



The Mercy Voice

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Upcoming Events:

WEEK SEVEN MERCY WEEK

2 Sept—Mercy Mass 9-10.30

**3 Sept—Year 12 HSC Music
Trial Night**

**4 Sept—Year 10 Fashion
Parade**

**5 Sept—Year 11 International
Lunch for the school**

6 Sept—Mercy Outreach Day

**P&F TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 7 September**

WEEK EIGHT

**9 Sept—18 Sept Year 11
Exams**

**12 -13 Sept—Bronze Duke of
Edinburgh**

12 Sept—BBSSA Basketball

**13 Sept—Year 8 Science
Excursion**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week Mercy teachers attended a full day workshop presented by Dylan William, who is a British educationalist specialising in formative assessment. We spent the day engaged and challenged by the most recent research into the purpose of assessment of a student's learning. Assessment that is for learning; to enable teachers to have a better understanding of how to establish whether a student understands the concepts being taught.



There were many practical examples given of the importance of questioning students in the classroom and the feedback given. Any feedback should cause thinking and provide guidance on how to improve.

At Mercy we have a strong learning culture, not just amongst students but also the staff. Teachers consider themselves as learners, wanting to engage in best practice to enhance the learning experience for your daughter/s, so it is important that they be given opportunities such as this workshop in order to have the time to be learners themselves.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR GAMES 2019

Does your daughter enjoy singing? If so, she might be interested in joining in the Diocesan Children's Choir Games. They will be hosted by Ku-Ring-Gai Chase Parish and will be held on Sunday 22 September at St Patrick's Church, Asquith. The games provide an opportunity for young singers of all ages from Year 2 to Year 12 to get together, sing, perform and compete in a safe and fun-filled environment. Participants may be members of parish children's choirs, school choirs or simply interested singers who do not belong to any choir but just want to take part. For more details see the flyer at the back of the Mercy Voice.

ACADEMIC MORNING TEAS:

We continually celebrate success at Mercy, whether that success is on the drama stage, the sporting fielding or in the classroom. In the past week we have celebrated success in the classroom.

Students in Years 7 to 10 who achieved success by achieving all A's in their Semester Report or achieved all Excellents for effort, were invited to have Morning Tea with the College Executive. I congratulated the students for continuing to challenge themselves to be better learners.

Message from Principal

As we know and continually talk to the girls about how important it is to be the best they can be, and that is not all about getting an A grade, but more importantly about what effort they have put into their learning.



Years 8 & 9 High Achievers



Years 7 & 10 High Achievers

MASTERCLASS (ON-LINE SAFETY) FOR PARENTS:

Do you want to keep your daughter safe on-line? If so, you might like to attend an eSafety Masterclass being run by the Diocese of Broken Bay and the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT. The date is the 5 September at the CSO office in Pennant Hills. Information about registering can be found later in Mercy Voice.

FATHERS' DAY:

It was delightful to welcome so many of our students' fathers on Thursday morning for breakfast. In our busy lifestyles, it was wonderful for the girls to take time to chat with their dads and for us as a community to thank them for the important role they play in their daughter's lives; as mentors, providers, caregivers and so much more. Dads provide a firm foundation on which our children stand.

A Fathers' Day Prayer

Loving God,
We give thanks for all the fathers in the world
and ask God's blessing.
We ask that you guide them to be good role
models and loving to their children.
We also ask that you give them grace and patience
to handle situations in a loving way.

Amen

Best wishes

Principal

TRIVIA

Mercy Catholic College P&F presents their annual

Enjoy an evening filled with trivia, fun, games, laughter and a fabulous Silent Auction.

*Purchase your tickets
trybooking.com/499554*

September 7, 2019 7:00pm HARRINGTON HALL

— NIGHT

Thank you to all the businesses that have contributed to the College Fundraiser.

You can see what fantastic prizes have been donated to date over the next few pages. Please support these businesses.

If you own a business or service and would like to donate a prize towards the event please reach out to nicole.clancy@dbb.catholic.edu.au

MERCY WEEK: 2 September – 6 September 2019

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Matt 25:40)

Mercy Week will begin on Monday with our Mercy Feast Day Mass at Our Lady of Dolours Church at 9:00am. The week is full of celebration, fun activities, fundraising and most important outreach activities for all of the staff and students in our community.

Mercy Week allows us to live out the mission of Catherine McAuley, 'to love the poor' and be disciples of Christ.



