Key Dates

Wednesday 7 August
9.2 RE Mass
MESA Meeting 6.15pm
College Production 7.00pm

Thursday 8 August
College Production 7.00pm

Friday 9 August
College Production 7.00pm

Saturday 10 August
College Production 1.30pm & 7.00pm

Tuesday 13 August
P & F Meeting 6.30pm
Angelico Opening Night

Wednesday 14 August
9.3 RE Mass

Thursday 15 August
Feast of the Assumption - whole school Mass

Friday 16 August
Home Study Day

Principal’s Report

I don’t want to live in the kind of world where we don’t look out for each other. Not just the people that are close to us, but anybody who needs a helping hand. I can’t change the way anybody else thinks, or what they choose to do, but I can do my bit. Charles de Lint

Everyone, welcome back to the start of a new term. It is wonderful to be back amongst the Mercedes College community. Many times as Rob and I travelled through different countries, I felt such gratitude that we were experiencing so many wonderful sights, learning so much history and meeting so many wonderful people. As hard as it was to think about coming back to work after the relaxation and freedom from the clock, when I drove through the gates of the College over two weeks ago, it really felt like coming home. Chris Cole and the other members of the Executive Leadership team had ensured the day to day life of the College ran smoothly and I thank them on behalf of the Mercedes community. I know Term 2 was extremely busy for staff and stressful for our girls completing their Semester 1 exams. I hope that the holidays have been relaxing and have brought a renewed energy.

This semester we focus on our College value of Service. So many times throughout Scripture, particularly the Gospels, we are unsettled by the call to service. I use the term unsettled because we are reminded in Luke’s gospel (6:32) that loving those who love us and doing good to those who do good to us deserves no credit at all. Service is the mission of God. Our capacity for love is not for us alone but is readily available to all people, especially those who need healing, who experience little love and kindness in their lives, who are exposed to suffering, who are less fortunate than we are, or who are feeling displaced or isolated. We don’t have to look far beyond our own doorstep to meet these people. Service in the Christian sense is meant to take us out of our comfort zone and the reward is overwhelming gratitude for what we have.

Service is at the very heart of life at Mercedes College. We try to teach each other that actively appreciating the needs of other people and contributing to their wellbeing in a compassionate, caring and humble manner is a great way to counteract selfishness and anger. More importantly, it helps to sustain and dignify the lives of other people. We know that serving others is counter cultural...
Mission Leader’s Musings

My comments will be very brief this week, I will infact leave Joan Chittister’s Prayer for Leadership to provide insight into the wonderful week I have had with the students of Mercedes College. The week began with the inaugural two day residential Conference for the Seeds of Justice Program where I was blown away by the humility our Year 10 girls bought to the event and the openness to new learnings and the excitement in responding to the call to action for justice. On Thursday morning the Young Mercies gathered for their Annual Photo Shoot and an impressive group of 50 young women from Year 11 & 12 gathered to proudly wear their badge of Mercy. By Thursday afternoon they were busily assembling their Fashion for Compassion held on Friday night in the College Hall. Once again an amazing awareness raising and fundraising event for the work of the Sisters of Mercy in Kenya. I really do feel at times, that I sit in the midst of greatness!

Prayer for Leadership by Joan Chittister (adapted)

Give us, O God, leaders whose hearts are large enough to match the breadth of our own souls and give us souls strong enough to follow leaders of vision and wisdom. In seeking a leader, let us seek more than development for ourselves, more than security for our own space, more than satisfaction for our wants. Give us the hearts to choose the leader who will work with other leaders to bring safety to the whole of the earth community. Give us leaders who will lead this community to virtue without seeking to impose our kind of virtue on the virtue of others. Give us a governing body that provides for the advancement of this College community without taking resources from others to achieve it. Give us insight enough ourselves to choose as leaders those who can tell strength from power, growth from greed, leadership from dominance, and real greatness from the trappings of grandiosity.

We beg you, Great God, give us the vision as a people to know where mercy imbued leadership truly lies, to pursue it diligently, to require it to protect human rights for everyone everywhere.

