



St Patrick's Marist College

Catholic Education in the tradition of St Marcellin Champagnat

Star of Peace

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From the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends,

As we come to the conclusion of the Debating rounds I am happy to report that our Year 12 team remain undefeated. I congratulate them and wish them well as they move into the finals. A very special thank you to Ms Graham and all the coaches and adjudicators for their support of our debaters. This season has seen a continued improvement in our debating skills and I look forward to seeing our debating teams continue to grow in skill and strength.

Last Saturday night we held our Year 12 Formal. For the first time, we enjoyed a night at the Epping Club. The night was a great success. The venue and food were wonderful and our students looked absolutely beautiful. As expected, they were wonderful ambassadors for the College. A very big thank you to Mr Bonora and Ms Donaghy for their organisation and to all the staff that came along to share the evening.

Last week was our P & F Meeting for the term. The focus of the meeting was on the upcoming Trivia night on the 20th August. This is a great opportunity to come together as a community. If you are able to help out or provide sponsorship, please contact Mr Paul Grundy our P&F President via the College email.

Last term we held a very successful Parent Forum. This term, after listening to feedback, we will be holding a series of short workshops on the 14th June at 7.00pm in the College Library. Please refer to the Assistant Principal - Innovation, Teaching and Learning report for further details and a link to register for the workshops.

Mrs Angela Hay

Principal

DATE CHANGES

Please note that the Staff Formation Day has been changed from Friday, 10th June (as noted in the student diary) to **Friday, 1st July, 2016**. This is a pupil free day and the College will be closed. All students will be required to attend school on Friday, 10th June. Also, following are important dates and changes to the calendar:

21st June, 2016 - Year 8 into Year 9 Information Evening (5.30pm)

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

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

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KEY DATES

Friday, 3rd June

School Photo Day

Monday, 6th June

Champagnat Day

Tuesday, 7th June

Year 10 Parent / Teacher / Student
Interview Evening

Thursday, 9th June

Sport Photo Day

Monday, 13th June

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tuesday, 14th June

Parent Learning Forum (7.00PM)

Friday, 17th June

Year 8 Formation Day

Monday, 21st June

Year 8 into 9 Information Evening
(5.30PM)

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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.

Assistant Principal

PARENT LEARNING FORUM

This year, in continuing to develop strong parent partnerships, the College introduced Learning Forums for parents and caregivers. These Learning Forums, held once a term, aim to build greater understanding around some of the College learning strategies which seek to build various skills within our students. Parents and Caregivers are most welcome to join us on the 14th June at 7.00pm in the College Library. Our evening will consist of two workshops and parents are invited to choose from four options below:

- 1 Understanding Google Classroom
- 2 Navigating the iPad
- 3 Building Numeracy Skills
- 4 Building Literacy Skills

Please register by clicking on the link and completing the Google Form <https://docs.google.com/a/parra.catholic.edu.au/forms/d/16rKDApcEhbo0mMjSpkad8IzXwy0uVWPmMa5INZAUIPs/viewform>

Mr J. Scanlon

Assistant Principal - Innovative Teaching and Learning

CYBERSAFETY - TIPS FOR PARENTS WITH TEENS *(Information from www.esafety.gov.au)*

It's a different world with teens, so here are some great tips to help you support them to become safe and responsible online users.

Stay involved: Stay involved in their use of new technologies. Chat to them about the websites they use, including their social networking and gaming sites and, if they agree, ask them to help you set up your own accounts to better understand how the websites work.

Encourage them to use privacy settings on social networking sites and restrict online information to viewing by friends only, and to screen who they accept as friends.

Remind them to create screen names or IDs that do not indicate gender, age, name or location and are not sexually provocative.



Think Ahead: Encourage them to think before they post information – ask questions like: Who might see this, could it be misread by others? Am I creating the right image for myself socially and for work and school opportunities?

