Key Dates
Friday 16 August
Home Study Day
Wednesday 21 August
9.4 RE Mass
Friday 23 August
ACC Para Indoor Soccer
Year 12 MESA Lunch
Wednesday 28 August
9.5 RE Mass
Year 10 Social
Thursday 29 August
Fathers’ Day Breakfast

Principal’s Report

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

World Youth Day 2013 tied in perfectly with our focus value for this semester – Service. Pope Francis told the young people of the world to have courage, be bold and go against the tide. “It is not enough simply to open the door in welcome,” he said, “but we must go out through the door to seek and meet the people.”

Over the last few weeks I have been overwhelmed by the generosity and service from our young women. The donations for our Frog Jog have reached the highest level ever, and the Young Mercies Fashion for Compassion event raised over $2000 for the Sisters of Mercy ministry in Africa. We have seen the second group of Year 11 girls participate in the life changing Poverty Immersion program – taking to the streets of Perth to be in solidarity with the poor and homeless – and Year 10 girls join students from other Mercy schools in the Seeds of Justice program, where the girls attentively and respectfully listened to and were moved by the stories of young refugee people who shared the atrocities that have been their lives before coming to Australia. We have seen more girls and staff, dads too, involved in the cooking and distribution of food to the homeless and marginalised people at the Big Issue Street Soccer games at Wellington Square, and have had wonderful letters of thanks from organisations where our girls have carried out service, often spending hours far in excess of what is required of them. I could go on for hours espousing the generosity of our girls. It brings to mind the words of the Majellan Sunday Bulletin from 4 August that I read and felt spoke of our girls:

How do we want our friends, colleagues, neighbours and family to assess us when we are gone? Will they say that they wish we’d left more money and more things for them? Or, would they prefer that we’d given more generously of our time, our energy, our love and concern to them, assisting them in their difficulties, lending a hand in times of trouble, consoling them in times of sorrow?

Insight from Catherine McAuley:

Our charity must be in our hearts and from our hearts, and a charity such as Jesus Christ practised while on earth.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.
Mission Leader’s Musings

During my weekly reading I stumbled upon Pope Francis’ first World Youth Day homily at the Shrine of Aparecida, Brazil. It has become the greatest Marian pilgrimage center in the world, and appropriate to focus on this week after our whole school celebration of the Feast of the Assumption on Thursday.

Pope Francis titled his homily: **Even in the midst of hardship, God surprises us**

‘… I would like to speak of three simple attitudes: hopefulness, openness to being surprised by God, and living in joy.

**Hopefulness:** How many difficulties are present in the life of every individual, among our people, in our communities; yet as great as these may seem, God never allows us to be overwhelmed by them. In the face of those moments of discouragement - Always know in your heart that God is by your side; he never abandons you! Let us never lose hope! Let us never allow it to die in our hearts! Let us be lights of hope! Let us maintain a positive outlook on reality. Let us encourage the generosity which is typical of the young and help them to work actively in building a better world. Young people are a powerful engine for the Church and for society.

**Openness** to being surprised by God. Anyone who is a person of hope - the great hope which faith gives us - knows that even in the midst of difficulties God acts and he surprises us. The history of this Shrine is a good example: three fishermen, after a day of catching no fish, found something unexpected in the waters of the Parnaíba River: an image of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

Living in Joy: Dear friends, if we walk in hope, allowing ourselves to be surprised by God, we have joy in our hearts and we cannot fail to be witnesses of this joy. Christians are joyful! God is at our side and we have a Mother who always intercedes for the life of her children. As Benedict XVI said: ‘the disciple knows that without Christ, there is no light, no hope, no love, no future’ …

A lovely message for us all young at heart!

