I'VE LEARNED. . .

I've learned.... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
I've learned.... That when you're in love, it shows.
I've learned.... That just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.
I've learned.... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
I've learned.... That being kind is more important than being right.
I've learned.... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.
I've learned.... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.
I've learned.... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
I've learned.... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
I've learned.... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.
I've learned.... That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.
I've learned.... That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.
I've learned.... That money doesn't buy class.
I've learned.... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
I've learned.... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
I've learned.... That the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?
I've learned.... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
I've learned.... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
I've learned.... That love, not time, heals all wounds.
I've learned.... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
I've learned.... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
I've learned.... That there's nothing sweeter than sleeping with your babies and feeling their breath on your cheeks.
I've learned.... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
I've learned.... That life is tough, but I'm tougher.
I've learned.... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.
I've learned.... That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
I've learned.... That I wish I could have told my Dad that I love him one more time before he passed away.
I've learned.... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
I've learned.... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
I've learned.... That I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.
I've learned.... That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.
I've learned.... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

Dear members of the Mount Lilydale Mercy College Community

Hopefully you have all enjoyed your return to school for the second term and are starting to enjoy this beautiful Autumnal season. Many students throughout week 1 rightly chose to continue to wear the Summer uniform, but some chose to wear the Winter Uniform, which is also fine. I would, however, again highlight the importance of wearing this uniform correctly and ensuring that it is well fitted. Teaching, learning and schools are relational environments and we must be proactive in maintaining right relationships. Continually placing teachers in an environment where they are checking and correcting uniform infringements could be detrimental to relationship, yet as a community we must maintain standards. Hopefully values like respect and cooperation will help students understand and self-monitor, but as parents we must support this please. Please continue to encourage the correct wearing of our College uniform.
The calendar this week also sees ANZAC Day on Thursday 25 April which many will simply see as a public holiday, but again it is far more than that. This year it is made more significant because we approach the Centenary of the Gallipoli Landing whereby Australian and New Zealand troops fought and died under such terrible conditions. This week we will be holding a whole College assembly to commemorate the significance of ANZAC day and hopefully I will write more about it in the next newsletter. Hopefully many will consider attendance at local memorials, cenotaphs or attendance at the Shrine.

Sadly members of our community also suffered loss and this week, our thoughts and prayers are with the family of James Thomas (Year 9) with the loss of his grandfather. May Frank rest in peace.

God Bless

For the Fallen
by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children, England mourns for her dead across the sea. Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit, Fallen in the cause of the free. Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres. There is music in the midst of desolation And a glory that shines upon our tears. They went with songs to the battle, they were young, Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow. They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted, They fell with their faces to the foe. They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them. They mingle not with their laughing comrades again; They sit no more at familiar tables of home; They have no lot in our labour of the day-time; They sleep beyond England’s foam. But where our desires are and our hopes profound, Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight, To the innermost heart of their own land they are known As the stars are known to the Night; As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust, Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain, As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - DIRECTOR OF STUDIES - MR BRIAN HAWTHORNE

ASPIRE PROGRAM
At the end of last term I spoke to all Year 7, 8 and 9 students at the campus assembly about the ASPIRE program introduced this year. The first question that I posed to students was …………. What if they had an opportunity to extend and challenge themselves beyond the normal curriculum? I then asked them to think about their future aspirations. What is it they want to do or achieve? I told them to think BIG and provided some examples.

I am now seeking submissions from students. Each term I will select three different students to be part of this program based on their applications.

Students are required to submit their proposal, with a clear description on what it is they would like to undertake, how this will extend and be of benefit to them and most importantly what process or actions need to take place for this to happen. Proposals should be addressed to me and clearly marked as “My Aspiration”. The due date for Term 2 is Friday 10 May.

EXCURSIONS
The college is committed to offering deep learning experiences that challenge and inspire students to do their best. Often part of these experiences require students to go off campus to further develop skills and or knowledge. Significant planning and preparation goes into these events. To enable the college and teachers to fulfil their duty of care students are NOT able to attend an excursion if a signed permission slip is not returned. It is the students responsibility to ensure these permission slips are returned prior to the excursion. A phone call to the college will not suffice. Each excursion form has specific details regarding the date and place of event, times and teachers attending plus medical consent. A new permission slip is required for each excursion. Attached to this newsletter is a sample blank form that may be used as a back up if forms are lost, but it must be completed with the specific details.

Please support us in supporting the safety and learning of your child. No permission slip – No go!

