



FROM THE PRINCIPAL & ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

End of the School Year

The end of the school year has arrived, and I know many students will be glad of its arrival. I would like to thank you and your child/ren for the way in which they finished the year, in particular, for their positive behaviour and participation during the last few days.

It has been another successful year to which all members of our community have contributed. I particularly congratulate our Year 12 students who have achieved excellent HSC results this year. These results are only possible when students show determination and grit, and they work consistently with the support of their teachers to achieve, and sometimes even exceed, their personal best. Wishing all our Year 12 students the very best as they move into the next phase of their lives, whether that be university, TAFE or the workforce.

Throughout the year it has been a great privilege to see many of our students' flourish and seize the many opportunities available to them. At our Year 7 - 10 Awards Ceremony last Thursday outstanding academic, spiritual, cultural and sporting achievement was recognised. Congratulations to all students who received an award this year.

All students should have something to celebrate from their year at school. This might be recorded on their school report, on a trophy or certificate announced at the Awards Ceremony, or in the form of acknowledgement from a teacher. At the end of the year, your son/daughter can measure their success by reflecting on whether what they did aligned with what they were capable of doing. We can't expect more but we should also not expect anything less. Please take the time to discuss with your son/daughter their achievements this year. Please celebrate their successes and identify areas requiring further development.

Christmas Device Buying Guide - Perimeter Guardian

This Christmas, Perimeter Guardian has published a buying guide on what parents need to be aware of when it comes to tech gifts. [Please click here to read this article.](#)

Christmas Message

Christmas is once again upon us. We are about to remember that the Son of God became a human being – as helpless a baby as was ever born — with a manger for His crib. We are about to follow the steps of Mary, who became a mother, not simply of a son, but of the Son of God. We are about to listen to Angels singing in His honour. We are about to see the shepherds and the wise men worship Him. These shepherds and wise men show us how to respond to the good news that God has become a human being: they worshipped Him. Should we follow their example? Yes, because Christ is going to be born again, and the peace and joy of God's kingdom are ours even as we live and breathe in the world, as we know it. Yes, because Christ is going to be born again, and we can encounter Him in every human being, especially the poor, needy, and outcast.

The only limits on the blessing of Christmas are those that we place on ourselves. Thus let us all try to be like Mary, who received Christ with joy. Let us all try to be like the elder Joseph, Christ's steadfast protector. Let us all try to be like that strange combination of lowly shepherds and noble wise men that first worshipped Christ. Let us all welcome Christ into our life and live accordingly, for nothing, but our own refusal, can separate us from His love. Let us prepare ourselves for His coming, through prayer and almsgiving. Let us not fool ourselves that we can find Him through participating in Christmas parties or through spending what's left of our yearly budget on decorations and gifts. Let us find Him in our fellow people, who need our love and presence.

I wish all members of our Marist community a safe and rejuvenating break and may Christmas be a time of joy and peace.

Mr Ray Martin & Mrs Connie Frino

UPCOMING DATES

2019

Mon 21 Jan College Office Opens

Wed 30 Jan Year 7 Commence
Summer Uniform

Thurs 31 Jan Whole School Return
Sports Uniform

Wed 6 Feb MCCP Swimming Carnival
Roselands Pool

HSC RESULTS

Some key points about the HSC results for 2018

- 83% of courses above State Average.
- 29 Band 6s/E4s
- 144 Band 5s/E3s
- This means 173 of 329 results were 80% or higher.
- Zachary Pitkethley: 2018 College Dux. All Rounder: Band 6s (over 90) in all subjects, Ranked 5th in the state for Studies of Religion II.
- 8 students received an ATAR of 90 or above: Zachary Pitkethley (99.1), Stefan Klimoski (94.1), Nicholas Leventis (94), Nicholas Condylis (93.4), Christopher Kesoglou (93), Brandon Kong (93), James Harrison (92), Arthur Guo (90).
- List of Distinguished achievers (Band 6/E4) is below:

Budanovic, Marko	Music 1
Condylis, Nicholas	Ancient History
Condylis, Nicholas	English (Advanced)
Condylis, Nicholas	Mathematics General 2
Czajka, Mark (Year 11)	Mathematics
Giannarakis, Travis (Year 11)	Mathematics
Guo, Arthur	Mathematics
Guo, Arthur	Senior Science
Harrison, James	Ancient History
Harrison, James	Mathematics General 2
Hefka, John (Year 11)	Mathematics
Ho, Pak Sing Parson (Year 11)	Mathematics
Jovanovski, James (Year 11)	Mathematics
Kesoglou, Christopher	Information Processes and Technology
Klimoski, Stefan	Business Studies
Klimoski, Stefan	Mathematics
Klimoski, Stefan	Studies of Religion I
Kong, Brandon	Mathematics General 2
Leventis, Nicholas	Business Studies
Leventis, Nicholas	Mathematics General 2
Ng, Lawrence	Mathematics Extension 1
Pitkethley, Zachary	Chemistry
Pitkethley, Zachary	English (Advanced)
Pitkethley, Zachary	Legal Studies
Pitkethley, Zachary	Physics
Pitkethley, Zachary	Studies of Religion II
Smeets, Ethan	Design and Technology
Trimboli, Frankie	Senior Science
Tzortzatos, James	Design and Technology



