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The Mission

7th September, 2016

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends,

Last night we attended the Annual Association of Australian Marist Schools Oratory competition. The level of competition was as usual extremely high. Students from across all Marist schools in NSW spoke with eloquence, confidence and demonstrated a high level of critical thought. Some challenged our thinking, some entertained us, but all were outstanding ambassadors for their schools. I am very pleased to report that in the overall competition our College finished second. I congratulate all of our speakers who contributed to our overall result.

| Year 7: | Anthony Khatchigian (2 nd Place) |
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| Year 8: | Joseph Arabit |
| Year 9 | Emma Gallagher |
| Year 10: | Rebecca Ozer |
| Senior: | Joshua Khoudair (3rd Place) |
| Impromptu: | Dominic Gibson (2 nd Place) |

I would like to especially thank our staff who have worked with our students in preparation and for their attendance: Mrs Pett, Ms Graham and Ms Gray. I thank Mr Scanlon and our families who came along to support our students and to Marist College North Shore for their warm welcome and hospitality.

It has been a very special week for us here at the College. Last week we had the wonderful privilege of listening to our year 11 students who had nominated to be School Captains for 2017. The standard of speeches was extremely high and I would have been very confident in any one of those students leading our school. It gives me great pleasure to announce our incoming School Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects and House Captains

College Captains: Dominic Gibson and Eleanor Dezius

| Vice Captains: | Sarah Ozer and Curtis Bayeh |
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| College Prefects: | Stephanie Belford |
| | Kimberly Castueras |
| | Joseph Elias |
| | Bradley Goldsmith |
| | Bill Johnson |
| | Laura Mobbs |
| | Arthur Rizk |
| | Jessica Shepardson |
| House Captains: | Michael Gibson and Ellie Ramsdale (Chavoin) |
| | Nathan Cutrupi and Bill Litsas (Edwin) |
| | Sarah Popov and Ashleigh Fairall (Ludovic) |
| | Jennifer Habib and Erin Hann (MacKillop) |
| | Nicola Elias and Genna Burrell (Paul) |
| | Jonah Lin and Sarah Knight (Xavier) |
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Our new leaders will be inducted at our Leaders Changeover Assembly next Wednesday.

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KEY DATES

Thursday, 8th September and Friday, 9th September (7.00pm) Drama Performance - The Tempest

Monday, 12th September PAT-R Testing

Wednesday, 14th September Leaders Changeover Assembly

Thursday, 15th September Year 11 Examinations Commence

Monday, 19th September Year 7 Vaccinations

Tuesday, 20th September Year 12 Graduation Day

Friday, 23rd September Term 3 Concludes

Monday, 10rd October Term 4 Commences

Tuesday, 11rd October Year 7 (2017) Information Evening

Wednesday, 12rd October Year 7 (2017) Orientation Day

Thursday, 13rd October HSC Examinations Commence

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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.



On the 5th of September, Blessed Mother Teresa was canonised. I doubt there would be anyone who does not know of Mother Teresa, now known as Saint Teresa of Calcutta, nor anyone who would not have been in awe of the incredible gift she was to the poor and forgotten. Throughout her life, she has been a symbol of courage, love and charity. She saw all people the same way through the loving eyes of God and will be remembered for her social work, her humanitarianism and for her selfless charity.

Pope Francis delivered a homily, in which he praised Mother Teresa -- "this emblematic figure of womanhood and of consecrated life" -- for her charitable work.

"Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defense of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded," he said.

"She bowed down before those who were spent, left to die on the side of the road, seeing in them their God-given dignity. She made her voice heard before the powers of this world, so that they might recognise their guilt for the crime of poverty they created."

I share with you some of my favourite words by Saint Teresa

"These are the few ways we can practice humility:

To speak as little as possible of one's self.

To mind one's own business.

Not to want to manage other people's affairs.

To avoid curiosity.

To accept contradictions and correction cheerfully.

- To pass over the mistakes of others.
- To accept insults and injuries.

To accept being slighted, forgotten and disliked.

To be kind and gentle even under provocation.

Never to stand on one's dignity.

To choose always the hardest."

