Key Dates
Friday 13 September
ACC Para Athletics
Saturday 14 September
Music Showcase
Tuesday 17 September
College Photographs - Sporting & catch non-sporting groups
Wednesday 18 September
8.3 RE Mass
Interschool Athletics Carnival
Friday 20 September
Mercy Day
Art Exhibition Opening Night 6.30pm
Saturday 21 September
Art Exhibition
Sunday 22 September
VSA Mercy Mass 2.00pm
Monday 23 September
Year 12 Exams commence
Tuesday 24 September
Feast of Our Lady of Mercy
Wednesday 25 September
8.4 RE Mass

Principal’s Report

‘We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.’ (Mother Teresa)

It is hard to believe that there are only two weeks left of this term. Please keep the Year 12 girls in your prayers as they prepare for their Semester 2 exams in the last week of term. There is no doubt this is peak time for the 12’s and both at school and at home we need to be mindful that stress levels will be high. It is good to keep routines normal and home as calm an environment as possible. Hopefully the girls are feeling in a good space, knowing they have prepared for these exams as well as they could.

On Sunday 22 September, Mercedes Ex-Students Association will be hosting the inaugural Victoria Square Alumnae Mercy Mass to be held in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception in the grounds of Mercedes College. Invitations have gone out to all known email addresses of past students of St Joseph’s School, Our Lady’s College and Mercedes College. I warmly invite all grandmothers, even grandfathers who were past students of the Sisters of Mercy at Victoria Square, mothers, aunts and sisters of current students, to join us for the Mass and afterward for afternoon tea in the College Staff Room. This will be an annual event to celebrate Mercy Day which is celebrated in Mercy communities throughout the world on 24 September. If you are able to attend could you please phone Tanya Vandermark on 9323 1323 or email on tvandermark@mercedes.wa.edu.au so we can cater for everyone for afternoon tea.

I have found it quite alarming recently at the number of letters regarding parents taking their daughter out of school to go on family holidays. Studies have shown that missing an average of 16 days a year can put a student up to six weeks behind in their learning and that any absence from school can have a negative effect on students’ future achievements, particularly in English and Mathematics (The West Australian August 7, 2013). Students’ positive attitude toward consistent attendance at school can depend so much on parent attitudes. At the beginning of each year, I urge parents not to take family

Insight from Catherine McAuley:
Let those whom Jesus Christ has graciously permitted to assist him in the persons of his suffering poor have their hearts animated with gratitude and love.

Well known authority on Drugs and Alcohol, Paul Dillon spoke to a number of year groups about keeping safe. This was especially fitting for the Year 12 students as they approach Leavers.
holidays during school terms. I know that airfares are cheaper then but the time a girl is absent from school will result in extra stress and pressure to catch up. No doubt there are families already thinking about and planning for family holidays for next year. Please remember, it is not a teacher’s responsibility to give extra time to a girl whose parents make the decision to take a family holiday during term time. More and more we are pushing the responsibility back on our students, making every effort to develop them as independent learners. Once they leave school there will be no one holding their hand, providing extra hours to bring them up to speed, or continually reminding them to hand work in and meet deadlines. My expectations of our young women will remain high because I want them to have high expectations of themselves. As staff we can only provide the best nurturing and learning environment if we work in partnership with our parents.

Sincere thanks to all the families who have supported their daughters with weekend sporting commitments. I know it is no small feat finding the time on weekends to drive children around, often from one end of the city to the other. Congratulations to all the girls who have done so well in Hockey, Netball and Volleyball. Badminton and Athletics girls have also been working hard and achieving excellence in their relevant events. Thank you to the PE staff who have generously supported them.

You would have heard no doubt about the wonderful success of Mercedes and Trinity in the Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival. Both schools took out numerous Shields, with the Mercedes Liturgical Dance Group, the Select Choir, the cast and crew of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Mercedes/Trinity Wind Orchestra, Mercedes/Trinity String Orchestra and Laura Cocks from Year 12 in the Secondary Solo Works – Drama, all winning Shields. Congratulations to the girls, to all the parents who accompanied the girls to the different events and to all the Arts staff who supported the many different entrants, soloists and groups. The final concert for the Festival will be held on Monday 16 September at the Concert Hall and the Choir, the two orchestras and Laura will all be performing. It will be wonderful to see you there.

The second example of the language of resilience for families from Michael Grose, Parenting Educator.

