**Sculptor in Residence**

Linda Klarfeld is a recognised name in Australian art. Being commissioned to make the Stations of the Cross for Macquarie Park Cemetery propelled her to sculptural prominence. Her work is extraordinary in that it makes her work so real and lifelike. She is able to communicate emotion in all her works, thus enabling viewers to connect with her work.

This was what our Years 11 and 12 Art girls recognised when Linda joined our school to sculpt at MSCW. The College had commissioned Linda to sculpt a statue of the Foundress of the Marist Sisters - Jeanne Marie Chavoin. Using the original statue as a model, Linda showed the girls how to work on a smaller version. “She inspired the girls to achieve great things in their major works and believe in themselves” said Jessica.

Some of Linda’s work includes statues of 13 children for the Hunter Valley Gardens, a statue of Dr Victor Chang and, just recently, Blessed Mary MacKillop. The girls are looking forward to viewing the finished work to which they each contributed.

(Edward Hays, A Pilgrim’s Almanac, p. 196)

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**“Road Runner” – Endures 24 Hours**

Years 9, 10 and 11 Design and Technology girls endured Victorian weather to take part in the RACV Energy Breakthrough Challenge in Maryborough, Victoria last weekend. The RACV Energy Breakthrough is an exciting program designed to provide opportunities for students, teachers, parents and local industry to work together to design and construct a vehicle, a machine or innovation in technology that will represent an ‘energy breakthrough’.

The Challenge is a four day event which culminates with a 24 hour endurance race. The girls have been designing, building, training and preparing for the event for the past two terms. The four-day event in Maryborough had 337 teams taking part across a number of elements. Teams were required to complete a presentation to judges, scrutiny of vehicles by RACV engineers and then the 24-hour endurance race. The girls worked tirelessly to not only prepare for the event but also worked with the local community to raise funds.

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A huge thank you to all our sponsors for their donations and support. Thanks to: Optometrist Association Australia, Kane Constructions, Suttons Holden, Guru Signs - Tom Webber and Dunphy Constructions for their donations.

The 24 hour endurance race saw team MSCW “Road Runner” hit speeds of 30 km around the 1.3km track. The eight riders had to pedal as fast as they could around the track, as the number of laps completed also added to the team’s final score. The girls’ fastest lap time was 2min 35. A big thanks to the pit crew who kept the Human Powered Vehicle on the track with two quick tyre changes and a few repairs after minor crashes.

The team completed 376 laps in the 24 hours finishing in 6th position overall. Congratulations to the whole team for the fantastic efforts. The teamwork required for the challenge was vital. The riders, pit crew, support crew and our chefs all worked together to make the weekend possible. A big thanks also to our bus driver Peter, Mr Leahy for the use of his equipment and Mr Ratcliffe for his expertise.

The team is looking forward to the challenge again next year, and would appreciate any donations or support to aid with the design and development of the new vehicle. If you are able to assist the team in 2011 please contact Mrs Arcidiacono (arcidiacono@mscw.catholic.edu.au).

Check out the Energy Breakthrough blog on our main school webpage to see more photos and video of the girls in action.

Mrs Arcidiacono (TAS Coordinator)

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
YEAR 10 AND CAREERS

Over the last fortnight Year 10 girls have been undertaking a variety of learning experiences. The Careers Department arranged for the girls to undertake some Financial Literacy workshops where they learnt about managing their money with discussions on smart earning, investing, saving and spending. The girls also spent time at Macquarie University undertaking interesting Science experiences such as looking for Strawberry DNA and Biological Speed Dating. The second day they attended was a “Focus on Study Opportunities”, available at Macquarie University and at TAFE. The girls had a Trivia quiz at the end of the day recalling the information they had received and did very well. There were also sessions at school on image and appearance, as well as revisiting Career Development and Employability Skills. Last Thursday the focus was on an information session with our ex-students. The girls heard from four of our ex-students – Emma Clarke, Deedree Zibara, Anna Bradley and Celine Hill - about their study and career journey since leaving Marist Sisters’ College.

Sailing News

News flash! Caitlin Tames (Yr9 JAR 121) wins the NSW Sabot Sailing Championship outright. The win was a close run which came down to the count back. Caitlin and a young lad were both on five wins each and it came down to the last race with Caitlin needing to win with at least two places between herself and her competitor. The Sabot Championships are held over five Saturdays at different venues. Well done Caitlin! A great win beating all those boys and a win with high mental demands. There are bigger things in store for you in the future.

Last Saturday our Year 7 girls sailed the 37 footer “Mascap” to Watson’s Bay for a swim and then returned to Lane Cove River. The girls were a great crew, hoisting sails, manning the winches, mainsheet and helming – doing all the hard work. They all had lots of fun and were very noisy!

