Prayer

God of love and of life, let us take time to look deep within ourselves and discover the gifts you have blessed us with. May we take the time to direct our lives in a way that best uses our own unique combination of gifts. May our education help us discover where our strengths and interests lie. May our faith guide us in realising our gifts. May we always be open to the direction of the Spirit and never forget the love you have for each of us.

Give us, O Lord, the perception we need to look within ourselves and discover the beauty and gifts we possess. Give us the courage to show others the talents they have. Help us serve others in the community and in so doing build up your kingdom. We ask this through Jesus, our Lord.

Amen

Come and Join Us

WE CELEBRATE MASS EVERY THURSDAY MORNING AT 8AM IN THE COLLEGE CHAPEL.

ALL ARE WELCOME, STAFF, STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

PLEASE JOIN US WHEN YOU CAN.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE WURUNGEJRI 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 Members of the Mount Lilydale Mercy College Community

Don’t you love a good Fairy Tale with all the intrigue of a good story, beasts, trickery, wicked spells, romance and love. What more could one want? The fantastic singing choreography and acting that all come together to make a great musical production. Congratulations to all those involved in this year’s College production of Beauty and the Beast. I absolutely thought it fantastic and I delighted in the quality of the production. The efforts of the staff and students cannot be acclaimed enough. The learning, self-confidence, work ethic and many other of life’s lessons involved in such a production cannot easily be found in other activities. I thank:

Dr Paul Curtis: Director and Conductor
Mrs Natasha Leaumont: Choreographer
Mr Thomas McKeown: Technical Manager
Ms Megan Parker: Lighting Director
Mrs Martina Lindsay and Ms Rhiannon Rak: Make Up
Miss Annie-Emma Italiano: Stage Manager
Ms Gail Preston: Props Manager
Miss Alexandra Carter: Photographer
The Cast and The Sponsors

and acknowledge your effort, skill and dedication to the production.

Recently Pope Francis released his first encyclical, Lumen Fidei (The Light of Faith). In it he reminds us that Faith must come from God and "is capable of illuminating every aspect of human existence". The writing completes a trilogy of papal encyclicals on the three virtues, Pope Benedict XVI wrote Deus Caritas in 2005 which he followed with Spe Salvi on hope in 2007 and passed the draft on Faith to Pope Francis which he completed. You may see copies in your Parish or they are available on the Vatican Website at http://www.vatican.va/phome_en.htm and http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20051225_deus-caritas-est_en.html and http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20071110_spe-salvi_en.html

Interestingly Pope Francis has also approved the canonisation of both Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II. While the approval of a second miracle attributed to John Paul II was given, John XXIII will be canonised without evidence of such a miracle because it has been reported that his virtue is well recognised as the Pope of the Second Vatican Council.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) has released an election statement called “a Vote for the Common Good” whereby the Bishops urge us to think in the lead up to the Federal election. The Bishops call on Australian Catholics to look “beyond their own individual needs” at the voting time and consider the good of all or the common good along with the issues of vital concern to the community. The statement discusses social teaching issues considering human dignity, respect for human life and preferential protection for the poor. The statement should be available in Parishes or from the ACBC website at http://www.cam.org.au/Portals/0/2013/Documents_PDF_WORD/Stories/ACBC-Election-Statement-2013.pdf and asks that we take democratic responsibilities seriously.

Last Thursday night I attended and hopefully represented your views at the Public Forum organised by the Yarra Valley Educational Precinct Committee who are working to try to save the Swinburne University site here in Lilydale as a site for future Education in the Outer East. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public of recent events including some proposals that had been put forward and to seek future direction. A number of State and Federal politicians were present including James Merlino, State Labor MP for Monbulk, (Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Education) and Tony Smith MP, Liberal Member for Casey (Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Tax Reform).

The following motions were prepared by the committee and passed as well as another motion about not allowing the sale of the site:

"That this Public Forum calls for the release of the Market Analysis Report commissioned by the State Government as to the Feasibility of the ongoing provision of tertiary education in Lilydale."

