The Journey to Canonisation
Mary MacKillop – ‘Strength in Difficulties’

Mary MacKillop will be recognised as a Saint in Rome on Sunday 17th October.
The legacy of Mary MacKillop was at the center of our College Assembly this week. Our senior girls, Kristelle Zibara and Stella Cimarosti, delightfully presented the person of Mary, stating throughout in their dramatic dialogue “What an amazing woman Mary MacKillop was”.
The girls told us of her faith, compassion and love; the countless ways Mary MacKillop inspires us to live faithful lives, true to our inner calling; and to open our eyes, ears and hearts to all human beings.
Mary MacKillop’s canonisation is something truly special and all our College community can celebrate.
We can join in the spirit of the occasion as we continue to do our best in the endeavour of education in Australia.

Our girls were invited especially, to appreciate the strength and sense of justice that has resulted in the life of Mary MacKillop being illuminated, as one by which we can all be challenged.

Mathematics Staff
on the recent NAPLAN results in the area of Number Patterns and Algebra in which Year 9 girls lead the Archdiocese in terms of growth.

Kristie Caccamo
Kristie has had her HSC Music work nominated for ENCORE. This is a selection of exemplary performances and compositions from HSC Music students.

Alex Argaez
Alex began writing her novel while at MSCW. Now it has been published and is hot off the press. “Becoming” has been written for teenagers into “fantasy” and it is full of intrigue, mystery and hidden clues. (See article on page 2)

Congratulations

Alex South
Alex has been selected as a finalist for the Female Sailor of the Year Award at the 2010 Australian Yatching Awards.

In sacrifice, you lived your life and in God’s Will you found your delight.
Child of God, Bride of Christ, Djurumin and shining light.
Through the cross you show hope to everyone
Shining in the heart of the great Southern Land.
Saint Mary is your name, the angels rejoice
Through your life you proclaimed the Name above all names.
Helper of the poor, Mother of the lonely, Pray for us.
(by Gary Pinto, Natasha Pinto & Phil Turcio)
**Acrobatic Champs**

In the last week of the holidays, the Australian Acrobatic Championships were held in Adelaide and I am delighted to report on the successes of two girls from the College: Rebekah Paisley, Marcellin 221 and Alexandra Der, Marcellin 314, (pictured left to right respectively) both performed with distinction at this National Level of Competition. Rebekah, competed at Level Eight in the Pairs and Alexandra, competed at Level Five in the Pairs.

In recognition of the excellent standard of their routines, both girls were awarded Silver medals for their performances. Congratulations Rebekah and Alexandra.

Mr Morris, Marcellin House Coordinator

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**DUTY GIRL ROSTER**

**COMMENCING MONDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2010**

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Girls report to Reception by 8:50 am

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**Principal’s Awards**

**Congratulations** to the following girls …

For RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
J.Birbara (Marcellin), G.Houlihan (Chavoin), C.Wilkie (Perroton), L.Zhang (Jaricot).

For PDHPE
T.Burbridge (Colin), A.Di Giovani (Perroton), C.Dyer (Colin), N.Nisbet (Chanel), G.Olivieri (Colin), T.Tizzone (Chanel).

For ENTERTAINMENT
A.Buttitta (Perroton), C.Gabor (Marcellin), A.Mursell (Jaricot), K.Scuglia (Jaricot), C.Surace (Perroton).

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**I’m sorry**

Last term we reported on the girls who received awards for their artworks in the Hunters Hill Council ‘Young in Art Exhibition’. A mistake was made with one of our girls’ names and it was Emelie Woods of Year 8 who received a Highly Commended for her painting. Congratulations Emelie.