Ms Rosa Speranza - Mission Leader

and that individualism and incivility tend to catch all the headlines. All the more reason why, as Mercy people, we attend to the needs of others and remember the words of Jesus after he washed the Disciples’ feet – So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. (John 13:14) As parents and school staff we need to model service to young people and so teach them to be thankful for what they have and to express their thanks in a sincere and meaningful manner. Feeling compassion and talking about it are not enough. Action is needed.

As you would be aware, Sabrina Hughes was in the position of Executive Person for Student Life in Term 2 whilst Chris Cole was in the position of Principal. The decision has been made to keep Mrs Hughes as a member of the Executive Leadership Team, in her capacity as Director of Learning Innovation and Research. Sabrina will also be the Executive Support person for Year 8 Pastoral Care. We welcome Sabrina to the Executive Team.

At the end of Term 2, we sadly said farewell to Matt Foley, our Accountant. Matt retired to enjoy bigger and better things I’m sure and we certainly appreciated all he contributed to our College. We have welcomed Amanda Turner to the position of Accountant and Louise Davenport to the position of part-time Receptionist and hope that they will have many life-giving years with us. Lorraine Brown is taking a very well deserved long service leave this term. Mind you we’ll never keep Lorraine away from hockey so never fear hockey parents, Lorraine will not miss a weekend I’m sure. We welcome Mrs Naomi Paraskov who will be taking Lorraine’s place.

The Catholic Performing Arts Festival has begun and we have many girls participating across many areas – drama, dance, instrumental and vocal music and Bible Reading. We wish the girls all the very best and know they will represent themselves and the College well.

Finally I would like to say how proud I’ve been of our girls these last two weeks. As you travel you see so many young people and how they behave in public and interact with each other. There were many times that I was reminded of how very special each of our girls is and how blessed we are as a whole school community. We had Wellness Week last week and Languages Week this week and it has been great to see the girls embrace the fun and extra learning opportunities they have had. Whilst it was disappointing to see the number of girls who were absent on the first day for our Frog Jog, I trust that each of our College families will ensure that the Frog Jog donation is paid so we can continue to support our Mercy ministries. Please remember that this is our major fundraiser for the Sisters. I appreciate all you do contribute and thank you in anticipation.

Special thanks to the Mums and Dads who came in on various occasions during Wellness Week to help out. The Dads of Mercedes did a fantastic job with the barbecue lunch last Friday. So good that we vote for more! Thank you, too, to Jackie Stacey for rallying our parents together. A wonderful community effort.

Peace and best wishes.

Sheena Barber, Principal

Agreement on Commonwealth Government Funding in Catholic Schools

Advice for parents

As you would be aware the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) has publicly endorsed the Australian Government’s Better Schools Plan. This is available on the Catholic education website www.ceo.wa.edu.au

Catholic education in Western Australia has unique needs and two outstanding funding issues remain unresolved and discussions will continue with the Federal Government.

Catholic education in WA will continue to work hard to ensure that we achieve the best possible outcome on behalf of your children and all of the 73,000 students in our system across WA.
Pastoral Care News

Year 7/8 Learning Community
Year 7 - Ms Danae Murphy
Welcome to Term 3! It has been a wonderful start to the term with the Year 7 students participating in a variety of Wellness Week activities. In addition to the Frog Jog, on Monday the students participated in a Zumba class and enjoyed a performance by Class Act Theatre Company which informed them of the issue of cyber bullying. Tuesday saw the Rising Generations team present a fun and informative follow up to their session at the beginning of the year. The girls explored more about the “recipe for success” in high school and carried out group activities in order to strengthen their friendships and highlight the importance of teamwork. The issue of cyber safety was explored on Wednesday afternoon in a seminar presented by a guest speaker, Susan McLean. This is a very important and relevant issue for the girls, and we hope that they take Susan’s message on board. The activities of week one were designed to highlight to the girls that we are not interested only in their academic wellbeing, and that a healthy lifestyle that nurtures body and mind is crucial. This term students will be invited to another social with Trinity and will also participate in a first aid course known as “Life skills for life”. Further details will be provided in due course.

