Key Dates

Friday 15 June
Yr 10/11/12 Exams conclude
ACC Para Soccer

Monday 18 June
INSTEP 2nd Placement commences

Wednesday 20 June
11.7 RE Mass

Thursday 21 June
ACC Hockey Challenge
Yr 9 Social 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Friday 22 June
Young Mercies Retreat (until 24 June)

Monday 25 June
Changeover to Semester Two

Tuesday 26 June
Advisory Council Meeting 6pm

Wednesday 27 June
11.8 RE Mass

Insight from Catherine McAuley:

“May God bless and animate you with His own divine spirit, that you may prove it is Jesus Christ you love and serve with your whole heart.”

Principal’s Report

Compassion automatically invites you to relate with people because you no longer regard people as a drain on your energy. Chogyam Trungpa

The Semester One exams are over and the girls are anxiously waiting for results. I certainly hope they have aspired to achieve as high as they possibly can. So often I say to them that mediocrity is unacceptable. Personal excellence should be their own expectation. As the senior girls begin their second semester courses the words of Pope John XXIII must stand before them:

‘Consult not your fears, but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what is still possible for you to do.’

Over the past weeks I have had some interesting conversations about fundraising in the College. We work hard at the College to keep costs down as low as we possibly can for our parents, and hence we also restrict fundraising. Often I am approached to support individual girls who have been selected for different interstate or international sporting events with fundraising amongst the students and I say no. For the students there are two major fundraising events in the year – Caritas (Project Compassion) and Frog Jog, which supports our Mercy ministries. The girls are encouraged to give generously – either from collecting sponsors for the Frog Jog or by earning the money themselves. The girls could certainly earn money around the home by helping out with extra jobs or, in the case of the older girls, contribute from the money they earn in part time jobs. Yes, we asked the girls to contribute at least $25 each to Frog Jog, a sum that I do not believe is beyond their means. The girls seem to find money well enough for personal things when they want it. During Lent, the girls were contributing to a myriad of things happening around the College – cake stalls, sweet stalls and the like. Last year we also had fun events for Mercy Day in which the girls participated for minimal cost. We may well do that again.

What is happening is that parents are giving their daughters the money for Caritas and the $25 for Frog Jog. Some parents are objecting to the amount of money they are being asked to contribute; however, the intention is that the girls pay for these, not the parents. Our girls are learning nothing about personal sacrifice for others and service when parents are just giving them the money.

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Year 9 students fine tuning their steps at their final dancing class before the Rock Around the Clock Social next week.
Mission Leader’s Musings

Sunday, 17 June 2012: Parable of the Mustard Seed

Mk 4:26-34

This week’s gospel is a wonderful example of the teaching style of Jesus. It even tells us that ‘he would not speak to them except in parables’. Jesus used the parable form as a storytelling tool, unlike his contemporaries who marketed exclusively to share his message. He used imagery that was familiar to his audience; religious stories about the everyday life of a rural community: seeds, planting, growing, harvesting. The secret of Jesus’ parables is that there was always a ‘twist in the tale’ – what is called a ‘discombobulating shift’ – that turns the expected outcome of the story on its head.

As I reflect on my own teaching style after 28 years of working in Catholic Education, I realise I use story telling a good deal in my teaching. I really do believe we are a story-telling, story listening people. As a community we acknowledged the power of storytelling, for stories energise, provide symbols, images and metaphors through which people can respond from their own lived experience. They connect the past and present with the future. They can facilitate comprehension of the Gospel and of the story of a community like Mercedes College. We are well aware of the power of the stories of the Sisters of Mercy who have gone before us in various settings dating back to 1846. The struggles of Ursula Frayne and her companions who started many of our Mercy institutions, their courage, resilience in the face of difficulty, and the strength they drew from one another, can be a source of sustenance for our young women today who can learn much from the stories of women faced with different challenges in different historical periods.

On the surface of the mustard seed parable it is about the kingdom of God starting from very small, humble beginnings and growing into something great. The parable describes a tiny seed that grows into a great shrub ‘so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade’. However, a farming community that was growing grain crops would be greatly alarmed at the thought of actually attracting birds to their fields. Jesus’ message about the Kingdom of God is that it is actually challenging and sometimes unsettling to build the Kingdom, a lesson the Sisters of Mercy learnt very quickly in their humble beginnings in the Swan River Colony.