Brian Hawthorne
Deputy Principal - Director of Studies

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS - MR MICHAEL JOHNSTON

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. On Tuesday 23 April there will be a full school gathering in the Doyle Centre to commemorate ANZAC Day. It will commence at 8.50am and parents are invited to join us for this ceremony.

A reminder winter uniform for girls means they must be wearing either the navy blue tights or stockings that are available from the uniform shop. The winter skirt without tights or stockings is no longer part of the winter uniform. The spray jacket should not be worn as the outer garment to and from school except on the designated sport day for Years 8 – 11.

Michael Johnston
Deputy Principal - Director of Students

WINTER UNIFORM BECOMES COMPULSORY FOR ALL STUDENTS ON MONDAY 29 APRIL 2013

STUDENT PROGRESS INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE AFTERNOON / EVENING OF TUESDAY 23 APRIL AND THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL.

A REMINDER THAT WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL IS A STUDENT FREE DAY.
On Monday 15 April the staff had the wonderful opportunity to work with Sam Clear, the managing Director of Harvest Inroads, a company which organises immersions and pilgrimages for young people.

Between 2006 and 2008 Sam walked the face of the earth. Literally.

After 15,600km on foot and 568 days of bone-jarring adventure, Sam presents a seminar of action packed, captivatingly unique story-telling that is both inspirational and challenging, encouraging all to place their trust in God and to put love into action.

Setting out on the 16th December 2006, Sam walked from the eastern most point of Brazil, through South America, Central America and North America, across Siberia on the Trans-Siberian Railway and on foot again from Moscow to the western most point of Spain, all for the sake of Christian unity.

The journey encompassed 20 countries & 10 languages, thrusting Sam onto the front page of numerous overseas news services as he continued onwards despite major obstacles. Having to find food and water every day and relying on the hospitality of complete strangers, he was mugged at knife point, threatened at gun point, bashed on the side of the road, came face to face with dangerous animals and experienced 80° of temperatures from -33°C to 47°C, yet through it all what stood tall was God’s love in action under the most incredible circumstances.

During the day Sam also spoke of the importance of prayer in our lives and the need to put love into action. Sam’s challenge to us focused on the idea that any person of faith should consider themselves evangelists through the way in which they live their lives. Many staff were inspired by Sam’s story and his amazing faith. In summing up his message he said, “Unity is love in action. I want to encourage you to deepen your prayer life and to listen for God, not just talk to him. God loves us and he can be trusted beyond our wildest dreams.”

What a great message for us all to put into action.

Elizabeth Keogh
Deputy Principal - Director of Mission

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SPORTS REPORT

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

At the 2013 Hamag Victorian Young Rider State Championships in April Erica Hosking, 12 Gold, was thrilled to receive the Taylor Farley Award for the highest placed junior rider in the Novice championship, competing on her mare, Avoca Flowergirl. This award was initiated by Taylor’s parents, and Erica was particularly honoured to meet them and accept the beautiful perpetual trophy and plaque in memory of their daughter, tragically killed in a riding accident in February 2012. Another fantastic effort by our resident equestrian champion.

Jesse Cook, 8 Bronze, has achieved some significant awards during his season with the Yarra Valley Cricket Association. Jesse took the most number of wickets in the YVCA during the season and also achieved the best bowling average in the Association for Under 14s. An excellent effort Jesse.

If you would like to pass on any significant achievements please email Mr Leigh Worrell at lworrell@mlmclilydale.catholic.edu.au

EISM RESULTS

All EISM sports are currently running trials for the upcoming winter season. All students from Year 9 through to Year 12 are competing hard for spots on their respective teams. It is great to see the level of enthusiasm displayed by the students. We are shaping up to have some very competitive teams entered in the winter season.

The team has been selected for EISM Athletics next week. We are hoping for another competitive run at the Carnival, building on last year’s success. Good luck to all of our competitors, from our wide-eyed Year 7s through to our experienced Year 12s.

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

Fortnight at a Glance - Calendar Dates

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<td>30 April Year Level Assemblies - Years 7 and 10</td>
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The College music department is participating in the program this year.

Any stickers collected for the program can be dropped off at Student Reception box or in the SLR music office.

Thanks for your support.

