Tomorrow is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Sometimes, it’s hard to convince ourselves to do the work that we need to do. Seeing a spiritual purpose in that work can help. This prayer to St. Joseph, patron of workers, helps us call to mind that all of our labour is, in fact, part of our struggle on the road to heaven.

Prayer for Fidelity to Work

Glorious St. Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labour, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with gratitude and joy, considering it an honour to employ and develop, by means of labour, the gifts received from God, disregarding difficulties and weariness; to work, above all, with purity of intention and with detachment from self, having always before my eyes death, and the account which I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all after your example, patriarch Joseph. This will be my watchword in life and in death. Amen.

(https://catholicism.about.com/od/prayers/qt/Fidelity_Work.htm)

Blink and you would have missed it!

A year ago, the girls at Marist Sisters’ College Woolwich knew very little about Australia’s fastest growing water sport, Dragon Boating. Yet last week they were representing the NSW Junior Women’s Team with great pride at the 2010 Australian State Championships in West Lakes, Adelaide. This is a four-day regatta where thousands of paddlers of all ages gather to challenge other teams to be the best in Australia. The girls, under the guidance of the NSW Junior Coach, Diana Dent, battled it out with the other States in a race that had the crowd on the edge of their seats and guessing a result that was hard to detect with the naked eye. After moments of suspense it was announced that the ACT team won the final, edging out the NSW team by 0.07 of a second!

It was an amazing moment of realisation for the twenty-two Year 9 and 10 girls who have come so far in a short 12 months. After competing in the Ryde Aquatic Festival, The Chinese New Year Festival and the NSW Championships, as well as endless hours of training, it was evident that all their hard work had come to fruition with this impressive National result!

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The girls then went on to represent Woolwich at the Australian Club Crew Championships the next day. Another solid performance saw the girls “dig deep” and claim the second place medals with tremendous power, endurance, timing and technique.

A team dinner on the final night had emotions running high as the girls reflected on what they had just been a part of and celebrated their fantastic achievements! It was a fun filled couple of days with results that exceeded our wildest expectations! We would like to thank the MSCW Dragon Boat support team that traveled to Adelaide, which was made up of over 30 parents, siblings, friends, grandparents as well as Sr Fidelis and Dr Lamb. They were easily recognised with their great vocal support at the finishing line as well as their specially designed supporter shirts. It was fantastic having a cheer squad!

We would also like to thank NSW Dragon Boating for providing our girls with this brilliant opportunity - one that they will never forget. The girls have gained so much from this experience and are extremely appreciative of all the time and effort their coach, Diana Dent, has invested.

Finally, congratulations to the MSCW dragon boating team! Girls, we could not be more proud of the way you have committed yourself to this sport, the manner in which you conducted yourselves on the trip and your performance on the water, giving those races everything you had. It was definitely up there as being one of the greatest moments in the history of Woolwich Sport. We look forward to many more dragon boating adventures in the future. Bring it Home!!!

Dragon Boating Team: Kate Young (c), Daniela Wingrave (c), Nicolette Birbara, Rameda Boonpatakaev, Taylah Clarke, Elisha Coster, Samantha Debs, Emily Dinale, Carrie Edgar, Bryony Gilmour, Brittany Howard, Antoinette Moliterno, Kaiithin Purcell, Monique Rapisarda, Samantha Rodgers, Kendall Snedden, Caitlin Thom, Casey Thomas, Louisa Timbrell, Jacqueline Turra, Emma Unwin, Lauren Wilson.

Mr Watts and Miss Mostyn

Celebrating the Year of the Priest!

It’s not often that we get to have some ‘one to one’ time with our local parish priest. Last week, we were lucky enough to spend a few hours with Father Kevin Bates from Villa Maria. We gained an insight of not only his religious life but also his life of music and enthusiasm for his beloved AFL team.

17 girls from Year 8 have been given the task to capture the essence of Father Kevin’s life within a creative, individual artwork. Two of the artworks will be chosen to enter in the final selection which will be exhibited at St. Mary’s Cathedral some time in June.

This is a great opportunity to mark the end of the ‘Year of the Priest’ and a wonderful experience for us spiritually and personally. We look forward to showcasing our masterpieces at the end of May.

Congratulations Lauren

Over the holidays Lauren Adams (Yr9 COL 422) entered her photograph (Colleambally Corn) into the Easter Show where it was displayed on the wall in the 17 and under section. Lauren received a Certificate for great work. Well done Lauren.

For TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY

K.Field (Jaricot), L.Lewis (Chanel), G.Houlihan (Chavoin), N.Payne (Chavoin), C.Willkie (Perroton), N.Bujega (Chanel), A.Saab (Chanel), M.Majstorovic (Jaricot), K.Scuglia (Jaricot), E.Garling (Colin), N.Charteris (Colin), C.Dinale (Colin).