YEAR 7 - 10 ACADEMIC AWARDS

YEAR 7	
1ST PLACE	SUBJECT
Jackson Bradshaw	Music
Alana Cincotta	Catholic Studies
Stephen Costa	History
Bianca Fiamengo	Science
Connor Fitzgerald	Music
Marco Gava	Mathematics
Sara Kent	Technology Mandatory
Harry Kontrafouris	PDHPE
Evani Kumar	Technology Mandatory
Anastasia Makarenko	Music
Hunter Pemberton	Technology Mandatory
Eleni Velonas	Geography
Eleni Velonas	English

YEAR 8	
1ST PLACE	SUBJECT
Camryn Barrins	Geography
Jasmine Casey	Italian
Jasmine Casey	Geography
Jasmine Casey	Technology Mandatory
Amber Helliwell	Geography
Chalene Kuklin	Visual Art
Chalene Kuklin	History
Chalene Kuklin	Science
Chalene Kuklin	Catholic Studies
Maya Reynolds	English
Rohan Reynolds	PDHPE
Hannah Turnbull	Mathematics
Charlotte Veitch	Science
Misya Veona	Mathematics

YEAR 7 SPECIALIST AWARDS	
Sophie Bulmer	Sportswoman of the Year
Sophie Bulmer	Aspiration Award
Lauryn Chin	High Achievers Award
Stephen Costa	Aspiration Award
Sienna D'aciaro	Aspiration Award
Christopher Dinoris	Aspiration Award
Bianca Fiamengo	High Achievers Award
Marco Gava	High Achievers Award
Danielle Gerogiannis	Aspiration Award
Tarynn Kent	Aspiration Award
Anthony Kolmac	Aspiration Award
Emma Lovric	Aspiration Award
Dane Mitchell	Sportsman of the Year
Charlotte Moore	Aspiration Award
Annamaria Psaltis	Aspiration Award
Emma Rollo	Marist Penshurst Award
Sylvia Veljancevski	Aspiration Award
Eleni Velonas	High Achievers Award



YEAR 8 SPECIALIST AWARDS	
Jackson Andrews	Aspiration Award
Tyler Aplitt	Aspiration Award
Ethan Asuncion	Aspiration Award
Camryn Barrins	Aspiration Award
Erin Bennett	Aspiration Award
Emily Blackmore	Aspiration Award
Lydia Bye	Aspiration Award
Jasmine Casey	Aspiration Award
Leah Celio	Aspiration Award
Cooper Garcia	Sportsman of the Year
Chalene Kuklin	High Achievers Award
Simona Mallia	Aspiration Award
Erini Papagianopoulos	Aspiration Award
Maya Reynolds	High Achievers Award
Natalie Sidoti	High Achievers Award
Jerome Vescio	Aspiration Award
Elizabeth Wastie	Marist Penshurst Award
Elizabeth Wastie	Sportswoman of the Year
Georgia Xippas	Aspiration Award

YEAR 9	
1ST PLACE	SUBJECT
Alannah Antuoni	Dance
Charlotte Bulmer	Drama
Eleni Condylis	Visual Art
Zane Constantine	Industrial Technology Timber
Kristen De Stefano	Geography
William Finn	Industrial Technology Timber
Amelia Giovenali	Science
Amelia Giovenali	Food Technology
Joshua Keedle-Ortiz	History
Joshua Keedle-Ortiz	PDHPE
Tiana Kinezos	Industrial Technology Timber
Tiana Kinezos	PDHPE
Victoria Kolmac	Commerce
Jacob McGraw	Mathematics
Patrice Merkouris	English
Patrice Merkouris	Drama
Tali Nemr	Industrial Technology Multimedia
Lara Nikolovski	English
Bobby Pasoski	PDHPE
Marcus Riger-Bregovic	Music
Gabriela Shashati	Mathematics Accelerated
Gabriela Shashati	Italian
Elefterios Sotiropoulos	Food Technology
Leila Szczepanik	Industrial Technology Timber
Mia Szczepanik	Design & Technology
Nicolette Tsiknis	Catholic Studies
Nicolette Tsiknis	Mathematics
Tayla Wyatt-Tandek	Physical Activity & Sports Science

