Key Dates

Thursday 3 May
Yr 10 Careers Expo

Saturday 5 May
Relay for Life (5 - 6 May)

Monday 7 May
Yr 9 ACC Lightning Carnival

Tuesday 8 May
Photo Day
Yr 7/8 ACC Lightning Carnival
P & F Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 9 May
Photo Day
11.3 RE Mass

Thursday 10 May
Photo Day

Friday 11 May
Mother/Daughter Breakfast 7am
High School Netball Cup

Saturday 12 May
House Dance Festival (Octagon Theatre) 6pm & 8pm

Monday 14 May
Yrs 7 & 9 NAPLAN Week

Wednesday 16 May
11.4 RE Mass

Thursday 17 May
Yr 12 Career Mentors’ Breakfast 7am

Sunday 20 May
Open Day 11.30am - 1.30pm

Principal’s Report

“The value of compassion cannot be over-emphasized. Anyone can criticise. It makes a true believer to be compassionate. No greater burden can be borne by an individual than to know no one cares or understands.” Arthur Stainback

Already we are two weeks into the second term and with the semester one exams looming the term will pass very quickly. We remind ourselves again of our College value – Compassion – on which we are focused this first semester. Lent and Easter have come and gone; however, a friend sent me this quote that I would like to share with you: Blessed are those to whom Easter is not a hunt…but a find; not a greeting…but a proclamation; not outward fashion…but inward grace; not a day…but an eternity. Anderson We strive to live Compassion every day and the efforts of the girls for Project Compassion and the response to our fundraising Frog Jog are evidence of this value in action. I sincerely thank all our students who went the extra mile to get sponsors and to raise Frog Jog money for our Mercy Ministries. Sadly, as young people move through the teenage years the focus often becomes far more on self than on others. It is really difficult for young people to be counter-cultural and go against the tide of a consumerist peer group and society at large. The majority of the funds raised through Frog Jog have come from our Year 7, 8 and 9 girls with a far smaller number of senior students contributing; however, we are truly grateful for these generous efforts and continue to challenge all our students to strive to be like Jesus to the marginalised people whose lives have been swallowed by poverty, by addiction, by abuse, by personal weakness, by the greed of others, by depression.

As always the Frog Jog generated a wonderful sense of community and I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who gave generously of their time to assist the staff and girls in making the annual event so much fun. It has been really great to see such an increase in parent participation this year and the support and dedication through the new ‘Friends’ groups. Parents, please know you are always welcome at the College and I never want to take for granted the generosity of people whose lives are already extremely busy.

The Italy Cultural and Language Tour and the NIDA Tour have both been and gone. On both tours the girls were outstanding and it was very special for me to be able to experience the Italy tour myself and to see the hard work and
Prayer
Loving God, you seek to enfold us with the love that you revealed in Jesus. May we open ourselves to the life-giving sap of your love as a branch feeds from the vine in which it grows. We ask this in his name, confident that you will hear us. Amen.

Gospel
5th Sunday of Easter Year B
Sunday 6 May 2012
Jn 15:1 - 8
Jesus said to his disciples: I am the vine, the true one, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch that is not bearing fruit, he cuts away and every branch that is bearing fruit he prunes so that it can bear even more. You have been pruned through the words I have spoken to you. Remain in me as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot be fruitful of itself but must be part of the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who remain in me, with me in them, yield abundant fruit. Apart from me, you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is pruned, thrown away and withers. People gather such branches and cast them into the fire to be burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you can ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.

Source: www.prayasyoucan.com.au

responsibility that the staff take on in planning for and leading tours for the girls. I know the girls appreciate the opportunities that are provided for them and I thank the families who again work hard to give their daughters the chance to participate.

Thursday of last week saw the majority of our College families come along to the Triangular meetings. This was an opportunity to follow up on the Term One reports that were sent out and for parents to chat with teachers to hear affirmation of their daughter’s efforts and share strategies on how to further support her learning. Sincere thanks to all the families who met with teachers. As parents, when we get feedback on our children that isn’t as positive as we’d like, we often take on the responsibility ourselves and immediately look to ourselves for what we could have done differently. Our children’s commitment to study and passion for learning are not always about us. The responsibility rests largely with the student. All we can do at home is provide love, encouragement and support, put in place clear parameters that will ensure balance of work, healthy living and social life, and provide an environment that is conducive to focused study. Each student needs to find what she is passionate about, set goals to achieve it and make the personal commitment to work towards those goals.

