

High Notes



news from Marist College North Shore

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WELCOME YEAR 7



From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Marist College North Shore. A particularly warm welcome is extended to parents and students new to the College. Including new students in all Year levels we have 170 new students.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff at the College. They are as follows:

- Mrs Marian McKinley is our Director of Faith Formation
- Mr Michael Dela Cruz is teaching Religious Education
- Ms Katie Bucknole is beginning our venture into French
- Mr Peter Sherringham is Coordinator of TAS.
- Mrs Alice Mulligan has been appointed as a permanent member of staff teaching English, HSIE and History
- Ms Melissa Finn is teaching English, Religious Education, History and HSIE
- Ms Sally Kim is teaching Hospitality, Food Tech and TAS
- Ms Rochelle Eggins is teaching in Food Tech and TAS
- Mr Robert Taylor is teaching English, History and HSIE and as an ex-student of the College he knows the place well.

This first High Notes serves the purpose of making initial contact with you, to welcome you and to draw your attention to early important events. Schools are typically busy places so parents who want to be involved in things need to be alert and place dates and times in their diaries.

The website calendar is going to be kept up-to-date as the year progresses. You can tailor the College calendar on this website to suit yourself, showing only categories of information that pertain to you. The High Notes publication is our regular fortnightly information document. It will be given to the students and will also be loaded onto the website at the time of publication. There is also a facility on the website to subscribe so that you get an email reminder of its publication.

We find it best for students to name a Theme for the year which highlights a particular attitude that is helpful to adopt in life. Mr Forrester in his section over page describes our 2012 theme which has already been presented to the students at our first assembly last week. I recommend that each Marist family also be engaged with the theme throughout the year.

Three students have had their father pass away so far this year. We pray for these families and I commend the other students who typically support boys when this happens.

I am very interested and looking forward to meeting new parents and students. Year 7 students seem to have settled in well after some initial hiccups finding their way to various rooms and mastering the technique of using their new padlocks! The annual P&F welcome drinks evening set for Friday 2nd March is detailed in the P&F column, later in this newsletter. Other important events are also listed. I encourage all parents to attend and I look forward to meeting you there. Year 7 parents are being sent a separate invitation to a thirty minutes presentation about Marist Education taking place on that same evening from 6.00pm to 6.30pm.

At the beginning of each year we invite all parents and students to evening House Masses followed by supper. It is an opportunity to pray and later connect with the group of parents whose sons are in the same House. The invitations for these House evenings will be sent with the students through each House Coordinator. On 21st February the Moore House Mass will take place at 6.00pm and the Kelly House Mass will be at 7.15pm. On 21st February the Chanel House Mass will take place at 6.00pm and the Salta House Mass will be at 7.15pm.

I encourage all parents to be in contact with the P&F committee members and other parents so that your experience of College

life develops a community aspect. I am sure such relations will help you support your son in his education.

We are pleased with our HSC results from 2011. Our High Achievers' Ceremony takes place on Wednesday and are listed by the Director of Teaching and Learning in this document. Academic Excellence Awards for Semester Two 2011 for Years 7, 8 and 9 are also presented at this Assembly.

Cheers, best wishes and every blessing

Br Peter Corr

Br Peter Corr
Headmaster

From the Director of Faith Formation

What a start to the year....

Week One in a new school is exciting, scary, daunting and magical all at once! Year 7 students have been bombarded with lots of new information, teachers and lessons. At this time in the year, the Year 7 RE teachers take the opportunity to provide their students with a general overview of what it means to be Catholic; a refresher for most students but also an introduction to others who may have joined our Catholic family. Throughout their RE lessons over the next few weeks students will recap on the basics of Catholicism. They will learn about our founder, Marcellin Champagnat, and also what it means for them to be a member of our Marist family.



The Year Seven Induction Week concluded beautifully on Friday with the celebration of Eucharist in St Mary's Church, North Shore. During this liturgy, Fr Michael walked the students through each part of the Mass, explaining each section. This liturgy was a lovely way for each student to feel part of the Year 7 group. At the end of the celebration each student was presented with a Bible by Brother Peter. Inside each Bible was the inscription: *"Receive the Word of God. May this Bible – the greatest story ever told – be a source of constant inspiration for you. May God bless and protect you always."* The students are asked to use this Bible regularly and to treat it with respect as it is our sacred Word of God.

It was wonderful to have so many parents and grandparents present to support their sons on the journey here at Marist College North Shore. We thank Fr Michael for presiding over our celebration and Mr Patrick Fitzgerald for his organisation of the event. Thanks also to the staff members who were present to help out.

It looks like it's going to be an exciting year.

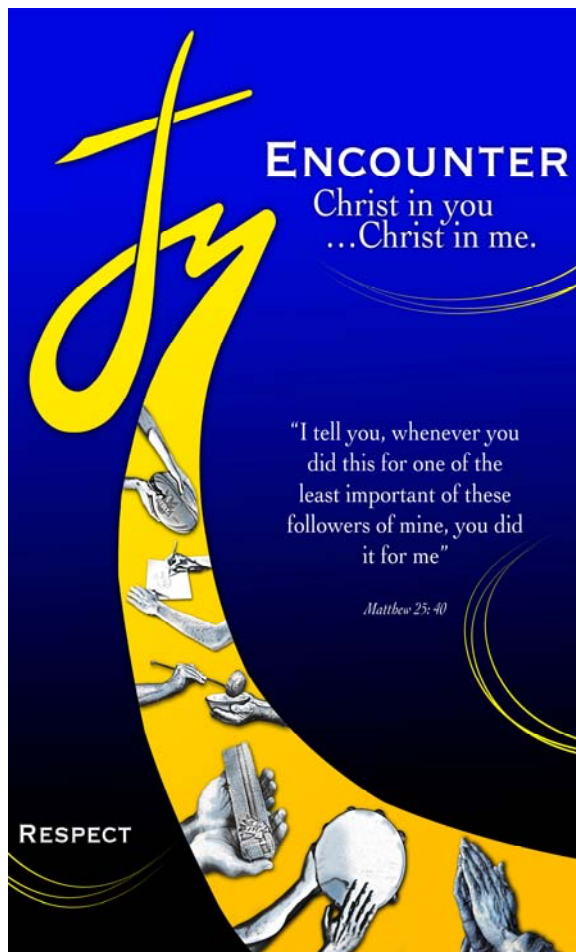
Marian McKinley
Director of Faith Formation

From the Deputy Headmaster

Welcome to the 2012 year. I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome all new parents and students into our Marist community. Along with our continuing students and families, I look forward to working with all members of the Marist community to ensure that our students find their potential through all that Marist offers.

College Theme for 2012

The College theme for the year once again has adopted the Marist schools Australia theme. The theme is titled ENCOUNTER. As it has been explained to the staff and students it will continue to be explored throughout the year, the message is to encounter the relationships and activities that exist within the College. We must persist to encounter each other with RESPECT. Students are challenged to EXPERIENCE and be ENGAGED in the opportunities and various activities that exist within the College. The banner signifies the various opportunities that exist in the College and our journey together as Marist people. Through all our encounters, Christ must be central. Jesus Christ needs to be seen and lived through you and in me. It is hoped that students' lives will be enriched and thus the College will be enriched when we continue to encounter everything through and with Jesus Christ.



Many thanks must go to the creative skills of the senior leadership team for the development of the ideas within the banner. Furthermore, a special mention to both our school captain Alex Mascarenhas and Ms Reinhold for their artistic skills in the creation of the banner. A copy of the banner now lies in the La Valla hall and in each classroom.

STANDARDS and EXPECTATIONS

I often speak to the students about the standards and expectations we have at the College.

I would like to take this opportunity to seek the support of parents in maintaining high standards with behaviour from all students. In working as a partnership, more can be achieved for the young boys and men in our care. Students are encouraged to model these high standards both in school and in public. Just some areas that are a continued focus:

UNIFORM

Students are expected to wear their full and correct uniform at all times and should display a sense of pride in their uniform. The requirements for the school uniform including appropriate hairstyles can be found in the diary. The uniform is an area that some students need to improve upon.

DIARIES

The number one tool for communication between teacher and parents is the diary. Parents and their tutors from Years 7 to 10 are to sign the College diary on a weekly basis. Clarification of many of the standards and expectations can be found in the information section at the front of the diary. Students should use their diary efficiently as an organising tool. The diary should give an overall picture of a student's performance at school as it uses the merit/demerit system, records homework, lateness to school and comments from teachers.

ATTENDANCE

'Boys' Education' literature suggests a settled learning environment, where students are in class as much as possible, as significant in providing the best opportunity for positive learning outcomes. Parents/Guardians are requested to contact the College if their child will be absent from school. Parents/Guardians should note that they should ring the College **before 9:30am on the day of absence**. A written request must be given to the Headmaster when a student requires leave.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parents are reminded of the upcoming events:

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| Wednesday 8 th February | Yr 12 High Achievers' and
Yrs 7 to 9 2011 Academic Assembly |
| Thursday 9 th February | MCC: Round 7 v Kogarah |
| Friday 10 th February | School Swimming Carnival at North Sydney Pool. A compulsory event for all students. All parents are more than welcome to attend. |
| Monday 13 th February to
Wednesday 15 th February: | Year 7 Camp. A compulsory event for all Year 7 students. |
| Thursday 16 th February | MCC Spare Round v Ashfield. |
| Monday 20 th February | Moore House Mass (6.00pm) and
Kelly House Mass (7.15pm) |
| Tuesday 21 st February | Chanel House Mass (6.00pm) and
Salta House Mass (7:15pm) |

David Forrester
Deputy Headmaster

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From the Director of Teaching and Learning

Congratulations to all of the recipients of the Year Seven to Nine Semester Two 2011 Academic Excellence and Commitment Awards. I hope to see a continued consistent approach to school and homework throughout 2012. Well done gentlemen! Remember to organise yourselves early both here, at school and at home in order to achieve your best personal results.

Well done to the HSC Class of 2011 which also consisted of many students completing accelerated courses at the College. There were many "personal bests" of which you should be extremely proud. We wish you continued success in your lives beyond Marist North Shore.

Miss McGovern
Director of Teaching and Learning

2011 SCHOOL DUX

Recipients of the 2011 Richard Mousally Award which is presented to the student who gains the top UAI based on the HSC Exams. This year **Peter Kurtz** and **Sirasit Piaratisit** came in equal first.

Congratulations to the following 2011 HSC students for achieving a Band 6 in their subjects listed.

Benjamin Armstrong	English (Advanced), PDHPE
Kusuv Bhandari	Mathematics Extension 1
John Butler	General Mathematics
Joshua Carnovale	General Maths, Music 1, Hospitality
Alexander Casanova	Entertainment Industry
Peter Contos	General Mathematics
Jackson Evans	Hospitality
Simon Jenkins	General Mathematics, Hospitality
Peter Kurtz	Ancient History, English (Advanced), Modern History, Studies of Religion I
Joseph Lomi	Music 1
Sirasit Piaratisit	Mathematics Extension 1
Nicholas Robertson	Italian Continuers
Harry Sherwin	Music 1
Dominic Smith	Ancient History, English (Advanced), Modern History, Studies of Religion I
Carl Trevena	Swedish Continuers
Marc Williams	General Mathematics

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR YEARS 7, 8 & 9 IN SEMESTER TWO 2011

Year 9 Dux:	Alexander Coyle
Year 8 Dux:	Tiernan Byrne
Year 7 Dux	Hunter Eckford
Year 7 Study Cup:	Jacob Rizk

YEAR NINE

Oliver Abraham	Mathematics 5.3
Mate Borovac	PDHPE
Peter Boyer	Design and Technology
Dominique Braham	Commerce
Joe Burgess	English, Visual Arts
Cian Byrne	Religion (Equal First)
Alexander Coyle	Geography, Industrial Tech, Science
Francesco Fenech	Elective History (Equal First)
Jack Garay	Food Technology
Thomas Ingram	Elective History (Equal First)
Nisal Jayalath	Information Software Technology
Nicholas Kain	Mathematics 5.2

Tim Mimis
Luke Morgan
Keenan Singh
Stuart Williams
Marcus Woodfield

PASS
Religion (Equal First)
Music
History
Photographic and Digital Media

YEAR EIGHT

Duke Adams
David Arnold
Andrew Barker
Tarin Brennan
Hamish Buchanan
Tiernan Byrne

History, Religion, Technology, Visual Arts
English
Geography, Mathematics, Science
Mathematics
English, Science, Technology
History, English, Religion, Science,
Technology

Daniel Czornyj
Benjamin Davy
Brad Falconer
Christopher Fung
Luke Gallen
Nathan Gambi
Joshua Hortinela
Samuel How
Michael Hudson
Kristopher Kamma
Luke Kinsella
Ishkhan Kotoyan
Harry Lawson
Benjamin Luck
Rahul Mishra
Finnian Muschinski
Leonard Ong
Jordan Veitch
Isaac West
Samuel Zanardo

PDHPE, Technology
PDHPE
Science
Geography, Mathematics, Visual Arts
Italian, Science
Science
Technology
English, History, Italian, Religion
PDHPE
Music
Religion
English
Music, PDHPE
Mathematics
Mathematics
Italian, Religion, Technology
Italian
Music
PDHPE
Italian

YEAR SEVEN

Karun Bhandari
Darcy Bowers
Lewis Boyd
Alessandro Calabrisello
Antony Catanzariti
Matthew Chhoeu
Hunter Eckford

Mathematics
English, PDHPE, Religion, Science
Technology
Science
English
Geography
English, Geography, Mathematics,
Religion, Science, Visual Arts

Robert Fitzgerald
Benjamin Ingram
Thomas Kay
Eric Manolev
Luke McDonald
Luke McDonald
Thomas McGowan
Nathan McGrath
Alec Morgan
James Muil
Bill Nelson
Alexander Paine
Aaron Panozzo
Alexander Partridge
Lukas Powling
Jack Rogers
Liam Sanby
James Tai
Callum Tkachenko

Mathematics
Science
Technology
Geography
Geography
Science
English
Technology
PDHPE
Religion, Technology, Visual Arts
Religion
Music
Technology, Visual Arts
Mathematics
Science
PDHPE
PDHPE
Science
Mathematics

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BREAKFAST

CROISSANT - \$2

CHEESE & BACON ROLLS - \$2

RAISIN TOAST - 50c

TOAST & VEGEMITE - 50c

BANANA BREAD - \$2

PEAR & RASPBERRY BREAD - \$2

RECESS

HOT CHEESY GARLIC ROLLS - \$2

ASSORTED MUFFINS - \$2

FRUIT SALAD - \$3

CHICKEN BURGER - \$4

with lettuce & tomato on a wholemeal bap.



As you can see from the above menu we have an exciting and healthy array of items available from the Canteen in 2012. The Canteen is open from 8.00am for service from the Breakfast Menu.

Shelley Kemsley
Canteen Manager

LOOKING AHEAD

- 7 Feb: Solidarity Launch
P&F Meeting 7.00pm in Library
- 8 Feb: 12.00pm Assembly HSC High Achievers recognised & Years 7-9 2011 Awards
Uniform Shop Open 10.00am-2.00pm – Blazer Fitting
- 9 Feb: Round 7 MCC v Kogarah
- 10 Feb: 8.00am Swimming Carnival at North Sydney Pool
12.30pm Solidarity Training
- 13 Feb: Year 7 Camp commences
7.00pm Night Patrol – Salta House
- 15 Feb: Uniform Shop Open 10.00am-2.00pm
- 16 Feb: MCC v Ashfield (Round 3 washed out last year)
- 17 Feb: 9.00am Commencement Mass
8.00pm Kelly Solidarity – Coffee & Cake in Surry Hills
- 20 Feb: 6.00pm Moore House Mass
7.15pm Kelly House Mass
- 21 Feb: 6.00pm Chanel House Mass
7.15pm Salta House Mass
- 22 Feb: 12.00pm Assembly (Ash Wednesday)
Uniform Shop Open 10.00am-2.00pm
- 23 Feb: MCC Summer Semi Final Day
- 24 Feb: Year 12 Red Cross Blood Donations
3.30pm Chanel & Kelly Solidarity Meeting



LUNCH also see specials board.

SUSHI - \$2.50

BUTTER CHICKEN & RICE - \$5

LAMB KORMA & RICE - \$5

CHICKEN BURGER - \$4

with lettuce & tomato on a wholemeal bap.

WRAP MENU *chicken wraps are pre-order only

SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN* - \$4

Chilli chicken tender, lettuce, cucumber, tomato & sweet chilli sauce

TERIYAKI CHICKEN* - \$4

Chicken tender, grated carrot, cucumber, lettuce, tomato & teriyaki sauce

FALAFEL - \$4

Falafel, hummus, carrot, lettuce & tomato

CHEESE SALAD - \$4

Tasty cheese, carrot, lettuce, tomato, cucumber & mayo

TUNA SWEETCORN - \$4

Tuna, sweetcorn, lettuce, cucumber, tomato & mayo

CHEESE & HAM - \$4

Tasty cheese, premium deli ham, lettuce, cucumber tomato & mayo

CHICKEN SALAD - \$4

Chicken tender, grated carrot, lettuce, cucumber, tomato & mayo



CANTEEN ROSTER

- 13 Feb: Linda Fung, Denise McCarthy, LizMcGuire, Izabel Silva-Lindsey, Kristen O'Riley, Francesca Sawers
- 14 Feb: Irene Agathokleous, Fiona Bush, Jean Hermann, Rita Savannah, Annilea Thorsell
- 15 Feb: Sam Adderton, Marlana Collins, Karhy Gavranic, Rhonda Ianna, Erika Keri, Lyn Radovan
- 16 Feb: Rosemary Burgess Sandra Fitzgerald, Johanna Huskins, Chrissy Leahy, Ellen Santeco, Jenny Winter
- 17 Feb: Anne Christiansen, Karen Ferguson, Sandra Garratt, Maryann Towell, Peta Turner
- 20 Feb: Diana Bredeson, Maria de Cairnes, Jo Nicholls, Maryanne Russo, Agi Stevenson, Takayo Thomson
- 21 Feb: Nina Beilby, Fiona Geoghegan, Dot Howieson, Stephanie Lainey, Angie Ong, Rachael Russell
- 22 Feb: Ann Catanzariti, Jenny Kendrick-Little, Margie Morgan, Theodora Manos, Michelle Stevens, Sira Tchaprastian, Katherine Watts
- 23 Feb: Kathryn Broomhall, Julie Gaidzkar, Stethea Grobler, Maureen McKee, Suzanne Devine
- 24 Feb: Kitty Buchanan, Dominica Edwards, Melanie Lindquist, Susan Mayall, Joanna Milenkiewicz, Michelle Mulligan

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

- 15 Feb: Gabriella Fenech, Colleen Hake, Lyn Russo
- 22 Feb: Sam Ferrero, Kirsten O'Riley, Angie Ong, Maria Failla

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Trenton Van Loon Science, Technology
Callum Veitch Religion, English, PDHPE
Zachary Walker Geography, Music, Technology

ACADEMIC COMMITMENT AWARDS SEMESTER TWO 2011

YEAR NINE: Patrick Adams (3), Mate Borovac (2), Peter Boyer (2), Dominique Braham (2), Joel Brown, Joe Burgess, Cian Byrne, Jordan Clarke (2), Thomas Colgan, Alexander Coyle (2), Samuel de Swardt, Jordan Fedele, Francesco Fenech, Jack Garay (2), Justin Gioia, Ethan Grenot (2), Joshua Harkin (2), Thomas Johnson, Benjamin Johnston, James Kirk, Ben Macintosh, Robert McKee, Tim Mimis, Benjamin Mouat (2), Cameron Munro (2), Dean Reading, Anmol Salhan (2), Keenan Singh, David Smith, Liam Spring, Jarred Van Kampen.

YEAR EIGHT: Duke Adams, Christopher Allen, Thomas Atkinson, Cooper Austin, Austin Beins, Connor Bennett, Patrick Bezzi, Jordan Binns, Hamish Buchanan (2), Tiernan Byrne, Declan Cleary, Tobias Davidson (3), Benjamin Davy, Brad Falconer, Daniel Farnham, Alexander Fraser, Andrew Fulwood, Luke Gallen (2), Charles Geeves, Steven Heyen, Joshua Hortinela (2), Benjamin Hough, Luke Kinsella, Benjamin Luck, John McKee, Roupon Minassian (2), Finnian Muschinski, Christopher O'Shea (2), Mark Verstead, Matthew Sales, Dylan Seeto (2), Jack Stapelfeldt (2), Harrison Starkey, Daniel Virgona, Kaspars Walker, Isaac West, Mark Yeong, Samuel Zanardo.

YEAR SEVEN: William Atkinson, Darcy Bowers, Andrew Cipriano, Aiden Cox, William Coyle, Riley Cummings, Jack Devonshire (3), Benjamin Halls, Thomas Hanaee, Morgan Hanan, Dominic Harkin (2), Oliver Herbert (2), Samuel Hodson, Jack Ireland, Angus Lee, Luke McDonald, Thomas McGowan, James Muil (4), Bill Nelson, Aaron Panozzo (2), Lucas Powling, Zachary Richmond, Jacob Rizk (4), Tyson Roch (2), Jack Rogers (2), Dylan Seeto, James Tai (2), Callum Tkachenko, Zachary Walker.

Mathletics for Mathematics

All Mathematics students at the College have access to a useful on-line centre called Mathletics. This site provides an opportunity to practise skills relevant to their course of study. The students can work at their own pace through the exercises which are automatically marked. Your son is encouraged to make use of Mathletics as a tool to assist his learning, and as one of his study techniques. Mathletics will provide a weekly email to parents displaying the progress your son is making after the following one-off registration is completed.

Go to:

www.mathletics.com.au/parent and log on using your son's user name and password. Mathletics will send you an email that needs to be activated. Then follow the process below:

1. Go to www.mathletics.com.au
2. Click "Sign In"
3. Enter your Parent Sign In Details (the details that were given when you activated the email)
4. Click "Edit" next to your name under "Parent Account"
5. Tick the "Email Weekly Reports" box.

From the Mathematics Faculty

OPEN CLASSROOM

Learning Support offers a program termed "Open Classroom" for all students Years 7-12. This program is principally to assist students who may require extra support with homework, class work and/or assessment tasks and for students who may wish to drop-in to complete homework at school rather than at home.

The "Open Classroom" Program Hours – Monday to Friday 8.00am – 8.30am and Monday to Friday at lunchtime 12.45pm – 1.30pm in the Learning Support Centre (Room 21).

Learning Support staff and Year Eleven Peer Support students are available to assist students.

Open Classroom for 2012 commenced in Week One.

Mrs Carmel Cullen
Learning Support Teacher

MCNS MUSIC TUITION PROGRAM

There is continued interest and participation in the Tuition Program. Currently there are 75 students involved in learning diverse instruments; guitar, drums, woodwind, piano, trumpet and trombone. The Music Tutors are highly professional and organize a structured program in the mentorship of their students. A tuition booklet is issued to each student and like the College Diary, it is a means of communicating rehearsal times and a home practice routine.

The tutors at MCNS for 2012: Sam Pellegrino – Guitar; Mark Roulston – Bass Guitar; Claire Hogan – Piano/Keyboard; Dave T Smith – Drums/Percussion; Penny Coucill and Alan Paardekoooper – Woodwind; Chris Brasche – Trumpet and Alex Silver – Lower Brass. The tutors are encouraged to communicate with parents on each student's progress and to establish goals such as the AMEB Exam, eisteddfods and involvement in the College's Band and Ensemble Program.

Students involved in the Tuition Program are reminded to be responsible for recording their time and day of their tuition lesson from the Tuition Notice Board in their College Diary before school each Monday morning and remember to be punctual to their lesson. If a student is absent from school on the day of his tuition lesson, please contact the music tutor and the College as early as possible. Tutors can not contact the students to remind them of their scheduled tuition lesson, so it is important that all students record their day and time in their College Diary and use an effective strategy to remember their lesson time.

A majority of the students are removed from class time and as a result need to communicate with their teacher about work to be completed and homework obligations, and finally, to reap the most from their lesson, appropriate instrumental performance practice is required. Students should be reminded that class tests, assessment tasks and excursions or incursions take priority, thus they need to communicate early with their tutor and Ms O'Brien of any alterations that need to be made to the time and day.

The students can store their instruments in the Music Instrument Store Room near Music Room 2.

