Key Dates
Friday 22 November
Year 6 Orientation Day
Year 10 Dragon Boating
Monday 25 November
Year 7 Geography Big Day Out
Tuesday 26 November
Year 11 Exams conclude
Wednesday 27 November
7.5 RE Mass
Prefect Retreat (until 29 November)
MESA Meeting 6.15pm
Thursday 28 November
Year 7 Geography Big Day Out
Friday 29 November
Year 11 students - final day
Monday 2 December
Year 9 Exams commence
Tuesday 3 December
Year 9/10 exams conclude
Parents & Friends Meeting
Wednesday 4 December
Grandparents’ Mass (hosted by 7.6) - St Mary’s Cathedral
Friday 6 December
College Advent Liturgy
Year 7 - 10 students conclude Term 4

Principal’s Report

“...if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.” (1 John 3:17-18)

On Sunday we celebrate the Lord’s kingship. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time in the Church. In Sunday’s Gospel we read of Jesus being jeered and mocked by the soldiers as he suffered the painful agony on the cross. The soldiers taunted Jesus with calls to save himself if he was really the king of the Jews. Jesus’s only response was to one of the criminals hanging on the cross next to him. When the man said to Jesus ‘remember me when you come into your kingdom’, Jesus promised him that ‘today you will be with me in paradise’. Jesus Christ the king, can still be found amongst the outcasts of our society, in the worst parts of our cities and towns. When we worship him in the least of our brothers and sisters, we too will experience his compassionate judgement. As we enter the season of Advent let’s pray that we live our value of Compassion in a much richer way by seeking out the less fortunate and rendering service to Jesus through them.

We are also in the middle of the Archbishop’s Christmas Appeal for Lifelink. The Lifelink Appeal reaches out to help over 31,000 Western Australian families and individual in need each year – providing emergency accommodation, food, clothing, protection for women and children escaping domestic violence, respite care for people with disability, and much more. In addition, your daughter will be coming home asking for donations of non-perishable items and even toys for our Christmas hampers, for the many families we assist through the Mercy Service organisations. Of course we would love to think that our students were putting our Mercy value of Service into action by sacrificing some of their own money. We appreciate the generosity of our College community and know that those Christmas hampers will be overloaded with goodies to help make Christmas a little more cheery for those less fortunate than us. Pope Francis recently said “when we act in charity toward our neighbour out of love for Jesus, our service towards those in need brings us to God”. Our Archbishop reminds us that through these words, we

Insight from Catherine McAuley:
Try to meet all with peace and ease.

Year 7 Reflection Day
Mission Leader’s Musing’s

As we approach Advent we are conscious of the need to offer our students the opportunity to reflect on the gifts God has given them and of the call to share these gifts with the world. Our Year 7 and Year 8 students have been given the opportunity to discover their unique gifts during their Days of Reflection. Conscious that we are all called to share our gifts with the world we have launched our annual Advent Appeal at the College. Each Homeroom has been allocated a family who is facing unique challenges this Christmas and is in need of our help. All girls have been asked to donate items for these families and these gift baskets will be presented at our Advent Liturgy on the final day of Term 4. I would ask you to be as generous as you can in supporting our Advent Appeal.

Joan Chittister writes that ‘to know our gifts is to know our role in life. We are what we are.’ But the gift of self unfolds as we go, often slowly, always with surprise. It can take years before it becomes clear—the real gift that is hidden within us. Finding the gifts that God has given you takes courage; it takes risk; it takes exploration; it takes failure as we stumble from one arena to the other. But in the end what I get back is the wholeness of myself.

We all come with a gift in our hand designed to make life a better place. The only question is whether we spend it on others or only on ourselves.

It is learning that the gifts we have been given are given for the rest of the human community that makes us more human ourselves. Everyone does some things better than other things. What I have to give is always that one thing that is most needed in every situation because no one else can give it.

Without you and me and our little gift, the world will never be filled up. Asked to write a letter to the London Times on ‘What’s wrong with the world?’ GK Chesterton wrote, ‘Dear Sirs, I am. Yours truly, GK Chesterton.’ Clearly, what we are asked to give is only what we are - and that is more than nothing.

Sr Vedette Lendich SSC

are called to remember that in asking for and accepting God’s love, we are also called to share that love with others.

