Dear members of the Mount Lilydale Mercy College Community

Recently I read a small article that relayed a story about the South Sudan’s vote for independence whereby essentially Christian people voted overwhelmingly to secede from a mainly Arabic, Muslim North. What delighted me about this was the message Salva Kirr, the South Sudan President delivered at a church service. He said “For our deceased brothers and sisters, particularly those who have fallen during this time of struggle, may God bless them with eternal peace and like Jesus Christ on the cross, forgive those who have forcibly caused their death” (Agence France Presse).

This week the face of project compassion is Bernard. Bernard grew up in Gumbaynggirr (Nambucca Heads), on the north coast of NSW. The youngest of 13 children, his father left when he was only one and Bernard always felt it was his responsibility to keep everyone together. Bernard was very close to his Mum but she died two years after he had become the second ever Aboriginal school captain at Nambucca Heads High school. He soon lost direction in life, turning to drugs and alcohol. A close friend told him about Tom Powell’s red Dust Healing – a programme for indigenous men and women which encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within; without drugs or alcohol. The programme provided a safe space to talk and Bernard said it changed everything. Recently, Bernard became a father and is determined to always be there for his daughter.

This programme is made possible by donations from Caritas Australia.

We don’t have to look far to see where there is injustice. This week let us make an extra effort to donate to Project Compassion to enable support systems like the above to be put in place. Every Homeroom has a collecting box – please send your donations with your son or daughter or directly to the College, attention of Elizabeth Keogh.

**Prayer for Justice**

Father, you have given all peoples one common origin. It is your will that they be gathered together as one family in yourself. Fill the hearts of mankind with the fire of your love and with the desire to ensure justice for all. By sharing the good things you give us, may we secure an equality for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. May there be an end to division, strife and war. May there be a dawning of a truly human society built on love and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.
Reflection lead me to the thought that after a time of race or religious suppression, that world leaders like Desmond Tutu who chaired the Commission for Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa and Xanana Gusmao in East Timor direct their people towards forgiveness of the oppressor and peace with the restoration towards human dignity rather than seeking revenge or punishment of the perpetrators or persecutors.

Is this not the central message of Holy week? In Jesus accepting his horrific death and being a victim of great injustice and persecution rather than harbouring feelings of anger or disgust towards his tormentors, he is compassionate and can only think of forgiveness when he says: “

Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing” (Luke 23:34)

Holy week should therefore remind all of us who claim to embrace the teachings of Jesus Christ that forgiveness is central to our way of life. Forgiveness is an actual decision to let go thoughts of anger, resentment and revenge all of which lead to a bitterness. We should never let hurt rule and define our lives. We should never entertain a victim mentality. Ours is a calling to a life of “Faith, Hope and Love”, to a new life defined by reconciliation and compassion.

Holy week is a time to reflect on our lives and to recommit to the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

**College Athletics Carnival**

Last week I had the pleasure of attending my first Mount Lilydale Mercy College Athletics Carnival and it was an absolute delight. The day was perfect, the ambience fantastic and the participation to be applauded. I especially appreciated the positive interactions between the staff and the students. These days reinforce for me the importance of modelling respectful positive social behaviours. Thankyou to Maria Esnouf, our sports staff and our College Prefects for organising such a day. A special thanks to the P&F for the catering.

**Japanese Visit**

Over the past fortnight we have been hosting staff and students from our sister school in Japan. We wish them well as they travel home in the hope that they have found their Australian experience a productive one that is full of fond memories and new friendships.

**Staff News**

With the end of term approaching we also farewell staff that leave us for a short time. Our Registrar Mary Ryan leaves us to travel in Ireland and enjoy the experience of Mercy at Catherine McAuley’s house in Baggot Street Dublin. We wish her well.

Have a Happy, reflective Holy Week and Term Break

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**Office Hours during the Easter Holiday period**

1st Week Tuesday 2 – Friday 5 April office hours will be 9am – 4pm
2nd Week Tuesday 9 – Friday 12 April office hours will be 9am – 4pm

Please note that Monday 8 April the office will be closed

Monday 15 April the office will reopen usual hours of 8am – 5pm.