"That this Public Forum calls for immediate action by the State and Commonwealth Governments to enable the provision of University, TAFE and Adult Education on the former Swinburne University of Technology site in Lilydale in 2014."

"That this Public Forum calls upon the State Government to provide financial support to facilitate the ongoing provision of Vocational Education and Training, University and Adult Education Courses on the former Swinburne site in Lilydale."

"That this Public Forum calls upon the State Government to organise the ‘gifting’ of the land to be used for educational provision to an appropriate alternative provider, on the condition that it continues to be used for educational purposes with the land being transferred back to the Government if it is not being used by that provider for educational purposes."

"That the Public Forum calls upon the State Government to provide establishment costs to an alternative Provider to enable that Provider to conduct classes whilst enrolment numbers grow again to viable levels."

"That this Public Forum calls upon the Commonwealth Government to provide the necessary funding to enable the provision of University education on the former Swinburne site in Lilydale."

"That this Public Forum condemns Swinburne University of Technology for its actions in not transferring the title to the land in Lilydale, gifted to it for educational purposes, to another educational provider to enable the ongoing provision of education and training in the Outer East."
Finally I recently came across a small article which I found to be interesting. It was published in an online periodical called Principal’s Digest and in a small way it challenges us all to move outside our comfort zones and given much of what is written above I think it appropriate. I trust that you will enjoy it.

Have you ever wondered what goes through your mind when you choose where to sit in a new classroom? Or in a waiting room full of strangers? Or on a bus?

Researchers have found out some interesting facts.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, we tend to sit closer to people like ourselves. Girls sit by girls and boys sit by boys. Adults sit together and young people choose another young person to sit near.

But it goes further than this. We even choose to sit near someone who looks like us. People with glasses are more inclined to sit near other people with glasses. People with long hair sit closer to other people with long hair.

We seem to believe that people with similar physical traits will share similar attitudes and we’re more likely to be accepted by people like ourselves or even, we think we may be safer with people who look like us.

Sometimes that’s true but sensible as it sounds it’s a pity if we always stick to the same people, the same crowd. The danger in always staying in our comfort zone is that we just recycle the same opinions, the same tastes and ideas, the same fashions.

We lose the chance to learn something new, find out about interesting things, hear fascinating stories and discover differences.

When birds of a feather stick together, how can we ever break down barriers and banish the ignorance that too often leads to prejudice and even fear?

If instead you want to live in a society that thrives on diversity and variety, be the cat among the pigeons.

Move out of your comfort zone.

Go and sit next to someone different. And don’t just sit there in silence. Say hello. Ask a question. Start a conversation.

That’s how we make friends. That’s how we learn about people. That’s how we open our minds to new ideas.

May God Bless you all this week

Philip A Morison
Principal
Welcome back to Term 3 and the start of Semester 2. On behalf of the both of us we hope that everyone had a safe and restful break. What a busy Term 2 we had, but how wonderful it was to see the many events, activities and proactive initiatives that continued within the Barak Campus. We have been very proud of the students in their progress and the settled sense of ‘learning’ and focusing on their academic endeavours.

The Barak Campus started the term with a Campus Assembly that highlighted and acknowledged the happenings of the College. Well done to all those students who received a College Captain’s award.

Semester 1 reports were sent out the first week of the holidays. Should any parent be concerned about their child’s report or feel there are learning concerns, feel free to make contact with the relevant Learning Coordinator, for Year 11 & 12, Ms Carolyn Ellul and Year 10 Mr Anthony Schepis. In addition, the homeroom teacher is only a phone call away for further discussion.

So far we have had the pleasure of celebrating and acknowledging the efforts and achievements of the students at the Academic Award Ceremonies for each year level. The Year 12 Academic Award Ceremony was held in the last week of Term Two. The Year 11 and Year 10 academic award ceremonies have been held the first and second weeks of this Term. We thank all the parents for their attendance in supporting and helping celebrate their child’s achievements.

