As the term draws to a close, all are looking forward to a change of pace and routine over the coming fortnight whilst reflecting with pride upon all that has been achieved to date in this special Golden Jubilee year.

Reports and Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
All families should have received notification of the first semester reports being available online and the opening of the PT Online booking system for the interviews in the first week of Term 3. The interviews will run on Wednesday 16th July from 4pm - 8pm and Thursday 17th July from 1.45pm to 6.00pm. This will also mean that students will finish at 1pm on Thursday 17th July. Parents are encouraged to read e-reports thoroughly and discuss learning progress and goals before the interviews so that the interviews with teachers can then determine best steps for further growth and improvement.

Sporting Achievements
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PE and coaching staff who have supported the many and varied sporting competitions in which our girls have again been involved this term. Many hours go into the selection, training and inter-school competitions and our girls were again very successful with finals appearances and age champions in competitions ranging from Hockey to Cross Country. The girls were again very successful with finals appearances and age champions in competitions ranging from Hockey to Cross Country and the School Aerobics Competition. As the days got shorter, wetter and colder the commitment of students, staff and parents and the school community which also seeks to honour and live the charism of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, it is shaping up to be another sell out event. We are grateful to the dedication of staff, students and parents supporting this wonderful co-curricular endeavour.

Academic Achievements
It was pleasing to read in the reports of the high achievements and personal learning improvements of so many students in their studies and exams. This high achievement across so many learning domains was also evident in the number of students recognised with credits, distinctions and finals appearances for various inter-school academic competitions involving students from Years 7 to 12 throughout the semester. To those students yet to compete in their state final, such as the Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition finalists, we wish you all the best in your preparations over coming weeks.

College Production
Rehearsals are continuing and excitement growing as we move closer to opening night for our College Production of Hairspray to be performed on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th September. Families are reminded to put these dates in their calendars as it is shaping up to be another sell out event. We are grateful to the dedication of staff, students and parents supporting this wonderful co-curricular endeavour.

Visit of Kath Evans
As part of our Golden Jubilee celebrations we were fortunate to enjoy a recent opportunity to meet and hear the story of healing of Kath Evans who was recognised as the second official miracle of Mary Mackillop after she recovered from cancer that had been diagnosed as terminal. It was this second miracle, which followed organised prayers by way of a Novena (a series of nine rosaries) by friends, family and the Sisters of St. Joseph, that led to the canonisation of Mary MacKillop. During her day at our school Kath told her story to a group of local parishioners and sisters before addressing all students and staff. Her story of faith, healing and the human emotions of highs and lows that she has experienced were inspiring for all who heard her speak. Kath and her husband Barry were very grateful to have had the opportunity to meet our school community which also seeks to honour and live the charism of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods.

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CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT…

“There where you are, you will find God.”

(John 20:22)

On Sunday June 8th, the church celebrated Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the time in the year that the church celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the other followers of Jesus.

When we reflect on the Gospel that recounts the story of Pentecost we are made aware of the power of the Holy Spirit to unite us. The Spirit’s presence and power opens a world of awareness and understanding for us.

Pentecost Sunday is a time that we can reflect on the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Catholic church recognises that the moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These gifts are seven-fold; gifts of counsel, fortitude, knowledge, wisdom, understanding, piety, and fear of the Lord.

Pentecost allows us to reflect on these gifts received through the Sacraments, we are reminded of the graces of the spirit and reminded of our mission to evangelise, utilising such gifts for the benefit of the church.

The Holy Spirit, its presence and power, is evident in many areas of our lives here at Mount St Joseph Girls’ College. In the Wednesday morning chapel services, in the social justice work students engage with, in the laughter and fun of lunch and recess and in the classroom where students are encouraged to think differently and creatively.

Holy Spirit come
Blow winds of change, breathe in our lives
Stir in our hearts, shine through our eyes
Come and pour out your gifts, work through our hands
And renew the face of this land
(Contemporary Hymn, Holy Spirit Come)

Danielle Fairthorne
Director of Catholic Identity

RECONCILIATION AND RECOGNITION…

Between May 26th and May 30th, the MSJ community came together to celebrate and acknowledge indigenous culture during Reconciliation Week.

The week began with a special pastoral prayer session that included a reading of the ground breaking apology issued by the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1999.

With our attention focused on the ongoing call and requirements of reconciliation and recognition for Indigenous Australians, students were invited to take part in a number of special reconciliation focused activities run by members of the SRC, VCAL and Year 9 Humanities classes. Activities included trivia competitions, flag decoration and creation, banner painting, ‘Sea of Feet’, ‘Walking the Talk’ message recordings and a screening of The Sapphires.

The highlight of Reconciliation Week was the lunchtime ‘Skipping for Solidarity’ event in which many students participated to raise funds to support indigenous ministries (Solomon House’s charity focus for Term 2).

Maddison Grima (12V)
Ministry Captain
AJASS PILGRIMS…

This term we were given a brilliant opportunity to travel to Sydney with students from three other AJASS schools. The pilgrimage involved stopping at significant places connected to Mary MacKillop, on a journey from Melbourne to Sydney.

We travelled through towns such as Bacchus Marsh, Ballarat, Maryborough, Numurkah, Albury and North Goulburn before finally arriving in Sydney.

