Key Dates

Thursday 2 August
School Production 7pm

Friday 3 August
School Production 7pm

Saturday 4 August
School Production Matinee (1.30pm) & 7pm

Monday 6 August
Year 11 Reflection Day

Tuesday 7 August
Yrs 10–12 Alliance Français exam
Poverty Immersion (until 10 August)

Wednesday 8 August
9.1 RE Mass

Tuesday 14 August
Yr 7 HPV Vaccinations
P & F Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 15 August
Feast of the Assumption - Whole School Mass

Thursday 16 August
Year 7 Social with Trinity

Principal’s Report

“When a poor person dies of hunger, it has not happened because God did not take care of him or her. It has happened because neither you nor I wanted to give that person what he or she needed.”  Mother Theresa

What a wonderful start to our new semester! It began with SWellness (Social Wellness) Week kicked off by our Dads of Mercedes cooking a fantastic healthy hamburger lunch for all our students and staff. Thank you Dads and friends for giving so generously of your time. All of you are acknowledged in our “Thank You to Parents’ section in this newsletter. The hamburgers were delicious! Also during the week Rising Generations returned from Melbourne to provide follow-up workshops with the Year 7 to Year 10 students and the young people from Elevate worked with the Year 11 and Year 12 students. Susan McLean, the cyber safety expert, returned to again raise the awareness of our young women of the need for great care when using the internet and when engaging with social networking sites.

Last Thursday evening saw the presentation by the Year 8 Group Work Project winners to their parents. All the Year 8 girls completed outstanding projects, focused on ideas to enhance the City of Perth and make it more appealing for young people. The girls work independently in small groups to research their idea and the results show initiative, creativity and great teamwork. The parents couldn’t help but be impressed by the confidence of the girls during their presentations.

The 2012 Quiz Night was held last Friday and, again, was a great community event. Thank you sincerely to all families, friends, staff and students of Mercedes for the wonderful support on the night. Thank you too to all our donors of prizes for raffles and for the auction on the night. Mr Graham Hall, one of our Dads, did a fantastic job as quiz master and we thank him for his generosity in helping to make the night fun and engaging. The Wine Raffle was also a huge success and that is entirely due to the generosity of families both in providing wine, making a donation and in selling the raffle tickets. All parents who assisted, again are named in our “Thank You to Parents’ section; however, special mention must be made of Jackie Stacey, our Parent Liaison.

Insight from Catherine McAuley:

God does not look at the action but at the spirit motivating it, and he will judge and reward us accordingly.

Chinese Officials from the Zhejiang Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Education and media visited the College this week to celebrate the 25th Year Sister State Relationship with the WA. They are shown here in the Confucius Classroom with Mr Chris Cole, Deputy Principal, Student Life, Mrs Angela Velletri, Head of Languages and Miss Junxia Qin, Teacher of Mandarin.
Gospel Reflection

Sunday, 12 August 2012: 
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Jn 8:41 - 51

This week’s gospel reading continues the exploration of John Ch. 6 that began two weeks ago and will continue for another few weeks. Today’s passage begins the extended discourse on the ‘Bread of Life’ image that runs throughout this chapter.

One of the great concerns of the Gospel of John is to convey an understanding of who Jesus is. This powerful message is explored through a number of significant discourses – with Nicodemus, with the Samaritan woman, with the Jews etc. The gospel contains some of the ‘great’ images that we have for Jesus: living water; living bread; light for the world; the good shepherd; the way, the truth and the life. Such rich images

There is an obvious connection between this week’s reading and the sacramental celebration of Eucharist. Jesus describes himself as living bread and then says whoever eats this living bread will live forever. These words capture the essence of the Church teaching about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, when the bread and wine become his body and blood. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus offers us his continuing, enduring presence.

This is a significant message for us as a Mercy Community as we prepare for The Feast of the Assumption on Wednesday 15 August. This Eucharistic celebration will invite us to gather as a whole school community, be mindful of the significance of Mary the mother of Jesus in our lives and be gifted with the real presence of Jesus that promises to transform us like a tiny handful of dough and leaven into a rich and wholesome loaf of bread, a staple of life.