Year 7 SRC Elections - Ms Rebecca Bryant, Student Representative Council Coordinator.
At the conclusion of Semester One, the Year 7 students went through their first Student Representative Council (SRC) nomination and election process. The nominations submitted by all interested students were of an incredibly high standard. During Week 8, all Year 7 students participated in an electronic vote and it is with pleasure that I announce the successful candidates who have been chosen to represent their year group for the remainder of the year:

7.1 Mandy Truong
Christine Remo

7.2 Grace Kay
Tessa Bowers

7.3 Mia Duplock
Josia James

7.4 Madison Kirwan-Ward
Abigail Moroney

7.5 Hannah Skinner
Jasmine Prosper

7.6 Erin Mincham
Sophie Mitchell

These young ladies were joined by their families at a Commissioning Mass and Morning Tea at the College on Wednesday. It was lovely to see the girls beaming with pride as they were blessed as our College leaders. Congratulations to all of you.

Year 9/10 Learning Community
Year 9 - Mrs Sherrin Adams
Whilst the evening of 27 June may seem long ago, it will be long remembered by the Year 9 girls and the Trinity students as a fun-filled evening. The culmination of dancing classes took place in the Mercedes hall, transformed by decorations that the girls had made, combined with balloons and assorted other items. Beautifully dressed in their circle skirts, T-shirts, bobby socks and flat shoes they danced throughout the evening, to music that provided them with the opportunity to show how proficient they had become at dances such as the Patter-cake Polka, Progressive Jive, Slow Rhythm and Cha Cha. Parents you can be very proud of your daughters.

Many thanks go to the wonderful parents who assisted on the evening, the teachers from Trinity and the Year 9 Pastoral Care team. I especially thank Ms Harrington who organized the delicious supper, Ms Nyunt for photography and Ms Marshall and Ms Brown, who gave up many lunchtimes to ensure that the girls who study Textiles had their skirts finished on time.

Congratulations to Claudia Pang and Georgia Mola who were awarded the dancing prizes by Gilkison's Studio.

The beginning of this term brought the excitement of Wellness Week. Again the girls entered into the spirit of activities, participating whole heartedly and displaying impeccable behaviour. Sister Breda was most impressed by the interest and attention paid during the Tai Chi session on Monday. Sessions from Susan McLean provided information on how to keep safe online, whilst the Rising Generations workshop day had its focus on working as a team and leadership.

Year 10 - Mr Liam Smith
As we returned to school for the beginning of Semester 2, we literally hit the ground running. First day back was filled with all the normal excitement around post-holiday catch ups, sharing of stories and adventures. The focus quickly turned to a relaxing Tai-Chi session, followed by the rejuvenating walk around the river as we all tackled the 2013 Frog Jog. The fun continued all week with lunch time activities and culminating on Friday with our second day session with the Rising Generation group and a delicious homemade hamburger lunch prepared by the Dads of Mercedes College.

This week saw 10 girls attend the Seeds of Justice camp in Safety Bay, where they joined other students from Santa Maria College, St. Brigid’s College and Aranmore College. The girls spent time hearing about the plight and difficulties faced by those needing to flee their home countries, wanting to find a new start and vast opportunities here in Australia. I look forward to continued discussion with these girls as we look at how the College can continue to support our community and different missions.

Mrs Liana Strutt and Ms Cheryl Alach have had the opportunity to meet with a number of girls and parents about subject selections and these meetings continue into next week. Please take the opportunity to book your meeting, should you have any difficulties please contact Mrs Mia Siliquini.

Year 11/12 Learning Community
Year 11 - Mrs Marianne Morpeth
Wellness Week provided an active start to the new school term with the annual Frog Jog, as well as raising awareness of a healthy lifestyle through a range of activities and guest speakers. Professor Sue Byrne from the University of Western Australia explored the science of healthy eating, dispelling many of the myths associated with dieting and weight loss perpetuated by the media. Susan Mclean returned to the College to share with the girls the latest developments in social media and the means to use cyber technology safely.

