“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. ..” Genesis 1:31
This week in school we celebrate Sustainability Week. The name sustainability is derived from the Latin sustinere (tenere, to hold; sub, up). Sustain can mean “maintain”, “support”, or “endure” but I think my Year 7 class explained it wonderfully this week when they described it as something that lasts for the longest time in the best possible way. As a Christian community we are called to be stewards of the earth and everything in it and that can start with a very small step – this week please join with us in seeking ways to care for our environment and all of creation.

The Earth is a Gift of God. It is also our Responsibility for Future Generations

The earth is not a gift from our parents but a loan from our children.
(Kenyan Proverb)

PRAYER
Creator God, we thank you for the beauty of the earth, for the diversity of land and sea, for the resources of the earth. Give us the will to cherish this planet and use its riches for the good and welfare of all. God our Creator, we thank you for the warmth of the sun, the light of the moon, the glory of the stars and the clean air we breathe. Save us from wasting or abusing the energy upon which all life depends. God of grace, we thank you for the gift of life you give us and Pray for those who work to care for creation: those preserving forests and oceans, air and water, animals and plants. Help us to protect the environment so that all life may flourish. God of wisdom, guide us in the choices we make each day, in what we buy, how we travel, and what we reuse. Enable us to live in harmony with your creation. God of every time and place, we pray for the future of our earth. Help us to be good stewards of the gifts you have given us that future generations may rejoice in your many gifts to us.

Amen

Ms Elizabeth Keogh
Deputy Principal—Mission
Dear Members of the Mount Lilydale Mercy College Community

This past week has certainly highlighted the high and lows, the challenges and mixed feelings of belonging to community.

The week started with the shocking news of the tragic road accident in Yarra Glen that resulted in the death of one teenager and injury to two others. Although no current students were directly involved in this accident many of our current and former students are linked to the Yarra Glen Football Club and many other of our school community were involved in the social function that preceded the accident. Rest assured that students who we believe might be affected have been monitored and offered support where it may have been needed. One of our School Psychologists attended a meeting on Monday at the Football Club to further offer support. We know that emotions will again be on edge with the funeral this Monday and we understand that many will feel the need to attend. We must allow each other to grieve in the way that suits each person individually.

As a community we can pray for the repose of the soul of young Cooper Ratten and also keep his family in our thoughts and prayers as they find the strength to overcome this tragic event. We also need to support all our young people as this tragedy very much brings close the reality of life and death and for many it will be their first experience. They too are in need of our prayers. If after the funeral you have concerns about any student please feel free to contact our College Counsellors at the College.

Over this past Saturday, the College hosted the regional section of Tournament of Minds with many primary and secondary students from many schools in attendance. It was a perfect showcase for our College and it is good to be associated with an event that provides so much practical learning.

Tournament of Minds is a problem solving programme for teams of students who are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges from the following disciplines:

- Applied Technology
- Language Literature
- Maths Engineering
- Social Sciences

Tournament of Minds is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way.

We congratulate the staff of the College that acted as facilitators for our student teams: Miss Natasha McKenzie, Mr Stuart Thornhill, Mr Dominic Hardiman, Mr Chris Keuen, Dr Paul Curtis and Mrs Anne Cochrane as well as Mrs Helen Lewis who was a judge and Mrs Gail Preston who organised the event at our College.

We congratulate the students that participated namely:


Whilst congratulating students we should acknowledge Year 11 student Corey Smark who on Monday 14 September will take part in the Morning Melodies festival at Hamer Hall. Corey will be performing in “Give My Regards to Broadway” which is a celebration of the golden age of Broadway musicals. Congratulations Corey.

I also had the pleasure of witnessing our Year 12 Debating Team: Jordan Sibberas, David Remminga, Abbyrose Madigan and Olivia Madigan defeat Girton Grammar in the first round of the knockout finals in debating: “That we should regret the emphasis on tertiary education in developed countries” at Northcote last Tuesday night. Congratulations and best wishes as you progress in the finals.

Other members of our community also suffer the loss of loved ones and we include them in our prayers, Mrs Lynne Blackshaw who is currently working in our library lost her half-sister in Jenny Morrish, and College Chaplain Fr Bob Carden lost his sister during the week. Sr Paula Carden died at the St Catherine’s nursing home after being looked after very well by the sisters there.

We pray for the repose of the souls of Jenny and Paula and may they rest in peace.

God Bless

Philip A Morison
Principal
MERCY DAY 2015
FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Please support Mercy Day on Friday 11 September by allowing your son/daughter to bring some spending money. We are still looking for donations for the “Op Shop” (books, CD’s, jewellery, unwanted gifts, craft items, cosmetics and things generally liked by teenagers). Donations can be dropped at Student Reception or given to Gen, our Youth Ministry Trainee. You may also like to donate small prizes for games and activities.

The day will run as follows:

9.00 – 10.15  Celebration of Mass in the Doyle Centre
10.20 – 2.45  Activities and Food Stalls including
11 – 12      Mercy Idol Show 1
12.30 – 1.30  Mercy Idol Show 2
1.45 – 2.40   Parade
2.45 -3.15   Clean up

Please contact Ms Elizabeth Keogh should you require any further information.

Sisters of Mercy Worldwide Celebrate Mercy Day on September 24 – Because this falls during school holidays Mercy Schools celebrate early.

The great feast that unites the Mercy world is Mercy Day. Its origin dates back to September 24th 1827 when the House on Baggot Street opened as a school for the education of poor young girls and as a residence for homeless girls and women.

Anna Maria Doyle and Catherine Bym, Catherine’s first co-workers moved in on that day but Catherine did not move in for a further eight or nine months. She was detained by other responsibilities, including the care of her ill sister, Mary. Responding to Anna Marie Doyle’s desire to begin the work she wrote to tell her that the needful preparation of the house would be complete towards the end of September and that if she pleased she could move in on the 23rd or 24th. According to the Bermondsey annals, ‘Miss Doyle, though she did not know then of the feast, fixed on the 24th, but in another note remarked that she would be particularly rejoiced to begin her labours on that day as it was dedicated to Our Lady of Mercy, suggesting at the same time that House of Mercy would be a good name for the institution.’

So the first Mercy Day seems to have been rather an unplanned co-incidence! Yet it reminds us of God’s promise to Isaiah ‘See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?’ (43:19) and of Catherine’s own words – ‘There has been a most marked Providential Guidance... and it is here that we can most clearly see the designs of God.’ (Letter to Elizabeth Moore January 13 1839). Who could have foreseen on the 24th September 1827 that a new congregation was about to come into being and that over the next 180 years more than 55,000 women would become members of that congregation? Who could have foreseen that as the 21st century dawned, Mercy would be found in 46 countries worldwide with thousands of Sisters, Associates and Partners in Ministry continuing to minister God’s mercy to those whose lives they touch.

“So on the 24th of September each year we, and the others who work in partnership with the Sisters of Mercy, celebrate the foundation of the Sisters on this day in 1831.

The Constitutions of the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea tell us that ‘Catherine and her first companions felt themselves called to a new way of living and practising mercy. With their hearts centred in God, they moved out freely, despite difficulties and dangers, even to death, and met God’s mercy in courageous service of those who lived in various kinds of poverty. They trusted totally in God’s providence and placed themselves under the special care of Mary, the Mother of Mercy.’ This we recall each year in our celebration of Mercy Day.”
SUBJECT SELECTION
Year 7 into 8 LOTE selections are due Friday 28 August 2015. Year 7 students must submit their preference form to their Homeroom Teacher. Any issues or concerns please contact Mrs Gail Preston Year 7 -9 Campus Learning Advisor on 9237 1340.

The Australian website myfuture.edu.au has a wonderful section for parents and guardians titled “Assist your child” that is suitable for parents of younger children as well as teenage children facing imminent career decisions. Have a browse and see for yourself!

ASPIRE PROGRAM – due date for all Year 7 – 9 applications close on Friday 4 September and should be delivered to Student Reception marked attention “Mr Molinari”.

INTERIM REPORTS Parents will be able to access and download their child’s report via the College portal, the same as booking for Student Progress Interviews. Unit 4 Reports were available on Tuesday 18 August and reports will be available on Tuesday 1 September for Years 7 – 11.

STUDENT PROGRESS INTERVIEWS
Unit 4 VCE interviews will be held on Tuesday 25 August (tomorrow) between 4.00pm and 8.30pm in Centennial Hall.

The Year 7 – 11 Student Progress interviews will be held in the Doyle Centre on Tuesday 8 September from 10.30am till 8.30pm. Bookings will open on Tuesday 1 September. To facilitate these interviews there are NO SCHEDULED CLASSES ON 8 SEPTEMBER FOR ALL STUDENTS. Log in details and passwords are the same as Semester One. We encourage you to make the time to meet with subject teachers and discuss your son/daughter’s progress, strategies for improvement and setting personal goals for the remainder of the academic year.

NAPLAN RESULTS 2015
Year 7 & 9 students will receive their results in the mail next week. 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 emphasise that this report is a “snapshot” and performance can vary due to illness or other circumstances and therefore the report should not be viewed in isolation but as a part of a student’s ongoing learning record. Should you have any concerns or need for clarification please contact Mrs Gail Preston, McAuley Campus Learning Advisor on 9237 1340.

FRAYNE SPEECH FESTIVAL
Students have been very busy preparing for the Frayne Speech Festival. The Festival began in 1996 at MLMC as part of the centenary celebrations and is now an annual competition of different public speaking activities: Public Speaking, Debating and the Voice Choir. It involves students from Mercy schools right across Victoria and interstate competing in the various categories and is a great opportunity for our students to also develop an understanding of the wider Mercy community. This year the Frayne Speech Festival, named after Mother Ursula Frayne - the first Sister of Mercy to arrive in Australia to commence the work of educating students and establishing schools, will be held at St. Aloysius College in North Melbourne. We wish Mrs Schlueter, Mr Hardiman, Ms Dickason and the students involved all the very best of luck and we will look forward to reading a report and seeing photos in the next edition of the newsletter!

