

HUB HIGHLIGHTS

Quarterly Newsletter of the Mercy Hub/April 2023

Welcome to our Autumn edition of Hub Highlights.

ART AT WORK

María del Mar Scavone

This year's art class term started with great enthusiasm. We had many return students and also new group of people who joined. Everyone feels at home with our magnificent artist and teacher Phil Kreveld. Laughs are part of every class. Every class has its own characteristic and special talent. Our teacher has gifted the Mercy Hub with a book to further the students' knowledge of colours. We are looking forward to an end of year art exhibition. Special thanks to the Community Bank Clifton Hill – North Fitzroy for funding our classes and to our teacher Phil for the love and dedication given to our classes.

Looking forward to seeing all the amazing art works next term!



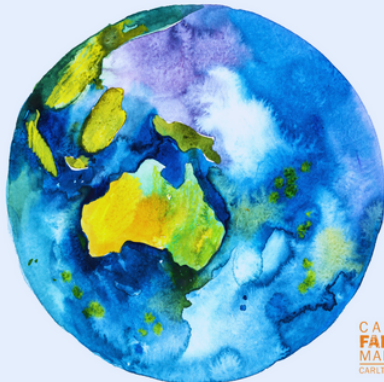
EARTH DAY - RAISING AWARENESS

DID YOU KNOW?

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or scan the QR code below



On the 22nd April, 1970 - **Earth Day** started with the idea for a "national teach-in on the environment".



This year - after 53 years - test your knowledge on Earth Day! Scan the QR code and help raise awareness while having the possibility to win a voucher for the Carlton's Farmer Market

CARLTON FARMERS MARKET
CARLTON NORTH PS



On scanning the QR code on the poster, you can test your knowledge with our Earth Day Trivia online quiz. You also get a chance to win a voucher from the Carlton Farmers Market.

The Mercy Hub acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we work, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation. We pay our respect to their elders past and present.

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IN THE SPIRIT OF EASTER!

In her weekly reflection on the Gospel readings 'Of Easter' right through to Pentecost, Veronica Lawson rsm invites us into different movements of the one great symphony of resurrection faith. A faith that tells of fear and joy and resurrection.

At the Mercy Hub, leading into Holy Week we had a special Comfortable Cuppa session with Dr Dan Madigan sj. His words were both challenging and inspiring - encouraging us to continue to express who and what God is, and being faithful to who we are! We are both creative and creature!

"God joyfully, gratefully, blesses all human beings to be alive and joyous."



COMING SOON ON ZOOM

WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL AT 10.30AM
Mary Coloe pbvm

ZOOM LINK - COMFORTABLE CUPPA
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81692251296>

MEETING ID: 816 9225 1296

In the spirit of Easter - walking with refugees...

Young Mercy Links (Vic) members, Eve, Phoebe, Maria and Cass joined by Sr. Rosemary, participated in the annual Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees. This year we walked from the State Library to Parliament Gardens, asking for permanent visas for all refugees.

Fighting for justice for all refugees is a cause very dear to YML, who believe that every human being deserves to be treated with respect and dignity and has the right to be free and to feel safe.

We feel it is extremely important to participate in events like these, to spread awareness and to fight together for the human rights of all individuals. Together we can make an impact and challenge those in positions of leadership to make necessary changes and not prohibit but rather contribute to creating a better, more just world.

Shout it loud and shout it clear – refugees are welcome here!



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MAPPING IT OUT

Earlier this year, Mercy Hub team members came together with our facilitator Sr Margaret Endicott rsm, to participate in a very creative process. We welcomed two new people to the Hub – Maria del Mar Scavone (Program Activities Coordinator) and Cassandra Prinzi, both are members of Young Mercy Links. The day enabled us to listen to the call of Mercy through reviewing and planning and grow the ministry activities that continue to flow from the Hub.

Through listening together and rich storytelling, each team member was able to evaluate and plan according to needs, roles and skills.

It was a day of appreciating with joy and somewhat surprise, our deeper insights and reflections. As we worked together each one came to know and value their contribution to the call of Mercy and how it contributed to the overall mission of the Hub. The diversity of Mercy ministries flowing from the Hub was really affirming for all of us. Team members expressed appreciation to Marg Endicott who lead us in a very enriching and supportive day together.



*Walking
together is
our way
forward*



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Welcome is our way

Mercy Hub has opened its doors to welcome senior and middle leadership Mercy College teams as they begin the school year. Here they spent time re-engaging with the Mercy charism and mission. Their purpose was to ensure that this spirit of mercy is tangible throughout the school and in teaching practice.

We also continue to welcome other schools and community groups for planning and regular small gatherings.



Light a bonfire - a reflection on the Encountering the Sparks Series Jennifer McDowell

The music “River Flows in you” by Yiruma plays softly in the background as I centre myself to do some journalling. The last Encountering session left me with the tools to sit quietly with my thoughts and have a conversation with myself. Through the sessions, I discovered a different way of listening, and became more open to hearing.

I completed a three week zoom series called Encountering Mercy in the Now: Fanning Sparks
“the sparks of mercy that started Catherine on her boundary-breaking journey

the sparks of mercy that have started others on their journeys

exploring the ways in which we might break through boundaries or obstacles that repress the flames of mercy which we feel impelled to keep alive”

There were three sessions of two hours, with lived experience speakers, a panel who managed the flow of the conversation, continually connecting us with shared comments in the chat and nurturing a one group dynamic.

There is a lot to unpack from the Encounter Series, but a stand out moment for me was thinking of Mercy as a 'verb'. The rich experience of the Sisters, layered against the younger Mercy members activities, reveals a constancy of the Mercy values of compassion, justice, hospitality, and hope.

May that fire burn brightly in all of us.