This week the Church celebrates the feast of St. Luke.

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him “our beloved physician” (Colossians 4:14). His Gospel was probably written between A.D. 70 and 85.

The character of Luke may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles: one of these is, The Gospel of Mercy. Luke emphasizes Jesus’ compassion and patience with the sinners and the suffering. He has a broadminded openness to all, showing concern for Samaritans, lepers, publicans, soldiers, public sinners, unlettered shepherds, and the poor. Luke alone records the stories of the sinful woman, the lost sheep and coin, the prodigal son and the good thief.

As a Mercy Community let us try to live out this Gospel message.

….Help me O Lord that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbour’s souls and come to their rescue.

Help me O Lord that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbour’s needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moanings.

Help me O Lord that my tongue may be merciful so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbour, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

Help me O Lord that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbour’s and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks.

Help me O Lord that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbour, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest is in the service of my neighbour….

Taken from St. Faustina’s Prayer to be Merciful
Dear Members of the Mount Lilydale Mercy College Community

Recently I read a snippet whereby whilst in an interview actor Mickey Rooney said: ‘Someone once asked me what I want on my epitaph, when I pass away. Just the words – “I Tried”. That’s what this game of life is all about. Trying. There’s the tryers, the criers and the liars.”

Reflection on this took me several ways.

Firstly I asked myself when did Rooney became so cynical that he could classify people so easily, but then I thought of those wonderful old Andy Hardy films that I have enjoyed so much in my youth and with my children. Filmed in black and white, with such simple messages and in that old tradition of father knows best, these films would not have the fast moving technology and action that is required today and I would suggest that most of our students would never have seen them, but perhaps they offer some important messages. Perhaps they are worth a look on a family film night and a discussion around the laughter that should follow.

Secondly I thought of the idea of the epitaph and the concept of how we would like to be remembered. I think that this is an important concept for our Year 12 group as they prepare to leave us. After six years in our school, after six years of leadership, after six years of work I wondered how they as a group would like to be remembered. Hopefully they would like and will be remembered as a group of leaders and hopefully as a group that ‘tried’.

As a group, as they prepare to leave, I trust that the concept of trying is one that is foremost in their minds as trying is a continuous construct. It is ongoing and without end. It requires effort and purpose. It is, in itself, inspirational and uplifting. And, when the work is done, it should be satisfying.

As our Year 12 students prepare to leave our community may we together pray for them, that they may find the peace of mind and focus that they need so that each and every one of them achieves to their best and in deed then they will know that they have tried.

**MARK PREST AWARD NOMINATIONS**
Parents/guardians, students and staff are invited to nominate a staff member for the Mark Prest Award that recognises educational excellence. Mark was a Deputy Principal at the College for 7 years until he died from cancer. He had a passion for education and a strong belief in the innate goodness of young people. An explanation of the award and the nomination process is attached to this newsletter and you can also obtain copies from the College website. I would like all community members to submit a nomination. The nomination will be stronger if accompanied by a letter of commendation. Nominations close on Friday 8 November 2013.

**ACARA STUDENT DATA COLLECTION – PRIVACY PROVISIONS**
The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV) has been requested by the Australian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (ACARA) to provide student background data for the purpose of calculating the measure known as the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA), which is used for reporting school performance on the My School website.

A copy of the ACARA Privacy Notice follows for your reference. If you object to your child’s details being provided to ACARA, please contact Ms Debra Woods, Office Manager to advise her of this. Any objections must be received prior to Thursday 17 October 2013.
PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child’s school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child’s gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes:

- Formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- Assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.

Congratulations to two students from Mount Lilydale Mercy College who competed in the Australian Acrobatic Championships in Perth over the weekend of the 5th and 6th of October, and who achieved some wonderful results.

Dylan Findley (8 Orange) and his partner Jacob, are Australian mens pair Level 4 Australian champions, and Ashleigh Clinton (7 Orange) and her partner Rhyannon, came 3rd for women’s pair Level 5.

