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Dear Parents and Friends of Monte,

I would like to share with you some insights on Heroic Leadership that Sr Carmel McDonough, Monte’s Director of Mission, presented to staff and students this week; entitled Dirty Laundry. Dusty Shoes. Church Bells.

It focused on three key leadership lessons from Pope Francis, based on the work of Chris Lowney. Sr Carmel explained how doing the laundry, having dirty shoes, and ringing a monastery bell provide insight about Pope Francis’ leadership principles.

Dirty Laundry, the first principle, signified Jorge Mario Bergoglio’s (the man known today as Pope Francis) servant leadership characteristics.

When Bergoglio was a young Jesuit priest, he was put in charge of a financially unstable seminary outside of Buenos Aires, Argentina. He knew that the seminarians needed to give up certain privileges in order to save money.

So, as a servant leader, Bergoglio embraced the situation by saying, “We all have to sacrifice and I go first.” It was this sort of attitude that allowed Bergoglio to gain the trust of his colleagues and respect as a leader.

“Dirty Laundry” everyday Leadership Lessons

• Don’t tell us you value us, show us.
• Don’t ask us to make sacrifices that you are unwilling to make.
• Send the message that you are here to serve us, not that we are here to serve you.

Dusty shoes, the second principle, represented Bergoglio’s strict attention to detail. Bergoglio advised his seminarians to go preach to the poor. When they would return in the evening, Bergoglio would wait outside the seminary and look at each of their shoes. If they were dusty, they did their job.

“Dusty shoes” everyday Leadership Lessons

• Get real by getting your shoes dirty.
• Understand what’s really going on.
• Be in touch with those in the community you serve.

Church Bells. The ringing of the church bell is a symbol to remind us to take time to reflect on and find gratitude in our day.

“Church Bell” everyday Leadership Lessons

• Put aside time for personal reflection so as to keep recollected and God-focused.
• Be mindful of what you are doing and why you are doing it.

Sr Carmel summarised the three convictions which make Pope Francis a heroic leader of substance.

1. Know yourself deeply; live to serve others.
2. Immerse yourself in the world; withdraw from the world daily.
3. Live in the present; revere tradition.

This week I saw Pope Francis’s three convictions mirrored in the Personal Projects and Visual Arts Exhibition at Monte.
On Thursday students unveiled the “Personal Projects” they have been researching and reflecting on since last year. These are a major component of the Middle Years Program of the International Baccalaureate. Supported by the guidance of a supervisor, students gain practical experience in research and time-management skills, to prepare them for future success. These projects give the girls the opportunity to take a journey of self-discovery on a topic that is important to them.

Also this week at Monte, Year 11 and 12 students showcased their creative visual artworks. These strong artistic works reflected their own convictions and personal journeys, as seen in the moving “pencil on wood” portraits by Evie Sharman of the children of Timor Leste on the cover.

God bless all our talented students and give them confidence to be awake and enriched to their own unique gifts. That they get to know themselves deeply, immerse themselves in the world, and learn from the examples of our heroic leaders, like Catherine McAuley and Pope Francis on the importance of tradition, reflection and service to others. May we all embrace the lessons of Dirty Laundry, Dusty Shoes and Church Bells.

God Bless

Nicole Christensen
Principal
FROM THE DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY RELATIONS TEAM
Deanne O’Shea - Director

New Video “Monte Women Leading the Future” Episode 3

Don’t miss the Monte Blue Ribbon Rugby Lunch video - click here!
Monte Blue Ribbon Bursary Rugby Lunch News

2016 Monte Bursary Blue Ribbon Rugby Lunch, Friday 12 August

Registration Now Open for Silent Auction Bids. Don’t Delay, Register Today!

Our online bidding site, Galabid, is now open. We encourage all guests to pre-register before the lunch and start bidding. All bidding at the lunch will be via this site. So make it easier for yourself and pre-register today. You’ll find easy instructions on how to register at the end of this page. Or call Claudia on 9409 6359 if you’d like assistance.

Commission-Free Property Sale - Unlimited Value! Major live auction prize
Thinking of selling your property in the next 12 months?

