On Sunday as we celebrate the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop, we pray ...

God of the pilgrim
Mary MacKillop trusted your guidance in her journey of life and deepened her confidence in your will.
May we renew our trust in your Providence to lead us in hope.
May we relish the sacred in the ordinariness of our lives.
May we grow in the fullness of your love and the depth of your mystery.
We ask this through Jesus Christ the way, the truth and the life.
Amen

‘D’ in uppercase makes all the difference

No, we have not extended our real estate portfolio and taken up residence at North Ryde. However, MSCW is a level 2 partner with Macquarie University and each year we are offered the opportunity of having Year 11 girls participate in a special part of the Gifted and Talented program.
The program sees the girls study Philosophy 1, a first year course at Macquarie. This is a very challenging course but it is also a very valuable one. First of all, the course challenges the girls to further develop and apply skills that enable them to think more critically, to analyse more effectively, and generally to show a maturity of cognitive processing. Secondly, the girls can use it as one of their Board of Studies courses in Year 11 and it is afforded full credit status for successful participants who pursue their tertiary studies at Macquarie University.
This year three girls - Cristina Comisso, Sarah Morgan and Natalie Jukic - were accepted for the experience. Not only did our three girls complete the course, but they did it with distinction ... well ... with ‘Distinction’ would be a more accurate way of saying it, given that the three of them passed at the Distinction level.

Here, the girls share some reflections with us: To experience and succeed in a university course at our age was encouraging as well as enriching. We learned analytical skills that we can take with us to further studies, and indeed, through our lives … (Natalie).
The course extended our ability to examine matters from a philosophical viewpoint, and enhanced our ability to critically analyse … (Sarah).
It was a great experience to work in a university environment and study side by side with uni students, doing the same course as they are. It taught us to be much more critical about articles presented in the media and in advertising … (Cristina).

Dr. Liz Lamb, Director of Learning and Teaching

Playing for Gold

On Sunday 25th July, MSCW Senior Jazz Band competed in the NSW School Bands Festival, held at the Clancy Auditorium in the University of New South Wales. We performed two pieces, Tune Up, a swing tune by Miles Davis and the rock/blues number Truth, by Ruthie Foster. We were performing in the Don Burrows Event - open Big Band/Jazz Band - alongside many schools from all around New South Wales, including Manly Selective Campus, Newington College, Burwood Girls High and many others.
Whilst preparing in the practice rooms, our nerves began to grow and the assurance of an award was being doubted as we heard the other bands play, but with brave faces and fast beating hearts, we were called onto the stage and performed our two pieces. As the afternoon ran according to plan and on time, before we knew it, the end of our section had come and it was time for the awards to be announced. Feeling as if we had no chance, our band was called, and we received a Gold Award, along with six other bands in that section. (continued on page 2)
An amazing effort was put into the festival, and we performed brilliantly as hoped. All of the girls in the band could not be more pleased with the result, along with Mr McNeal, who we all thank and applaud for his great conducting and organisation of the event. It was a great afternoon for all involved and we hope to continue competing for years to come. (Hayley Robinson-Smith & Emily Wohlfiel, Year 11)

Mr McNeal adds – The spirit of friendly competition at the Festival really brought out the best in the band. The adjudicator commented especially on how the rhythm section supported the soloists - that is, by really coming down in dynamics. We also had positive comments about our fresh sound and the musical unity of the band. Congratulations to all and special thanks to our Year 12 girls who are moving on: Sara Delavere, Lucille Vano, Hannah Cheers and Gloria Jung.

**MSCW Senior Jazz Band members:**
- Saxophones – Grace Le Marquand and Holly Kalsy
- Clarinets – Madelyn Tait, Tara O’Connor
- Flute – Madeline Smith
- Piano – Joyce Sun
- Guitar – Lucille Vano
- Bass – Scarlett Higgs and Hayley Robinson-Smith
- Drums – Sara Delavere
- Keyboard – Ellen Lancuba
- Congas – Emily Wohlfiel
- Vocals: Hannah Cheers, Gloria Jung and Hayley Robinson-Smith

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**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Just a reminder that parent teacher interviews will be conducted during the day this coming Tuesday 10th August from 10am until 6pm.

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.

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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.

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**Quality Education Costs**

Political support for Catholic Schools

In Australia, there is unwavering support from the Labor, Liberal and National political parties for the funding of non-government schools and for parental choice in education.

This support from the major political parties is greatly appreciated and recognises the rights of parents to choose how their children are educated. Parents, as taxpayers, are clearly entitled to this support.

Providing quality education is an extremely expensive exercise – but also a crucial investment in Australia’s future.

Council of Catholic School Parents
Advocacy and Support for all parents
www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au No.14
Year 8 Reflection Day

This week Year 8 girls participated in a Reflection Day with the Catholic Youth Services (CYS). The Reflection Day started with a bus trip to Villa Maria where the theme of the day was ‘Courage to Care’. We spoke about accepting others and heard about the personal experiences of the young members of the CYS. The CYS is a group of inspirational youth who have given up a year of work to live together and broaden their faith. Their daily routine consists of praying in the morning, completing chores and holding reflection days. Throughout the day we prayed together and played games (and also won prizes). The most exciting game was *The Amazing Race* which consisted of difficult team activities and solving tricky riddles. Later we got to show our ‘passion for fashion’ and had 10 minutes to create an outfit with a limited amount of newspaper. This activity was not only lots of fun but taught us how to work, manage and communicate as a team. To conclude the day we gathered together to reflect with a beautiful ceremony lighting tea light candles and placing them on a cross. We also prayed through a song, sung by Chill, a very talented member of CYS. The day was very memorable: participating in group activities, hearing about the lives of the CYS members and taking time in our busy days to reflect and having the ‘Courage to Care’. (Mia Majstorovic JAR 121 & Francine Crimmins MAR 313)

Our Reflection Day taught us about ‘Courage to Care’ and how we should love everyone, especially our enemies. The volunteers were so funny and nice and really helped us understand what we were learning about. Also, we learnt how mean it is to exclude others through games, stories and conversations. We did cool things like played The Amazing Race, the acting game, watched video clips, newspaper dress ups, completed a puzzle in a small group without talking and much more. Most of these things involved team work and some things were challenging. It was a great experience and we really enjoyed it. (Courtney Sabat CHV 337 & Shannyne Ramos COL 423)

Marist Girls Lead the Way in Faith Program for Younger Children

Our Year 11 girls have shone in their roles in the High School Catechesis Program this year. Rebecca Malin (PER 113), Emilia Biviano (COL 424), Nancy Farrell (CHN 136), Rosemary Winter (CHV 332), Sophie Grealy (JAR J4) and Stella Cimarosti (MAR 314) have diligently and thoughtfully helped children from a number of primary schools in our surrounding parishes in the areas of faith formation. The skills demanded of the girls have exceeded those that they would have otherwise developed in their College-based courses in Religious Studies.

Many of the current student catechists have expressed a sincere interest in wanting to teach in primary education such as Rebecca Malin and Emilia Biviano, “We really enjoy the teaching experience, you get to know the students, see their personalities develop and the age difference is good because we can remember being their age and relate to them”. From a number of angles, the girls have accomplished outstanding objectives by their participation. They have reached out to those younger than themselves and enriched them with goodwill, positive leadership and warm empathy. They have also enhanced their ownership of their own experience of their faith by being in the teacher’s shoes. They have generated more connection in our community between parishes, schools and youth.

The organisational skills and increased responsibility required of the girls is also notable. All of us who have worked alongside them in their catechesis efforts are sincerely appreciative and delighted by each of the girls’ maturity and generosity.
Sailing News
Last Saturday our girls sailed on Sydney Harbour on Mr McClelland’s 37 footer and Sacra Blu, a 24 footer. We all had an exciting time and great experience sailing these big yachts on the Harbour. We were helped by old girls, Kimberley Counter and Samantha Chidgey – thank you girls.
Same this Saturday – two rules apply: NO LATE COMERS and NO BLACK SOLE SHOES. (If you are late you will be waving us goodbye on the wharf.)
We will leave the College wharf by 10:15am and return by 1:30pm approx.
Bring a cut lunch and drink (no BBQ), sailing gear, warm clothing and jacket, sunscreen and $15.

Mr Maloney (9879 6935, 0415 219 112

Child & Adolescent Parenting Courses
A flyer detailing parenting courses during term 3 and an enrolment form are attached with the Newsletter email.

2010 HSC Scholarship Information
A number of scholarships is 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.

Dates to Remember
- 6th Aug STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
- 7th Aug COLIN FEAST DAY
- 8th Aug MARY McKILLOP FEAST DAY
- 9th Aug COLIN Fundraising week
- 10th Aug PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS 10AM-6PM
- 15th Aug FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
- 17th Aug Yr 8 Parent Information evening
- 18th Aug SOB meeting
- 19th Aug HSC TRIALS COMMENCE (continue until Fri 27th Aug)
- WYD 2010 “One Year Out Celebration Day”
- 20th Aug One day visit from Yamawaki High School Japan
- 23rd Aug BOOK WEEK
- 27th Aug HSC TRIALS CONCLUDE
- 30th Aug Sport and Extra Curricular photos
- 31st Aug Yr 10 High Resolve
- 1st Sept Father Daughter breakfast (7-8:30am)
- 2nd Sept Mini Maestros Festival
- 5th Sept FATHER’S DAY

Congratulations to the following girls …

For VISUAL ARTS
M.Byrne (Chanel), S.Ramos (Colin), A.Rungwerth (Marcellin), M.Seve (Marcellin), T.Cameron (Chavoin), H.Gray (Perroton), J.Liu (Chanel), J.Munce (Jaricot), D.Scibilio (Chavoin), H.Zdilar (Marcellin), S.Forward (Chanel), M.Gianotti (Chanel), H.Lawrence-Watt (Chanel), D.Marino (Chanel).

For GEOGRAPHY
J.O’Beid (Perroton), S.Ibrahim (Marcellin), C.Sabat (Chavoin), S.Ramos (Colin), J.Birbara (Marcellin), N.Charteris (Colin), F.Crimmins (Marcellin), K.Delavere (Marcellin), E.Dyson (Colin), C.Gorton (Chavoin), G.Houlihan (Chavoin), S.Jorquera-Candy (Marcellin), M.Majstorovic (Jaricot), P.McPherson (Chanel), L.Morgan (Marcellin), J.Pezzano (Jaricot), C.Sinclair (Jaricot), N.South (Marcellin), G.Wade (Marcellin), C.Wilkie (Perroton), A.Williams (Jaricot), L.Zhang (Jaricot), K.Scuglia (Jaricot), M.Flokis (Chavoin), C.Marrazza (Colin), S.Mulane (Colin), E.Der (Marcellin), L.Carmody (Chavoin), E.Morell-Koroi (Colin), A.Hoyek (Chavoin), L.Dimarco (Jaricot), N.Payne (Chavoin), R.Atike (Chavoin), L.Grace (Colin), H.Lawrence-Watt (Chanel), L.Lewis (Chanel), B.Coster (Chanel), J.Aching (Perroton), D.Perera (Chavoin), A.Zarzycki (Chavoin), V.Zarzycki (Chavoin), E.Garling (Colin), D.Indorato (Colin), T.Sciancalepore (Perroton), C.Hoves (Chavoin).

For CERAMICS
E.Biviano (Colin), R.Malin (Perroton), E.Rogers (Colin), R.Winter (Chavoin), C.Abendano (Perroton).

For ANCIENT HISTORY
S.Biondi (Jaricot), N.Collins (Chavoin), J.Cumberland (Colin), N.Farrell (Chanel), S.Goh (Jaricot), R.Malin (Perroton), B.McPherson (Chanel), S.Morgan (Colin), C.Piper (Jaricot), S.Ramos (Colin), S.Romanes (Marcellin), A-M.Salvemini (Colin), G.Sinclair (Chanel), S.Stedman (Chanel).

Principal’s Awards

Child & Adolescent Parenting Courses
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North Ryde RSL Youth Club is conducting handicapped timed swimming races for anyone between the ages of 5 and 25 each Sunday at Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre from October 2010 to March 2011. Registration day is Saturday 14th August 2010 at the Youth Club from 10am to 12 noon. For further information please contact Michael on 0421 056 279.
CAREERS

• GoKids FREE seminar for parents and carers on Motivational Strategies for Teenagers. Saturday 14th August, Sydney University Village, 90 Carillon Avenue, Newtown, 5-6:30pm call 9881 5890 or email workshop@gokids.com.au.

• The Australian Catholic University (ACU) Early Achiever’s Program is now open for applications. Information brochures are available from the Careers Office or visit the website www.acu.edu.au/counts. Closing date is 30th September.

• Martin College is holding their Open Day on Saturday 28th August 10am-1pm. The College offers courses in Business & Management, Event Management, Graphic Design, Information Technology and Tourism. For information on courses visit the website www.martincollege.edu.au.

• Elite Athlete Information Evening Wednesday 12th August 6:30-8:30pm. Hear more about Macquarie University’s Elite Athlete Scholarship Program and bonus point information. The evening is specifically for parents and students from Year 10 to Year 12 who represent a particular sport at the regional, State or Australian level. RSVP Essential: Register Online. Enquiries should be directed to events@mq.edu.au or (02) 9850 4271.

• Macquarie Law School Information Evening Wednesday 18th August 6:30-8pm. The Dean of the Macquarie Law School, Professor Peter Radan, will be hosting an information evening for prospective law students, parents and careers advisers. Professor Radan and Macquarie University law academics will speak about how the Macquarie Law School degrees are structured and about what makes Macquarie’s law programs different to other universities. There will be opportunities to meet current Macquarie University law students and ask questions of University staff about studying law at Macquarie University. Refreshments will be provided and RSVP is essential. Register Online by Monday 16th August 2010. Enquiries should be directed to events@mq.edu.au or (02) 9850 4271.

• DanceLife is providing an Online Guide To Full Time Dance & Performing Arts Courses 2011. The guide has been put together for the students who want a career in the dance and entertainment industry. In this guide you will find a large amount of information regarding dance and performing arts courses being offered throughout Australia for 2011. Throughout the guide you will hear from dance professionals, current and past students as well as teachers from a range of courses. This gives you the opportunity to understand further about the ins and the outs of what each course entails. You can view the guide as an online magazine at http://www.dancelife.com.au/blogs/entry/DANCELIFE-S-ONLINE-GUIDE-TO-FULL-TIME-COURSES-2011 or download the guide at http://www.dancelife.com.au/directory/DanceLife-s-Online-Guide-To-Full-Time-2010.pdf.

• Kaplan Business School Info Day 2010, Wednesday 18th August, 2010 from 4pm-7pm, Sydney Campus, 517-521 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills. To register or get more information visit the website www.kbs.edu.au/infoday/NSW or call 1300 903 142.

• The Boating Industry Association has produced a guide to careers in the Marine Industry. A copy of this book is available in the Careers Office. The book covers jobs in a variety of areas from accounting to deckhand, boat building and tourism. It is also available at http://www.bia.org.au/careers.html.

• For the first time the Boating Industry Association is offering a Boating Industry Cadetship Program for school leavers. While details do not appear to be available on the website as yet, you can email your interest to training@bia.org.au or call 9438 2077 and ask to speak to the Education & Training Co-Ordinator. The program involves a six week Pre-Cadetship course as a taster of the industry and an introduction to the cadetship followed by a 2 year program combining real-life, hands-on work experience with formal study and qualifications relevant to the industry.

• The Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE will be offering a new program in 2011 with the Australian Catholic University. The offer will be an Advanced Diploma of Accounting and a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting). This is a direct entry course together for the students who want a career in the dance and entertainment industry. In this guide you will find a large amount of information regarding dance and performing arts courses being offered throughout Australia for 2011. For more information, visit www.nsi.tafensw.edu.au.

Mrs Smith, Careers Advisor

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. 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

Please email Melanie Mayer at cafelyons@mscw.catholic.edu.au or phone 9816 4928

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.
Presenter: Gerald O’Collins SJ

Thursday 16 September 2010

10:30am – 3.00pm Eastern Standard Time

Venue: Marist Sisters’ College
66A Woolwich Road, Woolwich

Contact: Ann Freeman on 98162041 or email freeman@mscw.catholic.edu.au