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NEWS FROM MARIST COLLEGE NORTH SHORE

A close-up photograph of two young men smiling warmly at the camera. The man on the left is wearing a red baseball cap with a logo and a light blue button-down shirt. The man on the right has light brown hair and is wearing a white t-shirt under a black and white checkered jacket. They are both looking directly at the camera with bright, genuine smiles.

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DECEMBER 2010

education in mind, body and spirit



On December 13th, 2010 eight of our students received sacraments of the Church including three who were baptised into the Catholic Church. Fr Tony Smith, Parish Priest of St Mary's North Sydney conducted this ceremony with the very happy families present. Because society has become more and more secularised during these past few decades, a person's commitment to faith often goes unrecognised and teenagers in particular try to do these faith aspects of their lives quietly and "without a fuss". Congratulations to Jackson, Sam, Mario, Oliver, Zane, Alex, Matt and Robert. The school community is very pleased to welcome these students more fully into the arms of our faith life at Marist College North Shore. We congratulate these

young men for considering this significant step and wish them well in their future faith journey and pray that it brings the support, joy and meaning during the usual ups and downs of life.

Included in this issue is an article on our recent immersion programme to Cambodia. Immersion experiences have time and again been proven to provide key life-changing experiences to participants. Interest in these experiences is very strong, with 40% of our senior students applying for 2011. Anticipating this growth, I searched out other possible immersion places during the July holiday period and as a result a second immersion group will now travel to India in July 2011.

With the dramatic increase in enrolments our school population will be about 720 for 2011. This increase in numbers brings energy to the school. It also gives us a capacity to modernise our classrooms and provide some other key facilities which help us to provide a broader curriculum to our students. During this Christmas period we are constructing a fitness centre which at the time of writing, is expected to be completed by the beginning of the school year. This centre will be large enough and well equipped to host class groups of Physical Education students. It will also provide a place of training to our various teams and individual students as required. Also enclosed with this edition of the Miller Street Messenger is a brochure inviting tax deductible donations to help finance this project.

Recently the College hosted a liturgy and luncheon for all of our volunteer helpers. The Year 11 Hospitality class prepared a beautiful lunch and one hundred and five parents took this opportunity to celebrate their support for the College. The activity of these people ranged over reading support, uniform shop, P&F support, band, the musical and canteen help. Voluntary help is very much appreciated and needed by the College and I wish to publicly thank all those who have been able to contribute.

As an interested reader of this newsletter you may well be wondering how you can further assist the College and how to develop and maintain an ongoing social and supportive connection with us. A helpful and fun way of doing this would be to reserve a table of 10 at the annual P&F Trivia night to be held on Saturday 28th May. Once committed, I am sure that you can organise friends to be part of your table. This event is developing into a significant fundraiser for the College P&F.

I trust you will find the rest of this edition of Miller Street Messenger informative and we look forward to your support for the coming year.

Br Peter Corr
Headmaster

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A Royal Week for Aaron

When Aaron Hughes started work experience on the Kerry-Anne Kennelly Morning Show, he didn't expect it to be so frantic. Two days into his Year 10 Work Experience program, Buckingham Palace announced the 'royal engagement' of Prince William to Kate Middleton. "It was so busy on the set; Chanel Nine was crossing live on the show to London for up-dates and interviews. There was enormous excitement around the place; it was great to be witness to a good news 'breaking story'."

From hospitals, vet clinics, design studios, schools, libraries and law firms, Year 10 students went out to work in November. Boys typically learn by 'doing' - by going into the workplace for a week, the boys are able to gauge their suitability (or not) for particular occupations and move outside their comfort zones. All boys were held in high esteem by their employers as once again, the Marist students proved to be worthy ambassadors for the College and their families.



Archbishop's Award

In September, Cardinal George Pell awarded a number of Catholic secondary school students the 'Archbishop of Sydney Award' for student excellence. MCNS Year 12 student and College Captain 2010, Nathan Beencke was Marist College North Shores' worthy recipient. Presented at St Mary's Cathedral in October, the award highlights the positive commitment, accomplishment and excellence that these students bring to their schools and the communities to which they belong.