YEAR 9 SPECIALIST AWARDS	
Charlotte Bulmer	Aspiration Award
Sienna De Marcellis	High Achievers Award
Kristen De Stefano	Aspiration Award
Christopher Finos	Aspiration Award
Amelia Giovenali	High Achievers Award
Victoria Kolmac	High Achievers Award
Eliza Mallard	Marist Penshurst Award
Patrice Merkouris	Aspiration Award
Jacob Momi	Aspiration Award
Claudia Moras	Kieran Dyson Award
Tali Nemr	Aspiration Award
Zoe Pitkethley	Sportswoman of the Year
Tom Pitkethley	Sportsman of the Year
Marcus Riger-Bregovic	Aspiration Award
Gabriela Shashati	High Achievers Award
Jessica Towson	Ben Cunneen Award
Jessica Towson	Aspiration Award
Nicolette Tsiknis	Aspiration Award



YEAR 10	
1ST PLACE	SUBJECT
Sabina De Leon	Food Technology
Joybelle Fernandes	Industrial Technology Timber
Luka Giannarakis	Mathematics Accelerated
Rakel Gunaidi	Drama
Jacinta Gunawan	Physical Activity & Sports Science
Riana Hing	Design & Technology
Riana Hing	Geography
Riana Hing	Visual Art
Jia Li	Music
Rebecca Li	Industrial Technology Multimedia
Adrian Ristevski	Graphics Technology
Damian Scalone	Commerce
Damian Scalone	English
Damian Scalone	History
Damian Scalone	Mathematics
Damian Scalone	PDHPE
Damian Scalone	Science
Damian Scalone	Catholic Studies
Katie Schwarzel	Design & Technology
Nicholas Stathakis	IST
Demi Zissis	Dance

YEAR 10 SPECIALIST AWARDS	
Max Black	Aspiration Award
Kiara Brightwell-Chatib	Aspiration Award
Zale Briscoe-Hough	Reuben F Scarf Award
Zale Briscoe-Hough	High Achievers Award
Isabel Cendon Jordan	Aspiration Award
Sabina De Leon	Aspiration Award
Sabina De Leon	High Achievers Award
Rakel Gunaidi	High Achievers Award
Andrew Ha	Aspiration Award
Riley Jackson	Aspiration Award
Alicia Langley	Sportswoman of the Year
Jia Li	Aspiration Award
Rebecca Li	Marist Penshurst Award
Laura Moras	Aspiration Award
Mia Murchie-Young	Aspiration Award
Jonathan Remfrey	Aspiration Award
Charlotte Riley	Aspiration Award
Chloe Ross	Aspiration Award
Joseph Sartor	Sportsman of the Year
Damian Scalone	Pat Mullane Award
Damian Scalone	High Achievers Award
Katie Schwarzel	Long Tan Award
Jessica Trajkovski	Aspiration Award
Luca Valente	Aspiration Award

A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

“Christmas, a spectacular time for overeating and socially sanctioned gluttony. Instant gratification. Indulgence”. Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide Tuesday 11 December 2018. These are shocking words to apply to Christmas, even though they may be no more than overblown journalistic popular-speak. However, we have placed the Child Jesus in his crib. Are we content leave him there and forget about him?

The nativity story, so familiar to us, is not a story simply about a past event. Jesus is alive and well among us today. We have a daily familiarity and friendship with Jesus. He is part and parcel of our family. He is with us throughout the year; he is with us through our life-long journey. That is why we say Emmanuel, God is with us.

Do not keep Jesus in the crib. Let him challenge us.

Let him threaten our security and our comfortable life.

Let him take us away from the lavish variety and superabundance of food and drink which we may consume at Christmas.

Let him challenge us to think twice about the unnecessary presents under the Christmas tree. They may be presents – but are they truly life-giving gifts?

Let him encourage us to think of those who go without, not just at Christmas, but every day and night of the year. And do something about it.

Let him encourage us to think of the damage we do to the environment because we are too lazy or too comfortable to say No to the unnecessary in our lives.

Let him encourage us to replace self with service of others, self-centredness with outreach to others, indifference to the needs of others with compassion.

Think twice before you leave Jesus in the crib.

Let him walk with us in the bad times, and lift us out of the darkness into light, from depression into hope, and from stress into genuine happiness.

Let us truly celebrate Christmas for what it is, Christ’s Mass, because that is what the Old Anglo-Saxon word means.

May you have a genuinely happy, life-giving Christmas.

Br Tony Butler

PEER SUPPORT TRAINING DAY

On Wednesday 5 December, 65 Year 9 Peer Support Leaders engaged in a leadership training day. The Peer Support program encourages peer connections between our new cohort of Year 7 students 2019 and Year 10 students 2019 and will assist our new Year 7 students in developing practical skills to enhance social and emotional wellbeing. It also builds the leadership capacity of students within the school.

