Key Dates
Friday 26 August
Year 7 - 12 Athletics Camp
Saturday 27 August
MYAT Testing 2017 10am
Year 7 - 12 Athletics Camp
Monday 29 August
Year 7 Life Skills for Life
Year 10 Social at Trinity
Tuesday 30 August
Year 7 Life Skills for Life
Year 8 Social at Mercedes
Wednesday 31 August
Year 10 –12 Paul Dillon Drug and Alcohol Safety Talks
Thursday 1 September
Father’s Day Breakfast
Friday 2 September
Fashion for Compassion 7pm
Monday 5 September
Open Morning
Year 12 OSP Performance Evening 6pm
Wednesday 7 September
House Film Screening Night 6.30pm
Friday 2 September
Fashion for Compassion 7pm

Principal’s Report
Dear Parents
On many occasions I have spoken about the importance of service, one of our Mercy values. Our students are encouraged to help others and the Mercy Service Programme is a way of formalising this key focus at the College.

On Friday, 12 August, staff members also embraced the theme of helping others. Throughout the day staff members contributed to a variety of service opportunities that included cooking for the homeless, assisting with English classes for those learning the language, washing clothes for the homeless, gardening for the elderly and assisting with tasks associated with riding for the disabled to name a few. There was an opportunity at the end of the day to share our experiences and discuss the joys and challenges of the various activities. Many staff members do voluntary work in their private lives but this was an opportunity to come together as a staff and role model what we ask our students to do. Young people learn from the actions of others. It symbolised the commitment we have as a College to serving others.

On the Feast of the Assumption, Mass was held at St Mary’s Cathedral. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a College to celebrate this key liturgical event. After school staff members were able to listen to Sr Jan Gray, a Mercy sister, reflect on the importance of the Assumption and to network with teachers from Santa Maria College, St Brigid’s College and Aranmore Catholic College who were also invited to the presentation.

Our students continue to contribute to the Catholic Performing Arts Festival and although our school production has finished there are many other activities that our students are engaged in. For Year 12 students the reality that their final year of secondary schooling is fast coming to a close is making an impact.

Parents are an important part of our College community and I encourage as

Insight from Catherine McAuley:
“If we love God, we will undoubtedly love our neighbour also; they are cause and effect.”
many of you as possible to join one of our parent groups such as the P & F. New members are always welcome. On Tuesday the DOMs cooked the students and staff a wonderful Hamburger lunch. This is a wonderful example of the DOMs taking time out of their busy schedules and play a role in College life.

Mrs Kerrie Fraser, Principal

Mercedes College YouTube Channel

Please view our latest video on the Year 7 Pastoral Care Program. To keep up to with our latest videos, please subscribe to the Mercedes College YouTube Channel.

Open Morning

Monday 5 September / 9.30am –12pm
For prospective families please register at
http://www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/openday

Father’s Day Breakfast

Thursday 1 September / 7am / College Hall / $16
Tickets available via Trybooking

Fashion for Compassion

Friday 2 September / 7pm / College Hall / $18
You are invited to join us for our annual Fashion for Compassion. Tickets available via Trybooking
Pastoral Care News

Year 9/10 Community
Year 6 - Mrs Alicia Sharpe
The Year 9 Social with Trinity College on Tuesday 30 August is fast approaching, with only 5 more sleeps to go for our very excited girls. It will take place at Mercedes in the College Hall from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. The theme for this event is ‘Black and White’. Please refer to the letter sent home in regards to dress code expectations and transport. Can I also ask that you please be prompt in collecting your daughter from the College Hall at the conclusion of the social. I look forward to a wonderful evening with your daughters.

Year 9/10 Community
Year 9 - Mrs Bernadette Dell
The majority of our Year 9 girls continue to work steadily in a variety of subjects and co-curricular activities. We do have a few who are challenging school rules in some key ways, most notably in the way in which they are speaking to each other and to some adults and in refusing to wear their uniform in a way that respects our rules and standards. Please ensure that you check your daughter’s diary regularly as many have unsigned notes that are intended to inform you about any issues in school so you will not hear about them until they reach a more serious level.

Girls should not be leaving the College by the Goderich Street carpark gate or by climbing over any locked gates. I have explained to all the girls that the College rules are in place to help keep our students safe so we expect all the girls to respect those rules.

On a positive note, it is great to see so many of the girls displaying caring attitudes in assisting or encouraging others. Some of our girls are fine models of our Mercy values and we appreciate their contribution to a positive environment in the College.

