



Star of Peace

St Patrick's Marist College Newsletter

Number 17

15th November, 2017

From the Principal

SPMC Attendance Rate	Goal
87.5%	90%

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends,

Remembrance Day is an important day in our calendar each year. The 11th November marked the 99th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18), where our Nations identity was forged. We took time to remember, acknowledge and honour those who have died in wars of the past and present century. This year, as in years past, our College, led by Mrs Whelan, observed one minute of silence at 11.00 am, in honour of the extraordinary sacrifice of more than 102 000 Australians who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. As part of our Remembrance Day ceremony we were blessed to have a letter read to us that was found on the body of 21 year old Edward Reboul one Mr Lower's great grandfather's sons, who was killed in action on the 6th October 1917. He wrote this to his family before he went into battle. It was deeply moving, his bravery, obvious deep love for his family and friends were clearly evident. It really brought home the enormous sacrifice that our young soldiers endured on our behalf and the sacrifice that our armed forces continue to make.

Recently Year 9 English students presented their final products for the Science Fiction PBL (Project Based Learning) unit. "A" block was transformed into presentation spaces. I was incredibly proud of the outstanding work displayed and in the students, who were excited to communicate their learnings, discuss their challenges and what they would do differently upon reflection of the project. Students felt that they had learnt more deeply and were better able to understand and transfer their learning through PBL. Congratulations to all our Year 9 students and their English teachers.

Next week on the 21st of November is the memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Tradition says that Mary's parents brought her to the temple at a young age to present her to the Priests. Let us call to mind Mary's role as mother, mentor, teacher and guide of Jesus. May we, who claim Mary as our "Good Mother," strive, like Mary, to witness to the presence of God in the world through all that we do and say.

I had the great pleasure of joining our 2018 leaders Rebecca Ozer, Theo Sugita, Jonathan Nakad and Greta White at the Marist Students Leaders Retreat on Monday evening at Mittagong. Students leaders from across schools in NSW came together to learn, discuss and reflect on leadership and their roles for the coming year. I thank Mr Moussa for attending with the students.

A reminder that our final P&F meeting for the year will be held next Wednesday the 22nd November at 7:30 pm.

Mrs Angela Hay

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KEY DATES

- Wednesday, 22nd November**
P&F Meeting
- Friday, 24th November**
Year 10 AMOW
- Monday, 27th - 28th November**
Year 10 Careers Conference
- Wednesday, 29th November**
Year 10 Formation Day
- Friday, 1st December**
Year 10 Pastoral Care Day
- Monday, 4th December**
Year 10 Harbour Cruise
- Wednesday, 6th December**
Carols Evening
- Friday, 8th December**
Years 7-9 and 11 Pastoral Care Day
- Tuesday, 12th December**
Awards Night (Kings College)
- Wednesday, 13th December**
Term 4 Classes Conclude
- Thursday, 14th December**
Years 7-10 Parent / Teacher Interviews

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The Mission of Marist schools is to lead young people in the way of Mary, to know and love God in the belief that they all can become good Christians and good Citizens.



CANTEEN TENDER

ST PATRICK'S MARIST COLLEGE

Proposals are invited for the supply of healthy school meals commencing 30th January 2018 and finishing on 13th December 2018, with an option to renew for a further 12 months upon agreement by both parties.

St Patrick's Marist College is a Year 7 to 12 Co-educational school of 1000 students and 80 staff.

For a copy of the Tender Information Package, please email stpatsdundas@parra.catholic.edu.au.

A Tender visit is planned for 20th November from 3.30pm to 4.00pm. Please contact Therese Ledesma at the College to register.

Mrs T. Ledesma
Business Manager

Assistant Principal

IMMUNISATIONS

Adolescent human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination program



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* Students with significantly impaired immune systems are still recommended to have three doses of HPV vaccine. Parents of these students should make arrangements to complete the vaccine course with their GP or by calling their local public health unit on 1300 066 055.

More information is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/hpv or by calling your local public health unit on 1300 066 055. Letter from NSW Health is attached to this newsletter.

Mr W. Waddell
Assistant Principal - Pastoral and Administration

Director of Mission

The Marist International newsletter is a publication which is sent out to all Marist Communities across the world every week. The newsletter this week recognised the works that the Marist Brothers do in India and St Patrick's Marist was thanked for our ongoing support to the Brothers in India since 2015. It is only a small mention but still nice to see that our simple support is being recognised across the world.

This might give you some indication as to why our fund raising and Walkathons are so important, to help those people in our community who are most in need.

Congratulations on your efforts this year. Lets hope that in 2018, we can have an even bigger impact.

Following are some photos of where the money from this year's Walkathon will go to. Currently, they are building a house on the school site to move the Brothers out of the classrooms and into a house so that it can free up more space to take in more students in 2018.



