



# St Patrick's Marist College

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## Star of Peace

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18<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

### *From the Principal*

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends,

Last Sunday we celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost, the birth of our Church, where the Holy Spirit was sent by the Risen Christ upon his Church. It is an opportunity to celebrate the Gift of the Holy Spirit, a time to be renewed, refreshed and revived. I think we can all agree that Pope Francis has brought a renewed, refreshed and revived way of thinking and being that invites us to connect deeply with the Jesus in our Gospels. He invites us; he challenges us as individuals, to step off the sidelines as Catholics and Christians and to engage on a personal level in bringing the presence of God into our world. How are we being inspired into action by the Holy Spirit? How can each of us bring happiness, peace and justice into our world, to others and to ourselves? In our busy lives we can sometimes forget the importance of prayer, of finding moments of quiet time to listen from within rather than the noise that surrounds us and sometimes consumes us completely in our contemporary world. I encourage each of us to find that time.

Last week, Year 12 received their reports and attended Parent Teacher Night. This night was a chance for our Year 12 students to get specific feedback about how to move forward, to build on the positives and identify blockers that maybe holding them back in achieving their goals. It is important to remember that, in reality, they have about 25% of their final HSC mark and therefore, there is time to make great improvements by working with relentless consistency, by doing practice questions and drafts of extended responses and by seeking and using descriptive feedback by their teachers. All senior students should be doing between 2 and 3 hours school work each night. Now is the time to commit, if you haven't already, there are no second chances. There is no better place than St Patrick's Marist if you are willing to do your best. The staff are committed and determined to help you get there. I remind parents and students of our study nights every Wednesday evening. It is a great way to focus individually, or work collaboratively with other students. I take this opportunity to thank the staff that give up their time each week to provide this time for our Year 12 students.

Last week, we like every other school completed the Naplan assessments. Much has been said about Naplan in the media. For our College, we see Naplan as the only form of data. It is one test on one day we use as a College, along with all of the other summative and formative assessments that occur throughout the year in helping to build a picture of our individual students and in recognising whole school patterns and specific literacy and numeracy skills we need to target. I thank our Director of Studies Ms Ellison and Mrs Van Zeeland from Administration for their organisation.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Mother's Day Liturgy. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the gift of our Mothers, Grandmothers and special women who fill those roles in our lives. I thank Mr Matthew Paton and Mrs Marie Donaghy for their organisation of such a special liturgy.

This week we have had our Athletics Carnival. I think we are all in a bit of shock that we haven't had to reschedule due to rain, in fact a beautiful, sunny 27 degrees. One of the greatest things about being a part of St Patrick's Marist is to see the way our students engage in whole school events and how well-mannered and responsive they are to staff on a day like the Athletics Carnival. Whether students were competing at the elite level or not, I was so pleased to see the level of enthusiasm and participation by all. I thank Ms Liska for her outstanding organisation, the students that came in early in the morning to set up the sound system and all of the teachers who contributed to the successful running of the day.

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### KEY DATES

**Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 10 into 11 Information Evening

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 10 Careers Day  
Year 10 REMAR Camp

**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
Year 7 Vaccinations

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 11 Examinations Commence

**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June**  
School Photo Day

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June**  
Champagnat Day

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 10 Parent / Teacher / Student  
Interview Evening

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
Sport Photo Day

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> June**  
Queen's Birthday Holiday

### 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.*

We are always looking for ways to communicate what is happening in the College. I remind everyone that our Skoolbag App is a good source of information along with our website. We now have a College Facebook page that I encourage you to follow. We love to celebrate when students have achieved at an elite level or have done something outstanding in their community. If you have a story that you would like to share please forward it to Mrs Cathy Le Mottee at [clemottee@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:clemottee@parra.catholic.edu.au).