Questions to ponder

Q. In what ways is ‘bread’ both a suitable and challenging image for Jesus?

Q. Why is the regular reception of communion such an important element of the Catholic faith?

Officer, who again has given hours and hours of both work and personal time to ensuring that all of the above community events were well planned and organized. Thank you Jackie.

This week the students and staff were also informed that Mrs Loretta Wholley, our Deputy Principal Academic Services, has accepted a principalship at Merici College in Canberra as of the beginning of 2013. Loretta has been with us for two and a half years and has certainly brought an enthusiasm and great passion for learning, teaching and pastoral care to her role. We will certainly miss Loretta but her new role is greatly deserved and Merici College will no doubt go from strength to strength under her leadership.

This semester we continue our focus on our Mercy Values by reflecting on our value of Justice. Our work for justice is inspired of course by Catherine McAuley who recognized and fostered the dignity of every human person. Catherine dedicated her life to the service of others working with women and children in dire need. Her spirit of compassionate service continues to inspire all Mercy people. To be compassionate towards others, to treat all human beings with respect, to value the difference in people and to empower ourselves and others – that is what it means to be merciful. We must work for the common good, be responsible stewards of our environment and advocates for social justice. We must encourage each other to be active in spreading good and peace in the world and to try as hard as we possibly can to help those who are less fortunate, most vulnerable and most distressed. As with Catherine, these actions begin with each one of us and it is crucial that we see the world with eyes wide open and use whatever means we can, especially in our local community, to become involved in solving the problems that created the injustice in the first place. That is what will set us apart as people of Mercy.

Parents could I please urge you to check your daughter’s uniform and personal grooming to ensure that it is in keeping with the College requirements? Some of our young women have grown very quickly and uniforms need to be let down. Please familiarize yourself with the uniform code so that, in the unlikely event of your daughter getting a uniform or grooming infringement, you know why.

The Teen Commandment for the next fortnight – you shall not offer helpful suggestions on homework management. Don’t you know they’ve got it under control? Instead, drop small, time-oriented bombshells periodically, like “When you have that maths done, we’ll have ice cream” or “I put off dinner with grandma this weekend knowing you have a huge history project”.

Finally, remember, all children are gifted. Some just open their presents later than others.

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.
Pastoral Care News

Year 7/8 Learning Community

Year 7 - Mrs Michelle Lloyd
Welcome back to Term 3! It is amazing to think that our Year 7 students have been on campus for six months. They have grown and matured so much over this time and their contribution to the College has been outstanding. I hope you had a relaxing break with your daughters and we look forward to a successful Semester Two for everyone.

During last week’s successful SWellness Week, the girls were fortunate enough to attend an engaging and informative workshop facilitated by the Rising Generations team in addition to a session on Cyber-bullying by Susan McLean. The girls have learnt more about themselves and other members of the Year 7 group in addition to becoming more aware of our responsibilities as digital citizens.

A letter has been sent home to all parents regarding the Life Skills for Life First Aid program which will be held on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 August. It is a valuable initiative and should a life threatening situation occur, our students will feel more confident and be able to assist those in need of such help. Students are permitted to wear their full College track suit to and from school on the day that they will attend their Life Skills session.

A letter regarding the Social organised by Trinity College has also been issued. The girls’ “first official High School Social” will take place on Thursday 16 August at Gibney Hall, Trinity College from 6.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. We are all looking forward to a great night with much amusement and excitement! The letter is explicit regarding all details associated with this social however; I am reminding you that permission slips must be received by your daughter’s home room teacher by Monday 13 August. Thank you for your support of this occasion.

Year 8 - Mrs Melissa Trolio
Welcome back to Year 8 staff, parents and students. It gives me great pleasure to announce the top ten students from our recent Group Work Project. I would like to congratulate Nina Campagna, Iesha Palelei, Hannah Tucker, Jessica Guzzi, Kimberley Bui, Tess Metcalfe, Sarah Cocks, Jacinta Pizzata, Kate Martin and Nikita Finck for achieving an extremely high standard of work during the project and for being supportive group members. These students have achieved some brilliant results – well done! Many of our top groups were also able to complete an extension program, presenting their ideas to members of the City of Perth, last Thursday evening. Many thanks goes to our Habits of Mind Coordinator, Mr Tim Poga, and our teacher leaders; Mrs Arletta Ralph, Mr Des Loh, Ms Danae Murphy, Ms Kerriann Bresser and Ms Callie Steven for their mentoring and guidance over the period of the project.

