Key Dates

Monday 13 August
19th Angelico Exhibition (until 24 August)

Thursday 16 August
Year 7 Social with Trinity College

Friday 17 August
Athletics Camp (until 19 August)

Tuesday 21 August
Advisory Council Meeting 6pm

Wednesday 22 August
9.2 RE Mass
Year 10 Social 6.30 - 9.30pm

Wednesday 29 August
9.3 RE Mass
MESA Meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 30 August
Fathers’ Day Breakfast 7am

Principal’s Report

“Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go.”  Mother Theresa

Occasionally, we get a call from the public regarding inappropriate behavior of our girls on public transport. Sadly, a few girls sometimes make bad choices and of course it reflects on everyone. We follow up on every report and continually encourage the girls to be respectful of others and of themselves. Over the last few weeks however there have been so many wonderful events and so much to acknowledge and celebrate in our young women.

Firstly, there was the College Production of Aladdin. Over 80 girls were involved in this magnificent production and sitting in the audience you could not help but marvel at the outstanding talent of so many. The singing, the dancing, the acting, the music, the props and scene changes, all the behind-the-scenes work and the Market of Agrabah, all so professionally done and evidence of the commitment and passion of our girls. None of this would have happened of course without the hours of dedicated service from the Arts staff and all the many volunteers, parents, grandparents, staff and friends. On behalf of the College community, I thank everyone who was involved. The Production is never run for a profit. Each year the Arts staff work on a shoe-string budget and they never disappoint. We can only be in awe of their creativity and the skill in putting together all those props and costumes. Many hands contribute I know and we are very blessed with the involvement and generosity of you all.

Last week began with the Year 11 Reflection Day, with its focus on the Mercy value of Justice and the opportunity to engage with different speakers who are coordinating or participating in different organisations that support marginalized people in Perth. Thank you to the City of Perth that provides us with the use of the Town Hall as a central venue for the girls to gather. The day was an opportunity to listen, to watch, to reflect and hopefully to commit to action. Thank you to the girls for their enthusiastic response, to Ms Speranza and the staff who facilitated the day and to Sally Gatt-Lodding who came along and assisted the staff.

Last week I had the opportunity to join the Poverty Immersion group for their overnight experience. I was so impressed by the maturity and openness of the girls who were a little hesitant at first to engage the homeless they met in conversation but were slowly touched by the plight and needs of some of the insight from Catherine McAuley:

If we love God, we will undoubtedly love our neighbor also; they are as cause and effect.
Mission Leader’s Musings

Feast of the Assumption

Gospel Reflection

Lk 1:39-56
The Magnificat

Throughout history there have been many who have proclaimed the memory of Mary to fit in with how they understand women should behave in society. As a result, sometimes, Mary is presented as meek and mild, passive and subservient. The problem with this view is that we can’t reconcile it with the ten stories we have of Mary in the New Testament: the Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation, flight into Egypt, losing Jesus in the Temple, going to bring Jesus home from his public ministry, the wedding feast at Cana, being at the foot of the Cross, and Pentecost.

The strength and power of Mary’s witness is most especially captured in the Magnificat, our Gospel reading from Luke for the Feast of the Assumption, proclaimed to our students at the whole school mass held in the Cathedral on Wednesday morning, 15 August. Here Mary shares with us how God is saving us by turning the world on its head, doing the very opposite of what was expected. The New Testament does not demonstrate a meek woman, devoid of creativity and initiative. It shows a strong, noble woman who put her free will at the disposal of God’s will.

