the special people in the lives of our students was held last Tuesday. Special Person’s Day began with a Liturgy followed by a number of student performances. The students were then very keen to take a tour around the school, particularly the Mansfield Learning Centre for the Year Seven students. After the hills and stairs, many guests were happy to sit and enjoy a ‘cuppa’ provided by the Parents and Friends.

The next Parents and Friends meeting will be held in the staff dining room on Tuesday March 27 at 7.30pm. The meeting will be preceded by a tour of the new buildings at 7.00pm for anyone interested.

The P&F Uniform shop will be open for the first 2 Thursdays of second term and then every 2 weeks, from 10 May, during the rest of Term 2 and Term 3 ie week B. The shop is open from 12.00-1.30pm.

As indicated last week, there are still students who have not purchased their Deb dress and we would like to provide the opportunity to sell and buy Deb dresses. This will take place on Thursday March 22 from 3.30-6.00pm. McAuley Hall will be set up to display the dresses and there will be change rooms available too. If you have any queries, please contact me ryanm@mlcililydale.catholic.edu.au

Mary Ryan
RegISTRAR

DEB DRESS SALE

SELL and Buy
Deb dresses, shoes, accessories
After-five dresses

Thursday 22 March 3.30-6pm
AN UPCOMING EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED

TWILIGHT CINEMA ON THE COLLEGE OVAL
THIS THURSDAY (22 MARCH)
A fun family evening and massive outdoor screen. An alcohol and smoke free event

“HUGO” PG

Hugo was nominated for 11 Academy Awards, making it the most nominated film of 2011. Hugo also won two BAFTAs and was nominated for three Golden Globe Awards

DISCOUNT PRE TICKET SALES AVAILABLE
(refers to flyer attached)
ADULTS $10.00
SECONDARY STUDENTS $7.00
CHILDREN $5.00
FAMILY PASS (2 ADULTS & 3 CHILDREN) $25.00

Snack Bar and seating opens at 7.00pm. BYO picnic blanket or deck chair. Movie screening commences at 7.30pm

Senior VCAL Students are hosting this event.

THE AMAZING RACE 2012

Last week Intermediate VCAL students were involved in the annual VCAL Amazing Race Day, which was held within the CBD Melbourne. Congratulations to the winners Jayden Cormick, Joel Manning, Chris Moran, Ilona Rawkins, and Jonathon Sugiharto, and the runners-up Isaac Morse, Jack O’Kane, Ethan Schneider, and Jack Spencer. All five teams arrived at the finish line with only minutes between them.

Below are some responses from students about the day:

The VCAL class of Year 11 2012 took part in the Amazing Race. I had Jack Spencer, Isaac Morse and Ethan Schneider in my team. The event occurred in the city where we were given clues at various checkpoints. Throughout the day there were physical challenges, such as rock climbing. It was a very eventful day and it was easy to get side tracked in the city, as there were buskers and weird people in general to be seen. But it was a fun-filled day I thoroughly enjoyed.

Jack O’Kane

We started our race at Flinders Street Station, where we received the first clue. We had to answer questions about landmarks and complete physical challenges, such as going onto the Eureka Sky Deck and rock climbing.

Mitchell Carratelli

There were several clues and challenges we had to find and complete. We did so many amazing things, some were for the mind and others were physical. In my opinion the reason for our day in the city had many reasons, most importantly, to improve our teamwork and leadership skills.

Belinda Chalmers

It has been inspiring seeing students take charge of their learning in an effort to achieve their best. Well done to all competitors.

Steve Tarulli

Applied Learning Coordinator
GREASE 2012 UPDATE

GREASE IS INDEED THE WORD

It’s 1959 and Rydell high is filled with rebellious, thrill-loving students. In the midst of this scene, Sandy Dumbrowski enters as the new girl in school. It turns out that she and the leader of the Burger Palace Boys gang, Danny Zuko, have had a brief love romance the summer before. As the show goes on, the Greaser T-Birds, Pink Ladies and the students at Rydell High have to deal with love, gang violence and friendship.

AUDITIONS & CASTING

We had 138 students audition for an all-Sunday Audition Day on March 4, as well as 47 students who undertook a dance audition on the following Thursday March 8, after school.

It was heartbreakingly difficult to select the right students for the roles in the show – based on singing, acting and dance abilities. We were excited to be able to double-cast several roles. This was a sign of the standard and quality of our students’ performing arts talent.

But – finally – the cast list went up, and those students who gained a role, have already been meeting and working out the songs and scenes they are in. We commence Rehearsals on Wednesday 21 March at 3.30pm.

GREASE 2012 MOODLE PAGE

This is the one-stop shop for information, rehearsal schedule updates and other cast resources. However, many non-cast students are interested in participating in our Musical Orchestra or Backstage/Technical Crew; and many parents have already offered to assist with Costume Construction or local business Sponsorship. Please check the Grease 2012 Moodle Page for all of this information as we plan our Show.