Earlier this week, about 60 of our College families were randomly selected to be part of the Insight SRC annual Quality Catholic Schooling survey. Parents, I urge you to please take the 30 minutes or so to complete the survey, either online or on the hard copy that was provided. The feedback you provide, together with the student and staff responses, will be invaluable in assisting us as a College to celebrate the things we do well and to address the areas we need to do better. The survey must be completed by Friday 11 May. If you complete the survey as a hard copy, please return the survey to the College by no later than Thursday 10 May as all the surveys have to be forwarded to Insight SRC by this date. Please be aware that the surveys are confidential. There are no right or wrong answers and research on surveys has indicated that a person’s initial reaction to a question is often the most accurate. 25 students from each year level and all staff have also completed versions of the survey. Thank you in anticipation to our 60 families.

So as we progress through this term, I’d like to wish all our young women every success and urge them to focus on their academic studies and seek help when they need it. Set goals girls and work hard to fulfil them.

Peace and best wishes.

Sheena Barber, Principal

School Photo Days
Tuesday May 8, Wednesday May 9 and Thursday May 10.
Students to refer to homerooms for more details

Open Day
Families are welcome to join us on Open Day, Sunday 20 May 2012 / 11.00am to 1.30pm.
Come and see the exciting new Sports and Learning Facilities, Art Exhibition, Music and Drama Performances, Classroom and Library displays.
Year 7/8 Learning Community

Year 7 - Mrs Michelle Lloyd
Welcome back to Term Two! It has been wonderful to see the Year 7 students return with such excitement and enthusiasm. I was very proud of our young women as they participated in the Frog Jog at the end of last term. It was amazing to see just how much a part of the school community our Year 7 students have become.

As we begin this new term, it is timely to remind our students of a few matters. High standards of grooming are expected by our Year 7 students at all times. In our last newsletter, the girls were reminded of the Grooming and Uniform requirements for the College, however it is most important for our students to remember that the College green blazer is the official street wear for students and not the green jumper. Please also take time to re-familiarise yourself with the Mobile Phone Policy of the College. Mobile phones must be turned off and kept in lockers during school hours. We had several instances at the end of last term, of students contacting parents during school hours in regards to a variety of matters. Contact during school hours must be done through Student Services. Any phones confiscated during school time, must be collected by parents from Student Services.

Finally, congratulations to the following Homeroom Hero who was nominated in Week 10 last Term; Lily McDermott (7.4).

Year 8 - Mrs Melissa Trolio
I would like to welcome all members of our Year 8 Community back to the College for Term 2. Again, it is set to be a busy and exciting time of the year. Two important events for Year 8 students will be held next week. Firstly, the ACC Lightning Carnival on Tuesday 8 May and secondly we have our College Photo Day on Wednesday 9 May. Students have been given information to take home to parents. If there are any queries regarding these events please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Mr Tim Poga will also be launching the Year 8 Group Work Project next week, which will see the entire Year 8 community split into working groups to provide solutions to a variety of Perth’s cultural and social environments. I wish them all the very best of luck! This term also sees our pastoral care team launching the Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum which complements what is already being taught in Religious Education, Health and English. It ties in with the College’s Caring Behaviour Policy and our Mercy Values and focuses on two themes: we all have the right to be safe and we can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.

Finally I would like to welcome back Mr Brendon Lyons who is our homeroom teacher in 8.4 and I would like to thank Mrs Sue Flewellen for kindly stepping into this role during Term One. I look forward to bringing you more good news as this term continues.

Year 9/10 Learning Community

Year 9 - Mrs Sherrin Adams
I recently received a letter from the co-ordinators of the Loving for Life program who wrote:
“Once again your girls did you proud. The girls contributed well and, and were prepared to listen to their peers. They were respectful of their facilitator and each other.”
Well done girls, it is lovely to once again receive accolades about your great behaviour.

Congratulations to all of the Year 9 girls for their fundraising efforts in the recent Frog Jog - your efforts to contribute to various Mercy works are much appreciated. It was also great to see that the first students to finish the run/jog/walk were Rebecca Moore (9.3), Imogen Brieley-Hay (9.5) and Rachael Wales (9.5) who ran the course together, accompanied by Mr Greg Smith. They were closely followed by Rebecca Allen (9.2), Julia Celenza (9.2) and Courtney Hall (9.5), together with Mrs Barrett and Mr Skufca.