Ask them to think about the images they upload of themselves and others, to ensure they aren't exposing themselves to risk through provocative images, and that they aren't compromising their privacy or others' privacy.

Advise them to keep their online friends online. If they want to meet someone they haven't met in person, encourage them to ask you or another trusted adult to go with them and to meet in a public place during the day.

Be Proactive: Talk about cyberbullying before it happens and discuss strategies that you are both comfortable with, so they know what to expect if they do report concerns to you.

Consider using filters to help manage their online access.

Recommend that they avoid responding to negative messages and to actively block and report abusive people to website administrators. Encourage them to tell you, or another trusted adult, about such incidents and to save negative messages for reporting. Save the messages for them so they don't have to view them again.

Support Positively: If they encounter issues online, express your support for them and help them stay connected to supportive friends and family, both online and offline – this is vital to protect against longer term negative impacts.

If they show changes in behaviour or mood that are concerning, explore your concerns with them or seek professional support. Kids Helpline and eHeadSpace provide free, confidential online counselling, and their school may also be able to help. Help them to report incidents of serious cyberbullying.

Video on "Basic online safety skills for older children and teens": <https://vimeo.com/136066188>

Mr W. Waddell

Assistant Principal - Pastoral

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 were issued on 3rd May and are now overdue (due date 30th May) for families that are not on an arrangement. Thank you to the parents/caregivers who have paid fees or who have made contact with the College.

If you are currently on a payment plan, please continue to make payments as per your arrangement.

The College is happy to assist those Parents/Caregivers who require more time to pay off their child’s school fees. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, or are unable to pay the fees in full by the due date please contact Ms Rolla Van Zeeland the School Fees Administrator on 9638 5644 immediately or email rvanzeeland@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Ms Rolla Van Zeeland
School Fees Administrator

STAY CONNECTED

The College values Parent / College / Student interaction and uses media avenues such as the College Website, the Skoolbag app and our new Facebook Page. We urge parents and students to utilise these avenues to stay connected with the College.

Visit our College website for news and information. The website has links to our Facebook page and Library resources and you are able to send an email to the College, catch up on the fortnightly newsletter or download a College note that you may have missed. The ‘Calendar of Events’ is also an important tool within the website. You can see when major events are scheduled, check the times and details of these events and you can also print a missing permission note if necessary. The calendar can also be downloaded to your mobile device or computer and added to your google calendars.

Look out for this button at the base of the Calendar.



Like us on Facebook to keep up-to-date with events as they are happening within the College. <https://www.facebook.com/St-Patricks-Marist-College-1549337335358979/>

The College also uses the ‘Skoolbag’ App for distribution of the newsletter, alerts and event notifications. The College website calendar feeds through to this app as well. Instructions on how to download the app to your device can be found later within the newsletter. Please visit your relevant ‘App’ Store and search for ‘St Patrick’s Marist College Dundas’. When setting up your profile within the app, indicate what year levels your child/ren belong. This will enable us to send alerts specific to that year group.



I would like to remind everyone that we love to celebrate our student’s achievements, both within the College environment or in their community. Help share their successes by emailing me at clemottee@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Take an active interest in the students and what they are doing. Like us on Facebook, download the ‘Skoolbag’ App, add our calendar to your google calendar and visit our website regularly.

Mrs C. Le Mottee
Communications Coordinator

Director of Mission

Champagnat Week

Each year Marists celebrate the feast of St Marcellin Champagnat, the founder of the Marist Brothers and the person who inspires educators who seek to live the spirituality of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Marists do this in a variety of ways such as through prayer, attending a special Mass, learning more about Marcellin or by carrying out a service in his name.

Marcellin grew up in France. He was born in 1789, the year the French Revolution commenced, a year of turmoil. He grew up in a large family and consequently learnt to share life with his brothers and sisters. Marcellin enjoyed his family life on the farm, tending the sheep and developing his entrepreneurial skills through selling some of these sheep. Marcellin's father was active in the politics of the Revolution, while his mother, a very religious woman, spent most of her time caring for the family. Therefore, Marcellin's early days were influenced by parents who contributed to his growth in very different ways.