Questions to ponder

Q. Why do you think Jesus so often taught through parables?

Q. Why might Jesus have avoided a direct description of the kingdom of God?

Q. How do you share in the story telling of our community?

As well during the year, the P&F have fundraising events, to further support the purchase of equipment and major items for the College. I sincerely thank all our families for the P&F levy they pay and also for the extra support they give these events. When we do not have a Fete (a bi-annual event) the P&F organise a Wine Raffle as the major fundraiser. In addition each year they sell the Entertainment Books and also provide a number of social events, including Family Sausage Sizzles after the Masses at the beginning of the school year and on Open Day, the Mother/Daughter and Father/Daughter Camps and the Quiz Night, in all of which the money paid only covers costs.

There is no doubt that society places pressure on all of us to overindulge. Advertising places no emphasis on personal integrity and strength of character but rather on all things material like how you look, what you wear, what you have, and your ‘freedom’ to do what you like. To survive this bombardment, young people will need their parents to provide firm guidance, courage to confront inappropriate demands and an environment where sharing and caring are visible and felt.

People have often asked what the P&F does in the College, apart from the events mentioned above. So many things in the College would not have been possible without the support you provide to the P&F through your levies and support of fundraising. Technology, such as interactive boards, multi-media projectors and screens across the campus, new sewing machines, to name just a few, the outfitting of McDonald with new desks and chairs and the purchase of all the lockers, the outfitting of the language and music rooms and so many little things that make a huge difference. It seems that the P&F needs to make these things more public within the College community so you all know where your money is going. In Term 4 of this year and during 2013, the refurbishment of St Joseph’s will be a priority. I have asked the P&F if they would support this project by keeping money raised during this year and next for the outfitting of that building – desks, chairs, lockers. Every cent you contribute in levies and all money raised through P&F events goes back into the College, supporting the education of your daughters, and helping to ensure that Mercedes College provides a learning environment that is future orientated and in keeping with living our value of excellence. Every student benefits. Again, I thank the P&F Executive for the time they generously give to the College and to each and every one of you for the financial contributions you make to our College. I hope you know the significant part you are playing in keeping Mercy education at Mercedes affordable for everyone. It is much appreciated.

The Teen Commandment for this fortnight is: *You shall not approve the use of more than two electronic devices simultaneously.*

Teens can handle two devices with ease, and they will attempt to add a third into the mix. But once they go to three devices, you’ve lost all ability to attract their attention. Wild hand gestures, signal corps manoeuvres, even pleading faces will fail to penetrate their cone of Connectivity. *(Principal Digests Vol 17 No 4)*

How true this is!

Peace and best wishes.

Sheena Barber, Principal
Pastoral Care News

Year 7/8 Learning Community

Year 7 - Mrs Michelle Lloyd

It has been another very positive couple of weeks for me as I have had the pleasure of signing quite a few Year 7 diaries and congratulating them for some excellent work they have undertaken and of course for their positive behaviour towards their work in general. So, well done to all of those girls who deserve such credit and keep up the great work for next semester!

It is fantastic to see our young women put so much effort into their work and into improving and deepening their understandings in a variety of subject areas. Remember that the value of Excellence applies not only to the girls who always seem to get “the highest marks” but to all of us – staff and students alike. It is about doing your best at all times no matter what challenges might lie in your path.

A reminder to all parents to ensure that your daughter’s uniform is clearly labelled. Over the past fortnight we have had many instances of students taking home someone else’s uniform. Please check your daughter’s and if it does not belong to your daughter, please return it to school as soon as possible. It might be a timely reminder to ensure all items are labelled and that each piece is your own.

Congratulations to Brooke Plummer and Sophie Phelan who were elected Homeroom Heroes for 7.4 this fortnight.

Year 8 - Mrs Melissa Trolio

As we all know, schools are very busy places, and our Year 8 Community has been keeping themselves extremely busy. The past few weeks have students participate in many co-curricular activities including House Dance, Cross Country, Debating and we also have two junior teams playing off in the High School Cup netball competition this week. We wish them all the very best of luck and I would encourage all Year 8 students to continuously contribute to the life of the College. Mercy Service Learning is also keeping students busy concentrating on helping others within the home. Please ensure your daughter is keeping her diary up-to-date, getting activities signed and completing each review as appropriate. A reminder that the project closes on Tuesday 3 July and diaries will need to be submitted with all entries and the final reflection completed.

Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, city walks for our Group Work Projects were postponed to Friday this week. However all Year 8 students participated keenly and had very excited looks on their faces when Mr Poga introduced students to the themes of the projects earlier this week. Students should also have begun to get to know their fellow group members more closely and I would encourage you at home to support every idea or innovation that your daughters will be coming up with!

Year 9/10 Learning Community

Year 9 - Mrs Sherrin Adams

Today brings dancing to a close for another year. The girls have had a great time, learning steps to such dances as the Cha Cha, Patter-cake Polka, Jive, Twist, Slow Rhythm, Hucklebuck and the ever popular Barn Dance. They have been a credit to themselves and their families in the way they have conducted themselves over the last seven weeks. I thank the Year 9 Pastoral Care staff for their supervision, the Year 12 students who have assisted and especially Kay Gilkison and Ryan Hayworth from Gilkison’s Studio for teaching such a large group so effectively.

The culmination of the dancing season is of course next week, when we will Rock Around the Clock – Fifties style, at our social. I look forward to a great evening. All permission slips should now be returned. I will soon be contacting those parents who have generously offered their assistance on the evening. Without adequate parent help the event cannot go ahead.

Composed by the National Planning Team and endorsed by the Bishop's Working Party, the following is the official prayer for A Year of Grace.

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.
Year 10 - Mr Liam Smith

It was fantastic to see so many parents at the recent Subject Selection Parent Information Evening, I hope the information you received has sparked some vibrant conversations with your daughters and their educational pathway. The Year 10 students have been doing some great things around the College and I would like to give a special mention to the Peer Mentors who continue their support and mentor roles with the Year 7 students.

I trust the girls have been studying hard for their exams and I wish all the girls the very best for their exams and hope they achieve their goals this semester.

Year 11/12 Learning Community

Year 11 - Ms Callie Steven

Exams are now almost over, to the relief of many. And now the wait for results. It is important to realise that exams are a learning tool as much as they are a test to see what you have learnt in classes. This is especially true of Semester One exams for Year 11 students, where this may be the first proper exams the students have ever sat. Important considerations like timing, and relative strengths and weaknesses in different subject areas can be gaged and then remedied before any further assessments and the end of year exams.

As the students return to school to receive their results and begin the next unit of study, it is important to keep things in perspective. There has been some incidences of unkind behaviour occurring among the Year 11 cohort that could be put down to the stress of this time of the term, but which is still unacceptable. We need to be reminded of the importance of caring for one another and considering the words we say, as even if they seem innocuous enough, they may be excluding others.

On this day in 1942, Anne Frank began her diary. She is an excellent example of a young woman who tried hard to make the best out of a bad situation, and the world will forever remember her for her writing and the unique perspective of that time that it provided. She provides an example of the power of language and the power of hope in the face of adversity that is crucial to us all. I know that a lot of students have been under some stress but now is the time to take stock and begin anew, with greater energy and new units. Hopefully, the short rest after exams ended will have reinvigorated students.

General College News

House Update

Thank you to all those girls who have indicated they would like to move to the new Houses for 2013 – Wright and Cooper. We need a few more to make up numbers. Please see the list below and if you would like to move over come and see Student Reception and fill out a form. Remember this is a great opportunity to get involved and create the Spirit of these two new Houses.

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Uniform

Before the Public Holiday break a uniform list with all the College rules and regulations was sent home to all students. This week I have been going around to Homerooms to check uniforms. Overall I have been very pleased with only 2 or 3 students in each Homeroom needing a note in their diary for any transgressions. The main issues have been length of skirts, wearing the correct College tights and a clean (recently washed and pressed) uniform. Thank you to all carers to assist in keeping their daughter’s uniform looking great and ensuring your daughter leaves home well groomed and proud to present our College.
Cyber Safety
At the beginning of Term 3, students in Years 7, 9 and 11 will have the opportunity to listen to Susan McLean (she has recently been on the Morning shows) to talk about being a responsible “digital citizen”. I have been reminding students they must take care in how they present themselves online (photos and comments) and to never give out personal information to anyone including name, address or suburb or mobile phone numbers. Otherwise, they could be making themselves the target of marketing schemes or more nastily – online predators.

