Have a Granny Apple ...

The 25th Granny Smith Festival was held on Saturday 16th October at Eastwood. This year we entered the Street Parade, featuring girls involved in carrying the College and House flags, birthday party float, dancing Granny Smith’s with singing and dancing apples to the tune of Michael Jackson’s “Blame it on the Boogie” – changed to “Have a Granny Apple”!

The day was a great success and all girls involved performed with enthusiasm and displayed true Marist Spirit.

Thank you to the parents and staff who assisted on the day and the following girls for being involved and representing the College in such a fantastic manner.

Granny Smiths: Kiara Biljuh, Claire McLean, Siobhan Reader, Renata Ienco

Singing/dancing apples: Hayley Robinson-Smith, Jade Credentino, Natasha Buttitta

Flag bearers: Dilini Perea, Tessa Coleman, Alicia DiGiovanni, Eloise Vass, Antoinette Moliterno, Adrienne Dakhoul

Father, I thank you for the night, and for the pleasant morning light, For rest and food and loving care, and all that makes the day so fair.

Help us to do the things we should to be to others kind and good, in all we do and say, to grow more loving every day.

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well!

Carl Frances Alexander

Congratulations to the following girls ...

For MUSIC
G.Danos-De Luca (Marcellin), E.Der (Marcellin), M.Flokis (Chavoin), I.Forte (Chavoin), C.Galluzzo (Chanel), L.Kailas (Jaricot), L.Le Febvre (Chavoin), B.Figueira (Chanel), M.C.Ferreira (Colin), W.Enright (Jaricot), B.Diggins (Marcellin), E.Coffey (Marcellin), L.Bagwell (Jaricot).

For HISTORY ELECTIVE
I.Azzena (Marcellin), J.Xenikos (Chavoin), A.Wolfswinkel (Chanel), J.Rangi Teavae-Bishop (Marcellin), S.Peters (Chanel), M.Pastolero-Yin (Jaricot), S.O’Brien (Chavoin), H.Malafiej (Jaricot), B.Figueira (Chanel), M.C.Ferreira (Colin), W.Enright (Jaricot), B.Diggins (Marcellin), E.Coffey (Marcellin), T.Chetty (Jaricot), L.Bagwell (Jaricot).

For FOOD TECHNOLOGY
I.Cumberland (Colin), D.Erofeevsky (Perroton), B.Figueira (Chanel), B.Marando (Marcellin), S.Reader (Chavoin), T.Saba (Chavoin), I.Sigglekow (Perroton).

For MATHEMATICS
G.De Luca (Marcellin, G.Layoun (Chanel).

For VISUAL ARTS
A.Hoyek (Chanel), J.O’Beid (Perroton), B.Figueira (Chanel), B.Marando (Marcellin), S.Reader (Chavoin), T.Saba (Chavoin), I.Sigglekow (Perroton).

Congratulations to … Isabella Moloney (Yr 7 Chavoin 331) … for truly living the Marist Spirit!

School Fee Reminder
Thank you, to all the parents who have settled 2010 Fees. Could all parents who have outstanding fees for this current year, please ensure they are finalised by Friday 29th October 2010. If any family is experiencing difficulty, please contact the Business Manager, Kathleen Badolato to discuss.

Next P&F meeting is on Tuesday 26th October, starting at 7:30pm
The AGM will follow the meeting.
Learning Matters at MSCW

There is a pleasant little symmetrical connection in Australia’s journey in education. It might not measure up to the interest shown particularly by US people, in the date of this week’s Wednesday, but it’s quite respectable. Three ‘Declarations’ from our various State and Federal pollies that lead to MSCWs current pedagogical position happened across two decades in years that ended in ’9’. O.K. … point taken … not all that clever, but it did allow the opening paragraph to be born!

The 1989 Hobart Declaration on Schooling, the 1999 Adelaide Declaration on National Goals for Schooling and the 2009 Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians, put an Australian layer onto a discussion that was happening globally. That discussion was concerned with ensuring that young people were being educated to live and lead in a world different from that of former generations. The discussion has given rise to what we know as 21C Skills.

Lists from different places vary, but they share a distinct degree of commonality. MSCW’s list uses grouping of an earlier list, and is known as the 7Cs: Careers, iCt, Collaboration, Creativity, Critical Thinking, Civic Life and Communication. Imagine three intersecting circles (girls in all Years should be able to draw the diagram for parents, and explain it quite clearly!), representing what the girls need to know/learn for their lives in the workforce, at school and at home. The sector where the circles intersect is where you will find the skills that make up the non-curriculum-based 21C Skills.

