THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL

World Mental Health Day takes place on 10 October this year.

Catholic Social Teaching calls us to recognize that each person has dignity and all life is sacred.

In Pope Benedict XVI’s message for the 2006 World Day of the Sick he specifically addresses the issue of mental illness. He states “Every Christian, according to their specific duty and responsibility, is called to make their contribution so that the dignity of these brothers and sisters may be recognized, respected and promoted.”

Pope John Paul II’s 1997 message to healthcare workers states that “Whoever suffers from mental illness ‘always’ bears God’s image and likeness in themselves, as does every human being. In addition, people with mental illness ‘always’ have the inalienable right not only to be considered as an image of God and therefore as a person, but also to be treated as such.”

“To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love is to open up a horizon of hope,”

Pope Francis

When I say, “I am a Christian”
I’m not shouting, “I’ve been saved!”
I’m whispering, “I get lost!”
That’s why I chose this way”.

When I say, “I am a Christian”
I don’t think I know it all
I submit to my confusion
Asking humbly to be taught.

When I say, “I am a Christian”
I’m not trying to be strong
I’m professing that I’m weak
And pray for strength to carry on.

When I say, “I am a Christian”
I still feel the sting of pain
I have my share of heartache,
Which is why I seek His name.

When I say, “I am a Christian”
I do not wish to judge
I have no authority...
I only know I’m loved

Carol Wimmer
Dear Members of the Mount Lilydale Mercy College Community

Welcome to Term 4 after what I hope has been a wonderful break for you all. The welcome of spring days is certainly rewarding us with the beauty of God’s creation. We will see thirty degree days come to greet us this week. Please remind your families of the importance of hats and sun protection in the weeks that are to come.

Term 4 is an interesting time in a school as for many the planning for the following year is well underway and a priority as is our case, yet for most the finalisation of the years’ work and results fast approach. I must admit that my thoughts are clearly focused with our Year 12 group as they prepare to depart. I have always found farewelling a graduating class a difficult thing because I do not really want them to leave. I just want to protect them from what is to come for just a little bit longer, but that cannot be. Our Year 12 group has spent the holiday period in practice exams and now they enter their last weeks of formal schooling. They focus on final assemblies, graduations, exam results, university offers or job prospects. Soon I will write to each Year 12 student assuring each of my prayers for them and I will offer them your prayers as well. Let us all make our graduating class the focus of our prayers over the coming weeks. They will need the support and they are certainly deserving. May our loving Father watch over and protect them in this important time and may each find peace knowing that they have been prepared and that they have prepared. A thorough preparation brings a sense of accomplishment and peace.

I am also thinking of the future directions of our College. Mount Lilydale Mercy College is a Mercy school operating under the governance of Mercy Education Limited. As a part of that structure we have an Advisory Council whose role it is to:

- Act as a Consultative Group for the Principal
- Promote Mercy Ethos and Charism
- Assist in Policy and Foundation documents formation
- Assist in the Budget process
- Advise the Principal about:
  - Financial Administration and setting school fees
  - Fundraising
  - Capital Development
  - College Facilities
  - Strategic Planning
  - Community Development
- Facilitate:
  - Welcoming of Parents and families
  - Promotion of the College

The College Advisory Council is an important group in the life of our College and this year a number of its members are retiring after years of valuable service. We are therefore looking for new members for 2016. Members of our community interested in nominating themselves or others to the Advisory Council should contact me at the College (principal@mlmc.vic.edu.au). Council members usually attend two or three meetings a term as well as participate in one of the Council Committees. Council meetings are generally on Thursday nights from 6.30pm until 9.00pm. I understand that governance is not everyone’s cup of tea, but it is vital in the structure of our College. Please consider enquiring.

The last weeks of Term 3 saw prospective Prefects for 2016 undergoing the application and filtering process. During the first week of the holidays I wrote to preferred candidates offering particular positions. The process is a detailed one and the outcome very much is about getting a balanced mix to represent the various needs of our College. This year the following students have been offered Prefect Positions for 2016 and are to be congratulated:

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The House Prefects are yet to be appointed. We look forward to the induction ceremony next Tuesday.