Recently each family would have received, via email, a letter regarding the introduction of iPads in 2014 for all students in Years 7 to 11. The letter contained crucial information in relation to the type of iPad students will require and about apps that will be needed. Please ensure that you have read the letter and please contact us if you feel you need any further information. The website link for the list of apps that will need to be downloaded on to each student’s device will be posted on your daughter’s booklist. The link will go live on 1 December. Also available then on the College website will be the updated Digital Citizenship Policy. Teaching staff have worked hard to reduce the number of hard copy texts in favour of cheaper digital texts. You will notice substantial savings and hopefully a much lighter load for your daughter to carry next year.

There are many exciting changes afoot for 2014, one of them being a change to our College Canteen. Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Kathy Smith who has managed our Canteen for the last 6 years. Kathy has given generously of her time over and above her Canteen hours, especially in assisting the Young Mercies in preparing food for the Big Issue Street Soccer games each fortnight. Thanks go too to Mrs Helen Krupa and Mr David Dobias who have assisted Kathy, and to the many parent volunteers who have supported the Canteen over many years. In recent times, the availability of volunteers has been less and less. This is understandable as families are becoming busier and working parents becoming the norm. We cannot continue to rely on our volunteers, especially when we cannot even offer them on-site parking.

Beginning from the start of the 2014 academic year, the Canteen will be renamed a Café and will be managed by an external organisation called LAPG Education. The Cafe will undergo a radical change in many ways – a redesign of layout and equipment, the provision of healthy food using the freshest ingredients and a variety of cooking methods, an espresso and bakery station, colourful and engaging messages in the Café aimed at educating the girls in making smart food choices, food that will deliver true value for money for the students and staff, all underpinned by the highest level of food safety. The Café will be run by a Chef and two assistants who will aim to make the space a more attractive and engaging area for the girls and create a more social and positive experience for them. A true Café menu will be provided with the intention of keeping prices well within the reach of the girls. The Café will open from Monday to Friday for breakfast, recess and lunch. We are committed to providing the very best food for the girls. I have been seeking advice on food choices from a committee made up of staff, students and parents, and hopefully the new year will see our girls inspired and motivated to make more healthy food choices.

Resiliency Robbers #6 (Michael Carr-Gregg)

Rescue kids from challenging or stretch situations

There are many times kids are put in situations that are outside their comfort zones for a time. For instance, giving a talk, singing at Presentation Night or completing Service in an unfamiliar organisation. They are all situations that kids usually cope with so show your confidence in them and skill them up rather than opt for avoidance.

Overcoming challenges enables kids to grow and improve.

Peace and best wishes.

Sheena Barber, Principal
Pastoral Care News

Christmas Advent Appeal - Mrs Leanne Davis
In the weeks leading up to our Advent celebration we invite you to reflect on the Christian tradition of giving and being mindful of the many families in Perth who do their share of hoping, waiting and preparing in this Advent time. This year we hope that all in our College Community will respond enthusiastically and generously to giving to the ‘poor’ amongst us; people who for whatever reason will do it tough this Christmas. We hope to line the central aisle of the Cathedral with over 50 baskets for designated families from the Sisters’ of Mercy network of care at our Advent Liturgy on Friday 6 December.

In this simple action of giving we will acknowledge as a community the humanity of God in the lives of those around us - families newly arrived to Australia dealing with trauma and struggling with resettlement, families with a loved one in prison, families experiencing hard times as a result of financial difficulties, families torn apart because of violence, women and men seeking a new start and children wanting to find something under the tree this year with their name on it.

Your generosity this advent invites you to widen your lens and focus on the real…the authentic…the things that really matter and the true gift of this Advent season - life. Hope, peace, joy and love are not just candles to be lit around an advent wreath - they are facets of a living faith to be ignited in our lives and our community. Christmas can be for all of us a time of refuelling for the new year ahead, by engaging in life-giving practices for others.

Each homeroom has been allocated two families to prepare Christmas hampers. Please check with your daughter as to what your family would like to donate to “their” family this Christmas.

Year 7/8 Community
Year 7 - Miss Danae Murphy

The Year 7 Reflection Day was held at the Maylands Bowling Club on Friday 8 November.
Year 8 - Mrs Melissa Trolio

The Year 8 Reflection Days were held at Trigg Beach this week.

General News

Habits of Mind Quote
“If there is any secret of success, it lies in the ability to get the other person’s point of view and see things from his angle as well as from your own.” (Henry Ford)

House Knitting
Calling all Crocheters!
We now have enough squares to complete a second house blanket and would love the assistance of a generous mum/grandma who could crochet the knitted squares together. Black wool and crochet hook will be supplied!

If able to help please contact Mrs Roberts sroberts@mercedes.wa.edu.au or Ms Brown lbrown@mercedes.wa.edu.au by Friday 6 December. In the mean time if you have some free time and feel like knitting we are in need of red, purple, green and blue squares for our third blanket. 40 stitches worked in garter stitch (plain knitting) until knitting is a square. We use 8 ply acrylic wool in bright house colours.

The Arts - Mrs Kathleen Cocks, HOLA The Arts
2014 DramaDance Festival - Mrs Kathleen Cocks and Miss Dhana White
Auditions for the 2014 DramaDance Festival will be held in the last week of this term for students in Years 7-10. Houses have been merged in 2014 and will undertake a drama and dance performance with a famous person as their theme:
McDonald and McAuley - known as McDonauley - Marilyn Monroe
Serisier and Wright - known as Seright - Cleopatra
Frayne and Cooper - known as Frooper - JK Rowling

To be cast, girls must attend the audition day they are required, complete an audition form (also available on the College Website) and return the form to the PAC with parent signature and photo attached by 29 November. Unfortunately, no provision can be made for girls who are leaving school early for family holidays. Anyone sick on an audition day may be able
to do a catch up audition on Thursday 5 December at 3:30pm in the PAC. This can only happen if parents email Mrs Cocks kcocks@mercedes.wa.edu.au advising of illness. Any non-attendance reasons other than illness will not be considered. Cast lists will be announced on Friday 6 December.

Dates and times of Auditions are:
- **Monday 2 December 3:30pm - 5:30pm**
  - McDonauley DANCE (OPAC)
  - Seright DRAMA (Coady Sports Centre)
  - Frooper DRAMA (PAC)
- **Tuesday 3 December 3:30pm - 5:30pm**
  - McDonauley DRAMA (PAC)
  - Seright DANCE (OPAC)
  - Frooper DANCE (Coady Sports Centre)

20 dancers and 20 actors will be cast in each house combination. Girls can audition for both Dance and Drama but will only be cast in one discipline, this is because rehearsals for drama and dance occur at the same times. If cast, girls must be available for both rehearsal afternoons as listed below:
- McDonauley Mondays 3:30pm -5:00pm & Wednesdays 3:00pm - 4:30pm
- Seright Mondays 3:30pm - 5:00pm & Wednesdays 3:00pm - 4:30pm
- Frooper Tuesdays 3:30pm - 5:00pm & Thursdays 3:30pm - 5:00pm

- Any girls attending the 2014 Languages Tours will not be able to participate as the performance date is Monday 7 April.
- 2014 Year 7 students will be auditioned on their first day of school, on Thursday 30 January 3:30-5:30 in the Performing Arts Centre. Girls will be given information and audition forms at the Year 6 Orientation Day on Friday 22 November 2013. They will be notified whether they have been successful on Friday 31 January.
- Rehearsals begin on Monday 3 January 2014.

**Languages - Mrs Angela Velletri, HOLA Languages**

**Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian and Alliance Française Examinations Results.**

Well done to all the girls who participated. Below are the outstanding awards achieved in both language competitions. Brave et bravo!

### Alliance Française Examination

#### Year 12
- **Distinction** Caitlin Richards
- **Credit** Rebel Boylan, Emma Bailey, Laura Flanagan, Saoirse Nash, Louise Birchall, Chloe Lagrenade
- **Merit** Natasha Rodrigues, Rebecca Hyder

#### Year 11
- **High Distinction** Alice Champalle
- **Distinction** Alice Lynch, Thathianna Petit
- **Credit** Miranda Mitchell, Yvette Vo, Ashleigh Newbury
- **Merit** Rebecca Usher

#### Year 10
- **Distinction** Jessica Rainford
- **Credit** Charlotte Saxon, Bailey Taylor, Elysia Greene, Mary Harris, Gillian Loh, Erika Veal-Ramirez Judge, Jelanne Paclibar, Sophia Scasserra
- **Merit** Nyat Mulugeta, Rachel Buckley, Lucy Davison, Grace Lendich, Eloise Long, Tia Girvan-Brown

### Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian Exam

The results were outstanding with five students being ranked in the top 10 in their division.