I would also like to congratulate Kate Martin, Kali Blair and Caitlin Rumac on their outstanding performance at our recent Athletics Carnival. These students represented true sportsmanship and were wonderful athletes to watch on the track. We also acknowledge all members of our Year 8 community involved in the College production of Aladdin – “break a leg”! Students last week also took part in their second session of our Rising Generations program, with the theme seeing group discussions, activities and games centred around the theme of “Friendships”. A number of activities will be completed during their pastoral care period to compliment the work done in this session. Lastly, a date for your diary – the Year 8 Social, which Trinity College is hosting, has been confirmed for Thursday 20 September at Trinity from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. I look forward to bringing you more good news from the Year 8 community soon.

Year 9/10 Learning Community

Year 9 - Mrs Sherrin Adams
Two most worthwhile SWellness Week activities attended by the Year 9 students last week were Rising Generations and the Cyber-safety talk by Susan McLean. Although the girls have heard this talk a few times now – her up-to-date videos and information about the importance of each girl taking responsibility for her cyber footprint continue to be relevant to their lives. Timely reminders included the dangers of revealing too much personal information online and the importance of protecting and changing passwords.
The lively day spent with Rising Generations was thoroughly enjoyed by the girls - with activities ranging from making a dress to reflect a modern young woman, through to sharing ideas on how students see themselves as a group gave plenty of scope for both creativity and reflection. A number of activities were designed to reflect the specific interests of the girls at Mercedes as well as more general topics. The presenters were very impressed with the enthusiasm of the girls and the positivity they displayed all day. Well done girls.

In Pastoral Care we will be following up on these two presentations, as well as looking at topics from the Keeping Safe Curriculum

Year 10 - Mr Liam Smith

SWellness week welcomed us back to school for the commencement of semester two. With a healthy lunch and enjoyable activities in the hall on the first day back, followed by an action filled, fun and challenging Rising Generations day to close the first week.

All parents should have received information on the social and further information via email from Jackie Stacey. If you are available for any or all of the times to assist with the different aspects of the social, all offers would be greatly received. Please return the permission slip and availability section before Friday 10 August. Jackie or I will be in contact soon after with details and rosters for the sessions that you have offered your services for.

I am looking forward to making this a great social for the Year 10 girls; any assistance you can provide would ensure we have a well decorated hall. Should you have any props or decorations to add to our ‘Horror / Haunted House’ theme, please send them to school with your daughters or bring them in the front reception, they would be very much appreciated.

Year 11/12 Learning Community

Year 11 - Mrs Marianne Morphett

Swellness Week provided the focus for the opening of the new semester. The dynamic team from Elevate Education worked again with the Year 11 girls, to review and develop the study skills program commenced earlier in the year at Notre Dame University. Later in the week, Susan Mclean outlined for the girls the precautions needed to protect their digital identity and how to safely use social media.

This week we began the process of nomination for the Prefect Council for 2013. Mrs. Barber addressed the Year 11 girls outlining the qualities and attributes required for leadership based on our Mercy Values. She encouraged them to assess their leadership potential based on the stated criteria and to nominate to serve the College community.

Congratulations to Charlotte Burnell (11.6) who is representing Mercedes College and the City of Perth at the LEAP Foundation (Leadership. Excellence. Accelerating Potential) leadership course at UCLA in Los Angeles. We look forward to her sharing her experience of this dynamic leadership and mentoring course with us all.

Year 12 - Mrs Bernadette Dell

Refreshed after the holidays, and having enjoyed the Retreat experience at the end of last term, the Year 12 students have returned for their demanding final term of work. The suggestions they received about how to ‘Ace’ their exams have certainly inspired many of the girls and I have seen some with written plans organising the remaining weeks of their school career. The young presenters who addressed the girls had many practical and encouraging pieces of advice which were received enthusiastically.

We have also continued the series of guest speakers from the universities and from TAFE. The presenter from Murdoch also told the girls how valuable TAFE is as a pathway to university and that it offers many valuable courses to enhance career options. A speaker from TISC will explain the application process for university entrance.

