Key Dates
Friday 14 September
ACC Para Athletics Carnival
Monday 17 September
CPAF Concert
Wednesday 19 September
8.1 RE Mass
ACC Interschool Athletics Carnival
Thursday 20 September
Yr 8 Social
Friday 21 September
Extravaganza Evening
Saturday 22 September
Art Exhibition
MYAT/ Yr 7 2013 information session
Tuesday 25 September
Advisory Council Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 26 September
8.2 RE Mass
Friday 28 September
Mercy Day: Cathedral Mass 9am
End of Term 2

Principal’s Report
“What we think, or what we know, or what we believe is, in the end, of little consequence. The only consequence is what we do.” John Ruskin

In the Cathedral Bulletin on Sunday 2 September there was a good reminder to us all about how we are meant to live and what really makes a person righteous. Religion and righteous living is more than obeying rules. Rather, ‘it is living free of the corrupt influences of our world, and possessing a heart that reaches out with compassion and care to the most vulnerable among us’. This is what Jesus puts before us. And if our hearts are not in tune with God and with other people, that we fail to live with integrity. Having compassion involves more than feeling – it involves action.

Recently I have had cause to think about the issue of our young women taking personal ownership for their actions. We all make mistakes from time to time, however, lately it is becoming more and more the inbuilt tendency for the girls to blame others for their faults. If nothing is ever their fault and is always the fault of the circumstance or of someone else, then this leads young people to justifying their actions rather than taking responsibility for them. Parents, when your daughter comes home upset over something that has happened at school, please ensure that you make the effort to get both sides of the story. It is often the case that an agitated parent will contact the school, ready to blame a staff member for an incident when in fact their daughter has not followed through on her responsibility. For our part as staff, we will continue to make expectations as clear as possible and support our students to meet those expectations.

Over the month of August many of our girls were involved in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival and they certainly earned many accolades. There have been many Honourable Mentions and Certificates of Merit and all the girls have been a credit to themselves and to the College. Mercedes won Shields for Liturgical Dance, Liturgical Choral Music, and Bible Reading, and joined with Trinity to win Shields for the Concert Band, Choral Singing and the Vocal Duet sections. I thank sincerely the girls who have participated in all the different sections of the festival, as soloists or groups. Thank you too to the parents who have driven the girls to their different performances and thank you especially to all the Arts staff who have journeyed alongside the girls during their preparation and other staff members who have assisted with supervision of the girls at different events. Another very successful year for the girls. I will look forward to seeing many of you at the Festival Concert at the Perth Concert.

Insight from Catherine McAuley:
Put your whole confidence in God. He never will let you want necessaries for yourself or children.
Mission Leader’s Musings

Gospel Reflection

Sunday, 16 September 2012:
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
Mk 8:27-35

A follower of Christ must take up the cross.

‘But you, who do you say I am?’ This would have to be one of the most powerful questions of the gospels. It echoes down the centuries and is just as relevant today as it ever was.

‘Who do you say I am?’ Our answer to that question is perhaps the most revealing statement of our faith, as it was for Peter in the gospel account.


Perhaps we have never tried to actually answer the question for ourselves. It is a confronting question. ‘Who do you say I am?’ It’s confronting because, as Christian people, we believe that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and values. It’s challenging because whatever we say in answer to that question has implications for the way we live. ‘Who do you say I am? You see, the question is in the present tense, not the past. It doesn’t ask ‘Who do you say I was?’; it asks, ‘Who do you say I AM?’

The very question asks us to recognise that Jesus was not just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather someone who continues to be a presence in our community and our lives today. As Archbishop Costelloe said at this week’s Assembly “Everything is centered on Christ in this Year of Grace”, therefore let each and every one of us respond to this purposeful question: ‘Who do YOU say I am?’

Questions to Ponder

Q. Why does Jesus want the disciples to admit what they believe about him?
Q. What are the ‘crosses’ that followers of Jesus today are called to take up?
Q. Is there a particular ‘cross’ or burden that you can bear in order to better follow Jesus?
Q. How can I be a channel of God’s grace in this mercy community?

Hall on Monday 17 September when our girls will be performing in four of the items.