#### Year 12
- **Distinction** Isabella Pitt
- **Credit** Ella Bracone, Stefania Calabro, Carli Ciancotti, Tahlia Gileno, Kimberley Hoang
- **Merit** Zoe Dixon, Rebecca Harris, Rebekah Maycock-Sayce, Shannon O’Donnell, Isabella Signorile, Zoe Judge, Jelanne Paclibar, Sophia Scasserra

#### Year 11
- Ranked in the top 10 in their year group - Eccellente
- **High Distinction** Sarah Chalmers - 7th place, Rhiannon Cary - 8th place, Nicole Strevor - 9th place

The following certificates were also awarded:
- **Distinction** Sophia Sabatino
- **Credit** Jessica Bell, Ayesha Cutter, Vanessa Gaglia, Sara Girmay, Madison Pigliardo
- **Merit** Nina Andric, Sara Clunies-Ross Liao, Jade George-Singeorzan, Darcy Halloran, Donna Miranda, Maria Pintaudi, Maddison Rutley, Ellouise Seedy-Dittrich
Year 10
Ranked in the top 10 in their year group - Eccellente
High Distinction Virginia Marchetti - 4th place, Alessia Pintabona - 7th place
The following certificates were also awarded:
Distinction Lauren Brambilla, Imogen Brierley-Hay, Ellie Narducci, Holly Toncich, Nisha Hussain, Nicola Hynes, Rachel Mckenna
Credit Michelle Curro, Zoe Davidson, Asha Falk, Alessia Giaros, Ciara Harrison, Isabella Norrish, Natasha Bengura, Aimee Carbery, Paris Fabriczian, Claudia Fawcett, Stephanie Kerrigan, Stephanie Paraskov
Merit Laura Agostini, Ella Armstrong, Rachael Clifford, Amy Gartrell, Georgina Marra, Tahlah Miletto, Adriana Di Chiera, Luissa Fabriczian, Danica Gullotto, Lillian Joyce, Daniella Raschilla, Ruby Wheeler

Congratulations also to the following Year 9 students who sat the Assessment of Language Competence Certificates in Term Three.
Chinese
Distinction Paige Anderson, Emma Reid
Credit Nicolette Pereira, Emma Reid
French
High Distinction Kathlyn Del Rosario, Roisin Nash, Eva Mallet
Credit Elizabeth Tuohy, Lauryn Moore, Grace Hughes, Claire Fernandez, Isabella Downey, Montana Aquino
Italian
High Distinction Sinead Duffin, Siena Galeotti-Medina, Annabel Haizer, Kristen Jerkovich, Tenille Lazenby, Georgia Mola, Natasha Murphy
Distinction Shae Barnes, Nina Campagna, Caitlin Cappeluti, Layla Ferrante, Nikita Finck, Giordana Granato, Alana Middleton, Eloise Munro, Grace Naser-Newing, Jacinta Pizzata, Nadia Sabatino, Taylor Spano
Credit Isabella Biundo, Ebony Frenzel

Music - Ms Claire Gamlin, Music Coordinator
Upcoming Performances
Instrumental Concert
We are looking forward to our end of year performances on Sunday. Thank you to the girls and parents that are taking part, or helping with tea and coffees for each session. All performers are to bring a plate of food to share afterwards. Tea/coffee/ juice will be provided.

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<td>Voice Students: Approximately 2.30pm - 4.30pm in Mercedes College Performing Arts Centre. are to arrive by 2pm, but please do not enter the PAC until the session prior has finished.</td>
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<td>Mercedes/Trinity String Ensemble and string students: approximately 3.30pm - 4.45 pm Rostrevor Lecture Theatre</td>
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Jazz Band and Jazz Quartet – Ellington Jazz Club Monday 2 December
We are very excited about the Ellington Jazz Club performance, which is fast approaching! If you have not yet purchased tickets for this wonderful evening of music, see the link below. Tickets are $10 to stand at the bar and can be made online: http://www.ellingtonjazz.com.au/index.php/schedule/month/12/show/2806

Auditions for 2014
Thank you for your patience with the audition process! We are close to the end, and all final groups will be posted in the music department in the very near future.

