"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a sensible person who built his/her house on rock."

Mt 7:24

The Mount St Joseph building, the original Mercy Convent, was built on rock and has certainly withstood the weather since 1896. We know how solid the rock is having struggled to remove it for several new buildings in the past few years. A solid foundation is essential for buildings and for all aspects of life.

Jesus is urging us to not just listen to what he is saying but to put his message into action; to follow his example to show mercy, compassion and forgiveness. Catherine McAuley, and the Sisters of Mercy, have certainly set an example; laid a sound foundation for us to follow. Students, staff and parents continue to reach out to others each day. In addition to the daily acts of hospitality and kindness to each other, we have recently had an appeal to raise funds to support Mercy Schools in Queensland; we are about to ‘Shave for a Cure’; we will support Caritas during Lent; we visit the Soup Van, Ozanam House and Regina Coeli every fortnight and now Year 11 students are reaching out to provide support to refugees.

I give thanks to God for the inspiration staff and students give to me through their works of justice and mercy.

As we walk through Lent, let us continue to give alms (good works), pray and try to change some of our bad or careless habits.

Mercy bestows benefits, receives us anew, and pardons again and again.’
Catherine McAuley

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STAFF NEWS
On your behalf I welcome Ms Kristen Haggar to the College as School Nurse. Kristen will be working each Thursday.

Thank you and best wishes to Miss Ainsley Stibbs and Miss Eunju Yu who will complete their contract with the College on Friday 11 March. I thank them for their contribution and wish them well for their future. On Tuesday 15 March we will welcome back Ms Natasha McKenzie from her study in Japan.

NEW STUDENTS
On your behalf I welcome the following new students and their families: Benjamin Lawson (12 Red), Alexandra Gallagher-Fox (11 Orange), Claudia Vis (11 Purple) and Jessica Miller (7 Jade).

Bernard Dobson
Principal

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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the Traditional Custodians of this Land. We pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Kulin Nation and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians.
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS

A reminder that blazers are now a compulsory uniform item for travel to and from school. In the event of warmer weather of an afternoon, students will be advised that they do not have to wear it home. In any situation where your child is not in full uniform a note explaining the reason should be provided to the Year Level Coordinator so a Uniform Pass can be issued.

WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE
Don’t forget about the World’s Greatest Shave happening next Friday 11 March. This is a great opportunity to support the Leukaemia Foundation in the work they do for cancer sufferers. Students can receive a Number 2 buzzcut or have their hair coloured. A permission slip must be completed for this. They can be obtained from Student Reception or a copy is attached to this Newsletter.

Michael Johnston
Deputy Principal - Director of Students

FROM THE LEARNING CO-ORDINATORS

The Learning Coordinators are enthusiastic about the start of another school year, filled with many learning opportunities for the students here at the College. Along with the set curriculum, there will be various learning-based extra curricula activities through the year to offer the students. Further information will be provided as these activities near.

One of the keys to making the most of all learning opportunities is for students to be prepared to learn. Being organised for class and having all of the correct materials with you makes the learning process a little easier. This includes ensuring that students collect all of the required books for the next lessons at the start of the day, at the end of recess and the end of lunchtime. Making sure that students take all the correct books home, to complete any homework, assignments and study is also important, just as bringing the correct books back to school the next day. Using the College planner well will help facilitate this.

There is the Organisational Skills Program for students in Years 7 to 9 and the Study and Organisational Skills Program for students in Years 10 to 12 who need some assistance in this area. If you feel that your son or daughter may benefit from these programs, speak to them about it and contact us here at the College.

To help the students of VCE Units 3 & 4 subjects with their organisation of time, they have been provided with a basic outline of SAC and SAT dates for many of their subjects. Below are listed the dates for the next few weeks. Please note that there could be some change in these dates, but the students will be notified of any changes.

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Gail Preston (Learning Coordinator 7-9)
and Anthony Schepis (Learning Coordinator 10-12)
SELF REFLECTION
Lent is a time of reflection on how we conduct ourselves and what type of people we want to be. In addition we prepare once again to celebrate the most scared mystery of our faith, the death and resurrection of our Lord. As Term ONE is progressing very quickly it is important that all students regardless of Year Level take the opportunity to reflect on how they are progressing to date.

Ask yourself these questions:
- Are all assessment tasks completed and submitted?
- Have you developed a study routine to ensure all work is completed on time?
- Find out what needs to be completed before end of Term One - Check Planner. How can you prepare for Term Two and build on experience so far and learn from them.

Attached to this newsletter is a sheet outlining the learning goals we are encouraging students to work on in all lessons. These goals form the basis of good classroom learning and constructive work habits. Please place the sheet on your fridge or noticeboard at home and discuss the merits of working towards these goals with your son or daughter as they are positive habits not only for school but for their future work life.

Students are encouraged to see Mrs Gail Preston, Year 7-9 Learning Coordinator or Mr Peter Molinari if any student is struggling or finding the workload overwhelming.

PROJECT COMPASSION
As we will commence the season of Lent on Wednesday, the Church asks us all to take a journey to review the past, look forward to the future and ‘journey into the desert’ to meet others as we travel to our final destiny.

Let us pray that this LENT we will emerge with a much deeper understanding of ourselves and of our dependence on God. We ask you to please support CARITAS AUSTRALIA through Project Compassion and encourage your daughter/son to contribute by donating generously to this wonderful project in the homeroom.

Donation Hotline: 1800 024 413
Website: www.caritas.org.au
NB: Donations of $2 and over are tax deductible.