From the Academic Award Ceremonies the message it clear that success is something that each person needs to strive for. It is something each of us needs to work towards and can succeed if we want to. We are very proud of the efforts of all those students who have been successful in Semester 1. We would also like to encourage those who may have not achieved their goals to continue to strive for excellence and success.

For the Year 10 students the last week of Term 2 allowed them to have a real change and “Go to Work”. At Mount Lilydale Mercy College we believe that Work Experience is an important opportunity for students to explore a career and get a hands on feel for what work really involves. It is a compulsory part of the Year 10 program and from all accounts many of the students had an enjoyable time with their endeavours.

Our Year 11 students completed their term with the formal celebration of the Debutante Ball. All three nights were very successful and everyone had a great time. It was lovely to see our young ladies and gentlemen looking beautiful in their dresses and suits and present themselves as adults to the College Community.

Our Year 12 students also had a busy end of term with The GAT and the formal. It was a great time for our students to celebrate their efforts thus far and to celebrate as a community, we wish them well.

**Year 10 into 11 subject selection**: during Term 3 students will be asked to make subject selections for 2014. The transition from Year 10 to 11 is often more difficult and can take considerable time and thoughts as the decision making required is to select either the Victorian Certificate of Education or Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning Program. To help facilitate this decision, Faculty Leaders have already spoken to all Year 10 students to outline various subjects on offer. Full details will be available in the Guide to Courses available on the College website. Students will be issued with log in details and instructions via homeroom at the end of July. The next stage requires each student to enter their subject selections online before Monday 12 August.

On Wednesday 14 August, the College has arranged for parents and students of Year 10 to meet with a senior member of staff to discuss the subjects or program selected. This is an important step for each student and their family to ensure that the pathway requested is the correct one for that individual student. These bookings are made online in the same format as Student Progress Interviews.

Lucia Tabacchiera & Mick Callanan
Campus Directors - Barak
INTRODUCING OUR `WRITER IN RESIDENCE’ …… LITERARY LUNCH WITH JUSTIN D`ATH


One of twelve children, Justin grew up on a farm in Otaki, New Zealand. He wrote his first book, a ten page cartoon about his pet turtle, Bubble, when he was nine years old. His next cartoon was about Moriarty, his guinea pig, and filled a complete exercise book. When he was eleven, Justin began writing his first novel, but conked out after 35 pages.

Justin says: ‘My main message is, Enjoy reading. I want children to become lost in my books; to experience the magic of the written word; to see that reading is not a chore, it’s one of the most exciting, imaginative and enjoyable things they can do.’

From Justin D’ath’s site: [http://www.justindath.com/meetjustin.html](http://www.justindath.com/meetjustin.html)

Many of Justin’s books are available for borrowing from McAuley Library.

On Tuesday 23 July, the Head of Library and Information Services, Mrs Andrea Coney, arranged for the Mount Lilydale Writers and Illustrators Circle to enjoy a Literary Lunch in McAuley Library for students to have the opportunity to share the genres of writing they like to do and ask a variety of questions they had about the craft of writing.

The questions and discussions were ‘non-stop’ and the bell for the end of lunch went too early for many in the group – indicating an enjoyable and beneficial experience was had by all involved.

Ms Eileen Cooney
Teacher-Librarian – McAuley Library

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OPEN DAY, OPEN DAY, OPEN DAY

Wednesday 31 July is the day! 11am to 5pm is the time! The students of the College will be conducting tours throughout the day so why not take this opportunity to view examples of student work as well as classes in operation. The tours commence and conclude in Centennial Hall and members of the Parents and Friends Association will be on hand to serve refreshments.

Remember, if you have a child in Grade 5 this year and you don’t already have children at the College, you will need to attend an information session at which the application forms will be distributed. For your convenience, the first meeting will be held at 2pm on Open Day. If this time doesn’t suit you, another meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13 August in Centennial Hall.

We look forward to welcoming you to the College.

Mary Ryan
Registrar

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Thank you to our wonderful committee members who generously gave up their time to serve tea/coffee and sell lollies at the Musical.

