"If the love of God really reigns in your heart, it will quickly show itself in the exterior."

Catherine McAuley

The feast of Christmas celebrates the Word made Flesh, the coming of Jesus into our world as a human being. Christ being one of us is very important but God wanted more than that to offer us salvation. God gave Christ’s life for us as an example as to how we should lead our life; Christ’s suffering and death to show the depth of the love of God; and the resurrection of Christ to give us the hope of everlasting life. It is the resurrection that fulfills the life and death of Christ.

Any time we fail to live as Christ lived, the resurrection offers us an opportunity for starting again and having another attempt to live out Christ’s commandment to love one another.

Prayer

Lord, come to my assistance, make hast to help me for you have the words of everlasting life.

Amen

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students, Staff and Friends

Welcome back to Term 2. We welcome back Mrs Jodie Winder from family leave. I trust that all students will settle into their studies quickly again and make the most of the opportunities presented to them.

A reminder that Mrs Ashleigh Holly (nee Fraraccio) and Dr Tania De Simone will be teaching Mrs Burnham’s class for the term and that Mrs Cathy Pote will be Acting Business Manager until June 11.
WEEKLY MASS AT THE COLLEGE
10 Blue invite you to the celebration of the weekly Eucharist on Tuesday May 1.

YEAR 11 RETREATS
Year 11 students and staff will be on retreat for this week. I trust that each student will find the experience enriching and that the experience will help them grow in the understanding of the love that their God has for them.

STUDENT PROGRESS INTERVIEWS
Interviews are scheduled for Monday April 23 and Tuesday April 24. Please make your bookings to meet with your child and her/his teachers via Mount Lilydale Mercy College Community Portal. These interviews are an essential part of the learning program and do have a significant impact upon student engagement and success. I look forward to seeing you on Monday afternoon and evening or during the day and evening on Tuesday.

ALCOHOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE
Since November 1, 2011 it has been against the Victorian law to serve alcohol in a private home to anyone under 18, unless their parents have given permission. Adults who break the new law face fines of over $7,000, which is the same amount as a licensee would be fined for selling alcohol to a minor.

Please refer to the advertisement later in the Newsletter relating to a community Forum on these new laws and about alcohol and young people generally.

STAFF FAITH DEVELOPMENT DAY
Yesterday provided the staff with a time to reflect upon our core Mission as a Catholic School, that is the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus the Christ. A report will be printed in the next Newsletter.

ALZAC DAY CEREMONIES
We will be commemorating Anzac Day and the contribution made by our Service Women and Men in Wars. Peace Keeping and Stabilisation Forces on Anzac Day at the Dawn Service and at the College on April 26 when we will lay a wreath at the foot of the Australian flag and pray during the day.

LEST WE FORGET

Bernard G Dobson
Principal

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

Welcome to the start of a new term. Students may choose to wear either summer or winter uniform at the beginning of term. From June 1 all students should be in winter uniform.

With the washouts we experienced for the Athletics Carnival in the last couple of weeks of Term 1, it meant we had to postpone the World’s Greatest Shave. This will now be held on Friday, April 20. All proceeds go to the Leukaemia Foundation and we hope to get lots of support on the day. Regardless of whether students choose to have hair colour applied or have a No 2 buzzcut, they will need to have a permission slip completed. These can be obtained from Student Reception or a copy is attached to this Newsletter.

In the last week of Term 1 both staff and students were very fortunate to work with Sr Marilyn Lacey rsm. Her work is with ‘Mercy Beyond Borders’ and she captivated her audiences with stories of the work that she coordinates in Sudan and Haiti. Over 400 staff from Mercy schools around the state gathered to hear her on the Monday. On the Tuesday she paid a visit to Mount Lilydale Mercy College and spoke with a mix of students in the afternoon. The final part of her program was to work with a gathering of students from Mercy schools across the state on Wednesday.

There were many powerful messages in what she had to say but one that will stay with me was “God is the ultimate outsider or stranger” and it is only through our efforts to make the stranger welcome and to ease their suffering that we fulfil the message of the gospels. I hope that many of our students will feel compelled to act as a result of this opportunity.