This week we commenced the selection process for the Prefect Council 2014. Mrs. Barber addressed the girls and outlined the qualities and attributes required for leadership in the Mercy context. The girls are asked to assess their potential for leadership using the published criteria before nominating to serve the College community. This assembly also provided the opportunity to formally recognise and commend the girls who had achieved academic excellence in Semester One.

Congratulations also to Jessie Lonergan (11.5) Senaida D’Souza (11.7) who are presently representing Mercedes College and the City of Perth at the LEAP Foundation (Leadership. Excellence. Accelerating Potential) leadership course at UCLA in Los Angeles. This is an exciting opportunity for the girls and we look forward to them sharing their experiences with us all.

Year 12 - Mrs Bernadette Dell
The Year 12 students, in particular the Prefects, were very involved in our major fundraising event for the year, the Frog Jog. It was a great day for all the runners, walkers and helpers. It was good to see that many families have been very generous in their contribution to the money raised for a number of worthy projects and the girls love to hear about the benefits many in need derive from this event. If your family is yet to send in a donation, it is still very welcome so please send it in with your daughter as soon as possible.

The term is a hectic one as we move towards the major exams for the girls at the end of the semester and WACE external exams for those completing Stage 2 and 3 subjects. Please remind your daughter of the need to be consistent and diligent in her approach to her work but also the need for balance. With Wellness Week, just over, everyone should be able to recall the messages about healthy eating and the value of getting sufficient sleep and relaxing the mind and body through meditation. The week provided many handy hints to help each girl to stay positive and healthy for the taxing weeks ahead.

You will soon be receiving information about Graduation and attached to the letter is a booking form for the Graduation ceremony, which will be held in St Mary’s Cathedral and then in Catherine’s Gardens. We look forward to sharing this important event with you.

College Psychologists
Go on an information diet for more happiness
“Clinical psychologist Dr Tim Sharp says our ability to function as normal people is being jeopardised by the "scary" amount of time being spent online.”

To learn more about this from the experts in the field and find ways to reduce the online time of your children (and yourself), the following link from the Happiness Institute provides an interesting read. [http://www.thehappinessinstitute.com.au/blog/article.aspx?c=3&a=3587](http://www.thehappinessinstitute.com.au/blog/article.aspx?c=3&a=3587)

Living with teenagers: How to Meet the Challenges
- Are teenagers really impossible to live with?
- What’s the best way to communicate with and understand the young people in your life?
- How can you effectively tackle thorny issues like risky behaviours, laziness, internet use, school and study problems?
- When does normal teenage behaviour become something you really need to worry about?

If you would like to learn some great tips from Dr Michael Carr-Gregg (Adolescent Psychologist, Ambassador for beyondblue and National Drugs Campaign), you can view this 20-minute presentation on YouTube for free. Simply go to the following web address: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hvT3iKZ2as](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hvT3iKZ2as)

Parenting Courses
Take a look at some of the fantastic Parenting Courses being held at various locations over Term 3.
Curriculum News

English
Year 12 Stage 1 English Excursion - Renae Mosley 12.7 and Sophia Scasserra 12.5
While the rest of the year group was at Curtin attending lectures on examination techniques, the Stage 1 English students were engaged in an informative and interesting excursion to various locations in the CBD. We visited some popular tourist sites to obtain information about entry level jobs in this important industry.

We were fortunate enough to have a session at the Human Resources Department in Myer and gained valuable insights into the range of occupations in firms like this and we learnt what is required of young people seeking a career in this field. Also, we had a comprehensive tour of the Central Institute of Technology (formerly called ‘TAFE’) and learned about the range of courses that lead to careers in diverse areas. We finished our excursion with a wonderful tour of the new WA Museum exhibition of fascinating Egyptian relics.

Thank you to the lovely Mrs Cheryl Alach and Mrs Dell who arranged our excursion.