Public Transport
In recent weeks we have received a number of complaints from the general public about the poor behaviour, attitude and presence of our girls on the trains and buses. We do receive positive comments too, but I would love a week to go by where the positive comments outweigh the negative. Therefore a reminder to students to ensure the comfort and safety of all passengers are considered. So, they must act respectfully, behave appropriately, keep exits clear and obey all school rules about journeying on the CAT before and after school.

Mrs Loretta Wholley
Deputy Principal, Student Life

Careers - Mrs Cheryl Alach
Over the next few months Universities, Institutes of Technology and other private providers will be organising events to help students in planning their future pathways. It is important that students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are aware and make the effort to attend the events. Events/programs scheduled within the next month:

**Edith Cowan University:**
ECU Information Evening - Joondalup Campus - Tuesday 19 June / 6pm - 7pm.
Information Evenings - [http://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/events](http://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/events)
Mining, Energy and Science - Joondalup Campus - Tuesday 19 June / 6pm (Engineering, environmental science, natural science, business, chemistry and Occupational Health & Safety)
Health & Allied Health Industry - Joondalup Campus - Wednesday 27 June / 6pm

**University of Western Australia:**

**Murdoch University:**
Murdoch Mondays - First Monday of month April to December (Murdoch Student Centre will extend opening hours to 7pm)
‘Be a … Student for a Day’ Programs - RSVPs essential - [https://www.experience.murdoch.edu.au/](https://www.experience.murdoch.edu.au/)
‘Be an IT Student for a Day’ - Wednesday 11 July / 8.45am - 3pm. Open to students in Years 9 - 12.
‘Be a Law Student for a Day’ - Tuesday 17 July / 9.00am - 2.00pm. Open to students in Years 9 - 12.
‘Be an Animal Scientist for a Day’ - Wednesday 18 July / 9.30am - 2.30pm. Open to students in Years 10 - 12.

**University of Notre Dame:**
Course and Admission Information Evening - Monday 18 June / 5.30pm courses expo, 6pm (Tannock Hall of Education) Contact 9433 0533 for more information or visit [www.nd.edu.au](http://www.nd.edu.au).

**Early Offer Program**
The University of Notre Dame is offering students the opportunity to apply for an Early Offer Program (successful students receive offers in October). Nominations have to be made by the school. If you are interested in applying for the Early Offer program, please see Mrs Alach for an application form.

**Chess Club**
Mercedes College has registered a number of students for the Interschool Chess Competition which will be held on Friday, 22 June at Penrhos College. To prepare for this competition, Mr Wolfgang Leonhardt, our chess coach has provided two sessions of chess coaching over the last two weeks. Mr Leonhardt has won the WA championship eight times over a number of years and is a life member of the state and national chess associations. He brings both wisdom and enthusiasm to this chess coaching.

The coaching sessions have been held before school on Thursday morning and I must congratulate the girls on their dedication as they have been both attentive and very keen to learn some new skills and strategies. Hopefully, next week it will be a rewarding an exciting experience for our students.
English - Mrs Catherine O’Toole, HOLA
Year 9 English students were delighted to have a visit from local author Julia Lawrinson on June 12. Julia gave them many wonderful insights into her novel *Bye Beautiful* and into the creative process that brought it to fruition. I was most impressed with the quality of the questions the girls asked, indicating excellent engagement with the book and its issues.

Food and Nutrition - Mrs Carolyn Marshall
The Rostrevor Lecture Theatre was a buzz with excitement on Monday 11 June as Year 7 Food and Nutrition students waited for the 2012 My Kitchen Rules contestant, Angela Schlegel to arrive and talk to them about her experiences with the popular TV show.

Angela works at Polytechnic West as a Hospitality Lecturer. She is an accomplished Chef with a passion for food and cooking, and a desire to impart her knowledge and her experiences through demonstrations and guest appearances throughout WA.

The girls were very excited about having a national celebrity at the College and curious to hear Angela’s stories related to her experiences on *My Kitchen Rules*. Of particular interest were the girls’ questions about the dishes that Angela and the other contestants prepared for the show, and how long an hours filming translated into actual time spent on set.

Angela explained that up to 12 hours or more each day was spent on set, preparing and filming for an hours’ program time. Each team had to memorise the recipes and prepare the dish according to what they had practiced or remembered. One student was interested to know whether or not the program was “rigged”.

Angela was careful in explaining that the program was scripted and each contestant had their own producer who was at their side asking a multitude of questions while they were cooking on set.

It was clear Angela’s enthusiasm really motivated the girls and, that they enjoyed the experience.

Languages - Madame Marie-Noëlle Vieira
Culture in the City Club
Over the past few weeks our club has enjoyed listening about cultural experiences from our Language Teacher Assistant and French exchange student

French Exchange Student: Nassima Djaballah
Nassima arrived at Mercedes College in April 2012 and is staying with her Host family, the Newsomes. Since arriving Nassima has been very involved has been attending classes and getting involved in all aspects of College life.

Recently, Nassima was our special guest at our weekly Culture in the City Club meeting where she talked about her life in France and gave the students at the College an insight of her school in France. Nassima also made a very special treat for the girls, a small pasty called ‘Madeleine’ which dates back to the 18th century.

Language Teacher Assistant : Angelica Zappacosta
Angelica talked about her Italian city, Vasto describing all the beautiful sights, history and culinary delights. Her city Vasto, has a Sister City relationship with Perth. Angelica described why and when this relationship was formed.

Angelica showed us a beautiful video clip of a Vastese lady making a speciality of Vasto called ‘cicerchiata’. We all sampled this special treat, delizioso!
Mathematics - Mr Peter Mee, HOLA
Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC)
The AMC will be held Thursday 2 August (costing $5.50). All students are invited to take part, however participation is expected for the following students:
- Virtually all year 7 and 8 students (the cost will be included on the school account)
- Year 9 and 10 students in the Extended mathematics classes
- Year 11 students studying MAT 3AB and MAS 3AB
- Year 12 students studying MAT 3CD and MAS 3CD

Year 9 through to 12 students need to bring $5.50 to their mathematics teacher as soon as possible. Students not in the above list who wish to participate need to bring $5.50 to their mathematics teacher. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Maths' Week Results 2012
Many thanks to the students who took part in the activities throughout maths week.
In particular, congratulations to:
- Putri Sunarko (7.2) won the Junior Multiple-Choice competition
- Abbie Kinsella (7.5) won the Letters and Numbers competition
- Julijanna Hantzis (12.4) won the Senior Multiple-Choice competition
- Emma Reid (8.2) won the Speed Sudoku competition
- Aloyse Murray (8.4) won the Pi Recital competition (correctly reciting the first 133 decimal places of pi)
- Congratulations to Putri Sunarko (7.2) who won the Year 7 House Times Tables competition. She scored 82 out of 100 correct in the 2 minute timeframe to answer questions went up to the 15 times table. She will be presented with the trophy at the next assembly.

Congratulations also to Claudia Tadaro (7.2) who came second, and Callista Hughes (7.2) who came third.
Commendations to the other Year 7 finalists who represented their House admirably: Amber English, Annadrea D’Angelo, Chloe Thexeira, Ellen O’Hara, Emily Zimmerman, Georgina Versteeg, Ivy Bui, Kimberley Martin, Madeleine Grech, Megan Nille, Renata Yap, Simone Parlongo, Talia Banks and Taylor Sinclair.

- Congratulations to Year 7 students Georgia Barton, Monique Carbone, Annadrea D’Angelo, Isabella Marchetti, Tiana Martelli and Abbie Taylor who won the Maths Song Parody.

Winners will be recognised at the next assembly.

Mercy Now - Sr Breda
An invitation to staff, parents, friends of Mercedes College and the Sisters of Mercy.
You are invited to join with staff, parents and friends in Mercy every second Tuesday during the remainder of Term 2 and possibly continuing on to Term 3. Meeting dates for the remainder of Term 2 are Tuesday 19 June and Tuesday 3 July. The Prayer gathering will take place in the Staff Room at the College from 3.45pm – 4.45pm over a cup of tea. The idea for this prayer gathering was designed by the Mercy Now Team. This is a group of enthusiastic, professional and Mercy enthused young women who come together to pray, enrich our sense of community and be of service. Part of their vision is to bring the joy of prayer and contemplation to anyone who seeks to set aside some time for prayer and reflection in their busy working lives. If you are interested or know anyone who is interested in this opportunity for prayer, please contact Breda at breda.oreilly@mercy.org.au or boreilly@mercedes.wa.edu.au.

Music - Mrs Claire Gamlin, Music Coordinator
Catholic Performing Arts Festival
Details will be issued to parents and students at the end of June when we expect to receive confirmation on performance dates and times. Please make sure, if you have entered the Solo Performance category, that you organise an accompanist as soon as you receive this information. Contact the Music Department if you require help to find a suitable accompanist.

Music Performance Dresses
Girls in Senior Ensembles (Orchestra, Wind Orchestra, Select Choir and Madrigals) will be wearing their black performance dress for the Trinity Senior Music Night at the end of the Term, as well as many performances during the Catholic Performing Arts Festival in August. Please check your performance dress still fits, and bring it in to Mrs Beros if you need a new one! She is in Rostrevor on Tuesdays and Wednesdays only.

Diary Dates *please note this is different to the College Calendar.
Wednesday 4 July * Trinity College Senior Music Night (please arrive by 6.45pm) performance at 7.30pm. Ticket information will be given out at rehearsals. Black performance dresses will be worn. Orchestra, Wind Orchestra, Select Choir, Madrigals
Sport

ACC Cross Country

Mercedes College was one of over fifty schools that competed in the Associated Catholic Colleges (ACC) Cross Country on Thursday 31 May, at Perry Lakes. To qualify for the team aggregate, the girls were required to run a 3 kilometre course in 18 minutes. The effort of all team members was outstanding, with every runner completing the course in the required time limit. Only 33 girl’s teams qualified and Mercedes College finished eighth in the girls overall aggregate, which is an exceptional achievement. The Under 15 and 16 girls performed extremely well, finishing 6th and 5th respectively. Commendable individual results on the day included Imogen Brierley-Hay who finished 10th, Rachael Wales 17th, and Rebecca Allen 18th.

Students who made it into the top 100 runners for their age group included the following:

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The performance of the Mercedes College team indicates that they are gaining strength and depth in the field of Cross Country, which will be good for future years. The results of all competitors can be accessed on the ACC website which is www.accsport.asn.au. Congratulations to all the members of the 2012 Cross Country team members on an excellent result.
Coles Voucher Collection 2012
The 2012 voucher collection commenced June 13. The process is the same as the previous years, simply spend $10 at any Coles, Coles On-line, Bi-Lo or Pick ‘n’ Pay and receive 1 Voucher. In 2011 Mercedes collected almost 100,000 vouchers allowing the College to receive a huge range of FREE equipment.

Once again Mercedes will hold a competition between Homerooms, with the Homeroom that collects the most vouchers winning the PRIZE. Start shopping and start collecting!

Parents & Friends Association
P & F Meeting Time Change
The P & F would like to let all families that the new time for the monthly P & F meeting is 6.30pm in the College Staffroom. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14 August.

Quiz Night
Please return booking forms as soon as possible as table are selling fast. Booking Forms can be accessed on the College website.

Six Committee members are still required to assist with the preparation of this year’s Quiz Night. Please email Jackie at parentsandfriends@mercedes.wa.edu.au if you are interested. Tasks ahead are obtaining prizes, wrapping prizes, helping with Table Quizzes, setup, pack up and general help with the course of the event. Thank you in anticipation.

Wine Raffle Update
This week families should have received a Wine Raffle book containing 15 tickets at $2/ticket. The P & F would appreciate it if families could sell their book of tickets and return the butts and money as soon as tickets are all sold. More books are available upon request. The raffle will be drawn at the College Quiz Night. Families can still send in wine or a contribution of $15 towards the raffle prizes. Thank you so much for supporting this P & F fundraiser.

City to Surf 2012
Mercedes College is registered as a school team for this year’s City to Surf. All students, family and friends are encouraged and welcome to register online and join the team. For more information on how to register, visit the College website.
Entertainment Books
Year 7 & Year 9 families who have not returned the Entertainment Book or $65 please do so ASAP. Entertainment Publications must have this finalised by Friday 22 June.

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