Year 10 - Mrs Sherrin Adams
It was a privilege to attend the recent Perth Rotary Club lunch where Madeline Alder (10.5) and Mareleen Slabber (10.7) spoke to members about their experiences at the RYPEN Camp. Perth Rotary sponsored the girls and in return they shared their experiences concerning how the camp fostered leadership in its participants. The girls spoke beautifully and answered the questions posed to them with confidence.

The girls are soon to complete the Year 10 component of their Mercy Service; for most it has been an eye-opening and rewarding experience. I remind students to complete all of their reflections and to ensure that the journal is submitted by the due date.

The Social will be held at Trinity College on Monday evening. It promises to be a fun-filled occasion. I remind parents of the times of the social which are 6.30pm till 9.30pm and that transport to and from Trinity should be by a responsible adult. I expect exemplary behaviour from the girls who are the guests of Trinity College.

Curriculum News

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

OLNA Testing Reminder
Students required to sit the OLNA in Year 10, 11 and 12 have been notified by letter. This is a reminder that testing will be held on the following dates:

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Please note the change to time for the Numeracy test for Year 10 students due to the Paul Dillon talk scheduled

NAPLAN Reports – Year 7 and 9 Students
NAPLAN reports and Information Brochures are being posted to residential addresses this week. We ask that you retain the copy of NAPLAN for future reference. Year 9 students required to sit the Online Literacy and Numeracy Test in March 2017 will be notified by mail within the next two weeks.

If you have any queries about the NAPLAN document, or if you do not receive your report within the next fortnight, please contact Liana Strutt, Deputy Principal – Academic Services on 9323 1379 or email lstrutt@mercedes.wa.edu.au.

Maths – Mr Peter Mee, HOLA
Casio Classpad Incursion
Many Year 12 students studying Mathematics Specialist, Methods and Applications (and a handful of Year 11 Mathematics Specialist students) attended the Casio Classpad Incursion on Monday. In the lead up to their final exams, students were able to benefit from the technical expertise of WA’s Casio Classpad guru, Charlie Watson, as he gave them some advice and strategies to help maximise their performance using their Classpad. Thanks to the students who participated, to the supervising teachers, and to Charlie for his time.

Social Sciences - Mr Tim Poga, HOLA
The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is coming to the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre from 29 Nov - 11 Dec 2016. It showcases experiences of Australians in World War I. We encourage parents to go online and book free tickets to go and see this amazing exhibition, or for those more technologically adventurous, try downloading the virtual reality app to use with a “google cardboard” viewer. For more information go to: http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/
Business and Information Technology – Mr Des Loh, HoLA
Year 10 Business & Accounting, Certificate I in Business - Isabella Turner & Mehak Satnani

Over the next two weeks the Year 10 Business & Accounting students have been operating small businesses on the College campus. This forms part of their embedded Certificate I in Business course.

Students have studied aspects of Budgets, Income Statements and Balance Sheets. They will use their knowledge to run their own small business. These small businesses will help students gain a better understanding of the complexities of commercial operations. The small businesses that will be operating will include Oochie Poochie Dog Bow Ties & Cupcakes, Brekkie 'n' Go, T for U and M&N

Library – Ms Joanna Kagi, HoLA

This week has been BookWeek with the theme "Australia – Story Country!" Year 7 and Year 8 students have been involved in book quizzes and held a “Dress as a character from your favourite book” competition. Once again we have continued our efforts to ensure that the students have access to books nominated for the major Australian Young Adult book awards. Recently two books were announced as the winners for The Australian Children’s Book Council Awards for 2016:

2016 The Book of the Year: Older Readers
2016 The Book of the Year: Younger Readers

Languages- Mrs Angela Velletri, HoLA

It has been a busy time in the languages learning area over the past few weeks. Many competitions have taken place including the Alliance Française Exam, Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian Exam and the Australian Language Certificate Competition.

One of the highlights at the recent China Tour Information Evening was when two of our students spoke about their recent trip to China. I have asked them to write an account of their fabulous experience. This is what, Sophie and Kate, had to say:

In April, we were fortunate enough to attend the Confucius Institute 2016 tour in China. We explored Hangzhou, Shanghai, and many of the local attractions including the 'Three Gorges Dam'. This tour enabled us to apply our knowledge of the Chinese language to real life situations whilst interacting with the Chinese public. Highlights of the tour included the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, and the Terracotta Army. Throughout the tour, most evenings, we were fortunate enough to attend cultural classes run by Chinese locals which taught us the arts of paper cutting, tea ceremonies, Chinese songs and instruments, and Chinese films. We also attended language classes every day, each class went for 3 hours and broadened our knowledge of the Chinese language.

We would like to thank the Confucius Institute for providing us with this amazing experience and we would definitely recommend this tour for Mercedes students in the future.

Culture in City continues with a French theme this term. In our last session the students enjoyed a cheese degustation, learning the difference between Brie and Camembert.

This week we say goodbye to Silvia Cantoni and Giovanna Intrieri, two Italian exchange students who have been with us for the past two months. They celebrated their experiences last Saturday with a farewell function at Prendiville Catholic College followed by a Cruise on the Swan River with friends. The girls stayed with the Dooley and Bitt families. We thank them for welcoming the girls into their homes and making them feel part of their families. Silvia and Giovanna represented their country admirably and have been an integral part of classes at Mercedes College. They have been particularly helpful in our Language classrooms and will be sorely missed. The following is a letter of thanks from Giovanna.

Dear Mercedes College,

I'm Giovanna, the Italian exchange student in year 10. I just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone, from the principal and the teachers to the students. I would have never thought that I would have enjoyed going to school so much, but I really had the time of my life here in Perth. Thank you to everyone for being so welcoming, kind, friendly and for helping me every time I needed it. Words cannot describe how grateful I am for everything that you have done for me. Thank you firstly to the principal Mrs Fraser for allowing these exchange programs; this is the kind of experience that changes your life. Thank you to the teachers for involving me in their lessons and for always being available. I honestly found the classes very interesting and I had the opportunity to see another school system and a different method of teaching. I challenged myself with subjects that I had never studied before, with different ways of working and I am pretty sure that I learnt more in these two months than in the last two years. Special thanks to Prof. Velletri, Prof. Villarosa and Prof. Cavagna, my Italian teachers, who followed me every step of the way. Last but not least, thank you to all the students I had the opportunity to meet. You really made me feel a part...
of the school. I spent with you some days that I will never forget and I will always keep with me memories of my time here. The biggest thank you goes to Brianna and the Bitt family for hosting me these two months. I felt at home even 13,000km away from Italy and it’s all because of you.

I hope this is not a goodbye but a see you later.

Yours sincerely,

Giovanna

Angelico Art Exhibition - Ms Andrea Hosking, Art Co-ordinator

Last Tuesday night saw the opening of the 23rd annual Angelico Art Exhibition, hosted by Catholic Arts incorporated with the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. The opening at the Forest Centre was well attended and the College was represented by Megan Humphries, Adelina Holil, Julia Colangelo, Sophie Woods, Brittany Anderson and Georgia Clarke, all of whom have artwork in the exhibition. Congratulations to Georgia who was awarded two prizes on the night, Highly Commended in the Angelico Art Award category and first place in the Years 7-10 three dimensional category for her sculptural work "Merciful Heart".

The exhibition runs until 26 August at the Forrest Centre, 221 St George’s Terrace, Perth (9am – 5pm)

Music - Ms Claire Glendinning, Director of Music

Music Showcase

Information for the Music Showcase on September 10 has now been sent home via email. This is a wonderful ‘cabaret-style’ concert, where the audience members sit around tables and can BYO food and drinks, while our ensembles and choirs perform. A range of ensembles and abilities will be showcased, from small groups to large ensembles, junior and senior students.

Tickets must be pre-ordered by Friday 2 September through Trybooking $16 Adults, $11 Concession, $48 Family (2+2) Due to limited space, performers will not be able to watch the performance and do not need to buy a ticket.

Students will be required for a stage rehearsal from 9.00am–1.30pm (please note this is different to previous years).

09.00–09.30am  Wind Ensemble
09.30–09.45am  Flute Ensemble
09.45–10.00am  Saxophone Ensemble
10.00–10.30am  String Ensemble
10.30–10.45am  Guitar Ensemble
10.45–11.00am  Percussion Ensemble
Recital Night
Thank you to all of the students involved in the Senior Recital Night on Monday evening. There was an exceptional variety of talent on display, featuring classical, jazz and contemporary performers. The Year 11/12 ATAR girls had an opportunity to present a portion of their final year examination repertoire and we also featured non ATAR and future ATAR students, performing solos and duets featured in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. A huge thank you to the generosity of Zenith Music in Claremont, for providing us with a wonderful grand piano for the evening.

Catholic Performing Arts
The Catholic Performing Arts Festival is almost over for the year and the awards have continued to receive notifications for awards. A full list will be published in the next newsletter.

Diary Dates – evening performances only for CPA listed here
Thursday 1 September – Choir, Vocal Ensemble, Select Choir
Friday 2 September – String Orchestra, Senior Percussion Ensemble; Playoffs at Trinity
Saturday 10 September – Music Showcase. Rehearsals 9am – 1.30pm, performance at 6.30pm

Science Week - Miss Sarika De Lima
This year’s theme for National Science Week was Drones, Droids and Robots and we celebrated by hosting a range of lunchtime activities. The Robotics Soccer challenge allowed students to control the movements of a robot with their iPad whilst competing against each other to score a goal. The Robot Dance Competition encouraged the girls to explore their creative side by showcasing their best robot dance moves. Well done to all the girls who participated.

The annual Dry Ice show was once again a hit amongst the girls as they got to witness cool colour changes, loads of bubbles and smoke and how carbon dioxide is used as a fire extinguisher. Finally, lots of fun was had at the Science Magic Show where the girls had the chance to see flaming metals, exploding balloons and bubbling gases. Throughout the week, homerooms participated in daily quizzes to test their Science general knowledge. Congratulations to the following homerooms for having the most correct answers: 7-2, 8-2, 9-6, 10-4, 11-6 and 12-4. Thank you to all who came along to support National Science Week.

2016 Big Science Competition – Mrs Alicia Sharpe
On Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 May, 80 students from across Years 7 – 10 competed in the 2016 Big Science Competition. The international competition which this year saw 48,766 students compete aims to test student’s critical-thinking and problem solving skills as well as their science knowledge. Over the past few years we have seen significant achievement within the Science Competition. This year Mercedes College achieved some outstanding results and were awarded 5 High Distinctions (top 5%), 8 Distinctions (top 15%), 24 Credits (top 30%) and 43 Participations. Congratulations is extended to students on their fantastic achievement and to all teachers involved.
Students will receive a certificate from their Science Teacher, reflecting their individual achievement. Those students awarded Distinctions and High Distinctions will be presented with their certificates at the next whole school assembly next term.

The results of the Junior Division (Years 7/8) are:
Year 7: Jessica O’Brien (Distinction), Jessica Pendal (High Distinction)
Year 8: Sophie Gianatti and Lily Graves (Distinction), Sonya Emmett, Olivia Pedretti and Holly Van (High Distinction)

The results of the Intermediate Division (Years 9/10) are:
Year 9: Darcy Guazzelli, Anna Hovane, Chloe Keefe and Nicola Pike (Distinction)
Year 10: Isabelle Edgeloe (Distinction) and Veronica Fitzgerald (High Distinction)

Maths, Mr Peter Mee, HOLA
Maths Week – 29 August to 2 September (Week 7)
Yes, your dreams can come true. That’s right, maths week is coming up … and the students are all abuzz with the excitement. There will be a large variety of competitions and activities, and students are encouraged to join in the fun. All competitions will have movie ticket prizes for the top 3, and many also include chocolates and house points for entering, plus the chance of having your name placed on a trophy – listen out to the daily notices for specific information about timing

Aurecon Bridge Building Competition - Miss Katharine Lindsay
On the 3rd of August, Natasha Angelidis, Alexia Angelidis, Olivia Smythe, Kysharnie Mosconi and Mikala Adony attended the Aurecon Bridge Building competition at Scitech. The two teams spent the previous term designing and constructing a bridge each from supplied materials that would be tested on the day. The bridge from Mercedes College Team B was able to hold an impressive weight of 77.7kg!!! Congratulations to both teams for their great effort.

House Film—Miss Bridgette Sattler, Media Co-ordinator
The Media Department invites you to the House Film Festival Screening night for 2016. The event will be held in week 8, on Wednesday September 7, at the Cygnet Theatre in Como. Doors will open at 6:45 for a 7:00pm start. Order forms are available at Student Services, with tickets costing $17. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Wellbeing

Wellbeing Through Meditation
In the lead up to the Year 12 examination period, it may benefit your daughter to consider meditation as a way of improving her focus, managing stress and improving resilience. In Sorelle back in Week 2, you would have read about the Smiling Mind meditation program being implemented into our Pastoral Care Program. To further develop our focus on meditation as a means of achieving a sense of calm, clarity and contentment within our school community, meditation sessions are currently being offered to Year 12 students at lunch time each week in the Fitness Centre. The guided meditations will come from a range of sources, including Smiling Mind, to expose participants to a variety of styles.

Remember that you can support your daughter’s mindfulness practice at home by encouraging her to download the free Smiling Mind App or by creating your own account via the website (www.smilingmind.com.au) or www.the-guided-meditation-site.com.

Parent & Friends' Association

P & F Wine Raffle
The new draw date for the Wine Raffle is Saturday 10 September at the Music Showcase. Families who still have tickets to sell, please try and sell what you have. Raffle butts and money have to be in by Monday 5 September. Thank you once again for your support.

