CENTenary of ANZAC AT MONTE

MONTE MATTERS

24 April 2015 / Term 2, Week 1
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The Importance of the Centenary of ANZAC at Monte.

Dear Parents and Friends of Monte,

In a recent message His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret’d), Governor of New South Wales, said that the Centenary of ANZAC could be summed up in three human values – Courage, Endurance and Sacrifice.

He encouraged us to consider what the ANZAC legacy signifies for Australia in the 21st century. “We are a land of many people, from many cultures, traditions and beliefs. Our ANZAC legacy continues to underpin our nation. It is part of our history as a nation and connects us with our past. However, it needs to speak to all our people, many of whom did not grow up, as I did, listening to the stories of the ANZACs. Our commemoration needs to continue to evolve, to give us all an identity and a purpose for the future.”

At Monte this week we took time to remember not only the original ANZACs who served at Gallipoli and the Western Front, but also to commemorate a century of service by Australian servicewomen, including contributions made by our own Monte Community.

Today every student received a specially commissioned “Remember Penny”, symbolising the importance of the Centenary of ANZAC. The “remember penny” gives each student an opportunity to reflect on the three human values of courage, endurance and sacrifice of our ANZACs. However, important questions remain.

Hurley asks what legacy can we create from this period of commemoration to leave future generations? He tells us “by embracing our values of respect for cultural diversity and inclusiveness as a nation, we will honour the legacy of those men and women who fought for a better world, not just for the end of conflict.”

Our guest speaker at our whole school ANZAC Assembly, Mr Korhan Ercoklu, of the Turkish Consulate inspired us with Turkish Commander Ataturk’s famous tribute to the ANZACS killed at Gallipoli:

Those heroes that shed their blood, and lost their lives ... You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore, rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies And the Mehmet’s to us where they lie side by side, Here in this country of ours. You, the mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries ... Wipe away your tears. Your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land, they have Become our sons as well.

As we celebrate our own 140th year Anniversary of the College let us reflect on how we may keep the spirit of courage, endurance and sacrifice alive.

God Bless.

Nicole Christensen
Principal

Click here to watch the Video of the Monte ANZAC Day Ceremony.
FROM THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES  MERCY SERVICEWOMEN FROM NORTH SYDNEY

1941 WRANS WW2 Sr Patricia Kerin (DUX 1938) and Sr Immaculata (Jean Kinsella, Alumni 1934-1938)

Sr Marie Louise Loughlin

Dr Eileen Scott-Young (Alumni 1919-1932)

Dr Margery Scott-Young (Alumni 1918-1929)
It has been a great honour to be invited by the Sisters of Mercy North Sydney to undertake the Mercy Leadership Program and Dublin Pilgrimage in 2015.

The purpose of the program has many intentions however essentially these are:

- To learn about leadership in the context of Catherine McAuley's life and ministry and draw out the implications and challenges for contemporary ministry; and
- To raise awareness of the legacy left by the early women of Mercy and develop a sense of the global Mercy network and our place within it.

Most recently the program allowed all the 38 participants from across Australia, PNG and Newfoundland, which comprised many arms of Mercy Ministry, to make our way to Dublin, Ireland the birthplace of Catherine McAuley and where Catherine and the Sisters of Mercy story began.

It is difficult to describe the pilgrimage in such a brief space knowing that the highlights were immeasurable and will be forever lasting. The house in Baggot Street Dublin, designed and built by Catherine McAuley, was first opened on 24 September 1827, as a school and residence for poor young girls and homeless women. Today, it stands as a prominent place in Dublin’s history and is the home of the Mercy International Association and a place of our gathering throughout our stay.

The insights to the stories and times of Catherine McAuley in her early years were illuminating. In particular the challenges she faced, along with her companions on the journey, nothing short of incredible. To know that these strong, young women once sat and worked in the same rooms and spaces that we gathered in to hear their stories was powerful and very moving.