YEAR 7 2016
On Saturday 8 August (8.30 am till 12.30pm) over 230 Grade 6 students attended the Year 7 2016 Learning Profile day. The aim of the day is to have the students complete a series of tasks to determine their current level of ability in numeracy and literacy. This information, which is in addition to Naplan results and other transition information from the Primary schools, will assist the College in designing appropriate curriculum programs and to establish mixed-ability homeroom/pastoral groups. A vote of thanks to Mrs Preston, Mr. Rodgers and Ms Tasiopoulos for their attendance and assistance in the organisation of this annual event. Also to the Peer Support Leaders (Jake Rickard, Ashleigh Sartori, Hannah Wittle, Michaela Jarvie, Stela Yuwono, Jenny Ting, Teish Belyus, Isabella Preston, Angus Faulkner-King and Belinda Gerace) who so generously gave up their time on Saturday morning to escort the students to the venues and to assist with providing hospitality to the
VTAC & TRANSITION – BEYOND MLMC.
On Tuesday 18 August Year 12 students and their parents/guardians were given the opportunity to attend a VTAC Information evening in Centennial Hall. The aim of the night was to assist parents/guardians to understand the process, the various options available, how to apply for tertiary study, how to alleviate some of the stress and uncertainties and most importantly the way families and friends can support their children with their future plans. The evening centred around three areas:

- **VTAC – What is it?**: Mr Victor Miles, a member of the Careers Department, demystified the application process, explained the charges, prerequisites, extra requirements, selection mode, closing dates, change of preferences, etc.

- **Moving Beyond School**: Le Tara Coleman, School Liaison Officer from Swinburne University, talked about the adjustments that young people and their families face, transition difficulties/challenges, support services, and University life in general. She was assisted by a student ambassador, Cameron Mason, who spoke of his experiences of university life.

- **UniOptions**: Michael Thorne from the UniOptions Team focused his talk on understanding and navigating the various pathways to entering University/Tafe. He encouraged all in attendance to visit his website unioptions.com.au

It was a very informative and important evening and thanks to all our guest presenters! We hope to have this as an annual event on the Year 12 calendar in the future!

**VCAL FUNDING**
Congratulations to Steve Tarulli (VCAL Applied Learning Leader) on his success in receiving $380 in funding from Yarra Ranges Council for the Responsible Community Challenge project that he is coordinating as part of Intermediate VCAL program.

The College also received a $400 donation from Whittlesea Bowls Club and materials up to the value of $300 from Bowens Mt Evelyn for the Kinglake Memorial project that the Senior VCAL students are running.

"Behold the turtle that makes progress------only when it sticks its neck out"

**CSEF FUNDING - FEE HELP AVAILABLE**

- $225 per student available for eligible applicants
- To be eligible you must be, as of the 13 July 2015, a holder of a valid means tested Centrelink Card or a temporary Foster Parent or
- Be a student 16 years or older who holds a Youth Allowance Health Care Card
- If you have not already applied for the CSEF Funding at the College, please contact the Finance Office on 9237 1315, for more information.
- Forms can be downloaded from our College Website and can be found under:
  - Parent/Student Tab
  - Parent News
  - Finance Information
  - New Funding for Low Income Families.
- **NB**: A signed copy of your valid Centrelink card must be attached to the application form to ensure your application can be processed.

**FINAL APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON Wednesday 16 SEPTEMBER 2015.**

**NEWS FROM THE ACTING REGISTRAR**

Spring is around the corner. Mercy Day is around the corner... FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER.
Merry Day is an exciting day for students, staff and parents!

We encourage parent participation and involvement on this special community event. Please consider volunteering your time on the many food stalls on the day. Please email Tracy Pettigrew (P & F Chairperson) to indicate your interest – tracyann.pettigrew@bigpond.com

Look forward to seeing you on Mercy Day!
Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying four students from Year 11 to a presentation at the Australia Catholic University. Anabelle Weinberg, Candice Farrugia-Roberts, Shannon Lowden and Brayden Douglas heard a powerful account on the topic of human trafficking given by Sr Carole McDonald RSM. Sr Carole represents the Mercy International Association and is also part of Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH). We heard that at the moment there are more than 60 million displaced persons around the world as they flee war zones and persecution. In the search for asylum, so many of these people fall victim to human traffickers and many thousands also drown as they undertake dangerous journeys by boat.

In a related issue, we have been fortunate to obtain the services of Mr Julian Burnside QC who will address Year 11 and Year 12 students on 1 September. Mr Burnside is a well known human rights and asylum seeker advocate and this issue is one that features often in national and international news. In speaking about the asylum seeker issue, Pope Francis used the term the ‘globalisation of indifference’ and said it can be replaced with the ‘globalisation of compassion’. The way to overcome indifference is to inform/educate people and to help them understand that this issue is one of justice and human dignity.

To further raise the level of understanding on the issue of asylum seekers and human trafficking, Student Council will be conducting a fundraiser on Friday 28 August. It will take the form of a Footy Colours Day. The theme can incorporate any football code - see the attached flyer. If you are a supporter of AFL and unless your team will be making a finals appearance this may be the last chance you have to show your support this year. The cost for students will be a $2.00 donation with the funds going to support the work of the Mercy International Association in their fight against poverty and in assisting refugees. Aside from the wearing of footy colours (jumper, scarf, beanie etc) the remainder of the dress should be neat and casual attire. The usual jewellery, hair and make up regulations still apply. Please feel free to donate more than the $2.00 minimum.

