A poem for Remembrance Day

A Wish

Maybe it is pointless
To wish for lasting peace
For all mankind to lay down arms
For all fighting to cease
I could despair of seeing
Peace throughout the land
No longer hearing talk of war
Blood mixed with desert sand
We do not have the tolerance
For cultures not our own
Seeds fly on an ill wind
From beds where they are sown
Hope lies in a child’s heart
Not yet turned to stone
A mind free of prejudice
A child not alone
If all children of the world
Held each others hand
They could do what we could not
Make a Brotherhood of Man.

Maxine Kendall

(From warpoetry.co.uk/RemembranceB.htm#hope)

‘Their Gain is our Loss’

In just two years, Mr Pauschmann really has become part of the College, involving himself in all aspects. Significantly, as far as the soul of MSCW is concerned, he has embraced the charism of Jeanne Marie Chavoin, and expanded his knowledge of the Marist family. That Marist spirit is basic to the way he interacts with the College community. As far as the core business of the College is concerned, Mr Pauschmann has worked tirelessly in Learning and Teaching, and in the on-going implementation of MSCW’s school-wide pedagogy.

The CEO in the Diocese of Bathurst has recognised Mr Pauschmann’s value and his ability as a leader, and has appointed him as Principal of one of their leading schools - James Sheahan Catholic High School at Orange. To use an old expression: ‘their gain is our loss’.

We congratulate Mr Pauschmann, sincerely thank him for what he has done as Assistant Principal, and extend our best wishes to him in his new Principal role.

More than just giving blood ...

A big thank you to the 30 girls who donated blood to the Red Cross Blood Service at Clarence Street on Monday 8th November. Blood is vital to life, and currently only one in 30 Australians give blood, yet almost one in three Australians will need it in their lifetime. The WSU will be organising further Blood Bank donations in the future.

“The group of 30 girls helped save the lives of 90 people from the 30 donations given. The staff here were very impressed not only with their exemplary behaviour and good manners, but also with their willingness and enthusiasm to give up time to come in and donate blood for our community. The group donation was initiated by Holly Webb and Melanie Leahy, who did an amazing job of organising the group. Their organisation and commitment was impressive. It certainly is a credit to the school to have students with the motivation and capability to organise such a group donation.” (From Jemma Falkenmire, Community Relations Coordinator, Australian Red Cross Blood Service in Sydney CBD.)

‘Hats Off’ to Lisa ...

MSCW congratulates ex-student, Senior Constable Lisa Hoggard on her act of bravery. Senior Constable Lisa Hoggard was about to start a routine patrol from Gladesville Police Station when a call for help came from the shores of Meadowbank in Sydney’s west. At first it sounded as if the trouble was on the ferry wharf, but when she arrived at 4.30pm on Sunday she found injury and panic in the middle of the Parramatta River. A speedboat, with six Koreans on board, and believed to have been travelling at high speed, had crashed head-on with a catamaran chartered by Sydney Ferries. Two of the speedboat passengers had managed to free themselves but four others remained trapped, as the boat was wedged under the ferry. Senior Constable Hoggard and another officer jumped in a nearby boat and headed to the crash site. It was there her colleague, an inspector, turned and said: “You’re the most junior person on board, so in you go.” The 37-year-old sat in the water for 30 minutes and comforted the four who were trapped. Senior Constable Hoggard will be nominated for a bravery award.

(Article taken from the Sydney Morning Herald)
“We were truly blessed to see the smiles on their faces” ...

Teaching is such a difficult job, and it was definitely a challenge to teach young children who have a limited experience in speaking and reading English. Needless to say, the feeling of satisfaction without doubt occurred when the young Cambodian students learnt something new. Besides immersing ourselves in Cambodian culture, one of the main reasons for this trip was to teach young children the English language so that they become familiar with English, to help them pursue careers when they are older. We, as MSCW girls, brought laughter and happiness to the four different schools as we taught the children about animals. The grades ranged from year two to year six and we were truly blessed to see the smiles on their faces.

The activities we did ranged throughout each different class. The ten of us were split into two groups, five girls teaching during the first half and five girls assisting members of the class to read outside. The children were so bright and intellectual as they whizzed from book to book and saw some progress with their reading skills. Whilst this was going on, inside the classroom one girl was nominated to lead each class and become the teacher with the help of one assistant. Every girl was given the chance to be the teacher or the assistant. During a lesson we would have the children recite and repeat the name of the animals on the board, have turns guessing which animal was which, making noises of the animals to help them distinguish by sound, work sheets to help them improve their English knowledge, colouring in as a bonus activity, immense numbers of stickers given out to acknowledge their fantastic work and, of course, the activity which all students loved and enjoyed, Pin the Tail on The Monkey. It was something new for the children and they had so much fun. Following each lesson we all sang.

