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In many parts of the world the joy of the Risen Christ is reflected in the new life that abounds as Spring emerges; the new born lambs, the beautiful Spring flowers that push their way through the last of the winter snow and frosts and the lengthening of the days. Here in Australia we enter the season of Autumn, a time of change; a time to pause, reflect and see the Creator’s hand in the changing colours, the morning mists and the refreshing rains. It provides us with an opportunity to let go and move into a new cycle with hope in our hearts.

HOPE
Hope never gives up.
Hope looks forward to better things... in the next moment... in the next hour... or the next day.
Hope gives possibilities to new situations... and gives perspective to old ones.
Hope never reacts impulsively but always thinks things through...
Hope is the child of wild imaginings... of fresh beginnings...
It is impossible to suppress hope forever.
It searches.
It seeks.
It is restless until it finds peace.
Hope springs from the need for change.
And with change comes the possibility of new directions.
Hope always inspires new dreams.
Hope encourages us to keep going when the going is difficult.
We cannot live without hope.
And knowing this, God became hope... in the life of and Resurrection of Jesus.
Like hope, God never gives up... on us.

PRAYER
Lord, thank you for the gift of hope. You sent us Your Son Jesus so that we could all experience hope through his Resurrection and in the Good News of the Gospels.
We pray for all people who struggle to have hope in their lives. May they experience the gift of hope and be transformed to be beacons of hope for others. Amen.

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Term 1 finished for us on Holy Thursday and so our Easter Liturgy was a focus on Holy Week with a presentation of the “Stations of the Cross.” This experience helped all of us at Mount Lilydale Mercy College focus on the true meaning of the Passion of Jesus Christ, The Crucifixion and the Resurrection. Thank you to Ms Liz Keogh and all the students involved in the presentation.

At the end of last Term Fr Julian emailed me his Easter Pastoral Letter, but I did not get it in time for that newsletter. I include it for you now given that we are still in the season of Easter and in the hope that we all continue to reflect, see past the superficial and act with compassion and love. We welcome Fr Julian’s contribution to our newsletter.
Easter Pastoral Letter for 2013

Over this Holy Week we have taken the journey with Jesus to the Cross. Having listened to the passion twice, we have been able to enter into his life, suffering and death with a great sense of hope in the resurrection.

For a number of people at this time there is truly a lot of suffering, either through personal illness, social situations, because of death of a loved one, break down of family through separation/divorce, the loss of work, poverty, violence, oppression, storms etc. Some of the suffering in people’s lives is brought about by others seeking power, control, money, positions, often because of their low self-image or even greed. This takes place both at secular and religious levels.

In life Jesus brought about healing and freedom to people both through word and action. His words and action gave hope and new life. These are just a few of the texts from scripture:

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,” (Mission)
19 “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven;”
38 And he said, “Young man, I say to you, rise!”
51 As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive.

“We know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.”
34 Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

May the Spirit of our Risen Lord bring you joy and peace at this Easter time.

Fr Julian

Finally, congratulations to all those who have recently finalised cricket and other sporting competitions.

One such group of boys was Joshua McKenna (Year 8), Joel Garner (Year 8), Lachlan Corbett (Year 8), Tom Merlino (Year 8) and Mitchell Dall (Year 9) who as members of the Seville under 14 boys cricket team won their Grand Final, overcoming Warburton. Seville went through the entire season undefeated.

Congratulations to all involved.

God bless and looking forward to a great Term 2.

Philip A Morison
Principal
Welcome to the start of a new term. 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.

Student Progress Interviews will be conducted on the afternoon/evening of 23 April and throughout the day on 24 April. A reminder that Wednesday 24 April is a student free day.

Well done to the students and staff involved in the upcoming College Play. During the holiday period they spent a considerable amount of time at school for rehearsals and other tasks associated with the performance.

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 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.

Michael Johnston
Deputy Principal - Director of Students

Congratulations to the following Award Winning Writers for February and March

“Writers of the Month at Mount Lilydale Mercy College”

1. Clare Kandybko 8 Orange
2. Kayla Murphy 7 Purple
3. Lachlan Liesfield 11 Gold
4. Teaghan Burch 12 Jade

Congratulations to Ben Young for his work entitled Storm Raven which was published in the February edition of OZ KIDS IN PRINT. We continue to encourage the students at the college to submit their poems and short stories for consideration for monthly awards and look forward to sharing these with our college community. If you would like further information on the competitions that are running please visit our library website with online resources or chat to the library staff.


