CONGRATULATIONS Ashley

At a time when many Year 12 students are stressing about their future beyond the HSC, one of MSCW’s Year 12 girls can relax a little and just concentrate on doing her best. Ashley Desira, from Colin 413, has done the hard yards (though she would describe them as fun) in a different way and secured herself a place in an Events Management course in 2011.

In 2009 all Hospitality girls were advised of the “Get Real” program being offered by Kenvale, an Events and Hospitality Training College in Randwick. Ashley decided to give it a go, sending in a written application, then attending individual and group interviews. She was one of 15 students selected from across NSW to participate in the program.

Ashley completed a 5-day work placement at Acer Arena in December, working alongside the Events Management Co-ordinator. She assisted with whatever tasks needed to be done, including working at several popular concerts, and impressed the Acer staff with her enthusiasm, aptitude and initiative. Acer has offered Ashley a job when she turns 18, and as a result of the feedback the Acer staff gave regarding Ashley’s performance, Kenvale have offered Ashley a place in their College next year, waiving the usual application process.

We are very proud of Ashley’s efforts and attitude, and congratulate her on her achievement.

Off with her Hair!

In this week’s newsletter we congratulate and stand in admiration of Emily Jones, Marcellin 323, for taking part in the ‘Great Shave’. This is a fundraiser for the Leukaemia Foundation in which those participating remove hair from the ‘neck up’! That Emily has been part of this is remarkable. How many girls in Emily’s age group would be prepared to undertake such a challenge? Emily, who has never had short hair in her life, volunteered to have the ‘No. 3 Head Shave’ to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. That this would take great courage and commitment is an understatement and at the College we are delighted to help with sponsorship for this cause. Monies raised go to fund further research and also to help provide respite care to those families with a member who suffers from this condition.

On Wednesday, the College raised $504.05 and we still have not finished!

If ‘Making a Difference through Marist Education, a Compass for Life’ means anything, it can be seen in what Emily is doing. Her actions will make significant and immediate difference in the funds raised, but the compasses for life that this will provide for other people, we can only imagine. Well done Emily! We admire and applaud Emily’s great courage and personal commitment to such a worthy cause and, on your behalf, thank the girls and staff members for their generosity.

St Patrick’s Breastplate Prayer

In the words of St Patrick, let us pray:
Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

Open Day

Sunday 28th March
10am Mass
11am-2pm Curriculum Displays and Tours
12noon & 1.40pm Principal’s Address
Marist Sisters’ College,
Woolwich
A Catholic Girls Secondary College, Years 7 - 12
66a Woolwich Road, Woolwich 2110  Ph: 9816 2041
www.mscw.nsw.edu.au

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Year 7 Perroton Catch-Up
It is hard to believe that our Year 7s started two months ago. On Tuesday Perroton Year 7 girls got together to share and to celebrate all the highs and lows of beginning Secondary School. Fortunately there were lots of great moments and stories of success. The girls put together a ‘Top 10’ list of the best things they like about MSCW:
1. Lockers
2. Tutor groups
3. Friends
4. Teachers
5. Different subjects
6. The view
7. Maths
8. Reading
9. Stairs (believe it or not!)
10. Belonging to a House
You are probably asking what about the worst ‘list?’ The top three things they dislike the most so far are:
1. Heavy bags
2. Homework
3. Difficulty managing their time
This group is to be congratulated on embracing our College life in such a short time!

Mrs Marshall, Perroton House Co-ordinator

Year 10 PDHPE
The theme of the presentation by Joanne Lucas, education officer from the Sydney CEO Life Marriage & Family Centre to year 10 girls on Tuesday as part of the PDHPE curriculum was “Till Sex to us Part”. Joanne has a Bachelors degree in Psychology and a Masters Degree in Theology and actively engaged our girls during the hour-long seminar about Sexual Health.
Her contemporary presentation identified the reasons why the Catholic Church teaches that sex belongs within marriage, along with the physical and emotional risks that accompany early sexual behaviour. Joanne addressed the concepts of modesty and chastity, which are generally poorly understood. She also gave explanations and practical applications to assist in good relationship formation.
This talk complements the Term 1 PDHPE program, in which girls have examined rights and responsibilities in relationships and appropriate ways to communicate sexual feelings. As part of the PDHPE unit ‘Sexual Health’ year 10 girls have explored the factors that have influenced the formation of individual and community values and attitudes to sexual health, including the impact of gender expectations and assumptions.
We look forward to listening to her knowledge and expertise again next year.