Mr M. Paton

Pastoral

YEAR 11

Leadership Reflection Day

On Monday the 30th of October, the 2018 leadership team collaborated together at Peter Canisus House in Pymble to discuss our goals and ambitions for the year ahead. We worked on developing the spirituality and Catholic Marist values of the St Patrick's Marist community. We introduced our new and exciting portfolios for the new year, which will be one of our major focus points. These include the development of student learning, social justice, the physical environment and student wellbeing. We discussed the future ambitions for our Year 12 cohort and strategies to enhance and further develop the cohesiveness of the school. We are all very excited to implement our new goals and strategies to enrich and strengthen our Marist community.



Claudia Broekmans
Prefect



YEAR 8

Congratulations - Brianna Webster

Congratulations to Brianna Webster (8L) who skated in the Macquarie Ice Skating Club (MISC) Club Championships.

She scored a personal best and became the 2017 Club Champion for Novice A Ladies. A fantastic achievement.

Miss C. Mollace

Pastoral Leader of Learning - Year 8

Key Learning Areas

VISUAL ARTS

On Tuesday 31st October 2017, all Year 9 and Year 10 Visual Arts students along with Ms Lawrence, Ms Bonaventura, and Ms Kovacic ventured out to sunny Bondi to view the the annual "Sculptures by the Sea" exhibition.

Even with the gusty winds and cool sea air, students enthusiastically trekked along the spectacular coastline from Bondi to Tamarama beach viewing and interacting with the many sculpture installations along the way.

Students made many connections between their own artmaking and that of the exhibiting artists commenting on similar materials and approaches that they have explored in their own artmaking over their elective Visual Arts course, such as works made from found objects or ready-mades, works that comment on social or cultural issues, and works that communicate and make strong connections with their surrounding contexts.

Students were lucky enough to participate in the co-creation of an artwork. At their stop over at Tamarama Park, students had the opportunity to view and get involved in the making of a Bondi "Sculptures by the Sea" artwork in the collaborative project "Duet Knit". Two representatives of the collaborative project demonstrated knitting skills and many students joined in on the postmodern work contributing to the many knitted links around a local beach tree.

The excursion to Bondi Beach was made more than enjoyable as a result of Year 9 and Year 10's outstanding behaviour and keen interest and engagement. The Visual Arts team looks forward to another enjoyable day at next year's "Sculpture by the Sea".



Miss K. Kovacic
Visual Arts Teacher

DRAMA

In Term 3, 2017, working alongside Mrs Lyons, the Year 11 Drama class began a creative journey to develop and write a unique piece of theatre. Focussing on identity and social media, the class all contributed to writing scenes about the perils of online identities, internet trolls and social media comments. The collaboration resulted in a thought provoking, powerful play with a strong message: who are we when we are not wearing our online mask and how do the perceptions of others affect the individual?

The performance was set to a powerful soundtrack, projection and lighting, to a mesmerised audience. The performance gave each student the opportunity to perform solo, to showcase each of their individual talents. The students thoroughly enjoyed the project stating that *"the performance was an insightful experience for students as we experienced the many attributes of a successful production include lighting, sound and set design. It was a joy working alongside Year 11 Drama and Mrs Lyons in this incredible production."* (Joseph Doughty, Year 11)



Mrs R. Lyons
Drama Teacher



MUSIC

Battle of the Bands

The annual Battle of the Bands competition will soon be held at St. Patrick's Marist College. This event will be showcased in the La Valla Centre on Thursday 30th of November in Period 3 for Years 7 and 8 students.

Year 8 Music classes have been working on their Battle of the Bands projects this term and have formed bands, selected songs and rehearsed with their group members to create an engaging rock music performance.

The top bands will be performing at the Battle of the Bands final, with the selected winner going on to perform at the St Pat's Got Talent Quest the next day!

Mr. L Heffernan
Music Teacher

HISTORY

Remembrance Day 2017

On Friday 10th November, the College paused to commemorate those Australians who have served and fallen in the defence of our country. Part of the ceremony was the reading by the College Captain, Theodore Sugita, of an extract from a letter written by Mr Lower's great uncle, Edward Marius Thomas Reboul.

The letter was special as it was to be the last letter he ever wrote. The letter in its entirety follows.



Somewhere in France

Sept 23rd 17.

Dear Dad,

Your welcome and cheering letter of July 19th to hand this afternoon.

Though I will not be able to post this till I come out of the line, I am writing now for I shall be in action tonight and it is now after 2pm.

With regards to my money in the Gov Savings bank it is too late now to write to them but I shall write, as you say to Ma, if I come through OK. However, I've just made a will in my pay book leaving all money in my a/c to Ma so unless myself and book are knocked rotten it will be all right.

Major Marks is now the Battalion Commanding Officer and a really nice fellow. Sa John Sullivan has lost one of his legs. Sonny Robinson got hit but glad to see Brady is getting OK. Lost some of Vince Kelly's Battalion who have just had a top over but I did not see Vince himself but am on the lookout for him.

Why not send the money in Fr notes direct to me. I can buy practically anything when I'm out of the line.

You tell me to be careful – don't worry about that, I'm an artist at ducking.

I've been put in charge of a rifle section this time and am not sorry for the bombers job is up to putty.