We are now seeking volunteers to help out serving refreshments on Open Day, Wednesday 31 July between 8.30am and 5.00pm. If you have some free time and would like to help please contact me at the email address below.

pfs@mlclilydale.catholic.edu.au

The Parents and Friends Uniform Shop hours are 12.00pm to 1.30pm. We will be open next on Thursday 8 August.

Jacqualin Macdonald
President
1 MERIT AWARD
Gabriella Bartley, Breanna Bowers, Bailey Callen, Nathan Campbell, Gabrielle Corbett, Jagger Cowan, Joshua Crane, Isaac D’Antini, Isabella de Wit, Joshua Doolan, Grainne Duncan, Thomas Durant, Bethany Dwyer, Matthew Eddy, Samantha Edwards, Daniel Enever, Tess Handcock, Eliza Hoy, Amelia Jarvie, Jack Lyszcy, Claire Manallack, Ruby Maxworth, Joshua Mazurak, Jayda Morabito, Holly Munro, Emily Osborne, Tailor Pace, Caleb Price, Nathan Purcell, Michael Read, Georgia Rewse, Bynesha Smith, Carla Tsiotinas, Dylan Van Tilburg, Trent Williams

2 MERIT AWARDS
James Gammell, Antony Hawkins, Lachlan Isbel, Ebony Martorella, Maggie McGuire, William O’Riley, Madison Poynter, Clayton Richards, Bailey Wilson, Elliot Worroll, Paul Zeniou

3 MERIT AWARDS
Bridget Bast, Alexandra Carstens, Talia Carusi, Talia Colombani, Benito Di Battista, Tess Egan, Emily Franken, Bethany Limburg, Jeddehdiah Lott, Tylah Wilson, Jack Woodcock, Jessica Wulf

4 MERIT AWARDS
Ricky Andueza, Gabrielle Shandley, William Thomas, Ryan Walsh

5 MERIT AWARDS
Taryn De Wee, William Page, Kailee Robinson

7 MERIT AWARDS
Mikeely Dell

1 ACADEMIC AWARD
Caitlin Bailey, Ben Bara, James Crane, Hamish Dowling, Grace Fahey, Max Keithley, Lachlan Kent, Bradley Legg, Antonio Molluso, Cassandra Morton, Nicholas Sugiharto

1 ACADEMIC & 1 MERIT AWARD
Abby Bailey, Amy Bourke, Laura Dalsanto, Leah Del Giudice, Lachlan Fern, Liam Gosling, Belinda Hamment, Georgia Macpherson, Baylee O’Connor, Wesley Rayner, Georgia Reilly-Grima, Nathan Schubank, Stephanie Wells

1 ACADEMIC & 2 MERIT AWARDS
Ava Brown, Edward Clark, Molly Douglas, Jesse Ebert, Mitchell Gordon, Niannh Napier, Stephanie Pavey

1 ACADEMIC & 3 MERIT AWARDS
Ashleigh Clinton, Shani Colombani, Alissa Cordedda, Molly Duncan, Kyle King, Sarah Largue, Ashley Leary, Lilian Pagels, Rachel Ricciuti

1 ACADEMIC & 4 MERIT AWARDS
Lachlan Cox, Daniel De Vincentis, Jacob Starnawski, Joshua Van Bockel, Isaac Zeniou

1 ACADEMIC & 5 MERIT AWARDS
Sabrina Cianciaruso, Annie Hazell-Langley, Emma Thomas

2 ACADEMIC AWARDS
Amy Rothwell

2 ACADEMIC & 1 MERIT AWARD
Tyler Borg, Jessie Garlick, Isabelle Gill, Ellen Glennie, Ezekiel Griffin, Melanie Verhagen, Sophie Williamson, Ebony Wilson

2 ACADEMIC & 2 MERIT AWARDS
Jade Adams, Abigail Caligiuri, Sophie Faulwetter, Darcey Howard-Scales, Sabrina Leadbeater, Angelina O’Sullivan, Jessica Owens, Andrew Purcell, Elia Randle, Liam Walker, Annaliese Zmegac