A chance visit to the family farm by a priest sowed in Marcellin's mind and heart the desire to become a priest. It was then that his lack of basic education came against him and he had to work hard to overcome this handicap. In the seminary he met a group of young men inspired with a vision of founding a Society of Mary, priests, sisters and lay people, working to rebuild the Church, a humble and serving Church, in the spirit of Mary.

Once Marcellin was ordained, the local Bishop appointed him as curate to a small village named La Valla. It was during this time that Marcellin finally believed God was calling him to found a community of Brothers who would help educate young people. In France, after the Revolution, there was a great need for competent teachers and the Church was keenly aware of the equally important need to educate these young people in the Catholic faith.

Marcellin's commitment to his priestly duties included taking every opportunity to teach young people their catechism. He soon got to know the local families, visiting them on foot as often as he could. These people could see Marcellin's love of God and his special devotion to Mary. His enthusiasm was contagious, inspiring others to also become teachers of the faith.

Today's Marist schools are built on this early tradition, one which continues to enhance school communities. At this time each year we focus on the legacy of St Marcellin, providing us with the opportunity to reflect on these origins and to reinterpret them for our contemporary world. St Marcellin Champagnat, guide us.



The banner features the MaristSolidarity logo on the left, which consists of three vertical bars in blue, green, and orange, followed by the text 'aristSolidarity'. On the right is a circular logo with a green footprint in the center, surrounded by a ring of small photos. Below the footprint is a blue banner with the text 'ONE STEP AT A TIME' and '2016'. The main image shows a smiling family of three (a man, a young girl, and a woman) standing in front of a body of water. At the bottom, there is a quote: 'We unite to create families, to support each other in our ideals, to transform our society. Each family, group or community is uniquely marked by that which unites them, that which lies at the core of their connection.' Below the quote is the text 'Water from the Rock: Marist Spirituality—Flowing in the tradition of Marcellin Champagnat, Part 3, excerpt 93 (Rome, 2007)'. At the very bottom, there is a blue bar with the text '#mysolidaritystep' and an orange bar with the text 'www.maristsolidarity.com.au'.

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ONE STEP AT A TIME
2016

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Water from the Rock: Marist Spirituality—Flowing in the tradition of Marcellin Champagnat, Part 3, excerpt 93 (Rome, 2007)

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Marist Solidarity

During the College Assembly last week, the students were presented with the Marist Solidarity 2016 vision 'One Step at a Time'. The work Marist Solidarity is doing in Cambodia, Thailand and Timor-Leste is extraordinary. Each year on Champagnat Day, the student are given a bookmark supplied by the Marist Brothers. This year, it places particular attention on the Marist celebration, *Year of Fourvière*. Some information about this special year and what it represents is detailed below. In 2017, Marists across the world will celebrate 200 years of Marist Education.

On July 23, 1816, the day after their ordination, a group of young priests, full of enthusiasm, travelled to the shrine of Fourvière in Lyon. At the feet of our Lady, in the small chapel behind me, they promised to establish the Society of Mary. In 2016, we will celebrate the pledge made in that chapel 200 years ago. The icon of Fourvière, therefore, will guide us in this second year, from July 2015 to July 2016.

From the beginning, the first Marists conceived the Society of Mary as a large tree with different branches: priests, brothers, sisters and lay people.

We gratefully acknowledge the fact that the Holy Spirit has made lay Marist vocations flourish among us. Thousands of lay men and women around the world feel called to live the Gospel like Mary, according to the tradition of Father Champagnat and the first brothers. The origins of the Society of Mary remind us that, as religious and laity, we come together for mission, and are called to be the Marian face of the Church through our particular way of being and building Church.

Our last General Chapter invited us to a new relationship between brothers and lay people, to better serve the inspiring mission entrusted to us by the Church. The same Chapter stated: we see our Marist future as a communion of people in the charism of Champagnat, open to the creativity of the Holy Spirit, who can lead us, perhaps, on paths we might never have imagined.

