FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Society of Mary: Celebrating 200 Years of the Fourviere Pledge

In the early dawn hours of July 23, 1816, twelve young men, some ordained priests on the previous day, some still seminarians preparing for priesthood, climbed the hill of Fourvière in Lyon, France, to a little shrine-chapel of our Lady. They believed that Mary, the Mother of Mercy, was calling them to found a new religious community and they were on the hill of Fourvière to commit themselves to this work.

They signed a Pledge to work for the establishment of the Society of Mary, whose members would be called Marists.

They placed what is known as the Fourviere Pledge under the corporal on the altar and celebrated Mass. The pledge was:

*All for the greater glory of God and the greater honor of Mary, Mother of the Lord Jesus.*

*We the undersigned, striving to work together for the greater glory of God and the honor of Mary, Mother of the Lord Jesus, assert and declare our sincere intention and firm will of consecrating ourselves at the first opportunity to founding the pious congregation of Marists.*

*That is why by the present act and our signatures, in so far as we can, we irrevocably dedicate ourselves and all our goods, to the Society of the Blessed Virgin.*

*We do this, not childishly or lightly or for some human motive or the hope of material benefit, but seriously, maturely, having taken advice, having weighed everything before God, solely for the greater glory of God and the honor of Mary, Mother of the Lord Jesus.*

*We pledge ourselves to accept all sufferings, trials, inconveniences and, if needs be, torture, because we can do all things in Christ Jesus who strengthens us and to whom we hereby promise fidelity in the bosom of our holy mother the Roman Catholic Church, cleaving with all our strength to its supreme head the Roman pontiff and to our most reverend bishop, the ordinary, that we may be good ministers of Jesus Christ, nourished with the words of faith and of the wholesome teaching which by his grace we have received.*

*We trust that, under the reign of our most Christian King, the friend of peace and religion, this institute will shortly come to light and we solemnly promise that we shall spend ourselves and all we have in saving souls in every way under the very august name of the Virgin Mary and with her help. All this is subject to the wiser judgment of our superiors.*

*May the Holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary be praised. Amen. (July 23, 1816. OM 1, doc 5)*

They were young men who had already experienced much in their short lives. They had all grown up during the tumultuous years of the French Revolution and the Napoleonic regime and its disastrous wars. They knew how much people had suffered, and how the Church was in disarray. So when in their pledge they asserted themselves ready “to accept all sufferings, trials, inconveniences and, if needs be, torture,” they were not being naive romantics! No, they dedicated themselves and all they owned to this Marist project, because they believed themselves called to be the first children of Mary in a great work that would meet the needs of peoples all over the world, especially the need to hear, once again or for the first time, the good news of God’s mercy.

And their “Fourvière Pledge” has borne fruit. What began very small, like most of the works of God, hidden and unknown to all but the participants has become not one but four Marist religious congregations. The Marist Family consists of: the Marist fathers, Marist Sisters, the Marist Brothers and the Marist Missionary Sisters. The Marist family has many committed lay people who wish to live the Marist Charism; it is the Marist Charismatic Family.

On 23 July, the Marist Family celebrated 200 years since its birth. Representatives of the whole Marist Family, united in Lyon and celebrated this anniversary. Participants also took part in the International Marist Youth Encounter, which included the youth of the four Marist congregations.

Mr Ray Martin - Principal
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 3 in what is a busy term for our Year 12 cohort where they will complete their HSC Trial examinations as well as graduate from this fine Marist College at the end of the term. The trial exams begin on the 1st August till the 15th August. This is a time for students to focus on their exams which in most cases are worth 30% of their internal assessment mark which is extremely important in achieving a high rank within their class. Even in the next week, Year 12 should take the opportunity to practice past papers and should have all of their notes in order to practice answering questions to help with their exam technique for the trials. Students need to keep these samples for study notes for the HSC in October. We keep all our Year 12 students and their families in our prayers.

The Reformed HSC

No doubt you would have heard that the Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli announced an upheaval of the Higher School Certificate. The major talking point was that all Year 9 students would have to attain at least a Band 8 in literacy and numeracy. While announcements are made by governments the actual implementation details are somewhat light so we look forward to getting the finer details on the revamp. Until we get there it is all speculation as to what schools will do if a student doesn’t attain that standard. Rest assured that MCCP will continue to provide a high quality education for your son and/or daughter and any changes that are implemented will be adopted in the best interests of our students. These literacy and numeracy standards would affect students gaining a HSC in 2020, in other words students currently in Year 8.

Other reforms include better fairer assessments to reduce excessive student stress, a new science extension course to be introduced, updating syllabuses in Maths, English, History and Science, updated exam questions to encourage deeper analysis and push students to achieve their best and encouragement of more students to study Mathematics at the highest level.

Further information for this can be found at http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/policy-research/stronger-hsc-standards/

Social Media

Social networking is using the internet to connect with other people. Social networking sites are a big part of teenagers’ and children’s social lives. You can help your child get the most out of social networking and avoid its downsides. It is important that all parents have a conversation with their children about the proper use of social media. ‘Social networking’ is using the internet to interact, form communities and build connections with people who share common interests. As all parents are aware teenagers use social networking sites such as Facebook, Tumblr, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram to:

- create online profiles
- post comments on their own and other people’s posts, photos and videos
- upload links, photos and videos, in which they can tag other people, or be tagged by others
- send and receive messages
- join or follow interest groups.

Some children and teenagers also connect with other people through online gaming sites. It is important for all parents to be well aware of the sites that your son/daughter are using and to ensure that at all times they are safe and respectful. Cyber bullying affects many adolescents and teens on a daily basis.

Please remind your children of the following and the importance of Keeping Safe Online:

- Keep your password safe and secret - even from friends
- Tell your parents if something is wrong or makes you feel unsafe
- Tell your parents/teacher if you come across something inappropriate or disrespectful to yourself, family or school.
- Never use ICT or the school network disrespectfully, dishonestly or unlawfully.
- Never say or do things that you wouldn’t like others to do or say to you.
- Never access sites meant for people in older age groups than you.
- Never say anything untrue about others
- Never bully, harass, make derogatory or untrue remarks that embarrass others.
- Never Spread rumors online or through texts
- Never Pretend to be someone else online to hurt another person
- Never Take unflattering pictures of a person and spread them through cell phones or the Internet

Cyber bullying can be very damaging to adolescents and teens. It can lead to anxiety, depression, and even suicide. Also, once things are circulated on the Internet, they may never disappear, resurfacing at later times to renew the pain of cyber bullying.

Many cyber bullies think that bullying others online is funny. Cyber bullies may not realise the consequences for themselves of cyberbullying. The things teens post online now may reflect badly on them later when they apply for a job in the future. Together in partnership, parents and school we need to constantly remind our young people of the importance of keeping safe online.

For more information please read the Sydney Catholic schools Anti bullying policy which is on the College website and in the student’s diary on Page 131.

Mrs Carmelina Eussen
Assistant Principal
NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK

Monday 29th August - Friday 2nd September - Week 7

Literacy at Marist Catholic College Penshurst is a Whole School Approach. Literacy is fundamental to all areas of learning, as it unlocks access to the wider curriculum. All teachers across all key learning areas seek to embed literacy strategies to enhance student performance so they can achieve their personal best.

In our everyday classrooms students studying English, Maths, Science, HSIE, Art or PD/H/PE, being able to read and write at the appropriate level is fundamental to gaining a deeper understanding of the subject matter at hand. Quite literally, a student’s reading and writing skills are portals to and catalysts for whole worlds of learning. For all of us, regardless of our classroom content or the age of our students, providing targeted reading and writing instruction when students’ skills are lagging and continued instruction when students are achieving is paramount to their success in school and in life.

To celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week in week 7 of this term students will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities including our famous Marist Spelling Bee with some exciting prizes on offer. As we get closer to week 7 the proposed timetable of events will be published in the newsletter and I encourage all students to become actively involved.

I would like to take this opportunity to officially launch the Marist Catholic College “Solidarity” Poetry Competition and the Creative Writing “To Know and To Love” Competition, please see the details for submission below. Students who best represent the chosen themes in their writing and exhibit evidence of flair, originality, sophistication and precision in both thought & expression will be considered.

Poetry Competition
Theme: “Solidarity”
Word Length: 10-12 stanzas
Submission Date: Monday 29 Aug
Submit To: Miss Nolan in Library

Creative Writing Competition
Theme: “To Know and To Love”
Word Length: 500-800 Words
Submission Date: Monday 29 Aug
Submit To: Miss Nolan in Library

Thankyou
Ms Rebecca Nolan - Librarian

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MCCP LEARNING

Semester One

Congratulations to all students who worked diligently in semester one and achieved academic results that highlighted their true ability. It was delightful to see many students achieve their targeted personal best and receive results they can be proud of. I hope all students are able to further improve their results in semester two and maintain a commitment to learning in every class everyday.

Semester Two

This semester, it is important that all students maintain a focus on “doing more” by showing effort and application in all their subjects in order to achieve their targeted grades in their yearly report. Grades will be awarded based on their assessment tasks, meeting the course outcomes and the ability they display through completing set work. Students are encouraged to set realistic but challenging targets and strategies and begin working on assessment tasks as soon as they receive them.

‘Aspire to be...’ Target Setting Program

All students will be evaluating their semester one targets and strategies in their pastoral care classes and setting targets and strategies for semester two, with the guidance of their Pastoral Care teacher.

I would like to remind and encourage students to take this opportunity to deeply reflect on their learning in semester one and set ISMART (Inspirational, Specific, Attainable, Measurable, Realistic and Time-bound) goals for semester two. I would also like to remind and encourage parents to discuss with their child their achievement of their targets as well as guide them in writing and working towards achieving their semester two targets and strategies.

We believe that if together we guide students to effectively reflect on their learning and set targets and strategies which they continually review and work towards then they will improve their academic performance.

HSC Holiday Workshops

In the mid-year holidays many Year 12 students were involved in workshops that provided them with the opportunity to consolidate their understanding of the concepts taught in their HSC courses. Students received guidance, support and advice in Physics, Mathematics, IPT, Art, English, History, Studies of Religion, Economics and Design and Technology. The workshops assisted in better preparing students for the HSC as well as their Trial HSC Exams which begin on Monday.

In some workshops students were engaged in activities and learning experiences to further develop their understanding of the course content. In others students gained exposure to a comprehensive collection of examination-style questions and further developed the problem-solving skills that are required to secure those higher HSC marks. Some students were provided with time, advice and guidance while working on their major works project.

IPT and Art involved Mr Chris Morris and Mr Phillipe Sanders-Agius from Sydney Catholic Schools who are expert teachers in their Key Learning Areas. Mr Chris Morris ran a workshop which involved students from other neighbouring Catholic schools including St Ursula’s, St Mary’s Cathedral, Marist College Kogarah, Marcellin College Randwick and Bethany College. He provided students with advice in attempting and answering HSC style questions as well as the skills necessary to successfully interpret and understand marking criteria. The students were engaged in various activities and asked questions to deepen their understanding of the course content. Mr Phillipe Sanders-Agius provided students with valuable guidance and advice in completing their major work for Art.

Thank you to all the teachers who ran these workshops and provided students with valuable advice giving them a further edge in the HSC.
MCCP LEARNING

Year 10

Year 10 have recently completed ‘All My Own Work’. This is a program designed to help students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding and valuing ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their studies. It is mandatory for students to satisfactorily complete the ‘All My Own Work’ program if they are going to complete any Preliminary or HSC courses.

Year 10 students and their parents are reminded that students who leave after Year 10 but before receiving their HSC will be issued a Record of School Achievement (RoSA) by the Board of Studies. Hence, the grades year 10 students are awarded by their teachers will also be forwarded to the Board of Studies and will appear on their RoSA. These grades will be awarded based on their assessment tasks, meeting the course outcomes and the ability they display through completing set work. Their achievement in these tasks can greatly impact on their grades and therefore year 10 students are encouraged to continue to work hard.

Mr Moe Akkawy
Director of Pedagogy and Administration

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Traffic and parking problems around schools creates significant issues.

The safety of our students travelling to and from school is a priority at all times.

Here are Road Safety guidelines which are being enforced by the Police. There is a constant presence of parking patrol officers around school zones each day.

Please read this information from the police, and we thank you for your ongoing support.

SCC SPORT

NETBALL - End of season from Term 2

This season has been a challenging one for the Intermediate Netball Team. With various mid-game injuries, umpiring mishaps and the older, taller competition, the Year 8 girls have had a few obstacles to overcome. Nevertheless, the team came together each week for Thursday morning training to develop their skills and work on new strategies, which they put into practice in the games. It was great to see our shooters mastering their holds and working with the wings, while the defence worked on their intercepts and pressure in the goal circle. Each member of the team brought their own valuable skillset, personality and energy. The improvement in each individual player and working together as a team was phenomenal throughout the season, which was clearly evident in the final few games. The final scores never reflected the effort and manner in which the team played. It is not easy to continue playing each week after significant losses, but our Intermediate Netballers did so with an ever-present optimism and enthusiasm. They are to be commended on their attitude and the way they conducted themselves throughout the term, and I am particularly proud of their effort, commitment and team spirit. Many thanks to Patrick Allison, Dion Taylor and Shannon Randell in Year 12 for their assistance in coaching and support of the team.

Analise Emmerick - Coach

one school • one family • one community

Agnoscere Et Diligere - To Know and To Love
MCCP ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday 22nd July, the College held its annual Athletics Carnival at Sylvania Waters Athletics Track. It was a great day weatherwise and there was an air of excitement for both staff and students in anticipation for the day. The Marist spirit was certainly alive and well, with participation numbers at this year’s carnival once again very high. The atmosphere was heightened by Year 12 dressing up in their House colours.

More (2788 points) took out the House Championship for 2016. Second place went to Salvius (2558 points), third place Dunstan (2378 points) and fourth place to Leopold (1781 points).

There were a number of fantastic performances on the day with 26 records being broken. Zoe Pitkethley was the most outstanding athlete breaking 8 records. What an effort! From all these performances, an Athletics Squad will be selected to compete in the CBSA and SCC Athletics Championships at Olympic Park, Homebush.

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MCCP ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our 2016 Age Champions:

U12 Male: Angus Riitano (Salvius)  
U13 Male: Lachlan King (Salvius)  
  Antonio Stojanovski (Salvius)  
U14 Male: Harrison Farr (Dunstan)  
U15: Jamie Lawler (Dunstan)  
U16: Kudzai Mazando (More)  
U12 Female: Leila Szczepanik (More)  
U13 Female: Zoe Pitkethley (More)  
U14: Female: Alicia Langley (More)  
U17: Shannon Randell (Leopold)

It was pleasing to see so many students get involved and do their best for their House and their College. Well done to all students on your cheering, your spirit and your behaviour on the day. A big thank you to all the staff for their efforts as well.

