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. If any family is experiencing difficulty, please contact the Business Manager, Kathleen Badolato to discuss.

THE QUALITY TEACHING AWARD PROGRAM
The community of Marist Sisters’ College, Woolwich, (MSCW) congratulates two staff who were presented this week with Quality Teaching Awards. There is something quite special about being commended on one’s craft by one’s peers, and this is what the QTA program is all about.

Mrs A Freeman and Mr M Lewis (pictured below) enrich the College by being fine educators. They are well-versed, passionate and innovative in their approach not only to the academic areas in which they are involved, but more importantly in the learning of the girls in their care. They bring to their classes the benefits derived from their being well-versed in contemporary educational thought, an understanding of what it means to claim teaching as a profession at this time, and an easily observable love of their work.

Mrs Freeman and Mr Lewis join many other members of the MSCW community who have received the QTA: Mr G Crowfield (2003), Dr L Lamb (2004), Mrs M Del Moro (2007), Mrs A Arcidiacono (2008), Mrs L Clarke (2009), Mr M Powell (2009).

Congratulations to …
Rebekah Ciampa (Year 11 Chavoin 336) who is competing today for MSCW in the Camden Haven Interschools Equestrian Carnival. We wish Rebekah all the best and hopefully will bring home some good news tonight.

Love and Giving
Some years ago, divers located a 400 year old ship off the coast of Northern Ireland. Among the treasures found on the sunken ship was a man’s wedding ring. When it was cleaned up, the divers noticed that it had an inscription on it. Engraved on the wide band was a hand holding a heart. Under the engraving was the inscription:
“I have nothing more to give you”.

O My God,
I love you above all things,
with my whole heart and soul,
because you are all-good and worthy of all love.
I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you.
I forgive all who have injured me,
and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.
Amen.

(Daily Prayer Online)

Congratulations to the following girls …
For PDHPE
E.Smith (Jaricot), V.Lo Basso (Chavoin 337).
For DRAMA
S.Higgs (Jaricot)
Congratulations to … Alex de Jersey (Year 7, Chavoin 332) and Valentina Indovino (Year 7, Marcellin 311) … for truly living the Marist Spirit!
Dancing at Riverview

Last Wednesday Year 8 girls went dancing at St Ignatius College, Riverview. After learning the dances in Sport last term, our girls put their new found dancing skills into action. The girls represented the school very well, and a good afternoon was had by all. Well done, girls!

DATES TO REMEMBER

8th to 10th Nov  SCHOOL CERTIFICATE
12th Nov  MSCW Swimming Carnival
15th Nov  2011 Yr 7 Allwell testing follow-up
16th Nov  Yr 10 Lifesaving
22nd Nov  Yr 10 Surf School
23rd Nov  ESSA Science test
24th Nov  Yr 10 Resilience Camp
25th Nov  Yr 10 Resilience Camp
26th Nov  Yr 10 Resilience Camp
30th Nov  MSCW GALA DAY
1st Dec  MSCW SPORTS NIGHT
7th Dec  Hypatia’s Challenge
8th Dec  FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
10th Dec MSCW PRIZEGIVING

DUTY GIRL ROSTER

COMMENCING MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2010
Monday  Larissa Shepherd and Victoria Zarzycki
Tuesday  Niamh Simula and Alexandra Zarzycki
Wednesday  Caitlyn Sinclair and Lanyu Zhang
Thursday  Tara Slater and Josselyn Aching
Friday  Megan Smith and Daniella Aglio
Girls report to Reception by 8:50 am

Dear Parents of Year Seven girls,

Next Monday and Tuesday, the girls will be presenting WILL work from this semester, and you are invited to come along to see it all.

Ulysses will be presenting on Monday, and Mariposa will be presenting on Tuesday. The girls have been allocated times, and you might use these as guides for your planning.

Very much part of the girls’ learning in WILL is the expectation of an audience, and it would be great for your daughter were you to be part of that group.

- From the WILL team -
I miss Cambodia …

Cambodia is a country that is completely indescribable purely through words and pictures. It’s a place you have to see, that you have to experience, in order to truly understand the people, their culture, and their attitude to life itself.

I found it incredible that people who live so poorly compared to our standards could still remain so happy, so friendly, polite and welcoming. Though physically they are in immense poverty by western standards, their attitude, hospitality, and never ending sense of hope, undeniably exceeds anything we could ever offer. This immersion experience has opened my eyes to the sheer ignorance of Australians and the western world in general. We look upon these countries as inferior - we label them as third world countries, purely because not every house has access to running water; not every family has access to first class medical care; that there is a lack of professionals; that they try to escape and enter our country by boat, rather than “waiting their turn” and save up so they can fly in on QANTAS.