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**Scientists in the Making**

What a delight it was to see 80 Year 10 girls presented with a CREATivity in Science and Technology (CREST) award yesterday. CREST students undertake real-life open-ended science and technology research projects which involve three elements:

- Creativity
- Perseverance and application

The topics investigated by the girls included such areas as:

- What type of lip gloss is the longest-lasting?
- Which colours of fabric fade the most in sunlight?
- Is the growth of plants affected by weeds growing nearby?
- What type of tread on the soles of shoes gives the best grip?
- Which type of battery is the longest-lasting?
- What is the best way to remove stains from fabric?
- Does the vitamin C content of fruit depend on the age of the fruit?
- Is the increase in growth of a plant directly related to the amount of fertiliser used? (ie does doubling the amount of fertiliser double the rate of growth?)
- Does differently coloured light affect the growth of plants?
- Do roots grow down because of gravity?

Did you know:

- Classical music increased overall plant growth.
- Dark chocolate requires the shortest amount of time in order to melt completely.
- Different types of materials in parachutes will catch different amounts of air when dropped from the same height with the same dimensions. The thicker the material the more air will be caught therefore taking longer for it to reach the ground.

(All according to the Year 10 girls at MSCW)

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**English Department News**

The English Department was very pleased to receive the ICAS English Competition results this year. Years 7 and 8 girls competed and we were awarded 2 high distinctions, 5 distinctions and 45 credits.

Congratulations to the following girls:

**High Distinction** – Elizabeth Kalotay (Yr7), Natalie Love (Yr7)

**Distinction** – Isabella Devine-Poulos (Yr7), Ciara Fitzgerald (Yr7), Carolyn Love (Yr7), Natasha Mcconnell (Yr8), Victoria Zarzycki (Yr8)

**Credit (Yr7)** – Chloe Brownlee, Julia Lancuba, Jessa Mae Balayboa, Isabella Bozzi, Sally Cross, Caitlin Diggins, Rachel Eccleston, Bernadette Furnari, Emma Gethings, Claire Giakoumakis, Emily Hunt, Emma Jenkins, Kea Johnston-Wintour, Anneliese Karjalainen, Catherine Larcombe, Kate McGregor, Antonia Minuto, Jasmine Schafer, Georgina Scott, Casey Wells, Sophie Woodbury

**Credit (Yr8)** – Monique Graffeo, Sophia Bechara, Jacinta Birbara, Xanthe Bracewell, Madeline Bulmer, Nicole Charteris, Francine Crimmings, Kathryn Delavere, Kelly Dillon, Eve Dyson, Jordana Goth, Alana Hoyek, Daniella Indorato, Grace LeMarquand, Paige MacFarlane, Claire Marrazza, Katrina Mazmanian, Madelaine Moscato, Jazmin Pezzano, Shannyne Ramos, Courtney Sabat, Madeleine Watt, Alexandra Zarzycki, Lanyu Zhang

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**Marist Sisters College Woolwich ... 30 Year Re-Union!!**

We are trying to locate our classmates who left MSCW in either 1980 (Year 12) or 1978 (Year 10). Our reunion will be on Saturday 13th November from 7pm at the Hunters Hill Hotel.

If this is you (or someone you know - please pass on the details) and you would like to attend please RSVP to one of the people listed below.

We look forward to reminiscing, lots of laughs and catching up on what we've all been doing for the last three decades!

Bernadette Connolly - bernie.connolly@ubs.com
Rosemary Brosnan - rosebrosnan@westnet.com.au
Jenny Brown - Tilyard4@bigpond.com or 9719 8310
Cathy Downing - jischiller@bigpond.com or 9816 2159

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**Sailing News**

**We’re back!**

**Saturday sailing, 16th October, 10am-2pm.**

Remember to bring your sunscreen, sailing gear, swimmers, shorts, t-shirt or rashy, old sneakers, warm change of clothes, lunch and $15.00.

**Sailing meeting for Friends of Marist Sisters’ Sailing**

on Monday 25th October at 7pm in upstairs staffroom, Administration building. We will be discussing the rebuilding of the boat house and purchasing gear to continue with Lasers.

Mr Maloney (9879 6935, 0415 219 112)
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