Over these past weeks we at the College have been undertaking a process of discernment to decide upon our Prefect group for 2014 and I thank Michael Johnston and all the Year Level Leaders that have helped in the process. I have great pleasure in announcing the College Prefect Group for 2014 and we as a College will assemble on Tuesday 15 October to acknowledge and welcome this group. Congratulations to

**COLLEGE CAPTAIN**  
Shannon Salisbury / Jared Smith

**COLLEGE VICE CAPTAIN**  
Alex Schafer / Ryan O’Keefe

**MCCAULEY PREFECT**  
Savanna Fanzullia / Ryan Rodrigues

**SPORT PREFECT**  
Lauren Van der Westhuizen / Alex Edmonds

**PERFORMING ARTS PREFECT**  
Ella Bilton-Gough / Emmie Guy

**ENGLISH PREFECT**  
Sarah Byrne

**MATHS/SCIENCE PREFECT**  
Paul Noceja

**MERCY & JUSTICE PREFECT**  
Rachel Coy

**FAITH & MINISTRY PREFECT**  
Charlotte Wightman

**VISUAL ARTS PREFECT**  
Robbert Baselier

**HEALTH & PE PREFECT**  
Eliza Johns

**LOTE PREFECT**  
Holly France

**HUMANITIES PREFECT**  
Lachlan Liesfield

**YEARBOOK PREFECT**  
Alexandra Wintle

**TECHNOLOGY PREFECT**  
Chris Keuken

**ENVIRONMENT PREFECT**  
Christian Rees

**FRAYNE HOUSE**  
Regine Imperial

**O’NEILL HOUSE**  
Brandon Traynor

**MAGUIRE HOUSE**  
Abe Wright

**RYAN HOUSE**  
Beth Hanlon

**TERRY DUNN HOUSE**  
Greta Joseph

**CARR HOUSE**  
Selina Fotia

Finally and sadly members of our community continue to suffer loss. Your thoughts and prayers are asked for the Wisby family with Rachel in Year 12 and Old Collegians Alex (2011) and Rebecca (2009) with the passing of their grandfather Donald Jacka at the end of last term. Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Donald and may he rest in peace.

God Bless

Mr Philip A Morison  
Principal
From the beginning of Term 4 students may choose between summer and winter uniform. Please ensure the dress length for girls is the appropriate length. The choice of uniform will continue until Melbourne Cup weekend after which time summer uniform will be compulsory. As part of our Sunsmart Policy, it is a requirement that students wear hats at recess and lunch throughout this term. Please ensure your child has the school bucket hat.

Our Year 12 students are into the final part of their VCE journey as the countdown to exams continues. Classes for Year 12 conclude on Tuesday 22 October. This day is a student free day for Years 7-11 as the Year 12 students enjoy an activities day here at school. Wednesday 23 October will see a final assembly for Year 12 in front of the entire school followed by an awards ceremony, liturgy and catered lunch. These days are designed to offer our Year 12 students the chance to celebrate a significant life event in a dignified and respectful manner and to share time with teachers who have played a role in their development across the years.

The Central Australia/Top End tour took place over the recent holiday period. Forty four students were involved and represented the College wonderfully well as they experienced some of the great natural wonders of our country. Special thanks to Ms Edmonds, Ms Webb, Mr Hill and Mr Gray for leading the tour.

The Japan Study Tour also occurred over the holiday period. Seventeen students spent two and a half weeks enjoying the sights, culture and lifestyle of Japan. The first part of the trip involved a host family/host school arrangement in Nara and we are very grateful to the people of Horyuiji International High School for the hospitality they displayed to our group. The final days of the tour involved time in Hiroshima and Tokyo. Special thanks to Ms McKenzie and Mr Matthew Reilly for accompanying the group.

Activities such as the Japan trip and the Central Australian tour can only happen if staff are prepared to give up their time. Apart from the time commitment, the responsibility of taking young people away on trips of this nature is a huge factor and we are especially grateful to our staff who make this commitment across so many areas of the school.

