FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Majellan Sunday, June 19, my parish newsletter featured an article by Sue Kane on Jesus, ‘Who am I’, and makes an interesting read:

Nan was a great old lady, much loved by family and friends. As she was nearing the end of her days, people wanted to discover more about the source of her serenity. They sensed that Nan had always been able to hear the silent music beneath the noisy traffic of life. She seemed to be in harmony with herself, believing in some kind of invincible light, even when times were dark.

Those closest to her knew that throughout her life, Nan had well and truly walked the Way of the Cross, yet she never turned away a poor or hungry soul. She had not been one for pious nonsense, but her many gifts had been bent towards love. She was the sinew that kept people together, her prayers holding others like hands. With Nan around, it was easier to cope with the greed and cruelty of the world. She was graceful and strong, basing her life on the premise that love would defeat darkness. Talk turned to the Jesus icon that Nan had always treasured. Eventually someone asked why it meant so much to her.

“Well,” she said, “if you’d asked me that back in the day, my answer might have been different. But now I’ve lived long enough to know that Jesus is the heart of an amazing love story between God and all of us. When I was younger, I used to get caught up in thinking too much about my sins and failures, until I realised that Jesus came to show us that we’re God’s delight.

This was an epiphany for me and even though I don’t have much, it’s made me the richest woman on earth. My little icon of Jesus goes everywhere with me as a reminder to look for God, not ‘out there’, but in my deepest self. The more I discover that God’s kingdom is built by us in one another’s hearts.

So when I think about who Jesus is for me, I’d say he is the Saviour of God’s beloved and broken people, and that’s all of us. I find his presence, not only in the Eucharist, but in the mess and mystery of my everyday experiences. He’s with me in my sorrows and in the darkest places of my life. And I find him in the poor and marginalised people that I meet.”

Pope Francis says, “God’s love has a name and a face: Jesus Christ.” I can’t really top that; we just need to be more aware of his love and grace all around us. Her listening friends were struck by the Nan’s well-lived life made so much sense. Deep love for Jesus had helped her to see that the holy and the human go together. She’d learned that God’s home is now in people. That had changed everything.

Sue and her husband Leo Kane have academic and personal interest in the spirituality of Saint Mary MacKillop and are the authors of ‘The Little Brown Book’ and ‘The Little Brown Book Too’. These books explore the personality and spirituality of Mary MacKillop and what she could mean for each of us in our everyday lives.

TWO NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS FOR CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Pope Francis has appointed Monsignor Anthony Randazzo and Father Richard Umbers to be the new Auxiliary Bishops of Sydney under Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. They will join Auxiliary Bishop Terry Brady in the governance and pastoral care of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

Sydney-born Monsignor Randazzo is a priest of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and priest-in-residence at the Cathedral. He was until recently the Rector of the Queensland Seminary and Director of Vocations Brisbane for seven years. Before that he undertook post-graduate studies in canon law, was Pastor of Regina Caeli Parish in Coorparoo Heights, and then worked in the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome.

Father Umbers is a priest of Opus Dei and has a background in economics and business management as well as philosophy and theology. He has carried out extensive pastoral work with young families, students and young adults, and candidates for the priesthood in Sydney.

The Archbishop of Sydney, the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, said he was delighted with the appointments and warmly welcomes both priests to the work of the Archdiocese.
This weekend is the Australian Federal Election. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference prepared ‘A Prayer for the Election’ and is worth considering before we vote. It reads:

A PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION

Holy God, at the dawn of time you fashioned the world and set it on its course. In the fullness of time your Son took flesh and sowed the seeds of a new order, and day by day your Spirit works to bring to birth your realm of mercy, justice and peace.

We give you thanks for Australia, the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit. In this Spirit we pray for our land and all its people as the nation prepares to elect a new Federal Parliament.

We pray for the women and men who have offered themselves as candidates for public office. May those who are elected set their hearts always on honourable service and the common good.

We pray for the citizens of this much-blessed country, that they may take up their responsibility to vote with wisdom and freedom, and choose what is best for the whole community.

Loving God, to listen to your Son is to be moved to speak up for the unseen and unheard. Give as hearts to heed your Word and Mouths to declare your truth. We pray that throughout this election campaign Christian communities will be a voice for the voiceless.

We especially remember refugees and asylum seekers, indigenous peoples, survivors of sexual abuse, those who suffer family violence, those in the womb, the elderly, those suffering mental illness, those suffering addiction, those entrapped in new forms of slavery and the desperately poor beyond our shores.

We hold before you the whole of our world, both social and natural. We pray for a healthy society in which marriage and family life is respected and supported. We pray for the earth our home – the land on which we dwell, the air we breathe, the water we drink – that creation’s cry for healing and care is heard.

Bless all who are elected to serve the nation; may the wisdom and courage of the Holy Spirit guide them to govern for the good of all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mr Ray Martin
Principal

YEAR 7 NEWS

English/Pastoral Theatre Incursion

On Wednesday 22nd June Year 7 watched a theatre production called ‘Cyber Shorts’ which deals with the struggles of being a young person in a digital world. The play is a part of both the English curriculum for Term 3 in which the students will be studying drama and also is part of Year 7 pastoral program dealing with issues surrounding cyber bullying. Students learnt about the many unforeseen consequences of inappropriate online behaviour. The actors also ran an information session and provided our students with real life examples of how they can protect themselves in a confronting online world.

Lachlan King 7-5: “The play was very educational, funny and something we can all reflect on – trying to be technology and not standing for any cyber bullying.”

Mr Jon Cullerton
Year 7 Leader of Wellbeing
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Last Friday the College held a Disco at Penshurst RSL for Year 9 & 10 students. The girl’s schools invited were Bethany College Hurstville and St Ursula’s College Kingsgrove.

The students had a wonderful time and it is obvious that a lot of effort went into the planning of each student’s outfit/dance moves and even shoes.

Thank you to Mr Reilly and Mrs Beard for organising the event. We are also grateful to the many staff from the 3 schools that attended. These occasions are great community building events and an opportunity for our young people to socialise. It is often these special events that are remembered well after finishing school.

PHOTO DAY

The College photo day will be held on Day 1 next term (Tuesday 19th July). Students will be expected to return to school in proper College uniform including blazer. Any Year 7 or 8 student who would normally wear their PE uniform to school need to ensure they are wearing their full College uniform and bring their PE gear in a separate bag.

We have reminded students of the importance of returning to school with the appropriate haircut and ask parents to support us with this. The College photo day is an important record of the student cohort and proper grooming is an expectation of the College. Below is a reminder of our hair and grooming policy:

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NOTE: The suitability of any hairstyle or other grooming regulations is at the discretion of the Assistant Principal.

The photo envelopes also need to be returned on the first day if you wish to purchase them.

Thank you for support.

Wishing you all a safe and restful break.

Mrs Carmelina Eussen
Assistant Principal
YEAR 9 SPIRITUALITY DAY

On Friday the 17th of June, Year 9 travelled to Our Lady of Fatima Peakhurst for their reflection day. The day began with a nice mass with the public followed by the chance for every student to partake in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Further there was an activity around key relationships in our lives. There were 4 priests attending to assist with this. Recess followed Reconciliation and after this the speaker of the day Chris opened the reflection day. The theme of the whole day was Mary our Good Mother. We took part in many fun activities that strengthened the bond with students we were not so familiar with in the year. We did a group task of building sculptures including bridges. This led us on to the topic of how Mary is like our bridge to God. We heard various people give answers on what a bridge is, and why we need bridges. The highlight of the day was the mouse trap trust activity which the whole year enjoyed. The activity was around the concept of trust. The boys had to walk through an area full of mouse traps blind folded and led by their friend. These mouse traps represented the traps in our everyday. The directions given by their partners represented the voices of God. It was concluded that if you listen to the voice of God you can get through any obstacle in life. Overall it was a great day that many students loved and it brought the year closer together.

Edward El-Jalkh and William Bartlett - Year 9 Students
DEBATING COMPETITION

On Wednesday 29th June the College hosted the final round of the Regional Catholic Schools Debating Competition. Marist Catholic College were fortunate to have 3 teams make it to the finals this season. Our Year 9 and 10 teams both defeated Aquinas College, Menai on the topic: "That Australia is a reconciled nation". Our teams debated as the negative side. Our Senior team were defeated by St Patrick's College, Sutherland in an extremely close debate. Our team debated as the negative side on the topic: "That we have boundless plains to share". I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all our debaters and coaches. The amount of school spirit and generosity shown each week has been amazing. Also, a very special thank you to Mrs Rebecca Nolan and Mr Jon Cullerton for their assistance and ideas in selecting relevant and interesting debating topics each week.