For VISUAL ARTS

A.Butt (Chavoin), M.Edwards (Marcellin), I.Finocchiaro (Perroton), D.Foley (Chavoin), A.Ford (Marcellin) , M.Hyland (Jaricot), C.Love (Perroton), L.Maugeri (Jaricot), K.Mestis-Hepburn (Chanel), K.Morris (Chavoin), I.Shields (Jaricot), I.Turner (Chavoin), S.Ramos (Colin), A.Saab (Chanel), K.Scuglia (Jaricot), M.Seve (Marcellin), N.South (Marcellin), J.Stevenson (Colin), A.Williams (Jaricot), E.Woods (Chavoin).
**High Tea on the Plaza**

On Thursday 22nd April, we invited the leaders of other schools with whom we have links through competitions and being Marist to a ‘High Tea on the Plaza’. It was an afternoon to meet new people and discuss leadership, as well as a chance for our SOBs to pass on what they’ve learnt to the other leaders, whose roles will still continue when we finish our term in two weeks. We started off by splitting everyone into small groups and gave each a challenge, with the focus being to work as a team to get the best outcome. One challenge was to ‘Find the odd Woolwich girl out’, which took this particular group quite a while, but after some discussion on some of our rules and good observation, they were able to figure out that Samantha Campbell had her hair out. Next up was a few games of tug-o-war to get people having fun and working as a team. A big thanks to Jacqui McGregor’s mum for providing us with the rope. We then went back to our groups to discuss leadership as well as get to know the others in the group with questions like “what’s your most embarrassing moment?” When the group sessions were actually meant to end, as the afternoon was coming to a close, it was great to see that people remained in their groups, enjoying the conversations that they were having.

We would like to thank all of the SOBs who volunteered their time to make food, set up the Plaza and help out that afternoon. We’d also like to thank Mr Pauschmann and Sister Fidelis who allowed us to host this and got us some delicious hot food to share with our guests, and also a big thanks to Mrs McDiarmid for her help on the day. It was a huge success and we are really proud of our team for putting on such a great afternoon.

Grace Field and Emma Field

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**“Buddies Day”**

On Saturday 10th April, 13 Year 12 girls took part in the “Buddies Day” Program run by the St Vincent de Paul Society. A “Buddies Day” is a day outing that gives disadvantaged children from homeless refuges the chance to have fun in a safe environment. For our “Buddies Day” we decided to take a group of 10 disadvantaged children, aged between 5 and 13, to the Easter Show to experience what many of us take for granted every Easter holidays. We all had a great day at the Show, going on rides, visiting exhibitions, watching shows such as the “Robosaurus” and purchasing show bags for the children. The kids kept us entertained throughout the day with their energy and positive approach to all the Easter Show’s activities. We were enlightened with their interesting renditions of popular songs such as Justin Bieber’s “Baby” and “Down” (supposedly sung by Jason Derulo). Not only did we have a great day looking after the kids and experiencing the excitement of the Easter Show, we took back a greater appreciation of all that we have in our lives. It was an extremely fulfilling opportunity to share the wonderful experience of the Easter Show with such disadvantaged children, many of whom had never been before. Overall, the day was a very fun and rewarding experience, and every girl that attended, left the day with a more positive outlook and greater appreciation of how lucky we truly are.

On behalf of all who were involved, we would like to thank Mr Boyle for supervising on the day and Mrs Freeman for assisting in the organisation of the day. Most importantly, we would like to thank all of the girls who volunteered their time to attend the day and we hope you enjoyed and took a lot from the experience!

Claire Lofaro & Sarah Ienna, Social Justice Captains

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

30th Apr CSDA Debating round 2 at MSCW TONIGHT
1st May Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker
2nd May Ex-Students’ reunion
3rd May CHA VIN Fundraising week
4th May Parent/Teacher meeting 4-7pm
P&F Meeting
Yr 10 High Resolve
5th May Mother/Daughter Mass 7pm
WSU voting at Forum
2009/10 SOB final meeting
7th May CSDA Debating round 3 at Mount St. Benedict, Pennant Hills
9th May MOTHERS’ DAY
10th May College Photos
11th May NAPLAN testing
Drug & Alcohol PARENT Information Evening
12th May Changeover of Office 2010/11
NAPLAN testing
13th May NAPLAN testing
14th May CSDA Debating round 4 at MSCW
17th May Yr 8 High Resolve (group 1)
18th May Yr 8 High Resolve (group 2)
Yr 7 Dancing with Kings
19th May 2010/2011 SOB first meeting
21st May CSDA Debating round 5
Yr 7 Reflection Day

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**DUTY GIRL ROSTER**

COMMENCING MONDAY 3RD MAY 2010

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Girls report to Reception by 8:50 am

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**CGSSSA Open Soccer Champions 2010**
The annual CGSSSA Soccer championships were held on Wednesday 28th April at Morrison Reserve.

A beautiful autumn day set the scene for an exciting day of soccer - the ‘real’ football.

Marist Open girls team consisting of Alisha Bass, Brianna Burkett, Viviana Cimilio, Stephanie Dilles, Therese Duong, Emma Field, Jessica Franey, Melanie Leahy, Nicole McKeon, Carla Monforte, Nicole Ransom, Kate Rutherford, Samantha Saghabi, Chantelle Surace and Carly Ussher started the day with an easy 2-0 win against St Ursula’s.