Mathematics - Mr Peter Mee, HOLA Mathematics
Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC)
The AMC took place today (Thursday 1 August). It involved all Year 7 and 8 students, Year 9 and 10 extended students, 3AB Year 11 students and 3CD Year 12 students (approximately 570 students).

Aurecon Bridge Building Competition
On Wednesday 7 August, six students from Years 8 and 9 will be heading to the Western Australian Maritime Museum in Fremantle with their bridges. Participating Year 8 students are Ivy Bui, Lily MacMillan, Georgina Versteeg and Year 9 students Gillian Hackwill, Sabrina Ipsaro-Passione and Melanie Moroney. The bridges will be loaded until they fail. Bridges will be judged based on aesthetics and load supported. Good luck to these budding bridge-builders.

Numeracy basics Tests Revised
The Year 7 and 8 versions of the numeracy basics test have slightly revised (very small changes). The Year 9 version has been completely changed. Students can download a new version of the test from either the Maths Moodle page, the student common drive (under mathematics), or from the website (under learning areas). Parents can also email their daughter’s teacher, who will be able to attach a copy of the test to a reply email.

All students are encouraged to continue practicing to improve their fundamental numeracy skills. Parental support and encouragement in this matter is greatly appreciated.

General News

2013 College Photos
Music, academic/cultural and prefect group photos are now available online to view and purchase. Please go to www.phothendriksgalleries.com - Click on the Mercedes College logo and enter the password: luxe45.

Sporting and other non-sporting group photos are scheduled to be taken on 17 September 2013.

Making Mercedes Greener (MMG) - MMG Committee
Plants for Homerooms
As part of World Environment Day and Wellness Week, students were given the opportunity to purchase a water wise, indoor plant for their Homeroom. Indoor plants that do not require water and have the additional function of reducing toxins in the environment were selected. Peace lilies, ferns, lucky bamboo plants, orchids and some other plants were identified for this purpose.

Some re-potting took place last Wednesday as part of Wellness Week and the girls will be required to take care of these plants for the remainder of the year. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and the sense of achievement that was displayed by the environmental stewards with this gardening exercise.

The Environmental Stewards in Years 7 to 11 have been invited to visit the Perth City Farm in East Perth on Wednesday, 14 August to learn about plant growth, composting and other methods to enhance sustainability.

Thank you for the support
Music - Ms Claire Gamlin

Congratulations

To the Flute Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, Select Choir and Mercedes/Trinity Vocal Ensemble for their performances in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival this week.

This is the start of many performances over the next 5 weeks and I look forward to hearing how the groups have been progressing over the year!

Diary Dates

Monday 5 August (2pm)  String Orchestra (with Ms Litis) String Group Section of the Catholic Performing Arts Festival at Don Russell PAC, Thornlie

Sunday 11 August  String Orchestra (with Ms Litis) ABODA Band Festival. 11.15am arrival at Churchlands Senior High School, Opus Room. Performance at 12.25pm.

Sunday 11 August  Jazz Band WA School Jazz Band Festival, 2.30pm arrival at John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School, Mirrabooka. Performance at 3.35pm.

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 ten 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.

Sport - Mr G Smith, HOLA Health and Physical Education

Interhouse Athletics Carnival

The 2013 Interhouse Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday 2 July at WA Athletics Stadium. We could not have asked for a better day; the conditions were perfect, with sunshine, blue skies and no wind.

The level of enthusiasm and participation by all students on the day was outstanding. The number of students competing, and the standard of the students' athletic ability on the track and field, was very encouraging. Results are as follows:

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Congratulations to McDonald House on winning the Athletics Shield and well done to all of the students who participated on the day. Thank you, also, to all staff who assisted as officials, marshals and supervisors, allowing the day to run smoothly.
2013 Southern Skies Brisbane Tour - Miss Corinne Kirry

In Term 4 of 2012, a large number of girls in Years 7 - 11 trialled for netball, hockey or soccer to be a member of the Mercedes College Southern Skies Team. Three netball teams, one hockey and one soccer team were built and with 61 students, the largest team competing, the group travelled to Brisbane on Saturday 6 July to participate in the Southern Skies competition.