Ms Rosa Speranza - Mission Leader

I am also reminded of a couple of times recently when parents have questioned our Mercy Service Learning program and the requirements that go with it. We are all aware of the particular requirements of insurance, the specific focus for service of each Year level, the need for reflection and journaling and the crucial need to meet deadlines, all of which are crucial to the successful running of our program and the pastoral care of our girls. In *The West Australian* recently (Friday 26 July) there was an article about resiliency in young people. Professor Erica McWilliam from Queensland University of Technology said efforts to make school more fun and less threatening had led to fewer challenges confronting students. She went on to say we need to raise the bar on challenge if ‘our kids are going to be competitive globally. We need to think about the extent to which we’re prepared to help young people tolerate discomfort.’ Young people need to take responsibility for their mistakes and learn from them. Again I urge parents to work with us in helping our young women take that responsibility and meet the expectations that are clearly laid out for them.

The issue of cyber-safety has raised its head again. It seems that each day the girls are reporting new social network sites on which their so-called friends are either making disparaging comments either directly to them or about them. Parents, please make sure you know what your daughter is doing on the internet. We continually find that the girls have unlimited access to mobile phones, ipads or laptops in their bedrooms, 24 hours a day. The social networking becomes an addiction and certainly distracts the girls not only from their studies but even from going out with their friends, actively being part of their family or participating in physical activity. Parents, ignorance of technology is not an excuse anymore. You have to know how to access the sites your daughter is accessing. Better still, restrict your daughter’s access to social networking. That way they never know what other people are saying.

Our very generous P&F committee has, for the past couple of years, been organising parent nights for the College community. I would love to hear from you if there is a particular topic on which you would like information or an area of interest or concern for which some expert advice might just assist. We can always source speakers once we know the areas to address. Please email me on sbarber@mercedes.wa.edu.au or phone the College to speak with me or Jackie Stacey, our Parent Liaison Officer. I know the P&F are committed to supporting the education of the parent community and we’ve certainly had some wonderful speakers.

Finally, thank you sincerely to all the Sisters, parents, family members, friends, staff and students who supported our wonderful cast of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. This year’s musical production was another amazing showcase of the talent of over 100 of our girls, supported by many staff. Hours and hours of rehearsal time and many weekends and holidays spent at the College resulted in an outstanding show. Thank you girls and all staff involved.

Peace and best wishes.

Sheena Barber, Principal

Fathers’ Day Breakfast

Thursday 29 August / 7.00am / Catherine’s Garden / $8 per person

For bookings email Mrs Jackie Stacy jstacey@mercedes.wa.edu.au
Pastoral Care News

Year 11/12 Learning Community
Year 11 - Mrs Marianne Morphett

The Year 11 Reflection Day was an opportunity for the girls to explore the Mercy value of Justice in the context of modern life. A range of guest speakers shared their experiences working for justice with the girls, highlighting the different areas of need in our society. These personal reflections helped the girls to realise the difference individuals can make as advocates of justice. Some students further explored these issues through their participation in the second Poverty Immersion experience which was scheduled to coincide with Homeless Week.

A number of the girls were also involved in the College musical production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* which received rave reviews from all those who attended the sold out performances.

Nominations for the Prefect Council 2014 close this week and we look forward to reading the applications.

Year 12 - Mrs Bernadette Dell

The majority of the Year 12 students are working strenuously to achieve the best results they can in the remaining assessments but some girls are still to exert themselves sufficiently. It is at this time of the year that girls need to demonstrate their capacity for self-direction and self-discipline. We have so few weeks left that every lesson counts. Please encourage your daughter to maintain a healthy balance and make time for exercise and rest so that she can function efficiently when in class and studying at home.

We continue to present talks from the providers of post-school options, including all the universities and the Institute of Technology. The TISC applications’ site will open soon and all the girls have been given information they require to log on and place their options on the system. It has been emphasised to everyone that the key thing is to log on even if they are still unsure of their choices. Once registered, preferences may be changed repeatedly without penalty but there is a significant financial cost to being late in registering.