Please find attached the next article in the series we have been publishing this term on the issue of illicit drugs. The Newsletter on 27 July contained links to a number of websites if you are looking for more information.

Michael Johnston
Deputy Principal - Students

YEAR 9 AGRICULTURE CLASS

The year nine Agriculture class has been studying methods of propagation and horticultural production used in commercial nurseries. As part of these studies the students were recently offered the opportunity to help Mr Mario De Vincentiis propagate tomato plants for sale through various charity outlets. Mario explained to the students the method and procedure he uses to pot up seedlings for eventual sale. The students eagerly and successfully assisted him to pot up over 400 plants in two hours in the school hothouse. These plants will go on to raise over $1000 for charity when they are ready for sale in six weeks time.

Students are putting into practice the skills learned in the classroom. Importantly they are also using these skills to have a very real and positive impact on the local community. All of the money raised will be going directly to local charitable causes. I would like to thank Mario for his kind and generous donation of time to the students learning.

Tim Thompson
Agriculture Teacher
This week's article is mostly for students but would still be beneficial for parent and guardians. This article will focus on what young people should do if they’re worried about a friend, helping a peer or friend and how to say no to illegal drugs.

If you’re concerned about someone who you think is having problems because of drug use, here are some tips to allow you to support them and to talk to them about your concerns:

- **Learn** more about the drug you think your friend/peer might be taking.
- Have a clear idea of what it is that worries you about their drug use.
- **Be prepared for a negative reaction** (one reason for this may be because your friend does not view their drug use as a problem).
- Try to stay calm and reasonable. Don’t let it turn into an argument.
- **Choose a time to talk**, where you will have some privacy and won’t be interrupted.
- **Don’t be judgmental and tell them what to do**. The chances are they will stop listening to what you’ve got to say if you start lecturing them.
- Ask about their drug use; **don’t make assumptions** about what they’re doing.
- Don’t focus on the reasons for why they’re using drugs.
- Let your friend know that you care about them and emphasise the feelings that you are having. **Remind them of their good qualities**, as someone will be more likely to listen and take advice on board if they feel valued and respected.
- Be trustworthy and supportive so that your friend knows they can rely on you and what they tell you will be treated with respect.
- **Remind them that we are all human and that we all have problems**, so that they are not too hard on themselves.
- Let them know that **change is possible but it may take SOME time**, so **don’t try to set deadlines** for them as they may be less ready to change when they’re being forced.

Young people may find it hard to say no to taking drugs due to many external pressures going on in their life. Here are some tips to help your child so they know or have some sort of guide for the future:

1. **AVOID SITUATIONS:**
   - If you don’t think you will be able to resist the offers or pressures to take drugs then it might be better to avoid the situation by not hanging out with that group or those people altogether. Try to hang out with people who share similar interests and do not use drugs. Good friends should respect your decision not to use drugs. Get involved with a new activity or meet some new people.

2. **MAKE AN EXCUSE:**
   - “No thanks, my parents are picking me up soon”.
   - “Last time I had it I reacted really badly”.
   - “I’ve got to go soon”.
   - “I can’t take any tonight, I’m on medication”.
   - “No thanks I will stay sober and keep an eye to make sure everyone else is safe”.

3. **WALK AWAY:**
   - If a person offers you drugs you can simply make excuses and go. You can leave by saying “I need to go to the bathroom” or “is that Angela over there? I need to catch up, I haven’t seen her in ages!”

4. **BE ASSERTIVE:**
   - Assertive communication involves a person clearly stating their needs, wants and feelings whilst still being respectful to others. Learning to be assertive takes practice, so don’t worry if it doesn’t come naturally. Assertive communication includes 3 easy steps:
     1. Stating your answer.
     2. Giving your reason and
     3. Showing understanding.
   - Keep a clear firm voice, speaking clearly and deliberately and maintain eye contact.
As part of Science Week our students were introduced to the World of Food Science. In McAuley Hall, the students were greeted by Willie Wonka, and shown through a food emporium. In the Ever Lasting Gobstopper Aisle, ‘tastable wallpaper’, a tree of Lollies and samples of food were to be had.

In the Chocolate Smelting Room, students could see the development of the chocolate bar, and smell the delights of freshly distilled chocolate essence – ‘chocolate water’! Vocational information about courses relating to Food – from being a Chef through to Food Technology and Microbiology was delivered to the students.

The competition was on to figure out what was in the mystery boxes – simply see if you can smell the aroma?

Many students entered the competition or sampled the triple chocolate fudge or mud cakes as they were leaving the exhibition. A fun experience was had by all students and staff in attendance.

Michelle Hansen
Science Teacher
This last July I was lucky enough to be one of three students from our school to attend the Young Mercy Leader’s Conference in Dublin. This pilgrimage took us to see the beautiful cities of Dublin and Rome and all the culture and history that came with them.

