Another Chance

How often we wish for another chance
to make a fresh beginning.
A chance to blot out our mistakes
and change failure into winning.
It does not take a new day
to make a brand new start,
it only takes a deep desire
to try with all our heart.
To live a little better
and to always be forgiving
and to add a little sunshine
to the world in which we’re living.

So never give up in despair
and think that you are through,
for there’s always a tomorrow
and the hope of starting new.
(Helen Steiner Rice)

MSCW Adds to the Guinness Book of World Records

MSCW helped smash the Guinness World Record this week for the world’s largest interactive weather report. To break the record, 502 schools measured the temperature in their playground at midday, submitted the readings to The Weather Channel via www.weatherchannel.com.au/bigreport, and then the results were broadcast as part of The Big Report. The Weather Channel trounced the previous record held by the BBC in the UK, who had 261 schools submit the temperature. The attempt helped prove Australia’s diverse climate. Mutchilba State School in Queensland recorded a very tropical 40 degrees celsius whilst Snowy Mountains Grammar School only managed a chilly 3 degrees. MSCW recorded a temperature of 16 degrees.

Mr Lewis

MSCW Father Daughter Breakfast

You are invited to join us at our Father Daughter Breakfast to be held at Marist Sisters’ College on Wednesday 1st September starting at 7:00am, Café Lyons Cerdon Plaza.

We look forward to seeing you at our celebration of Fatherhood.

Ms Gorman

Celebrating Mary

As part of the unit of work that the Year 9 girls are studying at the moment in Religion - Mary - the girls created their own personal interpretation of Our Lady. This allowed them to demonstrate their creative skills, whilst reflecting on the significance of Our Blessed Mother, as we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption on 15th August. These works of art show examples of the high standard of work that the girls have submitted for this task.

Well done ladies!
Brain Injury Awareness Workshop
On Monday seven Year 11 girls attended the Brain Injury Awareness Workshop at the Royal Rehabilitation Centre at Ryde. The girls heard about the type of injuries that the brain can experience and also heard from a recent patient who has made a remarkable recovery. They then undertook sessions to hear about and experience what patients go through as part of the recovery process. From the physiotherapy activities to trying to negotiate an electric wheelchair around a set course, and the psychology exercises to help stimulate the brain, it was an experience that gave the girls an appreciation for the brain’s ability to recuperate and an understanding of the importance of avoiding brain injury wherever possible.

Funding Facts
There are several sources of funding for Catholic Schools:

- Federal Government
- State Government
- Parents through fees, levies and fundraising

Each source of funding is important and critical for the proper resourcing of schools.

Our future governments need to ensure an on-going commitment to quality education and support.

Council of Catholic School Parents
Advocacy and Support for all parents
www.ccspp.catholic.edu.au No.2

MSCW has been the successful recipient of a $1000 grant from Northern Sydney Health Promoting Schools Seeding Grants 2010. Our Project is titled “Fresh Food Fridays” and will promote healthy eating and the importance of a positive body image. The Environment Captains, together with the Green Team will create portable fruit, vegetables and flower gardens to be utilised by the school. Our aim is to nurture and care for our environment in a sustainable manner whilst learning skills about growing healthy foods and tasting the goodness of these on “Fresh Food Fridays”. The cheque will be presented on Friday 17th September.

“Fresh Food Fridays” are coming ...

Year 8 Elective Choices
Most Year 8 girls have completed their expression of interest indicating the electives they would like to study in 2011/2012. Girls need to have completed this by 24th August. From these expressions of interest the final subject choice lines will be drawn up and the girls will make their final choices.

The subject information handbook is available with the following login -
User name: parents    Password: parents
at the URL: http://www.mscw.catholic.edu.au/mydesktop

Mr Powell, Curriculum Coordinator

What Matters Writing Competition 2010
Photo shows girls from Mrs Kalmus’ Year 10 English class with their Certificates of Participation in the Whitlam Institute’s What Matters Writing Competition. Girls wrote on a diverse range of topics and enjoyed having the opportunity to share their views on a topic of their own interest in this well-respected competition. Congratulations girls!

Mrs Kalmus

DUTY GIRL ROSTER
COMMENCING MONDAY 23RD AUGUST 2010

Monday  Stephanie Ibrahim and Claire Marrazza
Tuesday  Daniella Indorato and Katalina Mathie
Wednesday  Jasmine Jarvis and Katrina Mazmanian
Thursday  Molly Jobbins and Natasha McConnell
Friday  Jemma Johnson and Paige McPherson

Girls report to Reception by 8.50 am
Learning Matters at MSCW

The adage states that a week is a long time in politics. So, does that mean the last five weeks should have seemed five times as long as usual, or should they have seemed to be one fifth of real time? I am not sure if that is a mathematical or a philosophical puzzle. Whatever the correct answer, the fact is that in recent times we have heard the major political parties’ mantras repeated many times – and now and again, ‘education’ gets a guernsey.

It would have been interesting to have heard the party leaders commenting on an article from the Sydney Morning Herald of 9th November 2009. In this, Anna Patty (Education Editor) explores comments on some trends and practices in education expressed by Professor Caldwell, former Dean of Education at the University of Melbourne. One point Professor Caldwell makes, is that testing has a rightful place in education - and people agree with that, even if the type of testing is sometimes the subject of rigorous debate. He does, however, warn against the practice of candidates entering the examination hall armed with ‘prepared answers’, instead of entering ‘prepared to answer’. In our setting, doing the former is risky business, and flies against any considered thought about the process the Board of Studies employs in the setting of exams.

Good preparation has been the focus of most of the Year 12 girls as they deal with the Trial HSC Exam, and it has been encouraging to note that so many of them have put the time into organising and processing the information they have collected along the way in their courses. Every now and then one has the chance to use strange but fascinating words, so here it comes! As an invigilator this week, I noticed that a healthy number of girls were plotting out essays using mind maps or flow charts. Such ordered thought, and efficient use of time augurs well for them in the HSC Exam in several weeks.

Dr Liz Lamb, Director of Learning and Teaching

Sailing News

After 16 years we’ve finally reached Sydney Heads! Last Saturday, eight of our girls sailed from Lane Cove River to North Head and returned to fulfil an ambition I’ve had for 16 years. Six year 7 girls, one year 9 girl and 1 year 11 girl sailed Mr Peter McClelland’s 37 footer out to the Heads and back. I don’t think our girls will forget sitting on the rail in 20 knots, doing 8.5 knots to windward occasionally, getting splashed by the odd wave or two. For this opportunity, we are deeply indebted to the McClelland family.

This Saturday FISH & CHIPS at WATSONS BAY.

Saturday sailing, 21st August, 10am-2pm. Please don’t be late or you will be standing on the wharf – and remember, you don’t just get off the yacht after sailing and go home, the yacht has to be cleaned. Bring warm clothing and jacket, sunscreen, drink and $15. No packed lunch – fish & chips at Watsons Bay.

Mr Maloney (9879 6935, 0415 219 112)

MCCS Soccer Results

Juniors: Won 1-0 against Terra Sancta
Intermediates: Won 4-2 against Terra Sancta - with 10 players

Congratulations to the following girls …

For RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
S.Lo Basso (Chavoin), G.Bieser (Chanel), S.Morrison (Marcellin), S.Abendano (Perroton), C.Bacha (Perroton), C.Abdallah (Perroton), N.Djaja (Chanel), L.Subagio (Jaricot), E.Lawson (Perroton).

For MATHS
K.Beverley (Chanel), G.De Luca (Marcellin), I.Forte (Chavoin), M.Jobbins (Marcellin), G.Layoun (Chanel), D.Marino (Chanel), M.Meade (Chanel), K.Scuglia (Jaricot), N.Simula (Perroton), C.Sinclair (Jaricot).

For VISUAL ARTS
B.Diggins (Marcellin), C.Viveiros (Colin), C.Wohhfil (Jaricot), M.Bulmer (Jaricot), L.Morgan (Marcellin), M.Moscat (Perroton), F.Crimmins (Marcellin), C.Dinale (Colin), N.McConnell (Jaricot), C.Sabat (Chavoin), S.Sciara (Chavoin).