Thanks to the generosity of Jason Roach and Century 21 Northside, the successful bidder will be able to secure the professional selling services of one of Sydney’s leading real estate agents. Jason is a Monte Dad and specialist agent living in and covering Sydney’s North Shore and Beaches. This commission-free property sale has unlimited value and will be auctioned during our Live Auction. The estimated value of the prize is 2.50% (incl GST) of the selling price (for example, on a $2 million house, this prize is valued at $50,000). Valid for a property sale in Ku-ring-gai, Northern Beaches, Ryde, North Sydney, Willoughby and Mosman areas. *Conditions Apply

Hong Kong 7s - Major live auction prize
Your chance to be part of the Hong Kong Sevens incredible event, the largest on the Sevens World Series “where the world comes to play”.

This amazing trip is valued at $7,000 and includes:
- Airfares ex Sydney for two to Hong Kong
- 4 nights twin share/double in 4 star accommodation
- 3 day Hong Kong 7s 2017 Rugby tickets for 2 people

Prize must be redeemed by April 2017.

Australian Tennis Open, Melbourne, 2017! Luxury Experience Package valued at over $3000 - Major live auction prize

- 3 nights, twin share double accommodation including breakfast at the 5 star Langham Hotel.
- 2 sessions at the Australian Open Tennis 2017 (1 day session, 1 night session)
- 3 course a la carte dinner for 2 people.

Major Blue Ribbon Raffle prizes

1st prize: Trip for two to NYC - US Open valued at $10,000!

This amazing trip includes:
- Economy airfares ex Sydney for two to New York City
- Twin share/double accommodation at a 4 star hotel in NYC
- US Open tickets for 2 people (29 Aug - Sept 11, 2016)

2nd prize: $3000 Day of Indulgence at Musson Jewelers

- $2500 to spend in Musson’s QVB boutique
- An exclusive design consultation with Olivar Musson
- Limousine transfers to the QVB Musson boutique
- High tea in the Queen Victoria Tea Rooms for two

To purchase a $10 raffle ticket or a book of 25 for $240, please email cbrooks@monte.nsw.edu.au or call (02) 9409 6359

Update on VIP guests

- Rugby Legends; Bill Young, David Giffin, Owen Finegan
- NSW State of Origin Coach: Laurie Daley
- Master of Ceremonies: Rod Kafer
- Auctioneer: Justin Ferguson
- ARU Chairman of the Board: Cameron Clyne
- ARU Board Director & CEO Microsoft Australia: Pip Marlow
Our online bidding site, Galabid, is now open for you to place bids on our incredible silent auction prizes. The instructions for registering to galabid are as follows:

**To Register via mobile device - SMS**

1. Text: monte followed by your full name
2. To: 61458678678
3. Example: monte Brad Pitt
4. Follow the registration link you are sent from GalaBid to login and place bids.

**To Register via tablet, laptop or desktop**

1. Visit: galabid.com/monte
2. Click on the ‘register’ button
3. Enter your details and click ‘submit’.
4. You will then receive a text to your mobile phone with the link to the auction catalogue and a passcode. Use the passcode to login on any browser or click the link in the text to be automatically logged in on the browser on your smartphone. You are now ready to bid.
Parent polyglot classes – parent’s supporting language learning

The Parent polyglot program commenced in the College in 2012 with the view to engage parents in the experience of language learning, and as such assist them to more confidently support their daughters’ learning. The program has been running ever since in Italian and French through a series of semesterised eight-week courses.

Most parents feel ill-equipped when it comes to assisting their daughter with language homework. Some may have had some high school language study to fall back on but the reality is that most feel rather rusty. The Parent Polyglot program allows for parents to return to the classroom, in a much changed language learning environment to that of their youth, in which communication, the use of technology, and language games are common tools to engage the learner.

A ‘polyglot’ is someone who can speak, read or write in several languages. Its etymology originates from Greek, polyglottos meaning many-tongues.

The courses follow the Year 7-8 Languages programs and provide a taste of what it is to be a language learner. A basic foundation of grammar, vocabulary and expressions in context are covered. Parents participate in listening activities; they sequence sentences; read dialogues and familiarise themselves with the characters of the textbooks; engage in short role-plays and communication experiences, as well as listening to songs in the target language.
Why is this important? Becoming a language learner oneself allows one to view the challenges from an authentic perspective. Knowledge gained, through participation and modelling by the teacher provides parents with the confidence to become a co-learner with their daughters. The appreciation of the cultural context of the language is very motivating to learners and can be shared by the whole family. Accessing YouTube videos, songs, language learning tools, and visiting restaurants and festivals in the local area make the language learning experience authentic and relevant to the learner.