The team stayed at the University of Queensland and on our first morning we attended mass at St Stephen’s Cathedral with Archbishop Coleridge. It was a lovely mass and the Archbishop wished our teams the best of luck for the tournament in the week ahead. Southern Skies focuses on their motto: Uniting the Spirit of Youth. They aim to bring all competitors together, not only at the competition, but also culturally and socially. On the Monday night, there was a Cultural Concert for all travelling teams, where they all had to perform a dance/act/song. Our students had spent many lunchtimes learning the Dance Revolution Teachers dance which they had performed on Mercy Day in 2010. It was a lot of fun and the audience cheered us on immensely. A Dance party was held on the following night, where girls had the opportunity to meet other competitors in a fun and friendly ‘bright’ themed party.

Competition ran on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday with finals on Friday. Wednesday was everyone’s rest day, so students from all travelling teams visits Dreamworld, where they went on many thrilling rides. On Saturday, everyone travelled to our surprise destination, Movieworld. It was an exciting and fun-filled day.

Mrs Barrett’s netball team (Netball Green) made the grand final for Division 2, while Ms Bryant’s netball team (Netball Red) made the Division 3 grand-final, which they unfortunately lost. Nat’s netball team (Netball White) lost the semi-final in Division 4. Ms Brown coached the hockey team, which also made it to the grand-final, but lost a very close game. Zane coached the soccer team to a one-goal loss in a semi-final.

Overall the tour was a huge success and all girls improved in their sport. The friendships that were created will not be forgotten and everyone left the tour with big smiles and endless memories.

Thank you to all students who competed, to the staff who coached; Mrs Barrett, Ms Brown, Ms Bryant, Nat and Zane; and also to team managers, Mr Smith and Miss Kirry.

Amanda Young Foundation Fundraiser - Maddy Lee (11.1)

On Friday, 26 July a fundraiser was held to raise money for the Amanda Young Foundation. Seven Year 11 girls, Himanshi Satnani, Louise Carrivick, Senaida D’Souza, Ashleigh John, Jasmine Pavan, Jessie Lonergan and myself attended the Amanda Young Leadership Camp in the Term 1 Holidays. It was a very enjoyable experience and we all learnt a lot about Meningococcal Disease as well as how to maintain a healthy wellbeing. As way to giving back to the Amanda Young Foundation, our aim was to raise both awareness and money to assist this worthy cause. The fundraiser was a great success with delicious food items available at recess including honey joys, chocolate crackles, marshmallow slice and jelly cups. A big thanks goes out to the Year 11 girls, Mrs Speranza, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Smith, Mrs Barber, Mrs Rosato, Miss Coci, Mrs Sleight, Mrs Lauriston and Mrs Trollio who assisted with the preparation all of the food and helped us raise a whopping $403.80.
Highlights from Wellness Week

Parents & Friends Association

Fathers Day Breakfast - Thursday 29 August / 7.00am / Catherine’s Garden. Make Fathers’ Day special for your dad by making a booking for this year’s Breakfast. Enjoy being spoiled with a delicious breakfast for $8/head. For bookings contact Mrs Jackie Stacey at parentsandfriends@mercedes.wa.edu.au.

Quiz Night - Friday 16 August / 7pm / College Hall. Tickets $15 per person - tables of 8 or 10. For more information visit the College website.

Dads of Mercedes (DOM) Group News

Dads and Daughters bowls
On Sunday 30 June the Dads of Mercedes held the Dads and Daughters lawn Bowls afternoon at the Perth Tattersall’s lawn Bowls Club. The weather was perfect and Greg and Frenchy from the club made everyone very welcome. Over 70 Dads and Daughters attended and it was a great afternoon. Watch this space for news on the next event, indoor Ten Pin bowling.