The activities for the week are outlined below:

MERCY WEEK – 2 September – 6 September 2018

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| Monday 2 September | Mercy Day Mass - 9:00am – 10:30am |
| Tuesday 3 September | Lunch - Year 12 Mercy vs St Pius X Netball Game |
| Wednesday 4 September | Year 10 Fashion Parade (Gold coin donation) |
| Thursday 5 September | Year 11 International Lunch (\$7 including 2 mains, salad, dessert & drink) Year 12 Fundraising Activities |
| Friday 6 September | Mercy Outreach Day |

Mercy Week is the highlight of the year when we have a special focus on our Mercy Spirit and live out the values of our College. I encourage all students to save up their money and get involved in all of the fundraising and planned activities.

Ms Gabie Stojanovski
Director of Mission & Religious Education

Mercy Girls Inspire

Serena B (Year 11) was selected to represent Sydney Australia in the 7th Pan-Armenia Games in the sport of basketball. Armenians from a hundred and sixty-one countries go to Armenia to play a variety of sports, not just basketball. Serena went as part of the Australian team which included indoor and outdoor soccer (men and women), basketball (men and women) table tennis and swimming. Serena's team had only been training this year but played against teams that had been training since the last games, four years ago.

The opening ceremony was in Artsakh, where the flames were lit signifying the opening of the games, which went for two weeks. The Australian basketball team played against Kuwait, Montreal, Glendale and Vienna in the first round and the wins meant that the teams advanced to the playoffs (round 2). Overall the team placed 5th, losing to Yerevan's (Armenia's) national team.

At the closing ceremony it was announced that the Sydney, Australia team was announced as the "Best City". Well done Serena.



P&F FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST GALLERY



CSDA Debating Grand Final 2019

Mercy Catholic College has had an excellent season of Debating, which culminated in both Year 9 and Year 12 teams making the Grand Final. Around 70 schools enter the competition, and the elimination finals are demanding. Both teams were runners up. This is an extraordinary achievement for our laudable debaters.

Also, it is with great pleasure that we announce Mercy Catholic College were the recipients of the 2019 Aggregate Shield for the Junior Competition. It is in recognition of our Years 7-10 teams who won the most junior debates of the ordinary rounds of debating. This was a huge surprise for us and we couldn't be more proud of the students and how they debated this year. We have merging talent in Year 7 and 8, while Year 10 are increasing their general knowledge, refutation and creativity in readiness of the senior competition next year.

The Year 9 team debated the topic of "That there can be no peace without war" with Patrician Brother's Blacktown. The girls had the affirmative side of the debate, which allowed them to set the terms of the debate and these were well refuted by the negative team. The points the girls made were well rounded and they had strong examples that showed their depth of knowledge on the topic.

They all spoke exceptionally well and delivered their ideas in a sophisticated manner. They continue to develop their skills in speaking and thinking outside the box with every debate and hopefully they can



The Year 12 team debated Good Samaritan Catholic College, Hinchinbrook in a thought provoking topic: "That we have opened Pandora's box." The girls were the affirmative side of the debate. They drew upon a strong knowledge of the Greek myth to show that humanity has unleashed evil but that as responsible citizens we must ensure and minimise the damage by promoting hope and justice.

They spoke with control, remarkable insight and clarity. The opposition was equally talented and had an interesting counter-argument by saying that humanity is on the brink of chaos. Mercy lost in a split decision, possibly as a result of our decision to use the myth as a guiding principle in the argument rather than as a metaphor.

CSDA Debating Grand Final 2019 continued...

We would like to praise the Year 12 team who were the first Mercy team to debate from Year 7 through to Year 12. In 2017, they competed at the Year 10 Grand Final and were the first Mercy team to attain this level of competition.

Year 12 debaters have shown determination to extend their skills, learn from and apply the wisdom of their teachers and families, and create debates which never lost sight of their sense of justice and humanity. We have been privileged to work with these astute young thinkers and outstanding ambassadors of our college.



We would like to thank Mrs Mooney, Mrs Munro, Ms McDonald, Mrs O'Halloran, Mrs McDermott, Ms James, Mrs Morgan and all of the parents of the girls for attending and supporting the students throughout the competition, and especially on the night of the Grand Final.

Ms Brandwood
English/Debating Teacher



BOOK WEEK



From Mary Poppins to Katniss Everdeen (Hunger Games) Mercy teachers represented the characters of popular children's stories for Book Week

NORTH SYDNEY RUGBY 7's CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Thursday 22 August, 35 brave and enthusiastic students travelled to Pittwater Rugby Park to participate in the North Sydney Rugby 7's Championships. Mercy had a team in the U13 and U17 division with two teams in the U15 division.

Although we didn't leave with any silverware, all teams achieved success with over 30 tries being scored over the day. Mercy had some memorable wins against Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College, Northern Beaches Christian School, Pittwater High School and Davidson High School.