This is a very exciting term for the girls with dancing classes commencing this week. All students have received a personalised sheet detailing their venue. I hope to see them beautifully groomed in their winter uniform each week.

Year 10 - Mr Liam Smith
After a nice relaxing break, Term Two has arrived and life at the College is off to a flying start. It is always pleasing to see so many girls taking opportunities to participate in the different co-curricular activities offered around the College.

As the term gets underway I would like to take a moment to make mention some of the important dates ahead for our Year 10 students:

- Thursday 3 May: Careers Expo
- Tuesday 8 May: Commencement of College Photo Days
- Wednesday 30 May: Career Information Day: Curtin University

I look forward to seeing you all again at the upcoming Subject Selections Parent Information Evening – Tuesday 5 June.

Year 11/12 Learning Community

Year 11 - Ms Callie Steven
Welcome back to Term Two! I hope that you have had a restful holiday and that your daughter is now recharged and ready to go!
I am very pleased to be acting as the Year 11 Coordinator while Mrs Marianne Morphett is on long service leave. This is an exciting and important term with exams and the first Semester report, and I know that we will all work together to ensure the best results for your daughter.

Although the new term may have just begun, exams will be upon us quicker than your daughter can say "how do I study again?" Now is the time to encourage your daughter to start preparation for her exams. The creation of a study timetable is one of the best ways to begin this preparation. This helps boost results and lower stress levels. Alexander Graham Bell said that "Before anything else, preparation is the key to success." Bell is credited with inventing the first practical telephone, but this only occurred after years of research into ways to help those with hearing loss. Without study as a foundation, success is very difficult. So make sure that your daughter knows what will be in her exams and what content to revise for. Create a to-do list, find a nice study area and try and avoid procrastination. Good luck!

**Year 12 - Mrs Bernadette Dell**

It has been a busy start to the new term for the Year 12 students and our first semester exams are nearly upon us. The practical exams, for subjects involving languages or various types of performances, begin at the end of this month and the written exams are commencing on 5 June. The girls will receive their exam timetables soon and should be revising over the next few weeks, as well as completing homework.

There are many opportunities for stress relief and exercise for health and fitness that are advertised to the girls and these will be of benefit to those who need to have a greater balance in their lives. It is also important to consider the amount of time spent on activities that are distracting students from either school work or from restorative activities like sport and interaction with family and friends. I am pleased to hear that so many of the Year 12 students have reduced the time they are spending on activities.

Year 12 and 11 students have hopefully returned with great focus from the holiday break. This term will be very demanding with the conclusion of their first course units and examinations in Weeks 7 and 8. Girls should have established a study timetable at home by now and be spending about 2 hours on homework plus 1 hour of study a night, at least 5-6 nights a week.

National testing for Years 7 and 9 in the areas of Literacy and Mathematics (NAPLAN) is coming up on the 15 - 17 May. These are important tests enabling the evaluation of education standards across the country.

Congratulations to the students who received positive Interim Reports. Your commitment to your studies is a true reflection of our value of Excellence. Every student should continue to strive to reach their full potential in the classroom. The Triangular Meetings were a wonderful opportunity for parents, students and their teachers to meet and discuss academic progress and behaviour. I would appreciate any feedback parents have about the day and the PTO booking system. You can email me on lwholley@mercedes.wa.edu.au.

**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) is open during the second half of lunch every day, with a maths teacher on duty to help with homework, assignments and study. Opening times are 1pm on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 12:40pm on Wednesday and 1:20pm on Thursday.
- The College runs afterschool Homework Club in the library on Monday through to 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.

**Maths Week Activities**

To avoid clashes with Languages week, Book week, Science week…and all those other weeks…Maths week at Mercedes has been moved forward to Week 4. We are very excited. There are many wonderful activities planned, with prizes for all who take part. These include:

- The maths song parody competition (take a famous song, or make up your own) and change the words to make it into a
maths song. Record your new version as a video file, and submit during maths week. For inspiration, go to “Youtube” and search for “James Blunt Sesame Street”

- The pi recital competition requires students to memorise as many digits of pi as possible. Last year’s winner managed to memorise the first 76 decimal places. Lookout for a sheet in the homeroom folder containing the first 1000 decimal places of pi, and start memorising…ask your teacher if you require more than the first 1000 decimal places.

- The Year 7 House Times Tables Competition. Students have 2 minutes to try to answer as many times tables questions as they can (there are 100 on the sheet, and they go up to the 12 times table). Four students (the best from each house) will go into the grand final from each of the homerooms. The grand final is a similar format, however it goes up to the 15 times table.

- Other activities will include:
  - Letters and Numbers (without the letters)
  - Speed Sudoku
  - The multiple choice competition
  - Daily homeroom quizzes
  - Those famous daily bulletin jokes
  - and many more

We are looking forward to all students taking part in the fun and frivolity that is Maths Week.

**Year 7 Numeracy Basics Testing Data**

Well done to our Year 7 students who continue to improve with their basic numeracy. The average test score has increased to 82% (up from 76% for Test 1). The number of students who are achieving unsatisfactory results continues to decline, whilst those achieving in the satisfactory and competent levels keep rising. This is very pleasing – keep practicing (and seek help if there are concepts that you do not understand). Our aim is to have no students achieving an unsatisfactory result.

![Year 12 Children Family and the Community 2A/B - Ms Gina Frost, Home Economics](image)

During the holiday period students from the CFCC classes in Year 12 were engaged in a holiday playgroup program. Small groups of students worked with children aged 2 - 5 years from the College community, over five mornings. This was linked to a course assessment task and enabled the students to participate in a real life application of what they have been learning. Students practiced their self-management and interpersonal skills and trial play activities in order to gauge their effectiveness and suitability. All students have since produced a report evaluating their experiences.

Thank you to all the families and young children who participated; it was invaluable for the students to have the opportunity to work with your little ones.
Year 12 Drama Showcase - “Waiting for Godot” by Samuel Beckett

New Houses for 2013
The College has a very vibrant House System. Students are allocated to Houses to participate in many diverse co-curricular activities and are expected to identify with their House and support fellow house members through active participation.

Since the introduction of Year 7s the student population has grown and it is now necessary to introduce two more Houses to facilitate greater participation and leadership opportunities.

In 2013 Mercedes College will have a House System comprising of six Houses: McAuley, Frayne, McDonald, Serisier, and two others. There will be 6 Homerooms in Year 7 and 8 with each Homeroom aligned to a House. In the Year 7 and 8 Learning Community the House system is over-layered by the pastoral care structure and Homerooms are organised according to House membership. This pastoral care group will strengthen the bond of students to their Houses and enhance House spirit and provide a vehicle through which students learn and live the Mercy values and traditions.

In the remaining year groups Homerooms do not correspond with House groups. There is an emphasis on understanding the history and value of that House.

Naming Two New Houses
The Houses are named to reflect the history of the College and honour the contribution of the Sisters. They strengthen the student’s knowledge of the College’s history and traditions and facilitate a greater understanding of the Sisters’ role in the history of the College and as models of women of Mercy.

With over 165 years of service to Mercy Education at Victoria Square there are many Sisters who are worthy of the honour of being named patron of a House. For the House Review Committee this has been a difficult task to develop a short list for consideration by the College community.

The College would value your input into the two new House names and ask that you consider the proposed candidates and provide the House Review Committee with your preference by emailing admin@mercedes.wa.edu.au by Friday May 11. In your email please quote the subject as “House Review” and indicate whether you are a student, parent, past student, past teacher, Sister, or friend of the College. General enquiries can be made to Mr Chris Cole (Deputy Principal Student Life).

Mr Chris Cole, Deputy Principal Student Life

Careers
University of Western Australia Year 10 & 11 Parent Information Evenings - Wednesday 16 May and Thursday 17 May (repeat session) / 6pm - 7pm / Social Science Lecture Theatre at UWA. http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/parents-teachers/parents/Yr10parents

Edith Cowan University Year 10 Pizza Night - Joondalup Campus - Monday 21 May and Tuesday 5 June / 6pm; Mt Lawley Campus - Monday 28 May / 6pm. Visit www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/events to register online.

Murdoch University Open Night - Wednesday 23 May / 6 - 8pm. http://www.experience.murdoch.edu.au/event/course-open-night-Wednesday-23-may

University of Notre Dame Course and Information Evening - Tuesday 29 May and Monday 18 June / 5.30pm - 7.30pm. www.nd.edu.au

Curtin University Year 10 Parent Information Evening - Wednesday 20 June. www.futurestudents.curtin.edu.au

House Dance - Miss Dhana White
House Dance Festival / Saturday 12 May 6pm / Octagon Theatre UWA / Ticket - $20
There are no more tickets available for the 8pm show however seats are still available for the 6pm show. Tickets can be purchased for this show at the door. Tickets for other shows have been distributed this week.
Languages
Italy 2012 - A Study and Cultural Tour
On the 30 March, 38 students accompanied by 6 staff from both Mercedes College and Santa Maria College travelled half way across the world to experience first-hand the sights, language, food and culture of beautiful Italy.

Arriving in Rome, we were all anticipating the wonders this city had to offer. We were fortunate enough to see some of the most famous monuments of the world and to experience the cultural importance behind them. Some of the monuments we visited were the Colosseum, The Trevi Fountain, The Roman Forum, the Spanish Steps, Vatican City with its beautiful Sistine Chapel and Saint Peter’s Basilica.

As a group we were asked to identify the most memorable moments of the tour. There were so many but here are a few.

Italy Cultural Tour most memorable moments
- Attending Palm Sunday mass at the Vatican hosted by Pope Benedict XVI
- Celebrating Easter (Buona Pasqua) in Orvieto by attending Easter Sunday Mass at the Duomo and having an amazing lunch at "Ristorante Maurizio"
- Assisi - with its beautiful Basilica di San Francesco and its lovely boutique shops "molto bella!"
- Climbing the Leaning Tower of Pisa - "è stata un’esperienza incredibile!"
- Taking in all of the sights that Venice has to offer, going on a gondola ride and a ferry ride to the islands of Murano (famous for its glass blowing) and Burano (famous for its lace making and colourful houses)
- Visiting the ghost town of Civita di Bagnoregio - "incantevole"
- Making chocolate truffles at a cooking class at the Perugina Chocolate Factory - "molto divertente!"
- Seeing the enormity of Michelangelo’s famous Statue of David at the “Accademia dell’Arte” the famous Art Gallery in Florence
- Having fun at the amusement park - Gardaland
- Travelling to Vetriolo to witness the re-enactment of the Passion of Christ
- Waving from Juliet’s balcony in Verona and posting our ‘Letters to Juliet’
- Spending a beautiful evening roaming the seaside town of Positano, on the Amalfi Coast
- Orvieto - being fully immersed in the Italian language in our language classes, participating in the pasta making and Etruscan ceramic classes and singing the night away in Orvieto at our Karaoke dinner
- Eating gelato in the fan-shaped Piazza del Campo in Siena - “il gelato italiano è buonissimo”
- The ‘veloce’ speed boat ride to the beautiful town of Sirmione on Lake Garda – “che divertimento!”
- Participating in a panoramic tour of Milan and exploring the beautiful Duomo di Milano – “bellissimo!”
Shopping in the fashion capital of the world

As we were waiting for our flight to Dubai, we couldn’t believe that our tour had finally come to an end. We all remembered arriving in Rome as if it just happened yesterday. The Italy Tour is no doubt, one of the most unforgettable experiences we have ever encountered and we were extremely fortunate to have the chance to immerse ourselves in such a rich culture and to explore fascinating pieces of history.

We have all benefited through our improved Italian, our appreciation of the culture, while forming new friendships. The Italy Tour was incredible. If you get the opportunity to go, take it with both hands - it will be one of the most rewarding and amazing experiences you’ll ever have.

On behalf of all participants of Italy Cultural Tour 2012, we would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to the staff involved in making it all possible and a true success.

Grazie!

Rebecca Harris (11), Rebekah Maycock-Sayce (11), Rhiannon Cary (10), Madison Pigliardo (10), Sara Clunies-Ross Liau (10)
Mercy Service-Learning - Mrs Christine Aldous, Mercy Service Learning Coordinator

Dads and Grandfathers: Can you help?
For the past two years the College has assisted the local YMCA by providing books for their small library. This year we have been approached for magazines that are in good condition. As the majority of customers are male we are seeking titles on men’s health, sports, outdoors, motoring, boating and fishing. The magazines can be left on the table outside the Mercy Service-Learning office. The collection will be ongoing.

Mercy Now Prayer - Sr Breda
You are invited to join with staff, parents and friends in Mercy every second Tuesday during Term Two for the Mercy Now Prayer. The Prayer gathering will take place in the Staff Room at Mercedes College from 3.45pm - 4.45pm. The first Prayer gathering for Term Two was held on Tuesday 1 May.