Catherine McAuley was a woman whose leadership was formed by the relationships with family and friends who surrounded her but also fashioned by the experiences and challenges that she faced each and every day. She paid attention to the still, small voice of God leading and guiding her through the years of establishing the Sisters of Mercy and spreading their humble and quiet work throughout the world, never once loosing sight of her mission given to her by God.

The most moving experience for me throughout our pilgrimage was an opportunity to visit Coolock House, Catherine’s home for many years with the Callaghan family. The house is now home to the Sisters of Mercy, Dublin and as such they have dedicated one of the ‘sitting rooms’ as their Chapel. This is a sacred space for all who visit, a place for contemplation and prayer. As our group gathered we joined in prayer and sung the Suscipe of Catherine McAuley.

As Macrina Wiederkehr writes in ‘Behold Your Life’ - A pilgrimage is a ritual with a hallowed purpose. Every step along the way has meaning ... it is a transformational journey during which significant changes takes place ... on return from the pilgrimage, life is seen with different eyes. Nothing will ever be quite the same again. This moment in Catherine’s home moved the group to another place enabling us to see our journey in Mercy Ministry with different eyes. Like Catherine, we too face new experiences and decisions each day. We are all called by something more powerful than ourselves to make the decision, however, it is in the ‘action’ that will transform others and help them live out the message of Mercy towards others.

Jacqueline Magurren
Deputy Principal Pastoral Care
Making Art Connections

It has been a busy start to the year for Visual Arts students experiencing and making connections with the world of art in a range of ways. All students have had opportunities to enhance their learning with visiting artists, using dedicated facilities and indeed accessing the highly trained and experienced Art staff.

Year 7 have quickly familiarised themselves with their new surroundings by drawing various viewpoints of the College and then transferring this learning to new artworks including their home environment. They will develop these drawings into paintings this term. Artist Sarah Fordham will talk to Year 7 this term so they can learn first-hand about how she finds inspiration from her world for her artworks.
Year 10 started the year creating studio portraits in an engaging workshop provided by visiting photographer Stu Spence. Stu’s mantra of ‘giving energy’ in order to get it back from the sitter was reflected in the dynamic portraits Year 10 created where they balanced their learning about pose, props, studio and natural lighting to capture their character.

The Senior Studio was the venue for the Year 12 IB oil painting workshop under the tuition of visiting artist Fiona Edmonds-Dobrijevich, following her sell-out exhibition in Sydney earlier this year. Each Year 12 student created an oil painting that will be the impetus for further Studio Work.

The North Sydney harbour environs historically have been inspiration for many artists. Following the footsteps of Whitely and Preston, not quite literally, Year 9 braved inclement weather to draw and photograph on their walking tour of the local environment as inspiration for their artmaking. Meanwhile, Year 11 experienced the new exhibition at White Rabbit Gallery in Chippendale guided by the expertise of their education team. White Rabbit is a private collection of Chinese contemporary art, which is to be the focus of Year 11s study of sculpture and installation this term. Year 11 also experienced a workshop with photographer Stu Spence where they learnt how to use lighting and viewpoint to transform ordinary still-life subjects into dynamic photographs. Stu’s generous approach gave all students insight to the ‘tricks of the trade’ in the world of commercial studio photography.

Experiences of the world around us as a subject for artmaking, ‘real world’ experiences of a range of artist practitioners and first-hand experiences of art exhibitions are all important and transformative opportunities for students to make connections with the world of art. These experiences are integral to students seeing themselves as connected to this world of art, with their own significant contribution to make.

Kate Watson
Head of Visual Arts
Sally O’Keeffe  
*Higher Education and Careers Advisor*

**Careers in the Law – an evening of inspiration**

On Tuesday 21 April, the College welcomed six esteemed legal practitioners to the O’Regan Arts and Cultural Common Theatre to speak to an inter-school audience of students and parents about their careers. Five of our guests were either a current or former parent at Monte, St Aloysius’ College, Loreto Kirribilli or Wenona School, with the sixth an ex-student of Redlands. Included in our audience were also students and parents from St Ignatius’ College Riverview, Loreto Normanhurst and Shore School.