Many of our McAuley campus students have started reading for the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge. Each month we are awarding a Reader of the Month prize to a student participating in the Challenge. March’s winner Jake Rickard from 8BL. I caught up with Jake to find out about his enjoyment of reading.

What is your favourite book?
Ranger’s Apprentice series – I love medieval stories and the books have archery and warfare in them.

What are you reading at the moment?
The Famous Five series by Enid Blyton.

Who is your favourite author?
John Flanagan!

What is your first reading memory?
In Year 1 when I finished all of the spelling words before I left England to move to Australia. It was just at the start of the school year.

What is the most unusual place you have read a book?
On a plane.

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge runs to mid-September. All students on McAuley campus have been sent information on participating in the challenge. Students need to bring in their permission forms and go online to register the books they have read. Please see Miss Stanley in McAuley Library to have books verified. Get reading!

Katie Stanley
McAuley Teacher Librarian
WELCOME BACK STUDENTS

Welcome to Term 2! We trust you and your family were able to celebrate Easter with all its rituals and ceremonies and enjoyed some of the great Autumn days that we were blessed with over the holiday break. Term 2 will be busy and we encourage all students to continue working to achieve their full potential and strive to receive academic and merit awards and to look forward to completing Semester 1 studies with a sense of satisfaction and personal best!

FROM THE DESK OF THE McAULEY CAMPUS DIRECTORS - YEARS 7 - 9

McAULEY CAMPUS ASSEMBLY TERM 1

On Friday 22 March the McAuley Campus College Community came together for the first time to pray, to give thanks and to acknowledge student achievement and performances. As usual we began the assembly in prayer led by Corey and Paris from Year 9 on the theme of “If you want Peace, Work for Justice”. This was followed by the acknowledgement of land read by the Year 12 McAuley Prefect Ashleigh Periera and the singing of the National Anthem ably led by members of the College Choir under the direction of Dr Curtis. Lachlan Glennie McAuley Prefect welcomed Mr Morison to the lectern for the Principal’s Address and then presented the McAuley Captains for 2013 Paul Molluso and Caitlyn Massarotti their badges and this was followed with the presentations of badges to all the Class Captains - 60 in total! The badges the students received are a symbol of the trust that the College bestows on the students to carry out all the leadership duties and to be a positive role model. We wish all the captains all the very best for a successful and enjoyable year ahead!

The Year 12 Prefects and McAuley Captains both responded with a few words of encouragement and support for all the students to get involved in school activities. All the students were then thanked for their support and generosity with Project Compassion and the work that Caritas Australia provides for so many people worldwide. Paul and Caitlyn continued with an update on the House Cup Challenge and then introduced Mr Hawthorne Deputy Principal Director of Studies who spoke about “ASPIRE” and invited all members of the McAuley Campus to avail themselves of this program/initiative. The Sports Report followed with results from the Swimming Carnival, EISM Swimming, EISM Season One and the recent MLMC Athletics Carnival. The Wellbeing Coordinators Mrs Pisotek, Miss Tineo and Mr Hill were invited to the lectern to announce their respective Student of the Term Award recipients for Term 1 (profiles/photos on following page). Paul and Caitlyn concluded the assembly in prayer and a blessing and this was followed with the singing of the College Anthem “Omnia Cum Deo”.

The McAuley Captains were thanked and congratulated for their role as MC and all students were thanked for their co-operation, patience and participation in the assembly - well done to all!

“TEAMWORK—TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE THE EXTRAORDINARY”

Peter Molinari & John Rodgers
Campus Directors – McAuley Campus

McAuley Captains
Paul Molluso and Caitlyn Massarotti

Mr Phil Morison
Presenting a Badge

NAPLAN TESTING

Years 7 & 9 2013

Years 7 and 9 students will undertake the NAPLAN testing on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 14 – 16 May 2013. A letter will be mailed out next week which will clearly outline the program in detail. A summary report of each students’ results will be mailed home in the Term 3 holidays. Any concerns/issues regarding NAPLAN please contact Mr Molinari (NAPLAN Coordinator) on 9237 1362. We wish all the Year 7 & 9 students the very best over the 3 days!
This Award was introduced in Term 3 2011 and 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.

**STUDENT OF THE TERM AWARD - TERM 1 2013**

**MADALINE CIMO - 8 GOLD**

This student is a very hard working and enthusiastic student. She always gives her class work 100%. She is never deterred by a challenging task and is keen to help others that might be struggling with a task. She has a very polite attitude and a lovely gentle personality. This student constantly wears her uniform correctly and is proud of her school. She is always courteous to teachers and students. She has also been involved in many extra activities within the school community, attending the house swimming carnival and the college mass. She is a great role model for all students and that is why Madeline Cimo is the Year 8 student of the term.

**GRACE FAHEY - 7 SILVER**

It is with pleasure that the Year 7 Student whom I have nominated to receive the student of the Term award for Term 1 is Grace Fahey from 7 Silver who has settled very well into the rigours of Year 7 Transition and secondary education, Grace demonstrated a positive attitude to her studies and her homeroom. She helps others, is compassionate and supportive to peers and teachers. She has displayed her singing talent at the Year 7 Camp and at the level Assembly with composure and confidence in front of her peers.

Most recently, Grace performed her duties as an altar server with poise at the opening School Community Mass. She shared her pride and passion for school with her mum and godmother at the Special Persons’ Day. Grace showed leadership ambitions by nominating for SRC as well as for Class Captain. Grace attended the School Swimming carnival with enthusiasm she supported her house and classmates with vigour.

Grace has truly embraced the "Mercy Spirit" of our College.

Grace truly deserves the 'Student of the Term' award. Congratulations Grace!

**MOLLY MACKINNON - 9 RED**

Molly Mackinnon of 9 RED is a student who enjoys getting involved in school activities and to have fun along the way with her friends. She is a bright and bubbly student who wants to make a difference and is currently working with the Year 12 Environment Prefect in trying to organise a new initiative at school. We await eagerly for news of this in Term 2. Recently Molly gave up an entire Saturday and attended the Coranderrk Aboriginal Music Festival which was held on 16 March to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the historic Coranderrk property in Healesville. She and some of her school friends assisted their Level Wellbeing Co-ordinator Mr Hill on the day and this was very much appreciated and valued. She represented the College proudly and is a fine role model for others—well done Molly!
SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PREFECT POSITIONS 2013

College Captains: Taylah McConachy
Alex Grieve

College Vice Captains: Maddison Alford
Jesse Duffield

Sport Prefects: Isabella Andueza
Adrian Tomada

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Joshua Bromley

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Jesse Duffield

Drama Prefect: Annie Italiano

Environment & Resources Prefect: Alexandra Carter

Debating & Public Speaking Prefect: Hannah Kelaart

Social Justice Prefect: Rafael Mello

Maths/Science Prefect: Matthew Farrugia

Indigenous Education Prefect: Matthew Churchill

Visual Arts Prefect: Jordana Macpherson

Pastoral Ministry Prefect: Mardi Hodge

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Max Handcock

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Maddie Coitier
Lachlan Hore
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McAULEY CAMPUS LEADERSHIP POSITIONS 2013
McAuley Captains: Paul Molluso and Caitlyn Massarotti

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Hey everyone, welcome to Captain’s Corner edition #3.

What a couple of busy weeks we have had, including the welcoming of 17 students and 2 staff from our Japanese sister school, Horyuji International High School, The World’s Greatest Shave and the great MLMC Athletics Carnival (lucky it didn’t rain).

It was great to see so many involved with the World’s Greatest Shave. Many heads were colored, with some even brave enough to get it shaved, even with Terry Dunn as the barber! Congratulations to all of those involved as it’s going to a fantastic cause.

Tuesday 19 March brought fantastic sunny weather for the mighty Athletics Carnival. For some (Year 7s and 8s) it was the first experience of the great day, for others (the Year 12s) it was more than just a great day, it was the last chance we could compete for our beloved house’s, and ultimately, for that special cup, the house cup! Terry Dunn took out the honors of the Athletics Carnival, with the powerful Maguire coming second and O’Neil third. Well done to all of those who got dressed up and got involved throughout the day.