Dr Curtis
The Year 12 Theatre Studies are proud to present the 2013 production of **PRIDE AND PREJUDICE**

*Fitzwilliam Darcy is determined not to succumb to the charms of Elizabeth Bennet because he considers her family connections to be inferior. She is determined not to like him because of his pride. Can their differences ever be reconciled?*

This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and friends to see our students in action and see what they have achieved while being entertained at the same time!

**Performance Dates**
Friday 10 and Saturday 11 May at 7pm

**Cost of tickets**
- Student/Pension $5
- General Admission $10
- Families of 2 adults and 3 children $32

**Tickets are ONLY available online - bookings open on Friday 26 April 2013**

2. This will bring you directly to the booking website.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CREDIT CARD OR INTERNET ACCESS UNBOOKED TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT OF THE PERFORMANCE. TO AVOID MISSING OUT ARRANGE TO BOOK ONLINE.**
MOUNT LILYDALE MERCY COLLEGE OLD COLLEGIANS’ ASSOCIATION

GALA DINNER

SATURDAY 1 JUNE at 7pm

Mount Lilydale Mercy College Centennial Hall

Cost $80.00 per head
includes dinner, drinks and entertainment

This annual event will honour new inductees to the Mercy Honour Roll, which acknowledges inspiring alumni who have achieved success in a recognised field and who would serve as role models for future Mount Lilydale Mercy College Students. For those who didn’t attend last year, the Gala Dinner is a night of first class performances, food, drink and very good company.

Bookings can be made through Try Bookings http://www.trybooking.com/CPAW

Donations for the Silent Auction would be appreciated.
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: ..............................................

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

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

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

Return by Wednesday 1 May, to
Executive Officer
Mount Lilydale Mercy College Old Collegians’ Association
120 Anderson Street
Please return to Mount Lilydale Mercy College, Student Reception
by Fax: 9735 0266 or Email: administration@mlmclilydale.catholic.edu.au

PERMISSION SLIP for ..........................................................

Student Full Name: ............................................................  Student Homeroom: ...............

I give permission for .......................................................... to attend the excursion

Student’s Full Name

to .......................................................... on .............................

Excursion / Activity  Date

Where I am unable to be contacted or it is otherwise impracticable for me to be contacted, I
authorise the teacher in charge of the excursion or activity to:

• Consent to receiving medical or surgical assistance as recommended by a medical
practitioner in the event of any illness or accident;

• Administer or consent to such first aid as the teacher in charge of the excursion may
consider to be reasonably necessary in the event of any illness or accident.

I accept all risks involved in the administration of medical, surgical or first aid treatment
considered necessary and the responsibility for payment of all expenses incurred in relation to
such treatment and any emergency transportation required.

I also accept that my child may be returned home early in the event of serious misbehaviour and
that any costs associated with this will be met by me.

Emergency Details:

Contacts:  

Mother’s Name ..........................................................

Mother’s Business / Mobile: ..........................................................

Father’s Name ..........................................................

Father’s Business / Mobile: ..........................................................

Please list any specific medical conditions that should be noted: ..............................

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Signature of Parent/Guardian: .............................................  Date: .............................................
Years 5 & 6 Transition Evening

Maths, Science and Information Technology

Wednesday 8 May 2013

6.45pm - 9.00pm

MOUNT LILYDALE MERCY COLLEGE

120 Anderson Street, Lilydale, 3140    Ph: 9735 4022
Do you love writing?

Do you think you’ve got what it takes to be an exciting writer? Fabulous guest authors will be looking for the most creative entries and winner for each category will win a $100 book voucher and will have the chance to be published in Mail Newspaper. There will also be a $25 book voucher for the runners up. Each entrant will receive a certificate of participation. The only limitations are the confines of your imagination.

Who can enter:

**Seedslings**
- **Lower Primary**
  - Prep - grade 2
  - Entries can be a picture book, a poem or a short story
  - 300 words or less

**Ferns**
- **Upper Primary**
  - Grades 3-6
  - Entries can be a story or a poem
  - 300 words or less

**Sessile**
- **Lower Secondary**
  - Years 7-9
  - Entries can be a story or a poem
  - 800 words or less

**Mountain Ash**
- **Upper Secondary**
  - Years 10-12
  - Entries can be a story or a poem
  - 1000 words or less

Competition closes 5.00pm Friday 3rd May 2013
Visit www.dandenongrangesfestival.com.au for competition guidelines and entry form

For event information or to find out more about the Dandenong Ranges Writers Festival including a children’s afternoon with Andy Griffiths, writers workshops and much, much more.

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