We enjoyed four jam-packed days, which were filled with knowledge, new experiences, endless smiles and laughter. They began in the center of Melbourne at St. Augustine’s Church where we met the lovely people we would be travelling with.

Throughout our journey, we formed friendships with great young women from other AJASS schools and were able to gain wisdom from Sister Rita rsj, the Josephite sister who organised this brilliant trip. We were constantly blessed with the kindness of strangers as well as the many stories recounted by Sisters of St. Joseph and priests throughout Victoria and New South Wales.

The trip was an unforgettable experience that we will continue to look to for inspiration as we live out the qualities of Mary MacKillop for the rest of our journey at MSJ.

We would like to thank everyone who was able to make this trip possible.

Paris Evans  Elisha Hodges
10 Veronica  10 Anne

Alana Stewart  Jessica Wolff
10 Francis  10 Catherine

A pilgrimage of “fun and conviviality… where all partook of an excellent repast” MMK 1891

Memorable moments of the pilgrimage were:

- Visiting the site of the second foundation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Victoria in Bacchus Marsh
- A warm and welcoming wander through St Joseph’s Primary School, Numurkah (the first foundation of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Victoria), where the pilgrims mixed with the primary school students engaged in inquiry learning
- ‘Partaking of an excellent repast’ in St. Augustine’s Presbytery, Maryborough where Mary MacKillop stayed overnight in 1891. Fr Ed Moloney entertained us on the piano accordion, ensuring a time of ‘fun and conviviality’. The Parish has had a window installed in the Church commemorating the visit of Mary MacKillop.
- The Mary MacKillop Museum (North Sydney) lived up to its title “more than a museum, it’s a miraculous journey”
- Our pilgrimage concluding with an unforgettable time of prayer at the Tomb of Mary MacKillop.

Retracing the steps of Mary MacKillop helped the pilgrims understand the journeys of the Sisters, St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison woods. They gained valuable knowledge of their place in the Josephite story and an experience which, as AJASS student leaders, will re-energise the charism and mission in their schools.

Sr Rita Malavisi rsj
(An extract from the AJASS Report)

HONOURING HIS SACRIFICE…

On the 27th of June we will celebrate the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart. This is a very important feast day for our school community; as MSJ was founded by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

This occasion is celebrated 19 days after Pentecost on a Friday. Pentecost is the Christian festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples after Jesus ascended into heaven.

The feast day reminds us of our mission as Catholic people to serve the Lord and be respectful and loving to all. It is a day for making amends for the wrong we have done, by providing assistance to those it may have affected, and praying for the sins made against the Eucharist.

The Sacred heart reminds us of the never-ending love Jesus had for his people and that his heart overflowed with compassion and joy for all. His heart still beats with mercy.

We should devote this day to honouring the sacred heart of Jesus and giving thanks for the sacrifice he made.

Michaela Collins (9A)
Junior Liturgy Leader

“Where you are, you will find God.”
HELPING THE ELDERLY HAVE A NICE DAY...

On Thursday 12th June, some Year 7 MSJ students and I went to a mass. The mass was the anointing of the sick at St. Leo’s Catholic Church. Going to the mass was a great experience and I got to see how the mass of the elderly went and how the elderly and sick were anointed.

I was given the opportunity to read at the mass, even though I was shy at first, they allowed me to practice before the beginning of mass. When it was my turn to read, I walked down to the altar, bowed and took my position. I looked at the people at the mass and thought; I need to do a good job for them. This mass is special. I was then able to read with some confidence and before I knew it, I had done it!

After the mass was finished, we went over to the hall and helped serve the elderly lunch; which included soup, sandwiches and cakes. It was fun and enjoyable because I knew we were doing a good deed, but more importantly, we were helping the elderly have a nice day. After they had finished lunch, there was a raffle and seeing the faces of the elderly who won prizes was amazing and wonderful. Soon after the raffle we helped tidy up and then it was time to go.

Leaving with the knowledge that we had helped some elderly people for the day, made my day!!! I hope the next girls from MSJ attending this mass will have as much fun as we did!!

Sarah Torre
7 Anne

ALL EQUAL IN GOD’S EYES…

Solomon House was named after Emmanuel Solomon, a wealthy Jewish man and philanthropist. Similar to Mary MacKillop, Solomon was sympathetic to the poor and disadvantaged, and generously supported anyone who assisted them. In 1871, when Mary was excommunicated from the Church, Emmanuel provided Mary and the Sisters of St. Joseph with free accommodation even though he was of different faith.

The motto for Solomon House at MSJ is “All equal in God’s eyes” and our value is “inclusiveness” because Emmanuel Solomon, Mary and the Sisters of St. Joseph made everyone feel welcome and included, regardless of their faith, race, gender or socio-economic background.

During Term Two Solomon House focused on fundraising and raising awareness for indigenous ministries. In particular, we organised a “footy boots drive” to collect football boots to send to the Kununurra community in Western Australia which is supported by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

We also organised a clothing drive where students were encouraged to bring in bags of clothing to try and fill Mr Mifsud’s office. All clothes donated were given to charities to support their current winter clothing drive appeals. The ‘Bagging Mr Mifsud’ clothing drive was a great success, as we collected enough bags of clothes to fill the school’s mini van!

Thank you to all the students and families who have donated and who have made this fundraiser a success.