Music - Mrs Claire Gamlin, Music Coordinator
Thank you to all of the performers and helpers who made the two concerts at the end of last term such a great success! The annual Choral Night and House Choir competition hosted the biggest audience we have had in the Hall, with a wonderful tribute to Disney. The Music featured spanned over 9 decades. Thank you also to the House Choir Leaders, Gabrielle and Mercedes Slack-Smith (Year 12) for their winning Serisier House Choir, as well as Veronica Bravo (Year 12) and Eleanor Mudie (Year 11) for leading McAuley who came second. Congratulations also to Danielle Fynn and Caitlin de Souza (Year 12) for Frayne and Abby O'Rourke and Courtney McManus (Year 11) for McDonald. In the final week of school, the combined Mercedes/Trinity Orchestra and Wind Orchestra performed at the Quarry in City Beach. The rain just held off for the evening and the girls (and boys) did a marvellous job. The Friends of Music have been working hard in recruiting helpers for these performances and thank you also to the generosity of all the parents who have given up their time to ensure the smooth running of these events.

Diary Date CHANGES
Please take careful note of the performances marked with a * as the dates are different to those in the school diary.

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Parents & Friends Association

Father/Daughter Camp
Time is running out! Spend some quality time with your daughter and have fun at this year’s camp at Forrest Edge, Waroona from 25 – 27 May. Complete your Father/Daughter Camp booking form and return with payment to Student Services. For more information and a booking form contact Jackie at parentsandfriends@mercedes.wa.edu.au.

Mother Day Breakfast
Mothers and daughters are invited to enjoy a special breakfast on Friday 11 May at 7am. Dads of Mercedes (DOM) will prepare the breakfast to help celebrate Mother’s Day. Cost is $6.00 per person. Please complete the order form which was distributed to all students and return to Student Services by Wednesday 9 May. For more information contact Jackie at mcc@mercedes.wa.edu.au.

Mercedes College Quiz Night – Friday 27 July
Don’t miss this great event - a family friendly night, where you can get together to socialise, have fun, be challenged and win
fantastic prizes. Tables of 8 or 10 are available. Students are also encourage to organise a table together. More details to follow soon. We are seeking parent volunteers to form a Quiz Night Committee and be Quiz Master. No experience necessary - just a loud voice, great sense of humour and commitment. We are also seeking donations as prizes - check your cupboards for those unwanted gifts and donate them to the Quiz Night.

**Mercedes College Wine Raffle**

As this is a Non Fete year, the Mercedes College Parents & Friends Association will be running a Wine Raffle as a fundraiser for the school. Each family is asked to either donate $15.00 (preferably by cheque or credit card), or parents are asked to purchase a bottle of wine to the value of $15.00 and deliver it to the College (students are not to bring in any wine). More information will be issued shortly. The raffle will consist of three prizes and will be drawn at the Mercedes College Quiz Night on Friday 27 July 2012.

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**Seeking Craft Stall Coordinators**

The Mercedes College Fete takes place every two years. The next Fete is scheduled to take place in April 2013. The Craft Stall is one of the most successful stalls at the Fete and we are looking for 3 parents who would be interested in the role of coordinators for this stall. You will be supported by the College’s Textile teacher and myself. The role involves meeting once a fortnight. It’s a great way to meet other parents and create items for the stall. You don’t have to be ‘crafty’! Without a coordinator(s) there won’t be a Craft Stall at the next Fete. So please consider this request. For more information contact Jackie at parentsandfriends@mercedes.wa.edu.au.

**Relay for Life**

Support the College’s teams at this weekend’s Relay for Life – a tribute to those whose lives have been affected and lost by cancer. Teams made up of students, staff and friends do laps around the WA Athletics Stadium this Saturday and Sunday.

**Mercedes College Friends of Groups**

Late last year, College families were invited to be a part of a Friends of Mercedes group with the objective that these groups will come together and work towards building a stronger community. The response was great and all groups had a very busy Term One with each group contributing to the success of many College activities. However, we realise we need more volunteers to assist these members, who at times are not always available to assist.

**Entertainment Books**


**Academic Task Force**

- offer a range of courses; including Master Classes, WACE Help Weekend Classes and Yr 7, 8, 9 & 10 Saturday Classes. For more information on any of these classes contact 9314 9500, email learn@academictaskforce.com.au or visit www.academictaskforce.com.au

**Behaviour Tonics**

- offer a range of practical parenting courses; including 123 Magic & Emotional Coaching, Protective Behaviours, Growing Your Kids Socially, Bullying - Don’t Just Stand There. Private consultations are also available. For more details contact 9382 1182, email info@behaviourtonics.com.au or visit www.behaviourtonics.com.au