Parents are very influential in encouraging students to continue in the study of a language. When parents are able to see the value of studying a second or third language, when they are able to engender curiosity and the love for languages, through their own personal experience of language learning, they ‘open the doors’ to the future for their children. They understand the advantages languages can provide in a global context.

Peer-tutoring program

Another program which has been running for a significant amount of time, since 2010, is the Peer-Tutoring Program. It is designed for senior girls studying languages to contribute as part of the Community and Service initiative of the College and support the language learning of younger students. Peer-tutors are allocated to junior students on request.

The program offers benefits to both senior students who benefit from being a mentor, and junior girls who are able to seek academic help and support from a student who has studied the language and is able to explain the grammar and language structures from the perspective of a peer and mentor. Students needing support or wanting to tutor should contact Ms. Patzelt to sign-up for the program for Term 3.

Inma Suarez

Head of Languages and Internationalism
SR LECIA’S THOUGHTS

In Anticipation of 31 July

Dear Readers,

Let us give a thought to our intrepid youth bound for Krakow. World Youth Day concludes on 31 July, so they will soon be home. Having faced the ordeals of this venture, they should be well equipped to cope with anything!

Looking ahead, let us also pray for the Jesuits. Among the best educated men in the world, and steeped in Ignatian Spirituality, these priests are true leaders, pursuing justice with compassion and mercy. They understand, love, inspire and guide the people they serve. Our Liturgy gives precedence to Sundays, so their Founder St Ignatius of Loyola won't be mentioned next Sunday 31 July. However, there is much to ponder, as Ignatius would have done, the readings of the 18th Sunday, Year C.

First comes Ecclesiastes 1. It says we may labour wisely, skillfully and successfully – and then, in grave injustice, have to leave it to someone who has not toiled for it! So, what do we get for our laborious days and restless nights?

Psalm 89 addresses this question. The answer is to be thankful for what we have! We can pray each morning to be filled with God’s love, so that we can exult and rejoice all our days. The Lord will grant us success. Try praying this lovely Psalm to God, who is truly our refuge.

St Paul in Colossians 3, reminds us to seek the things above, where Christ is. Then the hidden life we have now will be revealed in all its glory with Him.

Please try to read prayerfully the Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21. When we pray, all sorts of things pop up: needs, emotional upsets, even mundane things like dealing with the problems of an inheritance. It is precisely the latter that a man in the crowd raises with Jesus, who declines to be his judge and arbitrator! Instead, Jesus warns the crowd (and us) to guard against avarice of any kind. All we have is given to us to use and to share. Jesus reminds us all that our life is not made secure by what we own, but by happiness and peace that God alone can give. The only treasures we should store are the heavenly ones.

In conclusion, I pray with you, that we may gain the wisdom to know that life is very short, whilst Eternity is for ever; and the faith to believe that Jesus loves us as we are, and has won for us eternal treasures. He does give success to the works of our hands here, but let us be sure they are done for Him and others with true love, the only thing that finally counts.

Until next week, very best wishes from

Sr Lecia RSM

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When you have more than you need, build a longer table not a bigger barn

“Guard against avarice of any kind.” (Luke 12)
STUDENT SHOWCASE
Pri Kumar, Community Service Captain 2016-17

STUDENT SHOWCASE

Spotlight on service

From the new Community Service Captain

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ervice to me means working with community to empower and assist others in need and I believe that it is something that everyone has the capacity to be a part of. For me my journey with service began at 10 when I wrote a self-published magazine that I sold to raise funds for UNICEF. I think that one of the most significant service opportunities that I was a part of was when I was 14. I held a not-for-profit charity fashion for the Leukemia Foundation, the best part about this was that everyone on the team played an active role, they added their individuality whilst all working towards a common goal. This is what I hope to achieve through Community and Service Captain at Monte over this next year, promoting service opportunities that encourage individuality so that each Monte girl can bring a bit of herself to the position. I want us to work together as a community to create a lasting change powered by our strength and determination as women of Mercy.