Dads Dinner - Grosvenor Hotel
On Thursday 27 June the DOM Group held their first Dads only Dinner at the Grosvenor Hotel. This was very well received by all who attended. Another dinner is planned for those who missed out at the Grosvenor Hotel for all Dads and Step Dads with the hope that those who missed out may be able to attend. A date and further details will be emailed to all dads soon.
Wellness Day Lunch, Friday 26 July
On Friday 26 July the DOM Group along with other dads worked together with the College to prepare over 1100 hamburgers for the girls and staff of Mercedes College. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this a success. It was a great opportunity for Dads to get involved and have fun along the way. This is the second year the DOM Group has organised and hosted the Wellness Day lunch and based on the feedback from the dads who did help, we hope this will be an Annual DOM Event.

Dads of Mercedes Meeting
An email will be with details of the next DOM group meeting. These are informal meetings and all Dads, Step Dads and Grand-Dads are most welcome to attend. If you would like to find out more, contact Mrs Jackie Stacey at the College or Dean Davidson - Chairperson, 0438 930 063.

Student News
Congratulations to the following students on their recent achievements:
**Gymnastics** - Mia Rimpas(7.6) who won gold in her ball routine and placed 6th in her ribbon and hoop routines at the recent National Gymnastics Competitions in Sydney.

**Soccer** - Georgina Teakle (8.3), Courtney Hall (10.2) and Charlotte Teakle (9.2) who represented WA at the recent National Youth Soccer Championships held in Coffs Harbour, NSW on 8 - 12 July. Georgina was co-captain of the State U13 team, which finished the tournament undefeated and on top of their group while Courtney and Charlotte were members of State U15 team, which finished third in its group.

**Volleyball** - Year 12 students Emma Lauriston, Christina Da Rui, Dakoda Hallam and Shelby Maher who were selected in the WA State U19 Volleyball team. They competed against other states at the AIS in Canberra during the Term 2 Holidays and won gold.

Thank You to Parents

**Year 9 Social** - Rowena Almedia, Fiona McAlister, Manuela and John Galante, Jeremy Starcevich, Paulette Aquino, Diona Olary, Colleen and Malcolm Anderson, David Burnell, Emma McHardie, Ronald Phonemyint, Tracey Blair, Sophie Damianopoulos, Marina Hayward, Millie Chang, Fin Maroney, Helen Jerkovich, Tony Newsome.

**Frog Jog** – Thank you to Mark Baxter, Rita Panebianco, Stuart Mangan, Sam Biundo, Carolyn Cheng and Helen Jerkovich for helping with the various water stations along the way and supporting and encouraging the girls as they walked/jogged passed them.

**Wellness Week** – with the many activities etc. taking place during Wellness week, special thanks go to Suzanne Biundo, Steve O’Brien, Helen Dwyer who helped with packing Breakfast items very early on Thursday 25 July.

**Wellness Day Lunch** – thanks to the DOM Group and other dads:
Mal Anderson, Mark Baxter, Mark Brambillia, Simon Brookes, Creswell Casey, Chris Chalmers, Brian Cherry, Dean Davidson, Phil Davies-Morgan, Andrew Davison, Steve Egart, Paul Gadson, Dom Gonsalves, Lindsay Haines, Michael Hall, David Lim, Manny Loucas, Mark Lumsden, Stuart Mangan, Jim McDermott, John Moore, Finbarr Moroney, Mark Muscat, Peter Newsome, Derek O’Donovan, Shane, Patman, Rudy Perone, Tim Rumac.

** SRC Morning Tea** – thank you to Agatha Manel for helping host the morning tea to Year 7 students and their parents after the SRC Commissioning Mass on Wednesday 31 July.
Noticeboard

**Homeless Persons Week (5 - 11 August)** - Walk to Support the Homeless / 10 August / 12.00 - 2.00pm / Forrest Place, Murray Street Mall. RSVP events@networkingwa.com.au.

**Mercy Beyond Borders** - help support this urgent fundraiser for the Sisters of Mercy. Click HERE for more information on the Social Media Contest to help support Mercy Beyond Borders.

**Parenting Conference** - featuring two nationally recognised speakers that will focus on topics for parents of children of all ages. Friday 16 August / $20 / Tranby College / Click HERE for more information

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