



Star of Peace

St Patrick's Marist College Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends,

We are fast approaching the end of term and our Musical. Final preparations and rehearsals are well underway and I, along with everyone else, am very excited to see the final product. Performances will be held next Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. Please purchase tickets ahead of time to ensure you don't miss out.

Over the last two weeks we have had the wonderful privilege of having Br Savari from our sister school in Viyalanmedu visit us and I thank our whole community for your hospitality in making Br Savari feel warmly welcomed. Apart from his time here at the College, Brother has spent time visiting Mittagong, doing some sightseeing and spending time at St Mary's Primary School Rydalmere, St Bernadette's Primary School Dundas Valley and St Luke's our newest primary school in the Diocese. Last night students and parents from our first two immersions and our upcoming immersion gathered together to spend time with brother, to share their experiences with each other and to farewell Brother. I thank Mr Paton for organising this opportunity and looking after Brother over the last two weeks.

Champagnat Day was a wonderful celebration of 200 years of Marist Education across the world. We were privileged along with our special guests Paul Harris from Marist Schools Australia, Mrs Alma George, Manager of Diverse Learning CEDP, Jenny Miller and staff from Marist Youth Ministries and our very supportive Ex Students from Church Hill, to have Uncle Greg come and share some of his story and do our welcome to country. The highlight of the day was the presentation of our special Marist Service awards. The Marcellin Champagnat Award is aimed at bringing recognition to individuals in each Year Group and members of the Staff who have distinguished themselves by demonstrating exemplary service to all facets of school life at St Patrick's Marist College. Through service, this individual has revealed the values and principles upon which St Patrick's Marist College was founded on in 1872, *Esto Fidelis - Be Faithful*. Marist Education at its core asks students and teachers to demonstrate the qualities of BEING MARIST through their actions: Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of Work and always in the Way of Mary. I congratulate the following staff and students:

STUDENTS

Alexander Bozanic (Year 8)
Ben Duguid (Year 10)
Nathan Cutrupi (Year 12)
Dominic Gibson (Year 12)
Georgia Hogan ((Year 10)
Beth Langford (Year 8)
Bill Litsas (Year 12)
Theo Sugita (Year 11)
Raymond Raad (Year 9)
Sarah Ozer (Year 12)

STAFF

Mr Krishna Murthi
Mr Matthew Paton
Mrs Loraine Pett
Mrs Carol Watters

A special thank you to Mr Paton, Mrs Donaghy, Ms Andrews, Mr Heffernan, Ms Greenway and our Tech crew, Musicians and Choir.

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SPMC Attendance Rate	Goal
88.5%	90%

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KEY DATES

Monday, 19th June

Year 10 Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

Thursday, 22nd to Saturday, 24th June
Musical "Hairspray"

Tuesday, 27th June

Year 11 Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

Wednesday, 28th June

Term 2 Classes Conclude

Thursday, 29th June

Year 7 and 8 Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

Friday, 30th June

Staff Formation Day

Monday, 17th July

Staff Professional Learning Day

Tuesday, 18th July

Term 3 Commences

Wednesday, 19th July

Year 9 Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

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



Last Friday night I attended the elimination round of the CSSA Debating. Year 10 were debating against St Ursula's at Kingswood. It was an extremely close debate and both teams are to be commended for an outstanding job of arguing their case. Although we did not get the win, I would like to congratulate Connor Barr, Katrina Astalosh and Nell Whittaker for one of the best debates I have seen over the last few years. We wish our undefeated Year 12 team all the best for June 23rd.

Last term, I mentioned the issues we were having with traffic in Kirby and other surrounding streets. I am sorry to report that we still have a number of parents deliberately breaking traffic rules. Recently a car did an illegal u-turn during a very busy time on Kirby Street. We need to be modelling safe driving and care and concern for both pedestrians and drivers around us. A few extra minutes is better than causing an accident or injury and I please ask that we all do the right thing.