If only these labels were given on a combination of the country’s physical lifestyle, along with an assessment on the actual people and their ‘innerselves’. Physical things can be fixed relatively quickly, but the nature of people is not so easily improved. It would be interesting to find out which countries would then be classified as third world.

I suppose it was this abrupt wake up call that really set my mind to returning in my gap year. As I looked around I saw so much that needed to be improved, but to my surprise, it all seemed very ‘doable’. When we were teaching in the communities, it was blatantly obvious that each and every child was absolutely in love with school. We literally had the younger brothers and sisters hanging off windowsills and doorways, listening and repeating everything that was said in their siblings’ class, as if they were also a part of it. For me, the children’s eagerness to learn is a really encouraging prospect for the country’s future. The main issue in Cambodia is that there are no highly educated people due to the mass genocide of all professionals by the Khmer Rouge. However, it became clear that this issue could be easily eradicated with the next generation. I don’t think I could survive knowing I’d missed the opportunity to be a part of the development of the coming generation in Cambodia.

In Australia, we are not just lucky - we are spoilt. We complain about absolutely everything - from Kevin Rudd not giving every single student in the country a laptop within one year, to Mr Pauschmann actually making us wear our uniform properly. It’s funny how we don’t wear our uniform by choice, yet the Cambodian children we met wore it incorrectly purely because they couldn’t afford it, looking on enviously at the children that could. In my time there, it became the children that most inspired me. In the communities, we would wake up every day to a dozen or so kids waiting for us outside. Every morning we would throw them on our backs to the command of “EIOW!” and you couldn’t help but smile every second you were with them. They really gave us all something worth fighting for. Along with the children, came the amazing adults who had also seen the affects of the Pol Pot regime. These too, were absolutely inspirational people, most even having lost their parents and/or siblings and/or their own body parts during the genocidal era. But it is obvious that the people of Cambodia have put that horrible age behind them and are truly working towards a better future for their country and their children.

I can’t begin to explain how much I miss Cambodia. I miss the people, the food, everything about it. I become more afraid everyday as I begin to slip back into my comfortable western lifestyle, because I don’t ever want to forget how happy I was in a place so different such a short time ago. I don’t ever want to forget how a lifestyle so simple satisfied me so much, and really I believe that my experiences in Cambodia truly brought out the best in me. It opened me to new experiences and made me realise that just because we possess more in the western world, it does not mean that we have more. Even though I cannot help but complain about the usual annoyances of everyday life here, I still go to bed every night and remember how I always promised myself that I would change when I came home. I promised myself that I would stop complaining, that I would stop asking, that I would stop wanting, and I try my very best to do so. When I was there all I wanted to do was come home and work my butt off so I could get great marks in my HSC, get a degree and then go back to Cambodia. All I wanted to do was go back. I still just want to go back. It was like the Cambodian people had pinched a nerve inside me that made me actually want to DO something. They have the hunger to improve their lives and, in turn, gave me the hunger to improve how I am living mine. After the HSC, I want to go back to teach English for a few months. Then, once I’ve returned to Australia and finished University, I will be back to Cambodia the second I get the chance. They say that in life, you have to find something that you really love doing, and never stop doing it. If there is only ever one thing that I stick to in my life, this will be the one thing that I will never ever give up on.

Clodagh O’Doherty, Year 11 Colin 424
Sailing News

Last Saturday we again made it out through Sydney Heads thanks to Peter McClelland. We motored up to Farm Cove where the sails were hoisted by the girls and then tacked out to the Heads. The 37 footer was steered by Emily Wohlfiel and Amy Wang, winching by Grace LeMarquand and Yvette Laferla, and the mainsheet by Zoe Fierro and Sophie McClelland. In short, fully crewed by the girls – great to sit back and watch willing workers.

Saturday sailing, 6th November, 10am-2pm. Remember to bring your sunscreen, sailing gear, swimmers, shorts, t-shirt or rashy, old sneakers (no black sole shoes), warm change of clothes, lunch and $15.00.

