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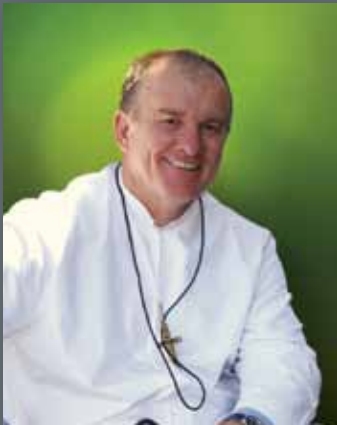


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*education in mind, body and spirit*



This year sees the highest enrolment ever for Marist College North Shore with a full compliment of 725 students. Prospective parents should ensure they have lodged an enrolment form with the College when their son is in Year 4. Enrolment interviews are now taking place for students in Year 5 for enrolment in Year 7 2013.

There has been an expansion of our Solidarity program this year with an increasing number of students volunteering to take part in social outreach programs. It is particularly inspiring to see our students

becoming increasingly aware of the need in our society and our church to support those who need help because of their particular life circumstance. One initiative is students who help each Monday afternoon with a literacy program for refugees in Western Sydney.

The College has two groups of students going on an Immersion to Asia during the July break. Two groups of nine students and three staff will be travelling to Cambodia and India to help them appreciate the circumstance of underprivileged children in those areas and where the Marist Brothers are engaged in social outreach programs in hostels and schools.

The annual college musical was staged in mid-June. Students are always keen to be included in this co-curricular venture, which provides enormous benefits to the students involved and the broader College community. This year's musical 'Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story' received much critical acclaim and rave reviews.

The Parents and Friends association recently organised a very successful Trivia Night fund raising event. This is proving to be very popular and has become the association's major fundraiser for the year. Any support from the College community is always gratefully received in the organising of this fabulous event.

Each student has navigated his way through an examination period and received a Semester report. At Marist we encourage all students to do their very best at their studies by attending to regular set work and by engaging with some of the support and extension avenues available. The twice per day open classroom opportunities prove popular particularly for the younger students as does the Gifted and Talented Program, which exposes children to extended learning opportunities.

Over the coming months, I ask you to keep your thoughts and prayers with our Year 12 students and their families, as they prepare for their trial and HSC examinations. We wish the boys well in the coming months head.

*Br Peter Corr*

Headmaster

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## CAREER CHOICE

Marist College is actively involved in supporting a careers program for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. This starts in Year 10 as students take part in a formal work education and experience program organised by Mrs Nicola Brown, the College Careers Adviser.

In order to assist the College in its endeavours and to extend the support to also facilitate a mentoring program, the P&F are developing a "Careers Support" database which will contain contact details of those people/businesses that are willing and able to assist the program.

The aim is to build a network of parents, ex-students and supporters of Marist who are there to assist the boys and the school in a few different ways, such as: **career guidance; work experience or even part-time work.**

Mentoring is of enormous benefit to boys in particular, and can provide huge support to parents where students require additional parenting influence as a result of family break-down, illness/death in the family or relocation/separation from core family groups. Help can be provided in a variety of ways, from a simple lift home from sports training, holiday study sessions in peer groups, through to an organised mentoring role based on a formalised structure.

It should be noted that the database will not be used for any marketing or fund raising purposes and you can 'unsubscribe' at any time. The scope of assistance provided need not be limited to those areas described above and as the parent network is developed ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Interested? Complete the online form at [www.maristcollege.com](http://www.maristcollege.com). Located under "Links" and click on "Online Careers Registration Form" or telephone Coordinators David Lucas 0408 298 729 or Jan Simpson 0401 012 221 to discuss how you can help.



### Surf Rescue: Daniel Honoured

Daniel Flynn (11S3) says when he was younger he wasn't very fond of the water, but as a teenager he joined North Steyne Surf Life Saving Club, and now loves the water. At the recent annual awards, Daniel was honoured as the North Steyne Junior Patrolperson of the Year 2010/2011. Patrolling the beach from October through to April on a monthly roster, this year Daniel was able to put his surf life-saving skills into action in January when he spotted a surfer in trouble, caught in a rip. Daniel was able to haul him up onto his board and bring him safely back to the beach.

Daniel is currently studying for his Silver Medallion on Advanced Resuscitation Techniques, focusing on delivery of precision, communication and teamwork on detailed aspects of advanced patient treatment. This is one of the most demanding awards in Surf Life Saving and the College wishes him luck in his forthcoming exam.



## WYD: 2011

Among the 25 Marist College North Shore students attending the World Youth Day celebrations in Madrid this August, will be 15 year old Tim Huskins (Year 10) and 16 year old Sosaia Cook (Year 11). The boys will initially travel to Rome and then onto Madrid for the week's celebrations which take place from 16th – 21st August. "I chose to apply for a place on the Marist WYD pilgrimage because I wanted to strengthen my faith" said Sosaia. Tim's eldest Brother James inspired him to apply, as James had been involved in WYD 08 Sydney. Tim said "I am really looking forward to meeting new people and to deepen my relationship with God. I really hope that I touch the WYD Cross." Both boys have commenced language classes with the Marist Solidarity Pilgrimage Group, which is led by Teacher, Miss Leigh Richards. The group leave Australia on 8th August.