Mrs Angela Hay
Principal

NEW FINANCE SYSTEM

During the July school holidays, St Patrick's Marist College will be implementing a new Finance system as a part of a Diocese wide program. This will take effect on Monday, July 17th. One feature of the new system is the provision of emailed receipts for payments made at the school. Please ensure that your email address is up-to-date and accurate in the College records. Please be advised that some financial processes may take longer during the implementation period, until staff are totally familiar with the new system.

Mrs T. Ledesma
Business Manager

Director of Mission

MOTHERS DAY LITURGY

On May 12th, our College Community gathered together for our Mother's Day Liturgy to celebrate and acknowledge those very important women in our lives. Throughout the ceremony, we recognised all of the hard work, commitment, love and dedication that our mothers put in, even under extreme circumstances. During the service, we were given the opportunity to pay our respects to those loved ones who are no longer with us. All those attending the liturgy were given an opportunity to collect a rose petal and place it in a glass bowl of remembrance, recognising the role these women have had in our lives. There was also an opportunity to write prayer messages in the prayer book of dedication. The whole event was heart-warming. The liturgy concluded with the presentation of flowers to all Mothers, Grandmothers and Aunties.

Ashleigh Fairall and Eleanor Dezius





Director of Studies

PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Year 10: Monday, 19th June

Year 11: Tuesday, 27th June

Years 7 and 8: Thursday, 29th June

Year 9: Wednesday, 19th July

Years 7-9 Student Reports will be finalised and available from Tuesday, 27th June if parents wish to collect them prior to the Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews. Please contact your Pastoral Leader of Learning to arrange to have your child's report available for collection from the College Office by a parent/carer. Reports will not be given to students to collect on a parent/carer's behalf.

Ms T. Ellison
Director of Studies

Pastoral

YEAR 10

Congratulations

A special congratulations to Ben Duguid and Georgia Hogan for being awarded the Marist Service Award for 2017. This is a very prestigious award that shows the service and dedication that these students have given to the school.

Mr D. Berner
Year 10 Pastoral Leader of Learning

Key Learning Areas

ENGLISH

Year 7 English - Fantasy Study

In English this week, Year 7 students began their study of the Fantasy genre by studying its characteristics and discussing their favourite fantasy books. Last term students chose a fantasy novel they would like to read as part of this unit. This week, students received their novels and have also received a book contract, which needs to be signed by parents/guardians to acknowledge the appropriate use of this book at school. Some novels selected are Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, Everlost, Stardust, The Ranger's Apprentice and Time Hunters: The Egyptian Curse.

Also this week, the students of 7EN7 became experts of the Fantasy genre and taught their peers in 7EN5 about the characteristics of the genre. They developed a lesson plan and used some video clips and flowcharts to introduce the unit to their peers. All students participated positively in the task and are commended for their collaboration.

As part of this unit, students will compose their own Fantasy short story. We look forward to publishing some of these stories in later editions of the newsletter!



