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From the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends,

Last week we started the term with a welcome back assembly. I was so pleased to see our students in full winter uniform. A gentle reminder to everyone to make sure that all clothing and personal equipment are labelled clearly. I did remind our students that they are representing their College when out in public and it is expected that they wear their full school uniform including ties and blazers to and from College.

We celebrated ANZAC day last Wednesday and I thank Mrs Whelan for her work and preparation of this wonderful and moving commemoration of ANZAC day and to Ms Andrews, Ms Greenway, Mr Moussa, Mr Stanwell and Mr Lubin for their assistance. I thank Mr Terry James, our guest speaker, for his talk to the College community.

At this time we recognise the brave men and women who have served in the armed forces, who exemplify commitment. To thank them for their service and to appreciate their contributions and the sacrifices that have been made by themselves and their families. Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember Australians who currently serve, and who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

This month we pay tribute to Mary, the Mother of our Church. As a Marist school, we live each day in a distinctly Marial way with a deep love of Jesus and called by Mary. We are reminded of Marcellin's words *"Without Mary we are nothing and with Mary we have everything because Mary always has her adorable son within her arms or in her heart"*. We are called to bring Christ-life to the world of whose lives we share by sharing the good news in a Marial manner. Last Sunday, John's gospel talked of peace "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid ... my peace I give you". Peace being not only the absence of hostility, but peace in the quality of our relationships, through the presence of tolerance of understanding of each other. Let us each be the face of Mary, especially during the month of May.

Last Friday night was our second round of Debating hosted by Trinity Catholic College at Auburn. I would like to thank Trinity for their outstanding hospitality and organisation and to Ms Graham, Mrs Pett, Miss Grey, Miss Hagarty and Mrs Harney for their attendance. It is great to see the continued improvement of our debating teams. I congratulate all the students and coaches involved with 5 out of 6 teams being successful. The students from both schools demonstrated great debating skills and our adjudicators were very helpful and generous with their time talking to the teams post the debate. This week we face St. Scholastica here at the College. Please come along and support our students.

As you are aware we are in our first week of the new SMS absence procedures. There have been, as expected, a couple of minor hiccups. Thank you for your patience as we work through this. Could I remind parents that we are not permitted to provide any medication to students. This includes everyday medicines like Panadol. Our policy that aligns with the CEDP policy can be found on page 29 of the College diary which includes processes for student services to dispense medication.

Congratulations to William Smith for making the MCS Open Soccer representative side.

I take this opportunity to wish all of our mums, grandmothers and other special people in our lives who act as surrogate mums all the very best for Mother's day and invite you to attend our Mother's day liturgy next Friday 6th May at 2:30 p.m.

Mrs Angela Hay
Principal

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Mothers Day Liturgy
- Tuesday, 10th - 12th May**
NAPLAN - Years 7 and 9
- Tuesday, 10th May**
Year 12 Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews
- Tuesday, 17th May**
Athletics Carnival
- Wednesday, 18th May**
Year 10 into 11 Information Evening
- Friday, 20th May**
Year 10 Careers Day
Year 10 REMAR Camp
- Monday, 23rd May**
Year 7 Vaccinations
- Wednesday, 25th May**
Year 11 Examinations Commence
- Friday, 3rd June**
School Photo Day

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.

New Staff

We have been featuring our new staff members in our newsletters. In this issue, please welcome Alisha Samarasinghe, teaching Religious Education and PD.H.PE; Suzan Boulattouf, our new Counsellor, Jenny Westerbrink, Mathematics Teacher and Mitchell Wilson, Science Teacher.



ALISHA SAMARASINGHE

Since finishing high school, I completed a Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science) and then continued my studies to pursue a profession in Education. I completed a Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary PDHPE) / Graduate Certificate (Religious Education). Whilst at school, I had some very fond memories of my classroom experiences and teachers. This is partly the reason for following this pathway of teaching. I worked at the College last year as an Acting Librarian/RE Teacher and look forward to the year ahead here at St Patrick's Marist College.