Curriculum News

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

Year 12 Students

The Year 12 students are now entering the phase of the term where they are working towards either WACE exams, or finishing courses for the Western Australian Certificate of Education. It can be a time of some stress as they revise, plan, complete assessments, sit for tests – the range of activities will mean they are working through a busy time.

A book called *Study Tips* for Success by Karen Boyes who is a teacher from New Zealand offers some very practical advice for any student preparing for exams. You may want to discuss this advice with your daughter:

1. Drink 6 - 8 glasses of water a day - lack of water can lead to headaches, keep a bottle beside you when studying and in your exam.
2. Move around while learning - it increases blood flow and allows more oxygen to reach your brain, walk around safely while you read your notes.
3. Eat small healthy snacks throughout the day - avoid tea, coffee, sweets, lollies and soft drinks as they will only give you a quick sugar buzz and then leave you feeling low. Eat fruits, vegetables, nuts, rice and wholemeal breads.
4. Exercise - a minimum of 20 minutes every day.
5. Get lots of Sleep - you need at least 6-8 hours the night before an exam in order to be full of energy and alert.

The WACE exam timetable is now published on the School Curriculum and Standards Authority website at: [http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/_Documents/General/2013_written_examination_timetable.pdf](http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/_Documents/General/2013_written_examination_timetable.pdf)
WAMSE Testing
The Western Australian Monitoring Standards of Education for Science and Society and Environment were held at Mercedes College last week. Students who were not at school, or missed parts of the test, will not receive a report for the part of test that was missed. Those Year 7 or 9 students who sat the test will receive a report from the school later in the year.

Year 11 Course Selections 2014
Many thanks to the parents who attended the course counselling sessions for Year 11 in 2014. Many students came to the meetings prepared and knew what was required of them to make their selections. Notification about courses will be made at the commencement of Term 4.

The Australian Defence Forces Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards - Mr Christopher Cole, Deputy Principal, Student Services
The ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards started in 2006 and aim to recognise students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader local community. At the same time, they recognise those who display strong values, such as doing one’s best, respect for others and “mateship”, that are integral to Australian society.

It is also a fitting tribute to the Long Tan veterans, as the very traits they demonstrated such as determination, mateship, teamwork, tenacity, compassion and leadership, are the same attributes we hope to encourage and recognise in students.

Winning students are selected by the College based on the selection criteria. Each school may select one student from each of Years 10 and 12. Recipients of a Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award will receive a certificate and a financial reward – $250 for a Year 10 student and $550 awarded to a Year 12 student. Their awards will be presented at the College Presentation Evening on Friday, 25 October.

Mercedes College is proud to announce that Gabrielle Ramsay has been nominated by her teachers as the Year 10 recipient of this award for demonstrating the qualities outlined above. Her teachers stated: “Gabby demonstrates a natural ability to take notice of all those around her. She ensures everybody is included and allows for everyone to be heard, whilst not being the loudest individual in the room. Her willingness to lead by example, cooperate with others and continually have a positive influence on those around her are attributes of a strong mature young lady. Academically Gabby consistently achieves at a high level, whilst continually taking opportunities to immerse herself in co-curricular activities around the College. She is a role model for our younger students as a Peer Mentor and displayed her leadership and confidence as a Tour Guide for the College open day”.

Mercedes College is also proud to announce that Elizabeth Kennon has been nominated by her teachers as the Year 12 recipient of this award for demonstrating the qualities outlined above. Her teachers stated: “Elizabeth has made an outstanding contribution to the Year 12 group in numerous ways and always does so in a manner that shows she is willing to put others first and seek no personal kudos. She is a strong leader in a variety of activities associated with the service and cultural life of the College, including Young Mercies, Special Ministers of the Eucharist and the Senior Book Club, but is also the first person to offer assistance in ad hoc situations. She is willing to take charge of a task, offer suggestions and assistance to people tackling other aspects of a job and shows persistence and determination in completing every job she undertakes. She is the consummate team player who puts the interests of the whole group ahead of her own. Her personal integrity and strong sense of justice is admired by her peers and her teachers.

Congratulations Gabrielle and Elizabeth!

Thanks to Mrs Dell and Mr Liam Smith and all the teachers who were involved in the nomination process.
The Arts - Mrs Kathleen Cocks, HOLA, The Arts
Catholic Performing Arts Festival
The Catholic Performing Arts Festival is in full swing right now and many of our students have been involved in singing, instrumental, Dance, Liturgical Dance and Liturgical Choral sections. The College production was also entered into the Festival. Many Honourable Mentions and Merit notifications have been received and will be published once the Festival is over. Thank you to parents for your support driving students to and from Festival events.

Production
Congratulations to the Cast, Choir and Crew of this year’s production Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. The production was full of life, colour and amazing talent. I am so very proud of each and every student involved. You all were amazing! There were 120 students involved in this production. Congratulations!

Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped backstage, front of house, who sewed costumes and who did all sorts of other amazing things. We couldn’t have done the show without you! Well done Mercedes!

Art - Ms Andrea Hosking, Art Coordinator
Angelico Art Exhibition
Congratulations to Alice Lynch, Georgia Then, Zoe Portilla, Courtney Hall, Rachel Lamb, Caitlin Cappeluti, Julia Colangelo and Adelina Holil who have work exhibited in the Angelico Exhibition. The exhibition is part of the annual Catholic Performing Arts Festival and will run until Friday 23 August in the foyer of the Central Park, 152-158 St Georges Terrace, Perth. Viewing hours are between 9am and 5pm. Well done ladies.

Clockwise L to R: Floral Study by Caitlin Cappeluti (9.1), Living in a Stone of Nature by Zoey Portilla (10.2), An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away by Alice Lynch (11.3), An Apple a Day Keeps the Vet Away by Georgia Then (11.6), Angelic Fox by Rachel Lamb (9.4), Self Portraits by Courtney Hall (10.2) and Adelina Holil (8.5) and Different Shades of Me by Julia Colangelo (8.2).
Music - Ms Claire Gamlin, Music Coordinator

Congratulations
The Music Department has had a fantastic start to Term 3! The Catholic Performing Arts Honourable Mention and Merit awards have been arriving steadily, and the girls have achieved excellent results so far. A full list will be published shortly.

Over the weekend, we had two ensemble performances. The Mercedes/Trinity String Orchestra performed at the ABODA Orchestra Festival at Churchlands and received an award of ‘Outstanding’ for their performance in A Division! This is a wonderful achievement.

Also over the weekend, the Mercedes Jazz Band performed for the first time in the WA Schools’ Jazz Band Festival, held at John Septimus Roe College. The girls were awarded the Musicanship award for Division 2, and won a $400 voucher for Sound Centre in Morley. This is an exceptional achievement, particularly for their first year competing in this festival with 20 other schools in their division. Although we don’t have the biggest, loudest Jazz Band, the girls can be very proud of the fact that they were recognised for their ability to understand the genre of Jazz and how to convincingly play in this style. Well done girls! Other BIG congratulations go to Mr Waterhouse – who not only directed the girls in the Jazz Band, but was recognised as the most Outstanding Director for the whole festival, against 44 other directors. Mr Waterhouse has been awarded with an all-expense paid trip to the Mt Gambier Generations in Jazz Festival in May next year, to meet and listen to a variety of exceptional Jazz Musicians. Congratulations Jazz Band, and Mr Waterhouse!

Diary Dates

Sunday 18 August (morning) Wind Ensemble & Wind Orchestra ABODA Band Festival at Churchlands Senior High School (please note venue change from previous years); Wind Ensemble arrive at 9am room Opus 2, for performance at 9.50am, Wind Orchestra arrive at 10.15am room Opus 2, for performance at 11.35am

Wednesday 21 August (evening) Wind Ensemble (Mr Waterhouse) and Wind Orchestra (Ms Gamlin) Concert Band Section of the Catholic Performing Arts Festival at Sacred Heart College, Sorrento

Monday 26 August 6pm Stage 2/3 Music Recital Night at Mercedes College (Performing Arts Centre) Year 10 music students are highly encouraged to attend this performance.