Mr Paul Burg - Director of Sport

SCC SPORT
BASKETBALL

JUNIOR

ROUND 1: MCCP 51 defeated Rosebank 3

The Team: Eva Christiansen, Charlotte Bulmer, Sienna De Marcellis, Sophie Higgs, Eliza Mallard, Zoe Pitkethley, Bella Ryder, Nicolette Tsiknis and Paris Williams

A fantastic start to the competition with a well-deserved win against Rosebank College, especially considering the majority of the team have limited or no experience playing competitive basketball. A quick rundown of the rules and the positions before the match and the team were good to go. As soon as they stepped on the court the girls started running the ball down and charging towards the basket to score points. Our offensive rebounds were numerous due to the number of attempts needed to get the ball in the basket, however the girls never gave up until they got those 2 points on the board! Defence was tight, with the girls continually hustling the opposition, taking the steal and grabbing the points. There are a few skills and strategies to work on at training in the coming weeks, not to mention a bit of a ‘de-netballing’ of students, however the outlook for this team is exciting.

Mrs Louise Lynch - Coach

INTERMEDIATE

ROUND 1: MCCP 21 defeated by Rosebank 38

The Team: Selena Rowen, Mia Young, Rebecca Li, Jade Troeger, Lyric Parcarey, Sophie Luo, Jacinta Gunawan, Chloe Ross

This year the Intermediate team are competing against students in both years 8 and 9 so it is definitely an understatement to say it is a step up from last year’s competition. This year’s team consists of mostly the same students as last year with the exception of Chloe Ross, who made her basketball debut this week. The first half of the match wasn’t played with as much enthusiasm and effort as we are used to, but after a half-time pep talk, the students definitely found their competitive spirit, and started to attack on the court. Whilst it was too late in the game to take back the lead, it was promising to see the girls being enthusiastic and working together as a cohesive unit. This season it is paramount that we hone some of the essential basketball skills so that when faced with a team who are significantly taller, we have some strategies in place to take them on. I’m looking forward to see the girls improve with their game throughout the season, and hopefully walk away from each game with a sense of satisfaction - win, lose or draw.

Ms Rachel Thompson - Coach
FROM DR DAN WHITE - SCS

Dear Parents and Carers,

A recent article that appeared in The Daily Telegraph and in some local newspapers reported on significant school fee increases for 2017 that have been announced for some schools in the Broken Bay diocese, north of Sydney. These fee increases were in response to projected new ‘needs-based’ funding arrangements that are likely to have an adverse effect for the Broken Bay diocese. It may have been interpreted from the article that similar, large fee increases were also being planned for other dioceses including Sydney Catholic Schools.

I want to reassure you that this is not the case. In 2014, I announced a differentiated school fees policy that took into account the Socio Economic Status (SES) of the suburb each school is located when setting that school’s tuition fees. This policy means that school fee increases vary slightly according to the SES of each school. That policy has not changed. While fees have not yet been determined for 2017, the expectation is that increases will again average out at about 5% across our 150 schools.

Please be assured of my continued commitment to ensuring that school fees and charges will always kept to as low as possible, without ever compromising the quality of the learning and support that our schools provide for their students.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact your school.

All the very best for the term ahead.

With warmest wishes

Dr Dan White
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: SYDNEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

FROM SCS OFFICE

PRIVACY STATEMENT – STANDARD COLLECTION NOTICE.

Reminder to parents & guardians: From time to time, we are required to provide student details and background data provided through the school enrolment form to government agencies. This is particularly important to note at Census time and for both the August Special Circumstances applications to be submitted to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training and student background data provided to the Australian Curriculum & Reporting Authority (ACARA) post August census.

Parents/Guardians are able to access the SCS Privacy Policy – Standard Collection Notice on the SCS public website through this link.

URL is: https://docs.google.com/a/syd.catholic.edu.au/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=c3lkLmNhGhvbGiLmVkd5hdXxzeWRuZktY2F0aG9saWMtc2Nob29scy1wb2xpY2lIc3xneDo3NTMxNWQwNTQ3N2NjZWUy

2015 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

The Annual School Report to the Community provides parents and the wider School community with fair, reliable and objective information about School performance measures and policies, as determined by the Minister for Education. The Report also outlines information about initiatives and developments of major interest and importance during the year and the achievements arising from the implementation of the School’s Annual Improvement Plan.

This document is now available on the College website www.maristpenshurst.catholic.edu.au and at the school administration office.