Over the coming newsletters I will continue to include aspects of the wonderful work of Marist Solidarity and their 'One Step at a Time' campaign.

Mr M. Paton
Director of Mission

WYD EVENT

On 17th May, four of our Year 11 students along with Mr Berner attended a "A Night with Jason Evert" at Patrician Brothers Blacktown. This event forms part of their commitment to joining the pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Krakow Poland. Jason is a fantastic religious speaker from America, who both entertained and informed everyone present about the wonders of the Catholic faith. At the end of the night, Jason took questions from the 500 people present who were encouraged to ask questions about any aspect of their faith, be it controversial or not.

Everyone in attendance was thoroughly entertained and the opportunity to speak to such a talented and knowledgeable speaker on matters of faith was a fantastic opportunity for our young people. Students were also entertained by the Parramatta Diocese band which has been put together for World Youth Day.



Pastoral

YEAR 12

Last week we had our College Formal. It was a great night and the students deserve special praise for their wonderful involvement on the night. Below is a report from our College Vice Captain, Kira Moriarty.

The Year 12 Formal for the graduating class of 2016 was held on Saturday the 28th May. The morning rain and cold weather was no deterrent as students and teachers made their way to The Epping Club for a night to remember. Pulling up in limos, hummers, Rolls-Royces and London buses, students were first introduced to the venue with an elegant crystal chandelier and soothing piano playing. Drinks and canapes were served as dresses, hair and suits were admired and many photos taken. One opportunity that the students were given that has not happened at past school formals was the taking of a whole year photo. The glamorous staircase provided the perfect stage for the cohort to unite and smile, as the night had truly begun.

Once inside, students were amazed at the beauty of the room; from the beautiful flower centerpieces, to the personalised place cards, to the gold tiffany chairs. The food served received nothing but excellent replies, with meals including Ricotta and Sundried Tomato Ravioli, Dukkah Spiced Lamb, Lemon Pepper Chicken and Vanilla Bean Creme Brulee. Many students enjoyed the chance to use the Photobooth, complete with dress-up props. Professional photographers were kept busy all night, providing students and teachers with lifelong keepsakes. Along the way, classes and homerooms were also able to take group photos on the staircase, pulling out some interesting poses, which came as a great surprise to those passing through the foyer.

The dance floor was in action all night thanks to our enthusiastic DJ, an ex Marist himself. Dance battles occurred and teachers joined in the fun as many well loved classics and party favourites were played throughout the night. Although several people had sore feet, the dancing went right until the end as the night concluded with a passionate rendition of Sub Tuum. Many thanks to Mr Bonora and Mrs Donaghy as well as the Yr 12 Formal Committee (Julia, Jewelay, Nick and Alex) for all their effort and dedication in ensuring the night was as wonderful as it was. Thank you also to all the teachers that attended. There is no doubt there will be many treasured photos and happy memories to take away for years to come as a reminder of our special night together.

Kira Moriarty
12 Edwin

YEAR 11

There have been some wonderful sporting achievements in Year 11.

Erin Hann (11 MacKillop) and **Sarah Knight** (11 Xavier) have both been selected to represent the PDSSSC Touch Football team to play in Dubbo in June.

Earlier this year **Georgia Thompson** (11 Chavoin) competed in the BMX Australia 2016 National Titles achieving 11th place in the Cruiser 17-24 Womens event and placed 20th in the 20' 17-24 Womens event.

Congratulations girls, great news!.

Mr P. Quigley
Leader of Learning Pastoral - Year 11



YEAR 7

During our Pastoral Care lesson Year 7 met with Simone Paull, a specialist teacher for vision-impaired students. Ms Paull explained her role at the College and the challenges students face when they have a vision impairment. Ms Henrisson was also introduced who works alongside Ms Paull in assisting students in the classroom.