Thank you to all students who participated, particularly those new to the game. All players were impressive with their energy, attitude and team spirit. Also, it was great to have so many parents attend throughout the day to support, thank you for your time.



Mr Mark Cuttler
PDHPE Co-ordinator & Teacher

Year 10 Visit to Alliance Française YEAR 10 VISIT TO ALLIANCE FRANCAISE

On the 22nd August, the Year 10 French class travelled to the city to do a pronunciation workshop at Alliance Française in order to prepare for the speaking component of our next assessment task.

We caught the train in the morning and walked to the Alliance Française at Town Hall. Upon arrival, we went to the café and were served a hot chocolate and a croissant. Afterwards, we went up to one of the classrooms, where we began the workshop.

We spent the majority of the two hour lesson perfecting the pronunciation of the nasal sounds *en / an, on and in*, and learning to speak with intonation, both of which are crucial to learn to become fluent in French. Along with learning how to pronounce certain sounds, we also learnt some vocabulary to perhaps use in our upcoming exams.

After leaving the Alliance Francaise, we walked to Abbey's Bookshop, which sells thousands of books in foreign languages, including French. We looked around at the books to help with reading practice and some of us made a purchase. We then caught the train back to Chatswood and made it back to school in time for lunch.

The excursion was extremely helpful in preparing us for the upcoming exam due to the pronunciation tips and all the listening practice we received that day.

Merci Madame Smith for taking us on this excursion.

Sophie T
Year 10 French



ACADEMIC MORNING TEAS— Years 7–10 High Achievers



MCC Netball

Congratulations to our 26 Netball teams who competed at the 2019 NSNA Winter competition. 13 of our teams competed in Semi-finals held last week and 12 have moved on to either finals or Grand Finals. All are welcome to support the girls over the next two weekends at the Willoughby Netball Courts.

| MCC Netball Finals 31st August 2019 | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Team | No. | Time | Court |
| 13G | MCC25 | 9.45am | 4 |
| 13F | MCC24 | Straight to Grand Finals | |
| 14F | MCC20 | 10.45am | 6 |
| 14I | MCC21 | 10.45am | 3 |
| 15D | MCC14 | 11.45am | 8 |
| Cadets 3 | MCC11 | 1pm | 8 |
| D1 | MCC04 | 1pm | 6 |
| Cadets 1 | MCC10 | 1pm | 16 |
| D4 | MCC08 | 3pm | 5 |
| D4 | MCC07 | Defeated | |
| D3 | MCC06 | 3pm | 17 |
| D3 | MCC05 | Straight to Grand Finals | |
| C3 | MCC03 | 3pm | 6 |



MERCY CRICKET WANTS YOU!



Last season Mercy College had two girls T20 cricket teams playing in the local Sixers league.

In their first season, the Under 13's reached the Grand Final, only to be thwarted by the rain. Our Under 15's team, playing in their third season, came equal second.

This season we are looking at having **THREE** teams playing T20 cricket. Yes, that is right – three teams. Most likely in the Under 13's, Under 15's and Under 17's.

For more information, please email mercycricket@gmail.com or contact Derek on 0411 046 835.

MCC 2019 Fathers' Day Breakfast

I hope the 200 Fathers who attended this function yesterday enjoyed their morning with their daughter/s.

I am very grateful to the Staff, P&F Executive, Parents and Students who volunteered to set up, support and then clean up for this function. It requires a very early start to move the tables and chairs and set up for the food and drinks to be served from 7am.

Most volunteers head off to work/school after these functions so are most likely exhausted by the end of the day. I truly appreciate your ongoing, ever available and invaluable support to ensure this very special event, that is always well attended, is available for the MCC Dads and Students.

MCC 2019 Trivia Night – Saturday 7 September 2019

As ever, this promises to be a wonderful night of fun and provides the chance to win fantastic prizes. Please consider purchasing tickets using the link below.

Nicole Clancy (the College's Marketing and Promotions Officer) has done an amazing job securing a great number and variety of donations and prizes. Funds raised on this night are used to provide an even better environment for our daughters at MCC.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BCKZQ>

Year 12 Graduation Afternoon Tea – Wednesday 25 September 2019 from 3.00pm til 4.15pm

Traditionally, we ask for a few Year 11 parents to help set up and run the afternoon tea for the Year 12 students and their families. Afternoon tea is provided at school and is between the Graduation Ceremony (in the Concourse) and the Graduation Mass (celebrated in the OLD Parish Church).

The event is **catered**, so we are only looking for parents to help set up some tables, chairs and decorations, set up and serve tea and coffee, distribute and clear food as required and set up and serve the graduation cake (after the initial cut by Year 12 students).