Helen O’Keefe
Josephite Ministry Co-ordinator
Congratulations to all students for the effort they have put into their studies in recent weeks. As the semester concluded students were involved in lots of assessment of student learning. This is intended to be a very positive experience for students requiring organisation, focus and concentration. The feedback from exams and SACs is an integral part of the learning cycle.

Term 3 is an exciting time with the opportunity for students to consolidate their learning and engage with new concepts and skills. With the benefit of results from Semester 1 students are encouraged to reflect on what they have achieved and set new goals for their learning in Semester 2.

End of Semester Reports...
Semester 1 reports are available from June 25. Details providing online access to parents and carers have been communicated.

The reports are a comprehensive, detailed feedback from each Subject Teacher (and Pastoral Group Teacher) regarding your daughter’s achievements during Semester 1 and suggested improvements for next semester.

One element of each subject report is the student’s approach to learning. Approaches to learning are viewed as important behaviours that when carried out to a high-level help students to achieve their best. The approaches to learning that teachers provide feedback on are:

- Effort
- Behaviour

The factors considered for ‘Effort’ are persistence, presentation of work and application to tasks.

The factors considered for ‘Behaviour’ are engagement, concentration and contribution.

It is important to have a conversation with your daughter about the report, highlighting particular strengths and areas for improvement.

Subject Selection...
The process of subject selection is designed to equip students with the information to make decisions about the elective subjects that they select. Early Term 3, students from Years 8 to 11 will be involved in the process of selecting their subjects for 2015. It is important that students be informed about the available subjects and that the selection of courses is suited to their interests and abilities. An integral part of the process is that parents discuss with their child the subject choices they wish to make for the following year.

For Year 10 students, the transition into Senior School is an important one, and marks the beginning of a significant phase for students at Mount St. Joseph Girls’ College. The process will include student and parent information sessions, course guidance and formal interviews. It is the start of a very personal journey for each student, as decisions about which courses of study to pursue are made. As with all journeys, some will have a final destination clearly identified and subject choices will be clear. For others, the pathway will not be as smooth; it may take some time to reach a point of certainty about which choices to make.

Information to Year 11 and Year 9 students will be distributed at Year Level Assemblies, where students are informed about the selection process and how to complete the selection guides.

The Course Selection Handbooks will be available from the College website to assist students to make well-informed decisions about their elective program.

Please make a note of this date:
Year 11 2015
Parent Information Evening & Domain Expo
Thursday 24th July
7:00pm – 8.15pm
Mary MacKillop Centre

Joanna De Bono
Deputy Principal - Staff and Learning

CSIRO CHEMISTRY INCURSION...
On Thursday May 29th, representative from the CSIRO came to educate the Year 11 Chemistry class on the nature of plastics and the structure of such materials.

The class participated in a wide range of experiments during the incursion, from burning and making plastics and slime to testing the properties of daily materials. The experiments proved to be an engaging way to capture the attention of all the Year 11s. They allowed us to create links with everything we have learnt throughout the semester about the properties of elements and materials. Specifically the incursion allowed us all to recognise how the structure of a material determines the physical properties it exhibits. For example, how well a material or element conducts electricity or how malleable or ductile it is, all depends on the way its structure is arranged.

We would like to thank the representative from the CSIRO and the staff who organised the incursion, for providing such a fantastic and enjoyable experience for our class to engage in.

Brooke Bakaric
11 Catherine

Equipment used while undertaking CSIRO experiments

“There where you are, you will find God.”
LEARNING & TEACHING

THE SHARED JOY OF MUSIC...

On the 27th of May, Year 12 VET music students attended a musical gathering hosted by Carranballac College. It gave students from Carranballac, Point Cook Senior Secondary College, Laverton College and MSJ the opportunity to perform for one another in a supportive environment.

The students who performed ranged from years 9 to 12, and there was a mixed array of skills and musical taste on display. When the girls from MSJ first arrived at Carranballac College, feelings of nervousness and worry, with a mixture of excitement, crept in. We wondered what the other bands would look and sound like. At first, when everyone had entered into the Performing Arts Center, the students from MSJ were in complete awe of the stage like setup and lighting used to create a real sense of entertainment. With the atmosphere still being laced with nervousness, all schools were still slightly afraid by the notion of performing in front of other bands. However, as the evening progressed and bands from each school came up to perform, the hidden barriers slowly faded away, as cheers of encouragement and applause drove out any sense of apprehension.

The evening concluded with a mass ensemble. This involved both students and teachers from all the schools sharing their joy of music. The Year 12 VET music girls found this experience to be rewarding and beneficial to their growth and development as musicians.

Faith Angaika-Peter
12 Anne

THE HOLOCAUST FIRST HAND……

On Friday June 6 as part of their VCE English studies 96 Year 12 students visited the Jewish Holocaust Centre in Elsternwick.

Upon arrival the centre’s curator spoke to the students about the continuing legacy of the Holocaust and its impact on the millions of families whose entire world was devastated by fear and hatred. The students were then given a guided tour through the museum and allowed to see chilling artefacts from the concentration camps and the ghettos.

However the most poignant moment of the excursion was the opportunity to speak to Moshe, a 92-year-old Holocaust survivor. For 30 minutes Moshe spoke to the girls about his experiences growing up in Poland and enduring the horrors of war and Treblinka while his entire family, except for one brother, was exterminated.