As for doing my duty I've done my best in the past and though ones nerves get worse every time you hit the line. I intend to do it this time in and every other time I come in but as for flinching a little Mills bomb makes one do that so I'm hanged if I know how you think I get on with coal boxes dropping about me. They dig holes big enough to bury a house in and make the earth tremble also yours truly.

But joking aside don't worry about me. I don't worry about Fritz and all his man killing machinery. I've got a job I came to do and while I'm able I'll see it through.

Yes I get letters from Winnie very regularly. Why do you ask?

I got one from her and another from Ma along with this one of yours.

Well I've got to hump, my gear (full battle order) sandbags, bombs and 200 pounds of ball in a few minutes so I'll just have to close and put this in my pocket till I come out of the line on _____.

Hoping this finds you all in the best of health as it leaves me and looking forward to a pile of letters when I come out. I'll close with best love to all.

Your loving son

Eddie

P.S. Went to Mass and Communion this morning in the grounds of King alberts Shootng box. It's a pretty site now. E.R.

Sadly, Eddie never got out of the line. He never got to send his letter home.

He was killed on the 6th October 1917, one hundred years ago last month, three miles south of Ypres. The letter was taken out of his pocket after his death and returned home with some of his belongings. He has no gravesite but his name is written upon the Menin Gate in Belgium.

He was only 21.

Lest We Forget.

ENGLISH

As part of a genre study on Science Fiction for Year 9 English, students were asked to create an interactive display as part of Science Fiction Convention explaining the importance of studying Science Fiction.

Students had to support their argument with reference to two Science Fiction texts for example, the film Gattaca and the novel Brave New Year or the short story The Pedestrian. The display hoped to provoke ethical reflections and questions such as: What is it to be human? How does technology impact on our lives? How do we react to outsiders?



Ms S. Duffy
English Teacher

Sport



CONGRATULATIONS

Madison Sloane

Congratulations to Madison Sloane who was awarded the PDSSSC Under 15 Athletics Age Champion at a special presentation evening. A remarkable achievement against very talented opposition.

Mrs D. Pavlovich
Sport Co-ordinator



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Dear Parent/Carer

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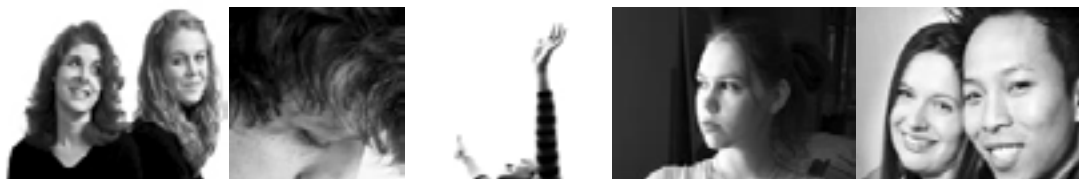
More information is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/hpv or by calling your local public health unit on **1300 066 055**.

Yours sincerely

Dr Vicky Sheppeard
Director, Communicable Diseases Branch
9 November 2017

¹ Children who still need a three-dose schedule are: those who received their first dose of HPV vaccine at 15 years of age or older, and those with significant immunocompromise (those with primary or secondary immunodeficiencies (B lymphocyte antibody and T lymphocyte complete or partial deficiencies); HIV infection; malignancy; organ transplantation; autoimmune disease; or significant immunosuppressive therapy (excluding asplenia or hyposplenia)).

From the Counsellor



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Registration Fee - The course costs is free.

To register for this course please complete the referral form and send to Jo Pogorelsky at High Street on:

Fax: 9687 – 2731 or email on: nina.livingstone@health.nsw.gov.au

Prior to the group each participant will need to agree to and sign a participant agreement.

What parents have said...

A step dad recalled an incident at the weekend with his 12 year old step daughter. He said that the input he had received the previous week from the course helped him keep his cool and brought a more favourable outcome.

A single Mum who had presented as quite anxious on the first night told the group in week 2 that she had made an appointment with her 15 year old son during the week and had had a far more favourable discussion with him than would previously have been the case.

Who's running it?

The trainers for this course are Nina and Jo who completed Parentshop's Engaging Adolescents training on 10th February 2016.

Nina and Jo work within Youth Health for Western Sydney Local Health District.

For more information please contact Nina Livingstone on:
(02) 8860-2500 at High Street Youth Health Service.



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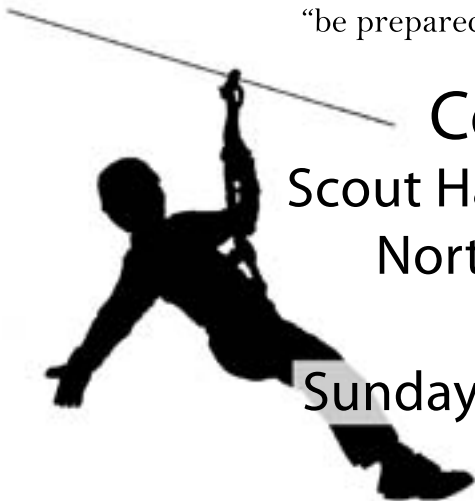


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