On Sunday last, the Music Showcase drew a crowd of over 350 parents and friends. The evening was done in cabaret style and the performances of the girls, both choral and instrumental, were outstanding. Thank you to all the students and staff who helped make the event a most enjoyable evening and to the College community for their support.

Yr 12 students are heading into the home stretch with their Semester 2 exams coming up in the holidays, Graduation and the final WACE exams for those sitting them. Some girls will see the next weeks as a time of steady consolidation whilst, for others, the stress levels may be exceptionally high as they realize that time has flown and they may not be as prepared as they would have liked. It is never too late to put in a greater effort. Parents we need to work together to encourage our girls to persevere and stretch themselves to reach for the heights that will bring them optimum success. No one can ask any more of a student than that they give of their very best. Perseverance drives positive academic behaviours and that also requires balancing and managing all those extra things that are part of teenage life. The most successful students still find time for exercise and for friends and family. As parents we can ensure that our daughter is eating well and getting enough sleep.

Everyone, this is an early reminder that the Mercedes College Presentation Evening will be held in the Concert Hall on Friday 19 October. Please ensure you read correspondence that comes home regarding tickets and get in early to secure your seats.

A reminder to you all that Spring Extravaganza is on next Friday, 21 September. This will be a fantastic night of fashion, art, music, drama and enterprise displays from the Year 10 Accounting and Finance students. It will highlight the wonderful talent of students across all year levels. The event will also include the opening of the 2012 Mercedes College Art Exhibition. Please be quick to secure your tickets through Student Services. More information can be found on the College website. I’ll look forward to welcoming you all.

Teen Commandment for this fortnight: You shall not hesitate if they call and say they need a ride home from a party. Grab the car keys first and ask questions:

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A Music Recital featuring Carissa Soares (Year 8) who will perform a selection of grade 7 AMEB piano repertoire, spanning all eras.

Music in the City

Extravaganza Evening and Art Exhibition

Friday 21 September / 6.15pm - 9.30pm, College Hall
Art Exhibition / Serisier Learning Centre / Saturday 22 September
10am – 12pm

2012 Presentation Evening

Friday 19 October 2012 / 7pm, Perth Concert Hall

Please refer to the College Website for more information on these events.
Gracious God,
You have blessed this ancient land
with many gifts, especially its people.
We thank you for the Year of Grace,
a time to start afresh from Christ.

You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son,
that we may experience a new wave of grace,
and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.

Attune our hearts and minds
to the presence of your Holy Spirit,
that our Church may be transformed,
our relationships be healed,
and our nation grow in compassion and justice.

With the intercession of St Mary MacKillop,
who showed us new ways of living the Gospel,
we make our prayer
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Pastoral Care News

Year 7/8 Learning Community

Year 7 - Mrs Michelle Lloyd
The past few weeks have been busy ones for our Year 7 students as many of them participate in numerous House and School based activities. I have been incredibly proud what they have achieved and what they bring to the College community. As a reward for all of their hard work and effort over the course of the year to date, the Year 7 girls have been selected along with the Year 9 and 10 SRC as the support and cheer squad for the ACC ‘A’ Division Athletics Carnival. This will be held on Wednesday 19 September at Challenge Stadium. The students must be dressed in their full winter uniform, including their blazers. Please ensure your daughter is dressed in accordance with the School Policy as they will be representing the College at this important event. This is a normal school day and all Year 7 students are expected to be in attendance.

We are also putting the final touches on our song for Presentation Evening to be held on Friday 19 October at the Perth Concert Hall. Each Thursday during Homeroom, we have been rehearsing under the expert guidance of Mrs Claire Gamlin and we cannot wait to show off our talents! Please be reminded that this is a compulsory event for our Year 7 students. Ticketing information has been emailed home to families.

Year 9/10 Learning Community

Year 9 - Mrs Sherrin Adams
We have now come to the end of our class masses; I have been very impressed by all classes on their beautifully prepared liturgies and reverent participation. Many thanks to the class RE teachers for their support of the girls – Mrs Davis, Mrs Dell, Mrs Mews, Ms Russo and Mr Slotwinski.

The Year 9 SRC girls have been chosen (together with Year 10’s) to form the Cheer squad for the Interschool Athletics Carnival next week. They are learning the cheers so that they can lead our youngest girls - hopefully their voices will be very loud. I know that they are very excited to be chosen. These girls also met a number of guests to our school last week - all were impressed with their manners, confidence and personal presentation. Well done girls, you were excellent ambassadors for the College.

Many of the girls have been heavily involved in cultural and sporting pursuits over a number of weeks. Well done girls on your commitment and achievements. Best wishes to our Year 9 athletes for a wonderful day next week.

Today the girls were introduced to the peer Mentor Program for 2013. They have been given details of how to apply and the importance of getting their application ready in plenty of time. I look forward to reading their letters.

Year 11/12 Learning Community

Year 11 - Mrs Marianne Morpeth
The Year 11 students have been involved in many aspects of College co-curricular life of the College over the last few weeks. They have acted as leaders in the preparation for the House Film Festival which was held this week, and in the House Drama Competition. Congratulations are extended to Emma Oorschot (11.6) who, along with her partner from Trinity College, was awarded the Shield in the Vocal Solo/Duet category at the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. Also, to Beth Litjens (11.3) whose three dimensional artwork entitled “I Made You A Mixed Tape” was selected for display in the Angelico Exhibition.
In the area of sport, many girls have been training to represent the College in the upcoming ACC Interschool Athletic Carnival while others produced Silver Medal performances in the Volleyball and Hockey competitions. The Student Representation Council students have also been hard at work organising fundraising activities for Mercy Day. I would like to congratulate the girls on their endeavours to support these aspects of the school community.

US Consul General Aleisha Woodward visited the 2B Politics and Law class to discuss the US electoral system and the current US presidential elections on Monday 10 September. This is the second visit by the Consul General to Mercedes this year and the students thoroughly enjoyed her take on the ins and outs of the way Americans choose their elected representatives.

Year 12 - Mrs Bernadette Dell

We have reached a crucial stage of the academic year and the Year 12 students are all very aware of the importance of their efforts in the next few weeks. All the girls now have access to their WACE exam timetables and should have these dates noted as they prepare for these significant assessments. The Semester 2 exam schedule for Mercedes will soon be released and if there are any clashes between school exams and WACE practical exams, the student needs to contact Mrs Wholley as soon as possible to arrange for her school exam to be rescheduled.

It is important for each girl to remain focused and positive as any revision and study completed will be of benefit, even in cases where the student has slipped behind with some aspects of her course. Teachers are offering a great deal of support for students as they prepare for their exams or complete final assessments so it is important that the girls accept this assistance to maximise their performance.

Graduation booking slips are due this week so please check that your daughter has returned your slip. We look forward to a wonderful celebration of our students’ achievements in the beautiful setting of St Mary’s Cathedral and the College. The Year 12 students will also be honoured at the Presentation Evening on 19 October so we would like them all to make sure they can attend this important occasion in the College calendar.

Time for our Year 12 cohort is becoming very precious. I would urge all girls to look after themselves; to eat healthy meals, exercise and rest. Students need to focus their attention on completing homework, applying themselves to final assessments and studying and preparing for their exams. They should also take advantage of every opportunity to access their teachers’ expertise and assistance in this rundown to the end of Year 12.

Thank you to all students for their prompt reply and handing in of subject selection forms. Now begins the exciting task of creating a timetable that will try to accommodate all these requests. Students and parents need to be mindful that not all requests can be accommodated.

Presentation Evening and academic awards are in the forefront of staff minds during the coming weeks. It is important that girls maintain their focus and continue to work hard in class and at home. I encourage students to use the services available for extra assistance, especially the Homework club in the Library after school from Monday to Thursday and during lunchtime in focus rooms across the campus. Thank you to our amazing staff who are always looking out for and challenging our girls to reach their potential.

This week Year 8 and 9 Parents may receive letters home from our recent student review. Please use this time of feedback to have those urgent discussions about creating study timetables or to praise your daughter for their attitude, participation and performance.

Mrs Loretta Wholley, Deputy Principal, Academic Services
General College News

Uniform requirements for Term 4
- The correct dress for Term 4 is the Summer Uniform. This applies from Day 1.
- The uniform includes the wearing of the hat to and from school for ALL students.
- If the weather remains cool the School jumper can be worn as street dress.
- Correct Uniform Length: The hem should be sitting on the knee.