After studying Maus, the students were familiar with the ordeal of the Holocaust, yet hearing a man who was actually there talk plainly about what he witnessed made it real in a way no book, image or documentary ever could. Indeed it was all the more affecting in light of the few survivors that remain and that we will be the last generation to hear them speak about what was one of the darkest moments in human history.

All the students returned to the College with a newfound appreciation and perspective about what is truly important in life. All Melbournians owe it to themselves to visit the Jewish Holocaust Centre while the opportunity to listen to these survivors is still available.

Brad Abraham
English Domain Co-Ordinator

L-R) Sophie (12T), Lucy (12A), Djulia (12J) and Emma (12T) performing at Carranballac College

“Where you are, you will find God.”
THE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE…

On Thursday June 12th the Year 12 students were given the opportunity to explore four different universities for the day. Girls travelled to Melbourne University, ACU, RMIT and Victoria University to tour through the amazing facilities each institution had to offer.

We were opened up to the world of tertiary education with our own private open day, where all four universities explained their wide range of options and possibilities. Seeing what could possibly be our own futures in six months time definitely boosted our motivation to reach our goals in Year 12.

Each student was given the option to further explore two of the four universities. We were all intrigued by the principles of community and togetherness that ACU presented to us, amazed by the Hogwarts-like facilities, opportunities and of course the food court of Melbourne University, wowed by the proximity of RMIT to the heart of the city and their new facilities, and had lots of fun in the amazing race we participated in. Victoria University’s modern facilities and easy location also impressed the students who travelled there.

Overall, the day was both enjoyable and informative and made each of us realise just how quickly life as a university student is approaching. Thank you to all the supervising teachers and to Ms Krell and Mrs Kubacki for organising this wonderful opportunity for us all.

Malia Corrigan   Madeline Bourn
12 Catherine   12 Catherine

Emily Payne   Kirstie Hannemann
12 Anne   12 Anne

DANTE ALIGHIERI POETRY COMPETITION…

On the 17th of June, the Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 Italian students participated in the Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition at Melbourne University.

We felt very nervous waiting for our names to be called. Luckily, the judges were very nice and so we felt more at ease reciting our poems to them.

After the recitations, we made our way to Lygon Street where we ate a great Italian meal. We then completed a walking trail activity where we had to identify various landmarks and famous espresso bars and restaurants in the Carlton precinct.

It was an enjoyable day and we all learnt a lot about the contributions of the Italian immigrants to Lygon Street.

Jasmine Gavranic   Rebecca Saveski
12 Joseph   12 Therese

BRAVISSIMI!!...

Congratulations to Deana Galea (9C), Giulia Abate (10V) and Josephine Mazzeo (10T) for making it through a field of over 3000 competitors to secure a position in the finals of the Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition to be held on July 18th.

We wish them the best of luck!

YEAR 12 TERTIARY INFORMATION SESSION
TUESDAY JULY 15

On Tuesday 15th July all Year 12 students will be attending a Tertiary Information Session at Victoria University, Footscray Park.

This session will involve a panel of tertiary representatives and current students addressing issues relating to tertiary study and will allow students to ask questions. Following the presentation students will have the opportunity to speak with representatives from individual institutions and collect relevant information and brochures.

Students will be departing the College at 8:45am and will return at recess. Therefore there will be no Year 12 classes Period 1 and 2 on this day.

Students will attend Period 3 and 4 as per their normal timetable.

“There where you are, you will find God.”
LEARNING & TEACHING

WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO…

On Monday 16th June, the Year 11 VCAL class went on an excursion to the Werribee Open Range Zoo.

When we arrived Genevieve, a ranger at the zoo, took us to where the Gorillas live. She talked about what it’s like in the Congo for the gorillas, other animals and the people. While Genevieve was talking to us, Yakini, the oldest son and the leader of the Gorillas, came running towards the glass wall we were sitting behind and banged on it a few times. After getting our attention he just sat there with his back to us, like he hadn’t done anything. Our class was a bit hysterical and stunned at what just happened, we didn’t expect it at all! We thanked Genevieve for teaching us about how Gorillas live in the wild and what we could do to help them.

We then separated and formed two groups and walked around the Zoo. We met again at the lion enclosure, just in time to see them being fed. The ranger came out and put the meat in 3 different places so the lions wouldn’t all jump on top of each other for the food. It was a great thing to experience. We finished off the day by going on the safari bus, which took us to see the giraffes, rhinos, zebras and other animals.

We all had a great time and learnt a lot. It was definitely a good day out.

Harmony Rush
11 Francis

CONGRATULATIONS …

Congratulations to Angela Suminguit (12A) and Stephanie Sponner (11C) for being accepted for a place in the three-day Career Discovery In Fashion and Textiles, RMIT SNAP program. This program will run from July 1st-3rd at RMIT’s Brunswick campus.

The girls responded to an email I posted early this term and have been lucky enough to be accepted. RMIT offer 25 free places to this fantastic program. The regular attendance fee is $350 but as part of the SNAP, secondary students program and our great relationship with RMIT, the girls have been selected.

Both girls submitted a written application and have been chosen for their dedicated interest in the Arts, Design and Fashion. Their documentation of the extra curricula activities that they have attended at MSJ, has indeed given their applications credibility.

