Key Dates

Monday 3 September
Year 11 and 12 Music Recital Night

Wednesday 5 September
9.4 RE Mass

Friday 7 September
Staff and Student Service Learning Day

Sunday 9 September
Annual Music Showcase 6.30pm

Monday 10 September
Year 12 Drama Showcase

Tuesday 11 September
P and F Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 12 September
9.5 RE Mass
House Film Festival 7pm, Cygnet Cinema

Principal’s Report

“When we focus on ourselves, our world contracts as our problems and preoccupations loom large. But when we focus on others, our world expands. Our own problems drift to the periphery of the mind and so seem smaller, and we increase our capacity for connection or compassionate action.” Daniel Goleman

At Pentecost this year, the Bishops of Australia invited the whole Church to a Year of Grace. This Year of Grace is the bishops’ gift to all Catholics to celebrate and renew our faith and life in the Church. For all members of our College community it is an opportunity for us to reflect on the gifts with which we have been blessed. We are called during this year to bring our whole community and our everyday living back to the heart of what we are – back to Christ himself. God’s gift of grace encourages us and gives us the strength to live our life as Jesus did.

‘All good things are God’s gift to us. The sunny day, the warm smile of a friend, the thoughtfulness of another. And not just the good things. Jesus urges us to accept discipline in our lives so that we can cope with the difficulties and stresses of life; and to cultivate the ability to make sacrifices, small and great – all this is a gift of God’s grace.’ (John Airey CSsR) God offers us the gift of salvation and we pray that during this Year of Grace, we will be open to the gift that is being held out to us and will take the time for reflection, prayer and good works. We are reminded of Catherine McAuley’s words: God’s Holy Will be done in all things. May He never leave the choice to us. We need the comfort of knowing that God’s grace and strength are always available to us, unconditionally.

Today all Year 12 girls were treated to a special barbecue lunch provided by the Mercedes College Ex-Students Association (MESA) members, Carol Mitchell, Rita Panebianco, Rita Mola and Dani Wares who provided information on the Association and the importance of being involved as an ex-student. Amy Rossbach (2001) and Chaira Zaffino (2002) pictured below, were special visitors to the College and talked to the girls about the importance of these links. Recently, the Ex-students Associations were re-branded under the Victoria Square Alumni, encompassing the St Joseph’s Ex-students’ Association, MESA and the ex-students of Our Lady’s College. The Alumni promotes and celebrates the lives and careers of ex-students and provides an unending chain and Mercy tradition that current and new girls follow.

Insight from Catherine McAuley:
If we do not form our minds on the maxims of Jesus Christ, we will never acquire His evangelical spirit.
**Mission Leader’s Musings**

**Gospel Reflection**

Sunday 2 September 2012  
Mk 7:8, 14-15, 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

No matter how good the intention, sometimes misguided principles can lead to false action. This is what Jesus chastises the Pharisees about in this week’s Gospel. The traditions that had been established through the Pharisees and the Lawyers were certainly based on the Law as stated in the Torah. However, the practices that had been established to try to help people honour the Torah had effectively replaced the Law. In order to maintain spiritual cleanliness, a tradition of physical cleanliness had emerged. However, the purpose of the tradition had become lost.

The Pharisees observe some of the disciples eating without properly washing their hands and challenge Jesus about it. They are upholding the tradition that has effectively become the Law. Jesus reminds them—somewhat forcefully—that these external practices are not the Law; rather the Law is observed internally. Jesus goes so far as to call the Pharisees hypocrites. For Jesus, hypocrisy was one of the greatest failings. Because Jesus placed such a high price on integrity of word and action he could not put up with those who proclaimed to be just, pious or forgiving and yet acted in ways that were contrary to these claims.

We live in a culture that is very quick to lay blame on external factors; some people are very reluctant to accept responsibility for their own actions and look for opportunities to distance themselves from feelings of guilt or even regret. Jesus makes it very clear that bad intentions—the things that make a person ‘unclean’—actually come from within. He presents a confronting list of the things that come from within and we may be able to add others relevant to our own time. In our culture of no personal responsibility, Jesus challenges us to rethink just where the buck does stop.