COSTUME/GIFT LEVY EXTENSION:

Could parents of cast members please arrange for payment of the Costume/Gift Levy with the Finance Team at Student Reception. We have extended the due date to Monday 26th March.

The musical is a wonderful opportunity for students to build their confidence, talent and friendships; and we encourage everyone to have a go. Please see Miss Pisotek, Miss Attardi or myself if you have any questions.

SPORTS REPORT

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YEAR 9 EISM RESULTS –Fixtured Bye
Details of each week’s fixture, venues and results can be found at [http://www.eism.org/](http://www.eism.org/)
I give permission for ______________________________________________________
(name and homeroom) to have

(Please circle your choice)

(A) a Number 2 “buzzcut” (performed by a qualified hairdresser)

OR

(B) “Cinta” coloured hairspray applied

at the College on Friday, March 23rd 2012 as part of the fundraising effort for the World’s Greatest Shave.

CONTRIBUTION TO FUNDRAISING IS $5.00 FOR EACH ACTIVITY.

In completing this permission form I acknowledge the activity and any risk involved and release Mount Lilydale Mercy College and the Leukaemia Foundation from any liability arising from my child participating in this activity. I understand that the hair colouring to be applied will wash out under normal circumstances. Please check with a hairdresser if you are uncertain about this.

Please return this form to Student Reception or to Mr Johnston.

Parent Signature: __________________________________________

Date: __________________________________________
MERCY HONOUR ROLL

MOUNT LILYDALE MERCY COLLEGE OLD COLLEGIANS’ ASSOCIATION

The purpose of the “Mercy Honour Roll” is to acknowledge inspiring Alumni who have achieved success in a recognised field and who would serve as role models for future Mount Lilydale Mercy College Students.

The person’s last year of attendance at the College must be at least 10 years ago

Living and Deceased persons shall be eligible

In order to be eligible for “Mercy Honour Roll”, the nominee must be:

- A Graduate of Mount Lilydale Mercy College and must have attended the College for at least 4 years.
- A former Member of Staff who gave distinguished service for 8 years or more.
- A member of the wider College Community who has made significant contributions to the College.
- There may be exceptions to the above at the discretion of the Principal and Committee

Selection to be based on the following criteria

- Commitment to Mercy Ethos
- Character
- Leadership
- Integrity

The categories will be as follows:-

- Significant contribution to Religious/Spiritual Life/Social Justice
- Excellence in a profession such as law, education, medicine, journalism, armed services
- Recognised outstanding success in business, industry or trade.
- Excellence in professional or amateur sport
- Excellence in one or more fields of cultural endeavour in the arts, music, theatre, dance, writing
- Outstanding service to the Community

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee will consist of at least 10 members of the Old Collegians’ Association Committee, plus the Principal of Mount Lilydale Mercy College. The Committee will make recommendations to the Principal. Two nominees will be inaugurated in any one year. No member of the Committee will be eligible for nomination whilst a member.
MOUNT LILYDALE MERCY COLLEGE OLD COLLEGIANS’ ASSOCIATION

MERCY HONOUR ROLL

NOMINATION FORM

Nominee’s Name: ............................................................................................................................................................

Address: ...........................................................................................................................................................................

Years attended/associated with Mount Lilydale Mercy College: ..............................................................

Current Occupation: ....................................................................................................................................................

Reasons for Nomination:
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Extra sheets may be attached if desired.

Nominated by: ...........................................................Date: ...........................................................

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Seconded by: ..........................................................Date: ..........................................................

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Return by Monday 30th April, to

Executive Officer
Mount Lilydale Mercy College Old Collegians’ Association
120 Anderson Street
Lilydale 3120
Mount Lilydale Mercy College Senior VCAL students wish to invite you to a night at the movies at their Family Twilight Cinema on the College Oval

THURSDAY MARCH 22nd at 7:30pm
(BYO Picnic Rug or Deck Chair)

Seating & Snack Bar opens at 7:00pm

CURRENT RELEASE MOVIE ONLY AT THE CINEMAS
Nominated for 11 Academy Awards and 3 Golden Globes

Please forward completed order form & payment to:

VCAL Twilight Cinema
Mount Lilydale Mercy College
120 Anderson Street
Lilydale VIC 3140

Name: ___________________________   Contact Number: ___________________________
Homeroom: ___________________________
Number of tickets required
Adult ____________($10.00)
Teen ____________($7.00)
Child ____________($5.00)
Family ____________($25.00 - 2 adults, 3 children)

Total payment : $ ___________________________  

Cheques payable to Mount Lilydale Mercy College
NO CASH TO BE POSTED

If you wish to pay by Credit Card please contact Finance Department at Mount Lilydale Mercy College on 9739 2209 and ask to place a Credit Card Order.