This is a very busy term leading up to the exams. The girls need to look after their health and stay positive and focused.
Mathematics - Mr Peter Mee, Head of Learning Area

Parents and students should be aware of the following sources of mathematics help (outside class) which are available through the College:

- The maths focus room (18) open every day (during the second half of lunch), with a Maths teacher on duty to help with homework, assignments and study.
- Afterschool Homework Club in the library (Monday - Thursday), with a staff member on duty to assist.
- Students in Years 7 to 9 will be able to re-sit a majority of tests if they score below 65%. Details of the policy have been sent home with students. Please contact Mr Peter Mee (pmee@mercedes.wa.edu.au) if you require another copy.
- Students in Years 7 to 10 will have access to the HOTmaths website (www.hotmaths.com.au). This online resource includes lessons on a range of topics, interactive widgets, questions pitched at a range of difficulty levels, plus extension material.

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 detailed information please read the Train Station notice on the College website.

Joint Interagency Truancy Reduction Initiative

This initiative has all three educational sectors working with police in the metropolitan area to help reduce truancy from school and increase safety in our communities. Any children located by police during school hours outside school grounds who are unaccompanied by an adult and do not have a leave pass will be returned to their enrolled school.

If you child is collected by police and returned to school, a staff member from the school will call to inform you and will send a Parental Information Slip to you. Parents will be given the location where their child was found and details of the police officer who returned them. There will be a police contact number for parents if there are any concerns.

This initiative commenced on 24 July 2012. We encourage parents to support schools and the police in reducing truancy and ensuring that children are safe.

Business & Information Technology – Mr Des Loh, Head of Learning Area - IT

“Promote A Mystery Product” competition

The Business and Information Technology Learning Area ran a “Promote A Mystery Product” competition towards the end of last Term. There were two categories in which students could enter – Year 7/8/9 and Year 10/11/12 – and the competition was open to all students at the College. Students had to make up a group of three to enter. Students were given the product they had to promote only at the time of the competition. They were then given a time limit of half an hour to design an imaginative and clever poster to promote the product. It was great to see a huge turnout of well over 40 students. All participants received 3 House points. The winners received 6 House points including a $10 canteen voucher each. There was a three-way tie in the Year 7/8/9 Category. There were two groups from Year 7. They were Hannah Palelei, Christina Then and Keshi Cherry, and Georgina Teakle and Caitlin Tierney. And from Year 8, Ania Malek and Eva Mallet. Unfortunately, there were no winners from the Year 10/11/12 Category as those who entered missed the design brief.

A special thanks to Mrs Senika Gunawardena for organising this event.

Careers - Mrs Cheryl Alach

Open Days

Curtin University Sunday 5 August
Edith Cowan University (Mt Lawley Campus) Sunday 12 August
University of Western Australia Sunday 12 August
Murdoch University Sunday 19 August
University of Notre Dame Sunday 19 August

English
Stage 1 English Excursion - Elenor Bye (12.6) and Rhiannon Caporn (12.3)
On Thursday June 28, while the Stage 2 & 3 English and Literature students were at exam seminars at Curtin University, the Stage 1 English class went on a cultural and employment excursion. We visited many cultural centres in the city to see what they had to offer visitors and what employment opportunities existed at these places. We went to the Perth Mint and talked to a tour guide and saw the gold pour. We also visited the exhibition of modern masterpieces at the Art Gallery and looked at the services offered by the Alexander Library.

After lunch in the city, we visited His Majesty’s theatre and saw the Performing Arts Museum and saw memorabilia from many eras. We were also very excited to have a ‘back stage’ tour of the theatre and walked on stage. We also saw the dressing rooms used by many stars including Cate Blanchett and ‘Mr Bean’. We really enjoyed our day and thank Mrs Alach for organising it all and Ms Armstrong, Mrs Dell and Mrs Kinsman for taking us on the excursion.