On ANZAC Day a number of our students will be involved in the local dawn service. This continues our long association with the local RSL. Thanks to Dr Curtis and members of the College choir for their involvement.

Michael Johnston
Deputy Principal - Director of Students
STUDENT PROGRESS INTERVIEWS

Just a reminder that following on from Interim Reports which were distributed at the end of last term, Student Progress Interviews will be held on Monday 23 April in the Doyle Centre between 4.00pm and 9pm and on Tuesday 24 April between 10.00am and 8.30pm. To facilitate this, there are no scheduled classes on the Tuesday.

If you have not already done so, I encourage all parents to make a booking via our online service and to refer to the information brochure that was enclosed with the reports on the types of questions to guide discussions. These three way dialogues are a powerful way to draw together strategies that will enhance learning outcomes.

Welcome back for Term 2, we concluded our first term together with an Easter Liturgy as a community and the sending out of Interim reports to parents. We hope that the students return to Term Two in the spirit they concluded with and having reflected upon their interim reports and how they can get more from their studies. Late in term one and this week has seen all of our Year 11 and 12 students participate in their Retreat. This Compulsory and vital part of our curriculum provides opportunities for our young people to reflect upon their relationships and their place in our society. Our Year 10s will also complete their retreats in May.

During Term 1 all of the students on the Barak Campus took part in a number of Seminars to support their individual learning and study/ homework programs. All students have received a copy of the VCE/ VCAL student handbook that details their responsibilities, procedures and policies for their academic programs and what is required of them for absence and assessment tasks etc. Each year level has also had sessions on personal organisation and study timetables. In addition the Year 11 students attended a Seminar presented by Elevate Education. This presentation looked at providing students with a skill set on “How we learn, How best to study”, revise and retain valuable information in their day to day classes as well as during their nightly homework sessions and in preparation for their upcoming exams. Each student received a Booklet which they filled out during the seminar and took away with them to become their “Foundation for study”. Each Year 11 student was encouraged to consider the information provided to them and apply the many strategies to support their homework and study regimes to enhance their own learning and performance at school. This valuable seminar is part of a sequence that will see a second presentation in August and strengthen the seminars provided at Year 12.

Term 2 will hold the Year 11 Debutante Ball, which will be taking place over three nights; Saturday June 16, Friday June 22 and Saturday June 23. Information letters for Deb Ball dates, ticketing information and dance practice dates were posted out the first week of the holidays. Please read the information carefully, in particular the dance practice dates as students must attend all of the scheduled dance classes in order to prepare for this wonderful evening. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Lucia Tabacchiera at the College.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE INTERNET

Social Media and the Internet

We have seen a recent rise in relationship problems within the school community directly related to students misuse of social media. Our students today have constant and instant access to the internet and the many Social media sites available, indeed for many students in our community these mediums have become a daily part of their social networks. As a school community based on Catholic Values we continue to encourage all of our students to invest in positive relationships based on the Teachings of the Gospel and in line with the College Mission Statement. Through our pastoral program here at the college a number of education sessions are prepared for students to encourage responsible use of Social Media and how to invest in developing positive relationships. For many parents this is also a concern and can be difficult to monitor at home. The ACMA (Australian Communication and Media Authority) provide a range of educational resources to schools and to the public to support responsible use. They have a number of resources available specific to parents and these can be accessed at www.acma.gov.au. Cyber safety guide for parents. We would encourage all parents to take the time to review this information and implement positive usage structures within the home.

April 25 is Anzac Day, as we settle into our term we are reminded of the great Sacrifice and Service of others which had such a marked impact upon society’s development and did so much to secure the gifted life we share in our community. As we remember those that sacrificed so much, we ask all in our community to consider the many social justice and leadership opportunities the college offers to allow our students to serve and give back to others who have a greater need than us.