Miss Emily Gray
Assistant Leader of Learning - English



PDHPE

Year 9 Cheap Thrills Incursion

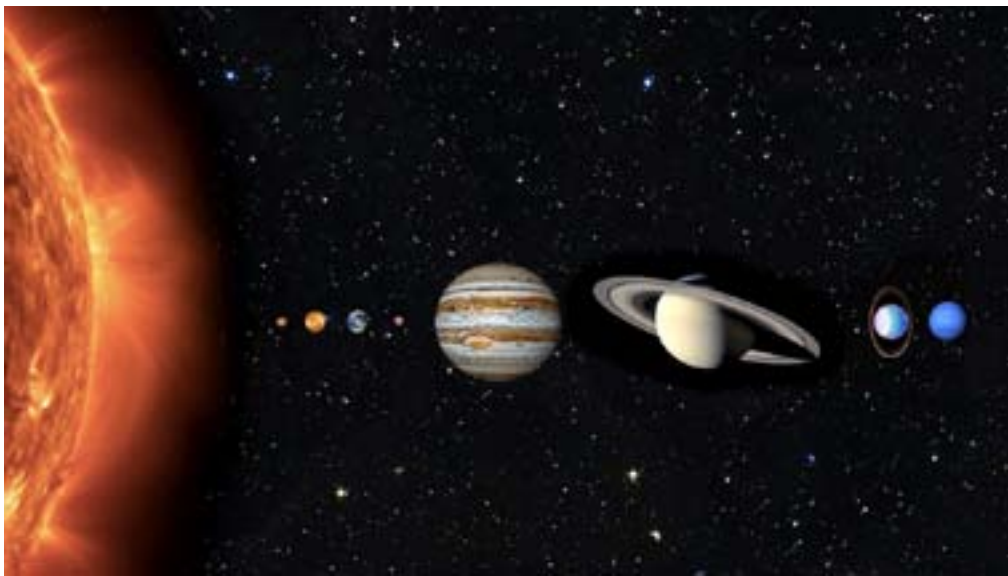
On Monday the 5th of June, Year 9 had the privilege of watching an amazing performance from Brainstorm Productions, teaching us all about the consequences of drugs and alcohol. We went into the life of a 16-year-old boy named Andrew, who was making wrong choices, then showing us the massive impacts of them. Throughout the performance we also had our own Year 9 peers, Elina and Isabella (9 Xavier) take part, which helped us connect to the message more.

Year 9 would like to give a huge thank you to Sam who took the time to come out, and share with us a fantastic performance.

Isabella Schembri-Green and Matthew LayJoy

SCIENCE

Year 8 Planetarium Incursion - 8th and 9th June



On the 9th June, class 8SC1 were given the opportunity to visit an amazing planetarium. We went into a large inflatable dome and sat down. We were taught about how the earth rotates and how it relates to the sun. We learnt about the phases of the moon and how to tell a planet from a star. We found out about light years and how stars have different colours. We were shown a number of constellations on the dome's "night sky" ceiling and how the Earth's rotation causes us to see different constellations at different times of the year. It was a wonderful start to our upcoming topic of Astronomy.

Gemma Smythe (8 Chavoin)

Last Thursday and Friday Year 8 had an incursion called the Planetarium. It was a huge dome in the middle of the La Valla centre and was a representation of the night's sky in perfect conditions. We passed through a tube and then went inside of the dome into pitch black conditions. The instructor went through the night sky pointing out various planets, stars and constellations and taught us the difference between them all. We all had a great time and it was a great introduction to our new space topic.

Thomas Reicher (8 Edwin)

On Friday 9th of June, Year 8 Science classes had a Planetarium incursion, in the La Valla Centre, about our Solar System. The first thing we did was take off our shoes and talk about the rules for the planetarium with our guide, which included not talking while he was and no form of light was allowed inside. We were then allowed to go inside by crawling in single file, through a dark tunnel and sitting down in two rows.

We learnt:

- the Sun is a star made up of gas and a source of light and energy
- 1.3 million Earths can fit inside the sun



- How a light year is equivalent to 9.5 trillion kms. Next, it was explained that on that specific night the planets Venus, Saturn and Jupiter could be seen through a telescope.
- There are different phases of the moon such as crescent moon, quarter and gibbous moon.
- How the night sky changes every season
- There are different coloured stars; blue, red and white with blue being the hottest.
- In the night sky there is a pivot point to find the south celestial pole and can be located using the Southern Cross
- About constellations, an example of which is Orion and his belt. Many constellation names are made up from Arabic and Greek origins.
- Lastly, that the Indigenous Aboriginals also made constellations, but by using the space between the stars, one of the most popular ones to be seen is the Emu.

Finally it was time to go, so we crawled back out and said thank you.