The main purpose of the trip was to learn about the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, Catherine McAuley and all the amazing and inspiring work that she did so that we could come back to our school with the knowledge and passion to make a difference. The conference, in Dublin was three days of inspiring workshops, eye opening guest speakers and a whole lot of friends!

Hannah, Belinda and I represented not only our school along with many other Mercy Schools from Victoria and even Perth, but we represented the Mercy Family of Australia. At the conference there were people from Ireland, USA, Belize and Australia, so this was a great way to interact with new people and make connections throughout the world.

After the conference in Dublin we all got on a plane and headed to the warmer weather of Rome. Rome offered some amazing experiences as we spent every day roaming through the city and taking in as much as we could. The churches and old cathedrals were jaw dropping and amazing sculpture constantly surrounded us. Visiting the Vatican was definitely one of the highlights of the whole trip, we were lucky enough to get there early and see St Peter’s square completely empty which allowed us to soak up the true beauty of the place. Entering the Vatican left most of us speechless as we tried to fully comprehend the enormity and intricacy of the Holy building. Whilst in the Vatican we were lucky enough to celebrate Mass over the tomb of St John Paul II, this was a very special experience for all of us.

Arriving home was a happy but sad experience as we all knew that it would be hard to say goodbye to some of the best people we had ever met. For me, and I am sure for all of us, the friends we made were phenomenal and definitely made the trip worthwhile. It was a trip where we grew spiritually but also grew as a person through the friends and connections that we made.

Abigail Van Der Linden

This week is Sustainability Week at Mount Lilydale Mercy College! Many activities have been organized to help raise awareness about what we can do to help our environment. All activities are available for students to participate in and will be run during lunchtimes.

Monday: Start of Sustainability mural/painting. The painting on canvas will continue throughout the week during lunchtime on Catherine way. Please come along and add your creative touch to our Mural, but must be environment/sustainability focused!

Tuesday: A ‘plot to plate stall’ will be held in Catherine Way with some free tasting of fresh produce.

A movie, Dr Seuss’ the Lorax, will also be shown on Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime in McAuley Hall. If you are interested in watching the movie please sign up on Monday in Catherine Way.

Thursday: A sustainability fact finding mission in Catherine Way with prizes to be won.

Friday: Nude lunch day. There will also be games run in Catherine Way.

Please get involved and lets go green to keep our globe clean!

Alice Hardinge
Environment Prefect
The fifth and final round of regional inter-school debating was completed on 20 July. This round is called a paired round as teams at similar positions on the ladder are paired against each other. Some of the topics debated this round included, “That people who behave badly should not represent Australia in sport” (A Grade), and “That all students should learn about a variety of religions in school” (D Grade). We had one loss and one win at D Grade. Congratulations to Luke Janssen, Antony Hawkins and Bynesha Smith, James Stolzenhain, Ethan Cornish (best speaker) and Riley Atwell on an excellent effort.

The A Grade team made up of Year 12 students, Jordan Sibberas, (best speaker) David Remmina, Abbyrose Madigan and Olivia Madigan had a thrilling victory by one point which gave them top spot on the ladder and assured them a place in the regional finals. The Debating Association of Victoria (DAV) finals bring the top placed schools in each division from across Victoria together in a knockout competition.

The first round was held on Wednesday 19 August at Northcorte High School. Our opponents on the evening were Girton Grammar from Bendigo. The topic was ‘That we should regret the emphasis on tertiary education in developed countries’ with the Mount Lilydale team winning by one point.

This victory moves the team into the next stage of finals in early September. We congratulate Abby, David, Jordan and Olivia on their achievement and wish them all the best for the next round.

Alison Schlueter
English Faculty Leader

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Means: SAC will be held this week – teachers will give date
Student Council 2015 - Fundraiser

Wear your favourite teams footy colours on Friday, August 28 and support the work of the Mercy International Association in their work to support asylum seekers and to stop human trafficking.

60 million people around the world are currently ‘displaced’. This means they have been forced to leave their home country due to war or persecution.

We are lucky - we live in the world’s “most liveable city”.

How can we help make life a bit more liveable for these people who are forced out of their country??

On Friday, August 28 come along in your teams footy colours and show your support for this cause.

Cost is minimum $2-
Music Matters

Not only do students who study music develop musical abilities, they receive benefits that extend to other academic areas, leading to overall scholastic success. Music education benefits student achievement in the following ways:

**Improves recall and retention of verbal information.**
Musical training develops the region of the brain responsible for verbal memory—the recall and retention of spoken words—which serves as a foundation for retaining information in all academic subjects. Music students who were tested for verbal memory showed a superior recall for words as compared to non-music students (Ho et al., 1998; 2003).

**Advances Math achievement.**
Students who study music outperform their non-music peers in assessments of Math, and the advantage that music provides increases over time. These findings hold true regardless of socio-economic status and race/ethnicity (Baker, 2011; Catterall, 1998). Additionally, students involved in instrumental music do better in algebra, a gateway for later achievement (Helmrich, 2010; U.S. National Mathematics Advisory Panel, 2008).