Principal’s Awards
Congratulations to the following girls …
For RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
L.Keough (Marcellin), S.Peters (Chanel), J.Schiller (Perroton), S.D’Mello (Colin), M.Hanley (Marcellin), S.Lo Basso (Chavoin).
For COMMERCE
N.Birbara (Marcellin), K.George (Chavoin), J.Selvaggio (Jarcot), L.Wilson (Colin), K.Young (Perroton).
For MATHEMATICS
K.Beauchamp (Perroton), C.Musumeci (Perroton), D.Vrljic (Jarcot).
Congratulations to … Emma Field (Jarcot), Grace Field (Jarcot), Jessica Yu (Chanel), Stefanie Caccamo (Chanel), Marie-Cecilia Ferreira (Colin), Rebecca Vadnay (Chanel), Alima Ashton-Sheibu (Chavoin), Annabelle Standen (Marcellin), Claudia Dunstan (Colin), Shannon Murphy (Colin), Laura Sherry (Colin), Jessie-Lee Menin (Perroton) … for truly living the Marist Spirit, helping with Year 5 Orientation.

Marist Sisters’ College Woolwich
is pleased to announce the
Entertainment Book fund-raiser
Order your Book today…
…and receive a Bonus Certificate of offers valued over $160!
(Please see attachment with Newsletter email for ordering details)

DUTY GIRL ROSTER
COMMENCING MONDAY 22ND MARCH 2010
Monday Tayla Giardina and Lauren Kailas
Tuesday Clarissa Gorton and Holly Kalsy
Wednesday Clare Galluzzo and Sachi Kayama
Thursday Lauren Grace and Na-Yun Kim
Friday Monique Graffeo and Krystal Klemenic
Girls report to Reception by 8:50 am

Member of Association of Marist Schools of Australia and Alliance of Girls’ Schools
MSCW Music Concert

Wednesday 31st March at 7.30pm, in the PJ Eymard Hall

The College Music Concert is fast-approaching. Following last year’s extremely successful Performing Arts Festival, and the Music Concerts from previous years, this event will feature the school music ensembles, some outstanding soloists and small groups, student compositions and work prepared in class.

Performances include Junior and Senior Jazz Bands, Chamber Ensemble, Schola Choir, elective music classes and a sneak preview from this year’s College Musical Back to the 80s!

We very much hope you will support this event by attending and help us finish the term with style! Tickets will be available on the door, priced $5 per adult ticket, gold coin for concessions.

Sailing News

We had a most enjoyable evening last Saturday. Our young sailors, especially, had to be prised out of the water with an Easter egg hunt and high class BBQ cuisine prepared by a ‘master chef’. It was great to see so many families attending, with a good number of ex-students.

Many thanks to the McClelland family for mooring their yacht on the pontoon creating a very nautical atmosphere, and also to the parents who helped with organising and preparing food for the evening. Sorry about the rain showers (I did say no rain dances). Apologies to girls who missed out on sailing last Thursday as I had to attend a course.

Saturday sailing 20th March, 10am-2pm. Remember to bring your sunscreen, sailing gear, swimmers, shorts, t-shirt or rashy, something for your feet (old sneakers would be good), warm change of clothes, lunch or something to BBQ and $15.00.

Mr Maloney (9879 6935, 0415 219 112)

2010 Student Concession Cards

Are now available for collection from the Student Office (for girls aged 16 and over). Don’t forget your current card expires at the end of March.

RYDE LIBRARY – JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Ryde Library has vacancies for Library Shelvers at their various branches. An application form can be collected from the Careers Office on Monday or Tuesday, or the Student Office on Wednesday. There are only a limited number of application forms available. Applications close on Friday 9th April.

Interested applicants should visit the City of Ryde website for a Guide to Applicants to help with your application submission – www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/council/careers_ryde.htm

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Mr McNeal

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St Ambrose Parish Sacramental Program

In February, St Ambrose parish has launched its sacramental program for 2010. Registrations are now being accepted for a limited time only for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Any candidates in Year 2 and above, who have not received these Sacraments and wish to do so, please contact the Parish Office ASAP to obtain a copy of the registration letter.

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on 23rd May 2010 at 11am and 2pm. Please contact the Parish Office to register and enrol in the Parish based program which will commence with a parent evening on 25th March 2010 at 7:30pm in the Church.

Phone on 9743 1023 or email to sacraments@stambrose.org.au.

Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs - what every parent needs to know!