This program will cover such aspects as fashion design, marketing, style trend forecasting, visual merchandising, textile design and development and many creative processes relevant to the fashion world. They will also be introduced to the many diverse career opportunities and study options available in the Fashion and Design Industry. RMIT staff will take the girls through a range of presentations and practical activities which will develop their folios and associated skills.

We wish them well and look forward to hearing of their experiences early.

Clare Kubacki
Year 12 YLC

BUGS, DINOSAURS AND THE HUMAN BODY…

On the 19th of May all the Year 9s visited the Melbourne Museum and IMAX for a Science excursion. We were there to learn about the human body and different animals and ecosystems.

At IMAX we watched a film about the human body and how all the systems work together. In the museum we explored 3 different exhibitions, Walking with Dinosaurs, Bugs Alive and The Human Body and Mind.

We were each given an online book with set questions and a task to complete. The day was lots of fun and helped us to better understand the topic we were learning in Science.

Matilda Murrihy
9 Francis
**VCAL AT TAFE…**

Every Wednesday, Year 11 and 12 VCAL students spend the day studying at a variety of different training organisations.

Some of us attend the training organisation, KAL Multimedia Training, which is located in Brunswick. They offer a variety of courses in different fields e.g. Business, I.T, Children Services and Media. We are studying these courses to try to get into careers like educational support, movie directing, screen writing, childcare and business.

Our typical day requires us to take notes, have discussions, watch presentations, write scripts, edit videos and answer phone calls. We have attended Brunswick Community House for an excursion and media students attended excursions to different film locations.

TAFE is a good experience because we get to learn new things in our chosen area and meet new people. It also allows us to be independent by catching public transport to and from the venue.

Daniela Sawan  
TT Joseph

Macey Salahedhine  
TT Joseph

**OBSERVING OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT…**

On Monday the 16th of June the Year 12 Business Management students went to the Edgemill distilleries in Laverton North, as part of our Unit 3 studies on the operations management function.

The excursion was broken into two parts, consisting of both a tour of their facilities and a PowerPoint presentation giving us an overview of the organisation. After being suited up in our safety vests, glasses and hair nets, half of us were sent to the factory floor where we were taken to Edgemill’s alcohol testing room, production line and warehousing facilities. On the tour, we were informed about the intricacies involved in ensuring the quality of alcohol they produce, how the alcohol was filled and labelled in each bottle and the storage facilities of these finished goods. We were even lucky enough to see the production line in process with ‘Old Number Fifteen Bourbon’ being bottled for distribution.

The other half of the excursion gave us the chance to sit in the boardroom, where we were briefed by the CEO and Operations Manager of Edgemill about their objectives, how they go about managing the entire operations and Edgemill’s ethically and socially responsible considerations.

Overall, the excursion was a fantastic way to apply what we had learnt in the classroom to a real life situation, to enhance our understanding of the topic.

Alycia Azzopardi  
12 Francis

**CAREERS EVENTS…**

For full details of careers news and events, view the Careers Newsletters in the News & Events section of the MSJ website: [www.msj.vic.edu.au](http://www.msj.vic.edu.au)

**ZOOS VICTORIA**

**Keeper For A Day** – Werribee Open Range Zoo – July 1, 3, 7 & 9
Healesville Sanctuary – July 1, 2, 8 & 9

**Vet for a Day** – Healesville Sanctuary Vet Hospital – July 2, 3, 9 & 10

**Student Careers Conference at Melbourne Zoo**
For students in Years 9 to 11 – August 1
Further details and registration at: [www.zoo.org.au](http://www.zoo.org.au)

**MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY**

**A Day at Melbourne University** – July 11
Register at [http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au](http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au)

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**

**University Experience Days** – July 8, Melbourne Campus

**MONASH UNIVERSITY**

**Year 11 Inspiration Day** – July 9.
Details at [www.destination.monash](http://www.destination.monash)

**Computer Games Boot Camp**
For students in Years 9 to 12 – July 5 to 11
Register at [https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu](https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu)

**DEAKIN UNIVERSITY**

**Discover Deakin University** – July 4 and 11.
Register at [www.deakin.edu.au](http://www.deakin.edu.au)

**LA TROBE UNIVERSITY**

**Experience La Trobe University** – July 8, Bundoora and July 10, Bendigo

“Where there you are, you will find God.”
Life presents us with many opportunities and many experiences that can be transformative and deeply powerful. At Mount St. Joseph Girls’ College, we offer all members of our community an array of experiences and learning opportunities to support the individual in reaching their full potential. In recent weeks, I have been struck by the many students who soak up the experiences provided and engage with the formal and informal learning. This is evident in our student leaders who have aptly led school tours and in students who participated in choir, sport tournaments and the various student led activities for Reconciliation Week.

Supporting our students in becoming independent young women is a goal for all members of our College community. However, in recent months the College has been made aware of incidents involving young people travelling to and from school being approached by members of the public. Can I ask that parents please speak to their daughters about transport safety plans, does your daughter have a plan to implement if she feels at risk? Who will she contact? What should she do? Safety travel plans are an important aspect of being a responsible young person.

Student Use of Public Transport...

Travelling to and from the College using public transport is a privilege and responsibility. This is a reminder to all students about what is expected on public transport. Please discuss these dot points with your daughter.

