



From the Principal

Mrs Sue Chen

College Captains

Congratulations to College Captains for 2014: Jessie Arnold and Connor Parke! After a gruelling process of written applications, voting and interviews, Jessie and Connor made it on to the 2014 student representative council. Together with another 5 students, they applied for college captain and delivered speeches to the College staff and to the Year 11 students. Voting then took place and Jessie and Connor were successful. I wish them all the best for 2014 and am confident they will be fully committed, enthusiastic and able representatives of the student body and the College. A full list of the 2014 SRC is available in this edition of the *Marist Star*.



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Enrolments in Difficult Economic Times

Wednesday evening's news regarding job losses at Caterpillar and further indirect job losses in the wider community is a major shock for North-West families. We sincerely ask that parents affected by job losses or financial hardship of any kind contact Mr Les Allen or me to discuss how we can assist you to make your children's education affordable at MRC. **We wish to stress that no child should miss out on education at MRC because of financial hardship. Together we can work out a plan that is manageable for individual families.**

Final Week for Senior Students

On Friday we farewelled our Year 12 students at a very special assembly attended by the whole College and about 200 parents and friends. It was a very moving occasion and a fitting farewell from the staff and students. In the evening families gathered at Star of the Sea church for the Graduation Mass presided over by Father Tony Kennedy and students were presented with their graduation certificates. The evening culminated in a dinner dance with over 300 guests at the Burnie Arts and Function Centre – a very happy and celebratory occasion. Thank you Year 12 students for being a year group who modelled Marist values, have studied hard and know how to have fun! We wish all the best for the future.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER
Senior College Exams begin
FRIDAY, 22 NOVEMBER
Year 10 Study Day
Senior College Exams finish
2014 Year 7 Orientation Day
MONDAY, 25 NOVEMBER
Year 10 Exams begins
WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER
Last Day for Year 10
TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER
Year 9 Camp begins
FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER
Year 9 Camp finishes
WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER
Reports sent home
Speech Night 7.30pm
THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER
Term 4 finishes

Student Representative Council—2014

COLLEGE CO-CAPTAINS

Jessie Arnold

Connor Parke

HEADS OF COMMITTEES

House Captains:	Montana Bradley
Culture:	Jack Davison
Community:	Jacqueline Smedley
Ethos:	Nicole Dunn
Academic:	Kirra Ryan

HOUSE CAPTAINS

McAuley:	Jesse Duncan	Georgia Cottnam
Colin:	Andrew Slater	Laura Singleton
Frayne:	William McDonagh	Ebony Cullen
Chanel:	Steven Cable	Montana Bradley

Culture	Community	Ethos	Academic
Jennifer Cable Steven Cable Jack Davison Kaylee Hardy Laura Singleton	Montana Bradley Ebony Cullen Maddison Murdoch Laura Murfet Jacqueline Smedley	Jessie Arnold Jesse Duncan Nicole Dunn Brooke Nolan Andrew Slater	Georgia Cottnam William McDonagh Connor Parke Levi Parker Kirra Ryan

Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Declan Smith Emma Saint-John	Joseph Kiely Chelsea Keen	Sinead Freeman Sebastian King	Nina Hamasaki Jake Wolfe

From the Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching

Mrs Ann Roberts

YEAR 10 KEY DATES TERM 4

Year 10 Study Day (student's do not attend College): Friday 22 November

Year 10 students' final day and end of year BBQ: Wednesday 27 November

YEAR 10 EXAMINATIONS

The Year 10 examinations provide an invaluable experience to our students to prepare them for examinations and the more rigorous expectations of their senior College years.

Your son/daughter's Mathematics teacher will advise which examination group they need to attend.

We ask that on the day students:

Are punctual

Wear appropriate clothing

Bring a their own ruler, eraser, pens, pencils and calculator

Bring a water bottle

Bring own recess/ lunch as required

Students are not required to attend school when they do not have an examination. Please advise Mr Keegan via the permission slip that will be distributed this week if your son/daughter will require supervision after their examinations.

YEAR 10 EXAMINATIONS TIMETABLE

2013	8.55 – 10.35	10.35 – 10.55	11.00 – 12.40	12.40 – 1.10
Year 10 Exam Timetable				
Monday 25 November	HISTORY	Recess	JAPANESE & FRENCH Writing/Listening	Lunch
Tuesday 26 November	ENGLISH	Recess	11.00-1.00	
			MATHS Groups A & B Exams	
			11.00-12.00	
			MATHS Group C Exam	
Wednesday 27 November	8.55- 10.55	10.55-12.30		
	SCIENCE	YEAR 10 BBQ		12.30 YEAR 10 CONCLUDES

KEY DATES FOR 2014 SUBJECT CHANGES

Changes for 2014 subjects will close on Thursday 7 November so that booklists can be prepared.

Subject changes will re-open on Tuesday 28 January 2014.

An exception to this is made for Year 11 students who can make an appointment to change subjects after receiving their 2013 TQA results. I will be available between 19-20 December 9am-2pm. To make an appointment or to discuss your results please telephone: 64327607 or the MRC office.

From the Principal

Mrs Sue Chen cont.

Nominations for the Board of Marist Regional College

There will be two vacancies on the Marist Regional College Board from the beginning of 2014. You are invited to nominate yourself or encourage another member of the College community to nominate. The Selection Committee will make recommendations to the Board and the Governing Council for their endorsement.

More detailed information and nomination forms can be obtained from the Principal's Personal Assistant or from the MRC website.

Nominations close on Friday 15 November, 2013.

Coping with Grief and Sadness

If you are concerned about your son or daughter's reaction or behaviour (such as changes in their socialising, eating and sleep patterns), it is important to seek help as it can be beneficial to talk to someone.

Support can be found here at school with our counselling team until the end of the school year. Other areas of support, specifically in Circular Head, Wyndarra **6452 1981** and Rural Health **6452 1266** and CAMHS in Burnie **6434 7280**.

Kids Helpline - 24/7

Telephone and online counselling service for young people aged 5-25yrs

p:1800 55 1800

w: Kidshelpline.com.au

eheadspace - 9am-1am 7 days a week.

Online and telephone support for young people aged 12-25yrs

p:1800 650 890

w: eheadspace.org.au

Lifeline - 24/7

Telephone counselling service.

p: 13 11 14

w: Lifeline.org.au

Standby – 24/7

Postvention community support service for those bereaved by suicide. Direct Support

available to parents and young people bereaved by suicide.

p: 0400 183 490

w: unitedsynergies.com.au

West Coast Bus

All students who would travel on the West Coast bus on Friday 8 November, will now run on Thursday 7 November as Hellyer College is finishing on Thursday.

The West Coast bus will run as per normal after this Thursday until the 12 December 2013.

2013 Graduation Photos

Now available.

Contact Dale Cumming
MOBILE 0429 353 109

Studio: 79 Wilson Street,
Burnie (near Dry Cleaners,
near Post Office)

Will be on Dale's website
(www.dalecumingphotos.net)
from Monday 11 November to
view and order online

Chess Report

On Monday 21 October, 5 Marist students went to Scotch Oakburn College in Launceston to take part in the Secondary Division of the Tasmanian State Chess Finals. Liam Tolland, Travis Beaton, Seth Gibbons, Crystal Cannell and Jonathan Popiel, each played 9 games of chess throughout the day against students from other secondary schools around Tasmania. Each game was hard fought, with some of them lasting for almost the full ½ hour allowed.

Congratulations to all five students for their efforts to get to the finals, and a very special congratulations to Jonathan (pictured) for becoming the Tasmanian State Individual Chess Champion (Secondary Division) winning 8 out of his 9 games!



Board for 2014 required

Board is urgently required from Sunday evening to Friday morning for a female Year 9 Marist student in 2014. Please contact Andrea Pisano at the College during office hours on **6432 7612** or principal@mrc.tas.edu.au if you can be of assistance.

Student Exchange

EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND
LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE AT HOME

In January 2014 students from over 25 countries around the world, will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 2- 10 months.

Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia
Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit
www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

Stitched Workshop

**Christmas Stitched Workshop
Saturday 9 November 2013:**

Please join us in the Fashion Rooms for our last workshop of the year from 10am – 1pm (Cost \$5). Come along and choose your activity.....you may like to make some jewellery as a gift, an embroidered Santa Sack or a Christmas Softie to use as a decoration on your tree. Or, you can make all three!

RSVP by Thursday 7 November to Alison O'Donnell on 64327636 or email aodonnell@mrc.tas.edu.au. Students, parents, friends and relatives are all welcome

Host families needed for vita
(Volunteer International Teaching Assistant) 2014

Marist Regional College is lucky to have an assistant teacher for Japanese for 10months next year. Rinako Matsuura will work 4 days a week as a volunteer in Japanese classes.

Please read about Rinako in her letter below:

"Hi Judy

My name is Rinako Matsuura and a second year student of Kochi University.

I'm really glad to get an opportunity to go to your school and help students to study Japanese next year through wonderful VITA program. I'm from Fukuyama city, Hiroshima prefecture. I'm living in Uni's dormitory in Kochi now.

I'm 20 years old, my hobby is listening music, singing songs, taking and seeing beautiful pictures and scenery, eating and making yummy sweets and so on.

I was in badminton club when I was a high school student and also played volleyball when I was in Junior High School.

I'm studying of course English, Inter-cultural communication, Korean and German. Also I'm in educational course and study for getting English teachers license in Japan.

Besides, I'd like to know and feel foreign culture. I want to try anything I can in Tasmania. I'm getting ready to introduce culture in Japan now. I cannot wait to share those culture each other.

Unfortunately, I cannot introduce myself enough on such a short message!!! At last, I'm really looking forward to seeing you and wonderful students.

Thank you, Rinako"

As host families, your responsibilities are to provide homestay accommodation and 3 meals a day for Rinako. Rinako will contribute \$125 a week for her board. It is also hoped that you include Rinako in your daily life and allow her to participate in all of your family's activities and hobbies and introduce her to all that the North West Coast has to offer.

Ideal hosting periods are 10 weeks but are negotiable. For example, if its successful, longer stays will be better.

If you can assist or need any further information, please contact me at the College on 6432 7600, email:

jball@mrc.tas.edu.au and / or fill out the form and return to the College.

Ms J Ball

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REPLY SLIP—VITA HOST FAMILY APPLICATION FORM 2014

Name _____ (Family name please print) Address:.....

.....Phone No.:.....Email:.....

I am willing to host Rinako. Preferred hosting dates (please circle)

Sat. 1 March—Sat. 10 May Sat. 10 May—Sat. 19 July Sat. 19 July—Sat. 27 Sept. Sat. 27 Sept.—Sat 13 Dec.

(Please note that Rinako's VITA responsibilities cease when school finishes. Rinako may choose to depart for Japan then to avoid peak airfares, or it invited, stay and enjoy an Australian Christmas)