Feast of the Annunciation - 25th March

'Mary is told that she is to be the mother of Jesus'

Let us pray.

O Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for your humble 'yes'. You did not want to be anything other than a servant of God. We rejoice with you in your joy at being chosen to be the Mother of the Son of God. Your trust and faith is an inspiration to us and we pray that we too may be faithful servants of God. Amen.

WORLD YOUTH DAY AND SPIRITUALITY IN THE PLAZA LAUNCH

This week World Youth Day Madrid 2011 was launched along with a program of reflection opportunities during our assembly entitled “The adventure of a lifetime - LIFE! Choose the adventure”. The program will operate over the next 18 months for MSCW girls.

Information went to parents of Year 9 and 10 girls about pilgrimage options on Wednesday.

All girls received wristbands to mark the launch and the theme. Girls were invited to participate in the development of our “Dream Garden” next to the driveway. This is part of our ongoing program on the path to Spain into 2011.

For more information about WYD 2011 and our reflection program please contact me at the College.

Miss McCallum, Youth Ministry Coordinator

ALL GIRLS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND OPEN DAY THIS SUNDAY

The P&F have organised a BBQ, cake and coffee stall, and gelato cart. Proceeds will go towards upgrading school facilities.

NO CLASSES FOR GIRLS ON HOLY THURSDAY 1ST APRIL

ALL GIRLS FINISH SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH
CSDA PUBLIC SPEAKING
Well done to Alivia Pagano (Yr 7 CHV 333) on being a finalist in the CSDA Metropolitan Public Speaking Competition. Alivia presented her speech on ‘Something to believe in’ last Friday in the Grand Final held at Mary Mackillop College, Wakeley. To be a finalist, she had successfully made it through two rounds of speeches and was in the final twelve Year 7 students from the original 150+ who started out in Round 1. This was a fantastic achievement for Alivia in her first year of high school!

ROSTRUM ‘VOICE OF YOUTH’ PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
Congratulations to Connie Sloane (Yr 12 COL 422) who won her heat of the Rostrum ‘Voice of Youth’ Public Speaking Competition last Thursday 18th March. The competition is run on a volunteer basis by Rostrum and invites students from high schools in Sydney to compete. Students must prepare a speech based on a selection of topics and only one student is chosen to progress from each heat. Connie will now compete at the Regional Finals in May where she will deliver another prepared speech as well as give an impromptu speech. Well done!

LIONS ‘YOUTH OF THE YEAR’ QUEST
On Wednesday 17th March, Sarah Ienna (Yr12 PER 113) competed in the Public Speaking section of the Lions ‘Youth of the Year Quest’ at the Ryde Ex-Services Club. Sarah had previously won the local club quest and last Wednesday saw her compete against the other local winners in the Regional Final. She had attended a judging on the weekend where the judges quizzed her about herself, current affairs and her thoughts on contemporary issues. At the Regional Final she presented a prepared speech titled ‘Making a Difference’ and gave two impromptu speeches on ‘National Curriculum’ and ‘The future of libraries’. We congratulate Sarah on being a Regional Finalist and have no doubt that she will indeed make a difference!

United Nations Youth Association (UNYA) State Conference
On the weekend of 12th to 14th March, we were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to participate in the United Nations Youth Association (UNYA) NSW State Conference for 2010. At this conference, we joined with 120 other ‘delegates’ from schools around NSW at the Collaroy Centre for a weekend of guest speakers, debate and an insight into the world of the UN. On Saturday we listened to amazing guest speakers, including Mr James Batley (diplomat), Mrs Judith Fergin (US consul general), Dr Alison Broinowski (diplomat and ANU scholar) and Dr Keith Suter, who spoke on topics such as diplomacy, Australia-US relations and the nature of the UN. Personally, we were especially impressed by Dr Broinowski and Dr Suter who spoke eloquently and charismatically on the successes and failures of the UN. On this day we also participated in group discussions and Interactive Problem Solving of real life diplomatic crisis such as the conflict between Russia and Georgia.