Our speakers were:
* The Honourable Justice Geoffrey Bellew of the NSW Supreme Court (current Monte parent)
* Ms Cristina Cifuentes, a Commissioner of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (current Wenona parent)
* Professor Michael Quinlan, Dean of the School of Law at the University of Notre Dame (former Monte parent)
* Ms Judith Healy, partner at JH Law (current Loreto Kirribilli parent)
* Mr Paul Bolster, Barrister, 8 Wentworth Chambers (current St Aloysius parent)
* Mr Anthony Bekker, General Counsel and Head of Operations Strategy at ROKT (Redlands ex-student)

Ms Simone Salier, University and Careers Advisor at Redlands (and current Monte parent) facilitated the panel’s initial discussion by asking them to reflect on what made a good lawyer and what qualities one needed to create a successful legal career. The panel also explained their individual motivations for pursuing their initial legal studies and their later career decisions.

Each speaker offered advice about ways to think more laterally about using a law degree, rather than focusing solely on practising as a solicitor or barrister, and provided a myriad of possible employers both in Australia and overseas. Of particular interest were the discussions around misconceptions about the ‘value’ of law degrees from different universities and the ways in which each lawyer showed respect for the human dignity of others in their work.

The insight and wisdom provided by each of our guests was thoughtful and invaluable and was very positively received by our audience of more than 130 students and parents (who bravely ventured out in torrential rain and wind). We are extremely grateful to them for their generosity in trying weather! I am also indebted to our Deputy Principal Administration, Mr Joe Galletta, and my colleagues at Redlands (Ms Simone Salier), Wenona School (Mrs Vanessa Shirriff), St Aloysius’ College (Mrs Deirdre Agnew) and Loreto Kirribilli (Ms Natalie O’Keefe) in assisting me with this inspiring and motivating event.

*Sally O’Keeffe  
*Higher Education and Careers Advisor*
Nothing can substitute for a tender and loving father.

Something about Eastertide has led me to thinking about my own father. As a child, I probably took him as much for granted as I did the walls of our house, because he and they were always just there! It is amazing though, how much I remember about Dad - what he did, what he said, what he was like. I remember him as a good man, in tune with creation and respectful of the cycles of nature. He was patient and hard-working, accepting of adversity or prosperity with equal gratitude. He also had a great relationship with the townspeople. I remember my mother once remarking - somewhat wryly: “They all call him ‘Smiling Charlie’!” But he was happy, and he really cared for us. He loved to surprise us and never expected the impossible.

My siblings would say I could get away with murder, being the youngest. Perhaps so! The loveliest thing I remember about Dad, was how he would sit a long time on my bed, put his arm around me and comfort me when I was really very ill. One of those days he shared a Punch and Judy Show with me - ah, such fun! At other times, he would teach me little things and make me stand tall after each learning.

Later on I discovered that, according to local custom, my father attended school for four years only. When I saw his notebooks again just lately, I was astonished at their content, neatness and full scores for almost everything. I found very advanced Mathematics, every kind of Geography, and very interesting, value-packed Compositions. All his headings were neatly done in calligraphy with coloured inks, whilst decorations of pretty flowers filled in spaces. I did not realise it then, but now I know I was blessed with a wise, flexible and self-disciplined father, who certainly influenced me, without my knowing it!

What happiness it must be for a father who can say to his adult child: “I am so proud of you. You have given me joy from the moment of your birth. I have always loved you, no matter what. I gently put you back on track whenever you lost your way. I trust the decisions you make for yourself now, because I have given you values, and I know you will use them wisely.” Such sentiments would presuppose that he had always been there to share the joys and sorrows of the family. That is what every child most needs. Without a father’s influence, a child misses out on so much and will carry that loss throughout life, especially in not knowing how to enjoy right relationships with others. Nothing can substitute for a tender and loving father.