Mr Cole, Deputy Principal, Student Life

Students not returning to Mercedes College in 2013
If your daughter(s) in Years 7 to 11 is/are NOT returning to Mercedes College next year, please notify Mrs Mandy Ludovico by Monday, 15 October 2012, by telephone (9323 1340) or email on mludovico@mercedes.wa.edu.au. Please note that one term’s notice of withdrawal is required to avoid penalty charges. Receipt of this information will assist us planning for 2013.

Catholic Performing Arts Festival (CPAF) - Mrs Cocks, HOLA The Arts
2012 has been our best ever year in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival (CPAF). To win a shield in a section of the CPAF against the very strong competition and talent from other Catholic Colleges is a real achievement and very difficult. We won 6 Shields! We are very proud of all the students who participated in this year’s Festival and thank their teachers who prepared them, their parents who supported them and their friends and other performers who pushed them to achieve excellence. Well done to every single girl who was involved. Your reports were all fantastic and were a reflection of the Mercy value of excellence. Congratulations!

Over 400 Mercedes students participated in Bible Reading, Choral Singing, Voice Solo/Duet, Piano Performance, Instrumental Solo/Duet, Instrumental Ensemble, Scripted Drama, Original Drama, Liturgical Dance, Liturgical Choral Music, Concert Band, Symphonic Orchestra, Musical Production, and Dance.

The 6 Shields that we have won will be presented at the Festival Concert on Monday 17 September, Perth Concert Hall. Mercedes will perform in four items with other outstanding performances. Tickets are available through BOCS ticketing.

2012 CATHOLIC PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL AWARDS:

Shields
- Bible Reading: Georgia Volk
- Choral Singing: Trinity/Mercedes Chorale
- Christian Dance: Mercedes Liturgical Dance Group
- Concert Band: Trinity/Mercedes Wind Orchestra
- Liturgical Choral Music: Mercedes College Select Choir
- Vocal Solo/Duet: Matthew Dixon & Emma Oorschot

Honourable Mentions
- Choral Singing: Mercedes College Select Choir, Trinity/Mercedes Vocal Ensemble, Trinity/Mercedes Chorale
- Symphonic Orchestra: Mercedes/Trinity Orchestra
- Concert Band: Trinity/Mercedes Wind Orchestra
- Instrumental Solo: Carissa Marie Soares (Secondary Percussion), Nicola Kastropil (Secondary Woodwind)
- Solo Scripted Drama: Laura Cocks
- Solo Original Drama: Ciara Murphy
- Piano Performance: Carissa Marie Soares
- Musical: Mercedes College Aladdin Cast & Crew
- Liturgical/Sacred Choral Music: Mercedes College Select Choir, Trinity/Mercedes Vocal Ensemble
- Bible Reading: Georgia Volk, Elizabeth Smith
- Christian Dance: Mercedes College Liturgical Dance Group
- Instrumental Ensemble: Mercedes/Trinity Senior Strings
- Vocal Duet: Emma Oorschot & Matthew Dixon
- Vocal Solo: Emma Oorschot, Courtney McManus, Veronica Bravo

Merit Certificates
- Secondary Choral Singing: Mercedes College Choir, Mercedes College Madrigals
- Concert Band: Trinity/Mercedes Wind Ensemble
- Instrumental Solo: Caitlin de Souza (Secondary Woodwind), Leila Nicholls (Secondary Woodwind), Mercedes Slack-Smith (Secondary Percussion), Alexandra Elliott (Bass Guitar), Zoe Davidson (Secondary Woodwind), Abby O’Rourke (Secondary Percussion), Gabrielle Slack-Smith (Secondary Woodwind), Lily MacMillan (Secondary Strings)
**Instrumental Duet:** Aidan Richards & Caitlin Richards (Secondary 2 Different Instruments)

**Instrumental Ensemble:** Mercedes College String Ensemble (Strings)

**Secondary Vocal Solo:** Nikita Rees, Alessia Pintabona

**Scripted Solo Drama:** Alice Lynch, Sarah Cocks, Gabrielle Slack-Smith, Veronica Bravo, Lara Scott

**Original Solo Drama:** Angelique Cayeux, Rochelle Renwick, Emily Hunt

Students who have won these awards will be presented with inscribed Certificates from Catholic Arts very soon at year level assemblies.

**Art Exhibition / 21 - 22 September**

Included in this year’s Annual Art Exhibition are the pieces that represented Mercedes College at the Angelico Exhibition. (L to R) Yr 11 Design - Beth Litjens, Yr 9 Art - Eloise Natalotto, Yr 10 Visual Art - Alice Champalle, Yr 12 Visual Art - Annabel Seow, Yr 7 Art - Nina O’Rourke, Yr 8 Art - Eloise Haslehurst

**Making Mercedes Greener - Julia Newsome (10.3)**

Mercedes College was fortunate to have Jessica Breadsell from AYCC (Australian Youth Climate Coalition) speak at our assembly this week. Jessica shared some of her personal story and experiences and how climate change is affecting our world. She talked about the “elephant in the room” and the fact that the subject of climate change is often ignored. Jessica has been involved with AYCC for the past year and is studying Climate Studies and Political Science at UWA. She hopes to work in the field of Climate policy when she graduates next year. The AYCC’s current campaign is giving tens of thousands of young people around the country the chance to vote on what renewable energy they want Australia to be powered by in the future. Youth Decide is an online campaign that allows students to vote from 10 September until 17 September. Environmental stewards and staff members have assisted the girls to access the website. The College has provided computing rooms during lunchtime to allow students to vote for this campaign.

**Mercedes Hockey - Ms Lorraine Brown**

The ACC Hockey Challenge was held at the Perth Hockey Stadium, Curtin University towards the end of Term 2. A mixed team of girls from Years 8 - 12 represented the College in a round robin style tournament playing continuously throughout the day. Success was the result at the end of 9 gruelling games finishing clear on top of the points table for the second consecutive year. It was a true team effort all day, but great skills from Georgia Wilson saw her top the goal scoring list with 12 goals.

The team progressed into the Buchanan Cup on Thursday 30 August. A competition that sees the top two teams from the ACC compete against the top two from each of the IGSWA, State Schools and WA Country Week competitions. At the end of the day we were placed second, securing a Grand Final showdown with Penrhos. Unfortunately luck was not on our side going down a very respectful 3-1 and taking home the Silver Medal.
Congratulations must also go to the following girls who are achieving well in their hockey careers:
- Georgia Wilson Year 11 who has been named in the Australian Hockey League, WA Diamonds Development Squad. This follows her success representing WA, at the Australian U/18 National Championships and being named 'Player of the Tournament'.
- Paige Costello Year 8, named in the WA State U/13 team.
- Brittany Keen Year 9, a member of the winning East Region at the WA U/15 Regional Championships.
- Georgina Versteeg and Paige Costello, members of the East Region U/13 team who were also victorious.

**Hockey WA Junior Teams**

Another year of hockey is over, with all teams putting in a great effort for the season. This year saw three teams competing over three age groupings with mixed results. Next year, however, this experience should pay off for all players and the skill that many have exhibited over the last 16 weeks will only enhance the position of teams.

Our Year 7/8 team successfully finished second on the premiership table and were unlucky to be defeated in the finals after losing only two games all season and only 13 goals scored against them. Their team spirit and skill level have been remarkable this season.

Both our Year 9/10 and 11/12 teams learnt a lot from their playing experiences this season and will all come back stronger next year! Pre-season training starts in March!

A huge thanks again must go to all who assist every year. Our coaches, Mr Matt Lester, Mr Chris Girando and Mr Dennis Volk. Our umpires, Mr Peter Kennon and Ms Fiona Wainwright, and team Managers, Mrs Jill Birchall, Mrs Billy McMullin and Mrs Nikki Marchetti.

I also wish the Year 12 girls the best in their future hockey careers. It was a sad farewell last Sunday when they realized that it was the last game. They were all presented with a 'hockey legend' trophy recognizing their commitment to playing under the Mercedes name! Hopefully they will follow the lead of many ex-students and continue playing with the Curtin Trinity Pirates Club.