2. “Don’t let this spoil everything.” This strategy keeps thinking contained and is good for young people who feel overwhelmed or who experience rejection. The ability to compartmentalise bad events and keep them from affecting all areas of life is a powerful coping skill. When something unpleasant happens, children need to park their thinking about that event so they can get on with the rest of the day. (Insights No 1, Michael Grose)

Peace and best wishes.

Sheena Barber, Principal

Art Exhibition
Friday 20 September / 6.30pm / Serisier Learning Centre
Extra viewing: Saturday 21 September / 10.00am - 12.pm

Presentation Evening
Friday 25 October 2013 / 7pm / Perth Concert Hall
Pastoral Care News

Year 7/8 Learning Community
Year 7 - Miss Danae Murphy

Monday and Tuesday saw the girls participating in the Life Skills for Life program. First aid is an invaluable skill, and from all accounts the girls thoroughly enjoyed the training. They should be commended for their behaviour during these sessions. This week your daughters will be completing a survey regarding their experiences throughout the school year which will help inform us of their pastoral care needs. The students have also been practising a special song and National Anthems for Presentation Evening. Another exciting project that Year 7 students have been undertaking is planning for their Mercy Day stalls. I’m sure that these will be successful in raising funds for a very worthy cause, and helping the girls see the Mercy charism in action.

Year 8 - Mrs Melissa Trolio

The “Black & White” Social was held on Thursday, 5 September. Students from both Mercedes and Trinity and their support staff embraced the black and white theme with great enthusiasm! We had cows, horses, salt and pepper shakers and even boys who impressed in their tuxedos. An event like this isn’t possible without the help of many special and hard working people. I would like to extend an extremely significant thank you to our Year 8 parents who contributed by assisting with decorations, preparing the food and drinks, security surveillance, and even a very effective clean up. Mrs Jackie Stacey, our Parent Liaison Officer and our Maintenance Team; Mr David Green and Mr Lyle Bell also assisted immensely. To our pastoral care staff also who have continue to support our students in the days leading up to the social. I hope you enjoy some of the fantastic photos taken by our Media students under the guidance of Ms Nilar Nyunt.
Year 9/10 Learning Community

Year 9 - Mrs Sherrin Adams
The girls will soon find out if they are selected as Peer Mentors for 2013. With 74 applicants for approximately 48 positions some of the girls will definitely be disappointed. I ask all parents to encourage a resilient approach in their daughters – as there are many more leadership opportunities available over the next few years.

Year 10 - Mr Liam Smith
Monday 2 September was the second social for 2014 for Mercedes and Trinity. With the theme of ‘Op Shop Formal’ the students assembled outside Gibney Hall at 6:30pm dressed in the finest outfits the local Op Shops had to offer. The dance floor was the place to be on the night as the Trinity College DJ blasted out the tunes and dropped the heavy bass. It was great to see so many of our girls thoroughly enjoying themselves and the night is sure to have lasting memories for all.

We left our selection for Semester 2 house leaders a little late, but with the selections finished and badges awarded, I am pleased to announce the following house leaders. They have the onerous task of rallying their troops and preparing them for the upcoming, overly anticipated Dragon Boating activity held during term four.

Cooper
- Melanie Hall & Mary Ludera

Frayne
- Rebecca Hille & Georgia Jones

McAuley
- Jessica Bergman & Kaylee Burgess

McDonald
- Ruby Martin & Rebecca Moore

Serisier
- Gabrielle Ramsay & Caylee Wallis

Wright
- Asha Falk & Eliza Jackson

Year 11/12 Learning Community

Year 11 - Mrs Marianne Morphett
A large group of girls have been working enthusiastically with Ms Speranza and Mrs Rosato to prepare an exciting program of events for Mercy Day. As well as celebrating our Mercy heritage, the committee is aiming to raise funds to assist the Mercy Sisters working in Kenya. The energy and dedication displayed by the girls is commendable. The voting for the Prefect Council has been completed and the announcement will occur at the end of the Mercy Day concert. Although this will be an exciting conclusion to the day, some applicants may be disappointed and need to remember that there are many opportunities to display leadership offered by the College.

Year 12 - Mrs Bernadette Dell
The final weeks are here and some students are very stressed. Please encourage your daughter to practise some of the relaxation and stress management techniques we have introduced over the year.