Congratulations to … Elisha Lorizio (Perroton 102), Sabrina La Ianca (Perroton 112), Natalie Love (Perroton 102), Alexandra Lourey (Chanel 136) … for truly living the Marist Spirit!

Principal’s Awards
Think Education Group Colleges are holding the following Open Days:

- Macquarie University will be hosting ‘Uni in a Day’ on Thursday 30th September 2010. ‘Uni in a Day’ is an opportunity for Year 10, 11 and 12 students. 
- Antipodeans Abroad is holding an information night about their Gap Year Program on Wednesday 25th August at 6:30pm at Suite 303a/282 Victoria Avenue Chatswood. Register your attendance online at www.antipodeans.com.au. Details will also be available about the New Cambodia Scholarship for 2011.
- The Advisory Centre for Australian Education is holding their annual Education Exhibition for International students on Saturday 28th August 1-5pm, Rydges World Square, 389 Pitt Street, Sydney. Register your attendance by contacting Ms. Annie Wei on 9281 8133.
- M.T.A. Apprenticeships Plus is based in Parramatta and is offering free Automotive Pre-Apprenticeship courses in November (from 15th November). These courses are designed to give school leavers the opportunity to gain some training and insight into the automotive trade. To make inquiries and register your interest email info@mtaplus.com.au or call 8991 6900.
- The Aboriginal Employment Strategy is currently recruiting for various industries and positions across Australia. To lodge an expression of interest in being considered for future Indigenous school based or fulltime traineeships/apprenticeships, go to www.aes.org.au.
- At the Year 8 Subject Selection information night this week, I referred to several websites that are useful tools to help with deciding on career options. The sites are: www.jobguide.deewr.gov.au, www.myfuture.edu.au, and www.skillsroad.com.au.
- The Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) offers scholarships of $2000 each for Year 12 students who qualify for and enrol in any AIQS accredited university degree course in Australia. For further information contact the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) at contact@aiqs.com.au or visit their website at www.aiqs.com.au for more information.
- Macleay College offers courses in Business and Media and Communication with articulation to a number of Universities. From 2011 the Business course will now offer specialisations in Tourism Management and Marketing, and Hospitality Management and Marketing, as well as the current Sports Management, Event Management, Public Relations and Marketing. For more information on available courses visit the website www.macleay.edu.au.
- The University of Notre Dame is holding its Open Day on Saturday 28th August 10am-4pm at the Broadway campus. For more information visit the website www.nd.edu.au or call 8204 4404.
- TAFE Design Centre Enmore is holding an Open Day and hosting a Young Designers Market on Saturday 11th September 10am-3pm. For more information on available courses and applications visit the website www.sit.nsw.edu.au/enmore or call 9394 5700.
- The University of New South Wales offers bridging courses in Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics. The bridging course for Mathematics provides a bridge from Mathematics to Mathematics Extension 1. For students who have not completed Mathematics for the HSC and are admitted to programs with Assumed Knowledge in Mathematics there is the Mathematics Skills Program. For more information visit the website www.unsw.edu.au/bridging or contact Sonia Mitchell at S.Nitchell@unsw.edu.au or 9385 3228.
- Alpha Omega Education offers School Certiﬁed Work Experience. For details, please contact info@alphaomega.com.au or visit their website at www.alphaomega.com.au.
- The Australian National College of Beauty is having an open day on 28th August 2010. For information, go to www.acnt.edu.au/.
- The Australasian College of Natural Therapies is having an open day on 25th September 2010. For details, go to www.acnt.edu.au/events/sydney-openeday-sat-28th-aug-2010.

FREE Parent Forums

The Northern Sydney Youth Health Promotion Team, Willoughby and North Sydney Councils, Phoenix House and The Northern Sydney Division of General Practitioners are partnering to facilitate a series of FREE Parent Forums for mums and dads with teenagers (including children coming into this age bracket).

Keynote Speaker: PAUL DILLON

Drug & Alcohol Research and Training Australia

Thursday 2nd September 2010 - 7:00pm-9:00pm (registration at 6:30pm)
Ros Crichton Pavilion, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney (next to North Sydney Council)

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