SUZAN BOULATTOUF

It is a great honour that I have joined the Marist College community at Dundas. My qualifications include a Bachelor of Psychology and Masters of Psychology. I am a registered Psychologist with a background in mental health and professional counselling. I have acquired a wealth of skills and experiences spanning 20 years, whilst assuming various positions in Sydney and overseas in the public and private sectors.

I am a proud wife and mother of two teenage daughters who keep me very active.



JENNY WESTERBRINK

I have worked as a physiotherapist in hospitals for the past 25 years, spending the last 13 years working with expectant parents in childbirth education. I retrained as a Mathematics teacher through CSU, finishing in 2015, and was fortunate enough to get a position at St Patrick's Marist as my first appointment.

I have three children, who are all involved in lots of sporting and extra curricular activities, so I spend most of my time away from work running around with them, managing and coaching various teams and volunteering at their schools. I am leading the St Patrick's Marist footy tipping competition after 4 weeks (I thought I'd better point that out, as I won't be leading for long!).



MITCHELL WILSON

Having completed a Bachelors Degree in Environmental Management I have worked in both water and forestry management before moving into community engagement and environmental education. My experiences with both community and education inspired me to undertake a postgraduate qualification in Environmental Education and then my Masters of Teaching. Through this period, I spent 7 years delivering Geography & Science school excursions, with a number of education providers, to students from Kindergarten to HSC.

Most recently I had the opportunity to teach Science at The Hills Grammar School and now moving to St Patrick's Marist College, I am excited by the upcoming year in this wonderful school.

Business Manager

ADMINISTERING OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

In accordance with CEO and NSW Government guidelines, staff at the College are not permitted to dispense over-the-counter medications such as paracetamol to students.

Please refer to an extract of the guidelines below:

From the “Guidelines for Administering Medications in Schools”:

“Over the counter medication including analgesics or homeopathic preparations must not be administered by school staff unless a written request is received from the student’s parent and is accompanied by written advice from a medical practitioner with the medication in the original labelled container. The exception is reliever puffers for the emergency treatment of asthma.”

If you require your child to have pain medications during the school day, you are advised to include the required dose in your child’s school bag for the day.

If a child becomes unwell during the day unexpectedly, the normal procedures apply - they are to see their Leader of Learning - Pastoral, who will give authority for the parents to be called and for the child to be collected from school.

Mrs F. Hawton
Business Manager

SCHOOL FEES – TERM 2

School Fee statements for Term 2, 2016 will be issued on the 3rd May, 2016 and are due by the 30th May for those families that are not on an arrangement.

The College understands that sometimes finances can be tight so we offer the opportunity for school fees to be paid off over the year. If you are currently not on an arrangement and would like to discuss this option or are experiencing financial difficulty please contact Ms Rolla Van Zeeland on 9638 5644.

Ms Rolla Van Zeeland
School Fees Administrator

Assistant Principals

ADOLESCENT RESPECT AND THE VIRTUE OF FILIAL PIETY

Recently I heard a discussion on the radio about the increased number of parents who are calling on the Police to assist them with controlling their children. Lack of basic respect, obedience and cooperation make it extremely difficult for parents to manage their young adolescent sons and daughters. As teachers we sometimes experience this intimidating attitude from students who think they have a right to question whatever they disagree with and feel the teacher is answerable to them. They do so in a very disrespectful, backchatting manner. Such behavior is very difficult to manage.

It is critical for student learning, and for growth towards being good citizens, that young people have a willingness to respect and cooperate with their parents and teachers as they grow towards adulthood.

I was particularly taken by something said on the program by Child Psychologist Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg. He said we should promote the Confucian virtue of ‘filial piety’. Filial piety or ‘xiao’ applies to a person’s general obedience and respect towards their elders. It is an important pillar of Chinese society. In general terms, filial piety means to be good to one’s parents and elders; not to be rebellious; show love, respect and support and display courtesy. This results in a wonderfully supportive strength when extended families live and work together in loving respect.

Each week at the College we have a ‘Student Focus’ that we talk about and consider. This week the students will find out about the virtue of ‘filial piety’ and be encouraged to make it part of their lives.