Philip A Morison
Principal
Welcome back to Term 4. This always proves to be a term where the weeks disappear very quickly so it is important to be organised from the beginning.

From the start of Term 4 students may choose between summer and winter uniform. The blazer continues to be a compulsory part of the uniform each day to and from school. Please ensure the dress length for girls is the appropriate length - our uniform regulation states that the girls summer uniform must be worn to knee length. The choice of uniform will continue until Melbourne Cup weekend after which time summer uniform will be compulsory.

As part of our Sunsmart policy it is a requirement that students wear hats at recess and lunch throughout this term. Please ensure your child has the school bucket hat. A further reminder about hairstyles. Boys in particular who choose to have the longer hairstyles need to have it tied back if it is at collar length. It needs to be kept well off the face and should be clean and tidy. Failure to respond to requests to abide by this uniform regulation will be followed up by Campus Directors.

With this early burst of summer heat, on days where it is considered too warm to wear the blazer home of an afternoon there will be a PA announcement at 3.15pm to that effect.

On Tuesday of next week we will hold an investiture ceremony to acknowledge the newly appointed prefect group. This will be held at 8.50am in the Doyle Centre. Congratulations to all those students who have gained positions of leadership.

Our Year 12 students are into the final part of their VCE journey as the countdown to exams continues. Classes for Year 12 conclude on Tuesday 20 October. This day is a student free day for Years 7-11 as the Year 12 students enjoy an activities day here at school. This day is designed to offer our Year 12 students the chance to celebrate a significant life event in a dignified and respectful manner and to share time with teachers who have played a role in their development across the years. VCAA exams commence on Wednesday 28 October.

During the holiday period we saw the safe return of students and staff who were part of the Japan Study Tour and the Central Australia/Top End safari. Both trips were a tremendous success and proved to be enjoyable and educational for all involved. Our students were great ambassadors for our school community. Special thanks to the staff involved for giving of their time to make these trips possible.

Michael Johnston
Deputy Principal - Students

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - MISSION - ELIZABETH KEOGH

SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2015

FAMILY SERVICE OF CAROLS

Bring the family and a picnic and get into the Christmas spirit

OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE HOURS FROM MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2015
Monday to Friday - 8.00am to 4.30pm
**SOCKTOBER** is Catholic Mission’s schools appeal as part of World Mission Month. As the official aid agency of the Catholic Church, Catholic Mission works to overcome global poverty in over 160 countries around the world. This year’s theme is, ‘I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink’ (Matt 25:35) - a project to help children in Madagascar access clean drinking water. Less than 50% of the population have access to clean water and 80% are not able to practice good sanitation. As a result, over 4000 children die each year from treatable diseases such as diarrhoea. Catholic Mission works with schools and communities in Madagascar to install water pumps and toilets.

To raise money we will be holding a **CRAZY SOCK DAY** on Thursday 15 October. On this day, wear your craziest socks to school and bring a gold coin donation for Catholic Mission.

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**COLLEGE UNIFORMS**

**P & F UNIFORM SHOP HOURS - TERM 4**

**THURSDAY**

12.00-1.30PM

Please note the Uniform Shop will no longer be able to provide refunds or exchanges.

For all enquiries regarding the Mount Lilydale Mercy College P & F Uniform Shop please contact the College on 9735 4022

Contact Jacqui Macdonald  
email address uniform@mlmc.vic.edu.au

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**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS - TERM 4**

**BOB STEWART**

**MONDAY**

12.30-4.00PM

**TUESDAY**

12.30-4.00PM

**THURSDAY**

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 9.30-12.30PM

For all enquiries regarding Bob Stewart Uniforms please contact the shop directly on 9735 4370
LIBRARY NEWS

WINNERS ANNOUNCED - MLMC Writing Competition Winners for “History is Story”