The day was held at Our Lady of Fatima Peakhurst and incorporated activities and training based on relationships, making connections, empathy and problem solving. An important part of this day was the reflection tasks, whereby students were asked to reflect on their own strengths, challenges and their sense of community. It was an action filled day with students forging bonds with other leaders. One of the highlights of the day was students, working as a team, creating an icon using paper and tape and a fashion parade ensued with much laughter.

Thank you to all the wonderful Year 9 Peer Support Leaders who participated on the day. Our Year 7 2019 cohort are fortunate to have such great Peer Leaders. An additional thank you to Mr Michael Fisher, Ms Anne Collins and Mr Tory Brustolin who assisted and led sessions bringing their own expertise to the day.

Mrs Lea-Kathryn Nelson
Acting Peer Support Leader
and SRC Coordinator



SPORT - GRANDFINALS

SCC					
TOUCH FOOTBALL	RND	OPPOSITION	WIN / LOSS	SCORE	COACH
Junior	GF	Rosebank	Loss	2 - 3	Ms Anna Le
SOFTBALL	RND	OPPOSITION	WIN/ LOSS	SCORE	COACH
Junior	GF	Rosebank	Loss	6 - 8	Mr Martin Forrest



SCC Junior Softball

Front Row:

Sienna Auciello

Second Row:

Emma Rollo, Alana Cincotta

Third Row:

Natalia Mezei, Anastasia Coull,
Evani Kumar, Lauryn Chin,
Stephanie Vostoganis

Back Row:

Leah Whittorn

Absent:

Tiana Stojanovski,
Jemma Orphanides,
Sienna Ferguson

CBSA

TOUCH FOOTBALL	RND	OPPOSITION	WIN/ LOSS	SCORE	COACH
Senior	GF	Revesby	Win	9 - 8	Mr Michael Young



LOCAL PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

ST DECLAN'S PARISH PESHURST		
Saturday 22 December	1st Rite of Reconciliation	8.30am - 9.30am 5pm-5.30pm
Monday 24 December	Children's Mass Mass Midnight Mass	6pm (Carols 5.30pm) 9pm (Carols 8.30pm) 12 Midnight (Carols 11.30am)
Christmas Day Tuesday 25 December	Mass	7am, 9am, 11am
Boxing Day Wed 26 December	Mass	9.15am
New Years Day Tuesday 1 January	Mass	9.15am

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PEAKHURST	
Vigil Children's Mass Vigil Mass	6pm (Children's Mass) 9pm
Mass	9.15am No Evening Mass

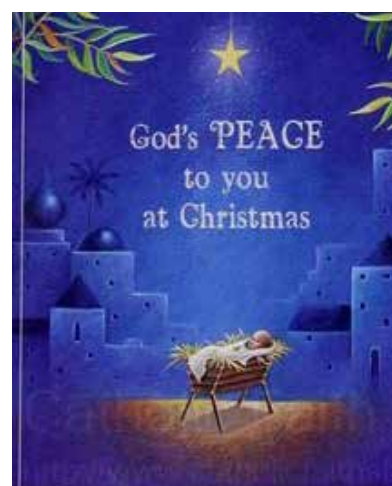
ST JOSEPH'S OATLEY		
Saturday 22 December	Rite of Reconciliation Mass	3.30pm-4.45pm 8am
Monday 24 December	Vigil Mass Children's Mass Mass No Midnight Mass	5pm 7pm (in School Grounds) 9.30pm (Carols 9pm)
Christmas Day Tuesday 25 December	Mass	8am, 10am
Boxing Day Wed 26 December	Mass	9am (Feast of Stephen)

ST JOSEPH'S RIVERWOOD	
Mass Reconciliation	9am 9.30am-10.30am 5pm-5.45pm
Vigil Midnight Mass	6pm (Carols 5.30pm) Midnight (Carols 11.30pm)
Mass	9.30am

MATER DEI BLAKEHURST		
Monday 24 December	Family Mass Midnight Mass	6.15pm Midnight (Carols 11.30pm)
Christmas Day Tuesday 25 December	Mass	10am

ST RAPHAEL'S SOUTH HURSTVILLE	
Family Mass	4.30pm (Carols 4pm)
Mass Croatian Mass	8.30am 11am

REGINA COELI BEVERLY HILLS		
Monday 24 December	Vigil Family Mass Midnight Mass	6pm Midnight (Carols 11.30pm)
Christmas Day Tuesday 25 December	Mass	8.30am, 10am





MARIST CATHOLIC COLLEGE PENShurst

Warmly Invites
THE
CLASS OF 2018

TO THE
HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS ASSEMBLY
Thursday 7 February 2018, 8:45am
Champagnat Village

All are welcome to join the College to celebrate and
acknowledge the achievements of the HSC Class of 2018

SAVE THE DATE !!!

‘ONE School
Family
Community’

A CO-EDUCATIONAL YEARS 7 - 12 COLLEGE

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