**Boosts reading and English language arts (ELA) skills.**
Students who study music surpass non-music students in assessments of writing, using information resources, reading and responding, and proofreading. The gains in achievement of music students compared to non-music students increase over time (Baker, 2011; Catterall, 1998).

**BOITE SCHOOLS CHORUS - ONE AFRICA**
Mount Lilydale Mercy College had the privilege of participating in the Boite School Chorus (A Capella style) on Thursday 6 August. Students involved in this spectacular performance include Chloe Baulch, Courtney Belyus, Molly Bollaart, Cienna Brown, Kobi Butcher, Georgia Drummond, Meagan Farrugia-Roberts, Brydie Francis, Annalese Gammell, Caitlyn Gervasoni, Niamh Gilligan, Alesha Gray, Kathryn Green, Emily Hoiles, Talisha Nichols, Charlee Prescott, Jelinna Santiago, Kirra Smark and Hannah Steele.

The Boite was a great experience. I enjoyed performing with the rest of the Boite and was very glad that I participated, as I was able to learn a lot from it and have fun singing! I got to learn a lot about what the Boite was about and got to perform with the others in the A Capella group in the city

*Byrdie Francis*

The Boite concert was really fun especially performing at Federation Square. I really enjoyed performing with everyone else including my friends. I loved singing all the songs with actions and having a fun time. My favourite part was when it was performance time and the lights were shining brightly on us

*Molly Bollaart*

I thought the Boite performance was something that I will always remember. Getting together with all the other performers and joining in, in singing some beautiful African songs was truly a wonderful experience. And I will never forget it

*Niamh Gilligan*
At Mount Lilydale Mercy College:

We offer private lessons in these Instruments during class time.

Take private lessons for $35 a lesson, or $17.50 for group lessons*

24 Scholarships available worth $560

Loan Instruments for a bond of $180.

*Group lessons available to Year 7 students on brass or woodwind instruments
7-10 HOME WORK CLUB – SEMESTER 2

7-10 Home Work Club has commenced for second semester.

**Where:** McAuley Library
**When:** 3.30-4.30pm every Wednesday.

If you wish your son/daughter to attend please sign up via the Parent Portal.

**MCAULEY LIBRARY JULY QUIZ RESULTS**
Congratulations go to Jess Biggin and Cerys Hudson of 8BL for their win in the July Library quiz.

**BOOK WEEK IS COMING ....** Mon August 24 to Friday 28 August.

**Book Week in McAuley Library ...**
**Quiz questions** each day via the daily bulletin – prizes for the first correct answer each day.

‘Design a Bookmark’ competition running at lunchtime in McAuley Library – all week. $10 Collins voucher for the top 5 winning Bookmarks.
**Criteria:** Originality, attractiveness and illustrations need to show your favourite author, favourite book or favourite series.
BYO pencils, art materials if you have them – we have some in McAuley Library.

‘Vote for McAuley Library’s most popular book’ – Rank McAuley libraries 10 most borrowed books in order of popularity.
First correct entry opened wins a $20 iTunes voucher. Voting running all week.

**Thursday 27th August:**
Visiting writer, Prue Mason author of ‘Camel Rider’ for Year 8’s.
Melbourne Writers Festival Excursion: Year 9 Creative Writers and selected students.

**Friday 28th August in McAuley Library – first half of lunchtime:**
“Treat Yourself to Tin Tin” with Mr Banfield, Mr Palmer and Mrs Coney
Have you met Tin Tin and his fans?
Come along to McAuley Library for a literary lunch during the first half of lunchtime to chat with Mr Banfield, Mr Palmer & Mrs Coney
Bring your lunch along and treats will be provided.
**Limited Spaces:** Sign up sheet for ‘Treats with Tin Tin’ in McAuley Library.

**THE CHILDREN’S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS THE 2015 SHORT LIST**
**Book of the Year Nominations**
For families in Mount Lilydale Mercy College community looking for ‘good reads’ for your children here are some ideas...

**Older Readers - Years 7-12**
Atkins, Clare ‘Nona & Me’
Bongers, Christine ‘Intruder’
Groth, Darren ‘Are You Seeing Me?’
Keil, Melissa ‘The Incredible Adventures of Cinnamon Girl’
Sweeney, Diana ‘The Minnow’
Zorn, Claire ‘The Protected’

**Younger Readers – Primary School ages groups**
Bancks, Tristan ‘Two Wolves’
Condon, Bill ill. Norling, Beth ‘The Simple Things’
Gleeson, Libby ill. Blackwood, Freya ‘The Cleo Stories The Necklace and the Present’
Herrick, Steven ‘Bleakboy and Hunter Stand out in the Rain’
Janu, Tamsin ‘Figgy in the World’
Rossell, Judith ‘Withering-by-Sea: a Stella Montgomery Intrigue’

**Early Childhood – Younger children and early primary children**
Blabey, Aaron ‘Pig the Pug’
Gibbes, Lesley ill. King, Stephen Michael ‘Scary Night’
Gleeson, Libby ill. Blackwood, Freya ‘Go to Sleep, Jessie!’
Hughes, Jenny ill. Bentley, Jonathan ‘A House of Her Own’
King, Stephen Michael ‘Snail and Turtle are Friends’
Lester, Alison ‘Noni the Pony goes to the Beach’

Eileen Cooney
Teacher/Librarian—McAuley Campus
VNA NETBALL
Congratulations to all girls involved in the VNA Netball Championships at the State Netball Centre on 17 August - MLMC had 3 teams competing.
The Juniors (Year 7 and 8 team) played extremely well, making it through to the finals on 2 September - best wishes to the girls in that team: Alana McGurgan, Kayla Tucker, Maddy George, Matilda Kelly, Sophie Hennessey, Emma Roberts, Chelsea Rogers, Tessa Bourke-Finn, Darcey Hamilton, Adrianna Hawkins and their coach, Lauren Dwyer.