Students had the opportunity to try some simulation goggles that temporarily gave them a vision impairment. This allowed students to understand the challenges some individuals face when partaking in everyday activities.

We thank Ms Paull for teaching us about vision impairment and acknowledge the hard work Ms Paul and Ms Henrisson do to support some students at our College.



Miss C. Mollace
Year 7 Pastoral Leader of Learning

Curriculum

YEAR 12 PHYSICS EXCURSION

Today, the Year 12 HSC Physics class of 2016 embarked on an excursion to the University of Sydney, led by Mr Elias, for a workshop on the experiments and theory of the “Ideas to Implementations” module. The class was required to travel to the university on time to meet up with Mr Elias and the rest of the class, which was not a problem for anyone, with some of us being able to stop for nice breakfast at one of the many cafes in Redfern. After arriving at the spectacular university, we were kindly greeted outside the “School of Physics” building by Gabe and Steph who would run the workshop for that day. After a brief but intriguing history lesson on the “School of Physics” building, we got straight into the experiments. Such experiments included mimicking Heinrich Hertz’s experiments of the 19th century to prove that radio waves were in fact a form of light. We were also able to calculate the charge to mass ratio of an electron with Cathode Ray Tubes, as well as deriving Planck’s constant with the Photoelectric effect, and learning how to define, understand and model certain conductors or semi-conductors. Everyone’s favourite experiment, however, was the experiment that displayed the effects of a superconductor ($\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-x}$) in a magnetic field. Long story short; there was a lot of very cold liquids, magnets and levitation. The workshop was finished by lunchtime granting us the opportunity to go and grab lunch together at one of the various locations available. To conclude the day, Mr Elias briefly showed us around the grounds of the university before dismissing us for the day.

This excursion has helped us all very much in the HSC Physics course by allowing us to understand the theory of “Ideas to Implementations” by allowing us to conduct first hand investigations into the theory behind the module. Not only did we all find the day very useful for our studies but it was a great way for us to briefly escape the stress of the HSC and enjoy both the subject of Physics and the friendships we share among our peers.



YOUNG WRITERS FESTIVAL

On Wednesday the 18th of May, 15 students ranging from years 7-10, along with Ms Duffy, attended the Young Writers Festival at the Concourse in Chatswood. Upon our arrival, we were ushered into the venue along with another 200+ students from various schools across the state. The host introduced the audience to the first of four guest speakers, John Boyne, a writer internationally renowned for his bestselling novel *"The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas."* Boyne spoke about his new release, *"The Boy at the Top of the Mountain"* and his life as a writer. Boyne related the theme of his books to modern society and answered numerous questions about his writing career.

Soon afterwards we were introduced to Michael Grant, author of the 'Gone' series, BZRK and an abundant amount of other novels. Michael explained how his poor childhood experiences influenced his writing career through an intriguing presentation and subsequently gave advice to those seeking to be a writer. During lunch, students were able to purchase copies of the writers' books, and were privileged to be able to have them signed by the author. Lunch's completion led us back into the venue, whereupon the host presented one of Australia's well-known authors, Vikki Wakefield. Having won the 2012 and 2014 Adelaide Festival Literary Award for Young Adult Fiction for her two books, *"All I Ever Wanted"* and *"Friday Brown"*, Vikki explained how her childhood experiences had influenced her novels, which were written based on her life. Later our final guest, Claire Zorn, presented us with a comical version of her life experiences and talked us through her thought process while writing. Afterwards, we were able to purchase the writer's books and have them signed.

I'd like to thank Ms Duffy, for overseeing the details for the day and the College for giving us the opportunity to attend such an event. I am confident that everyone had a fantastic time and we were honoured to have heard from these authors and been able to purchase copies signed by these wonderful writers.