Back to School

Ex-student, Mitch Thomson, who graduated in 2008, returned to Marist College North Shore in Term Two this year - not for a social visit, but to complete one of his prac sessions in his teaching degree. Studying for a Bachelor of Physical Education at the Australian College of Physical Education in Homebush, Mitch said "It was great coming back to Marist - the school has a great spirit. I knew it would probably seem strange for the first day, as my younger brother was just completing his Year 12 at the College. The staff were really welcoming, and I thoroughly enjoyed my time teaching PE to Years 7-10."



Introducing the College Leadership Team for 2011, lead by College Captain Simon Jenkins

College Leadership Team - 2011

Chanel House

House Captain: Ashton Miller
Service & Mission Captain: Greg Rollo
Sports Captain: Luke Nicholls

Kelly House

House Captain: Kurt Stretton
Service & Mission Captain: Reiman Vega
Sports Captain: Cameron Davis

Moore House

House Captain: Jackson Evans
Service & Mission Captain: Alex Casanova
Sports Captain: Michael Calvert

Salta House

House Captain: Brendan Gray
Service & Mission Captain: Zak Anderson
Sports Captain: Ryan Woodbury



Have We Got News For You!

2011 will see the launch of a student newsletter – the first edition due out in Feb/March, will be a printed publication, with future editions possibly to become e-editions, delivered through the intranet into each student's home page.

The newsletter, designed specifically for the students, will be written by a 20-strong group of student editors, journalists and photographers. 'Editors in chief' Alex Mascarenhas (Y10) and Sam Howe (Y7) said "The first publication will contain articles from students, interviews/student opinions, quizzes, horoscopes and photos. We hope to have regular features such as art columns, movie reviews, technical advice and letters/general comments page. Miss Freyne has been helping us coordinate the publication. This first edition has been a great learning experience for us all."

Students can look forward to the publication early in Term 1, 2011.



Going Bush

38 students, accompanied by three staff, Mr Herbert, Mr Redfern and Mrs Rollo, headed west on Sunday 27th June, on the fourth annual NSW Senior Concert Band's rural band tour. Three days, four nights, outstanding concerts and well over 1,000k's saw the band perform in remote country townships such as West Wyalong and Eugowra, all within the Parkes and Forbes area of western New South Wales.

Daybreak was always cold out west, with temperatures down to minus 4c each morning. Warming up instruments in performance venues (the local village hall) was not easy, as for once, the boys were not full of hot air.

The Marist Senior Concert Band students, from years 7 through to 11, displayed exemplary behaviour, good humour and outstanding musicianship, which resulted in a fantastic band tour. Social highlights of the tour were a night trip (at sub-zero temperatures) around Dubbo zoo, and a couple of hours visiting 'The Dish' information centre at Parkes.

Gifted and Talented

2010 saw the first year of the formalised Gifted and Talented Program run at the College, with students immersing themselves in workshops, studies and competitions. These activities included Creative Writing competitions, Science workshops and competitions, Mathematics Enrichment Challenges run by the Australian Mathematics Trust, the Westpac Australian Maths Competition and the 'Maths on Minds' competition, run by the Catholic Education Office in Sydney.

A trip into the exciting and fascinating world of TV was also afforded to this growing group of scholarly students, when some were selected to take part in a pilot game show called 'What Do You know', filmed at Fox Studios. An educational and entertaining trip to the ABC Studios at Ultimo to watch an episode of 'The New Inventors', due to be screened on the 9th February 2011 was another highlight for this now tv studio savvy group of boys.

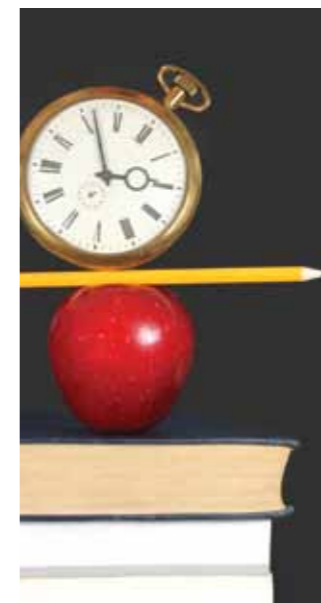


Daniel's management team, who look after his overseas opportunities, are the same managers who look after Tim Cahill and Harry Kewell; they are currently working their way through the 'red-tape' before he returns to Scotland.

Haggis for Breakfast?

Marist College North Shore's Daniel Petkovski, who graduated from Year 12 in September 2010, has lived and breathed soccer since the age of four. Now at the age of 17, Daniel has been scouted by Celtic United F.C. in Scotland. In October 2010, he travelled to Scotland at Celtic's invitation to attend a month long soccer trial for their under 18's Development Squad.

In 2008, Daniel was offered the opportunity to trial for Italian giants Juventus, but turned this down in favour of a one year scholarship at the AIS in Canberra, preferring to complete his Year 10 school studies in this country and gain valuable experience in Australian sport. Whilst at the AIS he played for the National Youth League, and earned a place in the Australian under-20 team, the Joeys.

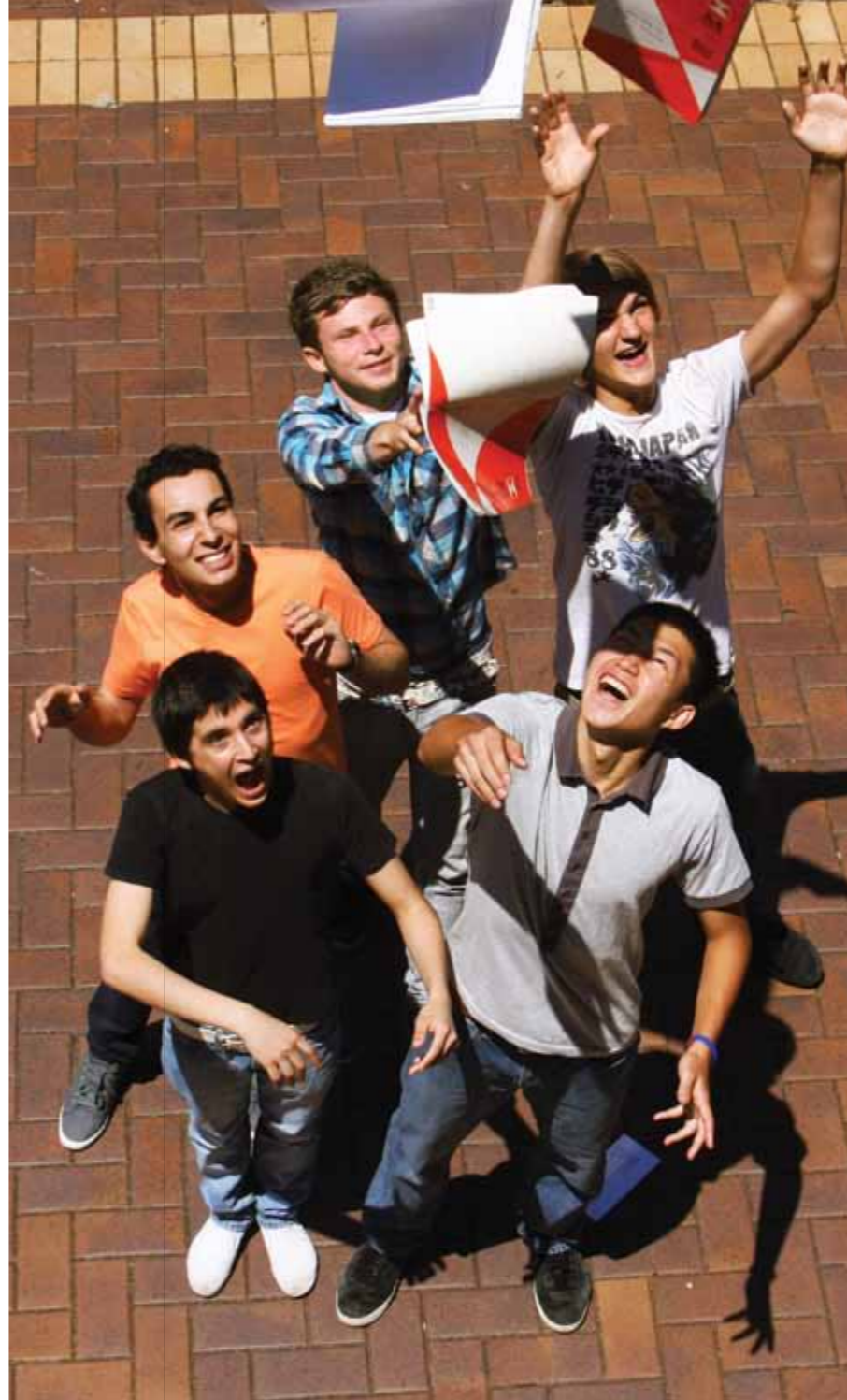


The Christian Murphy Scholarship

Christian Murphy attended Marist College between 1984 and 1989 but tragically passed away in 2003. He was a student who excelled academically yet was very active in all aspects of school life. He graduated in medicine in 1996 and continued to immerse himself in sport, art and music.