*** PHOTOS OF ALL 3 TEAMS ATTACHED

GOOD LUCK
Best wishes to Serena Gibbs (Year 9) who is travelling to Sydney this week to compete in the Under 15 National Netball Tournament, representing Victoria. This aspiring young athlete is will play GK and WD at the tournament, which is a selection event for the National Team. We are looking forward to hearing more about this young lady in the future!

WELL DONE
Congratulations to Jacob Vulfs (Year 7) who recently competed in the Lilydale Encouragement Swimming Meet and achieved 1st place backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle and 2nd in the freestyle relay. He gained personal best times in all events. Well done Jacob!

OLD SHOES WANTED
Please bring in any unwanted runners, in a decent condition, to the Doyle Centre to donate to Planet Earth - see Miss Webb for more details.

WOOLES EARN & LEARN
We are collecting Earn & Learn stickers from Woolworths, please bring them into the Sports Office or Student Reception if you have them. Thank you in advance for your support.

Danni Webb
Sports Coordinator

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- Best Player: Sophie Hennessey

### Girls Football Green
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- Result: 44-0
- Winner: MLMC Green
- Best Player: Meg Thompson

### Girls Badminton Blue
- Opponent: MLMC Green
- Result: 14-13
- Winner: MLMC Blue
- Best Player: Abi Van Bergeijk

### Girls Badminton Green
- Opponent: MLMC Blue
- Result: 13-14
- Winner: MLMC Blue
- Best Player: Ivy Ferguson-Mayer

### Girls Table Tennis Blue A
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- Result: 1-5
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- Best Player: Sophie Cook

### Girls Table Tennis Blue B
- Opponent: MLMC Gold
- Result: 6-0
- Winner: MLMC Blue
- Best Player: Emily Tighe

### Girls Table Tennis Gold A
- Opponent: MLMC Blue
- Result: 5-1
- Winner: MLMC Gold
- Best Player: Christelle Cartledge

### Girls Table Tennis Gold B
- Opponent: MLMC Blue
- Result: 0-6
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SENIOR GIRLS HOCKEY SEASON REVIEW

A great season by a great bunch of girls. Coaching Hockey is always fun because you get to spend a fair bit of time on the bus driving far and wide to get to the venues. This year was so good because of the wide range of talents of the team. There were half a dozen Cats performers, which meant that the singing on the bus was as good as I’ve heard, VET Sport and Recreation students, Jigalong participants, terrific athletes and some more than handy hockey players. Every girl brought a lot to the team in terms of her personality too.

The year started at selection with 18 girls putting their hand up, and given the attrition due to late returns, not bringing a mouthguard and socks, camps and other reasons, I was more than happy to have a few extras on the team. Early on we consistently had 16 girls coming along ready to play but given the positive vibe of the team, no one wanted to leave the group even if it meant only playing a little over half a game.

Early on we had some great results winning our first three games. As it turned out we were playing against the ‘not so strong’ teams and in the back half of the year, despite improving our skills and match play, we lost more than we won. This certainly didn’t dampen the girls’ enthusiasm and it was very pleasing to see how they went about the business of fronting up each week and playing their best.

One of the major on-field highlights of the season was in the last game. Coming up against Plenty Valley a month prior, we suffered a 6-nil loss. In the season finale the girls were on song and even hit the front at one stage. The Cats worked tirelessly and everybody put their hand up to be counted and we lost in a well-fought battle. The final result was a 1-2 loss. A terrific improvement and pleasing finish to a great year.

Dan Beard
Coach

Being a member of the Senior Girls Soccer team has been an enjoyable and entertaining experience. Out on the pitch there is always a bunch of team spirit, positive vibes and encouragement, which has made it such a fun and inclusive environment to play in. This year the girls have had an outstanding season, winning the majority of our games, which landed us a spot in the Grand Final. The Grand Final was a tough and challenging game with both teams hungry for the win. However after a hard 50-minute game unfortunately Mount Scopus came out on top, with a win they very well deserved. Nevertheless I couldn’t be prouder of the girls for all the effort and hard work they’ve put in this season. Always turning up with smiles on their faces and determination to do their best.

None of what we’ve achieved would be possible without our amazing Coach, Mr Hopkins. Personally I can’t thank Mr Hopkins enough for all the time and effort he put into coaching us, not only this year but for the last four. Always giving us endless amounts of guidance and continuous support.

Definitely going to miss playing in this team next year. GO GOATS!