NEXT TECH GIRL SUPERHERO COMPETITION



We are the Junior St Patrick's Marist team and we are part of the Next Tech Girl Superhero Competition. The criteria for the competition is to build an app that will benefit our local community. We have chosen to target the elderly in nursing homes by creating an app that will allow the employees working at the nursing homes to book certain foods, textile items such as scarfs, entertainment such as musical items, sport groups, etc. By booking these resources we can teach, educate and provide food, clothing or even just engaging them in a yoga session. Our main aim is to connect our College with nearby nursing homes in a positive manner.

Natasha Goldsmith, Amelia White, Gemma Smythe, Angela Chen and Seraiah Hathurusinghe

This term the Senior St Patrick's Marist App Team is entering the Next Tech Girl Superhero Competition, for the first time ever! We are required to create an app that will benefit our local community. This involves our team attending weekly meetings with Mrs Scott during sport. Our team has decided to create an app involving community sports to improve the communication between sporting clubs and allow for a much smoother process. It may include features such as a team chat and a refined search in which will make the process easier to communicate with your team, locate specific teams and find extra players. We conducted a survey using Google Forms in week three in which we received a lot of good feedback from fellow students and will utilise this when creating our app. We can't wait to continue expanding and working on our app and hope that it wins this competition.



Alison Rigby, Louise Bonthrone and Rozhene Rasaie

Debating

2016 has certainly already been an exceptional year for Debating at the College. Round two saw a majority of teams achieving a win against Trinity Catholic College Auburn. This is an excellent result, and hopefully, there will be more upcoming rounds which mirror such a high standard. The theme for this week was 'creativity' which our students adapted to with perfection. In order to develop our debaters onto the next level, we have tried to improve our speaking skills and debating finesse with the help of our fantastic teaching staff. Staff members or coaches work closely with teams to help them improve for the next round and work through possible debate scenarios. As such we are aiming to create an active and positive debating culture where we push each other to strive for greatness. Debating is an excellent sport to take part in, and we hope that many more students become interested next year to enable our community to grow larger.



Furthermore round three saw three of our teams win against St Scholastica which is a substantial improvement over last year's singular win. On the 7th of May, the third round of the CSDC was held here at St. Patricks Dundas. The theme this week was 'community'. I would like to thank personally and on behalf of the debating teams; Ms Graham for organising and running the night in general, Mrs Frankie for catering and Jewelay Azar for organising the fantastic bunch of student helpers (Sophia McCaughan, Eve Watson, Claudia Ball, Hovig Melkonyants, Emma Gallagher, Melanie Hrast, Sarah Popov, Georgina Gibson and Jackson Bowden). The night ran incredibly smoothly and showcased our true Marist spirit in all manner of which the students acted.

We have been holding collective debating training session which enable us all to grow our spirit and skill. As such we look forwards to holding more over the future weeks and seeing how well we can aim in then next rounds. In all, its pleasing seeing how things are 'shaping up' and hopefully we will advance some teams through to the finals this year!

Nathan Taverniti

College Debating Captain

ROUND 5 DEBATING REPORT

20th May, 2016: St Patrick's Marist College vs Loreto Normanhurst (at Loreto)

Unfortunately we experienced a less successful week of Debating against a formidable competitor, Loreto College. St Pat's were humble in 5 defeats but absolutely ecstatic with another Year 12 win making them undefeated going into Round 6. The junior debates revolved around the topic area of Communication whilst the senior debate topic was That gender quotas should be set. Congratulations to all Debaters for their fair play, effort and determination to Debate in the spirit of the Competition:

Year 7: Alisa Dybal, Alisha Geraghty, Bianca Garth (Mrs Harney observing)

Year 8: Narella Wakim, Harry Simpson, Claudia Ball (Mr William Waddell observing)

Year 9: Eilish Murphy, Nell Whitaker, Katrina Astalosh (Mrs Sarah Duffy adjudicating)

Year 10: Unfortunately we had to forfeit due to team illness.