- Mother Teresa, The Joy in Loving: A Guide to Daily Living

Yours in Jesus, Mary and St. Marcellin

Mrs Angela Hay Principal

<u>Assistant Principal</u>

PAT-R TESTING

Each year across the Parramatta Diocesan Schools, students in Years 7-10 participate in the PAT–R standardised test. At St Patrick's Marist, this comprehension online test will take place during 12th September. The PAT-R tests are used to monitor progress in reading comprehension and provide teachers with diagnostic information for setting realistic learning goals and planning effective programs. This assessment enables us to:

- Track students' literacy progress from Year 7 through to Year 10.
- Identify students who require help to develop literacy skills and students who would benefit from literacy extension.
- · Use results to confirm school-based assessment.
- Use information, based on the question types, to plan literacy-teaching strategies.

Teaching staff have throughout 2016 been developing various Literacy skills to support student learning in all their subject areas. NAPLAN and PAT-R data provides valuable insights into student literacy and numeracy and their analysis supports all teachers to know their students and how they learn. It is most important that students are reminded that their iPads need to be fully charged each day as the test is completed online.

If you have any questions regarding the PAT-R testing, please do not hesitate to contact me here at the College.



WINTER SLEEPOUT

On the 2nd of September 2016, forty students slept in the La Valla Centre to raise awareness for those living in tough conditions of homelessness and poverty. Some really dedicated Year 12's slept outside to show their solidarity for those without a home in our community. We were asked to bring non-perishable food items to donate to Vinnie's. Some charitable students went a step further and donated pillows, blankets and clothing in the spirit of the recently canonised Mother Theresa.

It was very confronting experience since it made us realise how unfortunate some in our community really are. Homelessness affects all people in our society. Young people and the mentally ill are the most vulnerable and therefore it is extremely important that as a school we continue to participate in the Winter Sleepout and make the future generations aware of the issues faced in our community.

For some it was their first experience of the Winter Sleepout, while for others it may have been their second or third. The constant attendance of students to this event each year is a wonderful reflection of the Catholic values and unity of St Patrick's Marist College as a whole. We as Year 12 students, hope that this event continues to be held each year. It allows students to experience and learn a world unbeknownst to them and help students reflect on their own values and actions.

We would like to thank all the teachers who came to the Winter Sleepout: Mr Paton; Mrs Watters; Mr Moussa; Miss Samarasinghe; Mr Connor; Mrs Donaghy; Mrs O'Neill and a special thanks you to Mrs Watters, Mr Moussa and Mrs Donaghy for their attendance in sleeping the night at the La Valla Centre. Thank you to all the students who participated and donated on the night, your efforts will not go unnoticed.

Hannah Lyons-Uhl, Lina Kim and Lily Thomas (12 Paul)

On the 2nd of September myself and forty other students from Grades 10 to 12 attended the winter sleep out at the college. It was an opportunity for us to place ourselves in the position of many homeless people who are without necessities that we often take for granted. Although we were in a safe surrounding we still felt the discomfort however, homeless people feel unsafe and insecure every night. Throughout the night the majority of our entertainment came from communication and the presence of others. It was a time to create new friendships and make memories. Resources such as technology and gourmet food were limited and not in use, as we all wanted to take this opportunity to form an understanding of some of the circumstances in which people suffer from on a daily basis. Overall, this beneficial experience allowed myself and many others to take part in raising awareness for homelessness. Although, we all walked out of the La Valla Centre with sore backs, each person felt more humble.

Chloe Bou Serhal (10 Edwin)



Director of Studies

YEAR 11 EXAMINATION SUPERVISION

A letter requesting volunteers to supervise the Year 11 Examinations from Thursday, 15th September to Friday, 23rd September was sent home last week. (Attached)

It is a requirement of the Diocese of Parramatta that any parent volunteering at our College needs to complete the online Child Protection Volunteer Form – 'Building Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteer' and complete the Online Training Module. This can be done by accessing http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions

The dates and times are listed below.

| Thursday 15 th September | 8.35 – 11.10 am | 12.00 – 1.50pm |
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| Friday 16 th September | 8.35 – 11.10 am | 12.00 – 2.25pm |
| Monday 19 th September | 8.35 – 11.10 am | 12.00 – 2.25pm |
| Tuesday 20 th September | 8.20 – 10.15 am | |
| Wednesday 21st September | 8.35 – 11.10 am | 12.00 – 2.25pm |
| Thursday 22 nd September | 8.35 – 11.10 am | 12.00 – 2.25pm |
| Friday 23 rd September | 8.35 – 11.10 am | 12.00 – 2.55pm |

YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Year 11 Examinations begin on Thursday 15th September and continue to the end of the term. On completion of an examination, students are expected to go directly home or study in the Library.