Angie Meyer
Co-Captain

YEAR 9 GIRLS FOOTY TEAM

This year was a great year for the Year 9 Girls Footy team! We started off the season well and it didn’t stop! Every week was tough competition and we never backed down! With great communication on and off the field we went into each game pumped with the determination to continue on from the week before. It was a great season of footy with a great group of girls and it was the highlight of our week. As the season continued, the girls didn’t slow down, we just got tougher, better and stronger as a team. To top it off, we took home the Premiership, undefeated, beating Aquinas 29-15 in the Grand Final. A big thank you to Hollee, who came every week and helped us and for being the best goal umpire. Also a huge thank you to Mr Dimitracopoulos, Miss Hasan and Miss Webb for coaching us this year!

Serena Gibbs, 9 Blue
The Year 9 Boys Footy team got off to a shaky start travelling out to St Joes for the first game and copped a spanking. The lads were keen to redeem themselves but had to wait another week with a bye before a close win against eventual wooden spooners Mt Scopus. Round 4 came around and we were excited to test ourselves against Luther who had started the season well. The team was disheartened by the news that ball-winner Lachlan Cox had suffered a broken back and was out for the season. We started off well against Luther in wet conditions and managed to scrape out a hard fought win after some of the leaders really stepped up. The Goats came crashing back down to earth the week after with a tough loss to St Joes once again, and then followed that up with a Aquinas smashing us to the tune of 80-odd points and the Mercy rule being enforced midway through the second stanza. The next week the boys were keen to out against Mt Scopus and put in a good showing. The affair started off well with Goat rookie Brody Barton, kicking a pearler from near the half back line. Things went up and up from there and we cracked the ton for the first time. We followed this up with a convincing win against Luther at home, which kept us in the hunt for the Grand Final.

Our last game of the season came against Aquinas the boys were pumped for this match and if we won there was a slight chance of us sneaking into the big one, if other results fell our way. We started off well in a low scoring tussle and we went in one goal up at quarter time. The game continued in this manner with neither team making an impact on the scoreboard and it became a point-fest. The Goats managed to escape with the chockies 2.13.25 to 1.10.16. Other results didn’t fall our way so our season ended with the ‘arm-wrestle’ win against Aquinas.

Special mentions go to Lauren Dwyer who saw us through the season and assisted with taking photos and supporting the boys; Lachlan Cox who assisted Mr Beard with the coaching; Jesse Eebs who was my co-captain that imposed the Goat spirit and led well all season. Lastly I would like to thank Mr Beard for coaching us, all the boys appreciate the effort you put in all season, whether it came to games, match reports or training, you always made it enjoyable and got the most out of us resulting in a great season.

Isaac Biasuzzo
Year 9 Boys Footy Captain
Season 2015 was one to remember. When I first saw the soccer squad I wondered if they would be up to winning more than a few matches; for unlike previous years, there were no obvious stars and few had even played the game. The first practice concentrated on getting the ball from one player to the next over a distance of 5 metres and even that proved challenging!

The EISM season started with a game against our arch rivals Aquinas and concluded with a thrilling 1:1 draw. Even though we peppered the goals for the last 5 minutes we simply did not have anyone who could penetrate between the uprights. We wobbled our way through the season winning some and losing some that we could have won. Our greatest achievement was beating top of the ladder Mt. Scopus at Box Hill with several good players out. That gave us an opportunity to play in the Grand Final if they could be beaten next week. Luther did that job and we made the Grand Final.

Every Wednesday throughout the season the girls had gathered for a team meeting. Through this they had built a strong camaraderie. You could see this spirit coming through each week. They also learned strategies and as the season progressed made adjustments to their game and eliminated obvious errors.

The Grand Final day was the best weather that we have had for weeks. By this stage the girls and I were getting really excited about our prospects. The game was held at Luther which gave them a home ground advantage but this didn’t phase our team. The enthusiasm had spread to the parents and a small crowd of supporters got off work to cheer them on.

The game started at a frenetic pace and a handball in the zone gave Luther's captain a penalty shot. She struck the ball beautifully but it curved with the breeze and goalie Annaliese sighed with relief as it went outside the post. We were immediately rewarded for our counter attack with a goal from Theresa and her Mum, Dad and Brother got excited.

We had kicked against a stiff breeze for the first half and looked good going into the second half with a 1 nil lead. It should have been more but we could not put them away. Luther however were not to be denied and a strong run saw them level with 20 minutes to play.

Despite desperate efforts (and a goal that crossed the line for us but wasn't seen by the referee) we could not alter this score and two 5 minutes of extra time saw both teams pronounced victorious at the siren. We finished off with our usual team victory dance led by the irrepressible Ally.

Captain Ana received the medal for our best player but all 16 girls did a great job.

Congratulations girls on a magnificent season I am so very proud of you!

Terry Hill
Year 9 Girls Soccer Coach
Senior VCAL students are currently undertaking the 'Doing Business' component of their course. This year, three students groups will compete to generate the most profit and receive the title of best Doing Business team. Below are advertisements they have made for their Screen Printing Businesses. Please support our Senior VCAL students in their endeavours.

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