The Catholic Tradition has always honoured Mary as being obedient, the first and foremost disciple of her Son and the sign of what could await all Christians who are invited to share in the mission of Jesus on earth. Discipleship is the valuing of every individual’s ability to contribute to Christ’s kingdom in a unique way. May this Assumption Day see us then finding in Mary, a creative and self-giving role model, a beacon of hope to which we can all hold firm.

most marginalized people in the city. The walk through the city in the very late hours of Tuesday and early hours of Wednesday just raised the awareness of each of us as to how very fortunate we are to have a roof over our heads, a bed to sleep in and food to eat. We are so comfortable in our lives that we are oblivious to the destitution that surrounds us and is evident at our own backdoor. By the end of the week the ten girls were keen to look at how they could change their life-changing experiences into action for justice. Sincere thanks go to the staff who organized the Immersion and journeyed with the girls and to the English family who gave so generously of their time on the Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Last Friday night we had the Fashion for Compassion. What a wonderful community event and fundraiser for Caritas. Organised by the Young Mercies the whole evening was very well organized and professional, from the live music and dancing, the fashion parade of trendy clothes, the display and modeling of garments produced by our own students and the grand finale of the staff parade of retro and vintage clothes (with the exception of Mrs Trolio’s magnificent bridal gown of course). Thank you to all the students, parents and friends who supported the evening. Special thanks to the Thexiera family and extended family who prepared all the food, organized the sound, lights and entertainment and to Nicole O’Rourke who washed all the tablecloths and Greg Mohen who helped pack away the chairs after the event. Thank you, too, to the girls who were courageous enough to model the garments, and of course to the staff. How could you not be impressed with Mr Mee’s safari suit?

Congratulations to all the Mercedes College Rhythmic Gymnastics girls who participated in the first national competition for the year. The results in the August competition for both individuals and categories were outstanding and were evidence of the hours of training. Thank you to the coaches and parents who support the girls.

I would like to thank all the Year 10 parents who made the time to come in and support their daughter during the academic pathway meetings for 2013/2014. Overall, there is a far greater sense amongst the girls of how crucial it is to find what they are passionate about and to reflect on what their aspirations are for life beyond Year 12. There is no doubt that the stakes for academic attainment have been raised and there are dire consequences for young people without a high school qualification and even further education. No matter how high the standards we set or the expectations we have, these alone will not produce more success. Research has shown that lack of self-control and conscientiousness is a major reason that many students fall short of their intellectual potential. On the other hand, academic behaviors, the outward visible signs that a student is engaged and putting in effort to learn, are associated with being a good student and lead directly to high academic performance. Regular attendance at school, good punctuality, organisational skills, doing homework, participation and studying are all aspects of academic performance. In addition to content knowledge and academic skills, students must develop sets of behaviors, skills, attitudes and strategies that are crucial to academic performance. Most important of these of course is perseverance and this requires an ability to put a higher, long-term goal – academic achievement – above more immediate pleasures. (‘Teaching Adolescents to Become Learners’, University of Chicago, June 2012)

The Teen Commandment for this fortnight: You shall not believe in the chaperoning abilities of the older sibling. The presence of an older sibling is not a guarantee for mature supervision. Chances are “Joey’s older sister” or Nancy’s big brother” are also teenagers!

Peace and best wishes.

Sheena Barber, Principal
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.

Quality Catholic Schooling Survey 2012
Parent Responses
Early in Term Two, a group of Mercedes College parents participated in the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) Survey. The Survey provides our school with data from our school community to assist in understanding how well our school is operating. A randomly selected group of parents from across Years 7 to 12 completed the Survey. I sincerely thank those parents who generously gave time to responding to the Survey questions and providing the valuable feedback.
The analysis of the Survey data has been completed and I now present to you a summary of the parent feedback under the four headings addressed in the Survey.
Catholicity
Parents see that having their daughter/s attend a Catholic School as very important and that there are ample opportunities for children to learn about the Catholic faith and to participate in prayer and liturgy. Parents also feel that students are encouraged to be compassionate. The highest percentile rank was Social Justice with parents feeling their children had opportunities to participate in social justice activities.
Areas for improvement focused on staff being more forgiving and fair to others and students showing more respect and care to others.

