

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Over the last fortnight we have celebrated through liturgy, College quiz and a community day at Luna Park, the life of Marcellin Champagnat and being Marist. Champagnat had a heart that knows no bounds and his golden rule was 'to educate children first we must love them, and love them equally'. This message is so important for parents, guardians and teachers alike. In this newsletter, Mrs Frino explores the concept of instilling a positive growth mindset as compared to a fixed mindset approach. This may prove valuable with your daughters and sons semester reports being distributed and Parent/Teacher Interviews being conducted.

Mr Ray Martin - College Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



At Marist Catholic College, we believe that every child has the capacity to improve, provided that they are open and act upon the feedback provided. We actively support students to develop a growth mindset.

Do you remember how you felt when you failed an assessment task at school? Did it make you feel like giving up? Were you depressed for the rest of the day or were you angry, blaming something or someone else for your poor performance?

In recent research, Carol Dweck (2007) provided children with problems that were slightly too hard for them. She observed two different reactions from students. Some students reacted in a positive way and made comments such as "I love a challenge" or "I enjoy pushing myself to learn new things". They appeared to recognise their ability to improve and learn. They understood that perseverance, effort and making mistakes

were part of the learning process. Dweck called it "growth mindset" thinking. These students were less anxious about assessment of any form and receiving results. They continued to try, were open to teacher feedback and worked out how to change some aspect of their learning to improve. Other students in her study however lacked motivation and resilience when presented with harder problems. Dweck perceived that these students had a "fixed mindset". Dweck discovered that students with a "fixed mindset" were more likely to cheat in tests, avoid making mistakes or not persevere when they found the work challenging. Students with a fixed mindset were more likely to view a poor result in an assessment as being a reflection of whether or not they were smart or able to do the subject. This often applies to Mathematics and Science where students perceive themselves to be good or bad at these subjects, as if it is impossible to become stronger in these subjects.

Tips for instilling a growth mindset in your child

First of all praise the learning process: your son or daughter's effort, strategies they used, focus, perseverance and improvement. Praising the process assists your child to become hardy and resilient. Dweck found that parents can help their children develop a growth mindset by promoting a love of learning, teaching their children about the value of hard work and effort, and by speaking about the brain as a muscle or "learning machine" that can grow and develop. Learning can be tricky. Sometimes it feels like you take two steps forward only to take one step backwards. It rarely follows a simple linear path. Praise should be directed toward your child's effort, persistence and the strategies used to find solutions. Recognise your own mindset. It is important to be mindful of your own thinking and of the messages you give your child through your words and actions. The following are examples of comments that help promote growth mindsets:

You really studied for your Science test. I noticed that the study notes you created really helped you learn the content.

That was a hard English assignment, but you stuck with it until you got it done. You stayed at your desk and kept your concentration. That's great.

I liked the way you tried a lot of different strategies to solve that Maths problem.

Finally, model learning from failure. When parents talk positively about their own mistakes, children will often start to think that mistakes are a natural part of learning. Stanford University has developed a number of online resources that may be of assistance to you. The resources can be accessed from this link <https://goo.gl/OXd6k3>.

Dweck, C.S. (2007) The Secret to Raising Smart Kids. Scientific American. Mind & Brain Special Edition Vol 23, (5) p 40.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Continued

Communication

The College regularly communicates to parents and the community. This is an important part of the ongoing partnership required to educate your sons and daughters at Marist Penshurst. Emails, text messages and phone calls are regularly made either individually or in large groups. If you have changed any of your contact details in recent times, please contact the College office to update.

Year 12 July Holiday Revision & Trial Preparation Workshops

The College will be offering Year 12 students revision and Trial preparation workshops in various subjects during the July holiday period. The timetable for the workshops can be found below. These workshops are a wonderful opportunity for your son to revise important content, practice skills and work on strategies to prepare for the upcoming Trial HSC examinations next term. We would expect that all Year 12 students make full use of this opportunity. A letter will be distributed to families next week. On your behalf, I thank the teachers who are giving up their personal time during the holidays to work with our students.

WEEK 1					
DATE	SUBJECT	TEACHER	NO OF STUDENTS	TIME	ROOM
Mon 9/7	Mathematics	Mr Young	12	9.00 - 12.00	L2.12
	Mathematics Gen	Mr Barnes, Ms Wand	38	9.00 - 12.00	Library
	Mathematics Ext 1	Mr Dooner	12	12.30 - 2.30	L2.13
Tue 10/7	Economics	Mr Nader	11	8am - 9.30am	L2.13
	Business Studies	Mr Nader, Ms Beard, Mr Di Terlizzi	37	9.30am - 11am	L2.13
Wed 11/7	Ancient History	Mr Reilly	13	10am - 2pm	L3.05
Thurs 12/7	IPT	Mrs Rizk	9	9am - 1pm	L2.13
Fri 13/7	Studies of Religion 1 and 2 Unit	Ms Kalifa	48	10am - 2pm	Ministry Room
WEEK 2					
DATE	SUBJECT	TEACHER	NO OF STUDENTS	TIME	ROOM
Mon 16/7	Design Tech	Mr McBride	TBC	9am - 4pm	TAS 23 - 25
Wed 18/7	History Extension	Mr Reilly	4	9am - 2pm	L2.24
	IT-Wood	Mr Way	TBC (7)	9am - 4pm	TAS 23 - 25

Mrs Connie Frino - Assistant Principal

FROM THE COLLEGE BURSAR

All College fees are now overdue for payment. Please finalise these ASAP. Payments can be made via BPay, Eftpos, Cash or Cheque.

Any outstanding fees may result in your child's non-involvement in College activities.

Mrs Joy O'Sullivan - College Bursar

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 2 Jul	Yr 7 - 10 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 3.30pm - 8pm	Wed 25 Jul	Mathematics Olympiad
Tues 3 Jul	Yr 7 - 10 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 10am - 5pm	Fri 27 Jul	College Athletics Carnival Sylvania Waters Athletics Track
Fri 6 Jul	End of Term 2	Tues 31 Jul	College Photo Day Full College Uniform to be worn
Mon 23 Jul	Term 3 Commences Full Winter Uniform	Mon 6 Aug - Fri 17 Aug	Year 12 HSC Trial Examinations

CHAMPAGNAT DAY QUIZ

During Champagnat Week celebrations, we held our traditional Champagnat quiz. There was great excitement throughout the week as Pastoral Care classes prepared to 'take out' the coveted pizza lunch prize. This quiz has a long-standing tradition at Marist Penshurst, whereby Pastoral Care classes answer a variety of questions, from college and Marist knowledge, to knowledge of staff and students, to knowing particulars about the layout of the College.

Our SRC students helped to facilitate this event along with some staff. Some of our senior students even donned hi-viz vests and patrolled the event, keeping eager students in line. As usual there were some controversial questions, in particular the question asking classes to list the heights of the LOWB from tallest to shortest.

At the end of the day, we had three classes with equal scores: Miss Emmerick's class, 7.6, was the first to return their answer sheet, followed by Mrs Fournaris' class, 12.1, and then Mr Barnes' class of 12.4. All three classes were awarded a pizza lunch.

I would like to say a big thank you to our SRC and staff who helped on the day.

Ms Anne Collins - SRC Coordinator

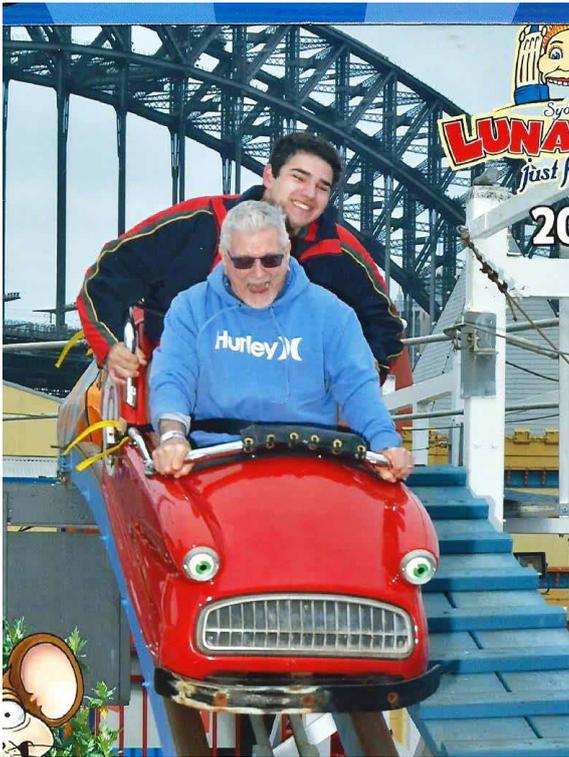


CONCERT BAND BANDFEST REHEARSAL

There will be Concert Band Bandfest rehearsal for all members next Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 June at 8am in CV12.