Interschool Debating – Miss Amanda Russo
Another season of Interschool Debating has come and gone, and many thanks must be given to the students who participated and the coaches who assisted them along the way. While none of the teams made it to the final rounds this year, there was a majority of wins overall. Thank you to the following coaches and students for their efforts this season:

Year 8 Novices (Mr Frank Doria)
Aloyse Murray, Emma Reid, Sabrina Ipsaro-Passione, Giordana Granato, Eva Mallet, Olivia Mentasti

Year 9 Juniors (Mr Brian Beare)
Genevieve Mascarenhas, Isobelle Purbrick, Anna Duong, Sarah Coutinho, Isabelle Lewis

Year 9 Juniors (Mrs Catherine O’Toole/Mrs Senika Gunawardena)
Lia Di Benedetto, Marry Harris, Courtney Hall, Brigid Dix

Year 10 Juniors (Mrs Anne McPherson)
Shaye Guillory, Mai Nguyen, Jasmine Pavan, Senaida D/Souza

Year 11/12 Seniors (Mrs Bernadette Dell)
Hannah Matthews (Debating Captain), Janelle Thexeira, Dominique Everall, Rebel Boylan, Natasha Rodrigues, Regina Yap, Andrea Parafina

Well done to all the students and once again, thank you to the staff for their support.

Languages - Mrs Angela Velletri, HOLA

CIAO!  SALUT!  你好!

International guests; Language Teacher Assistant, Angelica Zappacosta (centre back) with six Italian exchange students, two French exchange students and five Chinese students helped celebrate Languages Week at the College this week. The Chinese students were visiting Perth with a Chinese delegation after winning the WA-Zhejiang English Language Competition, and to help celebrate the WA-Zhejiang Sister State Relationship.

Language Teacher Assistant, Angelica and exchange student, Alessia are both from Perth’s sister city, Vasto in Italy, and the Chinese students are from the state of Zhejiang, which has a sister state relationship with Western Australia. We appreciate all the hospitality shown and time given by all our Mercedes host families. A full report on Language’s Week will feature in the next newsletter.
Music News - Mrs Claire Gamlin, Music Coordinator

Catholic Performing Arts Festival
Ticket information and dates for the festival have been sent home to the girls involved in the performances this term. All parents and friends are welcome at any of the performances.

Thank you
Thank you to the girls who performed at Trinity’s Senior Music Night at the end of Term 2. The standard of music, as always, was very high and the girls should be very proud of their performance.

The Select Choir and Trinity Chorale were invited to sing at the Opening Mass for the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. All feedback from the Mass has been very positive, and the girls were wonderful representatives for the College.

Diary Dates

Friday 3 August
CPA: M/T Senior Strings, String Ensemble – Don Russell PAC, Thornlie *daytime performance*

Wednesday 8 August
CPA: Select Choir, M/T Vocal Ensemble – St Joseph’s Church, Subiaco

Sunday 19 August
WA BAND FESTIVAL: M/T Wind Orchestra – Perth Modern School, Subiaco

Wednesday 22 August
CPA: M/T Wind Orchestra - Sacred Heart College, Sorrento

Thursday 23 August
CPA: M/T Wind Ensemble, M/T Orchestra - Sacred Heart College, Sorrento

Wednesday 29 August
CPA: Choir, Madrigals, Select Choir, M/T Chorale, M/T Vocal Ensemble - Trinity College, East Perth

Monday 3 September
Year 11/12 Recital Night - Mercedes College PAC 6pm

Sunday 9 September
Mercedes College Annual Music Showcase: All ensembles required for a daytime rehearsal and evening performance – Mercedes College

Friday 21 September
Mercedes College Spring Extravaganza: Jazz Band, Jazz Quartet, Percussion Ensembles, String Ensemble (TBC) – Mercedes College

Saturday 22 September
Year 7 Information Day: Rock Band – Mercedes College

Science - Mr Peter Mountford, HOLA
Rio Tinto Big Science Competition
During Term 2 a number of students in Year 7 to 10 participated in the Big Science Competition. This national competition requires students to answer 30 multiple choice questions covering a range of scientific concepts. The questions can be very challenging and so achieving a Credit (Top 20%), Distinction (Top 10%) or a High Distinction (Top 5%) award is a significant achievement. We congratulate the following students on their awards:

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Certificates will be presented at an assembly during Term 3.

Swags Team Perth and Young Mercies Fundraiser
As part of a national Mercies social justice program, students from Aranmore, Mercedes, Santa Maria and St Brigid's College came together to support a WA project with backing from each of their schools. This year, they have chosen to support Swags Team Perth. The students met with Swags Team Perth coordinator, Sarah English on Sunday 24 June at Mercedes College for a workshop on homelessness in Perth, and the work that Swags Team Perth does. At the end of the workshop, the students discussed potential fundraisers to hold at their schools in order to support Swags Team Perth.