STUDENT ABSENCE – SMS SYSTEM

UPDATE

Parents are adapting well to our newly implemented SMS process for checking student absences. I would remind parents of the following:

1. Parents will no longer be required to ring and inform the College before school begins unless the student has an assessment task, excursion or the like. In this case the parent will still receive an SMS message.
2. If a student is marked absent during the morning Administration period an automatic SMS message will be sent to the designated family mobile to verify the absence.
3. If you do receive an attendance SMS please respond by either:
 - Replying to the SMS with a reason for the absence. This response satisfies as the parental note, that is, parents are not required to also send a written explanation letter for absences.
 - Please make sure your response confirms sickness/health issues or approved leave.

or

 - Calling the College as soon as possible (96385644) to indicate the student should be at school.

It is imperative that parents make a response when they receive an attendance SMS message.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Friday, 3rd June

Students have been given envelopes with the details of the options available to parents who wish to purchase school photos.

Orders are now done online with each personalised envelope having a unique ordering code.

What if a student loses their personalised envelope? They miss their opportunity to order online. They need to give the EXACT money in an envelope (with their details) to the photographers on the day. Realise NO change will be given on the day, therefore it is vital that parents hand in envelopes that have the correct money enclosed. Each child needs to have his/her own envelope if ordering, that is, no family envelopes. Credit card orders are strictly online.

FAMILY PHOTOS: These are available but must be ordered online before the day. Special 'Family photo' envelopes (with ordering codes) are available from the College Office for those interested.

Parents are asked to ensure their son/daughter is in full correct school uniform on the day.

Mr W. Waddell
Assistant Principal - Pastoral

Director of Studies

STEP UP INTO TEACHING PROGRAM (SUIT) - YEAR 11 STUDENTS

The Step Up Into Teaching (SUIT) program will be available for current Year 11 students to apply for the 2016 cohort.

Students will be able to study 1 module from the ACU Bachelor of Education/Teaching, which counts as a 1 unit HSC BOS endorsed course. The Unit is a Foundation Unit which can be claimed as a credit depending on individual courses of study. The course does not contribute to their ATAR mark however they will be eligible for a 5 mark credit with ACU if:

- they apply to ACU (as their first preference) to study a Bachelor of Education/Teaching
- and they have achieved a Credit average in SUIT.

Students who pass the Foundation Unit of SUIT are also eligible to apply for the Early Achievers' Program which guarantees a place at ACU before HSC results are released.

The unit will be delivered in September 2016 during holidays. Participants must display maturity, self-motivation and a prescribed level of academic achievement to succeed. Students wishing to apply will be required to:

- Attend the Information Evening on Wednesday 1st June and attend all lesson in September 2016.
- Fill in the application form, which will be available at the Information Evening
 - Include copies of their last 2 school reports
- Pass it on to their principal for comment, who should then forward it to the CEO.

Selection will be based entirely on information in the application form and school reports.

Applications will only be considered from students who attend the Information Evening on Wednesday 1st June from 6.00 - 8.00pm at the Cathedral Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Victoria Road, Parramatta, NSW 2150.

Interested students MUST attend with at least one parent or guardian to ensure that they are fully informed regarding the course. Please contact Ms Ellison if you require further information. All completed applications should be submitted by the 17th June, 2016.

ILLNESS / MISADVENTURE POLICY

A reminder to all parents and students about our Illness/ Misadventure Policy. If you are unable to complete or submit an assessment ask for **ANY** reason, you **MUST** complete the online form, located on the College website: <http://stpatsdundas.catholic.edu.au/assessment>. You are then required to submit documentation to Ms Ellison (Director of Studies).

Both steps must be completed before an outcome is determined.

If you have any questions please contact Ms Ellison: tellison@parra.catholic.edu.au

YEAR 10 INTO YEAR 11 INFORMATION

A reminder to Parents of Year 10 Students that the Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 18th May at 7.00pm. The subject selection timeline for Stage 6 is outlined below.

Senior School Preparation		
Process Starts in Term 2		
Information evening <i>Recommended subject letters distributed</i> NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Term 2 week 4	Wednesday 18th May
Careers Day NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Term 2 week 4	Friday 20th May
Initial Student subject choices <i>(Expressions of Interest only)</i>	Term 2 week 5	
Lines are established	Term 2 week 6	
Parent Teacher Student interviews	Term 2 week 7	Tuesday 7 th June
Students choose their subjects	Term 2 Week 7	
Interviews with members of CLT	Term 2 week 8-9	
Students Submit subject choices online AND submit form to Homeroom Patron	Term 2 week 10	
Careers Conference	Term 4 week 9	6th and 7th December

NAPLAN EXAMINATIONS

This is a reminder to parents and students in Years 7 and 9 that the NAPLAN tests will be conducted next week from 10-12 May 2016 .

Tuesday 10 May	Wednesday 11 May	Thursday 12 May	Friday 13 May
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Writing Year 7 - Period 1 & 2 Year 9 - Period 3 & 4	Reading Year 9 - Period 1 & 2 Year 7 - Period 3 & 4	Numeracy Year 7 & 9 Period 1-3	A 'catch-up' day scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day

All students are expected to participate in these tests. Please email Ms Therri Ellison (Director of Studies) at tellison@parra.catholic.edu.au if you have not already applied for adjustment or exemption.

Students are required to supply their own 2B or HB pencil, eraser, sharpener and a calculator (for the numeracy test)

Please remember to ring the College in the morning if your child will be absent on the day of the test.

Ms T. Ellison
Director of Studies

High Support Class

The HSN class is in temporary classrooms, waiting for the purpose built facility to be available, hopefully by the end of this year. In the holidays, a door was cut through the classroom to enable the students from the HSN class to have their own outdoor space. This has been a big hit with the students with them using it for recess and lunch to eat, chat, play ball or hang out in the shade. They have also used it for sport and maths activities. The students help set up a worm farm at the beginning of this week to tie in with their science unit on looking after the environment.



Pastoral

YEAR 12

Prior to the Term 1 break, Year 12 students completed their Mid-Course Examinations. Students will have now received back their examinations. As mature, independent learners, students should now be closely reflecting on their performance. If students are disappointed in individual subjects or across a range of subjects, they are strongly urged to take proactive action by discussing their progress with subject teachers or myself with the aim of formulating strategies that may yield success.

The Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews are set down for Tuesday, 10th May from 4.00 to 7.00pm. This is another important opportunity for parents to engage in dialogue with teachers, alongside sons or daughters. All caregivers and students are expected to attend as this is the last formal parent teacher session students will be involved in before the HSC. Notes have recently been distributed explaining the online booking process.

The Year 12 Formal will take place on Saturday, 28th May and the Formal Committee has been working diligently to ensure this is a great evening. All money for tickets should now be paid to the office.

I take this opportunity to congratulate Year 12 with the way they conducted themselves during the examination block. Their uniform and grooming at the start of the term and the way they have re-committed to their studies; augurs well for a successful and productive Term 2.

Mr. D. Bonora
Leader of Learning - Year 12 Pastoral

Curriculum

HOSPITALITY

'The Coffee Shop' Excursion

On the 7th April 2016, both Year 11 Hospitality classes (Commercial Cookery and Food and Beverage) participated at an all day coffee making course at 'The Coffee School' located in George Street Haymarket. The course is designed to further enhance our skills in the industry and to become certified Coffee Barista's.

The day started early, with both classes meeting up with Mrs Tran and Mrs Matti, at 7:45am to make our way to the big city. It was a long and squashed train ride but in the end it was worth the effort. We made it to The Coffee School and immediately got straight into making coffees. We started with the four basics; a latté, cappuccino, macchiato and flat white. After having multiple attempts at these coffees and many coffee beans and milk cartons later we moved on to three other styles. These were hot chocolate, mocha and babyccinos, again, lots of coffee beans and litres and litres of milk.

After we mastered our coffees, it was then time to perfect the coffee by getting creative with the application of coffee art. How hard could this be? Well, it took a lot of patience for all the students to be able to create and compose the magnificent masterpieces, it took many attempts but in the end an amazing result by all. On behalf of both hospitality classes a huge thank you to Mrs Tran and Mrs Matti for organising this amazing opportunity. We gained a lot out of the day and really appreciate the experience! Also a huge thank you to the Coffee School for teaching us everything there is to know about coffee and helping us mastering the art of coffee making.

Jessica Shepardson

Year 11 Hospitality - Food and Beverages



VISUAL ARTS

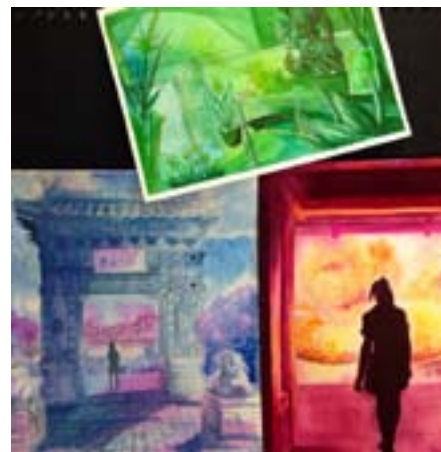
Artist of the Week- Lina Kim Year 12 Visual Arts



Lina is in the process of developing her H.S.C. Body of Work using a variety of techniques including watercolour painting, traditional acrylic landscapes and digital drawings using Photoshop and a Wacom Bamboo graphics tablet. At the moment, she is resolving some photo-realistic pencil portraits as well as working on her acrylic canvases. Lina has been inspired by the aesthetic of Japanese director Hayao Miyazaki's 2001 film "Spirited Away," as well as Claude Lorraine.

"My artwork is about multiple things surrounding the concept of the sky. The sky is constantly changing but we may not be able to fully appreciate it's beauty and variety of colours. It is my aim to depict these moments in the hope that the sky's beauty remains timeless."

Miss E. Brennan
Leader of Learning - Visual Arts



WORLD YOUTH DAY BBQ



On Wednesday, 6th and Friday, 8th of April, five Year 11 students who have been selected to go to World Youth Day in Poland conducted a fund raising lunch in an effort to raise funds for their World Youth Day pilgrimage.

Over the two days, the students produced approximately 300 lunches for the students at St Patrick's Marist. A special thank you from the World Youth Day crew to all the staff and students that supported the lunches.

In Term 2 further fundraising initiatives will be underway, so stay tuned for more events!

Mr D. Berner
Leader of Learning - Year 9 Pastoral

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY 2016



Anzac Day was commemorated on the 27th April by our school community. Our guest was Mr. Terry James who is an ex-Vietnam Veteran and the current President of Hornsby RSL sub branch. Terry was conscripted into the army for 2 years in 1967. He was posted to 5th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, as an infantry soldier. In 1969 he went to Vietnam for a 12 month tour.

Coincidentally Terry is an ex-student of our College, attending primary school at St Patrick's Church Hill from 1960 for Years 7 and 8. Then our school moved to Dundas and it was too far for Terry to attend as he lived in Neutral Bay. He then went to boarding school at St Patrick's College at Goulburn for 3 years. Terry found his original hat band and badge from St Patrick's Church Hill and presented these to the College. These are now on display in the front office. Terry shared his thoughts on Anzac Day and his personal experiences of war with us and it was an honour for us to have him attend our ceremony.

100th Anniversary of the Battle of Pozieres

This year in July marks the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Pozieres. The battle, part of the battle of the Somme, which took place between July and September 1916 in Northern France, is one of Australia's costliest in wartime history.

Australian troops came under relentless German bombardment during the fight for a small patch of land around Pozieres, suffering 23,000 casualties including 6,800 deaths. It was a very costly victory for the Australian troops.

Historian Charles Bean wrote that the ground around the French village was "more densely sown with Australian sacrifice than any other place on earth".

Captain Herbert Curnow from Bendigo had served in Gallipoli and then on the Western Front in France. He wrote his last poignant letter home to his parents just days before he was killed by a sniper at Pozieres in July, 1916. He was a remarkable young man, like so many other Australians.

War less glorious in France's quagmires

The Battle of the Somme, of which Pozieres was a part, exposed Australians to the full horrors of Germany's sophisticated firepower.

Captain Curnow's last letter

Dear Mum,

We're now near the town of Albert and expect to go into the fighting tonight.

In case I am killed in action or die of wounds I want you to know that I have lived a clean, straightforward, ordinary and honest life. I have kept myself pure and have not touched a drop of intoxicating drink, neither have I taken up smoking. I have a clear conscience and have no fear of meeting my Maker.

I must thank you for your love, training, care and every attention and only hope that if anything happens that I may not see you again that our heavenly Father will give you the grace and strength to bear your loss.

I have lived a soldier's life and will not be ashamed to die a soldier's death. I have done my duty to my King, my country and to you home folks.

I am writing this on a hillside outside Albert waiting for the order to move up to the front. We are four miles back and the guns are going almost going constantly. Other units have been badly cut up and I am writing this to set your minds at ease if anything should happen to me.

Good-bye now - give my love to father and a brother's love to Flo, Les, Janet and Amy.

.....There is a lump in my throat and my eyes are moist as I scribble this down. That these hasty jottings may possibly comfort you in trouble and if nothing happens, know that I am your loving son.

Bert

My thanks to Mrs T. Andrews, Ms J. Greeaway, the singer and musicians: Bill Johnson, Matthew Coumpos, Max Litherland (Year 11); Alexander Johnson (Year 7), the drummers: Jakob Reid and William Collins (Year 7); the Tech Crew and Year 10 Elective History Flag bearers for making our ceremony a fitting commemoration for our past service men and women.

Mrs J. Whelan
Leader of Learning - History

YEAR 11 BIOLOGY

Long Reef Excursion - Monday, 4th April, 2016

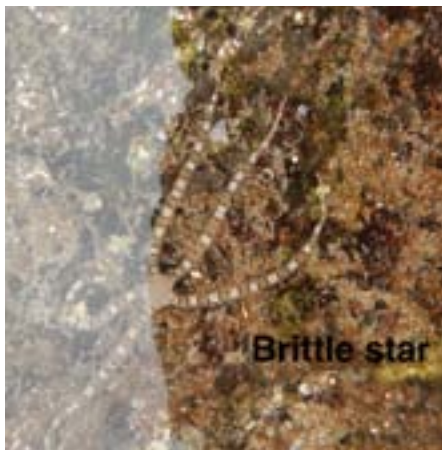
On Monday, 4th April Year 11 Biology students boarded the bus bound for Long Reef rock platform to investigate the local inhabitants.

The excursion covers the mandatory fieldwork component of the "Local Ecosystem" Biology preliminary topic. Students had already studied in class food chains and food webs of the platform, discussed abiotic (non living) and biotic (living) factors and the effects humans have had on the organisms of the platform. Now it was time to see what they had learnt about first hand.

Heavy rain followed us to the beach, but luckily eased and stopped as we arrived.

Students conducted studies of population numbers of various species and investigated where certain species lived in relation to tidal zones and how their adaptations helped them survive the changing conditions experienced on the platform. They also measured how temperature, salinity and acidity levels varied from ocean water to rock pools.

Despite the weather it was a good experience for students allowing them to gain first hand experience of being an ecologist.



Mrs P. Amery
Assistant Leader of Learning - Science

PERFORMING ARTS



The College Music Tuition Program

Singing Lessons with Alyshia Alejandro

Alyshia Alejandro studied a Bachelor of Music at the Australian institute of Music (AIM) and has been teaching vocal lessons for many years. She is also a seasoned performer and sings/plays piano and guitar at many venues across Sydney.

She teaches at the College on Wednesday's and Thursday's. So please do come and see her if you are interested in lessons or contact Alyshia via email: alyshia.alejandro@hotmail.com or phone: 0401 522 176

Vocal Group is on this Term! Wednesday at lunch in C113

Do you love to sing? Do you want to improve your confidence and get some amazing performance opportunities? Come and join us for some singing classes every Wednesday at lunch time in C113. If you're interested then please do come along. All are welcome.

See Ms Andrews in the music block for more details or email: tandrews2@parra.catholic.edu.au

Ms T. Andrews
Head of Performing Arts

Debating

Round 1 Friday, 1st April - St Patrick's Marist Vs St Paul's, Greystanes

Topic: Entertainment (Years 7-10)

St Patrick's Debating Teams are delighted to report a victorious night all round. St Paul's hosted the first round of debating and we were met with unprecedented hospitality and organisation. Year 7, 10 and 11 and 12 teams managed to argue their case successfully to defeat St Paul's and showcase much improved speaking skills.

A very special thank you to staff, parents and fellow students who attended to support our teams. Coach Hagarty's preparation of the Year 12 team has made an enormous difference to their ability to formulate a team line and sustained arguments and contributed to their win. Mrs Malone and Miss Gray gave up family time to Adjudicate. Also, we are grateful to Mrs Hay who attended and witnessed a vibrant, tenacious Year 11 team defeat St Paul's.

Congratulations to the following students who represented the College with finesse and dexterity:

Year 7 (St Patrick's Marist - Negative / St Paul's - Affirmative)

Topic: *That playtime now means screen time.*

Speaker 1: Alisa Dybal

Speaker 2: Alisha Geraghty

Speaker 3: Bianca Garth

Result: St Patrick's Marist defeated St Paul's Greystanes

Year 8 (St Patrick's Marist - Affirmative / St Paul's - Negative)

Topic: *That playtime now means screen time*

Speaker 1: Narella Wakim

Speaker 2: Harry Simpson

Speaker 3: Sam Markarian

Eve Watson attended and acted as reserve for the team

Result: St Paul's defeated St Patrick's Marist

Year 9 (St Patrick's Marist - Negative / St Paul's - Affirmative)

Topic: *That we need to be connected to be entertained*

Speaker 1: Eilish Murphy

Speaker 2: Nell Whittaker

Speaker 3: Katrina Astalosh

Year 10 (St Patrick's Marist - Affirmative / St Paul's - Negative)

Topic: *That we need to be connected to be entertained*

Speaker 1: Monique Borino

Speaker 2: Jonathan Nakad

Speaker 3: Rebecca Ozer

Year 11 (St Patrick's Marist - Negative / St Paul's - Affirmative)

Topic: *That the pace of change is sustainable*

Speaker 1: Dominic Gibson

Speaker 2: Joseph Elias

Speaker 3: Sarah Popov

Stephanie Belford and Sarah Ozer attended and acted as reserves

Year 12 (St Patrick's Marist - Affirmative / St Paul's - Negative)

Topic: *That the pace of change is sustained*

Speaker 1: Alexander Ishac (College Captain)

Speaker 2: Sasha Sugita (College Captain)

Speaker 3: Nathan Taverniti (College Debating Captain)

Jerik Nubla, Georgina Gibson and Jackson Bowden attended and acted as reserves)

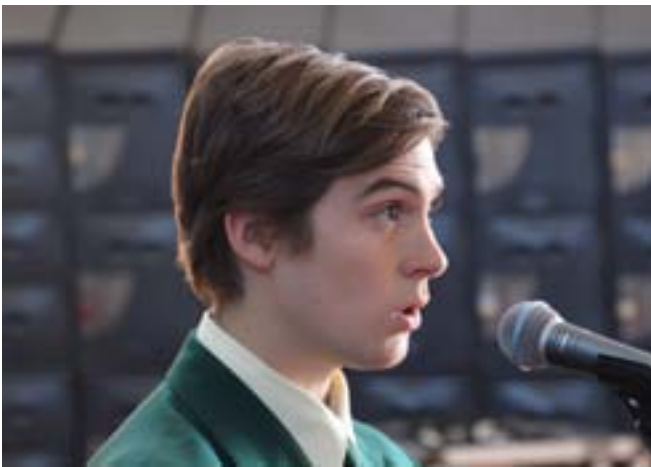
Result: St Patrick's Marist defeated St Paul's

If parents/caregivers require more information in regard to Debating, please do not hesitate to contact me sgraham5@parra.catholic.edu.au. Alternatively, interested parties may access information in regard to the competition on the Catholic Schools Debating competition website, www.csdnsw.edu.au.

Ms S. Graham
Debating Coordinator



Anzac Day Ceremony



The first Marist Brothers arrived in Australia on the 'Star of Peace' on 21st February, 1872. On the 8th April, 1872, school commenced at St Patrick's. Our Newsletter is named, 'Star of Peace', as it too, hopefully, brings peace and good news to our community.

Community News



HOLY NAME OF MARY YOUTH GROUP

Attention Year 7 and Year 8 Students

Holy Name of Mary Youth Group is inviting those in Years 7 & 8 to a night of fun, faith & food. On Saturday 7th May in the Parish Hall (on Myrtle St opposite the Church) following the 5.30pm vigil mass and going until 8pm. Parents remember- It is a free night and will be held on the 1st Saturday night of each month.

If you have any questions please email Anne-Marie Hewkins (ahewkins@yahoo.com) or contact Fr Peter in the Parish office.

"How To Support Your Child Through Senior School"

www.studysamurai.com/parent

May
12
Thursday
May 12th
at 8pm Sydney Australia Time



Presented by
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DAYS HOURS MINUTES SECONDS

We're Going To Show You...

- ✓ Why senior school is creating more stress and anxiety in our children and their families and how to overcome it.
- ✓ How to support your child with technology use.
- ✓ How to establish a success mindset.
- ✓ How to access expert coaching through your child's senior years.



NATURAL *Fertility*

AWARENESS EVENING



Wednesday 4 May | 7.30pm

Holy Spirit Parish St Clair | 5 Todd Row, cnr Moore St, St Clair

Accredited Fertility Educators of Natural Fertility to speak on how to naturally achieve and space pregnancies

FREE ENTRY and a light supper will be served

Please register your attendance to:

email nfs@ccss.org.au

or phone 8822 2222



FREE child car seat safety check



2 in 3 car seats are not being used properly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by Authorised Restraint Fitters. You can have your child car seats, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and fit.

Parramatta City Council in conjunction with RMS is now providing vouchers to have your child's car seat checked or fitted for free.

To obtain a free voucher or for more information contact Parramatta City Council's Traffic and Transport Section on (02) 9806 5768 or email traffic@parracity.nsw.gov.au

Location of Authorised Fitter: Merrylands



An initiative of your local council as part of the Local Government Road Safety Program



Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a **FREE** two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

TIME & DATE:
6.00pm – 8.00pm
Thursday
12th May 2016

VENUE:
Riverside Theatre
Corner Church and Market
Street Parramatta.
in Raffertys Theatre

BOOK NOW:
Elisabeth Sacco,
GLS Presenter
Ph: 0449 247 495
lis@saccommms.com.au

**Helping learner drivers
become safe drivers**



COLLABORATION FORUM

"Why Schools Need to be Collaborative Places"

Thursday, 12th May 2016

Masonic Centre 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney
9:00 to 1:30 (morning tea and lunch included)

FOR
Principals, Teachers, Parents, Educators, P&Cs,
P&Fs, Councils, Boards

Opening Address by:

EDUCATION MINISTER: ADRIAN PICCOLI



KEYNOTES

Katherine Henderson, associate of John Hattie is the Director of UMNOS – University of Melbourne Network of Schools. This very successful program focuses on school improvement for raised student achievement.

Peter Anthony, is the Head of Executive Education at Australian Catholic University. International speaker, author and executive coach, Peter is an expert in Collaboration and how to frame conversations for the best outcome.

Master of Ceremonies: Verity Firth, Executive Director, Social Justice, University of Technology

Other participants include panel members,

Lila Mularczyk (Secondary Principals), Mark Mowbray (Primary Principals), and others to discuss the role of collaboration in schools with practical examples and tools

To register for free visit: <http://collaborationinschools.eventbrite.com.au>

Or contact any of the parent associations listed below



Attending this forum will contribute 2 hours of QTC Registered PD addressing 3.7 and 7.3 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.



Jointly hosted by the Council of Catholic School Parents, NSW Federation of P&C Associations and NSW Parents Council.