Mr Matthew Smith - Music Teacher

CHAMPAGNAT CELEBRATIONS - LUNA PARK



YEAR 12 ECONOMICS EXCURSION

UBS Investment Bank Lecture Day

Year 12 Economics students at Marist Penhurst were recently invited to attend a HSC Economics Lecture presented by UBS Investment Bank. Guided by some of Australia's leading economists, George Tharenou (UBS), Dr Michael Plumb (Reserve Bank of Australia) and Ross Gittins (Sydney Morning Herald), we were provided with a detailed insight into the conflicting economic issues at play in the global and domestic economy. This up-to-date and important information will be applied to our studies in the Trial and HSC Economics examination as we navigate through economic growth, unemployment, wage growth and inflation and the implications for policy makers. Part of the day also involved us meeting NESAs Economics examiners and senior markers, who shared their strategies on approaching the upcoming exams.



Max Scalone and Jonathan Dinoris - Year 12 Economics

YEAR 12 HISTORY EXCURSION

On June 15 and 16, the Year 12 Modern, Ancient and Extension History classes attended study days 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 gain insight from presenters who are Senior Markers for the HSC, as well as academic historians and archaeologists. With 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. The History Extension students gave up their Saturday to attend the seminars and found the experience most rewarding.



Mr Robert Reilly & Ms Lydia Curis - Year 12 History Teachers

ROAD SAFETY

Traffic management around the College is critical in maintaining a safe environment for our students, parents and members of the general public. A reminder for parents and carers to:

- use the 'Kiss and Ride' area like a quick moving taxi rank and move forward in the queue of vehicles;
- go around the block rather than block traffic and buses if your children are not ready to get straight into your vehicle at pick-up time;
- refrain from picking up your children at the crossing;
- always park and turn legally within the vicinity of the school. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.

All parents are to refrain from using Marist Lane as a pick-up or drop-off area. This street is currently zoned as 'No Stopping' to keep sight lines clear for drivers and pedestrians. Please use Victoria Avenue or the surrounding streets for this purpose.

Adhering to these guidelines will help to keep our children safe during the busiest times of the school day.

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT



CONGRATULATIONS

Dane Mitchell in Year 7 came first in the NSWCCC U/12 Cross Country Championships last Friday. He has been selected to represent NSWCCC at the NSW All Schools Championships next month. Well done and good luck Dane!

SPORT RESULTS

SCC					
NETBALL	RND	OPPOSITION	WIN / LOSS	SCORE	COACH
Junior	7	Bethany College	Loss	15 - 24	Ms Anna Le
	8	Washed Out		--	
Intermediate	7	Bethany College	Win	27 - 25	Miss Analise Emmerick
	8	Washed Out		--	
Senior	7	Bethany College	Loss	4 - 36	Mrs Nicole Katrib
	8	Washed Out		--	
SOCCER	RND	OPPOSITION	WIN / LOSS	SCORE	COACH
Senior	7	Bethany College	Loss	0 - 4	Mr Michael Falzon
	8	Washed Out		--	

CBSA					
Soccer	RND	OPPOSITION	WIN / LOSS	SCORE	COACH
Junior	7	Casimir College	Win	7 - 0	Mr Michael Young
	8	Washed Out		--	
Intermediate	7	Casimir College	Loss	1 - 4	Mr Jon Cullerton
	8	Washed Out		--	
Senior	7	Casimir College	Loss	0 - 2	Mr Tory Brustolin
	8	Washed Out		--	
Rugby League	RND	OPPOSITION	WIN / LOSS	SCORE	COACH
Junior	7	Casimir College	Win	Forfeit	Mr Michael Fisher
	8	Washed Out		--	
Intermediate	7	Casimir College	Win	28 - 12	Mr John Lloyd
	8	Washed Out		--	
Senior	7	Holy Spirit Lakemba	Loss	18 - 20	Mr Martin Shipley
	8	Washed Out		--	