

# High Notes



news from Marist College North Shore

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# From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

The release of the Gonski Review of Education in Australia will lead the various education systems into a period of concern and anticipation of how exactly the political responses to the recommendations will affect them. Marist College North Shore is part of a community of schools whose aim is to provide a high standard Catholic Education at a cost that is affordable to as many as possible. So with these factors in mind the Gonski Report is very important for us and we look forward to the positive educational outcomes emanating from it.

This edition of High Notes includes photos and articles about the very successful Year 7 Camp and the Commencement Mass both of which took place last week. Promotion of the College Expo day set for 10<sup>th</sup> March, the Gifted and Talented program, sport results leading into the semi-finals of the summer season. I commend all of these articles to your reading.

A couple of weeks ago we took delivery of more than 400 Mac computers which will see a laptop into the hands of every student at Marist College North Shore. At the time of delivery it was thought that weeks would pass before we would be ready for distribution. However, our IT people have devised a way of completing these preparations within a few days. The Year 9 laptops are coming to us via the Federal Government Program in which schools have been given the finances to distribute a laptop to Year 9 students. From that program all Year levels above Year 9 at Marist College North Shore have the use of a laptop and the Year 9 of 2012 will receive one within a couple of weeks.

However, the distribution of laptops to Year 7 and 8 was devised by the Catholic Education Office Sydney Archdiocese anticipating the drop of the monies for the Year 9 roll out. Over the past two years there have been discussions with Headmasters and others in schools as to how best to provide this into the future. Hence the idea of Year 7s receiving one on entry to the secondary schools has grown. And with a 3-year bulk hire program students will have the use of two such laptops in their six years at the College; receiving one at Year 7 and another one at Year 10. The College has decided to get one for Year 8 as well this year, otherwise they would be the only Year level without. With the bulk purchase the costs have come to \$114 per term for each of the three billing terms in a year. Marist College North Shore has adopted an optional insurance coverage which we highly recommend at a current cost of \$43 per term for each of three terms per year.

With the efficient instal of this most recent set of laptops we are faced with educating Year 7 and Year 8 parents about their responsibilities of managing their sons' use of a laptop. Details about this will come to these two groups by post. The plan is to run information sessions for parents of Years 7 and 8 students on three afternoons after school on March 5, 6 and 7. There will be two sessions per afternoon, one at 4.00pm and one at 5.00pm. Parents will need to attend one of these sessions before the laptops are handed out. More details will come to Year 7 and 8 parents in a few days.

I am very pleased with the manner in which students have engaged with the various activities that have so far taken place in these first four weeks of term. At this time of writing, Moore and Kelly House Masses have taken place and Salta and Chanel will be tonight. Students and parents have attended in good numbers and they are all set to be wonderful occasions.

All the best for the coming fortnight.

Br Peter Corr  
Headmaster

# From the Deputy Headmaster

## COMMENCEMENT MASS / JESUS PEOPLE

The College celebrated its Commencement Mass last Friday and we were very fortunate to have Bishop Terry Brady celebrate the Eucharist for us. He shared with the College his wisdom during his homily and I would like to take this opportunity to share some of his points. Bishop Brady reminded us that we are Jesus people and that we need to remember that we need to be there for everybody. His message included that we need to see Jesus in everybody in our daily encounters with each person we meet and greet. Through this, we allow Jesus to be seen through us. Furthermore, as disciples of Jesus we should never lose our voices as we strive to make a difference in our school community and our world. This links closely to the message that is permeated to all within our Marist community, which as a Marist family we believe every moment of our life is an opportunity to encounter Christ within us.

Many thanks must go to our new Director of Faith Formation, Ms. Marian McKinley for her creativity, energy and hard work to provide the Marist community with such a wonderful celebration. In addition, thanks to Mr McDonnell, Mr Herbert and the vocal group for their efforts and talents to provide our liturgies with vibrant music and singing.

## ASH WEDNESDAY / LENTEN SEASON

At our next assembly, the College will hold a liturgy and reflection for Ash Wednesday to mark the new Lenten season. Furthermore, the launch of the MAPS (Marist Asia Pacific Solidarity) program will be placed before our students. Throughout the Lenten season, each House will be given a project to promote and raise money for our Marist connections in the Asian and Pacific region. The support from the whole Marist community to build awareness and provide financial assistance for this program would be appreciated.

*"Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works"*

(Heb 10:24, Pope Benedict's XI 2012 Lenten reflection)

David Forrester  
Deputy Headmaster

## **SICK BAY**

Any student requiring Sick Bay must see their House Coordinator before going to Sick Bay. **Students should NOT contact their parents by mobile phone.** If necessary, the Sick Bay staff will contact parents.

Please refer to Guidelines, Expectations and Policies in the Student Diary.

All students need to have the Medication page (154) of the school diary completed and signed. This allows the Sick Bay staff to treat boys without contacting the parent each time.

# From the Director of Teaching and Learning

Below is an extract from Boys Education Expert Ian Lillico. You can find more helpful hints on the following website: [www.boysforward.com.au](http://www.boysforward.com.au)

## Boys and Homework

by Ian Lillico

Homework is an issue for many parents of boys and girls. Homes have become difficult places for students to study with the advent of television, two parents working, family fragmentation and general noise and confusion. Recent research indicates that students need to work more in class and less at home. However, when homework is set it needs to be done well and marked or assessed by the teacher.

Boys (when reading) need to look for information and facts to direct their reading. You can assist them in doing their reading by asking them questions to find out prior to their reading a chapter or book. When writing an essay or assignment, get the boy to verbalise to you what he is going to write prior to writing it. This greatly aids the fluency, content and volume of his writing.

It is a good idea to spend two minutes each night with your son to help him organise his homework before he starts it. Help him order the sequence of subjects etc. and then send him to his room for a set amount of time to complete it. Boys should not spend wasted hours in their room each night presumably doing homework as they begin to get a negative attitude to it as a result. I am asking teachers throughout Australia to put a time limit on each piece of homework set to give boys and their parents an indication as to how much time should be spent (on average) on the particular piece of work. This also gives parents an idea of appropriate time that should be allocated.

Send him to his room for the sum of all the times suggested and have him return to you to see how he has gone. Give him positive feedback and praise him for good work completed. It is important to show an interest in his work as it makes him feel less isolated from the rest of the family. Boys are very social creatures and often don't want to make the sacrifice of isolation doing homework away from the family.

Try to ensure his room has no fluorescent lights, as these are disastrous to boys' learning. An incandescent light and preferably the low voltage 12V Quartz Halogen down lights are the best for giving atmosphere. The décor, lighting and general ambience of the area where your son does his homework is critical in giving him the incentive to spend time there. The same suggestions are very effective for daughters, but with boys we often have to try much harder to get them to make the sacrifice that homework demands of them.

Ann McGovern  
Director of Teaching and Learning

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## AMEB SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully participated in the AMEB Music Examinations.

David Arnold	Year 9 Salta 2
Darcey Bowers	Year 8 Kelly 2
Harrison Cornay	Year 11 Salta 7
Joshua Hortinela	Year 9 Kelly 6
Ben Mouat	Year 10 Chanel 4
Christopher O'Shea	Year 9 Kelly 1
Keenan Singh	Year 10 Moore 4

The Australian Music Examinations Board examines students in a diverse range of instruments and awards students based on standardised competencies and technical proficiency in their chosen instrument – in this case the guitar. The students' music tuition tutor, Mr Sam Pellegrino, coupled with Mr Rod Herbert, the music teacher, actively encourages students to extend their musical performance skills. It is pleasing to see students at the College establish a routine of performance practice and extend themselves to the rigor of the AMEB Examination. We hope more students enter and prepare for the AMEB Examinations throughout 2012.

Carolyn O'Brien  
Creative Arts Subject Coordinator

### YEAR 7 LITERACY PROGRAM

Year 7 Literacy Program commences on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Periods 2 and 3 in the Library. Students who are attending the Program have been informed by a letter from Mrs Cullen.

### 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

### Parent Contact Lists

Contact details are held for school families for use by Class Parents in communicating school related messages. Contact details for parents in Year 7 were recently collected. Those in Years 8-12 have been carried over from last year. For those parents who are not receiving these emails; or whose contact details have changed or who now wish to participate in this process, can you please advise the P & F via email [pnf@maristns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pnf@maristns.catholic.edu.au) or leave your details at the School Office for Mrs Jennifer Winter, the P & F Parent Contact Coordinator.

## From the Director of Faith Formation

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February the College Community gathered at St Mary's Church on Miller Street to celebrate our Commencement Mass. This was our first liturgical gathering of the year where we asked Christ to be part of our school journey. The theme used for our celebration was 'Encounter, Christ in You, Christ in Me'. This is based on the story of Emmaus from Luke's Gospel – the backdrop being the profound life-changing experience of the disciples' encounter with the risen Jesus on the dusty road to Emmaus. Through our Mass we were encouraged to discover, recognize, awaken and grow in our awareness of experiences or moments of encounter with the living Jesus both personally, within our school community and within our world. As Marists we believe every moment of life is an opportunity to encounter God, who speaks to us along the way in our ordinary everyday experiences.

Bishop Terence Brady, our celebrant, challenged our Community to have the courage to work in solidarity with those whom they meet along their journey no matter who they may be. It was great to have the Bishop with us as we commenced our school year; we thank him for his presence. Br Robert O'Connor and Br Paul Murphy, as well as many parents and friends, were also present to wish us well on our 2012 journey.

This liturgy saw our school leadership team officially presented to the community who pledged their commitment to work for the good of each student in our College. New staff were welcomed by Br Peter. They were presented with a Bible to help them in their work at the College. Overall it was a joyous celebration and we look forward to the year ahead. I would like to extend a special thank you to all staff members and students who helped to make this a wonderful celebration through a range of various ministries.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February we begin our Lenten celebration. Students will be presented with ashes to encourage them to begin a journey of fasting and renewal before we welcome the risen Jesus at Easter. Please see the copy of Lenten Penance on page 6 of this High Notes – a letter sent to all Catholic communities from Cardinal George Pell outlining what we are asked to do as our Lenten Penance.

**Marian McKinley**  
Director of Faith Formation



Br Tony Leon with Year Seven students



As we wind up Week 4, there has been a lot of activity happening with the Solidarity Group. Over 200 boys attended the training day, I would like to thank Mr McDonnell for organising the guest speaker and facilitating the training. Students

involved in Solidarity will be participating in a range of social outreach programs including Night Patrol, Cake and Coffee Café in Surry Hills, nursing home visits, Marist Youth Care and visiting Villawood Detention Centre as well other activities during the year. Students will also be partaking in awareness raising activities; these activities will cover a wide range of social justice issues from refugees, homelessness, disadvantaged children and Indigenous issues in Australia.

**Stephen Versteegh**  
Marist Solidarity Coordinator

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2012

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred at St Augustine's Church (Eaton Street, Balmain) on **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am and 4.00pm**. If you would like your child to receive this Sacrament, you are required to attend the **Parent Reflection (Enrolment) Night on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.00 pm in the Church**. Attendance on this night is essential. Spirituality preparation lessons are mandatory for all children. The lessons will be conducted on Saturday afternoons (commencing 4.30pm) from 25<sup>th</sup> February to 17<sup>th</sup> March. For more information, please call the office on 9810 1157.



## Open Day

Saturday 10 March 10am-2pm

Preparing boys for an adult life of responsibility and commitment in a nurturing Christian environment. A Catholic Boys High School for Years 7-12, providing an holistic education in the Marist tradition. Our experienced and dedicated staff contribute to the continuing academic success that our students enjoy – each individual is seen as important and is treated with respect, in an environment emphasising the total education of the student.

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# Year 7 Camp





# LENTEN PENANCE

The Church's Canon Law reaffirms our obligation to do penance. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year and the season of Lent. We recall that St. John the Baptist prepared for the coming of the Lord by "preaching a baptism of repentance". Christ began his ministry on earth with the exhortation to repent: "Repent and believe the Gospel" Mk 1: 15.

Repentance means the rejection of sin. It implies conversion to, and reconciliation with God. Penance is the concrete expression of repentance. It takes the forms of prayer, self-denial, and works of charity. Each of these identifies us more closely with our Saviour. By penance we make satisfaction for our sins, and take real steps in the renewal of our lives. Penance is the proof of our repentance. Repentance and conversion are central, on-going features of Christian living. Penance has to be a constant, even daily, practice in our lives. In nominating special times of penance, the Church encourages and promotes in all of us the *habit* of penance.

Furthermore, observance of these special times by all Catholics throughout the universal Church emphasises what we call "the social dimension of sin". The sin of the individual member always in some measure infects the whole body. Therefore during Lent and on the Fridays of the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world. We must take very seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has not restricted our penance to fast and abstinence in all cases, it has left room for our own responsible choice. Where we make the choice, we should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.

## DAYS OF PENANCE

1. Rules for Lent follow in (a), (b), and (c).
2. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
  - (a) prayer - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
  - (b) self-denial - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
  - (c) helping others - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

*All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.*

LENT LASTS FROM ASH WEDNESDAY (22ND FEBRUARY) TO THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER EXCLUSIVE (5TH APRIL). ON GOOD FRIDAY AND, IF POSSIBLE, ALSO ON HOLY SATURDAY UNTIL THE EASTER VIGIL, THE EASTER FAST IS OBSERVED.

## PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, and Trinity Sunday, 3rd June, 2012 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

St. Mary's Cathedral  
SYDNEY.  
20th January, 2012.

+ *George Cardinal Pell*  
ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY.

# Gifted and Talented News

## University of Sydney – Gifted and Talented Discovery Program 2012

Last year a number of students sat the entrance exam for the above program. It is my pleasure to announce that the following boys have earned themselves a place in the 2012 Gifted and Talented Discovery Program. Congratulations boys.

Cian Byrne  
Alexander Coyle  
Stuart Williams  
James Kirk  
Thomas Colgan

## CREST – Creativity in Science and Technology

Congratulations to the following students who have just received their bronze CREST Awards for the projects that they worked on for 2011.

Tiernan Byrne: Investigated the effect water temperature has on plants  
Alex Noble: Designed and constructed a domestic home plumbing system  
Trenton Van Loon: Designed and constructed a more effective road reflector

Well Done. I look forward to the many other projects being finalised early this year and the students receiving their awards.

A reminder for Year 7 students and any other Year group wishing to start CREST, the first official meeting will be in Week 5 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

## St Mary's Mentoring Program 2012

Congratulations to the students who were nominated by their teachers to take part in this program this year. A full list of the students involved will appear in the next High Notes. Please remember to attend the meeting at recess on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February in Room 9 and also return your permission slip to Ms Freyne.

## Mathematics Enrichment and Challenge

Students from Years 7 to 9 who wish to become involved in these must attend a meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at the start of lunch in Lab 3. If you miss the meeting please see me (Ms Freyne) for a permission note.

Nicola Freyne  
Gifted and Talented Coordinator

## LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2012 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light. Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au) email [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our booklet of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

## LOOKING AHEAD

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  
Chanel & Kelly Solidarity Meeting (3.30pm)  
27 Feb: Night Patrol – Chanel House  
28 Feb: Invitational Swimming Carnival  
29 Feb: Years 11 & 12 Art Express Excursion  
Uniform Shop Open 10.00am-2.00pm  
1 Feb : MCC Summer Grand Final Day  
2 Mar: Year 7 Parents' Marist Education Induction (6.00pm)  
P&F Welcome Drinks (6.30pm)  
CSDA Public Speaking Round 1  
6 Mar: Years 9 & 10 Art Express Excursion  
7 Mar: Assembly  
Uniform Shop Open 10.00am-2.00pm  
8 Mar: MCC Cross Country  
9 Mar: Moore and Salta Solidarity Meeting (3.30pm)  
CSDA Public Speaking Zone Final  
10 Mar: College Expo

## CANTEEN ROSTER

27 Feb: Annette Bradford, Donald Brown, Rosalind Elliott, Karen Knowles, Andrea Morgan, Bernadette Taylor  
28 Feb: Martina Anderson, Karen Bailes, Cathie Bladen, Annie Wickett, Nola Xenakis  
29 Feb: Elizabeth Byrne, Tracey Langereis, Leigh-Ann McManus, Dianne Pastuszak, Cindy Van Kampen  
1 Mar: Sally Engeman, Dina McSorley, Nici Verhoeven, Margaret Weller, Karen Whitehead  
2 Mar: Jenny Biasion, Brid Bowers, Kris Collins, Nicola Hart, Anne Young  
5 Mar: Lisa Boyle, Louise Burton, Ann-Marie Hilliard, Cathy Kinsella, Leonie Siutz, Christina Young  
6 Mar: Lara Avanus, Sue de Kock, Kristy Hudson, Sarah Ingram, Aleen Keosseian, Sarah Panozzo  
7 Mar: Melinda Flynn, Amanda Gallen, Annie Lucas, Meg Neuhaus, Ruth Scholes  
8 Mar: Rosina Aloe, Catherine Dovgan, Lesley Galvez, Yen Gocher, Kathy Petratos  
9 Mar: Julie Bourgeat, Mary-Ann Jackson, Jane O'Shea, Jan Simpson, Mary-Anne Webster

## UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

29 Feb: Julie Gaidzkar, Jackie Searson, Anna Ng, Blas Lamberti  
7 Mar: Janet Gill, Jenny Spence, Yoshie Jo, Elizabeth Byrne

## *Please, Please, Please...*

Please let me know as soon as possible either by text message or phone if you are unable to make it on your rostered day for Canteen, even on the morning of your rostered day, so I can try to arrange a replacement. It makes it very difficult to cater for the boys when we are short of helpers.

If you can arrange to swap your day with someone it would be even better.

My number is 0405 692 001

Shelley Kemsley, Canteen Manager

# Sport

## MCC SUMMER SEASON 2011/2012

The final round of the 2011/2012 MCC Summer Season was played on Thursday and following some good results we have had the majority of our teams progress to the Semi-finals this Thursday. The Semi-Finals will be held this Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

<b>Squash:</b>	North Shore v Wahroonga at Willoughby
<b>Basketball:</b>	A-Grade v Bankstown at Bankstown 1.10 pm B-Grade v Randwick at Bankstown 1.10 pm 14's v Randwick at Bankstown 2.00 pm
<b>Cricket:</b>	A-Grade v Wahroonga at St Leo's 16's v Wahroonga at Tunks Park 14's v Wahroonga at Tunks Park.
<b>Touch:</b>	A-Grade v Randwick at Heffron Park 15's v Randwick at Heffron Park

All MCC Finals will be held next Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Time and venues to be advised.

Congratulations to **Rahul Mishra** on an outstanding effort in last week's MCC U14 Cricket game against Ashfield. Rahul finished with the amazing bowling figures of 5 wickets for 0 runs.

## RESULTS OF OUR ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

<b>HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Moore	1032 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chanel	1024 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Salta	762 points
	4 <sup>th</sup> Kelly	712 points

### AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

<b>Seniors:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Daniel Boyle	76 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aaron Hughes	68 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Luke Ham	30 points
<b>16's:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Michael Collins	62 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aaron Wilkie	60 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Simon Cox	40 points
<b>15's</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Alex McQuarrie	60 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hamish Buchanan	58 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Matthew Crowe	48 points
<b>14's</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Alec Morgan	60 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup> William McGuire	32 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Harry Liu	32 points
<b>13's</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Ben Watts	48 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Joshua Ferraz	40 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sam Bailes	32 points
<b>12's</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Nathaniel Panozzo	76 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nathan Culhane	38 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Max Emanuel	32 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cameron Walker	32 points

## MARIST INVITATIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual Invitational Swimming Carnival will be held at North Sydney Pool on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 7.30 pm. All members of the College Swimming Squad are expected to attend this Carnival which will be our only swim before the MCC Carnival on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Peter Giles, Sportsmaster

## A Message from the P&F

Thank you to all parents who attended our first P&F General Meeting of 2012. It was certainly an informative evening. The first P & F event of the year is the **Welcome Function on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 6.30pm**. Bookings and payment can only be made by credit card, via the secure website [www.trybooking.com/20526](http://www.trybooking.com/20526). The cost per person is \$25 (refreshments and finger food). Please note this is a parent only function. There is limited parking in the school grounds but there is ample street parking around the College. However, please check street signage as to clearways and parking fees.

This event takes place on the same night as the "Introduction to Marist Education" for Year 7 parents, from 6.00-6.30pm.

Marist Open Day is on 10<sup>th</sup> March and an information flyer plus raffle ticket books will be mailed to all families within the next week. Monies and unsold tickets are asked to be returned by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. There are some fabulous prizes, amongst them a Weekend Escape, Camcorder, DVD Recorder and Dinner.

Other P&F Events for your diary:

- Trivia Night: Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- Fathers' Day Breakfast: Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 7am – 9am
- End of Year Function: Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November
- Second Hand Book Sale: Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December

As always, the Parents and Friends can be contacted via email, [pnf@maristns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pnf@maristns.catholic.edu.au) should you have any questions or queries.

**P & F Committee**

## FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

School blazers that were ordered in November will be available for collection on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February**. Students will receive a notice with all details.

Year 11 blazers will also be available on this day. Students will receive a notice with details.

**June Mitchell**  
Uniform Shop Manager