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**Music - Mrs Claire Gamlin, Music Coordinator**

**Catholic Performing Arts Festival and Final Showcase**

Thank you so much to all of the girls (and Trinity boys) who were involved in this year’s very successful Catholic Performing Arts Festival. Four Shields were won in music, which is an incredible achievement. The 2012 final Showcase is on Monday 17 September, 7pm at the Perth Concert Hall and will feature the Select Choir, Mercedes/Trinity Chorale, Mercedes/Trinity Wind Orchestra and a duet performed by Emma Oorschot (Year 11) and Matthew Dixon (Trinity, Year 12). Tickets are available online from the BOCS website.
Annual Music Showcase
The Annual Music Showcase was held on Sunday night at Mercedes. It was a sold out performance for this new Cabaret style event, with parents, friends and family members all enjoying the chance to have some food, drinks and the opportunity to mingle in between items. Thank you to the music staff, particularly Mrs Sharon Beros and Paul Waterhouse, and Belinda Ipsaro-Passione who organised the evening together with the Friends of Music and additional parent volunteers.

Diary Dates

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Mathematics - Mr Peter Mee, HOLA
Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC)
Congratulations to all students who participated in the AMC. The results are in (we are still waiting on the certificates). Special mention needs to go to two Year 12 students who achieved a High Distinction: Jennifer Nguyen (achieving a percentile ranking of 100%) and Cecilia Mai (achieving a percentile ranking of 97%).

Students who achieved a Distinction are:
Year 12: Hannah Matthews, Joanna Doan, Caitlin De Souza and Kiana Pascoe
Year 11: Laura Cocks, Amanda Phillips, Matilda Martin, Regina Yap, Amelia Plummer, Patricia Suryawinata
Year 10: Shaye Guillory, Mimi Seng, Alexandra Hicks, Sarah Chalmers
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Mercedes College P & F & Trinity College Auxiliary Joint Melbourne Cup Lunch
Hurry tables/bookings are filling fast!

Those who want to join us for the Mercedes & Trinity Melbourne Cup Lunch but are finding it difficult to put a table of 10 together, email Jackie Stacey and let her know. You can book and pay for 1 or 2, or more as we are taking bookings of less than 10. We will make up tables of 10 with a mix of parents - a great way of getting to know other College parents. Click on the link above for more information.

Mercedes College Footy Tipping
Thank you to all the parents, friends, staff and Homerooms who joined the MC footy tipping competition. We had approximately 55 competitors, with a number of them winning not just one round but 2 during the competition. Congratulations to all the winners. Grand Prize winner is Brenton Skufca who won $1000, Consolation overall prize went to 12 to the 4 (12.4 homeroom, Greg Shine) who won $250. This year we only had three homerooms join the competition with The Mighty 7.3 and 12.4 each winning a round during the competition. However congratulations has to go to 12.4, Mr Shine's homeroom who was the overall homeroom prize winner of $100, although The Mighty 7.3 came very close to taking out the prize. On behalf of the P & F thank you once again and we look forward to you joining our competition in 2013.

Mercedes College Fete Sunday 14 April 2013
Earlier this week the first Fete Newsletter was distributed outlining a list of stalls that require coordinators. In particular a call for parents to join the Fete Exec Committee. I would love to hear from anyone who would be willing to be a part of the Fete Exec Committee who work well as a team. But we desperately need more people in order to achieve our objective. Please check the Fete Newsletter for the list of Stall Coordinators and the positions required to complete the Fete Exec Committee. Since the

Parents & Friends Association

Tournament of Minds Newsletter - Ms Callie Steven
On Saturday 1 September seven creative Mercedes students went to Curtin University for the Tournament of Minds Regional Finals.

Sarah Coutinho, Beth Shaw, Roisin Nash, Liz Fazey, Eimile Carroll, Ella Parker and Lily McDermott had been working hard for six weeks preparing a creative solution to the Language Literature problem this year entitled "What the Dickens, my Dahling Beatle Bard!" The team were required to choose characters from novels by Dickens and Roald Dahl, plays by Shakespeare and selected Beatle's songs and weave them together into an original play with a strong theme. Not only this, but the students had to create their own props, set and costumes, with no help from teachers or parents.