On the Sunday, we travelled to Macquarie University to experience a mock United Nations general assembly. Prior to the weekend, we were assigned countries; Kate was assigned Switzerland and Sarah was assigned Finland, and we spent the day acting as the UN Members for our countries participating in a debate to pass mock UN resolutions in both a United Nations Development Programme and a General Assembly context. This allowed us to experience how procedures are carried out in the UN as well as the roles, responsibilities and frustrations of working for the UN. As a result, we now have a profound appreciation for the work carried out by the UN and the processes involved in implementing solutions. In addition to this, at the end of the day Sarah was chosen as one of the ten delegates to represent NSW at the National UNYA Conference in Perth in July this year, which promises to be an exciting event. We consider this experience a thorough success, and found it to be extremely exciting. As we are both considering careers in international law and foreign policy, and have drawn such benefits from this conference, we would very much like to thank Miss Lee for drawing our attention to it. It is an opportunity we would very much recommend to girls in years 9-12 who are interested in fostering their knowledge of international relations and world politics.

Sarah Ienna and Kate Samolej, Year 12

CSDA DEBATING
Dates for 2010 Competition
Round 1 Friday 23rd April
Round 2 Friday 30th April
Round 3 Friday 7th May
Round 4 Friday 14th May
Round 5 Friday 21st May

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PROCEDURE FOR GIRLS WHEN THEY ARE SICK AT SCHOOL
From time to time, girls become sick at school and need to go home. Our practice here at MSCW is for the girls to let their House Co-ordinator (HC) know that they are not feeling well or if their HC is in class, they see another HC who will sign them out. The girls go to the Student Office where their parents/guardians will be contacted to come and pick them up.
This is important in our lines of communication for it allows the school to know where our girls are and what the situation may be for them.
There have been times, however, when the girls have rung directly home and parents have come to pick up their daughters and the first we know of this is when the parents arrive at the school. In the interest of safety and communication, could we ask that this practice not be followed as a matter of duty of care for our staff and girls and that the practice of informing the HCs be the first step. Thank you for your understanding in this situation.

Mr Pauschmann

Year 12 VET Work Placement
Last week saw the Year 12 VET classes doing their mandatory 35 hours of work placement in industry.
The venues for Hospitality work placement this term included Sebel Pier One, Wildfire in the city, Darling Harbour Convention Centre (where tasks included the preparation for a dinner for 3000), Inferno, Vogue Café and the Loft Café at Macquarie Centre. As usual, the MSCW girls acquitted themselves very well and impressed their employers with their attitude and skills. A couple of girls were offered apprenticeships for next year, and others, namely Sophie Monserrat (PER 115), pictured right, and Prue Madigan (COL 423), pictured below right, were offered employment options.
Business Services girls had varied experiences in venues such as Lane Cove Tourist Park, Sydney Ferries, Ryde Public School, Star Traffic, and the Australian Apprentice Centre.
We are extremely appreciative of the employers who assist with the guidance of our girls and who provide such a valuable and necessary experience for them. If you know of a workplace which could offer experience to enthusiastic MSCW girls, please contact the VET Co-ordinator, Mrs Jenine Smith on smith@mscw.catholic.nsw.edu.au.

Mr McNeal

MSCW Music Concert
Wednesday 31st March at 7.30pm
in the PJ Eymard Hall
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.

Mr McNeal

ROAD SAFETY OUTSIDE MSCW
Here at MSCW, we believe that “… all girls have a right to feel safe all the time” whether it be personally or when crossing the road.
Unfortunately we have noticed many drivers doing a U-Turn across double lines just past the pedestrian lights after dropping the girls to school and also driving through the red light. This practice is both illegal and dangerous. Please consider the safety of our girls, staff and the general public and encourage those who drive the girls to school to travel further down Woolwich Road to turn around in a safe and legal manner, and to be aware of the pedestrian lights.
Could you also encourage the drivers not to park across driveways, especially the convent driveway, as we have many sisters who need to come and go at all times during the day.

Congratulations to the following girls …
For RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
H.Ayoubi (Perroton), A.Beard (Chanel), E.Davidson (Jaricot), A.Der (Marcellin), M.Graffeo (Jaricot), C.Howes (Chavoin), D.Indorato (Colin), E.S.Lightowler (Colin), J.Rizk (Chanel), E.Garling (Colin).
For MATHEMATICS
K.Beachamp (Perroton), C.Musumeci (Perroton), D.Vrjic (Jaricot).
For SCIENCE
M.Mazar (Marcellin), A.Wolfswinkel (Chanel), P.Peters (Chavoin), A.Tregeagle (Jaricot), B.Simpson (Marcellin), L. McLaren (Jaricot), E.Garling (Colin), D.Indorato (Colin).
For VISUAL ARTS
E.Garling (Colin), D.Indorato (Colin).

Mr Pauschmann

DUTY GIRL ROSTER
COMMENCING MONDAY 29TH MARCH 2010

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Girls report to Reception by 8:50 am

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On Monday 15th March, a talented squad of young ladies arrived at Ryde Aquatic Centre for the CGSSSA Swimming Carnival. It was a day of great achievement, sportsmanship and Marist Spirit. In the 12 years age group, Taylor Burbridge dominated the pool achieving first place in 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly and 100m Freestyle. Congratulations Taylor!

Our intermediate ladies had a particularly successful day achieving numerous firsts, seconds, thirds and fourths. This group consisted of Bronte Dawking, Lauren Wilson, Daniella Wingrave and Renee Dunne. The girls achieved second place in both the 4 x 50m Freestyle and 4 x 50m Medley relay.

Bronte Dawking achieved:
1st place in the 50m Butterfly and 50m Backstroke
2nd place in the 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke and 200m Individual Medley.

Lauren Wilson achieved:
2nd place in the 50m Butterfly, 200m Intermediate Freestyle, 100m Intermediate Backstroke, 50m Backstroke and Intermediate 100m Butterfly.

Daniella Wingrave achieved:
2nd place in 50m Breaststroke
3rd place in 100m Breaststroke

Our senior girls included Connie Sloane, Emily Sloane, Emma Rogers and Maddison Dawking. These girls achieved 3rd place in both the 4 x 50m Freestyle relay and 4 x 50m Medley relay.

Connie Sloane gained:
2nd place in 50m Breaststroke, 50m Butterfly
4th place in the 200m Individual Medley

Emily Sloane achieved:
3rd place in 100m Backstroke

Emma Rogers, although unwell, achieved:
4th place in 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke

Maddison Dawking achieved:
3rd place in the 200m Freestyle and swam a tremendous leg of the medley relay to help her team gain 3rd place.

A big thank you to these girls, for their swimming commitment whilst being busy with their exams.

Overall, Marist Sisters’ College came 4th and received 25 ribbons and medals. We look forward to seeing some girls selected to go onto the NSWCCC Swimming Championships as part of the CGSSSA team.

Sailing News

Last Saturday all our prayers were answered. We found 3 lonely Riverview sail boats on our end of the River, sailed with them all morning and invited them to our Boat Shed for a BBQ lunch. I am pretty sure our girls had a fun time.

Open Day

The following girls to help with display sailing – be there at 10am for set up please.
Year 8: A.Zarzycki, V.Zarzycki, M.Orlandi, J.Currie, M.Watt, L.Tames, G.LeMarquand
Year 7: D.Genua

Saturday Sailing this Saturday, 27th March 10am-2pm

Holiday Sailing on Saturday 17th April 10am-2pm (only one Saturday available)

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.

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)

HOCKEY TRIALS

Any girls who would like to trial for the College hockey team next Wednesday are to write their names on the sign-up sheet located on the Sports Noticeboard. Trials will be held during lunch time at Weil Park.
Projects Abroad are holding an information evening for anyone interested in volunteering overseas during their summer break or as part of a gap year. It will be a lively evening where they can meet former volunteers and find out a lot more about the opportunities with Projects Abroad. The event details are:

Tuesday 13th April, 6:30pm-7:30pm (plenty of time for questions afterwards)
Sydney Central YHA, 11 Rawson Place (near Central Station)

Latitude Global Volunteering is holding an Information Night in Sydney on Thursday 22nd April at the North Sydney Community Centre, 220 Miller Street, North Sydney 7:30pm–9pm. To register your attendance visit the website www.latitude.org.au. The priority application deadline for overseas placements in 2011 is Friday 14th May 2010 with interviews being held on 5th and 6th June.

Martin College offers a range of Vocational and University pathway courses in Management, Business, Marketing, Event Management, Graphic Design, Information Technology and Tourism. For information on available courses visit the website www.martincollege.edu.au.

The University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) Information Technology Undergraduate and Scholarship Information Evening is being held on 3rd June at 6pm. The Engineering Course Information Evening is on 22nd June at 6pm and Engineering Scholarships Information Evening on 30th June at 6pm. For more information visit www.it.uts.edu.au or www.eng.uts.edu.au.

MTA Apprenticeships Plus is a not for profit Group Training Company based in Parramatta and offering apprenticeships and traineeships in the Motor Vehicle industry. Information about apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities is available on the website www.matplus.com.au or by calling 9891 6900.

The Sydney Conservatorium of Music is part of the University of Sydney and offers a range of courses in the music industry. The Conservatorium is holding its Open Day this Sunday 28th March 10am to 4pm. For more information visit the website www.thecon.com.au.

William Blue College of Hospitality Management is holding a series of experience workshops across this year. For enquiries contact the college by email on info@williamblue.edu.au or call 1300 851 237.

APM College is holding Business Skills seminars on 13th July (Influencing Skills) and 28th September (Women in Business). Registration forms are available from the Careers Office or contact APM direct through the website www.apm.edu.au or call 1300 880 610.

Billy Blue College of Design run a design experience day on several dates during the year. Registration forms are available from the Careers Office or contact the College direct on 1300 851 245. Details of the College courses are available on the website www.billyblue.edu.au.

The Certificate 3 in Property Services (Agency) 17671 is offered at Meadowbank TAFE for TVET and Traineeships. The course satisfies the educational requirements of the Office of Fair Trading for a Certificate of Registration that allows a person to be employed in a Real Estate office and perform agency duties e.g. sales, property management.

School students (TVET) are able to obtain this qualification in one year during year 11 or year 12 by attending TAFE one afternoon a week, Tuesdays 2-6 & studying online 2 hours per week off campus. It satisfies Board of Studies for 4 Units for Preliminary Yr 11 or HSC Yr 12 students.

Trainees on one year contracts with an employer are able to obtain this qualification in one year during their traineeship with their employer. Their attendance is one afternoon a week, Tuesdays 2-6 & online off campus study.

Students who complete the Certificate 3 are able to enter the Certificate IV in Property Services (Real Estate) 17672, (Licensing course) & receive recognition for some units. This course is offered each semester with day or evening classes to mainstream students over one or two semesters.

Mrs Smith, Careers Advisor
**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)

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**MARY-FIRST DISCIPLE NATIONAL ECONFERENCE 2010**

A commitment of the ACBC Commission for Mission and Faith Formation and The Broken Bay Institute, the eConference aims to provide you with an excellent and free faith formation experience. Come, Join Us: Gather with the Australian Catholic Church to explore Mary, as first disciple, who shows us the way to follow Christ, to “Do whatever he tells you.” (John 2:5).

Please refer to attachment with this Newsletter email.

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**ST. MARK’S PRIMARY SCHOOL FAIR**

**SUNDAY 28TH MARCH**  
**9AM TO 3PM**

**BRETTE 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**

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**STOP PRESS …**

We have just heard that CARLIE IKONOMOU (ex-student 2009) has been awarded the  

**2010 SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR**

Well done Carlie!  

“Carlie’s love of soccer began at the age of 6 playing in a Gladesville Ravens boys team. Her expertise since then has made her an outstanding role model for women’s soccer. ...Carlie loves training and mentoring young local girls in soccer; encouraging a lifestyle of fitness and health.”