I am sure that all the girls are grateful to their teachers for the many opportunities they have been given for revision. I am always impressed by the generosity of our teachers and it is very evident at this time of the year as girls are receiving extra help before and after school and at lunchtimes. Mr Shine, Mrs Cullen and Mr Lyons have also been at school on Sunday afternoons to help students with revision or to supervise quiet study time.

The girls are also excited about the celebrations planned for their last Mercy Day and we know that they will enthusiastically participate in the events organised by the committee and the younger classes. It will make a great break from the pressures of study just before the Semester 2 exams.

All reply slips for the meal after the Graduation Mass and Ceremony are now due so please check that your daughter has submitted your slip.
Curriculum News

Academic News - Mrs Liana Strutt, Deputy Principal - Academic Services

Trial ATAR exams
As we approach the end of term, this is a time of intense study and completion of courses for our Year 12 cohort. Official tuition for this group of hardworking girls concludes on Friday 20 September (Mercy Day).

Students who are completing Stage Two or Three courses will begin trial ATAR exams on Monday 23 September. These will run through until Friday 27 September, and will resume on Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 October. If a student is ill on a day of these exams, a medical certificate must be presented to Mrs Strutt and an alternate date to sit the exam may be arranged.

WACE Examinations
These will be held at Mercedes College from Friday, 1 November and will run through to Friday 22 November. Students will be advised of the venue for exams in the coming week, and students with Special Examination Arrangements will be advised on the location of exams if they are not being held at Mercedes College.

Sickness/Misadventure in WACE exams
Please be aware that students who are absent from the WACE exams in November due to unforeseen illness (that requires immediate medical attention, hospitalisation or treatment verifiable by a doctor with a certificate) or an event that prevents the sitting of an exam (a bereavement, accident or other issue), the school must be contacted immediately to inform exam supervisors of the absence. Forms detailing the nature of the sickness or misadventure can be obtained from the school or the School Curriculum and Standards Authority and must be submitted after the last exam of the student has been sat.

If you have any queries about the exams, please contact Liana Strutt, Deputy Principal of Academic Services, on 9323 1379 or email lstrutt@mercedes.wa.edu.au.

Mathematics - Mr Peter Mee, HOLA Mathematics

Casio Classpad Incursion
Last Friday, 6 September approximately 140 Year 11 and 12 students attended sessions aimed at improving their use of the Casio Classpad. These sessions were run by Charlie Watson, who showed the students many subject specific tips and tricks which will help them make the most of their calculator. Feedback from the students following the sessions was positive. Hopefully this will prove to be beneficial in the lead-up to final exams.

Year 9 Numeracy Basics Test
A slight programming error has been detected in the year 9 numeracy basics test, resulting in question 5 sometimes giving an answer which is formatted incorrectly. This has been rectified, and the new version of the test (ver 1.05) is available on Moodle, the student common drive, and on the website. Students are encouraged to download this latest version, and continue practicing to improve their basic numeracy.

Year 9 Galaxy Quest Science

Galaxy Trek “Mars Rover Experience” - Ruby Higgins (9.1)
On Tuesday 3 September, the Year 9 Galaxy Trek class participated in an interstate video conference with Ian Christie from the Victorian Space Science Education Centre (VSSEC). This was the third video conference that the class has participated in with science experts from the centre, which promotes and demonstrates engaging science education.

The video conference was organised for the class to take part in a Mars Rover simulation. Each student was assigned a particular role as a different scientist or engineer, and had to use teamwork and communication skills in order to make the Rover move and collect rock samples. Despite a few technical difficulties, the conference was a fun and interesting learning experience for the students, and they look forward to participating in their next video conference with the space centre.
The Arts - Mrs Kathleen Cocks, HOLA The Arts
Catholic Performing Arts 2013 Results

Our College has had a most successful year in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival, winning 6 shields. Congratulations to all girls who performed in the Festival, we are very proud of all of you. Shield Winners, Honourable Mentions and Merit Certificate winners are listed below. All of these individuals will receive certificates at the next Year level assemblies.

Number of students involved from Mercedes College: 345 + Ensembles with Trinity College

SHIELDS:

Christian Dance
Mercedes Liturgical Dance Group

Concert Band
Trinity/Mercedes Wind Orchestra

Instrumental Ensemble
Trinity/Mercedes String Orchestra

Liturgical Choral Music
Mercedes College Select Choir

Drama Solo/Duet
Laura Cocks

Musical
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Cast and Crew

HONOURABLE MENTIONS:

Liturgical/Sacred Choral Singing
Trinity/Mercedes Vocal Ensemble

Choral Singing
Mercedes College Select Choir

Mercedes College Madrigals
Trinity/Mercedes Vocal Ensemble

Trinity/Mercedes Chorale

Concert Band
Mercedes/Trinity Wind Orchestra

Instrumental Ensemble
Trinity/Mercedes String Orchestra (Strings)

Instrumental Solo
Alexandra Elliott (Bass Guitar)
Abby O'Rourke (Percussion)
Lily MacMillan (Percussion)

Instrumental Duet
Grace Armstrong & Grace Kay (Woodwind)

Vocal Solo
Alessia Pintabona
Emma Oorschot
Madeleine Shaw
Courtney McManus

Vocal Duet
Emma Oorschot & Joshua Adams

Bible Reading
Laura Cocks

Courtney McManus

Christian Dance
Mercedes College Liturgical Dance Group

Solo Scripted Drama (Years 7-10)
Ellen O’Hara
Madeleine Grech
Sarah Cocks

Solo Scripted Drama (Years 11-12)
Laura Cocks

Solo Original Drama (Years 11-12)
Christina Da Rui
Courtney McManus
Georgia Rodgers

Musical
Mercedes College Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Cast & Crew

MERIT CERTIFICATES:

Instrumental Solo
Carissa Soares (Percussion)
Emily Theseira (Strings)
Siena Giaros (Strings)
Alannah Pennefather (Strings)
Emmanuelle Dodo-Balu (Woodwind)
Nicola Kastropi (Woodwind)
Caitlin Cappeluti (Woodwind)

Instrumental Duet
Josie Heffereman & Ania Malek (Woodwind)
Alex DiDio & Zoe Jerkovich (Woodwind)

Instrumental Ensemble
Mercedes Saxophone Ensemble (Woodwind)

Students not returning to Mercedes College in 2014
If your daughter(s) in Years 7 - 11 is/are NOT returning to Mercedes College next year, please notify Mrs Mandy Ludovico by Monday, 14 October 2013, by post or email on mludovico@mercedes.wa.edu.au. Please note that one term’s notice of withdrawal is required to avoid penalty charges. Receipt of this information will assist us with our planning for 2014.

Habits of Mind Quote
"I've never made a mistake. I've only learned from experience." (Thomas A. Edison)
2014 Production
Are you wondering what next year’s musical production might be? We are not telling you just yet! BUT it is a musical that requires tap dancing. To help those girls who cannot tap dance at all, we are running tap dancing classes next term on Thursdays 3.30pm - 4.15pm in the PAC. This is a Beginner’s Class and is meant to teach girls who cannot tap at all some basic skills so they can audition for the production next year. If girls are interested, put your name on the sign up sheet inside the PAC. Classes start Week 1, Term 4 and will be $3 per week, pay as you go. Tap shoes not necessary. Please note that doing these classes does not guarantee you a place in next year’s production cast!

Music - Ms Claire Gamlin, Music Coordinator
Congratulations to all of the girls involved in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival this year. We had such wonderful success again, with many Merit and Honourable mention awards (see the full report from Mrs Cocks in this newsletter) three music groups receiving Shields for the best performance! Congratulations to the girls in the Mercedes/Trinity String Orchestra, Mercedes/Trinity Wind Orchestra and the Select Choir for winning the Shields. This makes it two years in a row for the Wind Orchestra, and three years in a row for Select Choir!

Music Showcase
The Annual Mercedes Music Showcase is on this weekend! I am looking forward to seeing the girls and Trinity boys perform for a completely sold out audience in the hall on Saturday. All girls are required for a rehearsal during the day and may wear appropriate casual clothes. They can bring a snack for dinner and their concert wear to get changed into after the rehearsals.

Diary Dates
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Canteen - Mrs Kathy Smith, Canteen Manager
Volunteers Needed!
The Canteen is seeking committed volunteers to assist on a rostered basis. By having volunteers assist allows the canteen staff more time to prepare fresh food on the premise and help keep costs to a minimum.

A full or half day roster is preferable however any time that can be donated to the canteen would be appreciated. (morning tea and lunch is provided on a full day roster - 8.30am to 1.30pm). Please contact Mrs Kathy Smith on 9323 1377 or canteen@mercedes.wa.edu.au.