In response to feedback from parents indicating that it is difficult to get appointments with all teachers during the Years 7 – 9 Parent Teacher day, we have added an additional parent teacher night into our calendar. Year 7 and 8 interviews will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> June between 10.00am and 7.00pm. The Year 9 interviews will now be in the first week of Term 3, Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July between 4.00pm and 7.00pm. An email with instructions for making interview times is sent approximately 10 days prior to the evening. It is important to make interviews as soon as you receive the email.

**Mrs Angela Hay**  
Principal

## *Change of Dates*

Please note the following important dates and changes to the calendar:

**18<sup>th</sup> May, 2016** - Year 10 into Year 11 Information Evening (7.00pm)

**21<sup>st</sup> June, 2016** - Year 8 into Year 9 Information Evening (7.00pm)

**30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016** - Year 7 & 8 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews (10.00am to 7.00pm)

**20<sup>th</sup> July, 2016** - Year 9 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews (4.00pm to 7.00pm)

## *Director of Mission*

### **New Marist Nursery and Primary School in India** *(An article from Marist Solidarity Newsletter)*

Last month, the new Marist Nursery and Primary School in India celebrated the inaugural graduation of its first cohort of young students.

Teachers, village officers, local Marist Brothers and almost all the parents of the graduating students attended the ceremony, which was held on April 16.

South Asia Province delegate Reverend Brother Chinnappan also attended as a special guest.

The new school, which is located in the rural village of Vizhalanmedu, opened its doors at the start of the new school year in mid-2015.

It offers 70 children from the very underprivileged community of Vizhalanmedu the opportunity to receive formal education that will enable them to enrol in higher education.

Marist Solidarity is grateful for the support of its Australian donors, especially St Patrick's Marist College in western Sydney, for helping our partners in India achieve this exciting milestone.



# Congratulations

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**SOPHIE KHATCHIGIAN** who was featured in 'The Weekly Times' for her involvement and representation in State Rhythmic Gymnastics. Sophie was among an outstanding array of other local athletes who attended a dinner hosted by the Ryde Sports Foundation to parade the latest crop of sporting champions. For further information go to: <http://www.weeklytimes.com.au/local-talent-at-twt-club-six-sports-star-of-year-dinner/>

**JAKE DONALDSON** who achieved his first podium win! Jake Donaldson has been racing competitively in Go Karting since the age of seven, on both speedway and Tar surfaces. Winning Australian, State and Club Championship titles, he now has more than 114 wins under his belt.

This year Jake has signed up with a Formula Ford Racing Car team called Listec Racing. At 14 years of age, he is currently the youngest racing car driver in Australia.

Having already raced twice this year at Wakefield Park and Sydney Motorsports Park, Jake has scored his first Podium win, securing a third place spot out of 17 race drivers.

Jake has also featured in Go Karting and racing magazines and this year he completed his first radio interview, focussing on him being the youngest Formula Ford race driver ever.

You can follow Jake on his web site: [www.jakedonaldson.com](http://www.jakedonaldson.com) or Facebook Page: Jake Donaldson Racing

His next round is the Nationals on the 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May at Sydney Motorsports Park, Eastern Creek





# *Assistant Principal*

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## **PARENT LEARNING FORUM**

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding our second Parent Forum in the College Library. Our Parent Forums seek to inform our parents of the learning approaches and tools used in their son's and/or daughter's classes. This partnership helps develop a deeper understanding of what is happening in their child's learning and how parents can support them at home.

Our evening will begin at 7.00pm consisting of four workshops and we invite all parents to join us. Parents will have the opportunity to attend two of the workshops below

- Understanding Google Classroom
- Understanding the iPad
- Skills to support student learning in Numeracy
- Thinking Note Keys - A way of accessing texts

All welcome

## **STUDENT IPADS**

Students are reminded that their iPad's are important learning tools and are required for each lesson. Students must have their iPad's charged before coming to school each day and are to place their iPad's in the lockers provided during recess and lunch. The College policy on responsible use of technology has been signed by each student and parent and informs each member of the College community about the rights and responsibilities surrounding the use of iPad's, the internet and email. Not adhering to this policy will mean the loss of rights in accessing the internet at school and/or the use of the iPad in lesson for a period of time.

