



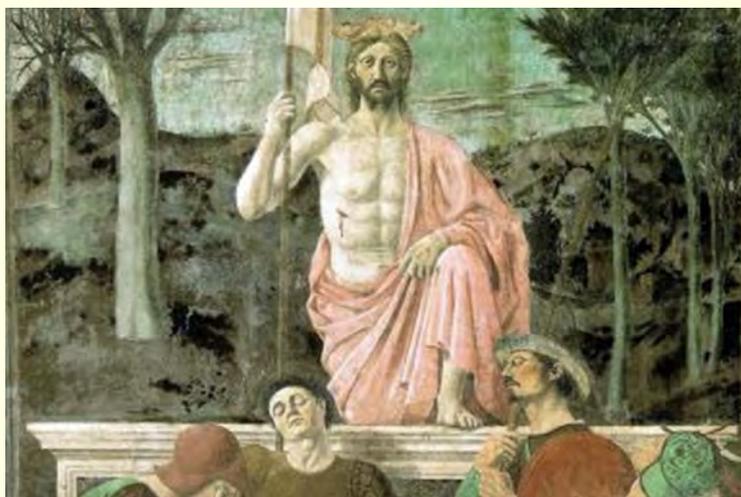
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*This Newsletter serves to provide a brief reflection on Easter - the most important celebration in our Church calendar. Earlier in the week a reflection arrived from the Mercy Ethos team at the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia & PNG. Part of it reads - "The Easter story begins with those in positions of influence and authority failing to understand Jesus and his message for it did not fit their world view. As a consequence he is condemned to death. In three days he rises - utterly transformed - offering hope and possibility out of despair. Easter is an invitation to contemplate what it is in our life that needs transforming." A big part of this challenge for all of us is to make the time to reflect on this. We all say that our lives are so busy - we are always "on". I encourage you across this Easter period to consider what it is in your life that is truly "important" as opposed to "urgent".*

*In a recent homily, a young priest that I know said this about the significance of Easter. "The anguish of death is something we all share. Easter holds out for us the hope that death won't be the final word. Jesus, ready to share in the depths of our darkness, even to his own death on the Cross, has defeated death and held out for us the certain hope of resurrection. Life is the final word." May hope be the true blessing for all families this Easter.*



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear members of the Mount Lilydale Mercy College Community

Welcome to this extraordinary but brief newsletter to mark the end of Term 1 and to welcome the Pascal Mystery we are about to celebrate.

In thinking about Easter I started to reflect on the fact that students often ask the questions; Why did Jesus have to die and why is Good Friday so called? Surely it is a day of sadness? Of course we know the answer is complex, but put simply with out the crucifixion there could be no resurrection and our faith and Church would simply not exist.

The Pope addresses these very questions in his Easter message which can be found at:

<https://www.lds.org/media-library/video/2016-02-2000-follow-him-an-easter-message-about-jesus-christ?lang=eng>

Please consider reading the full message, but in part the Pope wrote:

“This is the culmination of the Gospel, it is the Good News par excellence: Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death.

That is why we tell everyone: “*Come and see!*” In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a *testimony to unconditional and faithful love*: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life’s troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast... “*Come and see!*”: Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness.”

The message of love and giving is timely in this the year of Mercy, because it again asks us how we live out the calling. It is not a new question. .

Saint Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) put it so very beautifully:

Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people.

At this time of Easter please take the time to remember the good news as well as spend time with family and friends.

I wish you all a happy Easter and a restful and productive holiday after what has been a short and busy Term 1. Thank you for supporting Mount Lilydale Mercy College as we aspire to Live, Learn and Love.

Congratulations to the following within our community who have achieved outside of school over these past few weeks:

- Mikayla Byrne (Year 9) who achieved a Top 10 result in the Grand Nationals in Sydney; and
- Harrison van Duuren (Year 8) who recently completed in the State Athletics in Perth. Harrison finished 6<sup>th</sup> in his heat, running a time of 2:14:19 which was a new personal best time.



It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the death of Mrs Moira Schreuder, the mother of Errol in Year 11. Mrs Schreuder passed away on March 13 after a long illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.

God Bless

Philip A Morison  
Principal

## OFFICE HOURS

**NORMAL OFFICE HOURS FROM MONDAY 11 APRIL 2016 - MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 8.00AM TO 4.30PM**

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS - First Week - 8.00am to 4.00pm (Tuesday to Friday) Second Week Closed**

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL STUDIES - MICHAEL JOHNSTON

As Term 1 concludes we look back at how quickly those eight school weeks have passed. The message here should be that every lesson of every day is vital. The question for every student needs to be how have I improved since last year? This week also sees the beginning of the AFL season - every team will have worked hard in the off season to improve. Their question will be similar - what more can I do to improve?

Term Two commences on Wednesday, 13 April for all students. Monday, 11 April is a staff Professional Development Day and Tuesday, 12 April is Student Progress Interviews. The interviews continue in the afternoon and evening of 13 April.

Interim Reports can be accessed via the Parent Access Module (PAM) on SIMON and bookings for Student Progress Interviews are also made on PAM. Instructions on how to access this site and make bookings were sent to families recently.

The College Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Thursday, 21 April. Let's hope this delightful Autumn weather continues.

On Thursday, 17 March we were treated to a spectacular flyover by two FA 18 Hornet fighter aircrafts. One of the pilots is an Old Collegian and special permission was granted for this detour over the College. Year 7 and Year 8 students assembled on the ovals along with a range of classes from other year levels as well as students and staff from Lilydale Primary School. The aircraft approached in formation from the Yarra Glen direction at just 500 feet. They returned for a second pass in single file dipping their wings in acknowledgement. It was spectacular to witness. The next day a small group of students had the added highlight of travelling to Tullamarine to inspect the aircraft and spend a few hours talking with the pilot and engineers. A video clip of the flyover can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOGILI-DR6yEETISJFBDDgw>



**Michael Johnston**  
Deputy Principal—Studies

## YEAR 10 "KEYS PLEASE" LEARNER DRIVER EDUCATION



On 15 March the Year 10s attended a seminar by a VicRoads representative on how to attain their learner's permit and furthermore their probationary driver's license.

For your information, there are two follow up websites you can access to help with this process.

<https://goo.gl/jh2yin> - for supervising drivers

<https://goo.gl/HwZD1P> - for students, parents/guardians and teachers

These are interactive and may assist you with this important next phase of the student's lives.

**Neal Haining**  
Year 10 Level Leader

## FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL STUDENTS - JOHN RODGERS

Congratulation must go to our newly appointed SRC for their running of the World's Greatest Shave.

The SRC Team for 2016 are:

Georgia Berrie  
Molly Bollaart  
Mikayla Byrne  
Sienna Clark  
Kaitlyn Crymble  
Isabella Preston  
Eden Pritchard  
Danielle Virgona  
Stela Yuwono

The event was magnificently organized and run entirely by the students. A total of 10 students made the sacrifice of shaving their heads with Joshua Read from Year 8 raising an amazing \$441 for the cause. Another 81 students had their hair coloured with many generous students making donations on the day. At last count (with some IOUs to to come in next term) the SRC and representatives from the Ministry Team had raised over \$1,100. Once again, Mrs Joan D'abreo went under the clippers for this great cause.

Just a reminder, for the first two weeks of Term 2, students will have the option of wearing either summer or winter uniform. All students will be required to have full winter uniform commencing on Tuesday 26 April.



**John Rodgers**  
Acting Deputy Principal Students



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