Alexandra South (Yr12 MAR 313) recently competed at the Volvo ISAF Youth World Championship held in Istanbul, Turkey. ISAF is the yachting world's governing body. In order to compete at this event, the most prestigious of its kind, dubbed the "Olympics of Youth Sailing", Alex had to win the under 19 national championship in Adelaide this year. After her success at the National Championship, Alex went onto Turkey with a goal of a top ten placing. (continued on page 2)

Isabella Laguzza (Yr7 J2) attended the "British Ballet Organisation’s Annual Danceweek" held at McDonald College during the school holidays. Along with approximately 300 other students in varying grades, who came from all over Australia, Isabella participated in 6 dance classes each day - including Ballet, Jazz and Tap. At the Danceweek she auditioned for a Scholarship in Junior Classical Ballet and was successful in her audition! Over the next 11 months she will attend a series of special classes. Congratulations Isabella!

Go with the flow …
The softest aspect of nature is water. It follows the path of least resistance and is the humblest element as it always seeks the low point, yet in the end it always overcomes. (365 Smiles from Buddha, Robert Allen)

CONGRATULATIONS TO …
Stefanie Caccamo (Yr9 CHN 136) with her involvement in the Australian Girls Choir, who has put her voice to good use by getting involved in the GenerationOne campaign to end Indigenous disparity. In May, GenerationOne invited the Australian Girls Choir, along with other well known Australian artists to record Hands Across Australia, the song written by Melinda Schneider and Les Gock for GenerationOne to raise awareness of Indigenous disadvantage. Artists included Christine Anu, Brothablack, Kate Dearaugo, Ernie Dingo, Casey Donovan, Shane Edwards, Melinda Schneider, and many more.

Representing Australia!
United Nations Youth Association National Youth Conference (UNYC) Perth 2010
From 4th to 11th July, I was given the opportunity to be part of the delegation which represented NSW at the 2010 United Nations Youth Association National Youth Conference (UNYC) in Perth. This is the largest annual residential youth conference in Australia, bringing together over 130 people from Australia and New Zealand. The theme of this year’s UNYC was ‘Advocating for Change’ and the conference aimed to foster youth participation in current national and international affairs through debate, workshops, excursions and forums.

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A highlight of the conference was the *YouthChange* program, which involved constructing formal clauses and actions plans which was presented to the government, demonstrating the policy changes we wished to see implemented. During the course of the week we were also given the opportunity to speak with Samah Hadid, who has been chosen as the 2010 Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations General Assembly as well as listening to amazing guest speakers such as Laine Mcdonald, a child protection lawyer who spent two years in Cambodia working with victims of sex trafficking.

Finally, a United Nations Youth Association Conference would not be complete without Model United Nations Debate. Before the conference, each delegate was allocated a country which they were to represent during the debates in the mock General Assembly and mock UN Committees. I was allocated France, and after research into French foreign policy, sought to promote the interests of this country as we debated resolutions such as ‘The Question of Environmental Refugees’ and ‘The Question of Female Economic Equality and Independence’. This week was an incredible experience, as it gave me the chance to experience the roles, procedures and frustrations of the UN. I particularly enjoyed spending time with people from all over the country and New Zealand who shared similar interests in international law and world politics and was amazed by the many inspirational people there.

At the end of the week, I was extremely excited to be given the news that I had been chosen as one of the 16 delegates to represent Australia at The Hague International Model United Nations (THIUMUN) held next January in The Hague, the Netherlands. This is the world's largest model United Nations Conference, attracting over 4000 students from around the world. All of the Australian Delegation will represent the same country at this conference, with each member of the delegation sitting on a different Committee or Council and each delegate writing a resolution to be debated in our committee or council. Each resolution that passes through these councils is published and sent to Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr Ban Ki-Moon. This conference presents an amazing opportunity to further involve myself in international affairs and have my voice heard in an international forum. It promises to be a once in a lifetime experience and I am looking forward to attending.

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**Your child’s education**

How much funding does your child receive in Government grants?

**Government expenditure per school student**

- Student in NSW government school = $10,162 (NSW Auditor General Report)
- Student in NSW Catholic systemic school = $7,299 (CEC audited financial statements)

**Difference** = $2,863

- Council of Catholic School Parents
- *Advocacy and Support for all parents*
- [www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au) No.5

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**Parent Teacher Interviews**

**Tuesday 10th August 10am – 6pm**

The next parent teacher interviews will be conducted during the day. There will be no classes for girls on this day but each girl is expected to attend the interview with her parents, in full school uniform. Forms for allocation of times with teachers were issued to girls last week.

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**Year 8 Parents**

There is a Parent Information Night on Tuesday 17th August commencing at 7:30pm in the PJ Eymard Hall. It is designed to provide information about the expectations and requirements of studying over Years 9 and 10 and to assist in choosing electives. Year 8 girls are expected to come to the information night with their parents in full school uniform.
Catholic Schools Debating Association

Sydney Metropolitan Debating Competition Runners Up!

‘That multiculturalism causes too much conflict’ was the topic given to the Year 7 teams from Marist Sisters’ College and St Ignatius College at the Grand Final of the Sydney Metropolitan Debating Competition on Friday night last week. At the heart of the debate were the issues of ‘how much is too much’ and ‘how do we define conflict’. Year 7 from MSCW (Elizabeth Kalotay, Antonia Minutolo and Daniella Foley) were given the affirmative which was undoubtedly a very challenging side to debate, and they cleverly constructed a case that demonstrated the conflict caused by multiculturalism in different levels of society all the way to the Federal Government. In what was a wonderful Grand Final debate, MSCW was defeated by Riverview and awarded the runner up for the Year 7 division in the 2010 Sydney Metropolitan Debating Competition. Congratulations to the girls and to their coach, Sr Fidelis, who have set an extremely high benchmark for debating, and thank you for inspiring and reminding the rest of us that girls from Woolwich can do anything and everything!

Helping to keep Orangutans live

Congratulations to our raffle winners, Jossie Currie of 332 who won first prize, the cuddly Orangutan toy, and to Matt Neill who won second prize, a soccerball. Thank you to all those who purchased raffle tickets. We have raised $403 for Borneo Orangutan Survival Australia in their fundraiser, to secure land for critically endangered Orangutans in Central Kalimantan. This is a valuable cause, as the use of palm oil in 40% of our food products is costing the lives of up to 50 Orangutans each week. In South East Asia alone, the equivalent of 300 football fields are deforested every hour for palm oil production. (Info from Melbourne Zoo website.)

Miss O’Rourke

An early morning start

On 24th July 2010, 7 girls and 5 teachers gave up their cozy warm beds to feed the homeless through the Vinnies Brekky Van service. Annabella Iacono, Frances Covel, Sarah Jenna, Stephanie Dever, Claire Lofaro, Madeleine Peters, Nancy Farrell, Mr Fuda, Mr Powell, Ms D’Ippolito, Ms Fisher and Ms Freeman all kindly donated their time to this more than worthy cause.

We got to the Saint Vincent de Paul Head Office at 8:00 am, loaded all the gear inside the van, including a very heavy BBQ that was kindly lifted into the van by Mr Fuda and Mr Powell. We gave out bread and tomatoes along with BBQ bacon and eggs, with many of the homeless people lining up for seconds, thirds and even eighths! After we had run out of food we packed everything back up, took it back to the Head Office and washed everything up.

It was a great experience to see the situation that some of these homeless people were in. The people that we served had some amazing stories about where they’d been. We can’t wait to take the next group of girls along so they can share the same experiences.

Principal’s Awards

Congratulations to the following girls …

For EXPLORING EARLY CHILDHOOD: B.Small (Perroton), K.Parrott (Marcellin), K.Espinoza Ramos (Jaricot), A.Butitta (Perroton), C.Carpinato (Colin), S.Ramos (Colin).

For VISUAL ARTS: T.Bucciarelli (Jaricot), A.Dyer (Colin), K.Field (Jaricot), S.Hanlon (Colin), H.Lawrence-Watt (Chanel), J.Milovanovic (Chanel), M.Mursell (Jaricot), R.Paisley (Marcellin).

For PDHPE: T.Saba (Chavoin), B.Toto (Jaricot).

DUTY GIRL ROSTER

COMMENCING MONDAY 2ND AUGUST 2010

Monday  Maddison Clancy and Clare Galluzzo
Tuesday  Brooke Caster and Elizabeth Garling
Wednesday  Jade Credentino and Monique Gianotti
Thursday  Francine Crimmins and Tayla Giardina
Friday  Jocelyn Currie and Clarissa Gorton

Girls report to Reception by 8:50 am

Member of Association of Marist Schools of Australia and Alliance of Girls’ Schools
MSCW P&F Meeting
Tuesday 3rd August at 7.30pm
All parents are welcome to attend.
Please forward any agenda items to the P&F Secretary, Mary Lou Peachey, via email to peachey06@optusnet.com.au.

Year 10 Subject Selection
Most girls have now finalised their subject choice for next year. Final choices for 2011 close on Monday 2nd August. Invoices for subject fees will be issued on 6th August with payment due by 20th August. Any invoices not paid by this date will mean the girl will have to re select her subjects to reduce her invoice cost.

2010 HSC Scholarship
Information
A number of scholarships are available to students on the basis of their Higher School Certificate results.

- Australian Veterans’ Children’s Assistance Trust Scholarships.
- The Sir Colin Hines Scholarships – open for competition to the children of Vietnam veterans including those from allied countries.
- The Sir William Yeo Scholarship – open for competition to HSC students who are admitted to tertiary courses of study in rural education and development.

Further information will be available on Students Online later in the year. Please see the attached information about these scholarships.

WOOLWICH ATHLETICS TEAM
The athletics team will be finalised on Monday. The team will be selected from the carnival results last term. If you were unable to compete on the day but do Little Athletics, please send Ms Kemp your results for consideration.

Nominations are also needed for (please include times):
- Triple Jump
- 1500m Walk
- 80-100m Hurdles
- 200m Hurdles

Important dates
17th August MCCS Athletics
20th August CGSSSA Athletics
17th September CCC Athletics
NSW SCHOOLS KNOCKOUT - date to be confirmed

Looking forward to a great season! (Ms Kemp)

MSCW WALKATHON
Wednesday 18th August 2010
In the past years, the walkathon has proved to be a great opportunity for MSCW girls to have fun, improve fitness and raise funds for various College Projects. This year we look to contributing to the Cambodia Project as a group of College girls are raising funds and will be travelling to rural Cambodia to develop a new school. Please see details of the walkathon and rewards in the information sheet attached with this Newsletter email.

Sailing News
Thank you to all who attended the Friends of Marist Sisters’ Sailing meeting on Tuesday night. The Conference room was overcrowded confirming a bright future for the rebuilding phase. The date for the next meeting will be announced in the newsletter (so watch this space) and is open to anyone interested in assisting.

Boathouse burnt 21st June – back on the water 27th July. 37 days!

Saturday sailing 10am-2pm – important news:
We will be sailing the 24 footer, Sacra Blu and Mr McClelland’s 37 footer. This time NO LATE ARRIVALS as we will be leaving from the College wharf by 10:20am for a sail up the harbour, returning by 1:30pm. So, bring a cut lunch and drink (no BBQ), sailing gear, warm clothing and jacket, sunscreen and $15 (no black shoes).

Mr Maloney (9879 6935, 0415 219 112)

CONFIRMATION AT HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, NORTH RYDE
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at Holy Spirit Parish on Sunday 7th November 2010. Parents of children eligible to receive the Sacrament are required to attend a PARENT INFORMATION EVENING on WEDNESDAY 25th AUGUST at 7.30pm in the Holy Spirit Parish Centre. At this meeting you will receive information about the Parish’s Confirmation Preparation program.

To cover the costs of the program $20 per child is required and payable on the night. Please bring copies of your child’s Baptismal Certificate if your child was NOT baptised at Holy Spirit Parish.

To register for this Sacrament please call or email Caterina Raccosta on 9807-5561 or cate.rr@hotmail.com, no later than MONDAY 16th AUGUST.
LEARNING MATTERS AT MSCW

How we teachers and parents would love to be given a dollar for every time we hear these four words - with whatever final punctuation mark, or in whatever tone - ‘Can’t do that.’, or ‘Can’t do that!’ or ‘Can’t do that?’ uttered by our girls. I have heard versions of this mantra several times this year, when girls who choose to come along for a tutorial despair of the difficulty they have with getting their point across in the written form. Sometimes a girl might have a bad spelling day; at other times, punctuation marks might take on lives of their own and appear in all sorts of inappropriate places; and, sometimes the content of the response is more padding than sharing of knowledge.

Beyond any of these, however, the difficulty is with the sentence, particularly with the placement of clauses in a complex sentence. This error has two main effects. First, nonsense results, as seen in examples such as: ‘The girl that had silver ribs was thrilled to receive the special umbrella.’ Secondly, the message becomes confusing, and this is not desirable when a girl is striving to make a point about whatever is the curriculum content being tested. We read Flossie’s words, ‘The poet felt the pain of the young refugee who sent the message. His sense of disempowerment was enormous …’ and wonder what she means.

In recent times, the strange use of phonetics in text messages and similar, has created a new form of communication. This generally ought not to be a cause for alarm because already we have different language levels. It would be a wise Flossie to remember the will, and to refrain from speaking with her Great-Aunt Agnes in the same way she would speak with her friends at the local skating rink. However, what the txt msj mode does is to treat clauses with a degree of disrespect, and this translates into the spoken word. If you find that hard to believe, then visit me in my office at the end of lessons, and listen!

In classes, we check the girls’ use of language, marking it formally in tasks that are written, and having girls rephrase any sloppy speaking. Perhaps the latter is something that could be followed through at home. If a girl’s speaking to you in incomprehensible, ask her to do the work and rephrase it, rather than you deciding to expend the energy to try and understand it.

Clear language … clear message … clearly-written message … clear understanding … better response from audience … better reward for all!

Dr. Liz Lamb, Director of Learning and Teaching

PERROTON 2010 CHAMPIONS!!

The College athletics carnival was held at the end of last term at the Competition Track, Sydney Olympic Park. Despite the cold rain at times, a great day was had by all, with many outstanding performances on the track and in the field.

Congratulations to the following:

12 yrs – Vanessa Lo Basso (Chavoin)
13 yrs – Niamh Simula (Perroton)
14 yrs – Sachi Kayama (Chavoin)
15 yrs – Samantha Rogers (Chanel)
16 yrs – Nicole Ransom (Jaricot)
17+ yrs – Natalie Jukic (Chanel)

100m invitational race – 1st place Sachi Kayama

Junior Champion – Niamh Simula
Intermediate Champion – Samantha Rogers
Senior Champion – Natalie Jukic

HOUSE SONG CONTEST:

1st place – Perroton
2nd place – Chavoin
3rd place – Jaricot

OVERALL RESULTS:

1st place – Perroton
2nd place – Chanel
3rd place – Chavoin

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Welcome back to Term 3
Each week in Term 3 Café Lyons will have a special winter item available for ordering on-line.
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Available each day in week 3 only
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Simply fill in your details on-line, order your lunch and be in the running for a free $10 lunch voucher
One winner drawn each fortnight for Term 1
Happy ordering!

Café Lyons is looking for volunteers willing to share their time by assisting in the canteen. There are a number of ways to help including, serving, preparing lunches, baking, handing out lunch orders, making hot chocolates and plenty more.

If you would like to help please let us know, as we are trying to fill in the roster below. It’s great to get involved and I’m sure the girls would love to see you!
Even if you can only make it once a month or term, I can still roster you on and let you know well in advance.
Thank you to all our volunteers who already generously give their time helping at Café Lyons

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