**Questions to ponder**

Q. What does this passage say about personal responsibility?  
Q. How is it possible to turn around or reduce the ‘things within’ that encourage wrong-doing?

like today unite past members of the College with present ones, forming a vibrant and active association of ex-students who are committed to keeping the Mercy spirit alive and revitalizing connections made through the College.

MESA of course is the Association to which ex-students of Mercedes College belong. I strongly encourage our young women to become life members of the Association so that they can continue to access the enormous network of successful women who have attended school at Victoria Square and who are found everywhere, maintain the close friendships that enriched their lives as students, and have the opportunity to share their skills and talents, contributing to the future of the College. Our young women need role models who epitomize what it means to be people of Mercy, who continue to live our Mercy values and who, as our Vision says, become women with a sense of who they are and of the influence they can have in the world beyond Mercedes.

The College is indebted to the members of the Victoria Square Alumni committees, past and present, who have generously volunteered their time to nurture friendships amongst the ex-student community. MESA now provides a Year 7 Scholarship to a daughter, granddaughter, or great granddaughter of a life member. In addition, this year at Presentation Night, the inaugural MESA Award for an outstanding Year 12 student who has lived our Mercy values will be presented. If you are an ex-student of St Joseph’s, Our Lady’s College or Mercedes College, I strongly urge you to contact our Alumni Officer, Ms Tanya Finch, on 9323 1323, or tfinch@mercedes.wa.edu.au to confirm your contact details so that future communications from the Alumni can be forwarded to you. We would love to know where our ex-students are now. Any information about former students would be invaluable.

There is a wonderful quote, attributed to Richard Eckersley. ‘More must be done in schools to instill in young people a greater sense of optimism about the future, a conviction that the future is theirs to shape, and the faith in themselves needed to tackle this task.’ I do not believe that the school can achieve this on its own. We need parents and guardians to be with us on the same page. Our young women are amazing, generous souls who deserve to be successful. Many of them just need guidance as to what will provide the appropriate level of challenge and empower them to achieve that greatness.

Yesterday morning we welcomed the fathers and grandfathers of our girls to the annual Father’s Day Breakfast. It was another wonderful community event and a great way to acknowledge the important role dads play in the lives of our young women. Thank you to Jackie Stacey and the parents who came along to help with the cooking and to the girls who made the breakfast very special for their dads.

This fortnight’s Teen Commandment: You shall eat dinner together as often as you can. Early evening is about the time that teenagers appear to be most alert and engaged. Let’s remember that kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are endless.

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.

School Funding - Catholic Education Office
The Australian government is currently reviewing funding for all schools and it is likely that the government will soon propose new funding arrangements that will be debated in Federal Parliament later this year.

These new arrangements could have significant consequences on funding received by our school. I believe it is vital that you are aware of the facts and are able to actively defend the right of our school to obtain the funding needed to continue offering a quality education, while also keeping our fees as low as possible.

There has already been a lot of misinformation about school funding in the media, including claims that Catholic and other non-government schools receive more funding than government schools. These claims are simply wrong. As the chart below highlights, students in Catholic schools, on average, receive only about 90% of the government funding provided to students in government schools.

I also encourage you to view a video that was prepared by the Queensland Catholic Education Commission (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V33EgyuWjkE&feature=youtu.be), which provides a snapshot of Catholic education’s role in the community and how we are funded to undertake this role.

Over the coming weeks, more detailed information about funding will be provided in our school newsletter. I encourage you to stay informed and actively participate in this funding debate.