Year 11: Stephanie Belford, Joseph Elias, Dominic Gibson (Ms Shannon Graham observing)

Year 12: Alexander Ishac (College Captain), Sasha Sugita (College Captain) and Nathan Taverniti (College Debating Captain) debated. The remaining team Georgina Gibson, Jerick Nubla and Jackson Bowden witnessed their team mates argue the affirmative with passion, that gender quotas should be set. (Mr Daniel Moussa and Mr David Bonora observing and Mr Chris Lindsay adjudicating).

Congratulations to the Year 12 team, who, together with their Coach Ms Sarah Hagarty have worked tirelessly to ensure success this season.

Ms Shannon Graham
Debating Coordinator

Sport

HOCKEY



The MCCS Open Hockey team has been competing each Thursday at Doyle grounds, Nth Parramatta. The team has been training hard and been lucky to have an former Australian player come and help them and the junior team with tips and skill development. In week 4, our squad of 16 were not only down by four injuries and but were extremely worn out from the athletics carnival. It was a tight game. Domremy scored early in the first half, we dominated with the ball but did not get it past their keeper.

Our backs and mids held tight positions and made the game difficult for their attacking players. Our goalkeeper Bianca Thomas once again did a great job in defending the attacks from the other team. Our forwards scrambled in front of the goal mouth, desperately attempting to hit the ball in. We scored to even game in the final

minutes thanks to a 50m drive from Greta White followed by lunged whack from Rebecca McCaughey and finished by Eliza Keur. A fantastic ending to a nail biting game.

Annalise Schiraldi

SENIOR B NETBALL

Great Round 3: 18th May, 2016 - St Patrick's Marist B Vs St Patrick's Marist A



Round 3 saw St Patrick's Marist (B) team vs St Patrick's Marist (A) team. The B team knew they were in for a challenging game of Netball from the outset! However, the B team's tenacity and endurance to go on the attack and score as many goals as possible in the first half of the game worked to their advantage. Leading by at least 6 for most of the game, they held the lead until the last quarter.

Unfortunately, the A team's change of player from a defence position to GA in the second half of the game, worked to their advantage as they too switched tactics to play an attacking game. The A team scored quite a few goals in the second half narrowing the margin to less than three. The A team were victorious in the final minutes of the game, 30 – 27. However, a very pleasing effort by the B team; well done girls!

Round 3 B team consisted of: Eleanor Dezius, Nicola Elias, Ashleigh Fairall, Jennifer Habib, Erin Hann, Sarah Knight, Abbey Lewis, Emily Morgan and Lillia Warner.

Ms Shannon Graham

Year 12 Formal



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.



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.



LOST

I AM A LAND SURVEYOR WHO WAS WORKING AROUND THIS AREA LAST WEEK. I HAVE LOST A PIECE OF MY EQUIPMENT AS SHOWN IN THE PICTURE BELOW. IF YOU HAVE SEEN IT OR CAN GIVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT IT'S LOCATION, PLEASE CALL ANY OF THESE NUMBERS -

FRANK: 0431046015

MIKE: 0418770565

OR OUR OFFICE 9764 5880.

REWARD OFFERED FOR RETURN OF EQUIPMENT!



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 and 8 to a night of fun, faith & food. On Saturday, 4th June in the Parish Hall (on Myrtle St opposite the Church) following the 5.30pm vigil mass and going until 8pm. Parents - 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.



PENRITH OBSERVATORY

SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

Saturday 11 June - 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

SPACE JUNK – Our planet isn't the only place we are leaving trash. Orbital debris, the collection of old or unused man-made objects in orbit about the Earth is a real problem to satellites, the ISS and rockets when they launch.

Saturday 25 June – 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

IS ANYONE OUT THERE? – The hunt for ET

The evenings will also include 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

PARENT LINE NSW

Newly launched, the Parent Line is a unique telephone and online counselling and support service for parents and carers.

We cover issues with babies, children and young people up to 18 years of age, all over NSW. Our counsellors are professionally trained and specialise in working with families.

