

# Marist College Enews



Dear Marist Families

The school year is underway and I'm happy to let you know that we've had a smooth start, though there are no doubt some anxieties amongst boys and staff about getting back into work mode.

Welcome again, to **our new families and new staff**. I hope you all settle in quickly and experience for yourselves how good a school community Marist is.

Staff last week spent several days preparing for the new year. A highlight of those days was some time reflecting on the important mission staff, teachers and non teachers, have in continuing the wonderful work of Marist education begun in 1968 and led for so long by the Marist Brothers. Maintaining the unique Marist spirit is a very privileged responsibility and one I and my colleagues take seriously. The time we spent reflecting on the Marist ethos and mission was very worthwhile and I hope we can continue to take the Marist qualities and apply them to our efforts for the boys in 2012. I'm confident we can do that.

**Our College theme** this year is: *"Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God."* At our senior school assembly on Monday the boys were encouraged to see "each person as equal in dignity and respect" (Core Values) and to do everything possible to be just, kind, humble and honest in their relationships in and out of school.

**Week 2** has many events scheduled including Junior School Information Evening, Year 12 Tertiary Meeting, Senior School House picnics and the social gathering to welcome new parents to the College. I hope you can join us for at least one or two of these functions.

A reminder that the **Commencement Mass** is on Thursday 23 February at the Convention Centre, commencing at 7 pm. This is always a beautiful, prayerful Mass and I encourage all families to come along.

My best wishes to all families, boys and staff for the 2012 school year. I hope it's a successful and fulfilling year for us all.

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

Yours sincerely

Mr Richard Sidorko  
Headmaster

We give you praise, O God,  
for everything that is new and wonderful,  
for everything which holds promise and brings  
us joy.

Bless us as we start this new year  
with our friends and teachers  
Help us to make the most of every chance we  
have to start afresh.

May we show love to one another and to all.  
May the new beginning of this school year  
remind us that you give us chances to start  
over again and again.

Help us to forgive others  
as we receive your forgiveness.  
Help us to learn and to work together.  
Help us to listen when we should  
and to know the best words when we speak  
and when it is better not to speak.

We thank you for our friends  
Help us to be good friends this year.  
Help us to be patient  
with ourselves and with others.

Bless our school and keep us safe.  
Be with us as we travel each day.

Help us to be aware of your love  
shown to us in the people around us.

AMEN

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### 13 February

Year 12 Tertiary Information Evening

### 13 - 14 February

Year 7 Induction Program

### 14 February

Junior School Information Evening  
P & F Welcome drinks

### 15 February

Darlinghurst, Othmar & McMahon House picnics

### 16 February

Academic Awards Ceremony Years 8 - 10  
Crispin, Haydon & Mark House picnics

### 17 February

Winter Sports Registration  
Conway & Patrick House picnics

### 20 February

Year 12 Non-Tertiary Information Evening  
Year 7 Meet & Greet  
Junior school Swimming Carnival

### 21 February

Senior School Swimming Carnival

### 22 February

Ash Wednesday

### 23 February

Commencement Mass

### 27 February – 2 March

Year 11 retreats  
Year 9 Bungarra Challenge



Together  
in 2012



MaristCollege  
Canberra



*A warm welcome to all our new  
Year 4 and Year 7 students!*



### Ordering New MyWay Cards in 2012

- Students need to visit Reception at recess or lunch to order a replacement card.
- New cards should arrive within a week. Students will be notified when the card has arrived.
- \$10 must be paid to Finance for lost or damaged cards. New cards cannot be issued until a receipt is brought to Reception.
- New cards should be collected during recess or lunch from Reception.

### Online Link for payment queries

Please [click here](#) for information about MyWay payment options:

### Making Payments

(please note that some methods below require several working days to be processed)

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • In person (at a MyWay agent) | <b>Instant</b>              |
| • By telephone                 | <i>Allow 3 working days</i> |
| • Online                       | <i>Allow 3 working days</i> |
| • B-Pay                        | <i>Allow 3 working days</i> |
| • Autoload (direct debit)      | <i>Allow 5 working days</i> |

### 2012 Senior School Canteen Menu

(Including specials for Feb/March)

### 2012 Junior School Canteen Menu

(Including volunteering information)

#### Save Time, Order Online!

Metro Canteens now offer a great new online ordering system to make the ordering of lunches easier and more convenient.

- Order at a time convenient to you  
*The morning/night before/weeks in advance!*
- No searching for cash required  
*It's already paid online!*
- Order from home or work.

#### It's So Easy!

1. Go to [www.metrocanteens.com.au](http://www.metrocanteens.com.au)
2. Click "Register Now" in the Login Box
3. Follow the prompts to create your account
4. Top-up your balance
5. Place orders at any time  
*(Up to 9:15am on the day of the order)*

#### What Does It Cost?

The online menu is the same price as the usual menu. Registration for online ordering is free and the only cost is a 20c fee for each online order that pays for the bags and labelling.

#### Any Questions?

Call 6298 7202 if you have any questions about the service, or ask Jane or Cheryl at the Canteen.

Marist College Canberra Parents and Friends Association warmly invites **all parents and friends** to the

## 2012 WELCOME DRINKS

**Tuesday 14 February**, from 6:30 pm

On the lawns outside the Junior School Hall

*(Junior School parents will be able to join us at the conclusion of the Junior School information Evening)*

The Welcome Drinks provide a great opportunity to meet new parents and catch up with old friends in a relaxed social setting.



Sean Maloney (12 Oth), Lachlan Colquhoun (10 Pa) & Steve Young (Coach)

## Marist Swimmers Sweep the Pool

The NSW State Age 13-18 Years Swimming Championships were held at Sydney Olympic Park from 10 - 15 January 2012. The six day meet is a test of endurance with heats held in the mornings and then the Top 10 swimmers in each event backing up for finals in the evening. A number of Marist students, swimming for their local clubs, performed exceptionally well at this prestigious meet. Marist boys competed in 29 finals, won 10 individual medals and were members of 5 medal-winning relay teams.

Please [click here](#) to read about the individual accomplishments of our Marist swimmers!

All of our swimmers are to be congratulated on their wonderful performances at the State level and we wish them well for the National Championships. Sean and Lachlan will be attending the Australian Swimming Championships (Olympic Games Trials) that are being held in Adelaide in March. They will then join Alexander, Nathan and Jackson to compete at the Australian Age Swimming Championships which will be held in Brisbane in April.

Leanne Maloney



Congratulations go to Matthew Wickham, who participated in the Softball National Championships for Under 17 Boys and the U19 Men's. He was named in an extended U19 Australian Men's squad for the World Championship in Argentina from 1-10 November.



### Defence Force Technical Scholarship Meeting

Year 11 and Year 12 students who are interested in applying for a **Defence Force Technical Scholarship** should attend a meeting in the Careers Office on **Thursday 9 February** at Recess.

### AAFC Squadron - Recruitment

TUESDAY NIGHTS - 7 OR 14 FEB AT 7:00PM  
 HMAS Harman, Canberra Avenue, Harman ACT 2600. Come and join a and you might be able to fly a glider or powered aircraft before you get your Drivers License.

You will also have opportunities to:

- Develop your leadership and communication skills;
- Participate in adventure training and field craft activities;
- Meet new people and make lifelong friends; and heaps more...

Phone: (02) 612 76853 (Tuesday Nights only)

Other Times: 0409 845446

E-mail: [admino.315sqn@cadetnet.gov.au](mailto:admino.315sqn@cadetnet.gov.au)

Web: [www.cadetnet.gov.au/aafc/315sqn](http://www.cadetnet.gov.au/aafc/315sqn)

## MEETING OF PARENTS AND YEAR 12 NON-TERTIARY STUDENTS

Monday 20 February 2012

Pavilion, 5:25pm

*[Click here for invitation letter](#)*

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

- **Blazer orders close THIS THURSDAY 9 February**
- The Uniform Shop has limited sizes of blazers in stock NOW for sale
- The Uniform Shop will return to normal trading hours as of next week
- Don't forget that we have **Marist Supporter wear** for sale!
  - Cap - \$12.00
  - Polo shirt - \$37.00 (S-3XL)
  - Wind and water resistant jacket - \$95.00 (S-3XL)

A reminder that at the end of each year, the College presents a certificate to any boy who has not missed a day of school during the whole year. This excludes school related events including excursions, work experience, sporting events, camps etc.

The certificate is a fitting recognition for a student who has attended school for every day of the academic year.



**Senior School Swimming Carnivals  
Tuesday February 21**

Please click here to find the swim carnivals information

A hard copy along with a program of events will be provided to all boys before the event. **Parent helpers are required** – judging, timekeeping, you name it! Please email [waynemcauliffe@mcc.act.edu.au](mailto:waynemcauliffe@mcc.act.edu.au) if you would like to help. We will reply via email to parent helpers by **Wednesday 15 Feb**, if you have not received a reply by this date all positions have been filled and your offer is greatly appreciated.



**Click here for the 2012  
Rugby Club  
Registration Flyer!**

**Raffle Winners**

Congratulations to the winners of the College Raffle, listed below. Many thanks to all those who supported the raffle.

Stephen Cusack (1978)  
A half Years Tuition Fees  
*(First prize was generously donated back to the Foundation)*

Phillip Corkhill (1981)  
\$1500 Travel Voucher donated by Maria Slater Travel

John Mason (1977)  
1 Dozen of Clonakilla Shiraz/Viognier 2010 vintage.



**Plates from 2011**

A reminder to all parents who have left plates at the school to please come to the front office to pick them up.

*Looking for a great friendly swim club for your kids/teenagers?*

Look no further, Teloepa swim club has it all. Based Southside; Woden/Deakin area.

Contact: [teloepaswimclub@hotmail.com](mailto:teloepaswimclub@hotmail.com)

Check out their web site for more info:  
<http://www.teloepaswimclub.org.au>

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

*The Moreau family, on the passing of Dennis Moreau, grandfather of Jay Holyland (Yr 11) and Dale Holyland (2008).*

*The Layden family, especially Tom Layden (4M) on the passing of his maternal grandfather.*

*The Mossop family, on the passing of Jenny Bryant, mother of Ben Mossop (Yr 9)*

*The Fitzpatrick family, on the passing of David Fitzpatrick (2003)*

*Br. Charles Howard, former Australian Superior General.*

*The Highmore family, on the passing of Bill Highmore, grandfather of Liam and Tom Highmore in Haydon House.*

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

**AMEN**



Please click here to access a letter from Deane's Transit Group regarding the new bus pass style.



## AYCS National Conference 2012 Recap

Australian Young Christian Students (AYCS) is a nation wide student-run movement, attempting to turn our student reality to the ideal situation for students all over the world. The biyearly conference is to establish our goals, aims and national campaign for the next two years and to gain a thorough understanding of the YCS movement, while meeting new people along the way. Of 50 students who attended the conference, from six different Archdioceses around Australia, I was the only one who attended from the Canberra/Goulburn Archdiocese. This meant I arrived at the conference not knowing anyone, but left with 50 new friends. I gained a lot from the conference; a knowledge and understanding of the movement, aims and goals to strive towards and plans to implement in Marist and in our Archdiocese.

Nick Marshall

Please click here to read more of this article...



## St Vincent de Paul Doorknock Appeal

The Vinnies Doorknock Appeal is held each February to raise much-needed funds for people in need in the Canberra region. During the 2012 Doorknock Appeal, the Society is hoping to raise \$300,000. Monies raised through the appeal help fund a range of services provided by Vinnies - from the unique home visitation service through to emergency accommodation, and the young carers program.

Our local Parishes are asking for volunteers to help with the Doorknock Appeal, and this is something our Marist families can offer in service to the wider community. For more information visit <http://www.vinnies.org.au/vinnies-doorknock-2012-act> or speak to Mr Ahearne (Service Coordinator) or Mrs Kathleen Garvie (Vinnies Coordinator)

## Calling for Service Ideas

As the Service Coordinator at Marist, I'm always looking for new and varied ways for our students to engage in Service activities at the College and in the wider community. I have made inroads with a number of organisations in the Canberra community and have had success in linking some of our students into these opportunities.



Please don't hesitate to contact me if you are aware of an organisation, group or individual that would like the support of our Marist students (Years 4-12). My contacts details are: [nathanahearne@mcc.act.edu.au](mailto:nathanahearne@mcc.act.edu.au) or 62987229.

## Get involved in Community Service at Marist



## Marist Youth Ministry Formation Weekend 2012

For the third year running, the Marist Brothers Hermitage at Mittagong, was the setting of the Formation Weekend for the Year 12 Youth Ministry Team. This was the largest gathered team for a Formation Weekend, comprising of 20 students and 6 adult team members. On arrival we were welcomed by Br Ian, the students settled into their bunks and we gathered together for our first meal. The Friday evening was spent introducing the theme of 'The Good Shepherd' and each session was based upon a line of Psalm 23 'The Lord is My Shepherd'.

Over the weekend, not only were the boys treated to an array of topics and presenters within our leadership team, they were also listened to guest presenters Fr Dave Callaghan and Br Tony Leon. The students enjoyed the professionally delivered presentations and the chance to reflect individually and within small groups. There were also hands on opportunities for the boys to discover what the Marist Pillar of 'Love of Work' means. On Saturday afternoon they embarked on a Service activity, which saw them working on the Marist Brothers vineyard, pulling together to fix recent storm damage, which would normally take the farmers three days to complete.

Looking back over the Formation Weekend, the students had a lot of quality input, time for relaxing, restoring of their souls, and left with the vision to become shepherds of their younger 'brothers' at Marist College Canberra. This will set them in good stead for the next 12 months of Youth Ministry and Service at the College. Finally, thanks must go to the generosity of the guest presenters and our leadership team that comprised of Kathy Haseler, Terence Pereira, Rob Whyte, Ethan Miles and Liam Joyce. Without all of their preparation, prayer and hard work, the Formation Weekend could not have been the tremendous success that it was.



The first Young Marist meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st February starting at 7:30 in the Staff Lounge at Marist College Canberra. New members are always welcome. Br Tony Leon and Br Todd from the USA will be our guest presenters along with a range of other speakers on the topic of 'being part of the bigger picture' which explores a variety of ways to get involved in living your life as a Young Marist.

For more information and to RSVP, please [join the event on Facebook](#) or email us at [youngmaristscanberra@groups.facebook.com](mailto:youngmaristscanberra@groups.facebook.com)

## Get involved in Ministry at Marist



## Rowing Club Holiday Wrap-up

### Rowing Camp

A big thank you to all who participated, coordinated, coached, and in the case of Fitness Coach Matt, inflicted pain, during the MCCRC Rowing Camp. The camp is now in its second year of operation and we continue to learn to ensure the best outcome for all those involved.

The camp commenced on Monday 23 January and continued for the week. Varying fitness levels were clearly evident during Head Coach Simon's opening land work. Those who had continued their land and water training during January coped well.

The week provided a strong platform for club camaraderie, and rowing skill enhancement. We were blessed with good weather conditions that aided the coaches and rowers enjoyment when on the water. The coaches were buoyed with the effort given by the rowers and they look forward to seeing their efforts converted into good results come racing season.

### ACT Regatta # 4 – 4 February 2012

Much welcomed warm and calm weather greeted the Marist crews for their first Regatta of 2012. Marist had over 30 starts and received: 5 x 1sts, 3 x 2nds, and 8 x 3rd places. Well done boys!  
[Please click here to read much more about the Regatta!](#)

### Selection Trials

A pleasing attendance greeted the coaches at the Selection trials, conducted at CRC on Sunday 5 February. Apart from the intent to tire them out on the last day of the holidays, these trials were used as a benchmark for the boy's fitness and skill levels just prior to final crew selections for the more important regattas that are upon us. The rowers trialled in a number of sculling 1000m pieces and erg tests.

Thank you to those coaches and assistants who gave up their Sunday morning including Head Coach Simon, Coaches Neil, Dick, Jim, Michael, Jane, Paul and Imogen and assistants on the water –speed boat driver, Alan Paton, Super starters Nelson Dunphy and an injured Chris Watson (Year 11).

### NSW Championships

A small number of selected rowers from Years 12 and 9 have been invited to race in next week's NSW Championships to be held on the Sydney International Rowing Circuit (SIRC), Penrith. This regatta will not only expose the boys to arguably one of the world's best rowing venues, but will provide a sense of where they are at in their racing progress.

### MCCRC Cake stall

A reminder to put those spare coins to good use every second Friday at the MCCRC Cake stall. The stall will recommence on Friday 17 February 2012 and will be located at the Marist bus stop.



Marist Canberra  
Football Club

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

Welcome to the start of another busy year. All 2011 players would have received an email letting them know what is happening in the 2012 season. New players to Marist will be given a copy. This email also has links to online registration details and instructions on how to register. If you did not receive the email it is up on our website with all the information you need to know about our club.

Marist College Winter Sports registration day is Friday 17th February. Committee members will be present to answer any queries and payment for your registration can be made on this day if you do not wish to pay by direct debit. Contact Kreso Gavran in the Senior School and Suzette Thompson in the Junior School if you have any queries.

### GRADING

The Junior League season commences on Saturday 5th May. Marist Football Club is affiliated with Cooma Tigers for the Premier League season (U16's & U18's) which commences the first weekend in March. Grading for the Junior League will be on Marist No. 1 Oval for those trying out for Division 1 & 2 teams. If you wish to play in Division 3 only, there is no need to grade. The dates are below. Under 16 & U18 dates are still to be finalised. Grading for Premier League players has already commenced. Contact Jim Mennie at [maristfootball@maristfootball.com.au](mailto:maristfootball@maristfootball.com.au) if you have any questions regarding grading.

Age Group	Day	Time
U10	26-Feb	9.30 - 10.30am
	4-Mar	9.30 - 10.30am
U11	26-Feb	1.45 - 2.45pm
	4-Mar	1.45 - 2.45pm
U12	26-Feb	12.00 - 1.15pm
	4-Mar	12.00 - 1.15pm
U13	26-Feb	10.45 - 12.00 noon
	4-Mar	10.45 - 12.00 noon
U14	26-Feb	3.00 - 4.30pm
	4-Mar	3.00 - 4.30pm
U15	26-Feb	4.45 - 6.15pm
	4-Mar	4.45 - 6.15pm

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

### REFEREE COURSES

Registrations are now open for Referee Courses for 2012. There are two courses scheduled at Marist on 18th & 19th February and 28th & 29th April. For referees that are continuing, the compulsory courses are being run at Marist on 17th April and Daramalan College on 1st April. We are looking for more non playing referees so if you wish to earn some money and keep fit please contact Joe Briguglio on 6161 6416 (AH) for all information about refereeing.

## Learn to Row

A reminder to all Marist students, the MCCRC learn to Row programme commences *next Sunday 12 Feb at 9.00am (concluding at midday)*. Coaches Neil Smith and Jane Mason will run the first course at Canberra Rowing Club on Alexandria Drive, Yarralumla (*near the Water Police*).

MCCRC welcomes the opportunity to share the rowing love and encourages students to be involved in Marist's premier emerging sport. All interested students should contact Registrar, Martin Page on [mcbppage@bigpond.com](mailto:mcbppage@bigpond.com).



#### Dear Marist Families,

On Monday 150 boys (and a larger number of anxious parents) began their association with Marist College. They joined the returning boys to line up where thousands of others have done the same since 1968. From this day on each of them now adds to the richness that is our school and the reputation of Marist College Canberra. On behalf of the staff of the Junior School I extend another very warm 2012 welcome to each of you.

Whether you are a student or parent, a new family or returning one, I look forward to the contribution you will each make this year. I also offer you my full support and invite you to contact me should you wish to discuss any matter.

You may be aware our College theme this year is:

*"Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God"*

Hopefully this will be a daily reminder to each of us to how we should live our lives. My prayer for us all is that we will try to live up to this goal as best as we can this year.

#### Parent Information Evening

The Junior School Information Evening will be held next Tuesday (14 February) commencing at 6.00pm in the Junior School Hall. This evening provides a general opportunity for parents to meet their son's teacher and to hear what is planned for the year ahead. At least one parent should be in attendance. It will be followed by welcome drinks, hosted by the Parents and Friends Association at 7.00pm. Please note that supervision of children is not provided. As the evening is not conducive to a set teacher/parent interview format, I encourage parents to contact their son's teacher should a personal meeting be felt necessary. Such meetings are welcome throughout the year and can be arranged through a written or emailed request to the class teacher.

#### 2012 Junior School Student Leaders

Congratulations to Thomas Sheahan and David Cordeiro who were at the end of last year named as Junior School Captain and Vice Captain for 2012. Also named last year are our House Captains and Vice Captains:

Chisholm  
Dempsey  
Hartigan  
O'Donoghue

Jordan Wood and Jordan Cachia  
Ethan Hart and Josh Merkel  
Sam Ryan and Matthew Weber  
Brayden Robertson and Simon Rooke

These boys will be commissioned at the Commencement Mass on Thursday 23 February.

#### Contributions to Update and Newsletter

In a big school it is easy to miss the little things. To make sure this does not happen, please let me know of the successes of your son that could be shared in the College Enews. Please also share with me any event impacting on your son's life. This will help us to travel the journey all the more successfully with you and your family.

You will receive an Enews every Wednesday of the school year. Please check your email inbox.

#### Left Turn Only

Please remember that between 8.00am – 8.45am and 3.00pm – 3.45pm only left turns are permitted from the Junior School car park on to Marr Street. Please do not turn right during these times as it can cause quite a traffic jam.

#### A Few Reminders

- School commences at 8.40am, with supervision being provided from 8.15am. The school day ends at 3.05pm.
- We suggest boys leave mobile phones at home. However, if parents believe they are necessary, boys should switch them off, leave them at the front office in the morning and collect them at the end of the day.
- Other electronic devices (eg, MP3s) should not be brought to school.
- If collecting your son during the day please sign them out at the Junior School office.
- The Junior School Canteen is open from Tuesday to Friday each week. It is closed on Mondays.

Matthew Egan-Richards  
Head of Junior School



**National  
Year of  
Reading  
2012**

## Library News

Did you know that 2012 is the National Year of Reading?

Throughout the year, there will be various events, activities and initiatives held within the school and the wider community designed to encourage a reading culture in every home. Keep an eye out for this logo at your local library, bookstores and in the e-News for more information.

## 2012 Junior School Canteen Menu

### Sacramental Program 2012

St Thomas the Apostle Parish, Kambah. Enrolment Weekend, 25th - 26th February

Enrolments for the sacramental program for 2012 will be on the weekend of 25-26 February 2012. If you would like your child to be confirmed this year at St Thomas, you will need to complete and return an enrolment form with payment at a Mass on the weekend of 25-26th of February 2012. Mass times are 6pm Saturday, 8.30am and 10.00am Sunday. If you are unable to attend Mass on that weekend to submit your form, please contact Fr Peter on 6231 9219.

### Marist Junior School Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival will be held on Monday the 20th February at the Queanbeyan Swimming and Leisure Centre. Parents and family members are welcome to attend. All students will need a House Colour swimming cap, these are available from class teachers for \$2.00