Time for the fortnightly congratulations:

- The MLMC senior boys cricket team for making it into the EISM Grand Final with an unbeaten record, unfortunately they didn’t come out with a win however well done lads.
- The following Year 12 students had their artwork displayed in the Catholic Education Art Exhibition, Mitchell Taranto, Isabella Andueza, Daniel Kelly and Alexandra Carter. Well done to all of you, especially Mitchell who won the Julie Flynn award for the artist who showed exceptional talent.
- The MLMC senior boys Basketball teams both A and B, for making it into the EISM Grand Final. The A team is full of stars led by the Captain Adrian Tomada, and looks to better its result of 3rd in the state of Victoria last year. Well done for the A team in their win, unfortunately team B were not so lucky.
- The MLMC senior girls Tennis, well done for making it all the way to the finals!
- Well done also to the MLMC senior girls’ basketball team, what a top effort it was to get to the grand final.
- Also a big congratulations to the EISM swim team who competed at the championships carnival on Monday 25 March. Congratulations to Teagan Harty placing 2nd in open girls 100m Freestyle, 1st in open girls 50m Freestyle and equal 1st in the under 15 girls 50m Breaststroke. Also the open girls Medley Relay team for coming 2nd and also placing 2nd in the Medley Relay, Congratulations to Danni Alger placing 2nd in the open girls 50m Freestyle and placing 1st in the open girls 50m Backstroke and 2nd in the open girls 50m Butterfly. Also a congratulations to Phillip Windridge coming 1st in the open boys 50m Breaststroke, and Bec Owens for placing 2nd in the open girls 50m Breaststroke.

This week’s prefect line up includes: Daniella Gentile and Joshua Bromiley our Year 7 prefects, Matthew Farrugia the Maths/Science prefect and Matthew Churchill the Indigenous prefect.

**MATTHEW CHURCHILL**
Role: Indigenous Prefect
Plans after school: a gap year, Contiki trip of New Zealand and also do the Kokoda Trail.
Best part about your role: Getting up in front of the school and saying the welcome to traditional owners of the land, as well as actively participating in topics to do with our Indigenous Australians such as the Central Australia and Darwin Immersion trips.
Most inspiring person: Definitely has to be Richo. Such a giant of the game and got so much respect for the way he played from both supporters of Richmond and non supporters. Words can’t describe him.
If today was the last day on earth I would…: probably not go to school. Drive a boat, I’ve always wanted to drive a boat.

**MATTHEW FARRUGIA**
Role: Maths/Science Prefect
Plans after school: I plan to go to Uni and study engineering, software development or computer games design! Games woo!
Best part about your role: I love helping people understand things, because it’s a great feeling when you see a concept click in another person’s mind.
Most Inspiring person: Does it have to be a person? The most inspiring character for me is L from Death Note. I recommend everyone watch it, even if you’re not into anime, you won’t regret it.
If today was the last day on earth I would…: I would probably freak out and spend my last few hours trying to think of what to do with my last few hours.

**DANNI GENTILE**
Role: Year 7 Prefect
Plans After School: Go to ACU to study mathematics and theological teaching.
Best Part of your Role: Working with the younger students and being able to remember when I was in Year 7.
Most inspiring person: Beyonce and of course my parents!
If today was the last day on earth I would…: spend all my money on shoes and useless things, then spend the rest if the day at the beach.

**JOSH BROMILEY**
Role: Year 7 prefect.
Plans After School: Design course at RMIT or Primary teaching.
Best Part of your Role: Working with the Year 7s and giving them support with anything they need.
Most inspiring person: My parents because they are just great hard working and determined people!
If today was the last day on earth I would…: do as many things I said I would never do, like sky dive, bungy jump and also just have fun!

“Dream Together, Embrace Change, Strive as One”

Alex and Taylah
Young Mercy Justice Tree’ (YMJCT)

Earlier this term we were fortunate to be selected as Year 11 students to fly to Adelaide to ‘Young Mercy Justice Tree’ (YMJT), a conference the aim of which is to inspire and help young mercy leaders. The conference was four days long and we were part of a group of 19 young students from Melbourne, Perth and Adelaide, all interested in social-justice issues. Over the course of the weekend we learnt about the different things these other girls and boys had already achieved which gave us ideas about different activities we could do at Mount Lilydale.

Throughout the four days, we heard from various guest speakers including, some young girls from Afghanistan living here in Australia as refugees who spoke to us about the trials and tribulations of living with that status and a lady who is working with an anti-slavery movement, striving to abolish human trafficking.

During these sessions we had some pretty horrifying facts brought to our attention and learned about the terrible goings-on in some overseas countries including some cases closer to home. One of the big topics was the Fair Trade industry, what it involves, it’s purpose, as well as different, easy ways you can support and become involved in Fair Trade at school and work. We were also visited by the youngest Nun in Australia who gave us insight into what it’s like working as a Sister of Mercy. In addition to hearing from and learning about different organisations we can support through awareness and fund-raising, we went through a session on leadership, different leadership styles and ways of being an effective leader in our schools.

The other main focus point of the weekend was to give us time to do some Action Planning: thinking through and writing down our ideas, or ‘actions’, which we would take back with us to our different schools. We were taught valuable lessons about setting goals and making them TARGETED-REALISTIC-ACHIEVABLE-and FOCUSED in order to increase the chances of our projects being successful.

We also made some great friendships and networks with other young people, all in the same boat as us, who we can talk to, ask for help or borrow and share ideas with. Attending this conference really inspired us both to become more involved with the social-justice aspects of our school and to focus on raising awareness about specific issues or organisations. This is much better than just getting money from people who don’t know where it’s going. There were some girls on this conference that had done some amazing things and it inspired us to do something significant to make a difference in this world of ours that is filled with so much hardship. We would like to thank Ms Keogh and Mr Johnston for making this learning opportunity possible. We would like to demonstrate our thanks through the coming projects we undertake.

Rachel Coy and Beth Hanlon

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Mt Lilydale Old Collegians Soccer Club

Mt Lilydale Old Collegians Soccer Club are now seeking enthusiastic volunteers and supporters for the upcoming 2013 Season. The Club is now seeking the following supporting roles:
- Reserves Coach / Caretaker
- Team Managers
- Assistant Referees (Home Games Only)

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President:    Adem Tahiri   Mobile: 0434 555 092
Club Secretary:   David Chioda  Mobile: 0411 139 954

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS
Erica Hosking (Year 12 Gold) and her Welsh B pony Owendale Tammy won the Grade 4 section of the Lilydale Horse Trials on 24 March. Erica won the dressage phase and completed the cross country and show jumping phases without any additional penalties. Another excellent effort by Erica.

Josh Bromily (12 Green) and Jacob Crowe (12 Gold) won the u/18 cricket grand final. Brommers made 50 out of 180 and the team arrogantly declared with 7 overs to spare.

Mikeely Dell (7 Green) competed in the State Athletics and came 8th in shot put and 10th in discus.

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

SENIOR EISM RESULTS
Congratulations to the teams who made it to the Senior Grand Finals:
- Boys Cricket
- Boys Basketball A
- Boys Basketball B
- Girls Tennis A
- Girls Basketball B
- Girls Volleyball B

And an even bigger congratulations to the winners, bringing home the Premiership in:
- Boys Basketball A
- Girls Volleyball B

YEAR 9 EISM RESULTS
A further congratulations to the Year 9 teams who made Grand Finals:
- Basketball B Girls
- Girls Touch
- Boys Softball

Unfortunately only the Boys Softball team were successful in bringing home the silverware.

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

CONGRATULATIONS EISM CHAMPIONS
SWIMMING TEAM
MELBOURNE SPORTS AND AQUATIC CENTRE
What a privilege I had on Wednesday 18 March when I was nominated as bus driver for the Senior Girls Volleyball B team to their Grand Final. Under the watchful eye of Head Coach Daniel Dickson the girls had not only remained undefeated but had not dropped a set for the season. Very impressive.

After the warm up the girls from Mount Lilydale did their intimidating and vocal team chant. They then got out to an early break aided by some consistent and penetrating serving by the H’s – Hayley Faulwetter, Holly White and Mardi Hodge. Along with some passing, team work and encouragement by Alia Beshara and Bre Anderl, the margin was nearing double figures before Luther clawed their way back. A determined effort by our girls ended the first set 25-16.

Coach Dickson was happy with the way the girls had gone about the first set but asked for better passing and teamwork. He wasn’t let down with Holly Sharp winning the first half dozen points with her dominating serves. The second set was highlighted by the point of the season when Luther’s best server smashed the ball into play with the resultant dig ending up some 25m away. Somehow the Mercy girls kept the ball alive and miraculously returned the ball back over the net and after an extended rally won the point. In hindsight this was the match winning moment. You could sense Luther feeling that it was the best they could do and it still wasn’t enough. Tilly Menze served out the set in convincing style for 25-12 win.

Tilly continued the final set the way she finished the previous by winning the first 8 points Sharna Nogueira stepped up her consistency and Madi Campbell played a terrific last set. Hayley Faulwetter took a page out of Tilly’s book and won 6 points late and was crucial in the 25-14 result of the final set.

A fantastic effort by the girls and a well-deserved victory. Full credit to Coach Dickson for his leadership. Enjoy the win and thank you for letting me be a part of your day.

Dan Beard

Fortnight at a Glance - Calendar Dates

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MLMC ART ACADEMY

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