2 ACADEMIC & 3 MERIT AWARDS
Noah Fairlie, Serena Gibbs, Ana Malnar

2 ACADEMIC & 4 MERIT AWARDS
Jeremy Gilligan, Joshua Hausler, Isabella Pearce

2 ACADEMIC & 5 MERIT AWARDS
Christopher De Vries, Luke Janssen, Aragorn Keuken

2 ACADEMIC & 6 MERIT AWARDS
Kyle Kroeger, Danielle Virgona

2 ACADEMIC & 7 MERIT AWARDS
Ryan Abblitt, Travis Rowden

3 ACADEMIC AWARDS
Isaac Biasuzzo

3 ACADEMIC & 1 MERIT AWARD
Nicholas Camp, Mitchel Gislingham, Jamie Hirschfeld, Jack Jordan, Charlotte Kollosche, Thomas Rutzou

3 ACADEMIC & 2 MERIT AWARDS
Sarah Dalgleish, Anna-Maree Hammond

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Anthony Molluso, Jordan Schuyt

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Lauren Conte, Maddison Leane, Liam Steele, Charlotte Westbury

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Jessica Speight

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Aaron Campbell, Sarah McDonald

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Miranda Read, Breanna Ruscitti, Tyler Wraith-Tenson

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Samuel Bethune, Nicholas Salvitti

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Ethan Wake, Isabella Yapp

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Natalie Boxell, Darcy Hennessy, Laura Mattucci, Keely Schoch, Kiara Walsh

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Bianna Jones

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Kosma Krawczyk

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Eloise Trice

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Lilly Kelly, Rachel Van Der Linden, Mia Walsh

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Emily Campagna

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Grace McKee

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Hollee Mandelt, Jessica Toole, Lilli Totton, Callum Young

7 ACADEMIC & 3 MERIT AWARDS
Olivia Henry

8 ACADEMIC & 1 MERIT AWARD
Hayley Tucker, Jessica Zammit

8 ACADEMIC & 2 MERIT AWARDS
Lucinda Flamsteed, Jasmine Hendriks

9 ACADEMIC & 1 MERIT AWARD
Jessica Duff, Erin Jones

10 ACADEMIC AWARDS
Teresa Toscano
1 MERIT AWARD
Lateisha Belyus, Matthew Brierley, Grant Brown, Zoe Buceto, Luka Butcher, Sophie Caesar, Matthew Callaway, Tyla Cole, Lachlan Corbett, Sarah Davis, Samantha Drury, Alexander Farmakis, Jessica Ford, Samuel Gibby, Cooper Giling, Georgia Goss, Clara Hitchen, Matthew Hodgson, Brendan Huynh, Claire Kandybko, Samuel King, Jarrod Konheiser, Olivia Liotta, Jackson Love, Finn McDonald, Mohand Mohamed, Jessica Morgan, Joel Purton, Sydney Reid, Kevin Smith, Bailey Stokes, Ashley Thaller, Jordan Trollope, Sophie Turnham, Nicholas Wall, Keely Wehlauer, Annalise Whitmore

2 MERIT AWARDS
Emily Battaglene, Liam Beach, Tobias Binkert, Todd Chamberlain, Molly Charles, Patrick Clair, Damian Furey, Dana Gibbs, Andrew Giusto, Zoe Kasso, Daniel Kennedy, Chloe Knight, Jack Lebner, Amanda Manning, Lianna Massarotti, Abigail Matthew, Jack Muscat, Amber Mutsaers, Samuel Ondarchie, Chloe Patterson, Lachlan Sinclair, Harriet Stanley, Henry Tripp, Jaimie Upton, Bradley Van Berkel, Corey Whittell, Hannah Wintle