Thursday 29 August (evening) Select Choir, Madrigals, MT Chorale, MT Vocal Ensemble Secondary Choir Section of the Catholic Performing Arts Festival at Trinity College, East Perth

Thursday 12 September Year 12 Mock Performance Exams

Saturday 14 September Music Showcase at Mercedes - all Mercedes and combined Mercedes/Trinity music ensembles and choirs involved.

Sunday 20 October Select Choir Combined performance with the Spirit of the Streets Choir at the Perth Town Hall, 3pm

Select Choir Mercedes/Trinity Chorale Rehearsals

The girls have received a note with all additional rehearsals for Term 3. Please make sure you make every effort to attend these rehearsals, as we would like to have a new piece ready for Presentation Night, and possibly Music Showcase!

Fundraising for Wellness - Mrs Joanna Sleight, College Psychologist

During Wellness Week, which was held in the first week of term, students had the opportunity to participate in a Jeans and Jumper fundraiser. In keeping with our Wellness theme, the proceeds from this day will be donated to the SWAN (Strong Without Anorexia Nervosa) Study being conducted at the University of Western Australia. This follows on from Dr Sue Byrne speaking to our Year 11 and 12 students during Wellness Week on body image and healthy weight. Dr Sue Byrne is an Associate Professor at the University of Western Australia, School of Psychology, where she teaches in the post-graduate Clinical Psychology program. Sue’s main research and clinical interests lie in the field of eating disorders, including projects investigating body image in adolescents. We are very happy to announce that the College will be donating $1,151.65 to the SWAN Study.
Chess - Anna Duong, Chess Captain
Student versus Teacher Chess Competition
On Wednesday, 31 July and 7 August, at lunch time, Chess Club held a Student versus Teacher Competition. There were many teachers that gave up their lunch time to participate in the competition. There were some unfortunate losses and victorious wins but without a doubt, the competition was successful and all together it was delightful. Though there was tension between the competitors it was all resolved when the game ended with good sportsmanship. This competition has created stronger bonds between the students and teachers and brought it to a high level of competitiveness. The competition really tested the abilities of both parties in strategic skills, concentration and patience. Overall the event was successful and will hopefully commence again in the future.

Languages - Mrs Angela Velletri, HOLA Languages
Languages News - Isabella Pitt (12.1) and the Languages Team
It has been a busy few weeks in the languages area with both the Alliance Française and the Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian (WAATI) exams but before all the exams was our week to celebrate - Languages Week!

This year, once again, Languages Week proved very popular with many lunchtime activities organised along with the mega homeroom quiz to start the week of festivities and of course, not to mention the delicious food from China, France and Italy.

Lunchtime activities included the Spaghetti Construction Competition with girls creating some of the world’s famous monuments such as the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Great Wall of China and the Eiffel Tower. Many girls came along to the Paris Puzzle Mania where they had to rearrange puzzles of famous French monuments. The Chinese Chopstick Challenge created a frenzy with one minute to win it and finally an Olympics with bocce and pétanque, congratulations to all our participants and winners.

Back by popular demand was the woodfire pizza oven providing delicious and authentic pizza for our students of Italian - Buonissime! The students studying Chinese were treated to a lovely Chinese Banquet. Thursday was ‘Crêpe Day!’ and for the first time we were lucky enough to have freshly made crêpes at the College – C’était délicieux! The canteen staff was also very involved, selling and organizing languages themed lunches which consisted of gnocchi, French onion soup and chicken chow mein as well as recess fare such as croissants, quiches, spring rolls, arancini and orangina e aranciata rossa. The highlight of the week was our beautiful Italian Choir “Le Gioie delle donne” who provided wonderful entertainment for us all and encouraged all to get involved in dancing the tarantella!!