Please note on this day the office will be closed for lunch 12.30 – 2pm.
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As Term 1 draws to a close it is a good time to take stock and reflect on those good intentions that everyone began the year with. The Interim Reports to be distributed this week will be a guide but each student will know whether they have performed at a level that they are happy with. The desire to do the best you can is an admirable quality and something that should always be encouraged. A positive attitude towards learning will develop an inquisitive mind and a broad view of the world we live in. Our aim is to combine this with a sense of shared responsibility for the world that we live in - people that care to learn and learn to care.

Our visitors from Horyuji International High School returned home on Saturday evening following their two week visit. They had a wonderful time and enjoyed great hospitality and friendship from their host families and our students. This visit has certainly strengthened the cultural exchange between our two schools and we now look forward to the return visit by our students and staff in September.

The World's Greatest Shave was conducted on 15 March to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. Over $1,000 was raised at lunchtime so many thanks to all who contributed and to the Prefects for their coordination of the activity.

Year 10 students interested in the Central Australia Tour need to return the expression of interest form by Thursday 28 March.

From the beginning of Term 2 students have the choice of wearing either summer or winter uniform. Winter uniform will become compulsory for all students on Monday 29 April until the end of Term 3.

Term 1 concludes on Thursday 28 March at 2.15pm. Term 2 commences for all students on Tuesday 16 April.

A very big thank you to our wonderful volunteers, who generously gave up their time to cook and serve not only the students but also the teachers at last Tuesday's Athletic Carnival.

Thank you to the following: Victoria Alford, Michelle Bilton-Gough, Ron Bolaart, Briony Cimo, Sonya Cox, Michele Durant, Melissa Gurney, Maureen Griffin, Sue Henderson, Lidia Johnson, Noelly Kikidopoulos, Helen Lawlor, Teang Laan, Michelle Morstead, Linda Martin, Stephanie Owen, Selena Puts, Anthony Pagels, Andrew Preston, Lia Richardson and Jo Wolff-Short.

Our next Parent and Friend Meeting is on Tuesday 30 April 2013 at 7.30pm.

Parents and Friends Uniform Shop will be open this Thursday 28 March from 12pm-1.30pm.
We will reopen on Thursday 18 April 2013 from 12pm-1.30pm.
During Term 2 the shop will only open every second Thursday (Week A)

Any enquires regarding joining Parents and Friends or information regarding the uniform Shop please email me at: pfs@mlmclilydale.catholic.edu.au

Enjoy the holidays and wishing you all a very Happy Easter.
Inter school debating will begin on 25 March. The College is entering 11 teams ranging from Year 8 through to Year 12 into the Ringwood Region of the Debating Association of Victoria. There are five debates and the competition runs through until July. We will compete against a range of state and private schools from this area. The debate topics vary but are always topical and challenging. The topics for the first debate are:

A Grade: That Greece should leave the Eurozone.
B Grade: That we should abolish special ‘youth’ wages.
C Grade: That the government should fund controversial art.
D Grade: That we should legalise all performance enhancing drugs in sport.

Debating is a wonderful way for students to improve their research skills, their persuasive writing skills and of course their public speaking skills. Working as a team the students’ research their given topic, decide on a team line and divide their arguments into a logical and sequential argument. Each speaker has a set role within the team in terms of presenting the debate and must work as a team in order to be successful.

As students gain more experience with debating other challenges appear. Later in the year the Year 10 debaters will face their first advised topic. This is where students are aware of the general topic area but not given their topic until they arrive on the night. Given an hour to prepare, this challenges students to construct an argument without the use of electronic resources. Similar to the advised topics are secret topics where the senior students have no indication of the topic until the evening of the debate. Once again the challenge is for the students to construct a speech within an hour without resources and to deliver an engaging and persuasive speech that will convince the adjudicator.