There are still opportunities for involvement in the Music Tuition Program. Please consult your Music teacher – Mr Herbert, Mr McDonnell or Ms O'Brien for a form comprising details and enrolment.

Carolyn O'Brien
Creative Arts Subject Coordinator

Gifted and Talented News

Here are some notices for students involved in some of the Gifted and Talented Activities.

CREST – Creativity in Science and Technology

For students in Year 8, 9 and 10 CREST starts on Wednesday the 8th February 3.30pm – 4.40pm. It is very important that all the students who took part in CREST last year attend this session. Students in Year 8, 9 or 10 who would like to take part in CREST, please come to one of the meetings for more details.

For students in Year 7 who wish to join CREST the first meeting will be Week 5 on Wednesday 29th February from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. If you are interested in CREST please attend this meeting.

St Mary's Mentoring Program

The St Mary's Mentoring Program will be starting up again this term. In order to become a mentor you must be nominated by a teacher in the area of Mathematics, Science or English and you must be in Year 9 or Year 10. I will be asking teachers for their nominations next week. In the meantime if you are interested talk to your Mathematics, Science or English teacher and ask them to pass your name on to me (Ms Freyne).

Mathematics Enrichment and Challenge

Details on both of these programs and how to become involved will appear in the High Notes and in the morning notices very soon.

Online Student Newsletter

The first meeting will be held on Thursday 9th February at Recess in Computer Room 2. Any student who would like to join the team please come to this meeting.

Nicola Freyne,
Gifted and Talented Coordinator

Locks

All boys are to have school issue combination lock. First lock is issued free of charge when a pupil commenced at school.

- New locks are \$15
- Second hand locks \$5
- No lock results in no locker

School Fees

The main School Fee Statements are sent out three times per year - February, May and August.

A final statement is sent in November to cover any miscellaneous excursions and items that occurred after the August Statement run.

The College is keen for statements to be sent via email as it is more efficient in terms of cost, time and paper resources. Please forward your e mail address to:

accounts@maristns.catholic.edu.au for emailed Fee Statements.

Mark Brooks
Business Manager

A Message from the P&F

The P & F would like to thank all the parents who supported the P & F by selling and/or purchasing their textbooks through the Second Hand Book Sale which took place in early December. The Book Sale was extremely successful with well over 1,400 books being sold on the day. Cheques were written out and posted to more than 320 families whose books were sold, within a few days of the Sale and we request that these cheques be deposited promptly.

We would also like to extend a thank you to all the volunteers who assisted the P & F with preparations for the Sale and those who gave up their Saturday to help. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

The P & F General Meeting will take place tonight, **Tuesday 7 February, at 7.00 pm in the College Library** and all parents are invited to attend. As part of this meeting, the Director of Teaching and Learning, Ms Ann McGovern, will be discussing the Marist 2011 HSC Results.

P & F DATES FOR 2012

2012 is shaping up to be another busy and exciting year for the P & F and we look forward to catching up with both new and current Marist parents throughout the year. Please take the time to mark these important P & F dates in your diary:

P & F General Meeting:	Tuesday, 07 February at 7pm in College Library
Welcome Function:	Friday, 2 March from 6:30 pm
Expo (Open Day):	Saturday, 10 March 10am – 2 pm
Trivia Night:	Saturday, 2 June
Fathers' Day Breakfast:	Friday, 31 August 7am – 9am
End of Year Function:	Friday, 23 November
Second Hand Book Sale:	Saturday, 01 December

As always, the P & F can be contacted via email, pnf@maristns.catholic.edu.au, should you have any questions or queries.

P & F Committee

MARIST FAMILY GROUP

A new "Marist Family Group" program is starting meeting twice a month on Sundays throughout 2012 at St Patrick's Church Hill. Young families and individuals are invited to come together for prayer, discussion and a picnic. Please come!! Topics include - "Living Family", "Living in Community" and "Living Simply". Please go to:

<http://www.maristlaityaustralia.com/maristfamilygroup> for more information.

SINGERS WANTED

The Cancer Council of NSW is organising an event at St Leonards on Saturday, 24th March where students participate in a choir to support this worthwhile cause.