More information about Catholic school funding can be found at: www.fundinginfo.catholic.edu.au.
Pastoral Care News

Year 7/8 Learning Community

Year 7 - Mrs Michelle Lloyd
The Year 7 Social was a huge success and the girls really enjoyed themselves. I am pleased to say they were very well behaved on the night and were excellent role models for our College. Grateful thanks to the Trinity staff for their organisation of the evening as well as the Year 7 Pastoral Care Staff and Mrs Sonya Roberts, who supervised the girls. Thanks must also go to the Prefects who gave up their evening to ensure the night was a success for our Year 7 girls.
As the end of the term rapidly approaches, it is timely to remind our Year 7 students about maintaining a balance between their school and home lives. Currently our girls are putting the finishing touches on assignments and preparing for tests, but it is important to take time to relax and to re-energise. If your daughter is struggling with Homework and assignment work, please contact the subject teacher to discuss this, rather than letting it build and become unmanageable.

Year 9/10 Learning Community

Year 9 - Mrs Sherrin Adams
Congratulations to all of the girls who are seeing me about positive diary entries - it is gratifying to see the array of reasons for which the girls have received accolades.
With the many assessments being undertaken over the next few weeks it is important that the girls have adequate sleep, and eat breakfast in the mornings. Many are looking very tired - as they attempt to do too many things, without ensuring they have adequate rest and healthy food.
Information about the Peer Mentor Program, a great leadership opportunity for many of them will be provided in the coming weeks.

Year 10 - Mr Liam Smith
The Year 10 ‘HORROR’ themed social held last week saw your bright, bubbly and cheerful daughters getting dressed in the most gruesome outfits and make-up they could find. A huge thank you must go out to all the parents who so generously gave their time to assist with decoration making, event set-up and attendance on the night. I would like to send a special thank you to Mrs Michele Powel, Mrs Sally John and Mrs Jackie Stacey whose contributions and assistance truly made the hall look freakishly amazing and made the evening a night the Year 10 cohort will truly always remember.
Year 11/12 Learning Community

Year 11 - Mrs Marianne Morphett

There is a sense of excitement among the Year 11 girls as we finalise the nominations for the Prefect Council for 2013. The election will take place next week and the announcement of the new council will occur at the conclusion of the celebrations for Mercy Day. I have received some thoughtful nomination reflections, and would like to thank the girls who have put themselves forward to serve the College community.

The selection of subjects for 2013 is also underway and Year 11 students must hand in their forms by the end of this week. It is important that these forms are completed fully and signed by parents and students before submission. If students have any concerns regarding their subject choice, Mrs Wholley or Mrs Alach are available to assist.

Year 12 - Mrs Bernadette Dell

The girls are very conscious of the limited time remaining so some are becoming very stressed and are very sensitive about various issues. There is considerable support available for girls experiencing difficulties with their work or with personal issues but they must be proactive and avail themselves of the assistance. We urge students to make appointments as they require and to follow the advice of their teachers.

The letters for the graduation ceremony will be given to girls in the next few days and emailed to parents. The graduation is always a special event for our students and we look forward to families celebrating this milestone with the students and their teachers. The Year 12 girls will also have a very important role in the Presentation Evening this year and we look forward to them being honoured at this event.

Psychologists

How does Mindfulness affect mood, attention and general well-being?

The College is currently collaborating with researchers from The University of Western Australia, who are investigating the relationship between being mindful in every-day life and general psychological health and well-being in students aged 12-14.

Mindfulness refers to a person’s ability to remain focused. It means being accepting of oneself, one’s thoughts and emotions, rather than trying to control them or push them away. The study will involve the completion of questionnaires related to mood, attention, and the tendency to be mindful in every-day life. The questionnaires will be handed out in homeroom during Week 7, to all students in Years 7 and 8. Following this, in Term 1, 2013, postgraduate Clinical Psychology students from UWA will also offer Mindfulness groups to students aged 12-14. The groups will be free of charge and will be held on campus. More information will be included in the Questionnaire package. The study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of UWA. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the experimenter, Ms Amina Kuby at kubya01@student.uwa.edu.au or the chief investigator, Mr. Neil McLean at neil.mclean@uwa.edu.au or 6488 3580.

We encourage Year 7 and 8 students to be involved in this interesting and valuable research.

2012 College Photos

Music, sporting and academic group photos are now available online to view and purchase. Please go to www.photohendriksgalleries.com - Click on the Mercedes College logo and enter the password: luxe45

Paul Dillon Visit

Year 10 students are shown here with Paul Dillon, from Drug and Alcohol Research Training Australia, who spoke with students in Years 10 to 12 on drug education. Paul is also the author of “Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs”.