I wish all of our students that have taken up this extra-curricular challenge the best of luck with the debating competition this year. I would also like to congratulate Jesse Duffield on his selection in the Victorian State Debating Squad for 2013. Only a select number of students from each region are invited to try out and Jesse has made it through to the final group of 13 students which is an outstanding achievement.

Alison Schlueter
Faculty Leader English

With changes to the Australian curriculum upon us and more of our students learning about Australia’s involvement in wars in the 20th and 21st century the Humanities Department feels it is necessary to honour the men and women who died for us in a more meaningful way than we have done in the past.

Next term we will remember along with many others the soldiers who died at Gallipoli along with those men and women who died in other battles in World War One and in other wars that followed. We will for the first time gather as a school in the Doyle Centre on 23 April to pay tribute to those men and women who lost their lives fighting for us throughout the 20th and 21st Century. It is always a more moving reflection if we are able to hear someone’s story from the war. We would like to honour relatives of members of the school community by reading out one person’s story as a member of our military force during this time. The names of others will be read out and each year we would read the story of a different individual. It would be preferable to have someone who served during World War One, in particular Gallipoli, the Western Front or Eastern Front. To honour a person who has a connection to the school in some way would become part of the reflection and ceremony each year. If you have a relative who fought in any war we would still be interested in their story and would love to know their details for reference and acknowledge them as part of either our ANZAC remembrance or on Remembrance Day on 11 November.

If anyone has such a relative and would like their story read or their name acknowledged as part of our tribute, could you contact myself at the school during the last week of term. It would make the reflection more significant to the students and in our own way pay tribute to the men and women that would then become a part of the Mount Lilydale Mercy College community forever. Looking forward to hearing from many families about their heroes.

Kerrie West
Head of Humanities
westk@mlmcilydale.catholic.edu.au
Last Tuesday the College had its annual Athletics Carnival. We had excellent weather, fine and sunny after a foggy morning. The amount of student participation during the Carnival was high and the Sports Department was very pleased with the day. The final results were:

It was great to see so many students get involved in supporting their houses and having a go at all the events on offer.

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

ST PETER JULIAN EYMARD PARISH

Passion Sunday: 23 / 24 March
Holy Thursday:
Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 8pm (Note: no morning mass)
Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
Night prayer - 10.30pm

Good Friday:
Stations of the Cross - 10am
Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion - 3pm
Taize Prayer - 7.30pm

Easter Vigil 7.30pm:

Easter Sunday:
9am Mass
11am Mass

ST BRIGID’S PARISH

All St Brigid’s families are invited to join in the celebration of Holy Week at the Parish. The following are Mass times where all families are invited:

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Easter Saturday Vigil – Jesus’ Resurrection 8pm 30 March
Easter Sunday – Jesus’ Resurrection 8.30am 31 March

EASTER SERVICES FOR ST BRIGID’S IN HEALESVILLE AND ST ALOYSIUS IN YARRA GLEN
LET’S MAKE THIS EASTER THE BEST, THE MOST REWARDING AND LIFE GIVING ONE WE HAVE EVER HAD IN OUR PARISH, OUR PARISH SCHOOL AND OUR FAMILIES.

Holy Week:
Passion Sunday
The Triduum:
Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lords Supper
Good Friday - Stations of the Cross
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Easter Vigil - Celebration of Jesus’ Resurrection from the dead
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BOB STEWART UNIFORM SHOP

During the School Holidays the shop will only be open on:
Saturday 6 April - 9.30am-12.30pm
Monday 15 April - 12.30-4pm
Normal hours will resume when school returns on Tuesday 16 April.
Normal hours are: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 12.30-4.00pm; and 1st Saturday of the month from 9.30am-12.30pm

NOTE: We will be closed Anzac Day - Thursday 25 April
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.
Nominee’s Name: .................................................................................................................................................................

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

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

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Extra sheets may be attached if desired.