Congratulations to the following:
- Kaitlyn Crymble (7 Red) for her poem entitled, “A Tribute to the ANZACS”
- Georgia McAleer (8 Green) for her poem entitled, “Once was a Soldier”
- Amelia Jarvie (9 Blue) for her story entitled, “The Grave Digger”
- Nicholas Camp (9 Green) for his story entitled, “Life at Gallipoli”
- Jack Jordan (9 Green) for his short story entitled, “The Protector”
- Grainne Duncan (9 Green) for her short story entitled, “War Story.”
- Ella Randle (9 Green) for her work entitled, “Saving John”

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Congratulations to the following:
- Natalie Boxell (9 Blue) for her work entitled, “We Salute You”
- Laura Mattucci (9 Green) for her work entitled, “Prisoner of War.”
- Molly Douglas (9 Blue) for her work entitled, “Driven by Love”
- Jordan Schuyt (9 Green) for his work entitled, “No Man’s Land.”
- Mikeely Dell (9 Green) for her short story entitled, “Canine Counterpart”
- Joshua Hausler (9 Green) for his work entitled, “The Last Anzac.”

MELBOURNE WRITERS FESTIVAL EXCURSION

On 27 August, Mrs Wood’s Year 9 Creative Writing class, with two students from other classes, took a trip into the city for the Melbourne Writers Festival. We arrived in Federation Square and sat in on three lectures throughout the day. Both Teacher Librarians, Ms Cooney and Mrs Blackshaw, came with us.

The first lecture, ‘Emerging Writers’ featured young and new authors speaking about their experiences of becoming a writer. Adolfo Aranjuez, who started with ‘Voiceworks’ joined Laura Woollett who received a book deal out of a global writing contest answered questions such as ‘How do you become a Writer?’, ‘How do you get published?’ and ‘How do you transform your first breaks into a writing career?’.

The second lecture, ‘Jack Andraka: Teen Scientist’, however, was our favourite. It was about an 18 year old boy who found a way to discover pancreatic cancer earlier, thus saving many lives. He spoke fluently and passionately, keeping us on the edge of our seats. We were incredibly eager to hear what he had to say about his discovery at the age of 15, and he inspired all of us to pursue our dreams no matter what. Jack Andraka was in a Science class when he hit on a way to identify pancreatic cancer cheaply and effectively. After winning a $75,000 Science prize, several world speaking tours and with his first novel, a memoir ‘Breakthrough’, he continues to inspire all who hear him.

The third session involved two authors reading excerpts of poetry about World War One. Tony Thompson introduced writer Cassandra Gold and illustrator Michael Camilleri to read the poetry of Wilfred Owen, Siegfried Sassoon and other witnesses to war.

At the end of the day we were able to have a walk around and see what was on show. This included buying books, getting books signed and talking to the authors.

All in all it was a very wet but wonderful day.

Natalie Boxell 9 Blue and Jasmine Hendriks 9 Bronze

7-10 HOME WORK CLUB

7-10 Home Work Club has commenced for Term 4.

Where: McAuley Library

When: 3.30-4.30pm every Wed.

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

Ms Cooney
Teacher-Librarian McAuley Library
Intermediate VCAL students have completed the Responsible Community Challenge (RCC) program. The objective of the program is to foster positive community partnerships between the college and community support organisations. Students provided support and volunteer work to the following organisations:

- Mt. Evelyn Men’s Shed
- Organic Empire Mt. Evelyn
- Wesley Homeless Services
- Mt. Evelyn Toy Library
- St. Vincent De Paul Society Lilydale
- Como Park Childcare and Kindergarten

The program aims to provide learning experiences for students on how they can help their community through the provision of support for a genuine community need. Students have been divided into groups appropriate to their vocational interests and given a project brief that was negotiated with facilitators from the community organisation. These projects ranged from building a puppet theatre and children’s play area to childcare and retail management. Each team was welcomed by their host organisation with an induction and an overview of their goals and aims within the community.