## PUTTING IT IN THE BANK

More than 50% of the Year 12 cohort at Marist College North Shore became first time blood donors when they participated in the Youth Blood Donation Program 'Vampire Shield'. Held on Friday 4th March at the Chatswood Red Cross Blood Donation Centre, they helped to raise the College to fourth place on the local high school leader board in the process.

Senior teacher and donations coordinator, Mrs Susan Turner, initiated the drive at the College in the early 90's after she was the recipient of life-saving blood donations during seven hours of surgery to remove a tumour. "I wouldn't be alive today except for a very skilled surgeon, his team and pints of blood. In the early '90's I became aware of the Red Cross Youth Donation Program, and decided to help pay back the life I had been given by creating a Blood Donation program at the College."

Year 12 student, Tom Bouvy, who recently attended the Red Cross Youth Ambassador Program, raised awareness and promoted the Vampire Shield Day at the College. Assisting with the smooth running of the event Tom said "The Australian Red Cross only has 570,000 donors out of a population of 20 million. Marist College students have always supported this program, and have now made well in excess of 1,000 donations, which inturn may have helped save over 3,000 lives."

House Captain, Ashton Miller said "With the recent flood crisis in Queensland and now the Christchurch earthquakes, blood and plasma donations are needed more than ever. We've all had to overcome our fear of needles and blood and make our donations. I think it is our duty, if we are fit, well and eligible that we should all donate, as there are obviously so many people that are unable to donate. The medical staff at the centre really put you at ease and the milkshakes after are pretty good too!"

## Our New Brother

Daniel Lynch (Vice Captain) graduated from MCNS in 2005. After a gap year, which included working for 6 months in Cambodia as a volunteer care worker, where he had been on immersion during Year 12, he studied at the University of Sydney, where he submitted his honours thesis last year. At a ceremony in Canberra in March, Daniel was formerly received into the Novitiate Training Program, which is the third and final stage of joining the Marist Brothers.

The College community wishes him the very best as he pursues his dream within the Marist Brotherhood. World-wide, there are more than 4,500 Brothers, working in 77 countries on six continents, helping in the education of over 500,000 young people.





## When the Bugle Sounds

Marist College North Shore was very proud to once again be invited to take part in the ANZAC Memorial March, which is held in the City on ANZAC Day. Rain was the order of the day, which is almost a tradition in itself! The weather in no way dampened the passion and spirit of the 50 members of the Senior Marching Band, who were all eager to be part of this emotional day. "The atmosphere is quite amazing during the march – we all feel very proud to represent the College. This is the fifth year that Marist College has participated in the march, and I hope that it is a tradition that will continue. The boys performed extremely well under very difficult weather conditions. I'd like to thank the boys and their parents for supporting such an important event on the National calendar." Said Band Master Rod Herbert



## LOVE YOU MUM!

Mother's Day Assembly at MCNS, which is rich in tradition and overflowing with pride, laughter and even a few tears, is a very special day for the boys and their mothers. Darcy Bowers (7K2), gave an excellently presented and wittily delivered speech to the packed assembly, on mothers and their important role from a 12 year old boys perspective.

A guard of honour was formed by the boys, who presented their mums with a crysthanthe-mum, before escorting them to a delicious morning tea, prepared and served by the Year 10 hospitality students. "I write this date in my diary as soon as the College calendar is issued" said one mum "I wouldn't miss it for the world – it's the best day of the year."



## Fit for Life

Marist opened the doors to its newly constructed Fitness/Lifestyle Centre in March. Boys queued to be some of the first to use the well-equipped centre, which is open before, after and during school for supervised circuit and weight training. The Fitness Centre under the McKillip Library, is fitted with commercial grade equipment and has a large selection of weights, aerobic and general fitness equipment and houses a spacious multi-purpose PE instruction and learning area as well as dedicated offices for the PE staff. The P&F are helping to raise funds to further equip the centre, which is proving to be a very popular addition to the College facilities.



# Boy from the Bush

his Diploma in Secondary Education at the University of South Australia. His first teaching role was at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College Alice Springs. His father was an electrical teacher and Associate Dean of Trade and Technology at Charles Darwin University – his youngest brother Cameron has just started his teaching degree in Darwin.

“ I am inspired by the College Immersion motto ‘Trust the mystery’ .”


Educated in Alice Springs, and voted Vice Captain in Year 12, Steve says “In my high school years, a teacher named Candi Simms inspired me to take up economics and another teacher, Michael Knight, through his gentle approach to education, hardworking nature and his priority at putting students first, inspired me to take up teaching.”

He says “To be granted the opportunity to influence, educate and help nurture the growth of the next generation; to make them socially aware of the extent of their possible impact and the consequences of their actions as well as to help provide challenges which will enable them to reach their full potential were overwhelming reasons for me wishing to teach.”

Steve moved from Alice Springs to Sydney late last year, and took up the additional role at MCNS of Solidarity Coordinator. The College’s

strong social justice program really appealed to him, and he was excited about taking on this additional role. “I am in the process of finalising our plans for this program for the next two years. Two of my aims this year were the establishment of an ‘ex-student’ program for Night Patrol, and developing stronger relationships within the community through connections with organisations such as St Vincent de Paul as well as establishing new links with SPARKS, The Salvation Army, nursing homes and the local Parish.”

“Solidarity has over 150 student members this year; my approach is to broaden the program to include not only volunteering but as an education and spirituality program through service. Each term we hold a two hour house meeting where the boys discuss specific issues in the community that they have decided to focus on. This allows the students to gain an understanding of the importance of action and ways in which this can be done such as volunteering, advocacy or raising funds to help the less fortunate.”

Steve is fortunate to be one of the staff members travelling to Cambodia on one of the College Immersions this July “I am very excited about the immersion, but also nervous about the unknown, as I have never been to a developing country. However, I have seen comparative third world conditions in the townships and remote communities during my time in Alice Springs. I am inspired by the College Immersion motto ‘Trust the mystery’ .” 

There are very stark contrasts between Alice Springs and Metropolitan Sydney. These contrasts in the social, educational and economic environment have aided Steve Versteegh, History/Commerce/Geography teacher and leader of the Marist Solidarity Program, who joined the staff at MCNS in January this year, to further develop the Social Justice program at the College.


Steve, who was born in Alice Springs, gained his Bachelor of Business Economics and Public Policy at Flinders University and



# RETREAT

## FRIENDSHIP IS GOLDEN

Year 12 Retreat is a long awaited and much anticipated event at the College. Jack Wearne, (12K2) says “Retreat to the Marist Brother’s property at Mittagong for me was a great experience. A reflective time that has allowed me to take some time out of this busy year to look back at some of the choices I have made and experiences I have had. It is really only at this time of our school lives that we are able to go and take time out with such a large group of friends and this made it all the more special. Many of us chose to disconnect ourselves as much as possible from Sydney so that we could leave some of the dramas of school life and study behind and put our trust in the brilliant teachers leading the program.

Mr McDonnell and Mr Collins, along with all of the group leaders, brought so much to the Retreat; breaking free of the typical teacher-student relationship so that we became friends. The trust that we put in each other and the teachers as they guided us through the days surprised everyone. Braving the freezing temperatures in May, we would venture on morning walks and games of touch footy, ping pong and highly competitive games of pool. The experience was extremely personal and moving, which brought us all closer together as a year group.” 



## Feast Day of St Marcellin


Each year on 6th June, Marist College North Shore unites with other Marist communities around the world in celebrating the Feast Day of St Marcellin Champagnat. However, MCNS believes that the celebrations can’t really be fitted into one day, so they celebrate Champagnat Week.

The theme this year is ‘*Around the same table – a place for all*’ designed to encourage students and staff to actively consider how they might keep doors and hearts open to all people, so that each person they meet might feel at home in their presence.

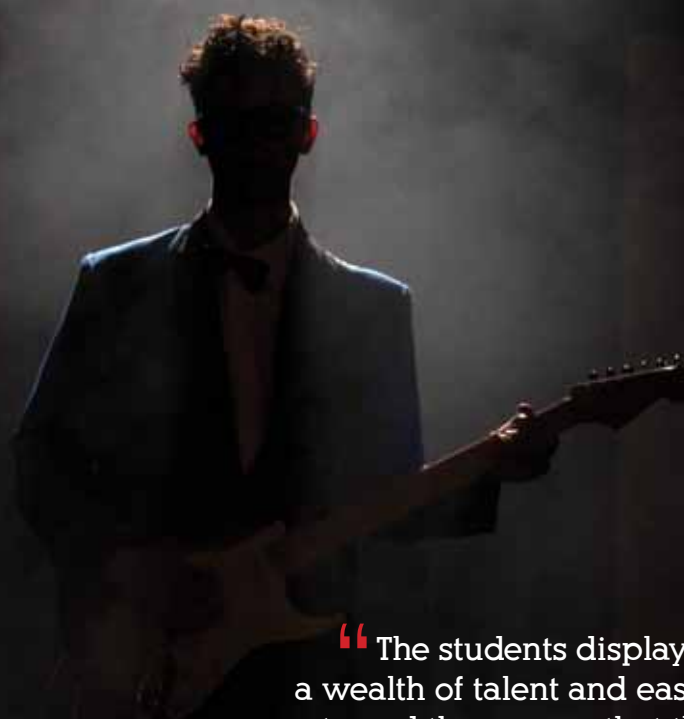
**“I think that Marcellin’s work is possibly more relevant today than ever”**

The simple table at La Valla, France, represents for us, the experience of Christ’s love shared by Marcellin and his early companions, and so we come to understand it is God gathered with us around our tables of common-union where each person finds a place.

At North Shore, the week begins with a special assembly where the Junior and Senior Champagnat Awards are presented. Lukas Zaher (10S4) was the recipient of the Junior Award, and Simon Jenkins, College Captain (12M7) was the winner of the Senior Award. The Champagnat Awards are a highlight of the school year and are a significant achievement for the two students who are awarded this honor as they are recognized by the College community for their outstanding ‘Champagnat spirit’.

Activities during the week included the annual staff/student basketball game, a bbq and a Friday morning College Mass where long-serving staff members are acknowledged for their significant contribution to the College. The weeks celebrations concluded with an enjoyable and competitive Touch Footy Day after the Mass, which was a fitting finale to the week. 

# Buddy Brilliant!




**“The students displayed a wealth of talent and easily portrayed the energy that this era’s music brought to the world.”**

In June, Marist College North Shore staged the biggest rock ‘n’ musical in the world ‘Buddy – The Buddy Holy Story’. Over 70 cast and crew from Marist College; Monte Sant Angelo; Mercy College Chatswood and Willoughby Girls High were choreographed and coached by Drama teacher Miss Georgia Glamore and directed by House Coordinator and Music teacher Mr Tony McDonnell, in what was possibly the best musical production ever held at the College.

Year 12 student, Joshua Carnovale auditioned for a musician’s part, and ended up in the star role after displaying all the characteristics of Buddy Holly, including his phenomenal guitar skills. Over 600 primary school students had a sneak preview of the show at a special schools matinee and gave it a resounding ‘thumbs up’.

“We wanted to do something different, and I hadn’t heard of any schools doing ‘Buddy’. The students displayed a wealth of talent and easily portrayed the energy that this era’s music brought to the world.” Said Mr McDonnell.

So convincing and professional was the acting, dancing and singing, the audiences were quickly mesmerised by the show, and transported back into the 1950’s – reliving the passion that Buddy Holly had for bringing to the world his original music – and the rest is just rock and roll!

Thanks to all staff, students, parents and friends who work collaboratively to bring to the College, every year, outstanding musical and theatrical opportunities. Thank you to Big Music Crows Nest for the use of their original 1950’s musical instruments. 




# LEAN ON ME

Helping to build a trusting and friendly relationship with the refugee students who attend St John's Catholic Primary School in Auburn is just one of the objectives achieved through the tutoring and mentoring program run by St Vincent de Paul's SPARK program. SPARK also aims to aid refugee settlement, raise mainstream community awareness about refugees and facilitates the changes for social contact and mutual appreciation between refugee and mainstream communities.

Once MCNS teacher Steve Versteegh became aware of this program, he immediately knew it was something that the Marist Solidarity staff and students would like to become involved in. Four year 10 boys who are members of Solidarity were selected. The boys are also in extension classes at the College, ensuring they are equipped with both the mental and academic skills to be mentors and tutors.

Prior to the commencement of the program, the boys, along with other community volunteers, attended orientation and tutoring sessions to provide them with the skills to help the children.

The scheme aims to help the primary aged children develop confidence in themselves as they are supported to understand and complete school work. The program also gives our students a valuable insight into the experiences and struggles of these children and their families trying to find a new place to call home. When homework tasks are completed and if there is time, the children can select educational games to play with their mentors – this can be anything from craft activities to snakes and ladders or scrabble. Marist North Shore Teachers Russell Cam and Steve Versteegh rotate transport duties to drive the four Year 10 boys (Tom and Will Spence, Cameron Dungar and Aaron Abonyi) to St John's Auburn to attend the hour and half session every Monday afternoon. 




## Marist Measures Up

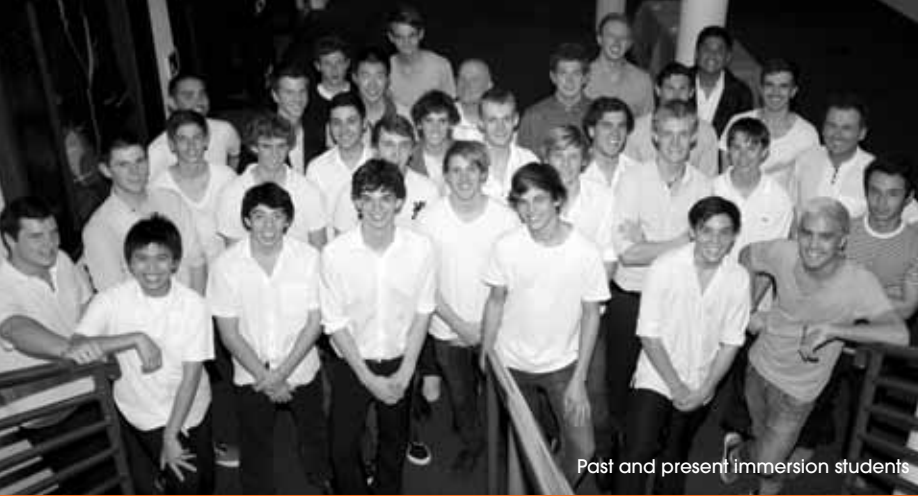
Salvatore Schinella from Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School, Gladesville and Jos Brown from North Sydney Demonstration Primary School were just two of 150 new students who walked through the gates to Marist College North Shore on the first day of school this year. Anticipation and excitement was in the air as the boys prepared themselves for their new venture and the next phase in their formal education.

Sal said "I was excited to start high school, but I was a bit nervous as I only knew one boy who was coming to the school. I admit I was a bit relieved when the first day was over. After that, school just got better and better, and within two weeks, especially after Year 7 camp, I felt like I had been part of the Marist family forever. It's a great school because it's not too big and you don't feel lost."

Jos recalls "I knew a few boys who were coming here, but I was a bit nervous, as it's a big step moving school and coming to a completely different environment. I love it here though, as I have heaps of new friends. Everyone is really welcoming and I really love my tutor group, as the Year 11 Peer Support boys are great. I felt I've got to know heaps of boys in all different years."

Both boys have found the school work challenging but fun. Jos says "My favourite subject is English – I really like my teacher Mr Watts; he's laid back but firm, he has a joke with us, but teaches really well and makes the lessons so interesting." Sal says "My favourite subject is maths, because my Teacher Mr Ornelas really explains everything so well, I understand maths so much better now." 





Past and present immersion students


## OUT OF THEIR COMFORT ZONE

Over the last seven years, the College has offered students in Year 12 the opportunity to be involved in an overseas immersion experience. This year there are two immersions – to India and Cambodia. All Year 12 boys are given the opportunity to apply for a place on an immersion—only 18 students are successful in their application—9 boys on each immersion, travelling with 3 staff members. The cost of the immersion for each student is met entirely by the individuals and no subsidy from the College is given.

Learning the local dialect, receiving coaching lessons on how to tutor young Cambodian and Indian students and gaining a deeper understanding of what an overseas Marist Immersion symbolises, have all been part of the important preparation processes that the boys have been through. In April, 120 people from the College community gathered to share an evening of sounds, sights, stories and tastes of Cambodia and India. It was a great night with many highlights, including the wonderful food prepared by Mr Sean Dowe and Mrs Sally Kim and our hospitality students.

The immersions are not holidays – the boys travel and live very simplistically with the students and communities that they are visiting. There will be much hard work as the groups complete projects for the communities, and there will know doubt be some confronting experiences. The College wishes the staff and students a safe trip, and look forward to hearing about the exciting and emotional stories that these boys and staff will bring back with them.

**Cambodia Immersion Team:** Tony McDonnell; Steve Versteegh; Paula Rheinhold; Brad Yip; James Rollo; Alex Casanova; Josh Carnovale; Tom Bouvy; Michael Calvert; Reiman Vega; Cameron Davis; Simon Jenkins

**India Immersion Team:** Br Peter Corr; Chris Maoudis; Carolyn O'Brien; Greg Rollo; Ben Armstrong; Jared Lawrence; Marc Williams; Jackson Evans; Jack Wearne; Harry Sherwin; Kurt Stretton; Luke Nicholls 

## Top Program

The Gifted and Talented program has been racing ahead this term with boys participating in a variety of accelerated learning programs and extra-curricular extension activities. These extension and extra curricular activities include English, Mathematics and Science subjects.

CSIRO's Advanced CREST (CREativity in Science and Technology) program inspires creativity in Science and Technology and enables students to enter the exciting world of scientific and technological open-ended research, development and investigation. Boys also had their critical thinking, problem-solving skills, knowledge of science concepts and their methods of scientific enquiry tested recently, when they entered the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition. Questions are aligned to the emerging Australian Science Curriculum and are subject to pre-test trialing to ensure the highest standard. The results are eagerly awaited.

This year a broader mentoring program was introduced with students at St Mary's Catholic Primary School. Marist Mentors were nominated by their teachers to take part in this exciting program. Each week the Year 9 and 10 boys spend time at St Mary's coaching a regular group of primary students. Both the Marist and St Mary's students are enjoying and gaining a lot from the experience. 



## Youth Jury

As a new co-curricular activity at the College, Legal Studies teacher, Mr Joe Alvaro has entered a team of year 10 and year 11 students into the 2011 Law Society of NSW Inter-Schools Mock Trial Competition. The Law Society of NSW is the representative body for solicitors in NSW and conducts this competition across NSW each year. The competition consists of simulated court cases in which participating student teams contest a fictional legal dispute in a mock Local Court environment. The trials are presided over by a solicitor acting as a Magistrate.

In each round, one school acts as the Prosecution/Plaintiff and the opposing school acts as the Defense/Defendant. Students take on the roles of Barristers, Instructing Solicitors, Witnesses, Court Officers and Magistrate's Clerks during each round.