Teaching was an experience for us and it really was a test of our patience, and even though some students struggled, we had to put on a smile and encourage them to keep going on. Looking back, it was fulfilling to know that we could touch these young children’s lives and give them an insight into the English language to help them pursue their dreams when they are older.

Gabrielle Songco (Yr10 COL 424)

**Advent Calendars to Welcome our New Year 7 Girls**

In the WILL program we have been working on a project to mark the Season of Advent, producing an Advent calendar for Religion and Visual Arts.

The calendar celebrates not only the journey of Advent but also the journey of the incoming Year 7 girls of 2011. Our current Year 7 girls are eagerly anticipating a presentation evening on 3rd December, where they will be handing over the calendars as a gesture fitting for the Advent Season.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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
Yr 9 PDHPE Camp
25th Nov Yr 10 Resilience Camp
Yr 9 PDHPE Camp
Senior Girls’ Retreat
Yr 8 Beyond Blue
26th Nov Yr 10 Resilience Camp
Yr 9 PDHPE Camp
Senior Girls’ Retreat
Yr 8 Beyond Blue
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
16th Dec STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
17th Dec STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
TERM 4 ENDS

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**DUTY GIRL ROSTER**

**COMMENCING MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2010**

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Girls report to Reception by 8:50 am
Email Addresses for School Fees
We now have the facility to email your school fees. If you wish to take up the option, please email us at:
accounts@mscw.catholic.edu.au

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.

Special Education
Thank you
A big thank you, to all those wonderful girls, who assist others to complete external exams. I have been overwhelmed by the “generosity of spirit” of so many girls. Without your assistance some girls find the exams very difficult.

The Special Education Department has called upon a very large number of girls, who willingly give their time. Thank you all.

A certificate is issued to each girl. Employers are impressed when girls show evidence of “Community involvement”.


Sailing News
Thank you to everyone who returned sailing trophies. Last Thursday Years 7 and 9 girls took a trip down to Woolwich Dock in dodgy weather to look over a very unusual yacht - the Catamaran made from empty plastic bottles and recycled plastic which had been sailed from San Francisco across the Pacific to Australia. The total number of bottles counted was 7,682 – thanks Shannon O’Brien.

Saturday sailing, 13th 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)
INFORMATION REGARDING THE SMS MESSAGES

As you are all aware the College has an automated SMS system which runs off the Attendance Swipe Card system. All girls must “clock in” every day with their swipe cards at one of the four terminals within the campus.

Girls must also “clock out” when leaving the campus before 3.30pm for appointments, excursions or sports.

The SMS system will automatically report to you that your daughter has either arrived late or departed from the College.

Please note if this is “authorised” leave, there is no need for you to respond but rather you should view the message as confirmation that your daughter has either arrived late or departed early from the College.

Seniors

Senior girls, at the discretion of the Principal, are at times allocated the privilege of Home Study on Tuesday afternoon if they do not have a scheduled class. If they have a free period in Period 4 on Tuesday, they are allowed to leave the campus at the conclusion of period 3 (12.35pm). The girls must “clock out”. The system will send an sms notifying you of the time your daughter departed the campus (there is no need to reply). It should be noted the College reserves the right to remove this privilege from any girl who is found to be breaching College rules.

Lost, Damaged or Defaced Cards

If your daughter has lost, damaged or defaced her student swipe (ID card) then she must organise a replacement immediately. The procedure is as follows:

1. Report to Jarnosse staff with $10 to order a new card.
2. Jarnosse staff will issue a temporary card immediately.
3. See Mrs Wallace to have the temporary card activated for use at the terminals.

We trust this clarifies how the SMS system works.

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New Years Eve on the Plaza!
Welcome in the New Year, escape the crowds and enjoy a great view of the 9pm and midnight fireworks from one of Sydney Harbour’s best privately owned vantage points!
Interested???
Please read the attached flyer with this Newsletter.

Kelly Bowman
Hair and Make-up Artist
For your formal needs
Enquiries, please contact Kelly on 0431 331 507
k.bowman@live.com.au

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