Contact us 7 days a week on 1300 1300 52 or at info@parentline.org.au

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What do young people need?

Lots of recent research shows:

- * Young people want to talk about tough issues with family
- * Young people also need to learn how to stay safe.
- * Young people respond best to parenting that is not unduly harsh but neither is it unduly lenient
- * Young people want parents that are available to them even if they don't talk to parents that much

Not sure how to navigate these needs and wants? Our counsellors can help find strategies that best fit with each family and engage parents and young people more positively.

5 signs of a healthy family

Whilst every family is unique, researchers find there are common signs of healthy families:

- * Members are committed to one another
- * Families engage in positive communication
- * The family spends significant time together
- * Members show affection to one another
- * The family actively engages together to resolve crises (DeFraim 1999).

Our counsellors can help families develop these ways of being together. Simply call us on **1300 1300 52** or email a parenting question to info@parentline.org.au.



concerns in 2015

Last year we were most often asked about:

- 1 Mental health
- 2 Reducing parent/young person conflict
- 3 Technology
- 4 Peer relationships and bullying
- 5 Impact of parental separation and family violence

NEW

Parent Line
ONLINE

We want to make it as easy as possible for busy parents and carers to connect with us and obtain the information they need. We now have Online Counselling via our website at www.parentline.org.au, you can email us a question using info@parentline.org.au or find us on Facebook for our latest tips and useful research.

Only the best will do

Parent Line counsellors use research-based understanding of young people and families together with proven parenting strategies to help parents develop more positive relationships with young people. We support parents to find strategies that best work for their family and we provide thousands of referrals every year to services all over New South Wales.



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Seeking Volunteer Host Families

Are you interested in different cultures and foods, learning about the world and different ways of thinking? WEP Australia is now looking for volunteer host families for our Italian exchange students due to arrive this July.



Why host?

Hosting an exchange student gives Australian families the opportunity to share their life and culture with young people from around the world for a term, semester or year. It is about discovering another culture, encompassing different traditions and practices, and supporting a new family member.

WEP host families are welcoming, curious and excited to have the opportunity for new experiences. They are people who would like to discover another culture, another way of life and traditions, and enjoy seeing Australia through the eyes of their exchange student. To be a WEP host family means offering this exciting opportunity to an equally curious and enthusiastic high school exchange student.



How does it work?

Host families choose their student and are responsible for providing the exchange student with a room (can be shared with sibling of same sex and similar age), meals and most importantly a welcoming family environment. In return, families will gain a new family member and friend for life.

All WEP students come with their own spending money and insurance.

Choose Your Student:

Samuele: "I love the ocean so of course my passion is swimming! I have been training for 10 years now and compete in races every week. I also really enjoy watching racing cars and am fascinated by astronomy. In fact, my dream is to one day become a skilled aerospace engineer for NASA. I can't wait to meet you!"

Niccolo: "Ciao! I attend an art school in Italy because I am passionate about drawing and painting. I am also a great sportsman and enjoy playing soccer and swimming, but I especially love water polo. I am extremely sociable and love making new friends. I can't wait to meet my host family and make new friends in Australia!"

Find out more now!

Request a comprehensive information pack, including student profiles.



Sylvia Kelly
World Education Program Australia
For the cost of a local call: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
www.wep.org.au

Simon & Melissa, host parents of Valeria from Italy:

We found the process of choosing your own student fantastic, as we feel Valeria has been very well suited to our own family. We appreciated the visits and emails from our coordinator and the information packs have been very helpful. Thank you WEP for providing our family with an experience we'll look back on with fond memories. We hope it has given our own children a desire to travel when they are older and it has given us all lifelong friends in Valeria's family.



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NORTH SYDNEY

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THE LAUNCH OF MARIST LEARNING ZONE
A Work of the La Valla Community.

at

THE AUSTRALIAN BALLROOM
THE MENZIES HOTEL
CARRINGTON STREET, SYDNEY

on

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RSVP 24TH June, 2016

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