Thank you to all the Languages staff who organized an amazing ‘Languages Week’ and to the Prefects for helping out. Grazie, merci and 谢谢!
International Students and Teachers at Mercedes

Last week Mercedes hosted five Chinese students: Chutong Yan, Bingquan Zhu, Jiayi Qian, Qingwen Xu and Shujing Zheng. These young ladies won a trip to Perth for winning the Zhejiang English Language Competition. They thoroughly enjoyed their time at our College and shared a little of their Chinese culture with our students.

Replacing our lovely Danqi Yan as a Chinese Teacher Assistant is Yanjie Guo. She comes to us with the support of the Confucius Institute. Our language assistants add another dimension to our lessons and already we have noticed the positive influence Yanjie is having in promoting the study of Chinese.

This week it is sadly time to farewell of beautiful French assistant Violaine Pahin. She leaves us to return to her beloved France. We truly appreciate the amazing input both culturally and linguistically that she has made to our classes – merci beacoup.

Last but not least we have our French exchange students, Victoire and Aurore Couette and Italian exchange students, Alice Ferro, Velia Santori and Tina Grazì. They too are nearing the end of their exchange experience and our students have been so lucky to have such wonderful French and Italian ambassadors in their classes sharing their way of life and helping our students practice their listening and speaking skills.

A big thank you, Grazie, merci and 谢谢 to all host families because without your support these cultural opportunities would not be possible.

谢谢 to the Webb, Reid, Ralph, Goodlich and Shrestha families for hosting the Chinese students.
Merci to the Hyder family for hosting the French twins.
Grazie to the Scasserra, McKenna and Kerrigan families for hosting the Italians.

Mathematics - Mr Peter Mee, HOLA Mathematics

Aurecon Bridge Building Competition - Congratulations

On Wednesday, 7 August, six students from Years 8 and 9 went to the Western Australian Maritime Museum in Fremantle to take part in the Aurecon Bridge Building Competition. The Year 8 team comprised Ivy Bui, Lily MacMillan and Georgina Versteeg. The Year 9 team was Gillian Hackwill, Sabrina Ipsaro-Passione and Melanie Moroney.

They had received their bridge building materials a month previously – these included balsa wood, glue, string, and the cardboard packing tube which contained the materials. Bridges were designed to span 65cm.

Nineteen schools took part in the competition – with a total of 48 bridges being tested on the day. The bridges were judged on aesthetics (10%), building quality (10%), design (10%), plus the load they could support (70%). Congratulations to our Year 9 team. Their bridge reached a staggering 59kg, earning them first place in the competition. Each Year 9 won a $200 voucher, plus $1500 for the school. Our Year 8 team did not place in the top three, but still enjoyed the experience.

Thanks to all the efforts of our budding bridge-builders, and well done to our winners.
Making Mercedes Greener - Mrs Marg Ryan, MMG Coordinator
Visit to Perth City Farm
On Wednesday, 14 August, the Year 7 to 11 Environmental Stewards visited the Perth City Farm located in East Perth.

The farm guide spoke about the benefits of worm farming, the production of eggs, the creation of compost and vegetable and herb growing. All these components contribute to a flourishing enterprise. Other initiatives introduced at the farm include bio-intensive vegetable production as well as the use of aquaponics to provide nutrients to the vertical garden that has also been installed.

The girls and the staff enjoyed the excursion as it gave an insight into the benefits of sustainable practice in horticulture.
For those looking for a different volunteering experience or to learn about the sustainable garden practice visit the Perth City Farm website.

Science - Mr Peter Mountford, HOLA Science
Rio Tinto Big Science Competition 2013
In May approximately 160 students from Year 7 to 10 participated in the Big Science Competition. This year’s competition attracted over 70,000 participants from Australia and New Zealand. Students were required to complete a 30 question multiple choice test which assessed understanding of scientific concepts, methods and links to science as a human endeavour.