Dads Only Dinner
All dads are invited to join other dads for dinner on Thursday 15 September at the Grosvenor Hotel. Book via Trybooking

Father’s Day Breakfast
Book now for the Father’s Day Breakfast Trybooking. Mums are being called on to assist with this year’s Father’s Day breakfast. We are seeking help with set up on Wednesday 31 September from 12 noon and help on Thursday 1 September from 5.30am with hosting, cooking and clean up. Please email jstacey@mercedes.wa.edu.au if you are available to help.

Thank you to Parents

McDonald & Serisier House Liturgies
Thank you to Kim Mills, Maria Cubero, Angie Ranson, Kathryn Godwin, Angela Shah and Marnie Butler for assisting with the McDonald and Serisier House Liturgies.

Dads of Mercedes Hamburger lunch
This is the 5th year for this event which is organised, prepared and hosted by Mercedes College dads. Thank you to the 20+ dads came to the school this week and they cooked and served over 1000 hamburgers for staff and students. Another amazing effort by the dads.
Street Soccer
Every fortnight the Young Mercies and staff get together to provide meals for the Homeless. This cannot be done without the help and support from parents who assist by providing meals which the girls put together and take to Wellington Square for Street Soccer. Thank you to Josephine Vivante for spending the weekend cooking for Street Soccer. Your support is very much appreciated.

Hairspray
I would like to acknowledge all the parents and BOKAY Digital Printing who assisted me with decorating the PAC Foyer and to the parents for their help and support with Front of House at every evening and matinee show. Front of House is a special service where we provide refreshments to the audience prior to each show and during intermission. This cannot be possible without the production parents help, enthusiasm and support. Thank you once again.

Student News

Congratulations to Sabrina Serra and her dance partner who competed at the WDCAL Luna Park Ballroom Dancing Championships. They received five 1st places and one 2nd place in Ballroom, Latin and New Vogue. She will be going to compete at the UK Internationals event in London in the Junior Latin and Junior Ballroom fields in October. Congratulations and Good Luck!

Noticeboard

Abilities Expo - Thursday 8 September / 9.15am– 1.30pm & 4.30pm - 7.30pm / Crown Perth - Grand Ballroom. The Abilities Expo is for people with disability, their families and carers who want to know more about the services they can access.

Mercedes Netball Club - Yet another successful year with most of our teams making finals. Grand finals will be played on Saturday, 17th September. If your team has not been successful, please come down and support your friends and the club.

The Presentation High Tea will be the following morning, Sunday, 18 September in the College Hall at 10am. Please note that all parents are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring a plate of nibbles as catering will only be for players and coaches.

The AGM will follow after the formalities have concluded. As there are several positions becoming available on the committee, parents are urged to attend and encouraged to consider taking on a position and keep the club running. There will be a transition period before all changes take effect. Please email Club President Fiona Harvey at mercedesnetballclub@bigpond.com for more information. Thank you all for your wonderful support!

Inglewood Little Athletics - Open Day/Registrations Saturday 3 September 10am – 1pm at Dianella Reserve via ResultsHQ. Fees are $200. For more information www.inglewoodlac.com.au or email admin@inglewoodlac.com.au.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2016 - To celebrate National Literacy and Numeracy Week, DSF is officially launching the new DSF/AUSPELD Parent Portal. This resource is the online version of the Understanding Learning Difficulties. Join us for lunch and meet guest speaker, Jackie French. Jackie has struggled with Dyslexia all her life and understands only too well the challenges this brings. To book please click HERE.

Group Fitness Training - Led by experienced instructors Circuit Training incorporates varied functional movements and exercises to build muscle tone and increase cardiovascular fitness. Sessions are run for children aged 10 - 18 years. Tuesday and Thursdays 4:00 - 4:45pm at the Coady Sports Centre. To enrol contact Courtney on 0403 953 317 or email courtney.spanbrook@hotmail.com.

Market Day and Disability Programs Day - Tuesday 6 September/ 10am—1pm / C Block North Metropolitan TAFE Leederville Campus

Ave Marie Recital - The Cathedral’s annual tribute to Our Lady in honour of her birthday will be held on Sunday,11 September, 2.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Perth. It will feature organ solos played by the Cathedral organists and vocal solos.

Trinity College Tours - Visit the expanding campus and all the Trinity has to offer. To book please contact the Registrar via registrar@trinity.wa.edu.au or call 9323 8121.

Term 3 Holiday Revision Classes - Monday 26 September to Friday 20 September at Rossmoyne Senior High School. An intensive 5 day revision featuring Maths, Physics, Chemistry and English. For more information visit www.scholasticexcellence.com.au