UNIFORM

Students have the option in Term 2 to choose to wear either the summer or winter uniform. Whatever uniform the student chooses to wear they must wear in its entirety. Blazers must be worn to and from school and girls are reminded that only Tights must be worn—no socks allowed.

FROM THE BARAK CAMPUS DIRECTORS - Ms Lucia Tabacchiera & Mr Michael Callanan

It is natural for students to try hard and persist in areas in which they feel they can succeed, and avoid areas where they believe they will fail. Students who may not do well on their first assessment item often label themselves as not being able to succeed in that subject and fix in this perception for that subject.

It is vital to understand that we can all improve and that learning is a life long journey. Whilst we may learn in different ways we can aim to try new things to improve our knowledge or skills. Interim report discussion at these interviews is an important aspect of this process.

Brian Hawthorne
Deputy Principal - Director of Studies

Michael Callanan and Lucia Tabacchiera
Barak Campus Directors
YEAR 12 NEWS
The beginning of a new term is always a good time for reflection on performance. It will be important for each Year 12 student to look back on Term 1 and think about the areas they have shown improvement in and others they have been challenged by. For each challenge, they need to question why it is difficult and look at how to improve. By seeking the advice of their teachers and homeroom teachers, they will build a support network to ensure any concerns are addressed. The students are now aware of the SAC process and the importance of authentication of work and this will continue throughout the year.

RETREATS
The Year 12 Retreats were a wonderful opportunity for the Year 12 students to reflect on their faith, relationships and wellbeing. It is a special time for the students to build on friendships and reflect on what is important to them as they begin to move into the next phase of their lives. Special thanks to Mr Finch (Director of Mission), Year 12 Homeroom Teachers and the Year 12 staff who accompanied these students for their leadership of the Retreats.

SCHOOL ASSESSED COURSEWORK (SAC’S)
Students are reminded to take note when SAC’s are scheduled. If a student is unable to attend a SAC, a medical certificate must be presented when they return and a form to reschedule the SAC must be completed. These forms are available from Ms Ellul (Learning Coordinator Year 11 -12) and must be completed as a priority on the students return to school.

STUDENT DRIVERS
- Please do not make appointments for licences during class time. This is of particular importance when assessment is taking place and non-attendance guidelines set by the VCAA need to be strictly adhered to. Arrangements should be made outside school hours.
- With the building works taking place on Campus this year, students have been asked not to park on the property. There is parking available in areas surrounding the College, however it is important students take note of any regulations to ensure they will not incur any fines.
- Once the student arrives at school, they are not to access their car during the day until they leave at the end of classes. They are not to leave the property at lunchtime if they are returning to classes.

JACKETS AND FORMAL
Great work has been undertaken by our College Captains and Prefects to organise the purchase of Year 12 Jackets. These jackets should be ready by this week and will be distributed. Students are reminded these are to be worn instead of the school jumper and the blazer is still the outer garment. Details about the Year 12 Formal on Friday June 15 will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Communication is the key to a productive and successful Year 12. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns with school matters.

Janet Barr
Year 12 Coordinator
barrj@mlmcilileydale.catholic.edu.au

VCAL NEWS - Mr Steve Tarulli

RICK LADSON
This week VCAL students were fortunate enough to speak with Rick Ladson, Hawthorn footballer and AFL Premiership player. Rick spoke of the ups and downs of playing professional football for ten years and covered issues that students have been addressing as part of the curriculum, such as: leadership, team work, and self-evaluation. Those present were moved by Rick’s honesty and the candid manner in which he discussed his personal life. It was a memorable discussion for all concerned.

VCAL GREAT BILLYCART DERBY COMING SOON
Intermediate VCAL students are currently preparing for the annual VCAL Great Billycart Derby. Not only are they developing their leadership, teamwork, and communication skills when constructing their carts but also in the management of the event. Look out for details early in Term 2 as the race is always sure to entertain and excite.