If a student is absent from an examination, parents are required to contact Mr Quigley at the College, complete the Illness/Misadventure form AND supply a medical certificate.

The English examination starts at 8.30 am and all students are then required to attend the Year 12 Graduation Mass

HSC AND YEAR 12

Our Year 12 students are working hard through their final days of schooling in preparation for the HSC Examinations which start on Thursday, 13th October.

Students are encouraged to stay focussed over the next few weeks so you can be proud of your achievements when you receive your results in December.

Some reminders for students:

- Use your calendar and plan a study programme for each day. Have a balanced programme.
- Maintain a routine over the next 5 weeks.
- Have a positive mind set use positive statements to replace any negative thoughts.
- Don't dwell on the past, think about what I can do in the time left.
- Have some strategies for the distractions. Turn OFF social media while you study!!
- Plan for individual and group study sessions. Some students keep the same timetable, work between 9.00am to 3.15pm
- Complete your study notes within the next two weeks. Condense your study notes to a manageable form.
- Practise past questions; ensure you understand the Glossary of Key Terms.
- The night before your exam, your study notes should only consist of 3 to 4 pages.

Ms Therri Ellison

Business Manager

STUDENT AND PARENT REMINDERS

Chiropractic School Bags Available

Owing to a special request from some parents, we have a limited number of special "Chiropractic" school bags, with the school logo and in the school colours. They provide the student with significantly more back support than the regular school bag. The cost of these bags is \$95. If you would like to purchase one for your child, please email the school, and we will arrange this for you on a first-come basis.

School Fees – Term 3 – Overdue Reminder

Term 3 fees are now overdue. If you have received a reminder notice and are on a payment plan please continue to make your arranged payments. If you are not on an arrangement please organise to pay the fees in full as soon as possible. There are no school fees issued in Term 4.

The College is happy to assist Parents/Caregivers who require more time to pay the school fees but you need to contact Ms Rolla Van Zeeland the School Fees Administrator on 9638 5644 immediately or email rvanzeeland@parra.catholic. edu.au

2015 Yearbooks

We still have some 2015 Yearbooks in stock. If a student did not receive their own copy of the 2015 Yearbook, please visit the College office to collect. These will be available in the office until stock is depleted.

Mrs F. Hawton Business Manager

Pastoral

YEAR 12

Year 12 have been working very hard as they approach the end of classes at the College. Teachers will be available to provide assistance and advice all the way up to the commencement of HSC Examinations on Thursday 13th October. The Year 12 Graduation Day will take place on Tuesday, 20th September. All payments for the dinner should be finalised by this week. The details for Graduation Day are as follows:

- 7:30am: Graduation Breakfast, prepared by Peer Support Leaders
- 9:00: Mass rehearsal
- 9:50: Final Year Meeting
- 1:00pm: Graduation Mass and ceremony
- 6:30pm: Graduation Day Dinner at St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill

David Bonora Year 12 Pastoral Leader of Learning

YEAR 8

Congratulations to the following Year 8 students who received their Silver and Gold commendation Awards at Assembly on Wednesday 31 August 2016.

| Cold |
|---------------|
| Maroun Sassin |
| Chloe Wills |

| Silver |
|-----------------|
| Chanel El-Chaar |
| Ghadi Francis |
| Hanna Lake |
| Geena Lee |
| Vlada Manchenko |
| Nichael Menin |
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Dylan Owen



LEADERS AFTERNOON TEA

On the 16th of August, the Student Leadership Team of St Patrick's Marist College hosted the College's first Leader's Afternoon Tea inviting local school leaders to attend. This conference was designed in order to reflect on the year gone by, and how we can ensure successful cohorts in the HSC months ahead. A much cherished Harry Potter theme ensured an incredibly entertaining evening ... and yes, there was a match of Quidditch.