Please be advised of a change of calendar date from what appears in the Student Planner. The Correction/Reporting Day that was scheduled for 28 November has been moved to 29 November.

Mr Michael Johnston
Deputy Principal – Students
What a big few weeks it is for the Year 12 students. After 13 years of education, they are nearing the end of their schooling and will be looking at a variety of pathways to undertake in 2014. This is always a time of reflection, where sadness for leaving things that are so familiar is mixed with excitement for new beginnings. At this stage of the year, the VCE students have been given the knowledge they need for their VCAA exams, now revision time is used to focus on important exam techniques. Attendance during these classes is essential to gain the expertise of staff. The VCAL students are also ensuring they have achieved competency levels in all their classes and have completed all requirements associated with the practical aspect of their course.

**YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMS** - Each year the Year 12 students are offered a unique opportunity to attend trial exams during the Term 3 break. The feedback from the students has been very positive. While it is tough to prepare for such tasks, the insight they are given into effective exam practices is invaluable in their preparation for the VCAA exams beginning at the end of the month.

**FINAL DAYS** - Tuesday 22 October is a student free day for all Year 7 – 11. This allows the Year 12 students to attend classes and follow this with a day of fun and activities.

Wednesday 23 October is the final day of school for Year 12 students. The day begins with a full school assembly in the Doyle Centre to farewell the Year 12 students, this is followed by a final Year 12 Assembly where Gold and Double Gold College Colours will be awarded, along with certificates for each Prefect. After morning tea, the students will celebrate with the Year 12 Liturgy followed by a catered lunch. Parents are welcome to attend the Assemblies and Liturgy.

**GRADUATION** - Graduation will be held in the Doyle Centre on Thursday 21 November beginning at 7.30pm and finishes with a supper prepared by Parents and Friends. Letters have been sent to all parents regarding the final days and the Graduation. Tickets are allocated to ensure we are able to cater to all who would like to attend. Please return the ticket form as soon as possible to allow for organisation, tickets can be collected from student reception from Wednesday 30 October onwards.

**IMPORTANT NOTICES** - VCAA Exams cannot be rescheduled under any circumstances and it is imperative each student checks the time of their exams to ensure there are no mistakes. If for any reason your son/daughter has any problems with attending a scheduled exam, you must contact the school as soon as the issue arises and speak with Mrs Barr or Mr Callanan. Students will need to make sure they arrive at their exams 15 minutes early to check seating plans and all equipment. Please note students are required to wear their school uniform to all exams.

If you have any questions concerning any issues relating to the Year 12 students, please feel free to contact me.

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

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**YEAR 12 NEWS**

**WELCOME BACK TO TERM FOUR** and hopefully the two week break enabled all students to rest and enjoy time with family and friends. Term Four is 8 weeks in duration and we ask all Year 7 – 9 students to re-focus and put in their best efforts as they complete all assessment type work for the semester and strive to reach their full potential and be rewarded with awards be it: Academic, Merit or College Colours. As the saying goes “what you put into school is what you get out of it” —so give it your best shot!

**STUDENT PROGRESS INTERVIEWS** - It was great to see so many families attend the Progress Interviews held on Tuesday 17 September. These interviews are such an important opportunity to review performance and set goals for the remainder of the academic year and it is gratifying to see the College has the support of so many caring and supportive parents/guardians.

**NAPLAN RESULTS 2013** - Year 7 and 9 students will receive their results in the mail this week. Reports have been delayed after ACARA spotted an error in one of the documents. ACARA stressed there were no issues with NAPLAN results for students or schools. “This error is only with the background sheet on which individual student data is printed”, it said in a statement. The report describes a student’s particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report also shows performance in relation to national benchmark standards. These benchmarks describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia. We would like to emphasize that this report is a “snapshot” and performance can vary due to illness or other circumstances and so the report should not be viewed in isolation but as a part of a student’s ongoing learning record. Should you have any concerns please feel free to contact Mrs Gail Preston Year 7 Learning Coordinator on 9237 1340 or Mr Anthony Schepis Year 9 Learning Coordinator on 9237 1343.