SPECIAL PERSONS’ DAY
On Tuesday 1 March we welcomed grandparents, friends and family members to the College for the annual Special Persons’ Day - a day where students had the opportunity to showcase “their school”. This annual event commenced with an assembly and entertainment at 9am in Centennial Hall, followed by tours of the college and culminating with a shared morning tea in McAuley Hall with a display of college memorabilia highlighting the 115 years of Mercy Education in Lilydale. This was a great day for students at each year level to welcome those who are important in their lives and to spend a few hours at the College. A great day was had by all and the feedback has been very positive. Thank you to all involved in the organisation especially the Parents and Friends and the Year 10 Peer Support Leaders. We have attached some photos on the following page.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
Mount Lilydale Mercy College this year will be participating in the Reading Challenge. The VPRC is open to students in Prep to Year 10. To complete the challenge students must read a minimum of 15 novels of which 10 must be from the Challenge Booklist. The booklist can be found on the following website:

Reading is strongly recommended at Mount Lilydale Mercy College and all Year 7 and 8 students will be enrolled in the challenge with great individual and class prizes. Mr Peter Molinari will be the contact person with the McAuley Library Staff support. The Challenge will be a wonderful experience for all the students. Year 9 will also be invited to participate - more information regarding passwords and login details will be disclosed by letter during the week.

AROUND THE CAMPUS
Year 7 Level Assembly held on Tuesday 22 February had guest speakers invited to talk to the students about weightlifting and how to get involved in the sport and have fun.

Students attended an after school session to learn about DAV Debating, the skills involved and to organise teams for 2011.

COLLEGE THEME 2011
The College Theme as chosen by the Prefects at their Training day last November states: “Pressence, Compassion, Joy and Unity.”. Our College Mission Statement encourages us all to work together in aspects of Spirituality, Learning and Community as we empower all members of our school community: staff, students and parents with the compassion, joy and a sense of unity to Make a Difference (MAD) to our school and in the wider community.

“THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE BEAUTY OF THEIR DREAMS”

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Peter Molinari and Carolyn Ellul
McAuley Campus Directors
A family is a place to cry and laugh and vent frustration, to ask for help and tease and yell, to be touched and hugged and smiled at. A family is people who care when you are sad, who love you no matter what, who share your triumphs, who don’t expect you to be perfect, just growing with honesty in your own decisions.

A family is a circle where we learn to make good decisions, where we learn to think before we do, where we learn integrity and table manners and respect for other people; where we are special, where we listen and are listened to, where we learn the rules of life to prepare ourselves for the world. The world is a place where anything can happen: if we grow up in a loving family we are ready for the world.
SPORTS REPORT

Last Tuesday evening the college held its 2011 Swimming Carnival at Croydon pool. Well done and congratulations to all those students who attended and participated in the Swimming carnival. All swimmers should be proud of their involvement and achievements on the night.

Overall house placings were as follows.

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Thank you to everyone who attended, including parents and staff for making the carnival a successful event.

Maria Flood
Director of Sport

PARACETAMOL AND IBUPROFEN CONSENT

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parental/Guardian Consent for Paracetemol (Panadol) and Ibuprofen (Nurofen) is registered on our medical database. Once written consent is given for a student to be given the medications listed above, it will remain so for the time your student is at the College, and will not need to be updated annually as in the past. If you have not given consent for your child to be administered either of these medications in the last 6 months could you please do so by filling in the consent form attached to this newsletter and return to Mrs Conway. If there has been any change to current consent could you please complete a new form and forward it to the College.

Thank you

Mrs Margaret Conway
School Nurse

MLBC LAKERS
BASKETBALL CLUB
MLBC LAKERS NOW RECRUITING

For the upcoming 2011 WINTER season starting soon.

Vacancies in all age groups
Miniball to Under 21 teams - Boys & Girls Teams
Experienced & non experienced players accepted.
All team training conducted at Mount Lilydale Mercy College.
New Miniball players receive a Basketball & Lakers Drink bottle.

Be Quick!

Enquiries Phone:
Boys (Senior ) Co-ordinators  - Monica Schneider  0402 042 245
                              Penny Birrell  0419 134 962
Boys (Junior) Co-ordinator    - Anne-Louise Stolzenhain 0412 518 178
Girls Co-ordinator            - Karen Edmondson  0417 149 638
Miniball Co-ordinator         - Jo Reid 0419 560 910

Or email: MLBCLakers@bigpond.com

HOMEWORK CLUB

Every Wednesday
3.30 to 4.30pm in PWR 2.24
All students welcome
If you would like to ask teachers about school work, homework or about how best to study,
HOMEWORK CLUB is the place for you.
I give permission for ______________________________________ to have

(Please circle your choice)

1. a Number 2 “buzzcut” (performed by a qualified hairdresser)

OR

2. “Cinta” coloured hairspray applied

at the College on Friday 11 March 2011 as part of the fundraising effort for the World’s Greatest Shave.

In completing this permission form I acknowledge the activity and any risk involved and release Mount Lilydale Mercy College and the Leukaemia Foundation from any liability arising from my child participating in this activity. I understand that the hair colouring to be applied will wash out under normal circumstances. Please check with a hairdresser if you are uncertain about this.

Please return this form to Student Reception or to Mr Johnston.

Parent Signature: _________________________________ Date: ____________________________
| L | Listen Attentively  
Be quiet while the teacher or other students are speaking. Show you are listening by looking at the person and asking relevant questions. |
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| E | Explore New Ideas.  
Be curious. Ask questions. Research a new idea. Discuss different views with an open mind. |
| A | Achieve  
Strive! Persist! Do your best without fear or worry about what others may be doing. |
| R | Respect your teachers and classmates.  
Allow others to learn in their own way and try to understand the views of others even when you disagree. |
| N | Never give up.  
Be resilient. When you don't succeed don't walk away but keep trying. Challenge yourself. |