There may be good reasons why some fathers are away from home. There may also be dubious reasons for their “absence,” such as taking refuge in seclusion, receiving all but giving little or nothing in return, and becoming unduly involved with other interests, which may even include substance abuse. It is very important for each father to examine his attitudes and behavior. Some “conversions” we cannot achieve alone. We need the help of others, and always the grace of God. So dear Mothers, you are not excluded in this page. Who, better than you, can assist your man to be the best dad he can possibly be - not perfect, but humbly human before our Father God.

Sr Lecia Coombe RSM
STUDENT SHOWCASE
During the Storm

As I lay in my bed completely emotionless, I listen to the tap of rain on my window and the loud claps of thunder. It sounds as though someone is trying to pry the window open. I watch the lavender bush outside thrash around as it dances with the wind. A gush of air throws my window open, It has won the fight, letting the icy wisps of mist and nature’s tears pour through my window.

Soon there are my own tears sliding down my face. I don’t bother closing the window as the weather reflects my feelings. After an hour has passed I decide I need my father. I fall out of bed, and change my pyjamas on my way out the door. I dash through the gushing rain, down the road to his bakery. Running through the doors and into the kitchen, I collapse into his waiting arms.

Chantelle Watt
Year 7

Donations

We would like to thank everyone who has donated towels for the St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol. Your donations are greatly appreciated and any more are welcome. Also, they are now in need of single bed light-weight blankets. If you have any please feel free to bring them in. Thank you.

Justice for Refugees


Sarah Ephraums
Mercy Action Group Captain 2014-15
SPORTS REPORT
Surveys

In 2009 the Sports Department surveyed students and parents of the College in an effort to improve the Sports Program and provide a better service for our community. Mrs Christensen, the Sports Department and the Sports Advisory Group feel that it is now a good time to again check where we are at with a view to shaping the next five years of Sport at Monte.

A few weeks ago we sent out a survey to students who played team sports in Term 1 so that we could gather information about their experience and their coaches. The feedback we have already received from over 180 students has been invaluable. We will continue to do this throughout the year so that we can provide ongoing feedback to our coaches and look at ways we can help them to improve their skills.

Over the next fortnight we will be asking each student to complete one of the following general surveys during homeroom time:

- I currently play sport at Monte;
- I have played sport at Monte in the past but do not play anymore;
- I have never played sport at Monte;
- I am in Year 7.

I am also asking for parents to contribute by completing a survey that will take no longer than five minutes, which can be found at http://goo.gl/forms/iIP3e7BsIb. Thank you to the hundreds of parents who have already responded. We appreciate input from those of you who have had both positive and negative experiences and those who wish to offer thoughts and feedback. If you haven’t yet could you please jump on and give us your thoughts?

We truly appreciate your time in helping us to determine how sport is going and the best way for us to provide a quality service into the future.

Cross Country

The Monte Cross Country running team and program has struggled over the past few years as the College has had difficulty engaging students in long distance running. We have re-branded the running group to Monte Runners and have this year engaged the services of a new coach – Milly Clark – who is an outstanding long distance runner and role model.

The College enters a representative Cross Country team in the IGSSA and CGSSSA Carnivals. Students who run top 6 at the CGSSSA Carnival are invited to represent CGSSSA at the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Carnival. We can enter 8 per age group at IGSSA and 10 at CGSSSA. If your daughter is interested in representing the College in any of these events please ask her to contact me immediately.

- IGSSA – Friday 15 May
- CGSSSA – Friday 29 May
- NSWCCC – Friday 12 June

Monte Runners training takes place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings departing the Sports Office at 7.00am. Tuesday sessions are shorter speed work type sessions conducted in and around St Leonards Park. Wednesdays are mixed sessions catering for beginner types and Thursdays are longer endurance runs such as running across the Harbour Bridge or in and around the local area. All sessions are open to all students of any ability level and are a great way for students to build and maintain fitness for their other sports.