His greatest achievement, however, was his commitment to his family and friends. This scholarship is to inspire young men to live their lives to the full and to always seek a balance between work and play.

The Scholarship, which requires a written application and is granted by a committee, independent to the College, is a \$1,000 grant to the Year Twelve student who embodies enthusiastic participation in academic and extracurricular activities that characterised Christian. Awarded in 2010 to Liam Kelly.



GEN Y - THE HIGH ACHIEVERS

The 2010 Graduating Gen Y's at Marist College were in high spirits when the HSC results were released in December. There were 81 Band 6 performances achieved across the 83 Year 12 students; these were achieved in 18 of the 24 subjects taught at the College; 39% of students attained at least one Band 6. Two students will receive a major 'Premiers Top All Rounders Award' as they scored 90 (Band 6) or above in 10 or more units [most subjects are worth two units]. 20% of the cohort attained an ATAR above 90.

Using the measure that the SMH uses to rank schools, MCNS went from 273rd to 98th in the State in the percentage of students achieving a band 6 result. One of the enabling factors for the improvement is the development of the boys' literacy. This was evidenced in the English results where the SMH ranked MCNS as the 42nd best school in the State and the top non-selective boys school, including the independent sector.

Greg Duggan, Director of Teaching and Learning at the College said "These results demonstrate that we are giving students' access to the top Bands across all subjects. In our extension subjects, 56% of students achieved results in the top band and 91% of students achieved results in the top two Bands. The performances of the boys in the two English extension subjects were especially pleasing, where 66% of them achieved results in the top Band. There were terrific marks in a range of subjects with half achieving averages significantly above State level. These subjects were Biology, Business Studies, English (Standard), English (Advanced), English Extension 2, General Mathematics, History Extension, Legal Studies, Mathematics, Mathematics Extension 1, Modern History, PDHPE and Studies of Religion II. For a comprehensive non-selective boys school the results in English are just outstanding. Half the cohort undertook the more demanding English Advanced course and 29% of these achieved a Band 6 result. Further to this 16% of our students took the English Extension 1 course where 62% achieved a top band result."

Br Peter Corr, Headmaster at Marist College North Shore said "The very capable student leadership team, having received excellent support and encouragement from the teachers, who were in turn, inspired to build an unmatched camaraderie in the cohort, leading them to be work-focussed and mutually supportive. This years results are a reward for all, bringing great satisfaction to the college community and great outcomes for the students."

Make Poverty History

Since Graduating from Marist College in September 2009, ex-student Jason Turnbull has had a busy year. So shocked at the desperate living conditions and poor health of Cambodians that he witnessed during his College Immersion trip in 2009, Jason made a commitment to 'help rid the world of extreme poverty'. In May, Jason was an ambassador for the 'Make Poverty History' nationwide road-trip, which amongst TV, radio and newspaper interviews, involved lobbying Government to change legislation on the amount of aid given by Australia and how receiving countries can build their communities without aid dependence.

"My Cambodian immersion experience still plays a massive role in my life, as I continue to work with different people in the development sector looking at how aid and developing countries can free extreme poverty and corruption."

Jason, who has just completed an Events Management course at Ultimo TAFE is working on a major festival idea called 'Sustainable Sydney', and his future plans include seeing the festival become a reality and endeavouring to be part of the Expo 2017 Sydney bid team.

A Life-changing Journey to Jerusalem

'Would you like to apply for a Biblical Study in Israel?' I can still remember thinking how unbelievable, in every sense of the word that sounded to me. Who goes to Israel? Isn't it a war zone? Will I be safe? My ignorance was soon flooded in the wealth of knowledge I obtained during my five week immersion experience in the Holy Land with twelve fellow teachers from Sydney. During this time we walked in the footsteps of Jesus as we studied and at times it felt like we lived the Gospels. The Holy Land has often been described as the Fifth Gospel; living in the Old City of Jerusalem and walking through the deserts and mountains of Israel the Bible truly does come alive. Stories I have read all my life came alive as I visited places I already thought I knew, but had never seen. Places like Bethlehem, where Christ was born; Jericho and the Road of the Good Samaritan; Galilee, home to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and the site of so many of Jesus' teachings and miracles, and Jerusalem, the place where Christ carried his Cross and rose from the dead.

In this hectic city of crowds and noise, the call to prayer is ever present. At times walking through the streets of the busy marketplaces I almost felt I was transported back two thousand years and was actually walking in the footsteps of Jesus. My journey to Jerusalem has changed my life, and I am excited to share my stories and experiences with the community at Marist College North Shore.

—Miss Leigh Richards
Youth Ministry Coordinator



NIGHT PATROL

'Night Patrol' is the special work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. On one level, Night Patrol is about a much needed service providing a meal and a hot drink for up to 160 of the homeless of inner-city Sydney. More importantly Night Patrol is about relationships and friendships. Through the depth and quality of the relationships developed there is the possibility of giving the homeless a sense of dignity and worth.

Through those same relationships the volunteers gain an important perspective on life and have an opportunity to live out our Catholic faith.


For more than seventeen years Marist North Shore's teacher, Mr Tony McDonnell has been responsible for taking out the Night Patrol van each Monday fortnight. This involves a significant number of students and staff in a variety of tasks - a real community effort. Student members of the school's social outreach group 'Solidarity' prepare the sandwiches at lunchtime and two members of staff provide cakes. Volunteers from the senior school man the Night Patrol van, which involves meeting at the school at 7.00pm, attending four locations in the inner-City and finishing back at the school at 12.30am; home work completed and punctual attendance at school the next day an expectation! Whilst some students attend Night Patrol only once, many are touched by the experience and volunteer many times during the year.

In recent times, the boys have had an opportunity to get to know two formerly homeless men who have found Government supported accommodation. Over the years the Marist boys have developed a number of special relationships; these two men are a good example of these relationships. We have known these two men for more than fifteen years. Unfortunately their needs

don't stop simply because they have a roof over their head. Our senior students learnt that neither of these men have a refrigerator in their home. If we tried to survive one day without a refrigerator we would soon find how dependent

"Night Patrol is about relationships and friendships"

we are on such a simple white good. The senior boys approached the College executive with a proposal to raise funds to purchase two refrigerators for these men. The student body embraced this initiative and on 4th December, we delivered these refrigerators to the men. In their own quiet way these two men were touched by the generosity and thoughtfulness of our senior students and school community.

Hopefully Night Patrol will continue to be an experience that gives the school community the idea of how simple it can be to make a difference in this world. To give our time and friendship (and occasionally some material goods) to people who society often alienate and avoid, can make such a difference in our community. 



everyone smiles in the same language

Nine Marist College North Shore students swapped their school uniforms for singlet's, shorts and thongs when they departed to Cambodia on the College's annual 'immersion' program designed to give students a taste of life outside their more privileged parameters.

For Marist teacher and one of the immersion program's organisers, Tony McDonnell, his involvement with Cambodia happened seven years ago by chance when he was a "last-minute stand-in" for one of Marist's former principals. "From day-one, the idea of the immersion program - particularly for a school like Marist North Shore - was to look at understanding ourselves and taking ourselves out of our normal, privileged lives to view the world from a different position, and in another pair of shoes."

The nine boys and three teachers spent much of their time in Cambodia working at Sala LaValla, a school for disadvantaged and disabled children which was established 12 years ago and is run by Marist Brother Terry Heinrich. "At the school, we taught english and, those who could, music, and we worked on a landscaping project," said Karl Davis, Year 12 immersion student.

En-route to the school on arrival, the boys saw first-hand "all the misfortune and horrible things that have happened through the Pol Pot Khmer Rouge regime and the Killing Fields" Karl said. The sobering sights did not end when the group reached the Sala LaValla where "we finally felt we could lend a hand" to help the Cambodians. As soon as the boys arrived, they saw that "only a handful of the 90 kids had all their limbs".


"Most people never experience modern history", Nathan Beencke said, "and only hear about such evil existing in humanity. Learning about all the brutality, and seeing the kids for the first time; this is a world away from our own."

For English teacher, Anne Reading and Deputy Head Master David Forrester, the 2010 trip was a first. "It was truly an amazing and transforming experience," said David. "We found out a lot about



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ourselves and about the beautiful nature of the Cambodian people - they have so little materialistically, but so much spiritually. We were truly inspired by the work we did there. I will never lose sight of so many wonderful images which I am sure will live in the hearts and minds of the boys for the rest of our lives."

Mr McDonnell said the experience also underscored for the boys the need to stop and reflect by adding a "spiritual component" to the very busy HSC year. "While we were there, we spent an hour every afternoon looking back on our day and that then became a necessary part of the day." 



a fascinating life

As adults and educators of our young people, we should never underestimate the enormous influence and effect (positive and negative) we can have in shaping young peoples careers and life decisions. Most of us are where we are today, because of influences, good and bad, that we have been exposed to in a conscious and sub-conscious nature in our early years of childhood and adolescent life.

Br Michael Hill, says "I had three Marist Brothers, who in my primary and high school life, were great role models and inspirational in my career choice." Michael Hill attended Marist College Eastwood. "During my early to mid-high school years I had no intention of becoming a Brother, as I was far too intent on having a good time with my mates. In my final high school year however, my thoughts turned more and more towards joining the Marist Brothers. For many months I talked things over with Br Robert at Marist Eastwood, and in fact it was to Br Robert that I first told of my final decision to join

the Marist Brothers, I then informed my girlfriend (she wasn't impressed!) and I then told my parents."

At 18, I joined a mixed aged group of trainees (from 17 – 24) in Mittagong to begin my six year training in the Marist tradition. "I had always wanted to become a teacher or go into medicine. As I don't like blood, teaching was always going to be my chosen path! My motivation was to make a difference in the world and a difference to peoples' lives, but I particularly wanted to work with

young people. My parents, friends and family were incredibly supportive of my decision, but I remember being at a friend's 21st party, and I noticed money changing hands – my mates were running a book on me to see how long I would 'stay the distance'.


Michael was at Mittagong for 18 months and then continued at Sydney Uni studying Science and Education. "After teaching for 13 years I was afforded the opportunity to go overseas for 6 years (4 in the USA, 2 in Europe). I studied Clinical Psychology at Marquette Uni in Milwaukee and I studied Spirituality for 12 months in Chicago."

Michael Hill is multi-lingual, which was essential for his two year secondment (1990-1991) in Italy, living at the Generalate of the Marist Brothers in the centre of Rome and running a program to train future novice directors – the whole program was conducted in French. In his time with the Marist Brothers, Michael has had extensive further

education; he's worked in the USA, Asia, Africa, Europe, Oceania and Australia. He has been Vice-Provincial and Provincial of the Sydney Province of the Marist Brothers.

In 2003, Michael joined the team of school counsellors at Marist College North Shore, working once again with adolescents. He helps run the successful Peer Support program at the College. He's Chairman of the Board of Marist Youth Care, which is the largest provider of residential care of marginalised young people in New South Wales, and is also very involved in Religious Formation, interviewing postulants, which takes him on an annual trip to the Solomons, PNG, Fiji and Kiribati.

"I think that Marcellin's work is possibly more relevant today than ever"

"I have an extremely fascinating, fulfilling and humbling life. Assisting and witnessing young people overcome huge obstacles in their lives has been a big part of my life. It might appear that perhaps young people have more troubles now-a-days, and I think that Marcellin's work is possibly more relevant today than ever." Br Michael is one of Marist College's 'anchor' personnel; dearly loved and respected by all. Being a Marist Brother isn't a full time job, it's a way of life, and with family in Sydney, friends all over the world and hobbies such as playing the keyboard, watching V8 Supercars and Formula 1 Motor racing, Br Michael manages to support the students in all their activities, attending every sporting, cultural and spiritual event on the college calendar where possible. His wave, smile and "I never miss a party" reply, also ensures that Br Michael Hill will always be around to witness the young men of Marist College North Shore celebrate the successes in their lives. 



start school at 8.30, and I go home for lunch for one and a half hours. We have no electives, and I just have the same timetable each week; so I think the Australian education system is great." I also speak Spanish, but my English was only good in the written form, now it is excellent in the spoken form." Marc is a very popular student and has integrated well into the college; he will be missed. He's going home to his mother, father and two sisters in time for Christmas. His ambition is to become a jockey (similar to the Trots). He's been training for his career for a long while, as it is a family business, with his two uncles and grandfather both ex-jockeys and running the family farm and horse training business.

Foreign Exchange

In May, French student Marc-Antoine Guet at the age of 17 came to Australia for a year's immersion, on a student exchange, organised by Rotary. "I had applied for Australia, USA or Mexico, and was so happy that I was given Australia. I wanted to come to a completely different continent, and I wanted to go very far away from France to make my experience as different as possible." Rotary in North Sydney were the host club, and Marist College North Shore was the selected high school. Marc was put into 11 Salta, and says "I was immediately welcomed by everyone at the school. My English was not good when I arrived, and understanding the lessons was hard, especially the maths, but within a very short time I mastered the language and I have made some wonderful friends here. My favourite subjects are Sport and Modern History. Mr Boyle is a fantastic teacher of Modern History, as he just lives every single lesson – I have really enjoyed his teaching." School for Marc in France is quite different, he says "Although I attend a Marist school, we have no uniform and my school is co-educational. We



Pinktober

On Wednesday the 27th, Chanel House held the annual cupcake day fundraiser to support and highlight breast cancer research and awareness. Students from Chanel House dressed for the occasion, which included an interesting array of pink and blue costumes. Parent, Mrs Tina Contos, has helped the students over the last 6 years to run this day - herself a breast cancer survivor, Mrs Contos donated 350 decorated pink and blue cupcakes. The TAS students baked and decorated 150 extra cupcakes which added to the pink morning tea delights. The focus this year was not only on women affected by breast cancer but the impact the disease has on men – not only as husbands, fathers, sons, brothers, friends or carers of sufferers but for the 95 Australian men each year who are diagnosed with this potentially deadly disease. Greg Rollo, Mission and Service Captain for Chanel House said "I was very impressed and delighted with the response of the College community buying the cakes and helping out with generous donations, as well as the great team of Chanel guys who helped out with posters, advertising and selling of the cupcakes. A big thanks again to everyone who helped us raise over \$800."



A Union of Schools

Marist's Under 14's Union team won the U14's Challenge Trophy presented by Scott Fava, when they entered the inaugural 'School Boys 10 Rugby Union one day tournament', hosted by Northern Suburbs Rugby Football Club at North Sydney Oval in August. Entering an U17's and an U14's team gave many boys a great opportunity to be exposed to Rugby Union.



The successful Debating & Public Speaking Team

Hmmm... Debating

The dedicated senior speakers who leave the College this year are to be commended on their successful final two years competing in the Catholic Schools Debating Association competition. This competition is held from mid April until the end of July each year.

The high caliber of speeches prepared each week, and delivered with meticulous skill and enthusiasm demonstrated by the first speaker James Cowling, second speaker Rami Elzahaby and third speaker Harry Blain was consistently entertaining and informative. The passion for knowledge and excellent rebuttal skills of all three students is admirable.

For the past two years the boys have entered the finals after only one defeat. Unfortunately on both occasions the boys were eliminated by the eventual grand finalist teams, Marcellin College Randwick and St Pius X1 Chatswood.



Book Worms

Four P & F sub-committee members have successfully reaped the benefits of 100's of hours hard work planning and seeing through the inaugural 'Text Book Sale' held at the College in November, with spectacular results.

- 330 families submitted books for sale.
- 250 customers bought more than 1,300 books.
- All cheques to the sellers were written within six hours and mailed within 24 hours.
- 15 boxes of donated and unsold books were distributed to two charities.
- More than \$31,000 in sales were generated, which added to the positive and social atmosphere and success of the day! The College received 10% of the sales revenue.

Plans are underway for a text book sale in November 2011.



Solidarity

Marist Solidarity is the Social Justice group at the College that works together to demonstrate compassion, humility, advocacy and action towards injustice within the community. The students work in fundraising campaigns, outreach programs, aid initiatives, awareness raising and participation in immersion and social youth forums.

The commitment to Marist Solidarity throughout 2010 has been excellent. 129 students from Years 9-12 enthusiastically volunteered in February, commencing with a Training Day at the College. Students have actively participated in outreach programs such as the St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol and food preparation for the Night Patrol van. In addition to this, students have attended Cana Cafe in Redfern, where they offer a light meal and company to those in need.

The Solidarity students have assisted the fundraising efforts at the College which have been successful and enjoyable. Staff and students have participated in many activities throughout the year and guest speakers have also addressed the group. Specifically, the events during Champagnat Week and recently, the generosity demonstrated to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas hampers has been outstanding.