The competition is providing students with many insights into our legal system and the laws that govern us. The boys are developing their communication and lateral thinking skills and their confidence in addressing an

audience. The competition also enables students to develop their skills in working with others in a team and to meet with their peers from different schools.

The following students are members of the 2011 Marist College North Shore Mock Trial team: Jacob Adan, Jake Ebeid, Harry Fance, Cameron McCleary, Matthew Ray, Nicholas Robertson and Harrison Thomas. They are to be commended for taking up the challenge to represent the College through the Mock Trial Competition.

So far the students have participated in four rounds of the competition going up against Mock Trial teams from the following schools: Monte Sant'Angelo, Wenona, Shore and Loreto Kirribilli. The rounds have been intense and challenging for the team with wins and losses experienced whilst gaining all the benefits, both academic and social, that come from a competition of this nature.

## Art for God's Sake

Daniel Kinloch, Yianni Saragas and Oisín Taylor Year 10 art students, recently represented the College when their art works were displayed at the The Clancy Prize, which is a selective annual Religious Art Exhibition for Sydney's Catholic Secondary Schools held at the full Australian Catholic University National Gallery during March and April. The boys artwork which was of a very high standard dealt with spirituality and religion.



## NEVER SAY DIE – Opens Water Polo Grand Final

In a competition that began on 11th March, with 10 high schools competing for the one outcome – the young Marist College North Shore Opens team faced a tough battle to repeat the success of the previous three years. On Friday, 24th June, however, having fought their way through a strong competition, MCNS came head to head with Balgowlah Boys High School in the Grand Final.

Marist were the underdogs—having many new players—they were up against an unbeaten side that has at least three State players in their team. Fired up by coach Jake King (MCNS 2009) the game opened to a furious pace with MCNS initiating the scoring. Balgowlah fought back and took the lead when two amazing lobbs from both Talvi and Boyle brought the score back to evens. By the end of the first half, Marist was trailing 7-4.

With over 50 Marist supporters cheering, the boys were pumped, and using all their strength they attacked again and again but Balgowlah extended their lead to 9-5 at three quarter time. In a truly spirited game with intense ferocity Marist didn't give up. Goal of the match went to Marist Goalie, Alex Casanova, who lobbed a goal over the opposing keepers head.

Marist with a 'never say die' attitude, continued to score in the last quarter, but couldn't quite catch up, with the final score at 11-8. This was a high scoring game that demonstrated the true Marist Spirit at its absolute best.

**Team:** Alex Casanova (Captain), Greg Rollo, Jack Wearne, Tom Bouvy, Josh Talvi, Jack Garay, Daniel Boyle, Luke Andrews, Ollie Briggs, Lewis Criniti, Yianni Saragas, Dushan Prodanovic, Michael Collins, Steven Xenakis.



## SQUASHED – UNDEFEATED PREMIERS!

Marist North Shore 1061 defeat Marcellin College Randwick 667

A round of games befitting that of a Grand Final! For the first time this season Marist found itself behind after the first four games. It took a determined and focussed effort to initially draw ahead and then establish a substantial lead.

Marist had won 19 of the 24 games played and raced into the Grand Final. Each game throughout the competition was played under huge pressure with every point being valued. Every boy had an unbelievable commitment to training and the team has been suitably rewarded for their effort.

At the Grand Final the supporters offered tremendous encouragement – the positive cheering was appreciated by all members of the team.

“Particular acknowledgement goes to the Year 12 team members who have now played their final games for Marist : Simon Jenkins (5 seasons), Zak Anderson (4 seasons), Peter Contos (4 seasons), Cameron Davis (2 seasons) Josh Carnovale and Jackson Evans (1 season). The victory means that Marist North Shore has played in the Grand Final every year for the last twelve years and won eleven of the last twelve premierships.” Said coach Tony McDonnell.

## ARCHIVES

Thanks to ex-student, Des McLean, (MCNS Graduant 1956) who for the past 12 months has been cataloguing the entire contents of the College Archives. This has been a mammoth task and we are very grateful to Des who has meticulously worked his way through the records, photos, journals and class rolls.

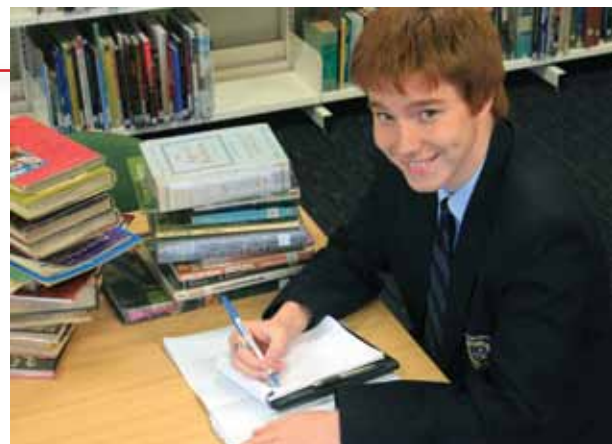
Also working towards the same goal of achieving an organised library of archive records is ex-student Richard Bailey.