In round two, up against Santa Sabina, the girls had plenty of possession but only managed to get 1-0 victory in the dying stages of the game.

In round three the girls had plenty of opportunities up front but only managed a nil all draw. Round four was a must win game to get into the semis and an easy victory 6-0 against Bethlehem College saw us top the table.

The semi final against Domremy was the game of the champions with a golden goal in extra time by Chantelle Surace (Yr 11 PER) giving us the win.

In the final, we played Monte, where Carly Ussher (Yr 10 JAR) delivered a screamer of a corner onto Alisha Bass’ head and a goal was scored in the top right hand corner of the net. The second goal gave the girls from Woolwich the championship with a 2-0 victory.

Congratulations to all the girls on a fantastic effort.

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**NSW CCC Swimming**
On Tuesday 27th April, eight Marist Sisters’ College girls formed part of the CGSSSA swimming squad to compete at the NSW CCC Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to Taylor Burbridge, Caroline Dinale, Hannah Gray, Daniela Wingrave, Lauren Wilson, Bronte Dawking, Emma Rogers and Connie Sloane on your selection and participation in this event.

To add to the excitement of the day Bronte Dawking (pictured right) was selected to continue onto All Schools after a second place in the 50m Backstroke and a 3rd place in the 200m Individual Medley. This is an amazing achievement for Bronte who has dedicated herself to endless hours of training and we wish her the best of luck on Monday at All Schools.

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**Sailing News**
At the end of Term 2 we will have the College junior championships for Year 7 girls only. This will be conducted by Year 8 girls, so girls in Year 7 will need to “focus”.

**Saturday sailing this Saturday, 1st May, 10am-2pm.** Remember to bring your sunscreen, sailing gear, swimmers, shorts, t-shirt or rashy, old sneakers, warm change of clothes, lunch or something to BBQ and $15.00.

So far this year, 13 Saturday sailing days have been provided.

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**MSCW ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**
The College Athletics Carnival is a key event on the school calendar and once again it is being held at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre on Friday 25th June.

This is the first chance for all Houses – Marcellin, Perroton, Chanel, Colin, Chavoin and Jaricot to get into full swing with House Spirit. The competition track will be a hub of activity as girls run, jump and throw themselves into the carnival as they earn points for their House.

Entries are now being taken for all age groups. Girls who would like to enter should see their House Captains who have the entry forms. Entries will close in week 5.

Good luck to all Houses!

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**THIS WEEK’S SPORT RESULTS**

**MCSS Netball**
Congratulations girls on a highly successful day.
Year 7 v Terra Sancta College - 44-5 Win
Year 8 v Terra Sancta College - 24-12 Win
Year 9 v Terra Sancta College - 27-16 Win
Year 10 v Terra Sancta College Win (with only 6 players!)

**MCSS Hockey**
MSCW Junior v Catherine McAuley – 0-2 lost

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WE WANT YOUR TOTALLY AWESOME 80'S CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIES!!

Please donate to the Back to the 80's Costume Bank! Please deliver potential costume items to the Student Office with your name, your daughter’s name and tutor group on the bag so we can keep track of who owns what and give it back to you. Costumes are American high school students circa 1985. Think bright colours, headbands, legwarmers, denim, shoulder pads, bubble skirts, lace, fishnets and fluoro, plus any combination of things that probably shouldn’t go together and you’ve got 80’s fashion! We are in great need of 80’s Prom-wear! Big, frou-frou dresses and unusually coloured suits. Please contact Ms Cooper or Ms Spata with any queries or suggestions. Thank you.

CSDA Debating Venues
Visitors are most welcome to come along
Debates commence at 7:15pm

Round 2  Friday 30th April  Marist Sisters’ College, Woolwich TONIGHT
Round 3  Friday 7th May  Mount St Benedict College, Pennant Hills
Round 4  Friday 14th May  Marist Sisters’ College, Woolwich
Round 5  Friday 21st May  Marist Sisters’ College, Woolwich

MSCW TRIVIA NIGHT

THE MSCW P&F ASSOCIATION IS DELIGHTED TO INVITE ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS TO THE 2010 TRIVIA NIGHT
WE GUARANTEE LOADS OF FUN, TERRIFIC PRIZES & GREAT SILENT AUCTION ITEMS!
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE GIRLS’ NEW COMMERCIAL KITCHEN
BYO: FOOD, DRINKS, PLenty OF GOLD COINS & YOUR SENSE OF HUMOUR!
DATE: 29 MAY AT 7.30PM - SCHOOL HALL
COST: $15 PER ADULT (max 10 people per table)
BOOK YOUR OWN TABLE OR WE CAN SEAT YOU WITH OTHER PARENTS FROM YOUR DAUGHTER’S YEAR!
TABLE NUMBERS ARE LIMITED SO BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

RESERVATION ENQUIRIES: BELINDA PASLIS AT belindapaslis@optusnet.com.au
Please see attached booking form

P&F Meeting
Don’t forget there is a P&F meeting this Tuesday 4th May at 7:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend.