



# Star of Peace

St Patrick's Marist College Newsletter

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends,

It was one year on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September since Blessed Mother Teresa was canonised. I doubt there would be anyone who does not know of Mother Teresa, now known as Saint Teresa of Calcutta, nor anyone who would not have been in awe of the incredible gift she was to the poor and forgotten. Throughout her life, she has been a symbol of courage, love and charity. Like Blessed Mother Teresa we are all called to be saints each and every day. We are currently holding an appeal to support Marist 180 Community Wardrobe by supplying good quality second hand clothes to the young homeless clients of Marist 180. Good casual clothes along with corporate wear for job interviews and employment is needed.

I was extremely proud to learn that Jerick Perez has accepted a position as the new Regional Assistant for Marist Youth Ministries Sydney where he joins Monica Gonzales our College Captain in 2015. Jerick was a graduate of our College in 2016 where he held the position of College Vice-Captain. He was also a graduate of the REMAR program. At the conclusion of Year 12, Jerick participated in the 2016 GRASI Schools Immersion to the Philippines. Jerick is currently studying degrees in Engineering Design (Renewal Energy) and Mathematics at UNSW. He is an active member of the St Patrick's Cathedral Parish at Parramatta and serves as an Acolyte and Master of Ceremonies with Liturgies. Jerick is currently serving as a Young Marist Volunteer, having participated in a variety of MYM events including Marist Exchange and Connect events, Blue Retreat for Remar and the recent Marist Youth Festival.

Last Wednesday night we attended the Annual Association of Australian Marist Schools Oratory competition. As usual, the level of competition was extremely high. Students from across all Marist schools in NSW spoke with eloquence, confidence and demonstrated a high level of critical thought. Some challenged our thinking, some entertained us, but all were outstanding ambassadors for their schools. I congratulate all of our speakers: Aleksander Zhigunov (Year 7), Lara Brimicombe (Year 8), Emma Watson (Year 9), Claudia Sobral (Year 10), Jenna Camacho (Senior) and Dominic Gibson (Impromptu). I would like to especially thank our staff who have worked with our students in preparation and for their attendance, Mrs Pett and Ms Gray. I thank St Gregory's College for their warm welcome and hospitality.

The annual Bishop's Excellence awards occurred on the 7<sup>th</sup> September at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. This prestigious award is made to one Year 12 student from each Catholic school in the Diocese of Parramatta, this year Joseph Elias was the recipient from St Patrick's Marist College. Each year the award seeks to recognise some of our outstanding young men and women, at the culmination of their schooling, who witness their Catholic faith and achieve well in their academic, sporting, creative, vocational or community endeavours. The student recipient should be a model for their peers and a source of inspiration and encouragement within their school communities, particularly in the expression of the Catholic life of our schools. The Award is also a recognition for the recipient's parents who have nurtured their son or daughter, as well as teachers who have instilled a passion for excellence.

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent P&F meeting. Parents were given an update on from the uniform committee, our draft Well-being Framework was shared and we had a presentation on our Naplan results and next steps. If your son or daughter is in Year 9 and has not yet met the minimum HSC standard, we will be in communication with you early in Term 4. We will be working on a number of strategies ranging from first wave intervention (in-class work), workshops and further small group interventions as required. During Term 4 we have opted to take part in the trial benchmark testing. This will help us in our preparations when our students will attempt the first of the tests, during Term 2 next year.

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SPMC Attendance Rate	Goal
88.5%	90%

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## KEY DATES

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 11 Information Night  
Marist Oratory - Campbelltown

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September**  
Leaders Changeover Assembly

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 11 Examinations Commence

**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 7 / 12 Vaccinations

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 12 Graduation Day

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
Term 3 Concludes  
Year 11 Marist Forum  
Year 11 Examinations Conclude

**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October**  
Term 4 Commences

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October**  
Year 7, 2018 Information Night

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October**  
Year 7, 2018 Orientation Day

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**The Mission** of Marist schools is to lead young people in the way of Mary, to know and love God in the belief that they all can become good Christians and good Citizens.

This week we commissioned our new College Leaders for 2018. On behalf of the College community I thank our outgoing Year 12 leadership group for their wonderful service over the last 12 months. As a team, they have proven themselves as effective stewards of St Patrick's Marist College. They have successfully built on the legacy of those that have gone before them. During their time they have shown initiative and responded in every instance to the call in supporting the College, their peers and students in younger years. It has been wonderful to see what outstanding role models and mentors they have been. To Dominic and Eleanor we have been so proud to have you as our School Captains, with the great support of Sarah and Curtis. Their love and pride for St Patrick's Marist has been so wonderful to experience and has shone throughout their entire tenure. I called upon them often and they were always ready and available to do what was needed.

Our new leaders for 2017:

- College Captains:** Rebecca Ozer and Theo Sugita
- College Vice Captains:** Greta White and Jonathan Nakad
- House Captains:** Monique Bovino, Megan Fallan (Chavoin)  
James Broekmans and Annalise Schiraldi (Edwin)  
Monique Fallico and Santia Palazzolo (Ludovic)  
Olivia Bailey and Sophie Hunter (Mackillop)  
Paul Morrison and Mitchell Moses (Paul)  
Niamh Gallagher and Aiden Micallef (Xavier)
- Prefects:** Chloe Bou Serhal  
Claudia Broekmans  
Sarah Brown  
Adrian Lizzio  
Ashley Mejalli  
Elaine Nakhle  
Brittney Raad  
Eric Saba  
Gabriella Vancuylenberg



I recently attended the Rotary Youth VET Awards where three of our Year 12 students received awards. I congratulate Abbey Lewis (Hospitality), Erin Hann (Hospitality) and Jonah Lin (Construction).

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Father's Day Liturgy and to Mr Paton and Mrs Donaghy for their organisation.

This will be our last newsletter for the term. A reminder that we will be back to summer uniform next term. As always I ask that students return in full school uniform. This includes your personal appearance. Our College policies regarding hair and makeup are clearly stated in the diary. Please ensure that these expectations are met. An email will be sent out shortly with a reminder of these expectations and consequences.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break.

**Mrs Angela Hay**



## SCHOOL FEES – TERM 3

### Overdue Reminder

Term 3 fees are now overdue. If you have received a reminder notice and are on a payment plan please continue to make your arranged payments. If you are not on a payment arrangement please organise to pay the fees in full as soon as possible.

There are no school fees issued in Term 4.

The College is happy to assist Parents/Caregivers who require more time to pay the school fees but you need to contact Ms Rolla Wadih the School Fees Administrator on 9638 5644 immediately or email [rwadih@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rwadih@parra.catholic.edu.au).

## COLLEGE UNIFORM PRICING

Commencing from the beginning of Term 4, the College Backpack will be increasing to \$65. At this point in time, there will be no change to the pricing of the Chiropractic Backpack at \$90, the Sport Bag at \$15 or the School Hats at \$15.



# Assistant Principal

## VACCINATIONS

18<sup>th</sup> September

Year 7 will have their Varicella & HPV (2nd dose) vaccines

Years 11 and 12: Those who missed the Meningococcal vaccination earlier in the year will receive it.

Permissions have already been given by parents/carers for these vaccinations.

**Mr W. Waddell**

**Assistant Principal - Pastoral and Administration**

## JOURNEY SPEECH

At a recent College Assembly, our College Captain Eleanor Dezius addressed the community reflecting on her time at St Patrick's Marist and what she sees as key elements for growth in learning.

*Today I will be speaking to you all about our own Year 12 experience / overall journey and hopefully providing you all with a few key points and tips as you venture closer to that final finish line.*

*Throughout the year, I guess you could say you haven't really heard much from our cohort about what we together as one have achieved as well as the challenges and obstacles we have had to overcome. So today you will be given a small insight into the lives of Year 12 at St Patrick's Marist.*

*I remember after returning from the 2016 India Immersion trip I was straight back into school, starting my first day at St Patrick's Marist College as a year 12 student however still managing to look like a year 7 in doing so. I was, as I'm sure the rest of us were, filled with excitement and nervousness and honestly curiosity as to how our final few months of schooling will turn out.*

*Now I'm sure you have all heard either from teachers, parents, friends or even siblings that year 12 is that crazy year, full of stress, anxiety, constant study, minimal sleep and let's not forget absolutely no social life right? but despite how that may be somewhat true in certain aspects, Year 12 is undoubtedly the best year you will ever experience throughout your entire schooling life. However, it is up to you to make sure it is.*

*Your study habits, priorities, life balance, student-teacher relationships and commitment to school all play a major role in allowing you to make year 12 the best year yet.*

*To be successful at school, students need good study habits. It's never too early to begin thinking about the skills needed in and outside of the classroom. So here I have gathered 5 major study tips I believe each one of you can apply to your schooling as of right now to ensure you get the best out of your time here at Saint Patrick's Marist.*

1. *Establish a study area. Look, I know it's easier said than done, I mean I live with a 14-year-old brother whose room is a total pigsty and not one bit of his desk can be seen due to the amount of god only knows what that sits on top of it. So yes, I know it doesn't come naturally to all. However, in saying that it is difficult, it is most definitely worth the trouble. By having a clear and tidy study space, it essentially syncs up with your mind and clears your head as well, making it more prepared and willing to study and complete that homework task due the next day.*
2. *Communicate with your teachers. I know you may think that they are your enemy but they are just as, actually let me rephrase, they are more resourceful than your textbooks. It is vital that you understand your assignments and the content being taught in the class. They are here to help you.*
3. *Keep Organised. Being organised doesn't mean you carry around a folder with your books in it or having multiple colored sticky notes in your pencil case. No, being organised is being on top of your work. Make a study timetable and stick to it, it gets hard when procrastination comes into it believe me but it really helps you visualise what needs to be done and how and when you will devote time to doing so.*
4. *Take notes. Annotate in class, make sure to listen to not only your teacher's input but your peers as well because there is always a possibility that what may be asked in class is a question that comes up in your next exam.*
5. *Review and revise, that's pretty self explanatory.*

*So I hope now that most of you see that the capacity to learn is a gift, the ability to learn is a skill but the willingness to learn is a choice, a choice I highly recommend taking. I now pass onto Sarah to give further insight into what we have learnt as a part of our year 12 journey.*

**Eleanor Dezius**

**12 Ludovic**



# Director of Studies

## YEAR 11 END COURSE EXAMINATIONS

### Parent Supervisors

Preliminary End Course examinations will begin on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, Week Nine of Term Three. As in previous examination blocks, we are calling on parents who are willing to assist in supervising these exams. A letter with details of the dates and times is attached.

## NAPLAN READINESS TEST FOR YEAR 7

In Week 9, Year 7 students will be involved in NAPLAN readiness. This is not about testing our students but rather, checking if our systems are ready for the online NAPLAN testing that will be implemented in 2019. The link below has detail about this including a frequently asked questions section. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

In the coming weeks, all Year 7 students will have their iPad checked to ensure they are suitable for the online testing web access. A green sticker will be placed on the iPad. If for some reason there is a compatibility issue, a red or orange sticker will be used and in these cases, the College will lend the student an iPad for the duration of testing.

This is the link to our CEDP webpage for parents, which includes the video: <https://sites.google.com/parra.catholic.edu.au/2017cedpnapanonlinereadiness/information-for-parents>

There is also a privacy notice from CECNSW regarding the readiness test attached to this newsletter.

**Ms T. Ellison**  
Director of Studies

# Pastoral

## YEAR 12

As we enter the final days for the Class of 2017 we hope that they will be happy and incident free. All College expectations apply until the conclusion of the H.S.C. It is especially important that the students are looking their best for the events on Graduation Day. Now may be an opportunity to dry-clean the College blazer and polish school shoes!

Up to and including Graduation Day boys need to be clean-shaven and hair neatly groomed, girls must have their hair tied up and the usual jewellery rules apply. Behaviour is expected to be of the highest order, there are to be no "muck up" activities and if there is inappropriate behavior the consequences may include, exclusion from Graduation events, withdrawal of the College reference and sitting for the H.S.C. at another location.

### Graduation Day: **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Graduation Breakfast for the students is at 7.15am in the La Valla Centre.

Morning Tea for the students is at 10.45 in the Senior Area

The Graduation Mass for students and their parents is in the Harrington Courtyard at 1.15

The **Graduation Dinner** will be held at the Brother Emilian Hall at St. Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, commencing at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm dinner. The dress code is smart for parents and full College Uniform for students. The event is for students and their parents only. There are a small number of parents yet to pay, please finalise payment for this A.S.A.P.

We look forward to sharing the final days with the Class of 2017 as they finish this chapter in their lives.

**Mr P. Quigley**  
Pastoral Leader of Learning - Year 12

## YEAR 10

### Champagnat Day

Thank you and congratulations to all Year 10 students for their fantastic leadership and behaviour at our Champagnat Day celebration visit to the Zoo. The school has received many compliments as a result of the behaviour and presentation of students in all years. Thank you for your co-operation on a very special day.



## Jewellery

A reminder to all Year 10 students that excessive jewellery is not to be worn at school. This includes multiple earrings, pearls, large stones, rings that contain stones or are intricate in detail and bracelets. There have been a number of items confiscated of late. If you are not sure if your item of jewellery complies with college policy please ask your Pastoral Leader of Learning.

## Attendance

While many students have displayed an improvement in their attendance, please be aware that your attendance is required at school and you need to be present to engage in your learning. Only a couple days absent for domestic matters or family celebrations can equate to a number of hours missed in an academic course.

Students are also reminded that they must be in homeroom on time every morning to avoid a Wednesday detention for repeated lateness.

**Mr D. Berner**

**Pastoral Leader of Learning - Year 10**

## YEAR 9

There have been a lot of events going on recently for our Year 9 students. A few weeks ago, former police officer Brent Sanders gave separate talks to our girls and boys. The talks were aimed specifically at the different target audiences but the main theme was that a young person can make one 'heatbeat' decision that can have major implications for their future. The students thoroughly appreciated the messages conveyed and enjoyed the manner in which he presented a number of sensitive issues on safe practices and the use of social media.



We also recently held our Year 9 Formation Day which was based on the Catholic Social Teachings of caring for God's creation, Solidarity and the Dignity of the Human Person. The students were taken through a number of exercises, either in groups or individually and for the most part participated enthusiastically. I can definitely see that some students are growing in maturity and becoming more willing to being future leaders of the College.

The College recently received our Naplan results and our Year 9 school performance is excellent in comparison with other schools, both in the Diocese and across the State. More importantly, there has been a lot of growth amongst this Year Group with many of our students performing extremely well in reading, spelling and numeracy especially. I congratulate all students on their achievements and thanks must also go to all the teachers and parents who have been working diligently to assist our students to do their very best. For those students who haven't quite met the Band 8, there will be a number of opportunities to meet the standards between now and Year 12.

Linked to our pleasing Naplan results, I also congratulate our Year 9 students on their overall excellent attendance record so far this year. The Diocese has set a target for schools to aim for a 90% student attendance record and our Year Group is not only above this target level but also has the best attendance record for a Year 9 group from across the Diocese. Good attendance is the key to student learning and making important valuable social connections with peers. I encourage all students to continue limiting the event of absences for the remainder of the year unless of course you are too unwell to be at school.

### Congratulations to:

- Bernhard Tandean who recently won a Gold and Bronze award in two divisions of Demonstration Judo at the Sydney International Judo Competition.
- Andy Han and Bernhard Tandean who recently received a Silver Award and to Keira Johnston, Simone Pelle and Marooun Sassine who received a Bronze Award for their efforts at school.
- Our Class Leaders for Semester Two:

<b>Chavoin:</b>	Alexandria Padden (Captain), Bethany Bayeh (Vice-Captain)
<b>Edwin:</b>	Lourdes Chedid (Captain), Penelope Broadhurst (Vice-Captain)
<b>Ludovic:</b>	Jaymelee Bou Francis (Captain), Elana Haijar (Vice-Captain)
<b>Mackillop:</b>	Natalie Mejalli (Captain), Charlotte Moujalli (Vice-Captain)
<b>Paul:</b>	Aravinden Sivananthan (Captain), Katarina Pan (Vice-Captain)
<b>Xavier:</b>	Michael Menin (Captain), Nicholas Scardilli (Vice-Captain)

Mr D. Bonora

Pastoral Leader of Learning - Year 9

## YEAR 7

### Year 7 Pastoral Care Lesson on Cyberbullying



## CYBERBULLYING POSTERS





# Key Learning Areas

## PERFORMING ARTS

### Year 7 Music DrumBeats Incursion

As we entered the La Valla Centre, the room was lit up with African drums, tambourines, triangles and shakers. We started off the music workshop by copying the instructors rhythms on the African drums. A majority of the rhythms were easy to play and were very involving. We had students participate in the solos by creating their rhythms on the spot and the remaining students copied the rhythm. We used multiple instruments to create other beats as well. We also heard amazing improvised drum solos by a drummer, which was inspiring.

The next music lesson after the workshop, we were all eager to get on the drum kit and djembe drums to play some of the beats we were taught. Overall, the DrumBeats workshop was an amazing experience. I am sure that all the Year 7 students who took part in this incursion had a fantastic time and will be able to use the beats they learnt in their school and after-school life!



**Adam Foley and Sudhish Bheemreddy**

### Year 12 HSC Music Performance Evening 2017

With less than two weeks to go until the final HSC Music Practical Examinations, friends, family, teachers and ex-students alike witnessed the amazing calibre of talent as employed by the class of Year 12 Music on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of August. Having learnt, practised and rehearsed each program of up to 4 songs for almost a year now, the students did not falter nor cease to hold anything back! Each showcased a variety of styles, feelings, creativity and expertise. The night started beautifully with a rendition of 'Crossing Fields' performed by Jesse Nguyen on the piano, and finished with a funky and upbeat take of James Brown's 'I Got the Feeling', performed by Joshua Khoudair. By the sound of everyone's applause, it was clear to be a good night for all - especially for the students showcased, as every opportunity to perform live is beneficial in gaining self confidence and tweaking any last minute adjustments before the big day.

On behalf of our Music class for 2017, I would just like to thank all those who helped in the running of the evening; Mrs Hay, staff, accompanying students and family members, and most importantly the talented and focussed Ms Andrews and Mr Heffernan, for reminding us all to keep cool, calm and collected, everyday as we near our final performances. Lastly, I'd like to again commend all the students who played with such professionalism despite the many nerves shared - hard work really does pay off!

**Bill Johnson (12 Chavoin)**

## HISTORY

### Year 9 Archeological Dig

On the 21st of August, the Year 9 Elective History class of 2017 participated in a unique experience to establish our newest topic of archaeology. We excavated the sand pit on the ovals as part of this new topic. We used archeological techniques we had learnt in class and used tools and equipment similar to that used at archeological sites. We used techniques such as implementing the box grid system and using the methods to identify a possible location for an artefact or fossil. We used many tools such as brushes, trowels and sieves. We found priceless artefacts that were hidden for us in the sand by our teacher. These consisted of plastic coins, and cups and plates from a small toy set. We learned how to excavate artefacts and preserve them as well as take care of them efficiently to prevent damage. After this, our class learnt that it takes a great deal of patience, time and effort to work as an archaeologist at a major site and it takes a great deal of skill to find artefacts. After being asked about the experience, a student said "It was very interesting to be able to go out and do what archeologists would on a site with all the tools and everything." Another student told us "we will never give up until we find something".



**Janika Fernando and Deanna Emerson-Vickary**

### YEAR 8 MEDIEVAL DAY

On the 31st of August, 8 Chavoin, Ludovic and Paul spent 2 periods on an incursion to learn about Medieval history. From sword fights to medicine we had fun whilst gaining useful information. We were sorted into groups and sent off.

First, our group (Ludovic), went to learn about knights and fighting skills. We were given foam swords and shields and were sent to battle. We did free-for-all, three against the rest of the group, one against one and even the chance to fight our great guide, Nathan. We also learnt fun facts about the Middle Ages.

Next we went to the basketball courts and were taught about archery. We each got turns to try and hit the targets, with some of us successful and others trying their best!

Armour and weaponry was next on our agenda so we headed to the La Valla Centre where volunteers were selected to model the armour and weapons from different armies and periods of time. We learnt about the different ways knights used to kill each other. For example; if someone was wearing a helmet with small slits to see through and lying on the ground, the enemy would stick their sword through the slit, ask if they wanted to surrender and if they said no they would get stabbed in the eye!

Finally we learnt about medicine, health and hygiene. We learnt how peasants were actually a lot healthier than most people think and how the Black Death affected Europe. Our teacher, Richard, then tricked us into thinking he ate a live leech when it was really just liquorice.

I loved the incursion and learnt information that I will take into account when doing our assignments. It was a great day and I think everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. The experience was something I will never forget.

**Brianna Webster**  
**8 Ludovic**





## SCIENCE

### Year 7 - Taronga Zoo Mobile Incursion

We had a blast when Dom from Taronga Zoo came to teach us about classification. We learnt many interesting methods and facts about classifying different creatures into their respective vertebrate categories. It didn't stop there, as Dom continued on to bring out a friendly turtle, snake, possum, tree insect and frog for us to observe and touch. During our incursion, we discovered how these creatures were classified into their groups such as reptiles and mammals. It was all extremely intriguing and interesting to listen to, and I look forward to our school's visit to Taronga Zoo.

**Luca Pellegriti.**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August, Year 7 had an incursion with Zoo mobile from Taronga Zoo and were taught about the topic for Year 7 Science "Animal Classification". We were taught about animals classified as Vertebrates and Invertebrates as well as the words ectothermic (animals that rely on the environment for temperature) and endothermic (animals that can regulate their own body temperature).

We were introduced to the variety of animals from the zoo including:

- an insect that camouflaged and resembled a leaf,
- a short neck turtle,
- a green tree frog, a Children's Python and
- an undisputable cute possum.

These were examples of vertebrates and Invertebrates that can be found in Australia. Year 7 thought this was a very cool excursion and should be done for the next years' Year 7 too.

**William Long and Collin Siu**



# Sport

## MCS ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the St Patrick's Marist Athletics MCS team that competed at Homebush Athletic Centre last Thursday. The team had a fantastic day with several high performing athletes progressing onto the next round of the competition at the Combined Catholic Colleges athletics carnival.

The boys showed their athletic ability could also matched by their parochialism with much support coming from the grandstands for their fellow St Patrick's Marist team mates. All students should be commended for the sportsmanship they showed.

Congratulations to Sam Schembri-Green, Brendan Mitchell, Sehan Samaragunaratna, Daniel Menin and the 15years relay team for making the CCC competition, special mention to Daniel Menin who was 15 years Runner-Up Age Champion with some outstanding results in several events.

Special thanks to our Year 10 PASS students who helped on the day with the officiating and running errands that allowed the day to run smoothly.

Thank you to all athletes for your excellent behaviour, competitiveness, and support for your teammates throughout the carnivals.

**Mr R. James**  
PDHPE Teacher



## STAFF STUDENT SHIELD

### Soccer

The fourth and final fixture of the Staff Student Shield was played today with the students coming away with a well deserved 2 nil win. The series finished with the teachers taking out the shield 3 games to 1. Thank you to all those who participated and supported.

**Mr J. Hornby**



# Library

**“You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them.”**

**Ray Bradbury**



## National Library of Canberra

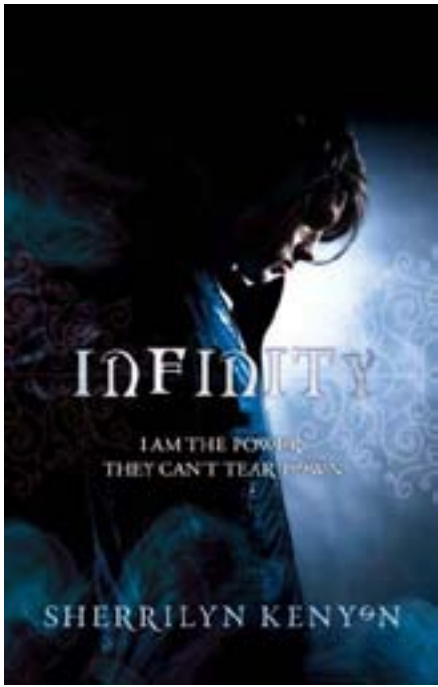
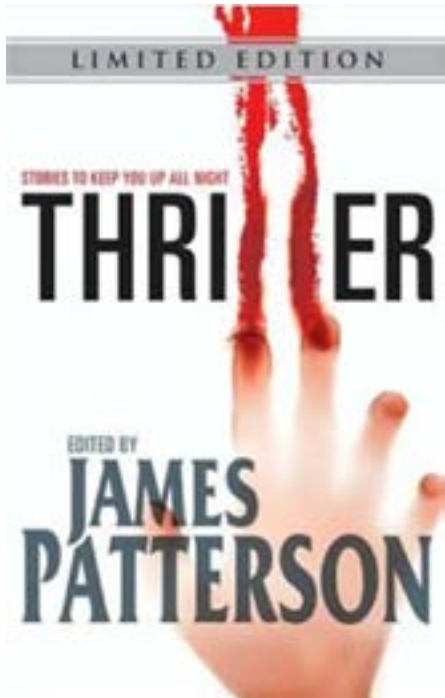
Thinking of visiting Canberra! Looking for something interesting to see! Drop into the National Library and visit the Treasures Gallery.



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<p>At fourteen, Nick Gautier thinks he knows everything about the world around him. Streetwise, tough and savvy, his quick sarcasm is the stuff of legends. . .until the night when his best friends try to kill him. Saved by a mysterious warrior who has more fighting skills than Chuck Norris, Nick is sucked into the realm of the Dark-Hunters: immortal vampire slayers who risk everything to save humanity.</p> <p>Nick quickly learns that the human world is only a veil for a much larger and more dangerous one: a world where the captain of the football team is a werewolf and the girl he has a crush on goes out at night to stake the undead.</p> <p>But before he can even learn the rules of this new world, his fellow students are turning into flesh eating zombies. And he's next on the menu.</p> <p>As if starting high school isn't hard enough. . .now Nick has to hide his new friends from his mom, his chainsaw from the principal, and keep the zombies and the demon Simi from eating his brains, all without getting grounded or suspended. How in the world is he supposed to do that?</p>	<p>Be prepared to be thrilled as you've never been before..... with heart- pumping tales of suspense in all in guises.</p> <p>Featuring the biggest names in fiction; 32 new stories by such top genre names as Lee Child, James Grippando, Denise Hamilton and David Morrell.</p> <p>Patterson, in his introduction, talks about the "intensity of emotions" that thrillers share, as well as "the force with which they hurtle the reader along."</p> <p><b>N.B Students will need to use their College user name and password to download ebooks.</b></p>
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Mr M Wondracz (Teacher-Librarian)

Mr M. Wondracz  
Teacher Librarian

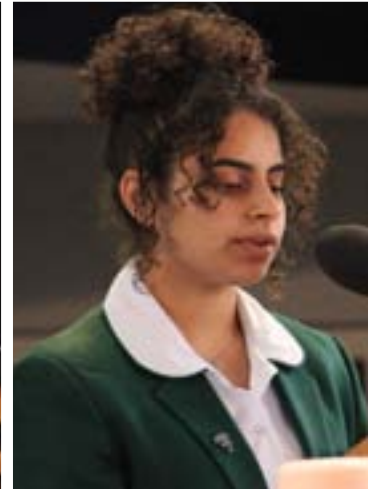








# Assumption Day Mass



The first Marist Brothers arrived in Australia on the 'Star of Peace' on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 1872. On the 8<sup>th</sup> April, 1872, school commenced at St Patrick's. Our Newsletter is named, 'Star of Peace', as it too, hopefully, brings peace and good news to our community.





24 July 2017

# Privacy Notice for Parents and Carers

## NAPLAN Online 2017 School Readiness Testing

This note is to inform you that some personal information about students and parents which has already been obtained this year is being used again as schools prepare for NAPLAN online.

This personal information will be used by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), which is the NAPLAN Test Administration Authority responsible for New South Wales.

NESA is responsible for collecting information to be used during the testing that schools are about to undertake to check their readiness for NAPLAN Online. This 'readiness testing' includes the management of student registration, test administration and reporting of results to schools.

The information NESA uses will include school name, year level, student name, date of birth and gender. NESA discloses this information to Education Services Australia Ltd (ESA), a national, not-for-profit company owned by Australia's state and territory education ministers. ESA is engaged by the Australian Government to operate the secure online platform used for NAPLAN Online.