Steve Tarulli
Applied Learning Coordinator
**CHESS CLUB NEWS**

**CHESS**
Six Mount Lilydale students competed in the first tournament of the Billanook Chess Classic on March 25. Congratulations to Harley Dingey, Joshua Speight, Brayden Douglas and Ashley Greene on a great day, and to Blake Tsiotinas and David Remminga who came Equal 3rd in the Unregistered Players division.

Chess Club meets on Wednesday at lunchtime in McAuley Library and is open to students of all ages and standards. A chess coach is present at this session. The next tournament in the Billanook Classic is on Sunday, May 20. Students interested in competing in this tournament should see Miss Stanley in McAuley Library.

The students in the photo are L to R: Brayden Douglas, David Remminga, Blake Tsiotinas, Joshua Speight, Harley Dingey and Ashley Greene.

**INTER-SCHOOL DEBATING NEWS**
This year Mount Lilydale Mercy College has 12 inter-school debating teams and 47 students participating. It is wonderful to see so many new faces this year, as well as many from previous years. On March 26 we began the debating season, dealing with topics such as whether or not we should celebrate Australia Day, whether Australia is a poor international citizen, and whether political party leaders should be directly elected by the Australian people. All students performed spectacularly, with several wins, and five of our students (Jordan Sibberas, Isabella Cimo, Jesse Duffield, Nick Schlueter and Sarah Boyd) received Best Speaker in their debates. Congratulations to:

(Years 8 & 9) Tiana Cartledge, Jordan Sibberas, David Reminga, Keely Halabut, Ashleigh Henry, Cassandra Treverton, Bridgette O'Riley, Isabella Cimo, Casey Prosser, Abby-rose Madigan, Olivia Madigan, Sarah Boyd
(Year 10) Genevieve Holmes, Rachel Coy, Rachel Ward, Aaron Dulvenvoorden, Nick Schlueter, Jared Smith, Hannah Edwards, Rhiannon Bennett, Sarah Byrne
(Year 11) Jaynen Yong, Jesse Duffield, Rob Di Paolo, Maddison Alford, Hannah Kelaart, Gabrielle Stolzenhain
(Year 12) Mary Tur, Amy Darvell, Melina Lucisano

Thank you also to the coaches Ida Di Gregorio, Deborah Wood, Emma Whitehouse and Danni Webb for their support. Our next debate will be on April 23.

**OLD COLLEGIANS’ NEWS**

**MERCY HONOUR ROLL**
At a Gala Dinner to be held on June 2 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 April 30. Further details regarding the Gala Dinner will be published shortly.
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, 20 April 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: ________________________________________

ALCOHOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE – THE SECONDARY SUPPLY PROJECT
The Australian Drug Foundation, VicHealth and the Victorian Department of Health are working together to deliver an education program about the new laws, and about alcohol and young people generally.

From March to May 2012 the Australian Drug Foundation, in conjunction with the Barwon Adolescent Taskforce, will run a series of community forums across metropolitan and regional Victoria about the new laws relating to serving alcohol in a private home to anyone under 18. The free community forums will provide parents, health workers, teachers and other adults with details about the new law, and tips for dealing with alcohol and young people.

FORUM DATE & VENUE (HELD FROM 7–9PM)
EAST METRO - 9 MAY - VERMONT SECONDARY COLLEGE

To register for the forum, visit the parents’ and adults’ section of the Teen Drinking Law website: www.teendrinkinglaw.vic.gov.au.

Other complementary activities
These forums are supported by a series of other activities which include

- an online question & answer (Q&A) service and discussion forum
- four short podcasts that address a range of issues such as: the legislation and what it means for parents; hosting a party for your teenager; and talking to your teenager about alcohol
- two online webinars
- a smartphone app which offers simple, plain language information about the alcohol laws and under-18s in Victoria, and equips parents and young people with a lot of the information they need to navigate tricky decisions involving alcohol.

Information about all these activities is available is www.teendrinkinglaw.vic.gov.au
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: ....................................................................................................................

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Extra sheets may be attached if desired.

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Return by Monday 30th April, to

Executive Officer
Mount Lilydale Mercy College Old Collegians’ Association
120 Anderson Street
Lilydale 3120