This will stand us in good stead for resourcing historical documents, especially with the College’s impending 125th Anniversary in July 2013.

Ex-students and friends who are interested in becoming a member of one of the working committees for our 125th Anniversary are invited to email Mrs Joyce Kelly at the College.

## Novel Choice

Budding author, Harrison Thomas (10M4), who has been perfecting his first novel *“The Light Child”* recently got a unique opportunity to have his draft novel critiqued at the Annual Sydney Writers Festival. In a day full of inspiring talks by authors and publishers, Harrison entered a competition called ‘So you think you can write’, and, going head to head with 250 other would-be authors, Harrison’s ‘pitch’ of his book was selected by the International panel of publishers as the winner of the competition. Harrison’s two and a half minute presentation received much praise from the panel. “They said my book had a great story; there was a lot of depth to it; they liked my writing style and they congratulated me on my pitch.” Harrison, who lists John Flanagan and Bernard Cornwall amongst his favourite authors, said “I wanted to write a book that my friends would like to read, so I set about drafting this novel a few years ago. I’ve re-written it about 6 times, and I have just sent a submission to Publishers Curtis & Brown. I would love to write for a living.” We look forward to reading Harrison’s book, which I am sure, will one day be on the shelves in the Marist College Library.



## BEND IT LIKE MARIST

The Under 13 Marist Soccer team had a stupendous season both in terms of improvement and results. Exciting football and a healthy desire to win culminated in the team making the MCC semi finals. Kogarah were the opponents, a team we had lost to during the season in a high scoring and entertaining game. It quickly became apparent that the semi-final was going to be played out along similar lines. A Marist golden opportunity went begging in the first 30 seconds of the game, which in reflection might have cost Marist the game. Marist were able to match Kogarah goal for goal leaving the score at 3-4 with 5 minutes left on the clock. The Marist boys had the momentum and the intensity to draw the game which would have led to a penalty shoot-out. The game raced from end to end in what was an exciting and exuberating contest. The deserved equaliser didn't eventuate and the boys despondently walked off the ground with a 3-5 score-line, courtesy of a last minute penalty.

Coach, teacher Mr Daniel Kulk said "The Marist boys should be immensely proud of their efforts during the MCC season this year. They were bold, committed and played an exciting brand of football which yielded the most goals in the competition."



## TRIVIA NIGHT

The third annual Trivia Night was held on Saturday 28th May with over 260 parents and friends attending the wonderful evening, which commenced with a delicious gourmet bbq. The evening was organised by the outstanding and hardworking P&F committee that exists within the College. Our host and celebrity quiz master for the evening was Stephen Hall and the College acknowledges the assistance of Andrew Taylor Management in securing his services.

A total of \$15,000 was raised from the evening – a big thanks to everyone who participated.

## To Knights Defence

Chess at Marist College North Shore, reflecting a State trend, has enjoyed a significant increase in popularity over the past couple of years, fuelling a school demand for Chess as a co-curricular activity. Chess at MCNS serves as a bridge, bringing together boys of different ages, year groups and house groups in an activity they all enjoy. The games build individual friendships and school spirit, as the boys compete together in teams against other high schools.

Within the Metropolitan Secondary Schools Chess Teams Competition, which runs for 7 weeks in May/June, Marist Chess has been challenging schools in games that are tense, highly competitive and use every skill in the book to win. To keep up with the competition and to satisfy the endeavors of the boys to learn the game to the best of their ability, this year MCNS employed a coach specializing in school chess. Lunchtime training tournaments take place several times a week with a current team membership of 25 boys across all year groups.

## THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1991

2011 will herald the 20 year anniversary of the MCNS Senior class of 1991 and arrangements for a reunion are now being finalised. Whilst details are yet to be bedded down, I can tell you that the event will be early to mid-December 2011 to be held in North Sydney (final location pending venue availability). Could I ask that all ex-students and teaching staff of the graduating year of 1991 please make contact with Nathan Hones via email at [nathanddanno@hotmail.com](mailto:nathanddanno@hotmail.com).

As time marches on and we go in our unique directions in life, we are struggling to find a number of ex-students and staff. It will make for a fantastic evening of sharing laughs, memories and stories if we can have as many ex-students and teachers join us as possible. So PLEASE make the effort to get in touch with me and I will provide more details as the time for the reunion draws closer.

We really look forward to seeing you all at the Class of 1991 Reunion in December.

Nathan Hones,  
College Captain '91



## ON DISPLAY

The College Expo held on Saturday 12th March was an outstanding success with a record number of visitors attending the Open Day.

Deputy Headmaster, Mr David Forrester said "All staff and students contribute to the success of Expo; everyone is keen to offer our guests an insight into the College's operation and spirit. A wide variety of activities are displayed and as always, of particular interest to our younger visitors, are the 'hands on' demonstrations within the Science and D&T areas. A relaxed and welcoming atmosphere is created through the hard work of the P&F, who run the popular Marist Café and BBQ, as guests are entertained by the Senior Jazz Band. It was especially pleasing to witness the pride, good manners and enthusiasm demonstrated by the boys – which is the most important display of all."

Currently the College is interviewing students for placement into Year 7, 2013. An enrolment prospectus and application form can be obtained from our Enrolment Secretary at the school office.

## Home Run

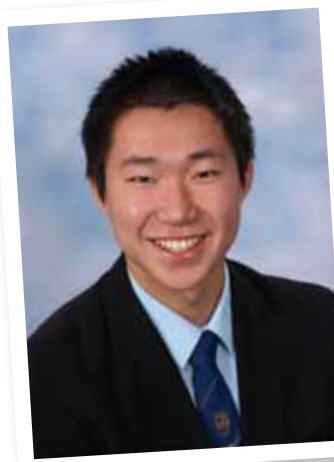
Connor Bennet, (Year 8 S5) is an all-round sports junkie. He turns his hands and feet to any number of sports, including Rugby League, Rugby Union, Tennis, Swimming Squads, Nippers and Water Polo, but the sport he is most passionate about is Baseball. Having played Baseball for a few years for his local club in Baulkham Hills, Connor qualified for a spot in the Hills Association Baseball Team, which is linked to the NSW Junior Baseball League, and will travel to Japan in July to play in the U 13's Baseball Junior Tour. The team are billeted with Japanese families near Osaka, and, as catcher, 3rd base and left out-fielder, he'll be with a team of 13 boys playing a number of hour and a half long games over an 8 day period.



## Realising a dream

Nick Xu, who graduated from MCNS in September 2010, with an ATAR score of 98.6 had always dreamt of being a professional tennis player. He says "However, when I was in Year 11, I analysed why I loved attending Marist College North Shore – this really made me open my eyes and broaden my horizons. It's the service to others, the respect for human life, the caring spirit and the love of God – this really hit me and I realized that I had to stay true to my core values and develop these in myself further to become a good, well-rounded human being." During Nick's final Year at MCNS he was voted Service & Mission Captain for Moore House and got further involved in all aspects of Solidarity and College life, which included going to Cambodia on the College immersion.

In Year 12, Nick applied for and was accepted into Stanford University in the State of California, which is about 1 hour's drive from LA. Concurrently sitting his HSC and the Scholarship Aptitude Test, achieving a score that put him in the top 1.5% of the world. In September 2011, Nick will take up his first year as a 'Freshman'



undertaking a year of broad-based general studies, which will include Mathematics and Physics, before he enters his 2nd to 4th years studying Bachelor of Engineering, majoring in Architecture. He hopes to continue with a post-graduate Masters in Architecture, so that ultimately he can attain his goal (which is not now to play tennis for Australia), but to start his own Architecture business and design hospitals, schools and even townships for developing countries.

Nick says "My parents were my pillar of strength in my school years, but my dream could not have been realised without the amazing support from my teachers (Mr Watts, Mr McDonnell, Mr Duggan, Mr Ivanoff and Mr Forrester) and my friends at school, who helped me maintain the balance of life and kept me focussed on who I was and what I really believed in."

*Nick, the College wishes you well in your future endeavours – keep the faith!*

## Representative Honours



Congratulations to Year 12 student Luke Nicholls (12C3), who was selected into the U/18's NSW CCC Rugby Union squad as first choice Fly Half recently.

Coach, Chanel House Coordinator Mr Ornelas said "Luke was part of an MCC team which took part in a selection tournament in Richmond. The tournament took place over two days in May, with representative teams from Catholic high schools from around the State. Under the scrutinizing eyes of the selectors, Luke consistently impressed with his precision passing and running game, slick footwork, uncompromising defence and great marshalling of his back line".

No stranger to MCC Representation, at 14 Luke was in the MCC Under 15's Rugby League squad, and is currently in the MCC Rugby Union Under 18's and the MCC Touch Under 18's squads. Given that Luke doesn't play Union outside of the schools' competitions, his MCC and now his NSW CCC Rugby Union selection is an even greater achievement.

"This is a great honour for Luke, and the whole of the Marist community are very proud of him. The next step for Luke is to play for a spot in the combined NSW schoolboy rugby squad. I am sure with Luke's natural ability and his dedication and commitment to hard work, further representative honours await him." said Mr Ornelas.

## Father and Son

Planning has begun on the Fathers' Day Breakfast to be held on Friday, 2 September at 7.00am in the College's La Valla Hall. All grandfathers, uncles and/or fathers and their sons are invited. This year we will be using the online booking facility 'TryBooking' for all bookings and payments. Further information on this event will be distributed in Term 3. As always, the P & F can be contacted via their email address [pnf@maristns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pnf@maristns.catholic.edu.au)

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