If you are free between 1.00pm and 5.00pm on Wednesday 25 September your assistance would be wonderful. Year 11 parents will receive a notification of this opportunity to assist via the App and then Email if there is little initial response.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE P&F

The MCC P&F Executive consists of **four** parents who meet **only four times a year** and run only a few events (some only partially) :

Open Day (predominately BBQ) - events involving BBQs are always well supported by a huge number of parent volunteers who love to BBQ and chat, so the P&F are only required to establish a roster and supervise!

Cocktail Party – this has been held at Chatswood Golf Club in recent years and only requires taking bookings and communicating with CGC staff

PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE P&F continued...

Mothers' and Fathers' Day Breakfasts – these events are catered (including coffee vans). They do require volunteers to set up tables and chairs early that morning.

Trivia Night – managed by the College's Marketing and Promotions Officer. Only requires help on the night to set up tables and prizes and then collect winner's payments.

Year 12 Graduation Afternoon Tea – again, a catered event. Only requires decorations and tea/coffee stations and volunteers are sought from Year 11 parents.

Incoming Year 7 BBQ – volunteers are sought from Year 9 parents (as their daughters will be the Year 10 Big Sisters when these Year 7 girls start at MCC the following year, therefore the Year 9 students attend this night)

The templates for volunteers and bookings for each event are set up in Google Docs and TryBooking and are very easy to duplicate. The roles of Secretary and Treasurer are not onerous as there are very few communications to manage and very few financial transactions.

Most of the current P&F executive (and some of the few dedicated parents who attend P&F meetings and volunteer at all functions) consists of parents with their last daughters in Year 12 or Year 11 so will be finishing at MCC this year and next year.

Generally, Suzanne Kavanagh identifies a few parents who may be willing to take on a P&F Executive role and approaches these parents directly. However, if you are keen to take a more active role in this wonderful school, it would be lovely if you could contact me directly to let me know.

In my experience, taking a role on the MCC P&F is far easier and ultimately more enjoyable than a role at a day care, preschool or primary school. If you would like to be more involved in your daughter's school, we would very much welcome your support.

Thank you for considering.

Please feel free to call me at any time if you have any questions or would like to provide ideas or feedback.

Phillipa Sobb
P&F President

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3 Month Platinum
Membership
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RRP\$80.00



Gift voucher
RRP\$100.00



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3 month membership
include gym, pool and
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RRP \$399.00



Gift voucher
RRP \$100.00
(2 donated)

| Business | | Donation | |
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|  | Gift voucher <i>RRP \$250.00</i> |  | Gift voucher <i>RRP \$100.00</i> |
|  | 4 Jump passes <i>RRP \$72.00</i> |  | 4 bowling passes <i>RRP \$72.00</i> |
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| Business | | Donation | |
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|  | 60 minute Colour + Style Consultation <i>RRP \$150.00</i> |  | Adore White Leather Cuff Bracelet <i>RRP \$139.00</i> |
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Keynote speaker: Kellie Britnell -
Office of the eSafety Commissioner
Date: 5 September 2019
Time: 6pm - 8pm
Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre,
Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay Building 2,
423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills

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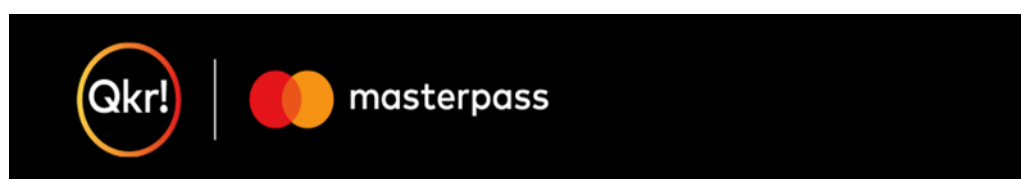
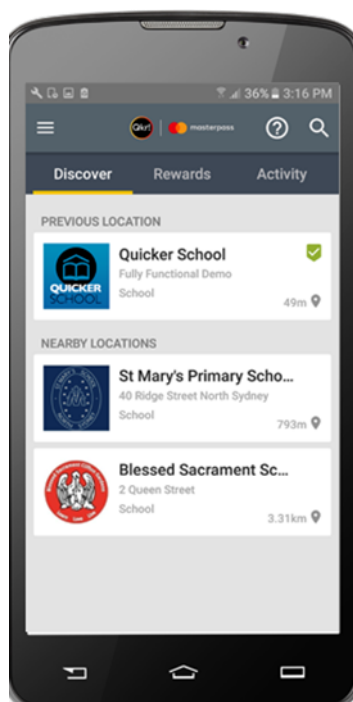
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