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Return by Wednesday 1 May, to

Executive Officer
Mount Lilydale Mercy College Old Collegians’ Association
120 Anderson Street
Lilydale 3120
MLMC ART ACADEMY
(formally known as Art Club)

Learn Traditional and Contemporary Art Techniques

All Welcome

TERMS 2 & 3
THURSDAYS
3:30-5:00 PM

See any Visual Arts Teacher for more details.

The Art Academy is an initiative of the Visual Arts Teaching staff. It aims to provide students with a fun environment to extend their art experience beyond the scope of the classroom.

Come to sign up: HTH 0.3 Art Room Lunch Time March 18th
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- Trampoline
- Spudbar
- Wendy's
- Baskin Robbins
- Mad Mex
- Brumby's
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- Pizza Capers
- Mrs Fields Cookies
- Cold Rock Ice Creamery
- Schnitz
- Red Rooster
- Souvlaki
- and many more...

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- Collingwood Children's Farm
- Puffing Billy Railway

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Order your Book before 9th April 2013 and you will receive BONUS OFFERS worth over $500 that you can use straight away (subject to availability).
The Catholic Education Office Melbourne is offering a series of Parent Seminars as part of a continuing effort to support family-school-community partnerships. The seminars will be held from April to October and will support parents with practical strategies to help build confidence and resilience in children and enhance wellbeing for the whole family through note worthy topics. Details of the Seminar Series are available via the following link Parent Seminar Series 2013

**TOPIC: RAISING MIGHTY BOYS**

Presenter: Michael Grose

Ages: Primary and Secondary

*This seminar will provide a better understanding of the needs of boys so you can adapt your parenting. You will get essential information, strategies and the reassurance to help you raise your mighty boys into mighty fine men.*

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**TOPIC: GIRLS RULES**

Presenter: Theresa Sheedy

Ages: Primary and Secondary

*For a long time there has been discussion that raising girls is different from raising boys. This seminar looks at girls’ relationships with each other and the adults in their world. How is power used within girl peer groups – who’s in and who’s not? What does bullying look like within girl groups? We discuss how to help your daughter manage social popularity and social isolation. Focusing on preventing depression, anxiety and eating disorders in young people, this seminar can introduce you to how you can support your daughter be herself in this ever-changing social context and examine what kind of parenting style works in developing a lasting relationship with your daughter.*

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Registration/Further Information
Contact Catholic Education Office Melbourne, Parent Seminar Series Coordinator: Doug Sandiford on 9267 0258 or dsandiford@ceomelb.catholic.edu.au. **All seminars cost $10 per person payable in advance.**
TOPIC: The SECRETS OF HAPPY, CREATIVE, CONFIDENT AND COMPETENT KIDS
Presenter: Andrew Fuller
Ages: Primary and Secondary
The genius in children often becomes hidden by a fear of making mistakes, anxieties, perfectionism or low motivation. Many bright children under-perform and do poorly at school. Others do well at school but never ignite once they leave. Topics to support children to be confident will include:

- Building concentration and memory power
- Creative problem solving and ingenuity
- Planning and anticipation skills
- Sequencing and listening skills
- Increasing motivation and pleasure in learning
- Building self-esteem and dealing with set backs
- Developing a mindset for success

DATE TIME LOCATION
5 August 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm St Francis of Assisi – Tarneit (Melway Map 202 H5)
14 October St Mary’s – East St Kilda (Map 2P K4)

TOPIC: BUILDING RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN and ADOLESCENTS
Presenter: Chris Daicos
Ages: Primary and Secondary
Young people in our schools today need the skills, knowledge and practice opportunities to build social relationships, to cope with difficulty and to work collaboratively. Resilient children are socially competent, can solve problems, have a sense of autonomy and independence, and a sense of purpose and future. As a consequence, these children have an increased capacity to learn. This seminar will:

- provide an overview of the recent research in the area of resilience
- examine the profile of the resilient child and the protective factors that enhance these qualities
- provide an opportunity to identify and associate current work/parenting with protective factors
- explore ways of increasing and maximising these protective factors for children and adolescents.