Materials Design and Technology - Ms Lorraine Brown
APEX Teenage Fashion Awards
The 2013 heats were held last weekend. Two Year 12 students Olivia Haines and Maddie Sheridan both had multiple entries of a very high quality. Congratulations to Olivia who has made it through to the State Finals on Sunday September 22 at the Hyatt for her entry in the Wearable Art category, modelled by Natasha Rodrigues.

If successful at the State Finals Olivia will travel over East to represent WA at the National Level.

Making Mercedes Greener - Mrs Marg Ryan, MMG Coordinator
Ring Pull Recycling
Thank you to the homerooms who participated in the ring pull competition. This competition is ongoing so we hope that you continue to collect ring pulls and bring them to the library. There are 3 winning Home Rooms:

- First prize: 11.1; with over 6000 ring pulls
- Second prize: 11.3; with over 5,500 ring pulls
- Third prize: 7.6; with just under 5,000 ring pulls
We hope to raise enough money to “buy” a wheelchair for ‘Wheelchair for Kids’ (we need 667,000 ring pulls!) You may wish to visit the website to make a donation, www.wheelchairsforkids.org

This week, we focused on recycling of household batteries. Students were asked to bring in batteries to the library before Friday, 13 September ready for the last collect by the Mindarie Regional Council for recycled batteries during Week 9. Alkaline batteries contain about 20% by weight of zinc which can be recycled and use to coat steel products to stop corrosion, to make metal automobile parts, and to make fertiliser.

### Sport

#### Athletics Camp - Miss Corinne Kirry

On Friday, 30 August, 65 students from Years 7 - 12 began the morning of camp with a full training session and an amazing cooked breakfast. Thank you to the generous parents and Mrs Jackie Stacey who prepared this for the team. Afterschool, the team travelled to Kings Park for a Jacobs Ladder run and a circuit. It was a very nervous afternoon with the grey clouds hovering over us the whole time. Luckily the rain held off until we were in the beautiful Miss Maude’s for dinner. Congratulations to Matilda Martin who was announced as 2013 Athletics Captain and to Christina DaRui and Emily Bramich who are both vice captains.

Clearly the workout on Friday afternoon was not hard enough as the sleep over at Mercedes College was an exciting one for all. They all woke up early to have a continental breakfast and a two and a half hour training session at the WA State Athletics Stadium with all of the coaches: Ashlyn Chiera, Dane Ehm, Cruz Hogan, Lara Fresson, Jessica Pillera and Cassandra Cutter. After the Pasta Cup lunch, the team was lucky enough to listen to Australian javelin thrower, Kim Mickle and her “ups and downs” in her career. The girls had the opportunity to ask many questions and hold her silver medal that she won at the recent World Athletics Championships held in Moscow.

The team then were faced with a physical challenge of the ropes course at Challenge Stadium. Many girls climbed the Pamper Pole, built the highest crate tower and climbed ropes.

Overall a very successful camp to help build team unity in the lead up to the ACC A Division Athletics carnival on Wednesday 18 September. Good luck to all girls competing next week.

#### Hockey - Ms Lorraine Brown

The 2013 hockey season is one week from completion. A huge thank you to all the coaches, managers, umpires and parents who give up their time to support the girls through training and games.

- Year 11/12 finishing 8th (Coach Ms Lara Fresson, Umpire: Mr Kennon, Manager: Mrs McMullen)
- Year 9/10 finished 3rd and sadly being defeated in the second period of extra time in last week’s semi final. I have had the pleasure of umpiring this team throughout the year and their individual skills and game play knowledge have seen amazing improvement, often commented on by opposition coaches, umpires and spectators! (Coach: Mr Volk, Managers: Mrs Marchetti & Mrs Lane)
- Year 7/8 finished a very creditable 2nd (losing only to the team finishing above us and who we will be playing in the Grand Final this Saturday, 8.30am at Perry Lakes, following a convincing win in the semi last weekend. (Coach: Ms Brown, Umpire: Fiona Wainwright (ex student) Manager: Mrs Marchetti. Good luck for the game!

#### Volleyball - Miss Corinne Kirry

The 2013 WA Volleyball Schools Cup tournament was held at Loftus Recreation Centre from 5 - 8 September. Mercedes College entered four teams and there were around 135 teams that competed.

The Year 12 team competed in Open Honours, the highest division available. The girls progressed through to the grand final against Rossmoyne, the best of 5 sets (each set is the first to 25). Rossmoyne won the first two sets, and with a lot of determination and willpower, the Mercedes team gained the strength to win the next three sets to win the gold (2 hour and 20 minute game). Congratulations to the whole team and coach Cole Durant for this achievement. Well done to Shelby Maher and Christina Da Rui who were selected as the All Star 6.

Current Year 12 student, Shelby Maher coached the Year 8/9 division 2 team. They only dropped one set throughout the pool games and finished top of their pool. They competed very well to make the semi final, however lost that in three sets. A great effort by all.

The 10A team consists of girls from Years 8 - 10 and is coached by Tenille Ryan. They were undefeated in their pool and played at a very high level in Year 10, Division 1. They made the semi final, however lost an extremely close game in three sets. Congratulations to all girls and to Bailey Taylor who was voted as an All Star 6.

The 10B team also coached by Cole Durant played extremely competitively in the Year 10, Division 2. Most girls are new to the sport of volleyball and displayed great signs of improvement. They won the grand final against Penrhos College in another extremely close game.

The three junior teams will continue to train preparing them for their trip to Melbourne in December to compete in the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup. Thank you to the parents who have supported your daughters in the early morning trainings and after school games.
Frayne and McDonald House Liturgies

Parents and Friends Association

Dads & Daughters Ten Pin Bowling - took place on Sunday 8 September with approximately 48 dads and daughters joining in the fun at AMF Bowling in Morley. Thank you to Jim McDermott from the DOM Group who coordinated the event.

Quiz Night - Friday 8 November, 7.00pm / College Hall. Don’t forget to get your friends and family together and book your table for this year's Quiz Night.

Spring in to Margaret River (AKA Spring in the Valley) – Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 November
This year the ‘Spring in the Valley’ celebrates its 10th year anniversary. Every year a group of parents head down to the Swan Valley for a day filled with fun, coffee, wine, a delicious lunch and great company. To celebrate ten years, we have decided to head down to Margaret River for the ‘Spring in to Margaret River’ weekend. The idea is to park at the College and hop on the bus on Saturday afternoon and drive down to Margaret River, enjoy a relaxing dinner and tour the wineries on Sunday finishing off with a delicious lunch before heading back to Perth on Sunday. Register your interest by emailing jstacey@mercedes.wa.edu.au as places will fill very quickly. More information to follow.

Melbourne Cup Lunch – Mercedes & Trinity - Tuesday 5 November. Following the success of last year’s joint Melbourne Cup lunch with Trinity College at the Novotel Langley, we have decided to do it again. Please get your table together so you can join us on Tuesday 5 November. Cost $85/person with tables of 10. Numbers are limited. To register your booking, email jstacey@mercedes.wa.edu.au.

Student News

Mercedes Netball Club
Wind up and Presentation - Saturday, 21 September 2013 / Mercedes College School Hall / 6.30pm – 8pm (approximately). Dinner will be provided to all players, coaches and managers. Parents welcome, BYO drinks & nibbles.

Student Achievements
Mercedes Rhythmic Gymnastics
Congratulations to the Rhythmic Gymnastics team who won overall Champion for the second consecutive year at the 2013 State Rhythmic Gymnastics Interschool Championships. Girls in all divisions, in all routines won gold medals.

Netball
Congratulations to Chloe Hodkinson (8.4) who has been selected for the U14 WA Indoor Netball Squad that will compete in the Nationals in December.
Thank You to Parents

Year 8 Social

Noticeboard

Dyslexia - SPELD Foundation  Literacy and Clinical Services - provide family support and of services to enable children and adults with specific learning disabilities and difficulties to realise the greatest potential. Information evenings are held the first Wednesday every month (except January) from 7.00pm - 8.30pm. For more information call 9217 2500 or visit www.dsf.net.au.

Santa Maria College  - 75th Anniversary Weekend / Saturday 21 September, 1.00pm - 5.00pm and Sunday 22 September, 10.00am - 4.30pm. Enjoy self-guided tours of the campus, historical displays, live music and the College Art Exhibition.

Perth College Fete  - Secondhand Ball Gown and Dinner Dance Dress Stall. Calling for donations of your ball gowns, bridesmaid dresses and dinner dance frocks.