- It is a privilege, not a right to travel on public transport in the Mount St. Joseph Girls’ College uniform
- Members of the community are observing your behavior and are judging your integrity and repute
- Always stand behind the yellow line on platforms and be facing the train as it comes to a halt
- Do not block doorways or aisles with school bags
- Give up your seat to adult passengers
- Talk quietly
- Do not move around the carriage
- Do not change carriages when the train stops
- Do not use connecting doors to move between carriages
- Always have a ‘Plan B’ in case something goes wrong e.g. trains or buses are cancelled

Cybersafety...

Over the past month, the Year Level Team Leaders and other members of the College Wellbeing Team have been supporting our learners and families in the area of Cybersafety awareness and technological boundaries. As we are aware, technology is a powerful means to access knowledge, be creative and to celebrate humanity. However it can also be dangerous and sometimes destructive if not managed appropriately. A gentle reminder that students should not be accessing technology from their bedrooms and of the adage that a mobile telephone and MacBook or iPad should be charged in an open family area, not one’s bedroom. Each one of us needs a good nights sleep and the opportunity to ‘switch off’ from the world. I physically turn off the modem in our family home at 8.30pm therefore my own family can be present with one another and enjoy each other’s company.

This week I have visited an excellent website from Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) and explored the Cybersmart section for parents. I encourage all families to visit this site: http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx

Parenting Ideas – Family Meal Times...

A recent report from the United States claims that children who were expected to sit down with the rest of the family at meal times and were encouraged to talk at the table, were doing better at school, had higher self-esteem, better social competence and had better prospects of getting a job.

This report confirms a study conducted 25 years ago in Melbourne, ‘Talk Up at the Table’. The author, Don Edgar, foundation director of the Australian Institute of Family Studies (EQ Australia, Issue 1, Autumn 1998) had been looking for the correlates of adolescent competence: which kids with what sorts of parents were most likely to do well. He found that on almost every outcome measure - school results, self esteem, social competence, optimism versus pessimism, good parent-child relationships, an expectation of later success in life - the kids (whether rich or poor) who were allowed to chatter and exchange ideas at meal times scored significantly higher than those who were told to shut up and eat their meals.

At the time, he interpreted the meal talk factor as illustrative of openness on the part of parents to the free expression of ideas, mutual respect within the family, and warmth and structure combining to give children a sense of place and security in their lives. The new US study renews his faith in the efficacy of eating together and letting the meal talk flow. It may be noisy, argumentative and hard to manage, with parents and young people working different hours, but the outcomes are worth the trouble. Pity the poor family that never cooks its own meals, never sits at the one table, never has to cope with the noisy conflict of everyone wanting to talk at once.

Deputy Principal
- Student Wellbeing

“Where you are, you will find God.”
CONQUERING THE FEAR OF PUBLIC SPEAKING…

The Wynspeak Public Speaking Competition is a great way to gain confidence and experience in public speaking and a fantastic way to hear thought-provoking and interesting speeches written by our peers.

It was such a great pleasure for Michaela and I to compete in the Wynspeak Competition. We heard so many great speeches covering many different topics from bullying and having good manners to Vegemite.

I, myself, spoke about Social Networking and how it can change not only our generation, but the ones after us. Michaela spoke about the bond between a mother and her daughter and the special relationship they hold.

There were two parts to the competition; a prepared five-minute speech followed by an impromptu section. The impromptu section allowed us only four minutes to write a two-minute speech.

While the competition was very challenging for both Michaela and I, we had so much fun competing against the other schools. I was fortunate enough to be chosen as a finalist. It was a very nerve-racking experience for me, as I had never participated in a public speaking competition before. All the students were absolutely amazing and all their speeches were very interesting and some were very, very funny.

It was an honour for Michaela and I to take part in this competition, and we are looking forward to having the opportunity to participate again in the future.

Celine Lopez 9 Francis

SCIENTISTS COMPETE!..

Over the last month, students have had the opportunity to compete in a number of Science related co-curricular competitions.

On the 22nd of May, 38 students from 7 to 12 partook in the Big Science Competition, an externally organised written test with results, which will be compared against the nation, due back later this year.

In preparation for the Aurecon Bridge Building Competition (to take place in Term 3), an internal judging was run at lunchtime on Tuesday 10th of June, seeing a number of teams submit their constructed miniature bridges to be subjected to scrutiny and vie for the coveted inter-school team position.

Another externally organised written test focussed on the area of Chemistry, The National Chemistry Quiz was run on the 19th of June where 58 students from 7 to 12 applied their knowledge (results against the nation due back later this year).

Mia Loft Science Domain Co-Ordinator

AEROBICS MSJ STYLE…

On the 18th May, the two MSJ aerobics teams competed in the School Aerobics National Championships. We had been practising hard up until that point and were very determined to achieve our goals.

We arrived, bright and early, at The Arena in Geelong, with our hair slicked back into buns, wearing very white runners and brimming with a whole lot of nervous energy and excitement. Both teams supported each other and we were all very proud of our achievements.

The Senior Team just missed out on 1st place by at tiny 0.1 of a point, while the Junior Team placed 3rd.

Participating in this event would not have been possible with out the ongoing help and support of Mrs O’Brien who organises us so well. Thanks also to Ms Anastasi, Mrs Fairthorne and Ms Meurant who came to support us on the day.

Overall it was a fun day and we all really enjoyed ourselves. Now we can’t wait to compete in the state competition!

Michaela Collins 9 Anne

“There where you are, you will find God.”
**DUCK, DIVE & DODGE…**

From Wednesday 28th May to Monday 2nd June, the Year 8 classes participated in a round-robin dodgeball competition.

We organised this thrilling experience for all Year 8 students, with the aim of getting each homeroom to work as a team and support one another. While we had a few challenges setting up the tournament, it all worked out in the end and everyone had a blast.

As organisers of this event, we would like to thank Brooke Bakaric (11C), Olivia Jones (9J), Tessa Oldani (9F), Matilda Murrihy (9F), Tran Nguyen (9J), Erin Ryan (9J) and Emma Jansen (10J) for umpiring the games for us. We would also like to thank Ms Duncan for her support and Mr Lavery for helping us book the MMC.

Congratulations to the winners of the Year 8 Homeroom Dodgeball Competition; 8 Joseph. Your prize is knowing that you are all there for each other!

Elli Kyriazopoulos & Olivia Gatt
8 Francis

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**SUSTAINING OUR ENVIRONMENT…**

June the 5th was World Environment Day with the theme *Raise Your Voice, Not the Sea Level*. It was a reminder to students that every action counts; no matter how small, caring for the environment is everyone’s responsibility.

Recycling stations for mobile phones, batteries, paper and cardboard are available at the College all year round and a board was set up to demonstrate these in the Technology Building for the month of June.

The afternoon of the 17th of June saw Mount St. Joseph’s Year 8 Annual Sustainability Project Expo where student groups from Year 8 presented to each other, staff and parents, the work they had undertaken during Term 2.

The students were given scope to investigate environmental issues and with a view of sustainability, developed a project that educated others in their specific area. Students presented in an array of different formats from dioramas to recorded broadcasts to board games and many more.

The successful afternoon was exciting and affirming for our Year 8s who put much time and effort into their selected study area. Thank-you to the 31 parents who were able to come to support the work of girls.
**WHY DID I DONATE MY HAIR?..**

Year 8V student Renee Furlan decided to do something positive after her last hair cut. A wonderful example of MSJ girls walking in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop – seeing a need and doing something about it. Read her story below:

I donated my hair to Variety’s Princess Charlotte Alopecia Program as it will go to those who need hair more than I do. Alopecia is a disease that causes all the hair all over your body to fall out.

My hair will be made into a wig for someone with this disease. I recommend Laydee Luck Hairdressing in Altona (it is close to MSJ), because they have a lot of hair books and it is very easy to pick a new style that you like.

If you have very long hair and you want to cut it, you too can donate it to the Alopecia Program. Here is what you do:

Your hair has to be 30-35 cm when tied up. Ensure that your hair is:

1) Clean and dry
2) Tied in a ponytail (or multiple ponytails for thick hair) and secured with an elastic band.
3) Secured with evenly spaced elastic bands down the length of your pony-tail then cut above the top elastic band.

Hair should then be placed in a plastic bag and mailed to:
Variety – the Children’s Charity
Locked Bag 2468
St Leonards 1590

Please ensure you fill out Variety’s Hair Donation Form available at www.variety.org.au.

Renee Furlan
8 Veronica

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**SPORTS REPORT**

**SCSA BADMINTON…**

On Monday the 5th of May, MSJ’s Badminton teams, along with Miss O’Brien, Miss Baker, and Miss Meurant, headed to MSAC to compete in the Inter-school SCSA Badminton Competition.

The day began with a group meeting of all schools, where we were given an overview of the rules, regulations and format of the day. Soon after, the round robin tournament of games began.

All twelve of our teams played very well, putting their all into every single game. The day was long and tiring, but very enjoyable.

Our Junior Team came 2nd overall. A big congratulations to Gemma Srijan (7C) who was awarded the title of Best Junior Player Overall.

The day was a successful one, each of our competitors showed great sportsmanship, competitive spirit and determination and we all came home proud of our efforts and achievements.

Rhocann Baker
AFL Trainee

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**SCSA BASKETBALL…**

On Tuesday May 27th 3 teams represented MSJ at the SCSA Basketball Competition.

We were all extremely excited to hit the court and shoot a few hoops. However, 7 competitive games of basketball later, and we were all extremely tired and ready to head home!

Congratulations to the 3 teams, all of which did well in their respective divisions. At the final whistle, the Seniors finished in 2nd place, the Inters, in 3rd and the Juniors, in 4th.

Thank you so much to all of the teachers that made this day possible.

Alexandra Tsantarlis
8 Catherine

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“There where you are, you will find God.”
SPORTS REPORT

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SCSA CROSS COUNTRY...
On the 17th of June, MSJ was represented at the SCSA Cross Country at Yarra Bend Park, Fairfield.

Our Junior girls won their Division 2 section, with Demi Utber (8F) placing 1st, Brooklyn Utber (7T) 2nd, Emma Stankic (7T) 5th, Grace Goldsworthy (8C) 6th and eight other junior members finishing the course. The team worked exceptionally hard in training which was evident in our results.