“The world is marvellous for the richness of youth”. Don Helder Camara

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Mr Peter Molinari / Mr John Rodgers
McAuley Campus Directors
On Thursday 19 September McAuley Campus College community came together for the third time this year to pray, give thanks and to acknowledge student achievement and performance in a wide range of College activities. Term 3 was another action packed term. We had the College musical “Beauty & the Beast”, Subject Selection for 2014, ICAS Competition in Maths and English, the Year 7 Maths Tables Competition, Year 8 Motivational Day of Hope, Literacy Month and all the activities, the 40 hour Famine, Frayne Speech Festival in Heidelberg, Tournament of Minds, the annual Year 9 Social and the highlight was the Mercy Day liturgies and celebrations - what a term!!

As usual the assembly commenced with prayer on the theme of “Change and Choices”, the Acknowledgement of Land followed and then the singing of the National Anthem took place ably led by members of the College Choir under the direction of Dr Curtis. Mr Morison followed with his Principal’s Address which reinforced the notion that all students are gifted with certain talents and they should continue to strive to do their best at all times.

The McAuley Captains (featured) gave their address by reviewing the major activities and events for Term 3 and Caitlin and Paul proceeded to act as MC’s for the remainder of the assembly. They then introduced each of the following presentations:

**ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS**

- **YEAR 9 MUSIC CLASS**
- **MADELEINE CRANMER (YEAR 10) WORLD YOUTH DAY REPRESENTATIVE**
- **ICAS (SCIENCE) AWARD DISTINCTION RECIPIENTS**
- **AUSTRALIAN HISTORY COMPETITION AWARD**
- **TOURNAMENT OF MINDS (TEAM 7) WINNERS**
- **DAV DEBATING PARTICIPANTS**
- **YEAR 9 EISM GIRLS SPORT CAPTAINS**
STUDENT OF THE TERM

This Award is to acknowledge one student in each year level in the McAuley Campus who has achieved or performed ordinary tasks extraordinarily well in the daily events of school life. This is shown in the classroom, in interschool or co-curricular activities, displaying courtesy and integrity, a strong sense of social responsibility and identity, a deep respect for the dignity of the human person, responsiveness to College ethos and values, correct wearing of the uniform and a general positive attitude.

It is with pleasure that I announce that Jessica Toole has been nominated to receive the student of the Term award for Term 3. Jessica is a student who is in a leadership role. She has demonstrated excellent leadership skills and is a quiet achiever. Jessica enjoys learning and is attentive to schoolwork with a conscientious and hardworking approach. She is involved in the many activities that are available at our school: Fundraisers, Leadership program, SRC representative which requires commitment and the attendance of regular meetings, participating in Assemblies, Tournament of Minds - achieving Honours. She was also involved in Mercy Day activities such as painting the banner, the parade and helping out with the lolly stall as well as being involved in the sewing club. Nothing is too much for Jessica, she is always willing to give a helping hand.

Jessica is a responsible, respectful, helpful, polite student who is compassionate and supportive of her peers and teachers. She wears the uniform with pride and is an excellent role model.

It is with pleasure to announce that the student of the term is Jessica Toole from 7 Blue.

 Flynn is a very motivated student, who is always polite to staff and students. Nothing is ever too much to ask of him. He is an enthusiastic member of the College community and he has really involved himself in the school environment, being part of many co and extra-curricular activities such as interschool debating, cross country training, College swimming carnival, helping with a Mercy Day stall, being part of the Mercy Day parade and he always helps his homeroom with the many challenges throughout the term. Flynn has also applied for the ASPIRE program. He tries hard in all that he sets his mind to and tries hard academically. Nothing is ever too much for him. Flynn is polite, helpful, hardworking and always completes tasks with a smile on his face.

 Flynn is a class vice-captain and a part of the student council, roles which he takes very seriously and he does them very well.

Well done to the Term 3 student of the term Flynn Trewavis.

In choosing a student of the Term we always look for certain characteristics: uniform, manners, participation and approach to schoolwork. There are many who fit the criteria but perhaps few who demonstrate these characteristics better than today’s awardee.

Sienna always looks immaculate in her uniform. The tie is never undone and the uniform is always clean and pressed. She wears it well and wears it with pride. It sits beautifully alongside her impeccable manners, which go beyond the usual please and thank you to being observant of the needs of a teacher and helping them out whenever she can. She does this in such an inconspicuous way, that many of the students would not have noticed – but all the teachers whom I interviewed for this award certainly have and appreciated her caring ways. Sienna’s participation in all of the school activities is always 100%, whether it be in class - as she asks questions, or volunteers answers, or representing her school in EISM sports (Mr Hopkins particularly wanted to thank her publicly, for her superb organisation of the Year 9 Girls’ Soccer Team). She is a great team player and an asset to any side.

Without any doubt this Term’s award for Year 9 Student of the Term is thoroughly deserved by Sienna Spencer.
**STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS**

Our resident equestrian Erica Hosking and Avoca Flowergirl made the trek across the Nullabor in late September to represent Victoria in the Pony Club Victoria senior dressage team at the biannual National Championships in Perth. Erica and Daisy placed 5th overall after 3 days of high quality competition, surpassing their personal best elementary score in 3 of the 4 tests ridden, culminating in a score of 67.051% on the final day, just 0.5% behind the second placegetter. An excellent effort in what was clearly a very tough competition.

Congratulations to Indra Gowan, 11 Silver, for recently attaining her Blue level grading in Muay Thai. Indra has worked extremely hard over the previous months at Edge Martial Arts to achieve the skills required to pass this tough grading level. Another fantastic effort.

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

**EISM RESULTS**

Just a few quick points about the various year levels and their involvement with EISM competition in Term 4:

- VCE students are focusing on study and exam preparation this term; therefore there is no Senior EISM competition.
- Year 10 students have a range of activities to choose from including Ultimate Frisbee Championship, Basketball, Cycling, Tough Enough, Gridiron and Walking.
- Year 9 students should be well rested and ready to go for their last round of competition. Coaches have finalised teams and students should be aware of this.
- Year 8 students are in the same boat as the Year 9s. Two weeks of rest and recreation should have all students prepared and excited to continue their EISM experience for this final term.

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

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**MOUNT LILYDALE MERCY COLLEGE OLD COLLEGIANS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS**

A Memorial Mass will be held on Sunday 17 November in Our Lady of Mercy Old Collegians’ Memorial Chapel at 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea. A blessing of plaques in the Rose Garden will also take place. A Memorial Book has been placed in the Chapel and all members of our community both past and present, are invited to submit names of Old Collegians for inclusion. For any enquiries please contact Leonie Ziokowski or Patricia Olson at the College or email ziokowski@mlmclilydale.catholic.edu.au or olsont@mlmclilydale.catholic.edu.au.

Please advise either Patricia or Leonie if you would like to attend the Mass or would like to have a loved one remembered.

**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS—TERM 4**

- **Monday**  
  - 12.30 to 4.00pm
- **Tuesday**  
  - 12.30 to 4.00pm
- **Thursday**  
  - 1st Saturday of each Month from 9.30am to 12.30pm
To commemorate our much loved and admired Deputy Principal, who commenced at the College in 1996 and became Deputy Principal in 1997, the College Executive has named an annual award for an ‘educationalist’ in his honour. Mark had a deep love for his God and was passionate educator who had a deep sense of the school community. He listened, accepted and embraced all the people he found in his life. Mark demonstrated strength during his own battle with illness and throughout his life he was willing to be a ‘shelter in a storm’ for others. He was a deep thinker and came to believe strongly in the stewardship model of leadership.

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

Mark:

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

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

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

Signature of Nominator: .................................................................................................................................

Please attach a Statement addressing the above criteria and forward to the Principal by 8 November 2013