Saturday sailing, 27th November, 10am-2pm. Please don’t be late. 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.

The wharf flag is now at half mast in respect of the Pikes River mine tragedy.

Mr Maloney (9879 6935, 0415 219 112)

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!

From the great response over the last couple of weeks we now have some details for you so please read the attached flyer with this Newsletter email.

Don’t forget to bring in unperishable food for the Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal. If there is no box in your homeroom you will need to take your donation to Mr Morris’ office by 8th December.

St Vincent de Paul Society

good works
C.A.S.Hawker Scholarship is available to all students attending University for the first time. They are valued at up to $60,000 over four years. For information about the scholarship and an application form visit the website www.hawkerscholarship.org. Applications open on 6th December 2010 and close on 7th January 2011.

Sydney Gallery School. The 2 + 3 Sydney Gallery School End of Year Exhibition showcases a selection of works in Drawing, Painting, Photography, Printmaking & Sculpture by 2nd Year Diploma and Advanced Diploma (3rd Year) students. The opening will take place on Wednesday 24th November, from 4:30pm-7:00pm, at the See Street Gallery, Meadowbank College. All welcome.

TAFE NSW - Sydney Institute - New Courses targeted at school leavers. Details are below:
1) 2010 Media Bootcamp for students interested in taking a fast-tracked Certificate IV in Advertising Media. The course runs for 5 weeks: 9th-22nd December and 10th-28th January and will equip students with the skills needed to develop a career in the media advertising industry. Students will get top tips and real life insights into the advertising media world from a range of visiting industry experts from top companies including OZTAM / AGB Nielsen / BCC Media Research / Roy Morgan, JWT, TCO plus digital agencies and media sellers. Past Media Bootcamp students have gone on to work at top agencies like IKON and Universal McCann as well as in a variety of in-house marketing positions. The course is designed in conjunction with the Media Federation of Australia (MFA) which prioritises placements for students with their member companies. Enrolments take place this Friday 26th November - Ultimo College, Building G, Level 6 from 10am-7pm. For more information email marcus.bear1@det.nsw.edu.au or call him on 0401 419 191.

Metro Screen’s Open Day, 9:30am-4pm, Saturday 27th November, targeted to anyone who wants to work or is working in film, TV, online or portable media in Sydney and NSW. Information sessions, screenings, seminars, equipment demonstrations. For the full schedule check www.metroscreen.org.au. For further information please contact Katrina Tucker, Marketing + Communications Manager, k.tucker@metroscreen.org.au.

Raffles College of Design and Commerce is holding their Graduate Exhibition on the 8th and 9th December at Carriageworks, 245 Wilson Street, Eveleigh. To find out more visit the website http://www.raffles.edu.au/graduate-exhibition-news-562.

Just a reminder for Year 10 Parents that the Year 11 Information Night is on the girls’ first day back at school next year – 1st February. All girls were given a note for parents about this.

Mrs Smith, Careers Advisor

Altar Servers Camp

The Sydney Guild of St Stephen for altar servers will hold it’s Annual Conference at St Joseph’s Conference Centre Bringelly from 9th to 12th January 2011. Open to all Altar Servers from Year 6 and above, the youth camp will give servers a grounding in the new translation of the Roman Missal. Final bonus day held in Jamberoo. For more details contact Parish Priest, OR the Sydney Guild Convenor, Fr Danai Penollar, on 0417 259 617; (google “RE Online”, and search for “Altar Servers Conference 2011”).

For Promotional Flyer please go to: http://www.ceosyd.catholic.edu.au/Parents/Religion/Lists/WhatsOn/Attachments/12/Altar_Servers_Conference%202011.pdf

McGrath Estate Agents

Having lived in the area for more than 20 years, combined with 11 years of real estate experience, Tracey is renowned for her local knowledge and is one of the area’s most trusted and successful residential sales specialists.

Tracey takes pride in supporting the area by sponsoring the junior rugby club, numerous schools and local charity events. She is an active community member with an ever increasing client database.

Selling your home takes time and planning – if you are thinking of selling in the New Year please contact us now.

Kind Regards
Tracey Dixon

Volunteers needed for MYER Christmas Gift Wrap

Vision Australia is a living partnership between people who are blind, sighted or have low vision.

We are looking for volunteers to help at selected MYER stores for our annual Christmas Gift Wrap – all funds raised go towards Vision Australia’s children’s services, supporting children who are blind or have low vision, and their families.

When: From 16th December to 24th December 2010, multiple shifts each day
Where: At selected MYER stores across Sydney – you choose the store, your training and shift preferences
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