It was no mean feat to have Juliet from "Romeo and Juliet", Eleanor Rigby, Maxwell's silver hammer, Peter Rabbit and Shakespeare himself share a stage, but the team's creativity won through in the end. The girls worked extremely well together and created a very entertaining play with themes centering around friendship and forgiveness. They received extremely high praise from the judges, with special mention to Eimile's entertaining death scene. Well done to you all!

Year 9: Genevieve Mascarenhas, Nicola Hynes, Sarah Coutinho, Elysia Greene, Ella Armstrong
Year 8: Ahsee Culmsee, Nuala Allingham, Eloise Haslehurst, Kayslyn Del Rosario, Gillian Hackwill, Jessica Brewer, Rachel Crock, Ruby Higgins, Mia McCluskey
Year 7: Ivy Bui, Sascha Coates, Georgina Versteed, Sophie Bottega, Kelsy Carvalho, Caitlin Symons, Isobella Brun, Brianna Lim, Anson Mahindra, Antonina Greenshields, Emma McDonald

Well done to all participants!
Fete newsletter we now only **205 days to go**, the Fete will be here very soon! Thank you to the parents who have responded to the call for stall coordinators. The Drinks Stall, Recycle Boutique & Sizzling Satays now have stall coordinators. I still need to fill another 14 Stalls. I look forward to hearing from more parents who would like to be a part of this wonderful Mercedes College Community Event! Together we can achieve anything!!

**The Parents & Friends Federation of WA Inc**
The PFFWA Term 3 newsletter is now available.

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**Student News**

**Student Achievements**

Congratulations to Tarika Jayachandran (7.5) on becoming a finalist in The West Australian Young Writers Contest for Years 7 - 8 Poetry Piece “Vanishing Rainbow”.

Well done to Kira Oborne (8.3) and Kali Blair (8.2) who competed in the Girls 13 - 18 years, 12km City to Surf run and placed 42nd and 78th respectively. Overall there were 6 Mercedes College entrants.

**Mercedes Netball**

Congratulations to Mercedes Netball Club with one of our most successful seasons with 9 of our 19 teams in Grand Finals. Teams in every year group are represented at the Grand Finals so Good Luck to all the girls playing on Saturday and hopefully we come through and have more to celebrate at our End of Season Windup **Sunday 16 September**, **12pm at Mercedes College Hall**.

Courts and times - **Saturday 15 September, Matthews Netball Centre, Wembley.** Please come and support your fellow students.

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**Thank You to Parents**

**Big Issue Fortnightly Street Soccer Food Run**

Irene Cummings, Naomi Paraskov, Dean English, Tanya English.

**Annual Music Showcase Cabaret**

Terry & Christina Richards, Belinda Ipsaro-Passione, Jenny & Dean Davidson, Denise Scasserra, Tina Morton, Marc & Linda Brambilla, Toni & Martin Saxon, Arlene Soares, Sara MacMillan, Susan Tapper, Linda Leonard, Catriona Harrison, Gaylor Murray, Chris & Emma Lawrence, Gabrielle Metcalf, Debra Sayce, Freda Crucitti.

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**Noticeboard**

**Abilities Careers Expo** - Information for families on employment, further education and/or post school option available to students with physical, sensory, intellectual or psychiatric disabilities. Tuesday 25 September 2012, 9.45am - 2.00pm at Burswood Resort. Contact Noeline on 9527 9009 / abilities.expo@education.wa.edu.au.

**Academic Task Force** - Master Classes from 29 July / WACE Help Weekend Classes starting 28 July / Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Saturday starting from 28 July. For more information contact 9314 9500 / learn@academictaskforce.com.au.

**Australian Sports Camp** - Cricket, Netball, Soccer and Hockey Camps (Term 3 holidays). For more information visit www.australiansportscamps.com.au or call 1300 914 368.

**Kidsport** - The State Government's Kidsport program assists families with children aged between 5-18 years by subsidising fees to join a sport and recreation club. For more information visit http://clubonline.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport.

**Youth Mission Team** - invites students in Years 9 - 12 to the 3rd iSTAND camp for 2012, 28 - 30 September. Learn more about yourself and God, meet new friends and have a lot of fun. It will feature games, a live band, dramas. For more information contact Marty on perth@ymt.com.au or 0417637040 or search for "iStand Weekend #3" on Facebook.