Natasha Biason

VISUAL ARTS

Visual Arts and Photography and Digital Media Excursions

Our Year 9 and 10 Photography and Digital Media classes and our Year 11 and 12 Visual Arts classes ventured out to visit and investigate contemporary art spaces and their current exhibitions. These trips offered students insight into practicing artist's conceptual and material practice, along with how works can use spaces for exhibition. Being exposed to, understanding and given opportunities to make comment about artworks of today's time, place and world is vital in building knowledge and skills and is also needed for the development and refinement of student's own artistic practice. Both excursions were very successful in exposing students to possibilities and the unlimited nature of artwork today. Thank you very much to Rebecca Lawrence, Kathryn Kovacic, Patrice Stamell and Therri Ellison who led students through these outings.

Yr 11 and 12 Visual Arts Excursion

(By Lauren Pocknall)

On 2nd May, both Year 11 and 12 Visual Art classes, with teachers Ms Lawrence and Miss Kovacic embarked upon Campbelltown Arts Centre. While there, we viewed the 2016 NSW Art Express HSC artworks, all of which received top band 6 marks. Upon arriving, we were taken to the art centre's sculpture garden where we were allowed to sit and eat while viewing the art. We were then given a tour guide who led us through the forty-two artworks on display all of which had a similar collective theme of political commentary, cultural identity and social advocacy. Whilst going through the exhibition, the tour guide gave us some brief information on the works, telling us the conceptual ideas behind each of them and how they may have achieved their Band 6 mark. This information was of course extremely helpful for Year 11 as we were able to see what it takes to achieve a top mark and it gave us some inspiration on what we could create for our HSC artwork. Both year groups also had the privilege of listening to a Year 12 graduate, Alina Maeve, whose series of hyperrealistic drawings were displayed in the exhibition. The work depicted two Aboriginal elders alongside their grandchildren, representing the intergenerational continuity of culture. Maeve explained that her work represented the 'Aboriginal Dreamtime' who sang the land into life, their journey forming intricate maps of land, sea and country.' She explained to us the meaning behind the drawings and the process she went through to complete them. Overall, it was a great day for both Year 11 and 12 as we were able to look at the amazing work of art that was produced by HSC Visual Arts students from 2016.

Year 9 and 10 Photography and Digital Media Excursion

(By Eilish Murphy & Madeline Smith-Kenna)

On Monday May 8th, Year 9 and 10 Elective Photographic and Digital Media Classes travelled to Circular Quay to visit the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) and the Royal Botanic Gardens, to further explore the photographic practices learnt in class. Out of the many current exhibitions at the MCA, the most intriguing by far was 'Today, Tomorrow, Yesterday,' which is a collection that focuses on contemporary artworks by Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists. The exhibition tells the story of the ever-evolving nature of contemporary art. The use of sheer space throughout the exhibition, challenged us to capture and consider space within our own photographs. The Botanic Gardens allowed us to take photos to build up our portfolios with landscapes and close-ups of plants and animals. Both the MCA and the Botanic Gardens offered many opportunities for each class to experience different types of contemporary art and to collect ideas and photographs for the upcoming assessment task. However, no good day out is complete without an ice cream.

Mrs S. Donnelly
Leader of Learning - Visual Arts Department



Debating

ROUND 6 - FRIDAY, 2ND JUNE

St Patrick's Marist vs Santa Sabina

It is wonderful to be back from Jury Duty to be able to witness the excitement, fervour and commitment to Debating at Friday Night's Debate against Santa Sabina. 'Hearty Congratulations' to all teams on a rewarding season. A special mention to the Year 12 and Year 10 teams who will move forward in the competition. Especially the Year 12 team who have finished the preliminary season undefeated.

Thank you to the following staff and ex-student who volunteered their Friday night to assist in hosting and adjudicating Round 6: Mrs Hay who supported our Year 8 team this week; to Mr Flew and Mr Lindsay for Adjudicating and to Miss Nelson, Ms Duffy, Miss Hagarty, Mr Moussa and Nathan Taverniti for coaching our teams.