This week Year 7 were asked to list things they should know and be able to do in their lives, in their school life, and later on at work. Under ‘Life’ most responses have been grouped as ‘Miscellaneous’, and they were too varied to be included under any of our 7Cs. Two other sets of headings have been grouped under ‘Practical Matters’ and ‘Rights and Survival’. The remaining responses crossed over the three dimensions, placing them in the centre section of the circles, and therefore came under the 7Cs headings, as follows: Communication (4%), iCt (4%), Careers (10%), Civic life (16%), Creativity (19%), Collaboration (21%), Critical Thinking (26%).

This data follows the trends apparent in research particularly from the UK, and closer to home in NZ and Victoria. For many, it might sound all a tad ‘too new’ – but we must remember that this twenty-first century is 71 days away from being 10% gone.

(Dr Liz Lamb, Director of Learning and Teaching.)
All Souls Cemetery Mass
The Annual All Souls Mass will be celebrated at Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium on Saturday 6th November, commencing at 2:30pm. There is plenty of undercover seating and parking available on site. For information or inquiries please call 9805 0499.

Holy Spirit Primary School Fete
Holy Spirit Primary School, Cox’s Road North Ryde, will be holding its first fete in 11 years on Saturday 30th October 2010, from 9:30am to 4pm.
There will be all day on-stage entertainment, cake and plant stalls, a farmer’s market, a white elephant stall, student art show, chocolate wheel, silent auction, children’s activities and RIDES, and lots of food!!
Come along and enjoy the fun.

Catholics Returning Home Program
Every Wednesday from 27th October to 1st December 2010 at 7:30pm
St Charles Borromeo Parish, Ryde (582 Victoria Road, Ryde) is offering a 6 weeks program entitled “Catholics Returning Home” commencing on Wednesday 27th October at 7:30pm. This program assists Catholics to return to active practice of their faith. The emphasis in these weekly sessions is about making them feel welcome, accepted and comfortable in rejoining the faith community and practising in its sacramental life.
For more information, please call the Parish Office on 9807 2966 or Phil 9808 4137 or Mavis 0403 867 275.

Hassle Free Organic Veggie Patch
If you would like an instant no-dig veggie bed with organic soil mix and a selection of seedlings (with instructions) all delivered to your door, then please read the flyer attached with this Newsletter email for all the details. It sounds great!

Sailing News
Firstly our sailing community would like to congratulate Alexandra South on being nominated as a finalist for Female Sailor of the Year for 2010 Australian Yachting Awards. This award recognises outstanding achievements in the sport of sailing over the period of 1st August 2009 to 15th August 2010. The voting academy will be faced with a tough decision to narrow down the high quality field with numerous outstanding achievements taking place around Australia and the world, during the nomination period.
In the 16 years of sailing at the College there has never been such an honour bestowed on one of our sailors at a National level. Good luck Alex, you have done yourself, your parents and the College proud.
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.
Saturday sailing, 23rd 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.
REMINDER: PLEASE RETURN ALL SAILING TROPHIES ON MONDAY.

Mr Maloney (9879 6935, 0415 219 112)
CAREERS

- UTS Parents Information Evening – 6th and 7th December, 6-8pm.
- Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service (KYDS) and Ku-ring-gai Council present a Parent Forum on Adolescent Depression.
  
  Where: Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Level 3, 818 Pacific Highway (entry via rear carpark)
  
  Date: 25th October 2010
  
  Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm
  
  RSVP: Ku-ring-gai Council Youth Services on 9424 0837 or youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au
  
  Further Information: www.kyds.org.au
  
  Speakers:
  1) Professor Garry Walter is Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Sydney. A Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Professor Walter is also Area Clinical Director of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Northern Sydney Central Coast Health and Editor of Australasian Psychiatry.
  2) Dr Tessa Cleradin from the Black Dog Institute. Tessa is the Community Education Coordinator at the Black Dog Institute.

  What the speakers will look at:
  First symptoms of depression often occur during teenage years, and it can be a disturbing and confusing time for families as well as the teenager themselves. How can you tell whether it’s just typical teenage ups and downs that will pass, or something more serious? How can we reliably identify and support teenagers with depression? This presentation helps people identify early warning signs, with a focus on the importance of early intervention. This parent forum also looks at mental health problems within the context of normal teenage development and associated pressures. The presentation offers practical strategies for communicating with someone who you are concerned about, when and where to go for help, and tips for building resilience.