Snowsports

Over the holidays students were emailed information about the upcoming Snowsports program. Please see the sports page on MonteConnect for further information.

Aqua Aerobics

In an effort to provide some non-competitive fitness based activities the Sports Department will be running Aqua Aerobics Lessons in the College pool on Tuesday mornings. Sign up details and information can be found on the sports page in MonteConnect.
Rowing

Monte’s ‘Pilot’ Rowing Program concluded in the April school holidays when eight students represented the College at the Edward Tricket Regatta. Congratulations to the following students who won medals at the event:

- Ali Quinn and Eliza Newman (Year 10) – Gold Medal (Double Sculls)
- Daniella Schettini and Eden Cook (Year 9) – Bronze Medal (Double Sculls)
- Abby McGrath (Year 10) – Silver Medal (Single Sculls)
- Ornella Byak (Year 10) – Bronze Medal (Single Sculls)

Please follow the link below to see the detailed report on the regatta prepared by coach Thomas Parker:


Netball

Thank you to all of the families who were available for Netball last Saturday. NSNA games do not normally take place on the last Saturday of the school holidays so we thank everyone for their co-operation. I want to congratulate the following Umpires who have been levelled in the first few weeks of competition:

**Round 1:**
Isobel Pike - Junior Level 2

**Round 2:**
Rhiannon Bennett - Junior Level 3
Bronte Lawler - Junior Level 3
Isobel Pike - Junior Level 1
Jacqueline Hercil - Senior Level 2
Sarah Binney - Senior Level 1

Athletics

The Monte Athletics program begins this term with trainings on Mondays and Thursdays. Training takes place at Rotary Field – Chatswood West as the College is affiliated with UTS-Norths Athletics Club. Training is offered on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 4.00pm-5.30pm with a bus leaving the front gates at 3.40pm and returning by 6.00pm. Specific information and permission notes can be found on MonteConnect.

Tennis

We will be continuing with our Winter Tennis Training program in 2015. Specific information and the permission note can be found on MonteConnect. Students are able to choose either Wednesday morning or afternoon at Ridge St courts. This is great way for girls to keep their eye in over the winter or for new students to get some Tennis experience if they are thinking about joining in the summer.

Congratulations

- To Bree Delaney (Year 11) who was named in the ‘All Tournament Team’ after the U/18 Australian Basketball Championships.
- To Gracie Lee and Charlotte Gorman (Year 8) who were selected in the NSW U/16 Basketball Team.
- To Miss Pruyn (Sports Administrator) who was married in the school holidays.

Stuart Hanrahan
Sport Program Manager
Lauren Heath  
P&F President

What a challenging start to the term! I hope you and your families are safe and dry.

Year functions

You will see from the calendar that this term is about Year Parent Functions, starting with Year 7 next Saturday. Your Year Co-ordinators have been or will be in touch with the details and a reminder that early booking helps enormously with the planning and organisation of these events.

Cashless Canteen

Planning and organisation is also behind the move to the cashless canteen. A big thank you to those 300+ families who have embraced the change. We think you will find it is easy to use and allow more choice. The same discussions about responsibility and trust around spending and healthy food choice can still be had with our daughters despite the change from cash to cashless and maybe it’s a good opportunity to revisit those topics.

House Plays

For those new to Monte, House Plays this term present a wonderful opportunity for girls to work together in colour Houses and generates a great deal of excitement, fun and camaraderie. Each year there is a theme and the student leadership of each colour House chooses an interpretation of that theme which they perform in music and dance. The key is that it is all student led - from the music choices to the choreography to the costumes. The grand finale is the performance on the evening of Saturday 23 May when the winning colour House is announced. Local North Sydney pubs and restaurants are popular meeting spots for parents before the performance.

Friends of ...

For details of the Friends of Mercy, Debating and Performing Arts informal gatherings please see below.

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Lauren Heath  
P&F President president@montepandf.org.au

Our role as a P&F is to create opportunities for all parents in the Monte Community to participate in the College. Your feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

Dates for your Diary

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Click here to listen to Jodie Speers (Class of 2000) inviting you to attend the *Blue and Blue Scholarship Mother's Day Lunch* Friday 1 May 2015 to be held at NSW Parliament House.

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**Canteen Roster 9.00am start**

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Canteen volunteers are able to park in the Loading Dock. To gain access please call Robyn on 9409 6259 on arrival. You must leave a sign on your dashboard with your name and contact details.

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**Year 8 Parent Function**

**When:** Saturday 16 May 2015  
**Where:** Drink Better Wine, 189 Miller St, North Sydney  
**Time:** 7.30pm - 11.00pm  
**Price:** $30 per person  
**Booking:** Before 11 May via Trybooking

http://www.trybooking.com/132939
**Year 10 / International Baccalaureate DP Twilight Workshop**

When: Tuesday 28 April 2015

Where McQuoin Centre

Time: 5.00pm

A workshop style session specifically for Year 10 girls and their parents who are considering the IB Diploma for Year 11, 2016.

RSVP is essential by Friday 24 April to Terri Hemmerman themmerman@monte.nsw.edu.au

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**Exemption from School Attendance**

There have been changes to the rules around exemption from school attendance, which are now in effect at Monte. From now on any Applications for Exemption received and acknowledged for family holidays during term time will be recorded on your daughter’s file as an absence. In addition, the Certificate of Exemption will no longer be granted for family holidays. This is in accordance with the ACARA National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting, which came into effect at the beginning of this year.

What does this mean?

If you apply for leave for your daughter to go on a family holiday or event of 3 or more days during term time, you will:

- Still need to submit an Application for Exemption from Attendance at School to the Principal
- Still receive a formal acknowledgement from the Principal, stating the consequences for leave
- Not receive a Certificate of Exemption

The College’s internal categories of Approved, Acknowledged and Unapproved Leave still apply but some additional changes come into effect this term. Please refer to the Consequences Flowchart on the Portal. In cases where families travel long distances or overseas for Approved reasons such as weddings, funerals, State/National Representation in Sport or elite Arts activities, the College may require some documentation as evidence of the event.

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**Free Homework Help at Monte**

A roster of Monte teachers volunteer their time after school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to help our students with any homework or study issues they may have. All students have access to this free service. No appointment is necessary: students can simply come to the library and get the extra academic support they need regarding homework, assessment tasks or study skills. For more information, contact Mrs Brown in the Library, library@monte.nsw.edu.au

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**Canteen News**

**Monte canteen has gone cashless**

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Careers Insights Evening

Hosted by Monte Alumni

When: Wednesday 20 May 2015
Where: Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College, McQuoin Centre
Time: 5.00pm – 8.00pm

The aim of the evening is to inspire current Monte students with real life stories of Monte ex-students. Ex-Students from a wide variety of industries will share their career experiences and advice, in order to help inspire and shape career and study choices.

Higher Education and Careers Expo

St Ignatius’ College Riverview Higher Education and Careers Expo

When: Monday 11 May 2015
Where: St Ignatius’ Riverview, Gartlan Centre
Time: 5.00pm – 7.00pm

HSC and Careers Expo 2015

When: Saturday 30 May and Sunday 31 May
Where: The Royal Hall of Industries, Moore Park, Sydney
Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm

WWWhttp://www.hscandcareers.com.au
I am in transition and it has happened way too fast. I hope I am prepared. I am now the mother of a high school student. Entering high school is a phenomenal year of change for parents and youth. Actually, it was the first week that really made its mark. Suddenly my daughter has her own laptop, email addresses and a smart phone. When I was her age I had a fairly simple transition. I simply walked across the parking lot and turned right towards the high school instead of left for the primary school and the transition had occurred. That was one of the privileges of a rural education – not the norm for most youth as they make the change from primary school to secondary college. Back then, thoughts of laptops and phones with internet connection were non-existent, or at least only possible in the realm of movies like Star Trek. Fast forward to today and our kids are carrying these devices around in their backpacks.