They have successfully embraced the 2010 school motto 'To Live in Spirit - Act in Service'.



Marist College North Shore Students See the Fruits of Their Labour

This year, on National Tree Day, Marist North Shore students were able to see the wonderful legacy of previous planting sessions, where much growth has occurred as a result of the area being planted by students at the College two years ago.

On September 10th, students donned gloves and with spades in hand, planted over 120 native plants and shrubs at 'Smoothery Park' in the northern suburb of Wollstonecraft. This continues the great tradition of Plant a Tree Day, adopted at the school in 2006.

North Sydney Council Rangers briefed the boys on how to plant the shrubs and plants. They also detailed the planting benefits for the environment, local community, and native species such as the Scaly Breasted Lorikeets that would be drawn to the area by native flora.

Under 15's Water Polo Success

The 15 A and B teams comprised mixed age groups with amazing skills. The one thing both teams had in common was the outstanding commitment, perseverance, grit, determination and a willingness to play their best in each game.

The A's went through the season with an impressive record – all but one game, undefeated, and were strong challengers for the title. In a Grand Final that was predicted to be close with two teams so evenly matched, Marist lost 3-4 to Pittwater House in a physically and psychologically exhausting game.

The B team had an outstanding attitude; team spirit and sportsmanlike behaviour as they entered a competition where size matters. Most boys were playing up an age group, but as their experience and confidence grew each week, they did not let the stature or aggression of their opponents wear them down.

The commitment to both training and game nights for these young men is to be commended, especially to those boys who were playing Opens and Under 15 competitions concurrently for several weeks. Thank you to the parents who have supported their boys; coaches; managers; convenor and the College. 2011 will be awesome season!

World Youth Day Madrid

The countdown to World Youth Day 2011 is on! WYD 2011 will take a similar shape to WYD in Sydney 2008, but will be flavoured with Spanish spices and flair! In August 2011, students and teachers from Sydney Catholic Schools will embark on one of three pilgrimages, to Italy, Israel or Spain, to venerate the Holy sites of the Catholic Church, and to experience the culture and history saturated throughout these countries. The groups will then connect in Madrid for the week-long festivities of WYD; including, the arrival of His Holiness Pope Benedict, the Stations of the Cross, the sleep-out under the stars and the Papal Mass. A culture of colour awaits them, as they will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the faith, language, dance, sport, people and food that have made this historical country famous.



FITNESS CENTRE FUND



Graduating Class of 2010

83 students at Marist College North Shore marked the end of 13 years of formal education on 25th September 2010. Graduation Day at Marist College is a memorable occasion as the whole College community gathers together to acknowledge and applaud the achievements of these boys. On a day when the College community farewells our senior students, friends and family also attended

the Year 12 final school assembly, before returning to St Mary's church in the early evening for the much anticipated Graduation Mass and Graduation Ceremony and of course the Graduation Ball held at the Four Seasons Hotel in the city.



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Dear Parents, Friends, Former Students and Supporters of Marist College North Shore,

The College will shortly commence building a Fitness Centre in the open area underneath the library. The centre will have commercial grade fitness equipment, large learning area for PE lessons and dedicated offices for the PE staff.

The work will commence at the conclusion of the 2010 school year and is scheduled to be completed in February 2011. The cost of this important project is approximately \$250,000.

I am often approached by parents who wish to make donations to the College so

we can continue to provide our boys with more opportunities and better facilities.

With this project it is timely to advise the supporters of the College, who are in a position to give a monetary donation, that we have a College Development Fund which is **fully tax deductible**.

I have enclosed a Donation Form for you to use. A receipt for claiming a tax deduction will be issued for any donations received. Any assistance you can give would be much appreciated.

Br Peter Corr fms
Headmaster



Marist College North Shore Development Fund Pledge Form

Please accept my tax deductible gift of (please tick)

\$15,000 \$10,000 \$5,000 \$1,000 Other \$ _____

My cheque is enclosed (payable to Marist College North Shore)

or debit my Visa Mastercard Card Number ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ Expiry __ / __

Name on Card _____ Signature _____

Receipt to _____ Address _____

_____ Email _____

Please detach slip and post to: Marist College North Shore, 270 Miller St North Sydney NSW 2060