

# Marist College Enews



Dear Marist Family

**Lent isn't only about "giving things up" or "going without" it's also about doing good things.** At today's House gatherings senior boys led their Houses in Ash Wednesday prayer which included the distribution of Ashes. One of the themes in the prayer was about acting justly, one of the College themes in 2012.

In our home we've been planning and preparing for Lent with a focus being on what each of us would go without. I know lots of you are doing the same. Can I encourage you as I will all my family that along with giving something up let's also focus on being kind, thoughtful and just in our actions; doing good and going without.

**Many thanks** to the large number of you who have attended College events in these first weeks of the year. There is a good spirit in the school and events such as the Year 7 Meet & Greet, the House picnics, the New Parents' evening and the Junior School Information meetings are all ways we can participate

in school life and take an active role in the schooling of our boys.

The **Commencement Mass** is tomorrow evening at the Convention Centre commencing at 7 pm. Please come along. This Mass is the main liturgical event of our College year and we use it to ask Jesus, Mary and Marcellin to bless our College and bless our efforts in 2012.

The **MySchool** website will again be available in coming days to view relevant information about all schools including Marist. I invite you to look at our 'page' and view its contents. I'm mostly pleased with the NAPLAN results particularly as our results strongly compare with the national results. There are two areas where we are slightly under when compared to our 'like schools'. These are in persuasive writing and spelling. I assure you that we are working on improving the competency of the boys in regard to those two areas. I'm very pleased that we are well above average in reading, grammar and punctuation and numeracy.

The **Gonski** Report was released on Monday and there are mixed reactions to it. It's disappointing that after two years there is still no clarity nor certainty about how it will impact on schools. Most systems and jurisdictions have released 'responses' and you can read these by putting Gonski Report into your search engine. The response by the National Catholic Education Commission is one I've found simple and informative. I include it on the next page of Enews for your information.

May St Marcellin continue to watch over our boys and their families.

Yours sincerely

Mr Richard Sidorko  
Headmaster

## DURING LENT...

Fast from fear; Feast on faith  
 Fast from despair; Feed on hope  
 Fast from depressing news; Feed on prayer  
 Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude  
 Fast from anger and worry; Feed on patience  
 Fast from negative thinking; Feast on positive thinking  
 Fast from bitterness; Feed on love and forgiveness  
 Fast from words that wound; Feast on words that heal  
 Fast from sadness; Feed on joy and humour

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**8 March**

Parent Forum

**8 – 9 March**

Year 4 Camp

**12 March**

Canberra Day Public Holiday

**14 – 16 March**

Year 5 Camp

**16 March**

Patrick House Day



Together, competing



MaristCollege  
Canberra

TOGETHER, WE CREATE FINE YOUNG MEN



## KEY MESSAGES ON CATHOLIC SCHOOL FUNDING FROM 2014

1. The success of Australia's education system relies on increased government support for schools in all education sectors—government and non-government.
2. One in five Australian children attends a Catholic school, and Catholic schools operate with an average of 10% less recurrent funding than government schools.
3. Government support for all Catholic school students guarantees real parental choice in education and delivers value for taxpayers.
4. It costs governments much less to educate a student in a Catholic school than it does to fund a student at a government school, because parents share the cost. This saves the Australian taxpayer \$2.2 billion a year.
5. Inadequate funding for Catholic schools would see school fees rise with the possibility of many students transferring to government schools, adding pressure to already tight budgets.
6. Improved funding for all students is critical to education quality and these funds must be increased each year to reflect actual increases in school costs.

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## THE NCEC'S RESPONSE TO THE GONSKI REPORT

1. The Final Report of the Gonski Panel on The Review of Funding for Schooling is a significant piece of work.
2. The Report provides a theoretical framework.
3. There are key questions that remain unanswered. Substantial analysis needs to be done to test the model and the Report's recommendations.
4. The Government has announced a consultation phase, including analysis and testing of the model, to commence immediately.
5. In its response to the Report, the Government recognises that families face financial pressures and do not wish to see school fees rise beyond their reach.
6. The NCEC will be working hard during the consultation phase to ensure we do not end up with a model that has the potential to put pressure on school fees for parents in Catholic schools.
7. NCEC strongly backs the Gonski Panel's call for an additional \$5 billion in funding for all schools. This represents less than one half of 1% of Australia's gross domestic product (GDP).

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*Congratulations  
Crispin House!*



# Senior Swimming Carnival 2012

## *Crispin Dominates the Pool!*

The Inter house swimming carnivals proved to be another successful day of spirited competition at the 3 venues- Queanbeyan, Macquarie and Phillip Pools.

**Patrick** dominated the senior carnival and **Darlinghurst** proved very strong in the juniors, yet it was the consistency of **Crispin** that saw it to a convincing overall victory. Thank you to all parents and senior students who contributed to the carnival management. College swimming manager Leeanne Maloney will soon announce the squad to defend our ASC crown on April 4. Our next Inter house competition is the Cross Country titles on May 10.

*Steve Audsley & Wayne McAuliffe, convenors*



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Junior	267	290	340	125	302	211	161	237
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Inter	316	482	223	397	315	232	231	213
	3	1		2				
Senior	453	460	451	366	452	415	380	617
	3	2						1
Overall	1036	1232	1014	888	1069	858	772	1067
	4	1	5	6	2	7	8	3

## Studies Office News



Headmaster.

### Awards Ceremony - Semester Two 2011

The Awards Ceremonies for Years 7, 8 and 9 for Semester Two 2011 achievements took place on Friday 17th February. [Please click here to view the list of student achievements.](#)

The guest of honour was Br Michael Green, the National Director of the Marist Brothers. Brother Michael taught at Marist College Canberra in the late 1980s and early 1990s. During his time here Brother Michael took on many roles including House Dean, Dean of Studies and Deputy

Brother Michael presented students with three different types of awards: Certificates for Academic Improvement, Certificates for Academic Merit and Certificates for Academic Excellence. He also presented Medallions to those Year 12 students from 2011 who gained the Top Ten ATAR scores.

**Certificates for Academic Improvement** go to the boy in each House Group who has shown the most improvement compared with his Semester 1 results.

**Certificates for Academic Merit** go to boys in Years 7-10 who have gained at least 6 As and 2 Bs with no grade less than a D.

**Awards for Academic Excellence** are made to those students in Years 7, 8 and 10 who have gained at least seven As and two Bs, with no grade below a B, in their nine areas of study. In Year 9 boys need to achieve at least 7 As, 1 B and have participated successfully in the Year 9 Footsteps program to gain this award.

### Top Ten Year 12 Students from 2011

The Year 12 class of 2011 obtained outstanding results including:

- All 183 Year 12 students gained a Year 12 Certificate
- 138 (75.4%) Students gained a Tertiary Entrance Statement – an ATAR
- Approximately 51 Vocational Certificates I and II were awarded
- 17 students in the top 5% of ATAR scores
- 31 students in the top 10% of ATAR scores
- 63 students in the top 20% of ATAR scores
- 78.2% of TES eligible students scored a ATAR  $\geq$  65

**Athe Vigneswaran** gained the top ATAR score by a Marist student in 2011. Our top ten scores ranged from 99.55 to 96.45.

We asked the top ten students to fill in a questionnaire listing some details about themselves, the things they enjoyed doing, both at school and in their leisure time, and you can view their responses by clicking on the link below.



Please click [here](#) to view awards and the top ten student profiles!



## MARIST COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT MASS

**Thursday 23 February**, at 7:00 pm  
National Convention Centre

We encourage all parents to attend this very important College function.



# Asuwa High School Student Visit



We really enjoyed having the Asuwa High School students at Marist last week. Lots of students were able to get to know the visitors. We were impressed again by their unusual and eye catching shoes. At Asuwa High School a uniform must be worn, but students are allowed to choose their own foot wear!

Asuwa students joined in many classes including Hospitality, Photography, Physical Education,

Robotics, Music, Japanese and many others. The Japanese language students particularly benefited from having many chances to practise their Japanese, to learn new teenagers' words and to hear about youth culture in Japan.

We enjoyed a farewell barbecue together on Friday night which featured hail, thunder and lightning. The meat was finally cooked (in the pouring rain!) and after the meal we

enjoyed a dance performance from the Asuwa students. A few tears were shed on Friday night, but many more on Sunday morning when we had to say final goodbyes.

The Marist Japanese students are now eagerly awaiting the Study Tour to Japan this September.

*Jan Hutchison*

## Congratulations to:



Jordan Selems, who has been selected to play futsal overseas from 18-29 June.



Pietro Badalassi, who has been selected for the U20 ACT Basketball team. Pietro competes in the Nationals as one of the youngest players in the tournament.



James McMahon, who has been selected to represent the ACT at the National School Cricket Championships in Hobart, from 27 Feb - 2 March.



Shae Darcy, who has been selected to represent the ACT at the National School Cricket Championships in Hobart, from 27 Feb - 2 March.



Sean Maloney, who will participate in interstate swimming championships in March and April.



Nathan McNab, who has been selected to represent the ACT at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in Sydney, on March 15-16.



Tom Henry, who has been selected to represent the ACT at the National School Cricket Championships in Hobart, from 27 Feb - 2 March.



Keiran Reilly, who will compete in the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in Sydney on March 15-16.



# Pink Stumps Day

This year, the Marist U16/2 cricket team has registered to take part in the McGrath Foundation Pink Stump Day. The idea behind Pink Stumps Day is to build on the Sydney Pink Test held at the SCG during the January Test each year. On Sunday, these young men donned pink caps and patches and played with a pink cricket kit to raise much needed funds for the McGrath Foundation.

We had a fantastic day, and are grateful to all the parents of 16/2 who baked pink biscuits, cakes and other pink treats, and creaming soda! We had pink zinc and also hairspray and tattoos. It was a great day and we raised over \$1700. Our target is \$2,000 and with the help of the Marist community we believe we can match that. Donations can be made in cash **or online by clicking here.**

*Please pray for our sick and recently departed members of the Marist Family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to:*

*The McMahon family, upon the passing of Eileen McMahon. Eileen was the mother-in-law of Helen Delahunty, the mother of Damian McMahon and the grandmother of Dinan McMahon (Yr 9) and Grange McMahon (Yr 11) from Haydon House.*

*May they be comforted knowing the Marist Community is with them in spirit.*

**AMEN**



## P&F NEWS

- **Save the Date!** The Blue & Blue Dinner Dance is to be held on the 18 May.
- Would you like to join a fun, dynamic Blue and Blue Dinner Dance organising committee? If the answer is yes, you would be most welcomed and supported. please email the P&F at [pandf@mcc.act.edu.au](mailto:pandf@mcc.act.edu.au)

*Please click here for the Marist Hockey Club Registration Form*



### CAPITAL APPEAL MARCELLIN HALL

#### BACKGROUND

Through the generosity of Old Boys and friends of the College, the Marist College Canberra Foundation has raised over \$400,000 for the Brother Mark May Bursary Fund to provide support for students from financially disadvantaged families. We are sincerely grateful to everyone who has been part of this success.

We now turn our attention to helping with a major capital development at the College: the construction and fit-out of Marcellin Hall. This building will enable us to accommodate our 1600 boys and 170 staff for major College events, as well as providing much needed space for physical education and games.

The work will cost \$10 million, funds for which will be provided in part by the Building Fund and in part by borrowing.

In order to realise the full potential of the Hall, extra funds are required.

BUILDING A STRONG TRADITION

AND TAKING IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE ABOUT OUR CAPITAL APPEAL](#)

## MARIST COLLEGE CANBERRA FOUNDATION GOLF DAY

THURSDAY 29 MARCH  
*at Gunghalin Lakes Golf Course*

Please click here to view the Golf Day Flyer





### Be Part of the Bigger Picture

The 2012 MAPS Appeal officially starts on Ash Wednesday and the theme of this year's appeal is 'Be Part of the Bigger Picture'.

MAPS is an acronym for Marist Asia Pacific Solidarity and is the driving agent behind many of the Marist schools in our Oceania region. For more information about MAPS please [click here](#). The College Captains will launch the Lenten Appeal this Friday at the College Assembly.

### Service is Stepping Up

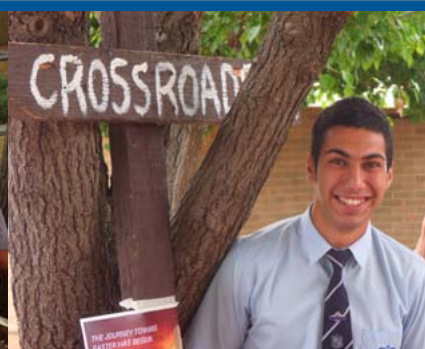
It is great to see the number of students coming to see me to find out ways that they can be involved in Service at Marist. Many have been asking questions about the different Service Groups that are on offer at lunch times and recess. These groups are open to new members all year round and are very welcoming and friendly to new comers, especially younger students. We have specially designed groups that cater for students in Year 7-10 (Mini Vinnies & Young Christian Student), groups for students in Year 11 & 12 (Senior Vinnies) and also groups that cater for 7-12 (Marist Justice and Solidarity, and Human Rights Group). For more information about the groups log on to the Service Portal page or go straight there by [clicking here](#).

### Have you heard of MATES?



MATES is not about offering a reward for doing good, instead it is recognition of service and acknowledgment that many acts of service do go unnoticed and unvalued. MATES captures for us the Marist ideals of presence, family spirit, simplicity, love of work and in the way of Mary. We have no doubt that St Marcellin Champagnat would understand the meaning of Mateship!

Last year we challenged all students from Year 7 to 12 to step up in leadership at Marist and to step out into the community to serve. The MATES program recognised these efforts and the following MATES Awards were presented to students in 2011 with a noticeable increase in all levels with 161 Bronze awards, 39 Silver awards, 19 Gold awards and 7 Platinum awards. For more information on the awards and the kinds of Service activities please [click here](#).



### Shrove Monday

Shrove Monday (normally Tuesday) was celebrated at Marist this week at recess with pancakes cooked and served by the Year 11 Marist Youth Ministry team. The lines were long and the boys were very generous with their support of the MAPS Appeal, raising \$120 and enjoying a tasty pancake!



### Year 11 Retreat

We wish the Year 11 students well as they head out on retreat next week.

We will keep you in our prayers as you spend time reflecting on who you are and where your life is headed. Many old boys tell me that some of their best memories were their retreats where they were able to relax and get to know the other boys in their House.

### Crossroads

*Are you spiritually fit?*

We hope many Marist boys will join us for Crossroads which is running for the fourth year in a row. Many young men at Marist spend plenty of hours per week training, working out and thinking about being physically fit.

During Lent Marist Youth Ministry is asking boys at Marist, how spiritually fit they are? Do they make time to pray, care for others and get to know Jesus and the role God plays in their lives. Every Friday through Lent the Year 12 MYM Team will be running Crossroads at Lunchtime in SD2 (Drama Studio) and it will have a bunch of games, activities, reflections and prayer centred around the theme of being spiritually fit.

### Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which is February 22nd. Ash Wednesday can be the start of our reflection and renewal process. Some individuals observe Lent by giving something up (fasting) such as sweets or fast food. Others might choose to add new practices of faith to their lives.

There are various kinds of fasts. You can decide to fast one meal a week and give that money to the poor or to some type of charity. You can decide to fast a certain type of food. Alternatively, you can decide that you will fast 'over-eating' and only eat what is needed.

You could try fasting an attitude, such as anger, judgmentalism, envy, greed, or jealousy. You can add times of silence and solitude, or times of Scripture reading, meditation, or reflection. You can choose to take a walk and reflect.

For a different kind of fasting opportunity that you can do with your family, see the Carbon Fast by [clicking here](#).



## Rowing Club News



### Newsletter – Regatta # 6

Canberra turned on four seasons for us last Saturday. For those commencing in the early part of the programme, they had the pleasure of rowing through pea soup fog. Carolyn Dunphy's lens caught some pictures of this wonderful sight. The UVs quickly burnt through where they kept rowers and spectators 'lubed' for the remainder of the day. Our new location in Weston Park proved a hit with all and I note that ISRA will use this location for beaching and refreshment facilities. *Rowers please note that when beaching boats to be mindful of the umpire's speed boat creating wash. As referenced by Head Coach Simon, we need to take particular care to the maintenance of these boats.*

Overall, the coaches were happy with the standard of the racing reflecting rowers have been listening to their coach's instructions. There were displays of racing maturity when boys were able to recover on being faced with a range of malfunctions. A timely reminder however to check equipment i.e. riggings and settings prior to moving away from the beach and reporting any equipment discrepancies. Thank you to those rowers who stepped up to help various crews out where vacancies arose due to some absences.

The whole of club de-brief back at CRC whilst a new initiative, proved a positive gathering of rowers and supporters. President Neil provided a status of where we are at as a club and what the remainder of the racing season entails. Head Coach Simon reminded the boys of commitment to training and your crew; enforcing, as per Marist sports policy that rowing takes precedence over any merging winter sport trials. Any incidence of being disadvantaged due to rowing training schedules are to be advised to Simon to enable further discussion with the Sports Master on your behalf.

To conclude, all medallists of the day were presented with their reward and cheered on by all present. As mentioned earlier all boys should be congratulated for their hard work on the water. All rowers have different goals and challenges and it is up to them to keep striving to achieve them... Sounding a lead in to a motto, keep the rowing faith. A prize awaits the first correct Latin translation. Results of last weekend can be located at <http://www.rowingact.org.au/news/1018/bmrc-regatta-18-feb-2012-results>

### NSW Head of the River

The excitement is mounting as we fine tune the last minute details for logistics associated with crews, transport, accommodation, and catering. Trust us, it will come together on the day and I know the boys will enjoy the experience. We are sure to make a statement in the Marist zooties and I have no doubt the lovely ladies spectating will be impressed..... GPS and CAS boys will be so yesterday. Final details, including some Treasury modelling by Coach Dick (showing all the skill sets) will be broadcast, in the next day or so.

### Learn To Row

On again this Saturday morning at 9.00am at CRC. In between the activities of packing the boats for Head of the River, Michael and Ian Cusack, Matt Butchmann, and our new favourite member of the rowing family, Mathew McCormack (Ex MCC, brother of Michael Year 8 and super lawyer in the making - sadly for us studying at Sydney Uni) will be taking our new boys through their paces. Boys make them feel welcome and be ready to assist if asked.

### ISRA

We really are at the pointy end now of competition. The 2 day ISRA regatta, held in Canberra is scheduled for 3 and 4 March 2012. The new rules include restricting each rower to contesting two events in their Year division. However the draw allows for a number of races per event. As I write, Head Coach Simon, in conjunction with each of the coaches is coordinating crews. As a matter of priority any rowers unavailable should notify their coaches. Details as to location of beaching, spectating will be forthcoming. This is a competitive, colourful regatta with schools travelling from across the state. Those boys that competed last year would agree it was a strong yet enjoyable regatta.

### Cheerio

This week our cheerio goes to Mitchell Colbert (Year 9). Mitchell is recovering from a nasty dog bite on his leg. In true supporter style, Mitchell will be travelling with us to Sydney this weekend to cheer on his club mates.

Scribe Cath

## Marist AFL Club

The AFL season is fast approaching. You will be aware registrations for sports were conducted last week on 17 Feb. Registration forms were sent out to last year's players and due to a technical hitch, this year's registration form was not updated on the MAFC Website.

To assist those wishing to enrol in AFL for 2012, please [click here to access the registration form](#), and [click here for registration information](#). For further support, please contact the following committee members for further information: For boys qualifying for U18s: contact Janine Clark at [SeniorOps@mafc.com.au](mailto:SeniorOps@mafc.com.au); For boys qualifying for U16 and below: contact Maria Hicks and Michael Cashion at [JuniorOps@mafc.com.au](mailto:JuniorOps@mafc.com.au) and [Registrar@mafc.com.au](mailto:Registrar@mafc.com.au). Payment and postal details are contained in the registration form.

Peter Moon



## Marist Canberra Football Club

[www.maristfootball.com.au](http://www.maristfootball.com.au)

Thanks to everyone who brought in registration forms and payments to Winter Sports Registration Day – it was certainly a busy day with lots of enthusiastic players gearing up for another great season. Anyone who is interested in registering must do so by this Friday 24th February. Grading sessions begin this weekend and registration lists must be finalised before then. For any queries regarding registration please contact the registrar through the contact tab on the website. Registration information is also available on the website or from Mrs Suzette Thompson in the Junior School or Mr Kreso Gavran in the Senior School. Forms and payment can also be left at the Finance Office for final collection on Friday.

### U16 & U18 Grading.

Grading for the Junior League commences this Sunday on Marist No. 1 Oval for those wishing to try out for Division 1 & 2 teams. If you wish to play in Division 3 only, there is no need to grade. [Please click here for times and dates.](#)

If you are unable to attend a session or have any questions, please email the grading coordinator Jim Mennie at [maristfootball@maristfootball.com.au](mailto:maristfootball@maristfootball.com.au)

### COERVER COACHING CLINICS

This year Marist Football Club will be offering preseason Clinics at Marist College for 6 weeks beginning Monday 20th February (excluding Canberra Day) for U10 – U14 players through Coerver. Cost is \$95.00 for U10 – U11's & \$130.00 for U12 – U14's. Please see the website for a registration form.

### VOLUNTEERS

We still need coaches, managers and first aid officers for each team. If you can help, please complete the Volunteer form on the website and email to the club as soon as you can.

### REFEREES

MCFC is seeking referees to assist with matches played at the 1.45pm and 3.10pm timeslots. While we are well served with newly enrolled first year referees, we need assistance from older boys or parents interested in refereeing U15 matches up. For parents or older boys who have no experience as a referee but a good grasp of the game, opportunities exist to enrol in a level 4 beginners course. We ask if all existing referees from last season who have not indicated their intentions to referee this year to contact Joe Briguglio on 0417 220919

Matt Selems, President



#### Dear Marist Families,

*A former colleague of mine speaks of her nephew who, when he began to talk, greeted his mother in the morning with, "Is it a sunny day?". That question from a sleepy eyed toddler was usually enough to make his mother's day sunny, no matter what the weather. It also revealed that the young boy knew that sunny days can mean happy days.*

*We know that, too. We know what it does to a group when a person with unrestrained gloom enters a room, and what a vibrant smile can do to a bus full of anxious commuters. We all carry a bit of light and darkness within ourselves, and we have the freedom to shed one or the other on those around us. We may not be able to make peace happen in a war-torn country, or stem the tide of violence on our streets. But, in our own homes, workplaces and communities, we have the power to let the light of gentleness and peace shine.*

In this season of Lent we have a wonderful opportunity to step back and take a long, hard look at our lives, both personal and communal. It is a time of review, a time for evaluation of our relationship with our God.

Choosing to spend time daily in reflection on our lives and discovering where God is in our lives brings us nourishment as well as challenges. What a far cry from the 'giving up' of some favourite food or pastime! This alternative Lenten habit can be a new beginning, and a life-giving experience.

*May each of us appreciate the sunny days in our lives, and may we, this Lent, bring more sunshine than gloom into the lives of those around us.*

#### Commencement Mass

The Commencement Mass is on this Thursday 23 February beginning at 7pm

at the National Convention Centre. I encourage all families to attend this very important College function. I look forward to seeing you all there.

The Mass will be greatly enhanced by the singing of boys from the Junior School Choir. Thanks to these boys, and the other boys involved in the Mass this week. It will be a special occasion.

#### Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the boys and staff for a wonderful swimming carnival on Monday. The boys participated with enthusiasm and good spirit. It was great to see the way so many boys gave vocal support to so many other boys, even if they were in competing Houses. Well done to the boys of Hartigan who were the champion House on the day.

Thanks to all the staff for working so well to ensure the day was a success. Special thanks to Mr Mike Lloyd for the hours spent in preparation.

#### Winter Sport

Most boys in the Junior School play a winter sport for the College. With the various codes commencing training later this term, registration has already taken place. If you missed registration, it's not too late. Please refer to the College website and follow the links, via the Co-curricular tab, to the sport of your choice.

#### Shoes

A reminder that boys must wear black leather shoes as part of their school uniform. Black runners are not an accepted part of the College uniform.

Peace be with you.



Matthew Egan-Richards  
Head of Junior School

## ABSENCES

Please, for Junior School student absences **do not use the Senior School SMS or telephone numbers** for leaving messages.

When an absence extends **beyond two days** parents are asked to contact the Junior School office or class teacher. In all cases where your son is absent for part, whole, or more than one day, a **note** detailing the reason for the absence should be given to his class teacher **upon his return**. The date or dates of the absence should also be stated. This allows us to fulfil statutory requirements regarding attendance records

Where there is prior knowledge of a prolonged absence; e.g. overseas trip, the Head of Junior School should be consulted in advance of the absence.

## ACCESSING MNET FROM HOME

As mentioned at the Parent Information Evening, each class in the Junior School has its own page on mNet. Teachers will post information about homework and schoolwork, notes or information specific to their class as well as useful links to educational websites.

It is expected that your son is able to access this page from home/out of school hours. The instructions below explain how you and your son can do so:

- Visit <http://www.maristc.act.edu.au/>
- Scroll to the bottom of the screen.
- Click on mNet Portal.
- Follow the instructions on the screen to log in using your son's username and password.
- Once logged in, click on the Learning tab.
- Under Courses, choose your son's class

Please contact Karen Collins if you run into any technical difficulties or have any questions ([karencollins@mcc.act.edu.au](mailto:karencollins@mcc.act.edu.au))

## CROSS COUNTRY CHANGE OF DATE

Please note, there is a change of date for the Marist Junior School Cross Country Carnival to **Tuesday 3 April**.

*(It is listed as Wednesday 4 April in the College calendar.)*

## 2012 RSL Primary School ANZAC Essay Competition

The Woden Valley RSL Sub Branch has invited our Junior School boys to participate in their annual ANZAC Essay Competition. The essay topic for 2012 is 'The Role of Nurses in Wartime'. Students are encouraged to view the exhibition 'Nurses from Zululand to Afghanistan' at the Australian War Memorial to gather material for the subject before **submitting their essays to Mrs Bell (Room 3) by Friday 16th March, 2012**.

The school has been asked to submit the three best essay to submit to the competition. The essays will then be judged by a panel comprised of three members of the Board of Woden Valley RSL Sub-Branch. If your son is interested in participating in this essay competition they are asked to come and see Mrs Bell to get a Marking Criteria sheet for the competition in the next week.

Kirsty Bell, Junior School Curriculum Coordinator



Congratulations  
Hartigan House!



# Marist Junior School Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students on their fantastic participation during our annual swimming carnival. All boys had the opportunity to earn points for their house and showed tremendous sportsmanship throughout the day.

Special thanks to our staff who worked tirelessly throughout the day to ensure the carnival was a success. It was great to see parents and family members in large numbers also supporting their sons on the day.

A Marist Junior School Swim Team will be selected next week to compete in the South Weston Zone championships which will be held at Tuggeranong on Thursday 29th March.

*Michael Lloyd, Sports Coordinator*

Congratulations to Hartigan House on winning the House Championship.

### House Championship Points

Hartigan 464      O'Donoghue 444  
Dempsey 377      Chisholm 297

### Age Champions

	9yrs	10yrs	11yrs	12yrs
1st	William Parlett	Jayden Peckett	Nicholas Anastasi	Thomas Quinn
2nd	Oliver Cardone / Daniel Busing	Cormac Hayes	Joshua Harrison	Jack Howard
3rd	---	Elliot Dunn	Harry Sowry	Joshua Ball

## SOUTH WODEN PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2012

South Woden Parish would like to invite boys in Year 6 from our Parish, that have been baptised a Catholic to prepare and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Dates for Confirmation in the South Woden Parish are as follows:

**Year 6 Confirmation Parent Information Evening**  
**7th Aug @ 7pm**  
**CONFIRMATION**  
**Held Weekend of 8th Sept @ 6pm & 9th Sept @ 10.30am**

A Sacramental Package including the scheduled dates, information sheet and an enrolment form can be obtained from the Marist Front Office or from the Parish Office at Sacred Heart Church, Pearce.

Please note that to be included in the Sacraments for 2012, the enrolment form **MUST** be presented at any mass on the **ENROLMENT** weekends – 18 & 19 February OR 25 & 26 February.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan in the Parish Office on 62861908 or email [mhoc.swoden@cg.catholic.org.au](mailto:mhoc.swoden@cg.catholic.org.au).

## CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT 2011

If you wish for your son to celebrate Confirmation in the Corpus Christi Parish during 2012 you **MUST** attend one of the following nights;

**SCA & PSOR Information and Registration Night**  
 Tuesday 28 February 2012  
**HF Information and Registration Night**  
 Wednesday 29 February 2012  
**SFA Information and Registration Night**  
 Thursday 1 March 2012  
**Marist & St Edmunds students**  
 Any of the three nights

The Parents Information and Registration nights will be held 6pm at Holy Family Church, Gowrie. **If you did not celebrate your First Reconciliation or your First Eucharist in our parish, you must bring a copy of those certificates and a copy of your Baptism certificate with you.**

### FEES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

To cover the cost of the program including certificate, photocopying, stole decorations, retreat day expenses etc a fee of \$30 is charged. If you contribute to the Planned Giving Program at Mass there is no fee.

If you have more than one child celebrating a sacrament the family fee is \$50. Please note those families who register late will be charged an additional fee of \$25 plus the original cost of the sacrament (either \$30 or \$50).

If you have any questions please contact Lisa-marie Ciuffetelli (9am-2.30pm Tuesday – Thursday) at the parish office or at [sacrament@ccparish.org.au](mailto:sacrament@ccparish.org.au)

## Marist College Junior School PRIMARY RESEARCH PROJECT

The **Primary Research Project** is a highly motivating research-based project which will appeal to students who enjoy solving problems and using a range of resources to find information. The Primary Research Project is conducted Australia-wide and more information is available at [www.GiantClassroom.com.au](http://www.GiantClassroom.com.au)

### Designed by teachers, this project differs from other national tests because:-

- Students see it as a challenge and fun rather than a test.
- It requires students to use resources rather than recall facts.
- It assesses key research analysis and interpretive skills, not memory.

### What is it?

- 40 multiple-choice questions which students answer on-line.
- Students spend up to a maximum of 4 hours researching the questions
- It covers a range of topics from all key learning areas. Topics in past years have included Inventors and Explorers, Environmental Matters, Sport, Entertainment and Festivals.
- Suitable for 9 – 12 years

### Where can the answers be found?

- Atlas, Dictionary, Encyclopaedia, The Internet, Libraries

### Where/When does it take place?

- Students work on the project at home.
- March 19 – March 30, 2012
- Some class teachers may allow students to work on the project at school

### Cost?

- \$7:00 per student

### How to register:

- [Click here to access the registration slip](#). Return this slip to Mrs Altin (Room 11) together with \$7:00 by **Friday 2nd March**.

## Marist College Junior School SCIENCE CLUB

The Science Club will operate during Terms 2 and 3 in 2012. Membership is limited so those students who wish to be in the Science Club will need to have a keen interest in Science.

There will be several workshops run by the CSIRO Green Machine Science Education Centre. This will take place for approximately one hour after school in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Junior School or in Room 11.

There will also be a number of Science Shows presented by Qwestacon. These will also take place at school.

COST for membership of the Science Club is \$80:00. This amount covers all sessions, workshops and materials for the year. This amount will be included in two installments of \$40:00 in the Term School Fee Accounts.

Application forms are available from Mrs Altin (Room 11) and should be returned by Friday 2nd March 2012.



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