A very, very special thank you to Mrs Therese Ledesma and Mrs Sue Nielsen for their organisation and catering of much needed sustenance in the form of Pizza for the Debaters, and the delicious spread provided for our guests. We often have visitors praising us for our hospitality when hosting Debates.

Year 7 St Patrick's Marist - Affirmative (loss)

Topic: *That household recycling is a waste of time*

Speaker 1: Hannah Park
 Speaker 2: Alexandra Harnn
 Speaker 3: Mia Brimicombe
 Reserves: Ben Gross, Jade Garcia
 Coach: Miss Madeleine Nelson
 Chairperson: Kayla Mills
 Timekeeper: Natasha Ball

Year 8 St Patrick's Marist - Affirmative (loss)

Topic: *That household recycling is a waste of time*

Speaker 1: Adeline Giacomelli
 Speaker 2: Michael Blazevic
 Speaker 3: Regina Kim
 Reserves: Alisha Geraghty
 Chairperson: Bianca Garth
 Timekeeper: Jakob Reid
 Adjudicator: Ms S. Duffy
 Coach: Ms S. Duffy

Year 9 St Patrick's Marist - Affirmative (win)

Topic: *That we should do more for our environment*

Speaker 1: Eliza Arathoon
 Speaker 2: Harold Simpson
 Speaker 3: Narella Wakim
 Chairperson: Joseph Arabit
 Timekeeper: Sam Markarian
 Adjudicator: Mr Stephen Flew

Year 10 St Patrick's Marist - Affirmative (win)

Topic: *That we should do more for our environment*

Speaker 1: Katrina Astalosh
 Speaker 2: Nell Whittaker
 Speaker 3: Connor Barr
 Chairperson: Lara Brimicombe
 Timekeeper: Harrison Fraser
 Coach: Mr Nathan Taverniti

Senior B: St Patrick's Marist - Negative (loss)

Topic: *That Australia has become the 51st state of America*

Speaker 1: Eric Saba
 Speaker 2: Max Litherland
 Speaker 3: Sarah Ozer
 Chairperson: Brad Goldsmith
 Timekeeper: Brad Goldsmith
 Coach: Mr Daniel Moussa

Senior B: St Patrick's Marist - Affirmative (win)

Topic: *That Australia has become the 51st state of America*

Speaker 1: Joseph Elias (Debating Captain)
 Speaker 2: Dominic Gibson
 Speaker 3: Nathan Long
 Reserve: Jonathan Nakad
 Chairperson: Curtis Bayeh
 Timekeeper: Kim Castueras
 Coach: Miss Sarah Hagarty

We wish Year 10 and Year 12 teams all the best in their preparation for the finals which will happen in the coming weeks. Thank you to all Debaters, Staff, Parents and Ex-Students who have contributed to making the 2017 Debating Season a very successful one for the College. The excellent Round 6 results against Santa Sabina are indicative of the progress we have made over the last few years to enhance our competitive place and meaningful reputation in the Catholic Schools Debating Competition.

Ms S. Graham
 2017 Debating Co-ordinator



Musical - “Hairspray”

Students at St Patrick's Marist College Dundas are proud to be presenting their very own production of “Hairspray” the musical, from 22nd to 24th of June 2017 in the La Valla Centre.

Over 100 dedicated and talented students are involved in the cast of the show as well as the Musical Band, Technical Crew, Stage Crew, artists, make-up team and costume team which are made up of teachers, students and parents. Everyone is working extremely hard to create an exciting and vibrant take on the show!

The cast have been rehearsing exceptionally hard over the past six months and can't wait to take to the stage! Two past students of the College have also returned to be involved, Ashley Roberts as assistant choreographer and Kate Centrone accompanying the band on the flute. It is great to see their loyalty and community spirit, as they work with the younger students.

The school has three night time performances with sales already at 830 tickets sold!

We would like to invite any small groups or senior citizens to come down to 151 Kirby Street Dundas 2117 and watch a free matinee show on Thursday 22nd of June from 11:00am – 1.00pm. So if you want to sit back, relax and be taken on a journey back to the 60's, listen to some musical classics such as Good Morning Baltimore, Nicest Kids in Town and You Can't Stop the Beat, head to www.trybooking.com/OXFU for more information.

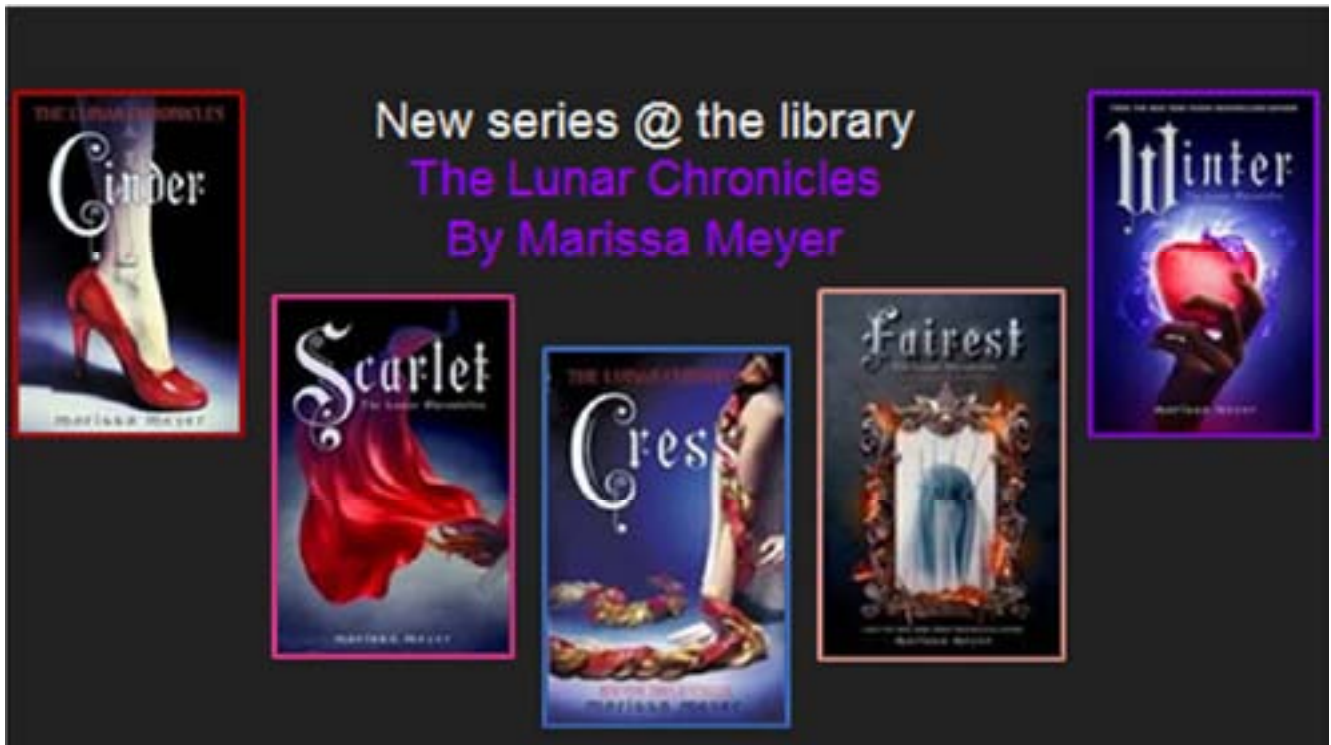
Hope to see you there!

Morgan Roberts
Year 11 MacKillop

From the library

“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies, said Jojen. The man who never reads lives only one.”

— George R.R. Martin, *A Dance with Dragons*




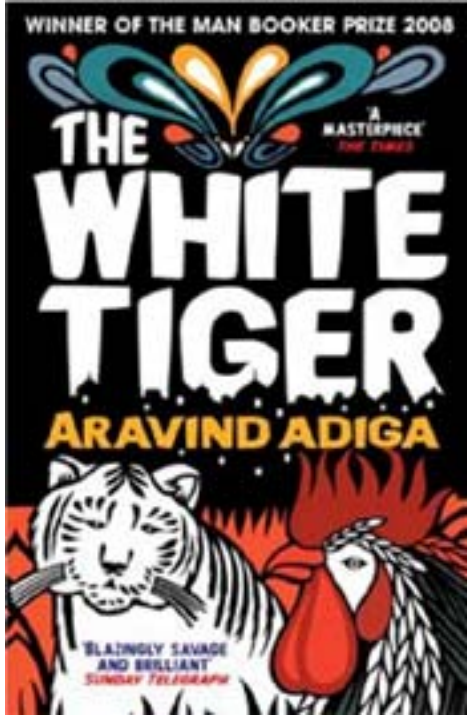
THE LUNAR CHRONICLES

The Lunar Chronicles are futuristic retellings of classic fairy tales. In *CINDER*, a teenage cyborg (half human, half machine) must deal with a wicked stepmother, start a rebellion against the evil Queen Levana, and decide how she feels about a handsome prince. As the series continues, Cinder forges alliances with Scarlet, a spaceship pilot who is determined to solve the mystery of a missing loved one — with the help of a magnetic street fighter named Wolf; Cress, a computer hacker who is imprisoned by Queen Levana; and Winter, a princess who's in love with a commoner, and who discovers that Cinder, Scarlet, and Cress may hold the key to saving her kingdom — and the world. <http://lunarchronicles.universeofmarissameyer.com/books/>

Reviews

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<p>Blurb: They are outcasts. Hal, Stig, and the others - they are the boys the others want no part of. Skandians, as any reader of Ranger's Apprentice could tell you, are known for their size and strength. Not these boys. Yet that doesn't mean they don't have skills. And courage - which they will need every ounce of to do battle at sea against the other bands, the Wolves and the Sharks, in the ultimate race. The icy waters make for a treacherous playing field . . . especially when not everyone thinks of it as playing. John Flanagan, author of the international phenomenon Ranger's Apprentice, creates a new cast of characters to populate his world of Skandians and Araluens, a world millions of young readers around the world have come to know and admire.</p>	<p>Blurb: Balram Halwai is the White Tiger - the smartest boy in his village. His family is too poor for him to afford for him to finish school and he has to work in a teashop, breaking coals and wiping tables. But Balram gets his break when a rich man hires him as a chauffeur, and takes him to live in Delhi. The city is a revelation. As he drives his master to shopping malls and call centres, Balram becomes increasingly aware of immense wealth and opportunity all around him, while knowing that he will never be able to gain access to that world. As Balram broods over his situation, he realizes that there is only one way he can become part of this glamorous new India - by murdering his master. The first-person confession of a murderer, The White Tiger is as compelling for its subject matter as for the voice of its narrator - amoral, cynical, unrepentant, yet deeply endearing.</p> <p>N.B Students will need to use their College user name and password to download any ebooks.</p>

Mr. M. Wondracz (Teacher-Librarian)



Champagnat Day



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.

ST PATRICK'S MARIST COLLEGE

proudly presents

hairspray

• THE BROADWAY MUSICAL •



LA VALLA CENTRE

22nd – 24th

June 2017

7:30pm

Book by

Mark O'Donnell Thomas Meehan

Music by

Marc Shaiman

Lyrics by

Scott Wittman Marc Shaiman

Based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters

Tickets available at www.trybooking.com/OXFU

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