3 MERIT AWARDS
Liam Dwyer, Luke Hilston, Ashley Kirkham, Kobi May, Tayla Nagel, Callum Shore

4 MERIT AWARDS
Charlotte Birrell, Ashleigh Bridgman-Coleman, Marcus Kikidopoulos, Isabella Martin, Max Thwaites

1 ACADEMIC AWARD
Marlee Carter, Jacob Delgorge, Matthew Di Pietrantonio, Andrew Macfarlane, Lauren Manning, Steven Martin, Trinity Simmons, Andrew Ward

1 ACADEMIC & 1 MERIT AWARD
Domenic Alo, Adam Beath, Angus Faulkner-King, Dylan Findley, Belinda Gerace, Jack Gervasoni, Nicholas Haslam, Olivia Hawker, Jeremy Lockett, Tahlia Rooney, Holly Sutherland, Jesse Wyatt

1 ACADEMIC & 2 MERIT AWARDS
Emmerson Alford, Georgia Cullen, Chloe Dickson, Samara Draper, Erin McKenzie, Krystal Meyer, Garang Nai

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Anthony De Francesco, Aleisha Gislingham, James Martin, Mikaela Rees, Kyle Stokes

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Alexander Condello, Nathan Contebaro, Samantha Falconer, Ryan McSpadden, Nathan Rice, Christian Toy

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Carlie Cox, Baylee Eastham, Isabella Liciardi, Thomas Royle, Jenny Ting

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Natalie Koziol

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Mikayla Lamers, Ryan Macfarlane

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Maddison Davis, Rebecca Mollica, Georgia Perry, Abigail Pettigrew, James Shimmen

2 ACADEMIC & 1 MERIT AWARD
Alexandra Campbell, Nicholas Hamilton

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James Bergin, Tahlia Hayes, Lachlan McGrath, Joshua McKenna

2 ACADEMIC & 3 MERIT AWARDS
Tanner Dos Anjos, Matilda Dunham, Calvin Fehring, Joel Garner, Samuel Hennessey, Jackson Lowe, Domenica Molluso, Nathan Thompson, Oliver Young

2 ACADEMIC & 4 MERIT AWARDS
Miranda Gurney, Flynn Trewavis

2 ACADEMIC & 5 MERIT AWARDS
Tia Chant, Tayla Corrigan, Tyson Noyes

3 ACADEMIC & 2 MERIT AWARDS
Siobhan Carroll, Timeka Eales, Eve Gowan

3 ACADEMIC & 3 MERIT AWARDS
Daniella Zappia

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Maleah Klep, Johanna Peres, Ashleigh Sartori

3 ACADEMIC & 5 MERIT AWARDS
Alexandra Duncan

4 ACADEMIC & 1 MERIT AWARD
Georgia Haggarty, Abbey Sinclair

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James Bishop, Sam Di Pietrantonio, Brittany Moorhouse, Henry Staird-Dymond

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Eden Pritchard, Christian Ruscitti

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Chloe De Groot, Alfred Mendez

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Mark Melhem, Declan Scott

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Jessie Lawlor, Isabelle Morgan, Isabelle Townend

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Steven Presutto, Kate Spiden

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Emily Collins, Ruby Kelly

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Michaela Jarvie, Tysha Ramaculua, Alicia Taylor

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Phoebe Myring

6 ACADEMIC & 2 MERIT AWARDS
Ysabelle Price

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Kellie Cole

6 ACADEMIC & 4 MERIT AWARDS
Paris Fairweather

7 ACADEMIC & 1 MERIT AWARD
Sarah Bibo, Meg Dolphin, Jacqueline Ricci, Jake Rickard

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Nicholas Birznieks, Kelsey Sinclair

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Emily Keagan, Kylie Verbakel

8 ACADEMIC AWARDS
Lily McDonald

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Stacey Fleming, Isabella Preston, Denali Wraith-Tenson

8 ACADEMIC & 2 MERIT AWARDS
Katherine Boyle

9 ACADEMIC & 1 MERIT AWARD
Madeline Cottier, Zachary Griffin, Elisabet Yuwono

10 ACADEMIC AWARDS
Kayla Jackson

10 ACADEMIC & 1 MERIT AWARD
Gemma Ryan

11 ACADEMIC AWARDS
Madeline Cimo
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Mount Lilydale Mercy College and the Jigalong Remote community school in Northern Western Australia have shared an exchange for the past 10 years. This year marked an opportunity for us to play host to 16 students and 3 staff from the Pilbara who travelled to Melbourne to take in the sites and spend some time in our community.