The activities organised by our student leaders challenged all attendees on multiple planes, such as teamwork, communication and problem solving. As the afternoon tea drew to a close, we reflected on the tasks undertaken in the year gone by and prayed for future prosperity. It was an enriching experience to say the least, and we hope this may become a recurring tradition for future leaders.





Congratulations to...

- William Reece (7 Xavier) who came second in the U14s MCS golf tournament last week.
- Alisa Dybal (7 MacKillop) who played in the Gold Ranked Tennis Tournament. Alisa played in the quarterfinals for double and improve her rank to 60th in NSW for her age group.
- Michael Blazevic (7 Edwin) who gave up his time to do the St Vincent De Paul Door Knock Appeal through the North Rocks Parish.
- Deanna Moussa (7 Edwin) who has had some great success in singing and dancing. She has been given the opportunity to attend workshops and train at some of the most prestigious studios in Los Angeles and showcase her talent to leading producers, directors and agencies in the entertainment industry during the September school holidays. Deanna is part of a hip hop crew called LITTLE MISS who qualified 3rd at the Battle Grounds Hip Hop competition in July and will now be competing at Nationals on Saturday. Deanna also sings in a group with 2 other girls and recently came 1st in a talent competition in Burwood and will now be performing at the Burwood Festival in October. To see more of what Deanna is doing you can follow her on her Instagram account @deannamoussa.
- Jeremiah Noble (7 Edwin), Ambrose Hughes (7 MacKillop), Matthew Raish (7 Ludovic) and Thomas Reicher (7 Edwin) who competed in the finals of the Aeroplane Competition at Sydney University.
- To the Junior College Band who performed at Assembly last week. A fantastic performance!
- To the following students who were presented an award at Assembly this week for their outstanding efforts at the College.

Cold

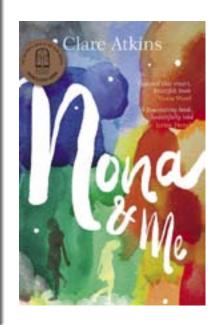
Elissa Bayeh Jacob Beer Natasha Biason Maddison Boulous Alexander Bozanic Camille Delos Reyes Alisa Dybal Adeline Giacomelli Alex Johnson Regina Kim Katrina Rigby Yolani Rodrigo Austin Roia Karl Zakris

Silver

| Elissa Bayeh |
|------------------------|
| Joseph Bayeh |
| Jacob Beer |
| Alexa Butcherine |
| Jake Clarke |
| Chantelle Coluccio |
| Hamish Davidson |
| Mackenzie Ellis |
| Rachel Ferguson |
| Marcus Georges |
| Yoo Shin Kim |
| Christos Litsas |
| Christian Long |
| William O'Brien |
| Jaime Palacio |
| Matthew Phillips |
| Lucinda Price |
| William Reece |
| Thomas Reicher |
| Sehan Samaragunarathna |
| Ashleigh Stevens |
| Teagyn Ward |
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<u>Curriculum</u>

FROM THE LIBRARY



Book of the Week: 'Nona and Me'

Claire Atkins website: http://clareatkins.com.au/

Rosie and Nona are sisters. Yapas.

They are also best friends. It doesn't matter that Rosie is white and Nona is Aboriginal: their family connections tie them together for life.

The girls are inseparable until Nona moves away at the age of nine. By the time she returns, they're in Year 10 and things have changed. Rosie prefers to hang out in the nearby mining town, where she goes to school with the glamorous Selena and her gorgeous older brother, Nick.

When a political announcement highlights divisions between the Aboriginal community and the mining town, Rosie is put in a difficult position: will she have to choose between her first love and her oldest friend?

Ages: 12+

Book reviews: *http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/22454873-nona-mess* the globe in 8 languages. Join them!

APP OF THE WEEK

4 Pics 1 Word

The #1 hit with over 150,000,000 players worldwide. 4 pictures that have 1 word in common – what is it? Find out why everyone loves this game and join in the fun now!