2016 DEBATING TEAMS:

Year 7 Coach: Mr Cullerton
Charlotte Bulmer
Connor Soares
Bronte Borchok
Evan Christiansen
Adam Burridge

Year 8 Coach: Ms Curis
Connor McSweeney
Nicholas Stathakis
Zale Briscoe-Hough
Damian Scalone

Year 9 Coach: Mrs D’Angelo
Ross Green
Matthew Denson
Edward El-Jalkh
Jerry Fanos

Year 10 Coach: Ms Emmerick
Frankie Trimboli
Zachary Pitkethley
Christopher Kesoglou
Ethan Smeets
Mitchell Brockway

Senior Coach: Mrs Eussen
Milton Stathakis
Alex Michaelis
Ryan Morgan
Rory Robinson

Mr Steven Skoflic
Debating Coordinator

Year 9 Debating Team
Matthew Denson, Jerry Fanos, Ross Green, Edward El-Jalkh
Defeated Aquinas Menai

Year 10 Debating Team
Christopher Kesoglou, Frankie Trimboli, Mitchell Brockway,
Zachary Pitkethley, Ethan Smeets
Defeated Aquinas Menai

Senior Debating Team
Milton Stathakis, Alex Michaelis, Rory Robinson, Ryan Morgan
Runners up to St Pat’s Sutherland
HSIE NEWS

Year 12 Ancient & Modern History Study Day

On the 9th of June, the Year 12 Modern and Ancient History classes attended a study day at Sydney University facilitated by the NSW History Teachers Association. In seminar format, the students were presented with in-depth information, study advice, exam strategy and source analysis skills. The students were very fortunate to hear from presenters who are Senior Markers for the HSC as well as academic historians. In the lead up to the Trial Examinations in Term 3, the day was most successful and will hopefully further assist students in their studies of History.

Mr Robert Reilly
History Teacher

ENGLISH NEWS

Year 10 Macbeth Excursion

Last week, Year 10 commenced their study of Shakespeare’s critically acclaimed Macbeth, attending the re-imagined production by the Seymour Centre and Sport for Jove Theatre Company. Students expressed it was an inspiring vision and lesson of what love and ambition can do to people outside a moral framework. Medieval terrors of the imagination were made accessible to them through innovative staging whereby the fantastical realm of the supernatural echoed loudly to the boys the law of Divine Justice.

We look forward to a thorough study of the play next term as an opportunity to further develop critical literacy, imperative for success in the senior years.

Mrs Amanda Fournaris
English Teacher

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SCC DANCE COMPETITION

On Friday, the 24th of June 2016, fourteen students from both Years 7 and 8, accompanied by myself, competed in the SCC Dance competition hosted by Mary Mackillop College, Wakeley. From weeks one to nine, the girls participated in rigorous training and preparation for the competition, giving up hours of their own free time to choreograph and rehearse. Two squads where entered into the open categories for the first time for Marist Catholic College, a contemporary squad and a hip hop squad, with the girls competing against seniors and those who do HSC dance. Both teams demonstrated an outstanding performance on stage and displayed humility and pride for their school throughout the entire day. The outcome of the day was more than expected and I was filled with pride when they announced that the hip hop squad had received 3rd place and the contemporary squad 4th. I would like to congratulate the girls on the outstanding way they presented themselves at the competition and for all the hard work and dedication they have portrayed throughout the term. I would also like to personally thank Alicia Langley for assisting me in the choreography of the contemporary routine and Georgia Mitropoulous, Lainey Grech, Georgia Felici and Demi Zissis for choreographing the hip hop routine.

I look forward to SCC dance again next year!

Miss Samantha Rothwell
Dance Coach
SCC NETBALL

Year 7 Netball

Congratulations to our Year 7 netball team who played in the grand final this week against Mount St Joseph’s Milperra. Unfortunately we were beaten by a very good team on the day. Over the course of the season our girls showed extraordinary improvement and dedication. As a team they worked well together in the true spirit of a Marist school.

As a community we are very proud of them as the runners up and wish them all the very best in their future sporting endeavours.

Our Team:
Charlotte Bulmer  Zoe Georgiou,
Kelsie Head    Eliza Mallard,
Zoe Pitkethley Bella Ryder,
Mia Szczepanik Leila Szczepanik,
Nicolette Tsiknis Paris Williams

Mrs Carmelina Eussen
Coach

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Marcus Grbevski has been selected in the U13 Metro East Football Team to play in the State Titles in the Southern Highlands in July.

Good luck Marcus!