RCC is a five week program that runs one day a week. During this time students are responsible for maintaining an evidence journal that documents meetings, outlines tasks, and includes digital photos. In order to establish clear goals it is necessary for students to map out their objectives and measurable goals. This provides an opportunity for students to be self-reflective and self-directed learners. It also provides MLMC staff, who regularly visit project sites, the opportunity to facilitate the process and ensure students are meeting VCAL learning and project outcomes.

Congratulations to all students and organisations who have contributed in making this year’s RCC a rich and authentic learning experience.

Steve Tarulli  
Applied Learning Coordinator

THANK YOU

Intermediate VCAL students would like to say a big thank you to those who generously donated goods to their Wesley Mission Project. On 7 September the students went to Wesley Homeless Services in Ringwood to help clean out their pantry, sort out stock, and re-stock the shelves with the donated items. It was wonderful for the students to build on the generous spirit of our school community.

Steve Tarulli  
Applied Learning Coordinator

HERITAGE CENTRE TOUR

Tours of the Heritage Centre, including morning tea, will be held on Wednesday 21 October between 9.30am and 1.00pm.

All Old Collegians are welcome to come along and share their stories and view the memorabilia on display.
EISM CROSS COUNTRY
Congratulations to all of our Cross Country runners who competed at Ruffey Lake Park in Doncaster on September 9. Despite the early showers, the day turned out to be perfect for running, and MLMC students posted some great results.

Particular mention to Harrison Van Duuren who won the Under 13 event, and Aiden Pace who finished 3rd in the Open event. Well done boys.

Mount Lilydale also won the Under 14 Girls pennant and finished 4th overall.

STATE SHORT COURSE SWIMMING
Congratulations to Keilani Trewavis (Year 8) who recently competed in the Victorian Short Course Swimming Titles. Keilani had another great meet, finishing with 2 gold medals (200m IM and 400m IM), 1 silver medal (200m Breaststroke) and 2 bronze medals (100m Breaststroke and 200m Butterfly). She was also selected in the State Team for Nationals later in the year. Well done on your achievements, Keilani!

EISM RESULTS
No EISM competition this fortnight – Year 9 EISM resumes October 8.

WOOLIES EARN & LEARN
A huge thank you to all students, parents and staff for contributing Earn & Learn stickers – once we have tallied them, we will let you all know how many we managed to collect!

EFL BEST & FAIREST
Congratulations to the following students on their results in the EFL Junior Best and Fairest held on October 4:
U17A 3rd - Adrian Ficorilli (Croydon)
U17C 7th - Jackson Lowe (Lilydale), 11th - Joel Koger (Lilydale)
U15A 2nd - Isaac Biasuzzo (Norwood)
U15C 3rd - Nick Camp (Chirnside Park)
U13C 2nd - Adam Camp (Chirnside Park)

Congratulations also to Josh McKenna (Year 10) who umpired the U13 Grand Final in the Dandenong Ranges Junior Football League recently.

EQUESTRIAN NEWS
Congratulations to Maddy Clark (Year 11) who competed at Braemar College Interschool Show Jumping on September 12 on her 2 horses in the Advanced class (1.15m). Northern Irresistible finished 2nd in her first class and 1st in her second class, ending up Champion overall. Northern Cornelia was 4th in his first class and 2nd in the second class finishing reverse champion overall.

Well done, Maddy!

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Danni Webb
Sport Coordinator
ARE YOU CONCERNED THAT YOUR CHILD IS SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME PLAYING VIDEO GAMES?

Video games are a popular form of entertainment. However there is a growing body of anecdotal and academic evidence about concerns with:

Social isolation and why computer generated worlds is appealing to young people

Identifying the interaction between excessive video game playing and mental health issues

Interacting with gamers and understanding motives for play

Come and meet our new Families and Modern Technology counselor/project worker from EACH's Youth & Family and Gambiers Help service, for information and possible referral.

Who  Parents of teenagers who are concerned about problematic use of gaming in the home

Where  Federation Estate
        32 Greenwood Ave, Ringwood

When  21st October 2015

Time  7.30-9.00pm

Cost  free

More information:
For more information and to register your attendance please contact Amanda Jenkins or EACH Youth & Family reception on 9871 1802