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<td>Year 8 &amp; 10 Select Choir Carols at Mercy Hospital Volunteer Lunch</td>
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Making Mercedes Greener (MMG) Brochure Competition - Mrs Marg Ryan and the MMG Committee

Congratulations to Natasha Bengura and 10.2 Homeroom as well as Ariana Pesce (7.1) for winning First and Second prize for the MMG Brochure competition. The entries were of a very high standard and quality. We look forward to many students using the Vertical Garden Care guidelines to assist with the garden maintenance. Thank you for your support.

![Image of three students with MMG brochures](image)

L to R: Ariana Pesce, Natasha Bengura and Mrs Marg Ryan.

Sport - Mr Greg Smith HOLA, Health & Physical Education

Middle School (Year 9) Badminton 2013

On Friday 8 November, 12 students from Year 9 represented the College in the Badminton WA Schools Tournament at Kingsway International Sports Stadium. The competition involved 80 girls from metropolitan schools.

The tournament was played in four separate groupings and involved a round robin doubles competition, with each game played to 15 points. Each group had 9 pairs playing each other with the objective to be the winner of their group. The winner of each group then progressed to a semi-final playoff against other group winners.

At the conclusion of the round robin two pairs, Claire Fernandez and Ellie-Grace Hansen; Madison Rogers and Isabelle Gurbiel were runners-up in their group. Partners Catherine O'Donoghue and Melanie Moroney, were undefeated in their group and therefore played in the semi-finals. Although they lost it was a wonderful effort to reach the semi-final.

Well done to the following team members who participated in the tournament:

Stefanie Boyle, Nina Campagna, Paige Costello, Annabel Fallon, Claire Fernandez, Isabelle Gurbiel, Ellie-Grace Hansen, Jordane Jeremiah, Melanie Moroney, Catherine O'Donoghue, Nicolette Pereira and Madison Rogers.

Parents and Friends Association

**Quick Cash for Schools** - The West Australian is giving schools the chance to win part of $10 000 cash in the Quick Cash for Schools promotion. On Saturday 16 & 23 November a coupon will be published in The Weekend West and each coupon collected will give our school an entry into the draw to win part of $10 000. The more coupons collected the more chances to win. Please collect as many of these coupons as you can from your friends and family and bring them into school and place them in the box at Student Services.

Student News

**Athletics**

Congratulations to Olivia Ridley (8.3) who won gold in the 80m hurdles and long jump and a silver in Triple Jump at the recent State All Schools Athletics Championships, where she represented the College. Olivia travels to Townsville in December representing WA in all three events at the National All-schools championships. She has also been selected into the Athletics WA Talent Squad for 2014.
Mercedes Ex-students’ Association (MESA)
Year 7 Scholarship Recipient Breakfast - Mrs Rita Mola, MESA Committee
MESA Committee members had a catch-up with the MESA year 7 scholarship recipients, Taylor Lloyd (2010), Georgia Mola (2011), Madeleine Carroll (2012), and Sophie Hamer (2013) at the Dome on Friday 15 November. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear of the girl’s achievements, passions and interests and how they have been participating in the College community.

L to R: Sophie Hamer, Georgia Mola, Taylor Lloyd and Madeleine Carroll.

Thank You to Parents

Year 8 Reflection Days
Thank you to Mike Hillyer, Diane Belle, Anne Monaghan, Colleen Anderson, Anne Hatton, Chris Bormolini, Hettie Child and Jo Hopkins for all their assistance at the Year 8 Reflection days held at Trigg Beach on Monday and Tuesday this week. Your help made the whole event more enjoyable for the Students and Staff.

Year 6 Orientation Day
Thank you to Megan McCormack, Rebecca Fonte, Mandy Sparks, Emy Rimpas & Lisa Buckland, Year 7 parents who will assist with the Year 6 (Year 7 2014 Orientation Day) on Friday 22 November.

Year 10 Dragon Boat Racing
Thank you to Nick Fabriziani, Merv Shortt, Anne Gartrell, Marie McKenna, Gabrielle Metcalf (Campagna) and Romina Raschilla for all their help with the Year 10 Dragon Boat Racing on Friday 22 November.

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JIT - Information Technology Programs for students (7 - 16 years of age) / Perth Modern School / 6 January to 24 January 2014. Option of 1 week, 2 weeks or 3 weeks programs. For more information contact 9456 0968 / 6143 7798, email enrolments@jitschool.com.au or visit www.jitschool.com.au.

Recognise - Journey to Recognition. Sunday 1 December 2013, 10am / North Cottesloe Beach. For more information click HERE.