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REMAR GOLD RETREAT

On Friday 26th of the August, 7 of our Year 12 Remar rowers travelled to the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre for their final Leadership Camp. Over the past three years, this group of students have learnt many things about leadership, service to others, youth ministry and community outreach. The retreat brought together Remar students from Trinity Catholic College in Auburn and Mount Carmel High School Varroville - old friends to our students who have embarked on the journey together since 2014.

The retreat was a great success- filled with contemplative reflection, fun games, and faith building activities. The solidarity that has been created between this group of exceptional students through their journeys together is to be admired and commended.

The motto for our gold rowers this year has been "A Witness in Our Community Through Presence, Perseverance, and Simplicity". It can be said with certainty, that our gold rowers truly embody this ideal. Our rowers will graduate as the first Caravel to complete the Remar program at Saint Patrick's Marist. They will serve as the perfect example for future students who chose to involve themselves in Remar.

Mr D. Moussa

<u>Sport</u>



MCS ATHLETICS

This years MCS athletics proved to be a field day for the boys this year with middle distance magicians William Smith (Under 18s) and Luke Gosper (Under 15s) both finishing in 1st for the college in the 1500m event. Luke set a new record in the event and also took home the 800m race for good measure. Both will compete at the next level CCC along with Daniel Menin who won the under 14s Discus event in an impressive display and Sehan Samaragunarathna who won the under 13s Long Jump and placed second in his 100m sprint in his first year of MCS. Other highlights included the numerous placing's and personal best achievements made by the boys, which saw even Mr Paton crack a smile. The event itself this year was organised by the College, which to no surprise ran as smooth as ever. This could

not of been possible without the countless efforts of Miss Liska behind the scenes as well as Mr Paton, Mr Belcher, Mr Connor, Miss Scott and Miss Samarasinghe who all helped in the running of the day. Special thanks also to the Year 10 Pass who assisted all day. It was sure one of the finer days for the college in Athletics and credit to the boys, who showed their school spirit by giving there all in representing the College. It was a pleasure to represent the school in our final year along side a great group of talented athletes.

Adam Durkin and William Smith Athletics Captains 2016



Formation





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.



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1" September, 2016

Dear Parents,

I am writing to seek your assistance with the upcoming Year 11 End Course Examinations. Volunteers are required to supervise the examinations from *Thursday*, 15th September to Friday, 23rd September.

Parents are unable to supervise their own daughter/son. The hours required for each exam period are outlined below. If you can assist in either a morning or afternoon session please fill out the details on the reply slip below and ask your daughter or son to return the reply slip to the office. If you are able to assist, more details will be forwarded to you.

It is a requirement of the Diocese of Parramatta that any parent volunteering at our College needs to complete the online Child Protection Volunteer Form – 'Building Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteer' and complete the Online Training Module. This can be done by accessing

http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers. The College will receive an email notification when you have completed this Module.

If you have any concerns with the Child Protection Module please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Yours faithfully, 1 Ell

Ms Therri Ellison Director of Studies

| Parent Name: (Mr/Ms/Mrs) | | | Student Name: | | |
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| Home Address: | | | | | |
| Email address: | | | | | |
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NEW LOCAL OP SHOP SUPPORTING THE GOOD SAMARITAN FOUNDATION

Josephine's Emporium has recently opened in Thornleigh and according to experienced Op Shoppers, it is an Op Shop lover's paradise with a wonderful collection of girls and women's clothing, accessories and jewellery. For bargain hunters you'll love browsing through our wide range of Bric a Brac. There is something for everyone!

This new Op Shop is one of the not-for-profit works of *Emmaus Productions* and the *Mary Brown Memorial Foundation*, set up by Monica Brown and the local Brown family of Thornleigh. Proceeds from the profits of the Op Shop will go to *The Good Samaritan Foundation*, a *work of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan Australia* (<u>http://goodsamsfoundation.org.au/</u>)

Josephine's' Emporium is located above the hairdresser's saloon at 8D Station Street Thornleigh and is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am - 4pm. For more information, phone 0432160322.





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