**Mr J. Scanlon**

**Assistant Principal - Innovation, Teaching and Learning**

# *Pastoral*

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## **YEAR 7**

The College Commendation Awards are presented to students who display a consistent effort in their learning, a positive attitude to College activities or for their contribution to the College Community. Year 7 students have made a fantastic start to their first year of high school and I am very pleased with how many students have received their Bronze awards.

At Assembly last week, the College acknowledged those in Year 7 who have received more than 20 commendations and were awarded a Silver Award.

Congratulations to the following students: Natasha Goldsmith; Brianna Webster; Alexander Bozanic; Natasha Biason; Alisa Dybal and Lachlan Moses.

I look forward to presenting more awards at the next assembly.

**Miss C. Mollace**

**Leader of Learning Pastoral - Year 7**

# Curriculum

## VISUAL ARTS



### Artist of the Week - Lia Ceccato

Lia is in the process of developing her first Year 7 Visual Arts artmaking task; a series of self-portraits which explore human emotions. Lia's first self-portrait portrays a more sombre mood. She has skilfully captured the feeling of "contemplation" and "sorrow" through incorporating facial expression and cool watercolour tones and as a result has created a very poignant self-portrait.

*"My artwork is about working with cool colours to support the emotion of 'feeling blue'. We have learnt about the Elements and Principles of Art in class, and my work focuses on building tone and contrast between cool colours. My next self-portrait will focus on warm coloured oil pastels to represent a happier emotion."*

**Ms K. Kovacic**  
**Visual Arts Teacher**

## PERFORMING ARTS

### The College Music Tuition Program

**Nish Manjunath**

**Clarinet & Saxophones**

Nish is a talented Music Tutor, Performing Musician, Band Leader and Composer who studied a Bachelor of Music at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, majoring in Jazz Performance and Theory. Nish offers engaging music lessons that are tailored to the individual student. He understands that every person is unique and has a different learning style. He will be joining the College Music Tuition Program this Term, so please contact Nish if you are interested. Email: [nish\\_manjunath@hotmail.com](mailto:nish_manjunath@hotmail.com) Phone: 0432 845 825

Or see Ms Andrews in the music block for more details or email: [tandrews2@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tandrews2@parra.catholic.edu.au)



### Piano / Keyboard Lessons with our new piano tutor Lydia Chu



Lydia offers fun, enjoyable and stimulating piano and keyboard lessons for students of all ages and musical abilities. She is able to teach different styles of music, from classical sonatas to pop and rock chord progressions. She enjoys teaching students to learn how to compose their own music and accompany themselves if they are a singer. Lydia is classically trained and also teaches theory and musicianship lessons

Please contact Lydia for further information about lessons at the College or see Ms Andrews in the music block.

Ms Andrews: [tandrews2@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tandrews2@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Lydia Chu: [Lydia.chu.mw@gmail.com](mailto:Lydia.chu.mw@gmail.com) or phone: 0415 474 935

**Ms T. Andrews**  
**Leader of Learning - Performing Arts**

## VISUAL ARTS

### Year 9 Photographic and Digital Media Excursion

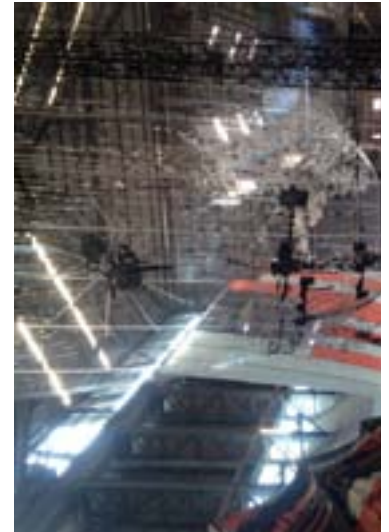
On Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May our Year 9 photographers enjoyed a perfect Autumn day in the city. Our first stop was the Museum of Contemporary Art at Circular Quay. Students explored both the permanent and temporary collection and were impressed by the large variety of postmodern artworks. Popular installations were the dripping ice chandelier by Nicholas Folland and the beautiful light composition by Fiona Hall.