School Culture
Parents feel that the academic standards and programs of the school address the needs of their daughter/s. The highest percentile rank was given to extra-curricular, with parents feeling the school provides an appropriate range of activities.
Teachers are regarded as having a lot of pride in their work and being extremely dedicated. Behaviour Management scored highly, with parents feeling that this area is managed in a consistent and fair way. Reporting is seen as very helpful, providing a good understanding of how a student is progressing at school.
Areas for improvement focused on the need for students to be given more help with organisational skills to help them to do their homework and on the need for improvement in two-way communication between the staff and parents. The parent data indicated that teachers could be more enthusiastic and more energised to make learning more stimulating and fun and more motivating for the students. Parents also feel they should be encouraged to have a greater say in planning for the future of the College.

Student Behaviour
Parents rated Student Behaviour with the highest percentile rank of all Survey details. Bullying was not seen as an issue.

Student Engagement
Parents have a strong sense that their daughter/s get on well with other students and look forward to going to school. The highest percentile rank was for Social Skills with parents feeling that their child is developing good and valuable social skills.
The areas for improvement focused on the need for students to enjoy their learning more and to look forward more to participating in the learning at school.
It would be wonderful to have parent input into what actions we can put in place to improve performance in the areas indicated. I would welcome a conversation regarding suggestions as to how we can move forward. My email address is sbarber@mercedes.wa.edu.au and I look forward to hearing from you.
Pastoral Care News

Year 7/8 Learning Community

Year 7 - Mrs Michelle Lloyd

Another busy fortnight has passed and it has been a pleasure to meet with students who have reached the Year Coordinator for good notes in their diary and it is also worth mentioning that several girls have now been to see me for a second time meaning that they now have over 20 positive entries in their diary. An amazing achievement!

A reminder to parents that all students must have their uniform clearly labelled. When a piece goes missing, students must make every effort to find that piece by checking change rooms, lost property and placing a notice in the Bulletin. This is part of our girls taking responsibility for their property and developing problem solving strategies when things do not go to plan. While it is disappointing when items go missing, eventually they need to be replaced. Students cannot wear different combinations of the school uniform (i.e. Jumpers with sports uniform) to suit. Your support in this matter is very much appreciated.

Finally, as we go to print, the Year 7 community is abuzz with excitement about the Social to be held this evening at Trinity College from 6.30 – 8.30pm. I know that the girls will have a fantastic time and will be outstanding ambassadors for our College. Thanks in advance must go to the Year 7 Pastoral Care team who assist in the supervision of the girls at this event.

Year 9/10 Learning Community

Year 9 - Mrs Sherrin Adams

Congratulations to the many Year 9 students who have participated in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival, Aladdin and various sporting and cultural activities since the beginning of term. As always it is great to see so many of the girls actively involved in all facets of school life - whilst maintaining their academic studies. It is also gratifying to see how well the girls support each other in their endeavours.

With the conclusion of WAMSE last Friday Year 9 students were happy that the ongoing testing is finally over – I thank them for their attention and efforts over the week.

Year 11/12 Learning Community

Year 11 - Mrs Marianne Morphett

The Year 11 Reflection Day provided the opportunity for the girls to pause and consider the needs of the less fortunate in our society. Timed to coincide with Homeless Persons Week, the Mercy value of Justice was explored within the context of the scriptural passage from Micah “…to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God”. This experience provided a contrast to the excitement of the previous week when many of the girls were involved in the successful musical production of Aladdin. A selected group of girls were able to explore homelessness in a more practical sense through their involvement in the second Poverty Immersion programme. We would like to thank Ms Speranza and her team for facilitating both of these worthwhile experiences for the girls.

This week the girls will receive their subject selection form for next year. Students who have found aspects of their present course challenging, are advised to make an appointment with Mrs Wholley before selecting their course for Year 12.