Speaker: Paul Dillon
Date: Tuesday 11th May
Time: 7.30 pm
Venue: MSCW Hall
Cost: $10 (please send your payment in an envelope marked “Drug and Alcohol Talk”, with your name, daughter’s tutor group and number of tickets required to the Student Office before 30th April)

The delivery of high quality and accurate alcohol and drug information to parents is essential if a community-based approach to drug education is to be adopted by the school. DARTA parent information sessions cover a range of issues, including resilience and the importance of connectedness. They accentuate positive norms and aim to empower parents in this controversial area.

Paul Dillon has been working in the area of drug education for 25 years. He has worked at the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, Sydney since 1994 where his key role was to disseminate research findings to policy makers, drug and alcohol workers and the general public. He provides information to many agencies and organisations across the country. He also works with school communities, including our Year 10 students, to ensure that they have access to good quality information and best practice drug education.

He was seconded to write the draft of a manual for the NSW Police Services on alcohol and violence and was also the Project Officer for ‘Stay in Control’, a campaign targeting teenage binge drinking. He was also a Community Programs Officer at CEIDA and has written for the National Campaign Against Drug Abuse’s projects designed specifically for primary school children.

Paul has worked internationally with the United Nations and the World Health Organisation and locally with the Australian Institute of Sports (AIS), and many of Australia’s leading sporting associations. He has appeared on programs such as Sunrise, TODAY and the 7PM Project, and had a regular spot on a national radio program on Triple J for seven years where he dealt with current youth drug issues.

All parents are strongly encouraged to attend this important presentation.

Mr Pauschmann and P&F Association

YEAR 5 VISIT MSCW

On Monday and Thursday of this week, the College had the pleasure of hosting 160 Year 5 girls from our feeder schools for their Orientation.

The visits were a perfect opportunity for Year 5 girls to meet others from adjoining feeder schools and to interact with MSCW girls, teachers and staff.

Our visitors had the opportunity to hear information and ask questions about the College, tour the grounds, participate in a Physical Education class, experience being in an IT class, as well as a Dance Workshop.

A big thank you goes to Emma Field and Grace Field, College Co-Captains and Jessica Yu, Chanel Media Captain as well as the wonderful Year 9 girls who volunteered their time to assist and participate in the activities. You were all fantastic role models for the girls and showed them what it means to be a MSCW girl.

We also need to thank the following staff because without them the Orientation days would not have been possible: Mr Lewis, Mrs McLeod, Ms Curry, Ms Cooper, Mrs Sidaros, Mr Watts and Mrs Cura.

Our very cute visitors left with lots of information and very big grins on their faces. We hope to see them again at the College for Open Day next Sunday and hopefully as Year 7 girls in 2012.

Mrs Mezzina, Development Officer
OPEN DAY - PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
The P&F Association requires volunteers to assist on Open Day, Sunday 28th March between 9:00am and 2:30pm, with setting-up and serving on the BBQ and gelato cart. Proceeds from Open Day will go towards our 2010 project, which is to fund a new commercial kitchen for the Food Technology and Hospitality girls.

If you are able to assist on the day, please contact Cathy Schiller at cjschiller@bigpond.com (mobile 0415 191 488) and include details as to what time you are available to help.

Year 7 Parents - if you can assist with baking or serving on the cake stall, please contact one of the Year 7 Parent Co-ordinators:
cshyland@optusnet.com.au; maxinelaguzza@hotmail.com; gail.falkingham@optusnet.com.au; emailingkaren@gmail.com; depoulos@bigpond.com; brownlee4@hotmail.com

Many thanks, P&F Committee

HEAD LICE ARE AROUND AGAIN
Could parents please check their girl’s hair regularly. It is important to remove all eggs even if the nits have been treated. Please see attachment with this email giving details on how to treat head lice.

ST. MARK’S PRIMARY SCHOOL FAIR
SUNDAY 28TH MARCH
9AM TO 3PM
BRETT PARK, DRUMMOYNE
The renowned St. Mark’s School Fair is taking place at Brett Park, Drummoyne this year.

Loads of great Stalls Amusement Rides
FREE Entertainment
Activities for the kids Pony Rides; Petting Zoo
Home Made Cakes
and much more.

Come and meet our special guest, Dorothy the Dinosaur and Fairy Clare from 10am until 1pm.

We are again holding a silent auction with bids closing at 1.30pm on fair day. Items include:

Vision Personal Training, Drummoyne
2-Day Drive Away BMW 320i A signed cricket shirt
and many more great items

Bidding for the silent auction items is open now. Contact Nicola Parker at nicgriff@tpg.com.au or 0419 687 090 if you wish to make a bid.

COME ALONG FOR A GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT