When Irish Eyes Are Smiling

Madeline Byrne (Yr8 CHN 133) competed in the State Irish Dancing Championships last Sunday and came 5th in her age group. A huge achievement and Madeline’s best so far. She is very committed to the sport and spends about 20 hours training each week. She competed on Sunday with very painful shin splints but still managed to keep a big smile on her face! Well done Madeline.

Composer in Residence

On 31st July the National Boys Choir of Australia, one of Australia’s leading treble voice choirs, gave the premiere performance of ‘Songs of the Sea & Sky’ by Todd McNeal, teacher of music and bandmaster at MSCW. The set of three pieces was part of their Winter Concert at the Melbourne Recital Centre and will form part of their repertoire for a tour to Hong Kong and China later in the year.

The songs are settings of three rhymes – ‘Hush, the Waves’, ‘Flying Man’ and ‘To Brush the Cobwebs off the Sky’ - and were very well-received in an excellent performance by the boys, conducted by Philip Carmody with Robyn Cochrane on piano. Congratulations Mr McNeal.

Federal Election Update

Catholic Schools are heavily dependent on student grants from the Federal and State governments.

Keep this in mind when you vote on 21st August.

To know what the political parties are saying about your child’s Catholic schooling go to:

This document is also attached with the Newsletter email.

Council of Catholic School Parents
Advocacy and Support for all Parents and Catholic Schools
www.cccsp.catholic.edu.au

Urgent Notice

Sydney Regional RoboCup
Sunday 15th August has been cancelled.
Learning Matters at MSCW

This week we not only followed happenings in the media, but also we experienced what it must be like ‘out on the hustings’, as they say: booking meeting times, meeting and greeting, sharing ideas on a range of topics, presenting cases, reflecting on the past and setting goals for the future. This all happened at the Parent-Teacher interviews on Tuesday. As happened with the first meeting for Year 7 earlier in the year, this time the girls from Years 7 to 11 conducted the interviews. The girls who prepared for this are to be commended on their efforts, and the girls who left it all to the last minute would do well to remember what they need to do for 2011.

In February and in June, Year 7 girls were asked to complete a questionnaire about their experiences as learners, and also as learners in W.I.L.L., and in a few days time they will be completing a third. There were 166 responses in February and 143 in June. The difference between these numbers mainly can be attributed to absence from W.I.L.L.on the day. The first item asked the girls to comment on how they felt as learners in W.I.L.L.. Some sifting of the data from the February and June experience has been done, with the following trends being identified. In February, all but 12 responses indicated positive experiences, the two most frequently-used descriptors being ‘excited’ and ‘happy’. In June, of the 12 responses indicating negative experiences, four did not respond, and all but one of the remaining responses indicated a positive experience.

The establishing of mentor groups in W.I.L.L. has been received well, and there was a favourable response to them at the first public airing at the interviews on Tuesday.

Moving from Year 7 to the other end of the spectrum, let’s keep the Year 12 girls – and their families – in mind as the girls prepare to sit for the Trial HSC Exam. One aspect of this experience that often gets lost in the excitement is the meaning of the word ‘trial’. True, if there is an Assessment Task to be done in an exam, then that needs to be treated with respect. Otherwise, a really good use to which the examination period could be put would be to reveal how a girl is faring in her preparation for the HSC Exam, and to identify the topics on which she needs to focus for the October-November experience. (Dr Liz Lamb, Director of Learning and Teaching)

Did someone say we’re fixing up the Garden?

Announcing the WSU Gardening Working Bee!

This Sunday, 15th August from 10am to 1pm

For those who don’t know, the WSU has started clearing the ‘grassy’ and ‘weedy’ area near the old boat house in an attempt to make it a beautiful garden area for the girls. It would be really helpful if a bunch of parents came into the school on the working bee to help us with the clearing! You’ll be able to park your car on The Flat – which is accessible through the bottom school driveway.

Bring your green thumbs and your gloves, or other gardening tools you might find handy. And girls, this working bee can count towards your Marist Community Service.

If interested, please contact Holly Webb webbh@mscw.catholic.edu.au or Melanie Leahy leahym@mscw.catholic.edu.au via email. Hope to see you there!

Principal’s Awards

Congratulations to the following girls …

For RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: C.Toohey (Perroton).
For FOOD TECHNOLOGY: N.Shearer (Perroton), S.Russo (Marcellin), T.Distin (Perroton), K.McGill (Chavoin).
For VISUAL ARTS: A.Christie (Chavoin), C.Gorton (Chavoin), N.Payne (Chavoin), L.Carmody (Chavoin), B.Sorbello (Perroton), M.Cipri (Chanel), E.Byrne (Colin), C.Howes (Chavoin), J.Birbara (Marcellin), G.Houlihan (Chavoin), J.Goth (Chavoin), E.Garling (Colin), N.Simula (Perroton), E.Kalotay (Marcellin), G.Sage (Chanel), O.Ibrahim (Marcellin), A.Pagano (Chavoin), M.Edwards (Marcellin).

Congratulations to … Isabella Azzena (MAR 222), Bianca de Ocampo (MAR 221) and Lucy Keough (MAR 221) … for truly living the Marist Spirit!

The Greens’ School Funding Policy

Many of you may have seen the recent weekly column by Cardinal Pell highlighting some of his concerns around The Greens’ policies at the Federal election.

Of particular concern is The Greens’ education policy.

As this is of utmost importance please see the attached circular to parents/caregivers on this matter for your information.
Join us and Light the Night on 1st September

Marist Sisters’ College has been invited to be part of the Leukaemia Foundation’s Light the Night. At twilight, inspirational stories are shared as each person lights their balloon before taking a gentle scenic walk to Light the Night. Each person who signs up will receive a coloured balloon containing a tiny light:

- Blue balloons are carried by supporters to give hope
- White balloons are carried by blood cancer survivors to celebrate
- Gold balloons are carried by people to remember a loved one lost

We would like to invite you to join us to Light the Night at: 5:30pm Wednesday 1st September at North Sydney Oval

Unlike other cancers, leukaemias, lymphomas and myeloma can develop in anyone, of any age, at any time. Leukaemia is the most common form of childhood cancer with over 200 children (0-14 years) diagnosed with leukaemias every year. Research has made a difference in our lifetime. In the last 20 years, survival rates for children with leukaemia has increased significantly, so that most children now survive (80% survive ten years).

If you would like to come along and carry an illuminated balloon we are asking you to register online prior to the night (www.lightthenight.org.au). This will help us streamline the registration and balloon collection on the night and circumvent any delays.

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Yr 7 Reflection day - A Day to Remember

On 29th July, Year 7 girls were joined by CYS (Catholic Youth Services) on our first reflection day. We arrived at school, excited about being in mufti, and were told to go to the Hall where we all sat down unsure about what to expect. We were introduced and greeted by every CYS member and their warm smiles. We were then split into groups and listened to their heart warming stories, and played out roles and had fun with newly introduced games. We were all surprised and slightly embarrassed to find that we didn’t know as many girls as we thought we did, but enjoyed meeting new faces. CYS taught us a lot about ourselves as Christians and we all truly felt close to God.

Andrea Colosimo337, Ellie Christodoulou J3, Zoe Fierro 103

SAND AND SCONES

On Wednesday, the Year 12 Geography class embarked on a journey to Narrabeen Headland followed by a visit to the Park Hyatt Hotel in The Rocks. In order to complete the coastal dunes case study, we got our hands dirty and participated in fieldwork activities on the sand. As a form of recovery and to study our tourism enterprise, we then headed for the Park Hyatt Hotel where we investigated their fantastic rooms. Unfortunately, we weren’t offered the $7,000 a night Diplomatic Suite nor could we compete with the rich tourist who stayed in the $3,000 a night executive suite for three months last year! We did, however, manage to sneak in some afternoon tea of fresh scones. (Devon Boyle COL 431)
Sailing News
Last Saturday our girls had their very first Sydney Harbour 4 Islands race around Cockatoo Island, Snapper Island, Spectacle Island and Goat Island. It was great fun.
A big thank you to our dads, Peter Kerjan for his Catalina 32 footer and Peter McClelland, for his 37 footer. Also thank you to Samantha Chidgey. A special mention to Amy Wang who was an outstanding skipper of the Catalina.
Saturday sailing 10am-2pm. Same rules: NO LATE COMERS and NO BLACK-SOLED SHOES. Bring a cut lunch and drink, sailing gear, warm clothing and jacket, sunscreen and $15.

Mr Maloney (9879 6935, 0415 219 112)

Year 8 Parent Information Night
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.

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

What’s on special at Café Lyons?
Each week in Term 3 Café Lyons will have a special winter item available for ordering on-line.

The Week 5 Special is
Chicken Parmigiana
With Crispy Potato Bites $4.50
Available each day in week 5 only
Go to fleximeals.com.au to place your week 5 special order

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.

Jesus The Christ
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
In recent months employment conditions for the nation have been improving. Employment rates increasing by 1.6% between September 2009 and

The Top 5 Occupational Clusters, on an Australia wide basis, for projected employment growth to 2014-15 are:

In New South Wales the largest employing industries are Health Care & Social Assistance; Retail Trade; and Manufacturing. Most new jobs in the

Your chance of getting a job. "May 2009 ABS Education & Work survey shows that workers who have either university or vocational education and

Over the past decade there has been a marked increase in the proportion of people participating in education beyond school. The government

Australian Jobs 2010 provides up-to-date information about jobs, including a guide to the occupations and industries in which Australians work.

Applications for high demand courses at TAFE are now open for 2011. The closing date for these applications is 29th October. Not all TAFE courses require an application. Information on TAFE courses is only available on the website www.tafensw.edu.au. The course descriptions will state whether the course you are interested in requires an application. I will be taking the girls through the application process after the HSC Trials.

The Australian Training Company has four apprenticeships available in the Electronics industry. This is not an Apprentice Electrician. The role involves working with Electronics, IT, Engineering and Automation. For more information contact Kerry Duck, email: kduck@austrg.com.au, Web: www.austrg.com.au, or call 9704 1510.

Mrs Smith, Careers Advisor