Next we caught the ferry from Campbell's Cove to Cockatoo Island. We were lucky enough to see a pod of dolphins next to our boat while we were travelling under the Harbour Bridge. The two Year 9 Photography and Digital Media classes were set a task to document a series of images that included internal and external industrial buildings, a seascape and a landscape. They captured some very impressive scenes displaying a sophisticated understanding of composition, depth of field, light and colour.

### Year 11 and 12 Visual Arts Excursion

Year 11 and 12 Visual Arts also appreciated their excursion the following week on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. The students were very excited to see a large collection of work by their HSC case study Vernon Ah Kee and also the contemporary display by Aboriginal artist Richard Bell. The two senior classes were enthralled by the wide range of artworks observed at both the MCA and Biennale. A number of students took photographs for their HSC Body of Work. Helaina Bayeh documented her oil pastel drawing in a beautiful industrial setting. Jacob Federer created and photographed his own sculptural installations and Alisha Spinetti took advantage of the visually striking environment to take a number of portraits. Thank you to Miss Lawrence for her assistance with the smooth running of both excursions.

**Miss E. Brennan**  
**Leader of Learning - Visual Arts**





## PDSSSC CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, eight students from Years 7 to 9 travelled to Eastern Creek Raceway to compete at the 2016 PDSSSC Cross Country event.

*"It was a cold start at 6:50am but it eventually started to warm up and felt like 40 degrees after my race!"*

*Amy Giri (8 Chavoin)*

Congratulations to the following students who ran their 3 and 4 kilometre race; Lara Brimicombe (7 Paul), Alisa Dybal (7 Mackillop), Vlada Manchenko (8 Chavoin) and Monica Le (9 Mackillop). With a special congratulations to Alana Lynch (8 Xavier) and Claudia Ball (8 Paul) who secured a top 50 place (46th and 48th respectively) in their race.

*"Although we were extremely tired and exhausted from the many hills we had to climb, it was a successful day. All of us did try our very best to complete our events and kept a smile on our faces!"*

*Monica Le (9 Mackillop)*



## SENIOR B NETBALL

### Round 1: 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 - St Patrick's Marist Vs Domremy

Great start to the season with St Patrick's Marist College defeating Domremy College 46 to 9. Terrific team effort was displayed by both teams with all girls maintaining a high level of energy to the final whistle. Well done to Emily Morgan (GS), Nicola Elias (GA), Eleanor Dezius (WA), Sarah Knight (C), Erin Hann (WD), Ashleigh Farrell (GD) and Jennifer Habib (GK) who were humble in victory showing true Marist spirit. (Abbey Lewis and Lilia Warner were absent on the day).

**Ms Shannon Graham**  
Coach

# Mother's Day Liturgy



*The first Marist Brothers arrived in Australia on the 'Star of Peace' on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 1872. On the 8<sup>th</sup> 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.*





HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH  
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## **HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE**

### **Youth Group - Social Night**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**Starting after the 5.30pm mass until 8pm**

**In the Parish Hall (opposite the church on Myrtle Street)**

**Come along and bring a friend for a night of fun and food.**

**Donation of \$5 asked to be put towards the next social night later in the year.**

**Questions?**

**Please contact the Parish office or Anne-Marie Hewkins (0421 915 744).**

# MASTERING THE EXAMS New for 2016!

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Of students indicated that they learned important skills and strategies that they were not previously aware of!

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Total Donated to Charity to Date = \$327,121.50

Dear Angela,

There are many effective strategies that have been shown to **cut down on study time** and greatly **improve marks**, but most students aren't aware of them. There are numerous learning and concentration techniques that can reduce the time spent preparing for exams, and how effectively questions are answered in tests and examinations. Even a simple but strategic change in the way you work through an exam paper can dramatically improve your examination marks!

To help students obtain the highest possible marks in their trial examinations, TSFX is running **ONE SESSION** of its popular exam skills/strategy lecture titled "Mastering the Exams". This highly beneficial program is being delivered by one of Australia's leading education/learning specialists and is a **"must"** for those students who want to reach their full academic potential.

**Valued at over \$200, "Mastering the Exams" is FREE** when students make a minimum \$10 donation to The Fred Hollows Foundation representatives on the day.

Please find enclosed some information regarding "Mastering the Exams".

We would greatly appreciate it if you would make this program information available to your Year 11 and 12 students in your next school newsletter and/or school assembly.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you have any questions regarding this program.

Kind Regards, The School For Excellence



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MARIST COLLEGE EASTWOOD

# MARKET DAY

SUNDAY 29 MAY 2016 9.30AM-3.30PM

44 HILLVIEW RD, EASTWOOD

**FOOD:** Asian,  
Lebanese, BBQ,  
Souvlaki, Indian  
& Juice Bar

**STALLS:** White  
Elephant, Vintage  
Clothing, Art, Books,  
Fresh Produce,  
Crafts, Cakes &  
more!

**FUN:** Chocolate  
Wheel, Buskers,  
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## **WESTERN SYDNEY OPEN FORA**

Dr Sev Ozdowski AM, Director of Equity and Diversity  
Invites you and your colleagues to the Open Forum

### **Fighting Global Poverty with Gender Equality**

**1 June 2016, 5:30pm for 6pm start**  
**Parramatta South Campus**  
**Female Orphan School, Building EZ**

With Special Guest Speaker

**Dr Helen Szoke**  
Chief Executive of Oxfam Australia



Register your attendance at  
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For information on getting to Parramatta campus  
please visit [westernsydney.edu.au/parramatta](http://westernsydney.edu.au/parramatta)



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## **PENRITH OBSERVATORY**

SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

### **Astronomy Night – Saturday 28 May 2016 (7.00 pm – 9.00 pm)**

#### **MARS OPPOSITION**

Mars has fascinated us and stirred our imagination for a very long time. Come along during May to view the red planet during opposition. The evening will include a presentation, a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes.

Cost:

\$18 adult, \$12 child/concession and \$50 family

Bookings are essential:

To book and pay for tickets visit [westernsydney.edu.au/observatory](http://westernsydney.edu.au/observatory)





Parents Representative Council  
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The Parent Representative Council – Diocese of Parramatta welcome all parents/carers, teachers and school leaders 2016.

This is a great opportunity to find out what the other schools in the Diocese are doing in teaching and learning, social to keep up to date on what's happening! We encourage you to come with questions and provide feedback so that we

**Date:** Monday, 30 May 2016 at 7:00pm

**Located at:** Diocesan Assembly Centre (DAC), Cnr Flushcombe Rd & Marion St (Ground Floor), Blacktown NSW 2148 ([View Map](#))

**Topic:** Special Needs Classes in our schools including ASPECT Western Sydney School Satellite classes

**Presented by:** ASPECT Western Sydney School

**A little about our presenters this week...**

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) is Australia's leading service provider for people on the autism spectrum. Informed schools program is the largest in the world, with additional services that include information and support, parent and family support, and adult programs.

Autism is a lifelong condition that affects about one in 100 Australians, or 240,000 people. The word spectrum people on the spectrum.

Our services provide people on the autism spectrum with the opportunity to realise their unique potential, as well families, carers, friends and colleagues. Aspect's vision is to provide the best possible opportunities for people on the autism spectrum area *different brilliant*.