Pri Kumar
Community Service Captain 2016-17

Congratulations to Pri for last week receiving the NSW Premiers Multicultural Media Award for her work with the Indian Telegraph. This award was for the Emerging Journalist of the Year (Under 30) and we look forward to her contributions to Monte Matters over the coming year.

Marshal Leaver
Head of Biamunga & Community Outreach
Monte Symphony Orchestra Achieve First Place at the Ryde Eisteddfod

Congratulations to Catherine Walmsley (Orchestra Director) and the Monte Symphonic Orchestra on their wonderful achievement. The girls have demonstrated great commitment over Semester One in preparation for the Eisteddfod event.

Well done Catherine and the girls on such a fine achievement.

NSW School Band Festival

The NSW School Band Festival was held at Monte yesterday with a number of schools from Sydney participating. Our College Wind Ensemble performed and received a Silver Award. Congratulations to Catherine Walmsley and the Wind Ensemble on your outstanding performance.

Andrew Young
Head of Music Performance
IB LEARNER PROFILE: YEAR 7 FOCUS

July 2016 Communicators

IB learners are good ‘Communicators’. They understand and express ideas and information confidently and creatively, in more than one language and in a variety of modes. They work effectively and willingly in collaboration with others. At Monte we communicate through language, actions and symbols. Students learn how to communicate in a variety of formats, share respectful well expressed ideas, and communicate confidently.

Communication is explored across all subject areas and is not restricted to the Languages and English. As an ‘Approaches to Learning’ skill, communication is at the core of the IB programs. For example, students learn how to communicate mathematically as well as communicate to a scientific audience, communicate visually through art projects and even communicate with body language in their ‘Dance’ unit in PDHPE.

All students have undertaken study of a language during their time at Monte. Students learn how to express themselves in a different tongue, in either a new language or continuing prior study and some remarkable students have undertaken a third language. Students in Year 7 have therefore had many opportunities to develop their communication skills, and there are many opportunities to come!

The following students were recognised by their tutor and team teachers as students who have communicated especially well in one particular area, or are excellent communicators across the board. Congratulations to:

Cooper: Lucia Bardetta, Amy Sneddon
Gilchrist: Jodie O’Neill, Chloe Krikorian
Kirk: Jazmine Harman, Emily Clout
Martin: Maeve Callanan, Phoebe Lee
Price: Maddie Taudien, Caitlin Fielding
Richardson: Nina Byak, Katie Webb
Treanor: Grace Kells, Ingrid Newman

Following the Year 7 Reporting Day, August’s Learner Profile focus will be on the ‘Reflective’ attribute.

Catherine Mulvenna
IB MYP Project Leader
Summer Sport

It is time to register for Summer sports at Monte. All students MUST register at the relevant sports page on MonteConnect and return the appropriate Permission Note prior to trying out.

It is essential for us to hold grading and try out sessions for each sport so that we can ascertain the most suitable competition grade to enter our teams into. Attendance at grading is COMPULSORY and should take precedence over all other activities that week. We have tried our best to condense the sessions so as to cause minimal disruption to other activities.

Grading for year 7 students start in WEEK 3 – yes next week. Other year groups follow in weeks 4-6. You can access the Grading Calendar HERE.

Links to sport specific Information and Permission Notes can be found below and any queries should be directed to the appropriate sports coordinator (information located on the Grading Calendar).

Athletics

Athletics training is hotting up with the CGSSSA and IGSSA representative carnivals coming up in week 5 of this term. Training takes place on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 4-5:30pm at Rotary Field. Training is open to all students of all ability levels and any athlete who wishes to represent the College should be attending at least one session per week.

IGSSA also hosts Friday night twilight carnivals from 4.30-8pm. The first one was last Friday night where around 20 Monte students competed against students from other IGSSA schools. The event is low-key whilst allowing students to compete in a competition style environment. These carnivals continue in weeks 2-4 with the bus leaving Monte at 3:40pm and returning by around 8:30pm.

The College representative Athletics team will be finalised in the coming weeks using information gathered from the Monte Athletics Carnival, training sessions and the IGSSA Twilight carnivals.