2012 College Photos
Art Exhibition
The official opening and the presentation of prizes for the Mercedes College Art Exhibition will take place at Extravaganza evening. Students work will be on display in the Serisier Learning Centre with additional viewing on Saturday 22 August from 10am to 12 noon. All current Art students from Year 7 to Year 12 will have a piece either on the catwalk or in the exhibition.

Included in the Exhibition are the pieces that represented Mercedes College at the St Georges Exhibition (L to R) Grace Lee (12.6), Samantha Verini (12.4) and Alice Lynch (10.4)

Face2Faith
On 22 August eight Year 10 students took part in a multi-point Face2faith video conference with the schools from India and Australia.

The College participates in the conferences through the Tony Blair Faith Foundation program which aims to connect students from around the world in discussion of contemporary issues from their faith perspective.

For most of the Year 10 students, this was their first video conference. However this is the tenth video conference for the College, who is now an experienced participant in the program.

The theme for discussion was on “Spiritual and Material Wealth” and how the students understood that in terms of their faith. Usually the conferences are on a one-to-one basis, but this group conference allowed students to become more engaged with more ideas being expressed. As the hour went by students became more relaxed and confident about participating.

Following the conference the students found that they had more in common with the students than differences, despite their cultural backgrounds and separation difference.

Mercedes College was the first Western Australian school to participate in the program in 2010 and this year has 40 students in Years 10 and 11 involved.

Information Technology – Mr Des Loh, HOLA-IT
Year 10 Applied Information Technology – RoboCup competition
On Friday 24 August, a group of Year 10 Applied Information Technology students headed to Scitech to compete in the annual RoboCup competition. This competition is a project-oriented educational initiative aimed at encouraging young students to take an interest in scientific and technological fields. Students are encouraged to expand their social, intellectual and problem solving skills in order to help them develop their creativity and independence. The emphasis was on learning and enjoyment
rather than competing to win. The Mercedes College group was made up of three teams and competed in the Secondary Dance category. This involved students using Lego robotic programming kits to build robots that danced in synchronicity to music. Although they did not win all students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the experience of the competition.

Languages - Mrs Angela Velletri, HOLA
Arrivederci and Au revoir to all our French and Italian exchange students
We have been slowly farewelling all our Italian and French exchange students. They have all been excellent ambassadors for their countries and in the time that they have been with us they have integrated well in both our College life and family life. The language classes were extremely delighted to have the French and Italian girls visit and share their experiences and knowledge of the Italian and French language with them.

These cultural exchanges would not be possible without the help of all our host families. Mille grazie to: the Ayres family for hosting Caterina Cataldo, the Cutter family for hosting Gabriella Favara, the Nazzari family for hosting Giulia Spano’, the Miranda family for hosting Valentina Causo, the Scasserra family for hosting Irene Checo and we were also lucky to have Alessia Tana from Vasto, Italy, who stayed with relatives in Perth. Merci beaucoup to: the Hargreaves family for hosting Elisa Vincent and the Pradzynska family for hosting Juliette Brun.

Culture in the City Club News - Mrs Valentina Sciascia
Over the past few weeks Culture in the City Club has been immersing itself into the Indian and Middle Eastern cultures. We began our infusion by having Mrs Jayachandran visit us and show us how to wear a traditional sari. She spoke to us about the different types of Saris and when you would wear them. Mrs Jayachandra’s daughter Tarika, a Year 7 student at Mercedes College, modelled her own beautiful sari which she would wear to any Indian special occasion. We then visited the Middle Eastern world of dance with Belyssa, a Lithuanian belly dancer with over 30 years’ experience. Belyssa was fantastic with her calm and patient teaching style. She taught the students about the culture and origins of this form of dance, and showed us a few moves using bright and colourful scarfs. The students really enjoyed themselves and were left wanting to learn more about this incredible and expressive form of dancing!