If you are interested in being involved, please see Ms O'Brien for further details.

Carolyn O'Brien, Creative Arts Subject Coordinator

Sport

MCC Round 7 vs Kogarah Thursday 9th February

Squash:	Willoughby Squash Centre
Basketball:	A Grade Alexandria Basketball Stadium
	B Grade Alexandria Basketball Stadium
	15's Alexandria Basketball Stadium
	14's Alexandria Basketball Stadium
Cricket:	A-Grade Scarborough Park
	16's Scarborough Park
	14's Scarborough Park
Touch:	A-Grade Heffron Park
	B-Grade Heffron Park
	15's Heffron Park
	14's Heffron Park

MCC Round 3 vs Ashfield Thursday 16th February [rained out last year]

Squash:	Willoughby Squash Centre
Cricket:	16's Centenary Park
	A-Grade and 14's have a bye
Basketball:	A-Grade Bankstown Stadium
	B-Grade Bankstown Stadium
	15's Bankstown Stadium
	14's Bankstown Stadium
Touch:	A-Grade Heffron Park
	B-Grade Heffron Park
	15's Heffron Park
	14's Heffron Park

MCC Summer Semi Finals will be held on Thursday 23rd February with the Finals held on Thursday 1st March.

Annual College Swimming Carnival

The Annual College Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday 10th February at North Sydney Olympic Pool. The Carnival will begin at 8.20am with Roll Call in the park opposite the Swimming Pool under the Harbour Bridge. The swimming will begin as close to 8.45am as possible and will conclude at 12 noon at which time the boys will move back into the park for roll call and will then be dismissed by approx. 12.15pm. A SEPARATE NOTE WITH FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE SENT HOME LATER THIS WEEK.

Peter Giles, Sportsmaster

PLAY AFL! One of the fastest growing games in NSW! Willoughby Wildcats are looking for new players in 2012 for U13, U14 and U16 teams. Games take place Sunday late morning or afternoon with a midweek training session at Gore Hill (home ground). The cost is \$170 for first player and \$120 for an additional sibling. For further information and on-line registration go to www.wildcatsafl.com. Any enquiries can be directed to Steve Netting on 0408 407 928 or stephen.netting@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS

Over the summer holidays Arjun Mehrotra, a student in Year 10 from the Salta House, has been competing and performing very well in numerous tennis tournaments, achieving great results including:

- Northern Suburbs Open Junior Championships – Finalist (Runner up)
- 2012 Gosford Junior Open – Winner
- 2012 Northern Beaches Open Junior – Winner

Arjun has also qualified for the upcoming National Grass Court Championships to be held in late February in Mildura (Vic).

We would like to congratulate Arjun for his outstanding results and wish him the best of luck in his upcoming tournaments

North Sydney Brothers Junior Rugby League Football Club



We are looking for players from 5 years old to Seniors Ages. We have great coaches and provide excellent training skills. It only costs \$80.00 per player which includes socks, shorts, jersey, 2012 NRL Season Pass & player insurance. If you would like to join a great family orientated club and have lots of fun, please register by calling Annette Hema on: 0404 610 048 or email: nsbros@hotmail.com or visit our website: www.nsbros.com.au

Communicating with Teens

Child & Adolescent Parenting

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Communicating with Teens Course

- influence your teenager's behaviour
- understand the stages of development of teenagers
 - feel more comfortable with your teenager's highs and lows
 - keep lines of communication open between you and your teenager
 - cope with your own and your teenager's anger in a constructive way
- learn how to get your point across and also listen to your teenager's point of view
- learn how to resolve "issues" between your teenager & yourself & still keep the relationship intact
- plus more ideas on how to build relationships - what works and what doesn't work!



COURSE VENUE: CHATSWOOD 5wks/2.5hrs
When: Wednesday, 7th March, 2012 (7.00pm - 9.30pm)
Cost: \$150 per person Concession: \$125 per person

Dealing With Teen's Back Chat Workshop

VENUE: CHATSWOOD
When: Wednesday, 29th February, 2012 - 7.00pm - 9.30pm - \$40 per person

Triple P (PPP) Teens Seminar Series

available on request - to organise these or for details of Workshops/Seminars scheduled for this term, phone 9887-5830

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