Swags Team Perth and the Mercedes College Young Mercies are fundraising to provide one Backpack Bed/Swag to every homeless person in Perth by selling popcorn, fairy floss and roc candy at the Market of Agrabah before the Aladdin production every performance this week. Each item will sell for $4 with two purchases for $7 and three purchases for $9. What a bargain!

Sport
Interschool Athletics Training - Ms Corinne Kirry
What a fantastic start to our Interschool Athletics training we have had this term. The Athletics Squad was named first day back this term and all girls on this list are invited to training. The team will be selected from the squad.

Trainings are all from 6.30am—8am:
Monday: Sprints, distance, hurdles, javelin, discus
Wednesday: Long jump, high jump, shot put  
Friday: Sprints, distance, hurdles

Athletics camp information notes have been given to girls who are on the squad and who attended a meeting during Week 1. This letter informs families about athletics camp on Friday 17 August afterschool to Saturday 18 August, 6pm. Cost is $125. Camp invites will go out in Week 3. The A Division Interschool Athletics Carnival is on Wednesday 19 September at AK Reserve.

**Interhouse Athletics Carnival**

With amazing weather and record breaking results, the Interhouse Athletics Carnival was a fantastic end to Term 2.

House honours went to Serisier with 2134 points; followed by McDonald 2067 points; McAuley 1474.5 points and Frayne 1404.5 points.

The Champion and Runner Up Honours for each year group went to:

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**Records Set**

- Monique Carbone: Year 7, 1500m
- Georgina Versteeg: Year 7, Javelin
- Olivia Ridley: Year 7, High Jump and Long Jump
- Megan Hille: Year 7, 200m and 100m
- Keshi Cherry: Year 7, Shot put and Discus
Year 11 Poverty Immersion
From Tuesday 7 August until Friday 10 August a number of our Year 11 students will be undertaking Poverty Immersion. The students will work alongside the many agencies who provide relief and assistance to the dispossessed, the homeless and hungry and the disadvantaged in our community. It’s three days of really seeing a side of Perth hidden to many of us and working to alleviate poverty. As part of the Poverty Immersion the students will experience what it’s like to be homeless, in a small way, by sleeping “rough” as many people each night do in Perth. We require the loan of swags for the night. So if you have one which you could loan to us we’d be most grateful to borrow it. Please contact bbeare@mercedes.wa.edu.au or on 9323 1307. Also check out the wonderful work of “Swags for Homeless” at http://www.swags.org.au/ who supply Backpack Beds (swags) to the homeless around Australia and the World.

Parents & Friends Association

Woolworths Earn & Learn & Coles Sports For Schools
Thank you to all those families who have sent in the Woolworths sticker cards or stickers and the Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. Please keep them coming; the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion ends on 12 August 2012 and the Coles Sports for Schools promotion ends on 14 August 2012. All points and vouchers will help gain resources for the College.

Victoria Square Alumni

Mercedes Ex-Students’ Association (MESA)
2013 Year 7 Scholarship
MESA offers a scholarship to support the education of girls and to promote the business and identity of MESA. The Scholarship is awarded to an incoming Year 7 daughter or grand-daughter of an ex-student of the College. Applications close 24 August 2012. The recipient of the MESA Year 7 scholarship for 2013 will be awarded at the Mercedes College Presentation Night on 19 October 2012.

Reunions
Class of 2002 (10 Year Reunion) - Saturday 15 September 2012
Conference Centre, Mercedes College, 3.30pm. Contact Chiara Zaffino at chiara.zaffino@gmail.com.

Class of 1992 (20 Year Reunion) - Saturday 27 October 2012
Botanical Café, Fraser Avenue, Kings Park / 7pm-11pm / $80. Contact Belinda on mercedesclassof1992@gmail.com.