Music - Mrs Claire Gamlin, Music Coordinator
Catholic Performing Arts Festival
The Festival is drawing to a close and there have been some wonderful results! As mentioned last week, a full list will be available after the festival has concluded. Well done to all of the girls involved and thank you to the parents for supporting the performances.

Annual Music Showcase
Ticket orders have been coming in for the Annual Music Showcase. Please make sure you pre-order your seats so that we can allocate tables. If you do not have a full table of 8, it is a great opportunity to meet parents and families of girls in the same ensemble or the same year group. The concert will be held at Mercedes on Sunday 9 September. BYO drinks, glasses and snacks.

Year 11/12 Recital Night
The Year 11/12 Music students will be performing as part of their Semester assessment on Monday 3 September. This is open to all friends and family and we would love to see you there to support the girls. The performance starts at 5.45pm in the Performing Arts Centre.

Diary Dates
Monday 3 September - Year 11/12 Recital Night - Mercedes College PAC 5.45pm
Sunday 9 September - Annual Music Showcase: All ensembles required for a daytime rehearsal (2.30 – 5.30) and evening performance – Mercedes College
Friday 21 September - Extravaganza: Jazz Band, Jazz Quartet, Percussion Ensembles, String Ensemble (TBC) – Mercedes College
Saturday 22 September - Year 7 Information Day: Rock Band – Mercedes College
Science Week

A range of activities were held during Science Week including Periodic Table, Bubble blowing and Paper plane challenges.

Textiles - Ms Lorraine Brown

The Year 11 & 12 Materials Design & Technology, Textiles classes recently had the opportunity of touring the WA Institute of Fashion & Textiles at Polytechnic West in Bentley. They had an insight into the fashion industry by touring the many workrooms and looking at equipment and techniques used in the world of fashion. They then participated in a workshop on fashion forecasting and fashion design skills, from drawing and inspiration to draping fabrics to develop their own creations. The amazing display of work, from students currently in their third year of the fashion diploma and associate degree courses, was probably enough inspiration alone, as many students now realise what is possible in the world of fashion. The current designs and work of our own Textiles students will be on display on the catwalk at the Extravaganza Evening.

Sport

Badminton - Mr Greg Smith

On Thursday 16 August 22 Year 9 and 10 students represented the College in the Badminton WA Schools Tournament at Kingsway International Sports Stadium. The girls were placed in different pools and played a round-robin doubles competition, which involved playing 6 games. The winner from each pool then moved into a quarter final against the winner of another pool. The girls played extremely well, with Novita Putri and Stephanie Martin finishing second overall in the competition. Both girls finished first in their pool and then won their quarter final. Unfortunately they were unable to overcome a very talented combined pair from St Bridget’s and Lynwood Senior High, who are currently Under 15 representative players for Western Australia. Other pairs who performed very well and finished runners up in their pool included Asha Falk and Alicia Jong, and Bailey Taylor and Rebecca Hille.

Year 12 students with their ‘draped’ designs at WAIFT
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Parents & Friends Association

Fathers’ Day Breakfast

An early morning start by mums who helped set up saw 190 dads and their daughters enjoy a delicious hot breakfast and pastries this week to celebrate Fathers’ Day. It was wonderful to see the dads enjoy some quality time with their daughter before heading off to work.

Mercedes College P & F & Trinity College Auxiliary Joint Melbourne Cup Lunch
Book a table for the inaugural joint Mercedes & Trinity Melbourne Cup Lunch scheduled to take place on Tuesday 6 November at the Novotel Langley Perth. The first of many more joint events to come! For more information email jstacey@mercedes.wa.edu.au.

Fete 2013
The P & F have a biennial fete to help raise much needed funds to upgrade and maintain College facilities and equipment. The last fete, held in 2011, raised over $60,000 thanks to the enormous community effort from our parents, friends, students, teachers and ex-students. Thank you to Sonya Devilee & Donna O’Hara who have volunteered to coordinate the Preserves Stall at next year’s Fete on Sunday 14 April. The first Fete newsletter will be issued shortly and this will detail the 15 stalls that require co-ordinators. Please consider volunteering to coordinating a stall and help us to make 2013 a great success. For more information contact jstacey@mercedes.wa.edu.au.

Student News

Student Achievements
Athletics
Congratulations to Caitlin Gerken (9.2) who placed 12th overall in the National Walks Championships, held in Adelaide this past weekend.

Mercedes Rhythmic Gymnastics
Well done to the Mercedes College Rhythmic Gymnastics club for the fantastic achievements at the Rhythmic Judges Invitational (17, 18, 19 August)

Individuals
RG National Level 5
Fifth All-Around: Amelia Ikin - 4th Hoop; 5th Ball; 5th Ribbon

RG National Level 4
Fourth All-Around – Talia Banks - 1st Hoop; Sixth All-Around – Amy Kinsman 2nd Rope; 4th Ribbon

RG National Level 4
Isobella Brun - 6th Hoop; Aloyse Murray - 5th Ribbon

RG National Level 6
Nyat Mulugeta - 5th Ball

Multiples
Category 4:
Group - 1st - Siena Galeotti-Medina, Lara Gimondo, Nyat Mulugeta, Jessica Rainford and Brigid Dix

Category 5:
Pairs Same - 1st - Gemma Mulholland and Daniella Sicari (ex Mercedes)
Pairs Mixed - 1st - Gemma Mulholland and Daniella Sicari (ex Mercedes)

Category 4:
Trios Same - 1st - Amelia, Ikin, Nyat Mulugeta, Jessica Rainford
Pairs Same - 1st - Nyat Mulugeta, Jessica Rainford
Pairs Mixed - 1st - Amelia Ikin, Amy Kinsman; 2nd - Nyat Mulugeta, Jessica Rainford; 3rd - Siena Galeotti-Medina, Lara Gimondo
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Category 3: Pairs Same - 1st (equal) - Talia Banks, Aloyse Murray (Pair 1) & Madison Colangelo, Isobella Brun (Pair 2); 3rd Amelia Ikin, Amy Kinsman.

Trans Bass Competition
Congratulations to the following girls for their outstanding achievements at the recent Trans Bass Competition.
Kimberly Morrissey (9.1) - 3rd in Artistic Gymnastics.
Vanessa Tenaglia (7.5) - first place on Floor and received a gold medal for WA, 6th for her beam routine and 7th overall in the competition.
Olivia Ridley (7.1) - won a silver and bronze medal in her routines. Olivia is pictured left with Olympians Joshua Jefferies (Gymnastics) and Amy Cure (Cycling) who presented her with her medals.

Mercedes Netball
Congratulations to the girls of Mercedes Netball Club for a wonderful season and for the way you have all conducted yourselves throughout the season showing great sportsmanship and representing the club well. We have been able to achieve 15 of our 19 teams through to 1st Semi Finals. So good luck and look forward to seeing lots of red/green and white down at the courts supporting the teams in your club. Here is the list of teams, courts and times team are playing:

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Thank You to Parents
Another fortnight saw a number of parents offering their time to come in and help with the following events. Thank you again very much. I know the staff and students really appreciate it.

Athletics Camp Breakfast
David Rea, Irene Casella, Stephanie Brieley-Hay, Tracey Blair & Lucille Ridley
Year 10 Social
Basilia Sabatino, Julie Hargreaves, Ivana Gagli, April Jones, Tamara Travia, Louise Goodman, Pina Fogliani, Mira Andric, Debbie Carrick, Sally Johns, Leonie Lorian, Lisa Munro, Michelle Powell, Billy McMullan, Chris Munro, Liliana Bertolini, Debbie Maddaford, Paula Wimmer, Linda Krause, Louise Comiskey, Helen Dwyer, Carmine Miranda, Billy McMullan, Glenda Lockwood, Joe Emanuelle, Frank Strever, Alan Meakins, Ron Phinemint.

Frayne House Mass Morning Tea
Marina Jones and Michelle Robins

Father’s Day Breakfast

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.australianportsportscamps.com.au or call 1300 914 368.

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

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