Netball Umpires

Congratulations to the following umpires who were leveled recently:
• Lucie Barrie and Bridget O’Sullivan – Junior Level 2
• Mia Byrne - Junior Level 3

Yoga – Term 3

Yoga takes place each Friday morning from 7-8am on the stage in the ACC. Students were sent a Permission Note via email this week for the term 3 session. Students can try for one week prior to committing if they would like to.

Tae Kwon Do – Semester 2 (Terms 3 & 4)

Tae Kwon Do takes place on Monday afternoons from 3.30-4.30pm in Mercy Hall. Students were sent a Permission Note via email this week for the Semester 2 session. Students can try for one week prior to committing if they would like to.

#ITSOK2PLAY – try not to be nervous during grading – just try your best. Remember you can control the amount of effort you put in.

Stuart Hanrahan
Sport Program Manager
PARENTS & FRIENDS
Andrew Rutherford
P&F President

Hi everyone

Almost 100 parents attended Susan McLean’s presentation about cyber-security on Tuesday night this week. I think all of those who attended found Susan's presentation informative, comforting and terrifying in equal measure! On one hand, Susan provided some very practical tips on how parents can put in place the ‘cyber-guardrails’ our kids need to be safe on-line, as well as encouragement for us all to be ‘parents first and friends second’ to our children. On the other hand, Susan’s stories about negative online experiences drawn from her 22 years of experience were very sobering. Personally, I found Susan’s presentation to be refreshingly frank, practical & direct – thank you Susan. I particularly liked Susan’s quote:

“For as long as I live, I will always be your parent first and your friend second...because I love you. You will never find anyone else in your life who loves, prays, cares and worries about you more than I do. If you don’t mutter under your breath “I hate you” at least once in your life, I am not doing my job properly.”

A big thank you also to Jacqueline Magurren for arranging for Susan to present to our girls, Monte’s staff and to parents over the course of the day, and to Jenny Avvenevole for arranging hospitality before the event.

You can find out more information via Susan’s website: http://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/

Also, a big thank you to everyone who made last Friday’s Father Daughter Pizza Night such a success, particularly Maryann Gobee who did so much of the heavy lifting.

The next P&F event is the Year 11 parent gathering this Friday night. There is still time and space available to book at https://www.trybooking.com/HSGA. This is a great opportunity for parents to gather and bond ahead of the challenges of Year 12.
Also coming up this term is the College’s sold-out College Rugby Lunch on Friday 12 August, the Year 9 Fathers’ Day Liturgy on 2 September and the P&F AGM and Year Co-ordinators and Class Parent Appreciation Evening on Tuesday 6 September.

Have a great weekend.

Andrew Rutherford
P&F President

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SUSAN MCLEAN’S PRESENTATION ABOUT CYBER-SECURITY
MONTE NOTICES
Announcing the Monte Book Discussion Group

In August, Jenny Uther from the Monte Library will be starting a book discussion group for parents, carers and other adult members of our Monte community. The first meeting will be at the College on Wednesday 3rd August at 11 am.

If you enjoy reading and discussing books and would like to join us for our first ever meeting, please contact Jenny Uther at juther@monte.nsw.edu.au or on 94096294.

Monte Study Centre: Term 3, 2016

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In the Monte Library
Make an appointment, or just turn up!
Free study help for students after school in the library
MONTE BURSARIES FOR 2017
NOW OPEN
APPLICATIONS CLOSE 23 SEPTEMBER 2016

At Monte we believe in preparing young women for a life of significance, purpose and success.

ELIGIBLE TO APPLY:
✓ Students from Yrs 7-11 currently attending the College
✓ Students not currently attending the College that are at present enrolled in Years 6 to 10 elsewhere

Monte Sant’ Angelo Mercy College

Full details and 2017 application form available on the website www.monte.nsw.edu.au

NEXT INFORMATION MORNING AND COLLEGE TOUR TUESDAY 23 AUGUST
Enquiries: registrar@monte.nsw.edu.au
"No work of charity can be more productive or good to society than the careful instruction of women."

- Catherine McAuley

The Monte Bursary Blue Ribbon Appeal raises funds to provide a Mercy education for deserving young women.

Your tax deductible gift means more young women will benefit from a Mercy education. By being a donor you are one of many who are making our community stronger by ‘paying it forward’. Your generosity provides a growing body of gifts, where each gift adds up with the others to build a vitally important fund that keeps on giving year after year after year.

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