Mr Maloney (9879 6935, 0415 219 112)

‘FAME’ the Musical

On 28th October 2010, girls and teachers from the performing arts department (music, dance, drama and entertainment industry) were lucky enough to have the opportunity to meet Timomatic (Tyrone) and Chris Durling (Nick); the two lead male roles from the hit musical “FAME”, currently playing at the Capitol Theatre. The promoter, Damien, started by introducing the boys and explained what characters they play, then gave us an outline of what was in store with some background information about the musical ‘Fame’. A short film providing an insight into the production, the cast and crew’s thoughts, rehearsals and sneak previews of the final product then followed this.

But, little did we all know there was more to come! Chris started off by singing one of his solos ‘I Want to Make Magic’ from the production, then Timomatic performed a medley of songs for us all. With all the phones and cameras out recording the show, they both blew everyone away with their phenomenal skills and abilities and we just wanted to see more.

The opportunity then came for questions to be asked and answers to be given. Queries about how to get into the performing arts industry, how to get into productions, how many hours they train, safe dance practice, singing techniques and much more were just a few things the girls and teachers wanted to know. This gave us all a better understanding of the industry and what is involved as well as the career you could have if you work hard.

As a momento of this amazing experience we got a chance to capture the moments of happiness and the smiles with group photos and, of course, autographs.

This is something that will not be forgotten. I went to see “FAME”, and it was absolutely amazing - go and see it! The musical will blow your mind and will have you dancing on your seats!!

Thanks to Ms Spata for organising this for us - we look forward to meeting many more performers in the industry and gaining further insights into this exciting world!

Fame promoters have offered girls from our school, and their families, a special ticket price - see the advertisement for details.

Annalise Buttitta (Creative Arts Captain)

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.

Kelly Bowman

Hair and Make-up Artist

For your formal needs

Enquires, please contact Kelly on k.bowman@live.com.au 0431 331 507

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The Actors College of Theatre and Television (ACTT) is happy to announce a special one-day **MUSIC THEATRE INTENSIVE WORKSHOP** by ACTT’S Music Theatre team, headed by Music Theatre devisor, producer, director and performer Stephen Helper. This 6-hour workshop is a **Music Theatre Audition Preparation Workshop** for anyone looking to study Music Theatre next year. It is also suited to actors who are looking to broaden their capacity for Music Theatre and to singers and dancers wanting to combine voice singing with acting, as well as anyone with experience in the performing arts through school, college, amateur dramatics or community. Costing **only $150** it is bundled with a special offer of a **FREE DOUBLE PASS worth $40** to ‘**Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris**’, showing at Cleveland Street Theatre in a short run from 18th to 20th November (An ACTT Production). ACTT will contact everyone who enrols in the workshop regarding their free tickets. For more details, go to Workshop details: [http://www.actt.edu.au/course/mtint](http://www.actt.edu.au/course/mtint).

**Campion College** is Australia’s only Retail Assistant Traineeship available in Retail Operations in Sydney CBD. This is an entry level opportunity for a young person to undertake a traineeship and gain experience and qualifications. Duties would include phone, reception, sales, merchandising and customer service in the supply of church furnishings and apparel. The successful applicant must have good customer service and communication skills, a sincere willingness to learn and maintain best practices. Any experience in church youth activities would be an advantage. No qualifications are required as the successful applicant will undertake the relevant training in Certificate II Retail Operations. Those with qualifications need not apply. Trainee will be paid under the National Training Wage Award. Public transport is available. Please email your resume to gosullivan@austrg.com.au and quote job number 210818252. For further information contact Ann McLaughlin at Australian Training Group (www.austrg.com.au) 9704 1500.

**Sydney Film School** invites you to its **Open Day** taking place at 2pm on **Saturday 20th November**. A great opportunity to find out the answers to all the questions you might have about studying film in this innovative, creative and productive training environment. Over the course of the afternoon you will:
* Watch a sample of recent dramas and documentaries produced by SFS students.
* Listen to a panel of key teachers, students and graduates speak about the course and ask any questions you might have.
* Learn more about the school’s practical hands-on training.
To find out more about the school visit [www.sydneyfilmschool.com](http://www.sydneyfilmschool.com).

I have emailed the girls in Years 9-11 advising dates when I will make the opportunity available to them to apply for a Tax File Number through school. Please ask them to show you the email for details.

**Alpha Omega Education** is offering free HSC half yearly exam workshops 17th to 29th January. For details and locations visit the website [www.alpha-omega.org.au](http://www.alpha-omega.org.au) or call 9646 3355.

**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

**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.

“Motivation is very important, but it is determination that will make you cross the highest mountain and most difficult river.”

(Nelson Mandela)