- Applications now open for the 2011 student scholarship program at TAFE NSW - Sydney Institute. The 10 new scholarships are designed to provide students from varied backgrounds with financial assistance so they can focus more effectively on their studies. Scholarships are available in a variety of study areas including Accounting, Bookkeeping and Finance, Building and Construction, Children’s Services, Graphic Design, Interior Decoration, Electrical, Electronics and Electrotechnology, Health Care, Hospitality, Human Resources and Information Technology. Visit the TAFE NSW website http://www.sit.nsw.edu.au/scholarships/ for details on all the different scholarships available and the application process. Applications close 10th December 2010.

- For those students who have completed their HSC, there is a hotline to find out more about the Change of Preference program at Charles Sturt University. Call 1300 135 435 on Friday 20th December to find out more about options or visit the CSU information session on Wednesday 5th January at Shop 18, 63 Oxford Street, Sydney from 10am to 6pm. Visit http://www.csu.edu.au/study/change-preference.htm for details.
  
  For Year 11 students - As part of the survival guide for students and parents, CSU initiated the launch of the educational resource NSW HSC Online in 2001. There are study materials for 50 HSC subjects as well as study tips and forums. Have a browse at www.hsc.csu.edu.au.

- Furthernet is for senior high school students and university undergraduates who are currently studying in Australia and who are keen to pursue a career in business, economics or finance. Information is available at www.furthernet.com.au. Also on the furthernet site is the October edition of their e-journal, The Exchange. It contains cutting-edge information on education, courses and careers in banking and finance.

- D’Lush Hair is located at 114 Lyons Road, Drummoyne and is looking for a 1st year Hairdressing Apprentice. Girls interested in applying should contact Sandra on 9719 3825.

- Just a reminder that for Year 12 girls the RSA course is on Thursday January 27th January 2011 and the RCG course is on Friday 28th January 2011. Forms are available from the Student Office to register your interest in attending the course.

  Mrs Smith, Careers Advisor
**Fleximeals is offering great prizes, please read ...**

**One Millionth Order Giveaway**
This month, FlexiSchools has processed our One Millionth Order! To celebrate, we are going to give one lucky girl a Dell laptop for themselves and their school parent association, valued at over $1900. Every order placed during October will be placed in a draw and the winner will be selected at the start of November. For more details click here: [http://www.flexischools.com.au/OneMillionOrders.aspx](http://www.flexischools.com.au/OneMillionOrders.aspx)

**Volunteers**
Thank you to Linda Der who volunteered this week at Cafe Lyons. No volunteers as yet for week 3! If you would like to come into the canteen and help this week please contact us on 9816 4928. We would love to have you in.

**Week 3 Special**
This week enjoy pumpkin, spinach and ricotta lasagne with a side salad for only $5. Only available while stocks last.

**New to the menu**
Low-Fat Yoghurt with Fresh Fruit Salad / Berries / Toasted Museli
Only $2.50 - a great summer treat.

Caesar Salads are back! Choose to add chicken or simply make your own. Available through ordering on-line.

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Inbound Exchange Administrator
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Attention Year 10 Girls and Parents
MSCW Exchange to Japan 2011

In April of 2011, (cherry blossom time) girls from Year 11 MSCW will have the opportunity to be involved in an exchange program travelling to Japan. These girls will spend approximately 12 days in Japan. Most of the time they will be staying with host families of students attending Meijo Gakuin High School, Osaka. During their stay, which extends over one week of MSCW holiday period, our girls will attend classes and excursions and club activities organised by the Meijo teachers.

Girls who have participated in previous years had a wonderful time, making new friends and experiencing the very different oriental culture first hand. It is a once-in-a-life-time opportunity.

Should your daughter be interested in applying for the exchange program, could you please fill out the form below and return to Ms Fisher by Wednesday, 27th October 2010. Priority is given to girls who have hosted Japanese students this year.

Parents and girls who are selected will be notified and a meeting held at the College to outline further details.

Ms Fisher

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My daughter __________________________________ of Tutor group _________

Home Phone __________________ Date of birth ______________________

wishes to apply for the exchange program to Japan in 2011.

Parent/Guardian’s signature ____________________________________