Year 12 - Mrs Bernadette Dell

We are now counting down the weeks until the exams so the girls are all trying to maximise their results by working very hard to prepare for their final challenges. All the Year 12 students should have revision programs organised that they are completing along with their regular homework and assessments. I have alerted the girls to the fact that many studies have shown that the most successful students are those who have eliminated, or severely limited, their use of social media. This would be a good strategy for any girl who wishes to improve her marks as many of our girls comment on the fact that they are ‘addicted’ to pursuits like Facebook.
The girls have been receiving information about graduation requirements and the details of the ceremony which will be held on October 23. We will be conducting the ceremony in the Cathedral and have the meal and other formalities at the College. The Friends of Hospitality have been working with a professional caterer to ensure that the graduates and their families have a wonderful meal. The written confirmation of the details of the evening will soon be distributed to the girls, and parents will also receive an email. The girls will be graduating in their full winter uniform, without the red jumper and scarf so please assist your daughter to ensure that her winter tunic, blazer and shoes are suitable for this important event.

Changes in Novice Driver Licensing
Since September 2011, five forms of identification have been required when applying for a learner’s permit at all Driver and Vehicle Services centres in WA. For more detailed information about the process call 13 11 56 or visit http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/23406.asp

Perth Station Closure and Platform Changes
Important: if you travel to/from Perth by Train please note!
There will be a closure of Perth Station, followed by a number of platform changes as part of the Perth City Link project to sink the Fremantle Line. The Perth Station closure will be in effect from 10am Friday 17 August to the last service on Sunday 19 August. Perth Platform changes will be in effect from Monday 20 August. For more information please read the Train Station Notice on the College website.

Student Services Notice; Urgent - Mrs Lisa Saito
We are currently reviewing our Medical Action Plan file. If you daughter’s needs have changed, for the better or worse, please let us know immediately. Please email lsaito@mercedes.wa.edu.au or call to make an appointment (9323 1323).

Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs Presentation - Mr Chris Cole, Deputy Principal Student Life
We are very fortunate to have Paul Dillon from Drug and Alcohol Research Training Australia (DARTA) back for the third consecutive year. Paul Dillon has been working in the area of drug education for the past 27 years and is the author of the book ‘Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs’. He is experienced in working with school communities to ensure that they have access to good quality information and best practice drug education.

On Tuesday August 21 students from Years 10, 11 & 12 will be attending sessions throughout the day. Periods 1 & 2 - Year 12, Periods 3 & 4 - Year 10, Periods 5 & 6 - Year 11

The Arts - Mrs Kathleen Cocks, HOLA
College Production - Aladdin
Congratulations to the star cast and crew of Aladdin. What a show! People are still talking about it! From the snake and snake charmers in the foyer who were supported by our beautiful Arabian front of house girls and the mysterious fortune teller in disguise, (thanks Mrs Davis) to the stunning performers and crew - you were all fabulous and the show's success is because of you! To the Specialist Dancers who previewed their Aladdin dance (they are performing in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival), to the teachers who worked backstage helping, the make-up girls and dressing room assistants - thank you! It was a real team effort and with over 80 of you working on the show, we truly were a fantastic team.

Thank you so much to everyone who came to see the show and who supported our market of Agrabah. Special thanks to the Young Mercies and P & F who set up stalls and volunteered their time to be at school for each performance. Thanks too to the Speranza and Wilson families for our Cast Dinner and the mums who helped by making salads and serving the girls. What a wonderful experience for us all!
Catholic Performing Arts Festival
The Catholic Performing Arts Festival is in progress and many of our girls have performed and received excellent reports with some Honourable Mentions (HMs) and Merit Certificates. Girls have participated in Bible Reading, Liturgical Dance, Liturgical & Sacred Music Choirs, solos and duet and ensemble performances. Aladdin was also adjudicated as part of the Festival and we look forward to seeing that report when it comes. Also still to perform are soloists and duets, the Specialist Dance Group, Choirs, the Orchestra and Wind Orchestra, and the solo Drama students. A full list results will be published in the coming weeks. Best wishes to those who are still to perform and congratulations to those who have already excelled in their performances.

19th Angelico Exhibition - 13 August - 24 August
The Angelico Exhibition is an exhibition of artworks from Catholic Secondary Schools and is part of the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. Mercedes College has 6 works in the exhibition - Nina O’Rourke (7.4), Eloise Haslehurst (8.2), Eloise Natalotto (9.1), Alice Champalle (10.1), Beth Lijens (11.3) and Annabel Seow (12.7). Forrest Centre, 221 St George’s Terrace, Perth. Viewing hours are 9am - 5pm, weekdays.

Accounting and Finance - Mrs Senika Gunawardena
WA Accounting Student Challenge 2012
On 7 August, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Western Australia held its 2012 Accounting Student Challenge - sponsored by Curtin Business School and supported by Business Educators of WA.

The challenge was open to the four best Year 12 Accounting and Finance students from each school. It is designed to give students an edge with exam preparation and provide them with the opportunity to engage in one of five group case studies to improve their understanding of the curriculum.

Mercedes College was represented by Sopia Ngo, Emma Watson, Amanda Monteiro and Joanna Doan.

Careers - Mrs Cheryl Alach
Murdoch University Open Day, Sunday 19 August
University of Notre Dame Open Day, Sunday 19 August

Edith Cowan University
• Information Evening (Engineering and Technology, Natural Science, Security and Computing), Joondalup Campus / Tuesday 21 August / 6.00 pm
• Information Evening (Business and Law, Communications and Arts, Teacher Education), Mt Lawley Campus / Wednesday 29 August / 6.00 pm

Central Institute of Technology
Open Evening - Wednesday 5 September / 3 - 7pm. Register at http://www.central.wa.edu.au/Newsletter/Events/Pages/EventsDetails.aspx?EventID=15

University of Notre Dame
Admissions Information Evening plus Expo - Wednesday 5 September / 5.30pm

Extravaganza 2012
Extravaganza Evening / Friday 21 September 6.15pm - 9.30pm / Tickets $10
Art Exhibition / Serisier Learning Centre / Saturday 22 September 10am – 12pm / No charge

Join us on Friday 21 September to celebrate the practical and creative talents of some of our Arts, Textile and Year 10 Accounting and Finance students.

An enjoyable evening is promised with refreshments, music and wonderful student product displays. A fashion parade commencing at 7pm will showcase pieces from Textile, Drama and Art students. At the conclusion of the parade you are invited to the Serisier Learning Centre where the 2012 Art Exhibition will be opened, and Awards will be presented. Students have received order forms. For more information or bookings please go to the Spring Extravaganza.
Fashion for Compassion - Janelle Thexeira (12.5)
I believe it goes without saying that the Fashion for Compassion 2012 was a dazzling success.

The spectacular night consisted of three sections - the Indulge Clothing Catwalk, the Design and Textile Student’s Runway, and the most anticipated, the Staff and Teachers Challenge. Mrs Trolio, Mr Green, Mrs Barber and Mr Mee were runners up in the female and male divisions. However, unsure of which division Mr Liam Smith had entered - he had dressed as a Mercedes College student – the judges awarded Mr Smith’s outfit the winner of the night.

The night of fashion was laced with acts by musicians and dancers, from outside the College volunteering their time and talent to help make the event the success it was. Volunteer makeup artists, hair stylists and photographers were also there to ensure the night’s success.

Apart from those who were seen on stage or on the catwalk many students and teachers worked behind the scenes throughout the night to ensure it ran smoothly. It was a brilliant showcase of the College’s wonderful talents; the wonderful Young Mercies and models, the amazing talents of the textile and art students, and the fun, vibrant spirit of the staff. All these added to the night’s impact and helped raise funds and awareness for a very worthy charity - Caritas Australia.

Caritas Australia is a Catholic agency which has been promoting a just world for over 110 years. Within Australia, Caritas has accomplished projects that include a healing program crafted especially through an Indigenous perspective, and a program that supports more than 300 desert weavers from 28 communities within Australia. The $3,000 raised for Caritas will go towards providing aid to some of the 18 million adults and children in nine West African countries. The people in these areas have experienced severe water shortages, shocking harvests and armed conflicts. Caritas provide the necessary food and water to assist those in need to help address long-term food issues in the form of agricultural training and education about disease prevention.

Finally I’d like to thank everyone involved in the night, especially the Young Mercies who were the true driving force. Without their commitment the Fashion for Compassion 2012 would have never occurred, let alone be the spectacular success it was. Thank you!

Languages
Languages Week Report - Emma Florido (12.4)

CIAO! SALUTI! 你好!
Languages Week this year was from the 30 July to the 3 August. It was definitely one of the best Languages’ Week that the College has ever celebrated with many exciting activities happening over the course of the week. From morning to afternoon French, Italian and Chinese cultures were truly embraced.

The activities of Languages Week were varied and exciting. They included a mega language quiz, a Spaghetti Construction Competition, a Chinese Chopstick Challenge, a Paris Puzzle Mania, a wonderful performance by the Italian singing group “Le Gioie Delle Donne”, and finally to bring Languages Week to an end, the Bocce/Pétanque Olympics.
At recess, the canteen played a big part in offering special treats during the week. This included the “Orangina” and “Aranciata Rossa” – a French and Italian drink, freshly baked croissants from La Galette de France, Chinese spring rolls and authentic arancini from Fiorentina Pasticceria.

Special lunches for all language students ranged from ham and cheese baguette and petits fours, freshly baked wood fired pizzas made on campus by an Italian chef and the making of Chinese dumplings were demonstrated in class. All staff and students who were lucky enough to sample the fare on offer enjoyed it immensely.

To add to the excitement of the week we had visitors from China. These included five Chinese students who were travelling with representatives from the Zhejiang Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Education and Zhejiang TV station media personnel. The students won their trip to Perth as part of the WA-Zhejiang English Language Competition which was held in Hangzhou. The Chinese officials were here to celebrate the 25th Year Sister State Relationship with Western Australia.

We definitely had lots to celebrate during Languages Week with the Languages Learning Area also being awarded the “Centre for Excellence in Languages 2012” from the Catholic Education Office. An award that acknowledges the innovative French and Italian Language program offered at the College and the recently introduced Chinese.

Overall, students participated enthusiastically and the spirit of Languages Week was truly captured and enjoyed by all.

Music News - Mrs Claire Gamlin, Music Coordinator
Catholic Performing Arts Festival
The Festival has started well, with Mercedes receiving a number of awards already for our Music performances. A full list will be published at the conclusion of the Festival.

Annual Music Showcase
The Annual Music Showcase will be held at Mercedes on Sunday 9 September. This year, the seating will be in a ‘Cabaret’ style, with parents, friends and family members sitting around tables. BYO drinks, glasses and snacks. Tickets must be pre-ordered for this performance so that tables can be allocated prior to the evening.

Diary Dates
Sunday 19 August
Wednesday 22 August
Thursday 23 August
Wednesday 29 August
Monday 3 September
WA Band Festival: M/T Wind Orchestra – Perth Modern School, Subiaco
CPA: M/T Wind Orchestra - Sacred Heart College, Sorrento
CPA: M/T Wind Ensemble, M/T Orchestra - Sacred Heart College, Sorrento
CPA: Choir, Madrigals, Select Choir, M/T Chorale, M/T Vocal Ensemble - Trinity College, East Perth
Year 11/12 Recital Night - Mercedes College PAC 6pm
Parents & Friends Association

Fathers’ Day Breakfast
Thursday 30 August / 7am / Catherine’s Garden (or Hall) / $6 per person
Make Fathers’ Day special for your dad by making a booking at this year’s Fathers’ Day Breakfast. Proudly supported by the Mums of Mercedes. Order forms have been sent home with your daughter and should be returned with payment to Student Services by Tuesday 28 August.

Science - Mr Peter Mountford, HOLA

National Youth Science Forum 2013
Congratulations to Amelia Plummer (11.3) who has been selected to attend the 2013 National Youth Science Forum to be held in Canberra next January. As part of the selection process students must be successful in completing a series of interviews conducted by Rotary International as well as achieving a high standard of academic performance at school. Amelia will be part of a group of about 20 students who will represent WA at the NYSF.

Murdoch Science and Engineering Summer School
Year 11 students are invited to apply for this exciting program which is held at Murdoch University in January 2013. Students should have an interest in science and/or engineering as a career. For further information please see Mr Mountford in the Serisier Learning Centre. Applications close on August 31.

Student News

Student Achievements
Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements:

- Caitlin Gerken (9.2) who won a gold medal for the girls 15 year Champion at WA State Little Athletics race walks on 4 August.
- Olivia Ridley (7.1) who has been selected to compete with the State Gymnastics Team in Tasmania in the Trans Bass Competition on 23 August.
- Georgia Wilson (11.1); 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’.
- Mikaela Powell (10.5) who competed in the Western Australia Swimming States, winning 2 Gold and 4 Silver medals.

Volunteer Opportunity for students
Edmund Rice Camps WA will have a “New Volunteer Training Day” on Wednesday 29 August, 4.00pm at Westcourt (53 Redmond Street, Salter Point) for anyone who would like to give it a go.
Thank You to Parents

On behalf of the College thank you to the parents who have once again helped with the success of the following events:

School Production
Julie Maher, Raiyana & her mum, Sharon Gregson, Irene Cassella, Susan Tapper, Dean & Jenny Davidson, Jackie Segall, Emma McHardie, Anne Murphy, Laura Oorschot, Christine Little, Monica Butler, Myra Godfrey, Irene Cumming, April Jones, Sally John, Rita Mola, Amanda McManus, Anne Murphy, Sharron Kerr, Jacqueline Segall, Christina & Sandro Nuccio, Yana Palelei, Anne Gartrell, Cathy Duffin, Maureen Hunt, Rodna Lane, Diane Vettler, Jodie Harders, Peggy Phelan, Catriona Harrison, Anna Young, Carolyn Perrett, Helen Moulatsiotis, Dean Davidson, Greg Da Rui, Guy Dodo Balu, John O’Rourke, Tony Cocks, Calabro Family.

Year 11 Reflection Day
Sally Gatt-Lodding

Fashion for Compassion
Louise & Raphael Thexeira, Nicole O’Rourke, Gary Mohen

Music, CPAF
Jenny Davidson, Belinda Ipsaro-Passione

Specialist Dance
Sharon Gregson, Violet Faure, Emma McHardie, Sophie Damianopoulos, Rodna Lane, Maureen Hunt, Lucille Ridley, Hettie Child, Anne Gartrell.

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 Noelene 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.australiannsportscamps.com.au or call 1300 914 368.

Catholic Agricultural College Bindoon - ‘Winter School’ for students in Year 7 to 11 in 2013 on Friday 24 August and Saturday 25 August 2012. Contact the Registrar on 9576 5500 or visit www.cacbindoon.wa.edu.au.

Cuppa for a Cause - hosted by High Tea Social Club and The Knights of the Southern Cross to raise money for the Tuka Bali Franciscan Orphanage. Sunday 26 August, 1pm - 4pm / St Mary’s Cathedral, Parish Hall. Entry $60 - book online www.trybooking.com/29184 (seats limited). Contact Bobbi - 0421 245 991.

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://clubsonline.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport

Women on the Fringe - an original play about biblical women who were marginalised. Friday 31 August - 7.30pm, Saturday 1 September - 2.00pm & 7.30pm / Prendiville Catholic College Performing Arts Centre / Tickets $20 & $15 (concession) Evening performances, $15, $10 (concession) & $5 (children under 13) Matinee performance. Contact Bradley Barbuto (Cathedral Youth Coordinator) 0430 653 857 to reserve tickets or purchase tickets at the Cathedral Piety Stall.