DATE TIME LOCATION
1 May 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm St James College - East Bentleigh (Melway Map 78 B3)
12 June Christ the King - Braybrook (Map 41 E1)

TOPIC: A for ATTITUDE to POSITIVE PARENTING
Presenter: Julie Davey
Ages: Primary and Secondary
Julie Davey presents proven strategies to build resilience in children and enhance wellbeing for the whole family. Topics will cover:

Positive attitudes for Health and Happiness includes:

- tips & techniques to reduce stress and anxiety in children
- improving personal performance, health & success for yourself and your child.

The Fabulous First 5 Minutes Program includes:

- teaching children how to deal with problems as opportunities
- the importance of setting achievable goals & reach their full potential
- building confidence in children and helping them focus in class.

Food for Thought provides fun ways to:

- convince your child to eat nutritious foods
- focus on their positive traits and potential
- become more resilient.

DATE TIME LOCATION
23 April 7.00 pm – 9.00pm St Michael’s – Ashburton (Melway Map 60 E10)
17 September St Lawrence – Derrimut (Map 39 B3)
TOPIC: HOW TO STAY in TOUCH on the ADOLESCENT ROLLER COASTER
Presenter: Bill Jennings
Ages: Secondary
Whether you are already living in the ‘teenage laboratory’ or you’re in the queue for the ride alongside your child on the adolescent rollercoaster, this seminar will provide:
  - the opportunity to practice a skill that will help keep communication strong whether your child is an adolescent now, or will be one day
  - the knowledge for each parent role: mother-son; father-son; mother-daughter and father-daughter
  - young people’s words and insights
  - key ingredients (from Bill’s research) to assist your child in a healthy transition to young adulthood
  - practical material to readily begin the practice of strengthening communication with your child.

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TOPIC: DAUGHTERS and DADS
Presenter: Bill Jennings
Ages: Secondary
This seminar focuses on the transition for girls as they enter secondary school and their teenage years. Dads will appreciate this opportunity to share their experiences in raising daughters and consider the values and parenting behaviours that represent males as positive role models.

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The following poem was written by a Year 12 student following the recent Mass for Ryan Donald

**RYAN’S POEM**
As the pain goes on,
He is still here.
As the tears fall,
He is still here.

It is hard to imagine
a world without him
But we do not have to
Within us is a part of him.

A part of him
He gave to us
He gave us memories
He gave us the gift of happiness

If there was one person
who could change
And influence our lives
Forever

It was Ryan

Three months
It has been three months
since you left our world
But you will always be here

And as our tears fall
and we ask why
We will remember you
And we will smile
2013 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
A GREAT DAY HAD BY ALL!
DO YOU TREMBLE WHEN YOU HAVE TO SPEAK TO A GROUP OF PEOPLE?
DO YOUR KNEES GO FUNNY?
DO YOU THINK THAT YOU HAVE NOTHING TO SAY?

In preparation for all sorts of school activities
AN INVITATION is EXTENDED
to
YEAR 7 STUDENTS at MOUNT LILYDALE MERCY COLLEGE
to PARTICIPATE in a

“TAMING the BUTTERFLIES” program.

Based on the Toastmasters International Youth Leadership Program and conducted by members of the

The program runs for eight weeks in term two on a Saturday morning from 9.30am to 11.30 am. The first date is Saturday 20 April and the last Saturday 15 June. Since 10 June is the Queen’s Birthday long weekend, we will skip that one. A graduation night to display your talents to your parents and teachers will be held on Tuesday 18 June at 7pm.

There is no cost to you. All you need to bring is a pen and your voice!
Spaces are limited to 16 students so it is a “first come, first served” basis. Please complete the tear-off slip and return to Mrs Pisotek by Thursday 28 March to register. A confirmation will be returned before the end of term.

“TAMING the BUTTERFLIES”

I would like to register for the Mount Lilydale Mercy College Taming the Butterflies course to be held on Saturday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am beginning Saturday 20 April 2013.

STUDENT NAME: ____________________________________________
STUDENT CLASS: ____________________________________________
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: ________________________________