Students in Year 7 and 8 entered the Junior section of the competition while students in Year 9 and 10 participated in the Intermediate section. Some outstanding individual results were achieved. There are three levels of achievement: High Distinction - Above 95%, Distinction - Above 85% and Credit - Above 60%.

The following students were awarded certificates:
Year 7
Credit
Brianna Bitt, Isabelle Edgeloe, Amadea Foss, Nakita Gault, Margaret Hackwill, Josia James, Madison Kirwan-Ward, Michelle Kolonnagama, Florence Lumsden, Maya Matty, Erin Mincham, Sophie Moffit, Hannah O’Toole, Emily Vuleta

Distinction
Veronica Fitzgerald, Audrey French, Amrutakrishna Lakoju, Marnie McKenna

Year 8
Credit
Sophia Carbone, Madison Colangelo, Amber Creado, Elizabeth Harvey, Tara Lie, Amy Greville, Brianna Lim, Anson Mahindra, Ella Parker, Emily Roberts, Olivia Tana, Bianca Varrone

Distinction
Madeline Grech, Vanessa Tenaglia, Georgina Versteeg

High Distinction
Lily Macmillan, Alyce Lyra

Year 9
Credit
Shae Barnes, Rachel Crock, Annabel Haizer, Phoebe Mahon, Melanie Moroney, Natasha Murphy, Emma Reid, Charlotte Teakle

Distinction
Jaia Bourgeois-Brookes

Year 10
Credit
Rebecca Allen, Ciara Harrison, Gillian Loh, Ruby Martin, Alessia Pintabona, Gabrielle Ramsay, Charlotte Saxon, Rachael Wales

Distinction
Aimee Carbery, Sarah Coutinho, Elysia Greene, Stephanie Paraskov, Pieta Weeramanthri

High Distinction
Imogen Brierley-Hay, Emmanuelle Dodo-Balu, Jessica Rainford
Parents & Friends Association

**Dads & Daughters Ten Pin Bowling** - AMF Bowling, Walter Road; MORLEY / Sunday 8 September / 2.30pm start (arrive 2.00pm) / $25 per person. To follow on from the success of the recent Dads & Daughters Lawn Bowls, the DOM Group have decided to organise a Dads and Daughters Ten Pin Bowling afternoon. A booking form will be emailed to all families. Please complete the form and send it in with your payment (cash or *cheque made payable to AMF Bowling Australia*) as numbers have to be finalised by Monday 26 August. For more information or to make a booking email jstacey@mercedes.wa.edu.au.

**Fathers Day Breakfast** - Thursday 29 August / 7.00am / Catherine's Garden / $8 per person. Thank you to those who have booked for this year’s Father’s Day Breakfast. Hurry and send in your booking form before all the places are sold out. For bookings contact Mrs Jackie Stacey at parentsandfriends@mercedes.wa.edu.au.

**Quiz Night** - Unfortunately the Quiz Night scheduled for this Friday 16 August is postponed but not cancelled due to insufficient ticket/table sales. At the P & F meeting this week, the new date is set for Friday 8 November, same place and time. New booking forms will be available next week for families who would like to book a table. Thanks again to all those who did book a table to support this event.

**Noticeboard**


**Cook Islands Cricket** - Festival of Cricket / January 2014. Register teams to compete in one of five tournaments. For more information click [HERE](http://www.alphamodels.com.au).

**Trinity College Auxiliary Morning Tea** - featuring guest speaker Mrs Tonya McCusker. Friday 23 August / 10.00am - 12 noon / Gibney Hall, Trinity College, East Perth / $25.00 per person. Click [HERE](http://www.alphamodels.com.au) for more information or contact Mrs Beverley Martinez: martinez.beverley@trinity.wa.edu.au.