The Intermediate girls; Courtney Utber (9F), Samantha Lieng (9A) and Monica Franco (9F) also did very well that day.

We would like to thank Miss O’Brien and Miss Baker for all their hard work in making the day enjoyable and successful. A big thank you to Miss Hawkins for coming along and supporting us.

Well done to everyone.

Brooklyn Utber
7 Veronica

PACKING 101...
As part of the Year 10 Outdoor Education curriculum, our students learnt how to prepare themselves for an overnight camp and what they would need to take along with them.

We packed our hiking packs with our tents, trangias, and sleeping bags and went on a walk around Altona.

This was a great activity, designed to teach the girls about identifying what items are essential when packing for an overnight camp and which items can be left at home.

The important lesson of choosing your items carefully and taking minimal equipment on hikes was quickly demonstrated, as those backpacks got very heavy, very quickly!

Natalie O’Brien
Sports Co-Ordinator

SCSA HOCKEY...
On June 23rd an athletic group of enthusiastic students formed a junior and a senior team to compete at the SCSA Hockey. Competing against four others schools the girls worked hard, proving their hockey skills and outrunning their opponents on a number of occasions.

The junior team worked extremely hard throughout the day, everyone playing a vital role in the success of the team. They made it all the way to the semi-finals, where they unfortunately bowed out in what was an intense and close battle.

The senior team had an amazing day, winning each and every match they played, and advancing to the grand final. We commend them for their efforts and the skills they showed throughout the day.

Thankyou to all of the teachers who attended and hosted regular training sessions, and congratulations and well done to all students who participated.

Brooke Bakaric
11 Catherine

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**NOTICE BOARD**

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HOURS**
**PH: 8398 2000**

Payment of fees can be made at the office from 8.00 am - 4.30 pm Monday – Friday.
For any enquiries regarding the school accounts, please contact Administration.

**Please be aware that individual requests made at the Front Office will be attended to as soon as possible. Students can only be called during Pastoral, Recess & Lunchtime periods. Thank you for your understanding.**

**STUDENT ABSENCES**
**PH: 8398 2000**

Please report student absences on the above number prior to 9.00am.
Please leave the following details: student’s name, student’s Pastoral Class, reason for absence, your name and relationship to the student.

**ACADEMY UNIFORM SHOP**
238 Wolseley Place, Thomastown
Phone: 9460 8011

Open Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm and Saturday 9am - 1pm

Open at the College (During School Terms):
Monday 3pm - 4pm, Wednesday 8am - 9am and Friday 1pm - 2pm

**MOTHER/DAUGHTER SELF-DEFENCE SEMINAR**

An opportunity for mothers and daughters to learn the basic elements of self-defence including awareness of your surroundings, a predators mindset, how best to interact with strangers as well as effective striking and ground survival techniques in the event you were physically assaulted.
This course will be held over 6 x 90 minute sessions and will involve both theory and practical components to help participants be skilled physically and psychologically.
For further info, please contact Cam Rowe on 9369 2662 or via email info@risemma.com.au

**JOSEPH’S CORNER**
Joseph’s Corner offers a free counseling service to the families and carers of victims of drug and alcohol abuse. This professional confidential service is available each Tuesday at 3 Birmingham Street, Yarraville, 9.00 am – 5.30 pm. Wednesday at 38 Guinane Avenue, Hoppers Crossing, 9.00 am – 5.30 pm. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 13 Bellin Street, Laverton, 9.00 am – 3.00 pm. For further information or to make an appointment, please phone 93152680.
This is a non-denominational service.

**SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

- Second Hand Uniforms can be purchased from the College every second Tuesday of each month between 3.00pm and 3.45pm (this does not include school holidays).
- There are no exchanges or returns permitted on any items.
- Please be aware that all purchases are cash only, no cheques or credit cards will be accepted.
- All permitted items you wish to sell through the College are on consignment for a maximum period of 6 months, after which they will be returned if not sold.
- Blazers, jumpers, rugby tops, rain jackets and school bags must have the current school logo.
- Blazers, kilts and jumpers are required to be dry-cleaned prior to being brought in for sale.
- Any other items such as dresses, t-shirts, track pants and shorts must be washed and ironed.
- Any school bags up for sale must be in good and useable condition.
- The College does not accept any of the following items:
  - Winter blouse, tights, socks, hats, scarves and shoes.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**
FREE Training for Parents of Teenagers (TPOT) Study to help the mental and physical health of teenagers.
Run by The Centre for Mental Health at The University of Melbourne, The project aims to teach parents, with teenagers aged between 12-15 years, the skills to assist a teenager, in the event that they develop a mental health problem or a physical injury and to evaluate the training offered.
The study offers a FREE 2-day course to parents, in either Youth Mental Health First Aid or an accredited Red Cross Apply First Aid course. During online registration at www.tpot.net.au, parents will need to select both courses but a computer will randomly place them into one course OR the other.

| 24-25 July 2014 (Thursday & Friday) | Function Room, Level 1, 446 Collins Street, Melbourne |
| 26 July and 2 Aug 2014 (2 Saturdays) | Salutekis Psychology, Suite 3B, 80 Keilor Road, Essendon |
| 2 – 3 Aug 2014 (Saturday & Sunday) | Red Cross College, 23-47 Villiers Street, North Melbourne |

For more information & to register: www.tpot.net.au