With all this technology comes a great deal of responsibility for youth and their parents. I know I expect my children to use their manners, show respect and treat others as they would like to be treated. I expect this in the real world and I expect this online – constantly and consistently. Social netiquette is exactly that: online rules and guidelines that match real world rules and guidelines.

Here are some guidelines you can teach your child to help them develop social netiquette:

1. Don’t be an ‘open book’
   - Giving away too much information, too soon, to people you may not really know can put your child at risk. What you need to know and understand is that your child is now hanging out in the biggest possible public place there ever was. Placing themselves online and being an open book can make your child a target. Once they have put themselves out in this public place, they are accessible to billions of people. Even with tight privacy settings and all the awareness in the world, that post, that photo is out there; chances are that sometime, someone out there is going to make a derogatory comment about something they put online. I’m not saying that is right, but I am saying that it is bound to happen. Be prepared for that, and talk to your kids about what to do when it does. We recommend they do not respond, let a trusted adult know what has happened and do not re-enter that conversation.

2. Building your personal brand
   - In a world where social media rules, we have all become brands. Everything you say, ‘likes’, re-posts, comments or retweets on social channels tells others what they are all about. Online presence is not only about the content that they provide themselves – it is also about what’s written or posted about them by others. Today’s first impressions occur on the internet.
   - Your child’s personal brand will take them further than any education or university degree. In today’s world an individual’s online reputation is far more believable than anything they can provide on a piece of paper. A comment on a piece of paper doesn’t have a lot of ‘weight’, but what others can see about them on the internet – now that is ‘real’. A strong personal brand will allow your child to move between opportunities with ease.

3. Housekeeping required
   - Your child’s personal brand will also outlive any of their personal and professional achievements. Setting up and maintaining social networking requires constant work. Work with your kids to maintain a clean house, so to speak.

Today’s transition to high school usually comes with a transition to a greater online presence. Here are four great ways to help your children develop ‘social netiquette’.
Keep social networks tidy and tight. Some apps make it very easy to connect with people they have never met. Have a conversation with your child about why ‘quality friends’ should win over ‘quantity of friends’. Are they connecting only with real life face-to-face friends? Who will stand beside them if they don’t, and things go wrong?

Mistakes will be made, and our aim is to minimise the slip-ups our children will make. The first thing is to reassure your child that you will be there to help if something goes wrong or gets out of control. Yes, we may be angry at first, but your child will need your support; we may be disappointed, but we will get over it. Let your child know that you are far more likely to respect them for being upfront about issues rather than trying to bury any mistake they have made.

Even the most insignificant online actions can have an influence on how your child will be perceived. Take a proactive and preventative stance – spending the time now to help your child navigate their way through their new digital world, and to help them attend to any stains and spills that might happen along the way, will pay off in the long run. Learning how to edit, block and delete content is a great place to start.

Encourage kids to T.H.I.N.K.

This is an ‘oldie but a goodie’ and it works every time. Work with your kids to have them answer these five simple questions before they post. Is it True? Is it Helpful? Is it Inspiring? Is it Necessary? And is it Kind? If your child can answer yes to those questions, then certainly they can consider putting their material online. But even a single ‘no’ to one of these questions means they will be pushing the boundaries of social netiquette.

Times certainly seem different these days, but the rules are still the same. Be nice in public, make a first good impression, tidy up your mess and think twice before speaking.

So far the transition has gone smoothly and we have both settled into the new demands of online learning and the world of ‘bring your own device’. Being the mother of a high school student is a privilege, and I welcome the new challenges it will bring.

Catherine Gerhardt

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