The group arrived on Sunday 23 June and settled into their accommodation in Monbulk. The Mount Lilydale Mercy College community had collected winter clothing for the students to help them to adjust from the warm western desert to a Melbourne winter as many of the students had not left their community yet alone travelled to a big city. Monday and Tuesday the group took in the sites of Melbourne visiting the MCG, Science Works and the Melbourne Aquarium. Tuesday night 16 of the students selected to visit Jigalong in 2013 visited the group to welcome them and share a meal. Both groups spent the evening getting to know each other and sharing different aspects of their culture.

On Thursday the Jigalong students attended our school and classes for the day and undertook a variety of activities within our community. A school tour, Year 7 iPad classes, a Cooking class making scones and sushi rolls followed by heading off to Year 9 sport in the afternoon with the Year 9 students. A number of Year 11 students that had visited Jigalong supported the day and the Jigalong students.

On Friday our students and the Jigalong students took the day off for a trip through the beautiful Dandenong’s on Puffing Billy. A group of Year 12 students who have previously visited Jigalong prepared a BBQ lunch for the group at Emerald Lake.

Students and staff from Jigalong finished their week with a visit to the MCG for the football on Saturday and were hosted by Richmond on Sunday at Etihad Stadium.

To celebrate the visit both groups participated in preparing a canvas to be hung in the Student Ministry Lounge to mark the occasion of their visit, the Jigalong students designed and commenced the painting and our students will complete the work this term.

Congratulations to all the students and staff who worked to support the exchange. It was a highlight for the Jigalong community to receive such hospitality and several of the students enquired about coming to school here.

In August 2 groups of Year 10 students will complete their exchange and spend a week in the Jigalong community. I hope that the relationships forged continue to develop within the exchange and with time a greater understanding and tolerance of different cultures and people within our society.

Mr Michael Callanan
Campus Director - Barak
"The simplest and most practical lesson I know...is to resolve to be good today but better tomorrow." - Catherine McAuley.

This influential Catherine McAuley quote was to be the foundation of the 11th Biennial Conference of Australasian Mercy Secondary Schools held in Auckland and was to set the scene for what proved to be an exciting and life changing experience.

When I was informed that I had been chosen along with Russell Philip as the student representatives to attend the four day conference focused on Social Justice, I was excited to not only be able to experience the culture of New Zealand, but to learn more about how myself and fellow students can empower others to express mercy values and reach out to our society.

The program was a busy few days, consisting of many keynote addresses with influential leaders in social justice, as well as opportunities to interact with fellow Mercy School representative students and exchange ideas. Not only did we listen about ways that others shared their gifts of mercy but we established how to take practical action and be instrumental in bringing mercy to our own communities.

The conference explored five main themes which were all interchangeable; justice, charity, compassion, pity and mercy. Throughout the conferences duration we were given a deeper insight and a greater understanding of the significance of these five words in living a life of mercy and being part of a mercy school.

When the conference came to an end we were sad to leave our many new friends and the host families that we had shared the past four days with. For myself New Zealand had been a great experience, not only had I met some of the nicest students who were proudly living with mercy values but I also learnt a lot about myself during this trip.

Learning and understanding about social justice and the components of mercy is a life changing experience. Social justice is an integral part of being a mercy student and should have a greater focus in our world.

I was sad when the conference ended but I realised that although it may have been the end of my trip to New Zealand it was in fact just the beginning of my life journey in social justice. I have come away from the conference with knowledge to share with others and encourage them to not only get involved in social justice but more importantly to inspire them to be good today but better tomorrow.

On behalf of Russell and myself I would like to thank Mr Morison for the opportunity to represent the school at the AMSSA Conference.

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