Class of 1982 (30 Year Reunion) - Saturday 20 October 2012
Reunion Class ‘82 / 1907 Bar, 26 Queen Street, Perth/ 6pm / $30 per head. RSVP and payment by 21 September 2012 - contact Antonella (Scalisi): antsc@optusnet.com.au / For more information contact Carol (Mettam): cazmitch229@gmail.com, Tara (Hogan): tara.tiara13@gmail.com, or Anna (Scurria): ascurria@westnet.com.au

Class of 1972 (40 Year Reunion) - Saturday 13 October 2012
Reunion Class ‘72 (or any classmates from Year 8 in 1968 to Year 12 in 1972) . Details to be confirmed. Contact Lydia Bordoni (nee Viciel): marylydia55@gmail.com / 0409 200 476.

50 Year Reunion - Sunday 7 October 2012
Reunion Class ’62 and Junior Class of 1960, Our Lady’s College Victoria Square / For more information contact Maureen Quilty - 0409 317 774 or Kath Heagney - 0438 064 193

Student News

Student Achievements
Volleyball
Congratulations to Year 11 students Emma Lauriston, Dakoda Hallam, Christina Da Rui, Shelby Maher, Matilda Martin and Grace Cumming who were selected for the Under 17 Women’s State Volleyball team. The girls travelled to Melbourne to compete in the Junior National Volleyball competition on 2 July. Their teams placed: WA Black - 3rd, WA Gold - 9th and WA White - 13th. Shelby Maher who captained the WA Black team was selected to play in the Australian Junior team that competed in the Trans Tasman Competition held in New Zealand. Shelby was named Vice Captain for the Australian Team and was also named in the All Stars team, selected from all the State teams.

Athletics
Congratulations to Caitlin Gerken 9.2 who recently placed second in the 1500m race walk at the Singapore Schools Sports Council Competition. Caitlin travelled to Singapore with the Little Athletics WA Team.
Mercedes Netball Club - Helen Moulatsiotis
To all girls that have not yet swapped their netball dresses can you please return them on Monday 6 August at training. We have had a poor exchange rate and need to complete the returns. Jackets also need to be collected from training on Monday. Windup is planned for Sunday 16 September 2012 please keep this date free. More information will follow via your team manager as soon as it is available.

Thank You to Parents

Year 9 Social
Belinda and Joe Ipsaro-Passione, Susan Tapper, Stephanie Brierley, Donelle McLean, Dierde Lightfoot, Andrea Dodo-Balu, Jo Harding, Sarah Hammond, Anne-marie & Malcolm Harris, Kate Taylor, Anne Gartrell, Carol Natalotto, Linda Brambilla, John Pintabona, Gay Moore, Eugene Lee, Phil Nguyen, Chris Girando, Vedette Lendich, Tanya English.

Athletics Carnival
Jenni Greville, Simone Pennefather, Lidia Messina, Tanya English, David & Tania Rea, Tracey Blair, Annemarie Harris, Jo McCluskey, Joanne Tarleton, Marie Nicholls, Fiona Harvey, Louise Carbone, Tony Jones, Jennifer Moore, Mark Baxter, Stephanie Brierley, Piipa Budsaba-Versteeg, Billy McMullan.

SWellness Day Lunch
Dads found it a lot of fun working together to make over 1000 hamburgers.

“Until the hamburgers arrived it felt like we were in the Master Chef Pressure Test!!...”I still can’t believe that we managed to do 1050 burgers! p.s. goes to show...years of studying...years of working in IT...and what skills became very useful - my Hungry Jacks wrapping skills from my part-time student job”


Quiz Night
Graham Hall, Paulette Aquino, Yvette Pereira, Rosey Martin, Rita Roca, Debbie Rice, Louise Goodman, Jo Vivante, Mary Greenshields, Agatha Manel, Graham Parker, Kerry Hughes, Natasha Tucker, Laurie Curro.

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 starting from the 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, 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.

Catholic Youth Ministry - Year of Grace Youth Event, Wednesday 15 August 2012 at Notre Dame, Drill Hall. Mass for the feast of the Assumption – 6:30pm then a concert night will kick off from 7:30-9:30pm. FREE tickets are available from Catholic Youth Ministry Office, call 9422 7912 or email admin@cym.com.au. Visit www.cym.com.au for more information.

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 through www.trybooking.com/29184 (seats limited). Contact Bobbi - 0421 245 991.

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 (Catholic Youth Coordinator) 0430 653 857 to reserve tickets or purchase tickets at the Cathedral Piety Stall.

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