NESA will not disclose to ESA any information about students who are not undertaking the readiness testing for NAPLAN Online.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), which conducts NAPLAN testing, will not access the information provided for the readiness testing.

The personal information provided by each school may be used to:

- conduct NAPLAN Online readiness testing
- provide reports relating to NAPLAN Online readiness testing
- conduct research, and compile and analyse statistics.

The information will not be disclosed other than for the purposes outlined above, unless authorised or required by law.

### More information

If you have concerns about privacy issues relating to NAPLAN Online, please contact your school.

Further details about how NESA complies with NSW privacy laws, including a right to access and request amendment to your personal information, are available [here](#).

Information about how ESA handles information for the purpose of NAPLAN Online is available [here](#).

Information about how NSW Catholic schools comply with privacy laws is available [here](#).



29<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

## ST PATRICK'S MARIST COLLEGE

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to seek your assistance with the upcoming Year 11 End Course Examinations. Volunteers are required to supervise the examinations from *Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September to Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September*.

Parents are unable to supervise their own daughter/son. The hours required for each exam period are outlined below. If you can assist in either a morning or afternoon session please fill out the details on the reply slip below and ask your daughter or son to return the reply slip to the office. If you are able to assist, more details will be forwarded to you.

It is a requirement of the Diocese of Parramatta that any parent volunteering at our College needs to complete the online Child Protection Volunteer Form – 'Building Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteer' and complete the Online Training Module. This can be done by accessing <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>. The College will receive an email notification when you have completed this Module.

If you have any concerns with the Child Protection Module please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Yours faithfully,

**Ms Therri Ellison**  
Director of Studies

### Reply Slip – Examination Supervisors – Year 11 End Course Exams

Parent Name: (Mr/Ms/Mrs) \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed the Online Child Protection Volunteer Form and Training Module ☐ Yes ☐ No

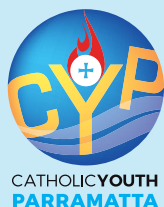
I am able to supervise on the following dates (Please tick):

<i>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.35 – 11.00am	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.05 – 2.30pm
<i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.35 – 11.00am	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.05 – 2.30pm
<i>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.35 – 11.00am	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.05 – 2.30pm
<i>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.35 – 10.30am		
<i>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.35 – 11.00am	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.05 – 2.30pm
<i>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.35 – 11.15am		
<i>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.35 – 11.00am	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.05 – 2.30pm

Please return slip to the College Office- attention Ms Ellison



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# HSC MASSES

Calling all Year 12 students to head to your nearest parish:  
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## SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

**WINDSOR** – St Matthew's, 9am Mass

## SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER

**ST CLAIR** – Holy Spirit, 6pm Youth Mass followed by Youth Group

**QUAKERS HILL** – Mary Immaculate, 6pm Mass

## WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER

**BLACKTOWN SOUTH** – St Michael's, 6:30pm Adoration and 7:30pm Youth Mass

## SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER

**RYDALMERE** – Holy Name of Mary, 5:30pm Youth Mass

**GLENMORE PARK** – Padre Pio, 5:30pm Mass

**LALOR PARK** – St Bernadette's, 6pm Mass

**SEVEN HILLS** – Our Lady of Lourdes, 6pm Mass

**RICHMOND** – St Monica's, 6:30pm Mass

## SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER

**ROOTY HILL** – St Aidan's, 9am

**RIVERSTONE** – St John's, 9am

**GRANVILLE** – Holy Trinity, 9:30am Mass

**EMU PLAINS** – Our Lady of the Way, 9:30am Mass

**NORTH ROCKS** – Christ the King, 10am Youth Mass

**MARAYONG** – St Andrew's, 10:30am Mass

**GLENBROOK** – St Finbar's, 6pm Youth Mass and Youth Group

**BAULKHAM HILLS** – St. Michael's, 6pm Youth Mass

**GREYSTANES** – Our Lady Queen of Peace, 6pm Youth Mass

**CASTLE HILL** – St Bernadette's, 6pm Youth Mass

**WINSTON HILLS** – St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 6pm Youth Mass

**KELLYVILLE** – Our Lady of the Rosary, 6pm Mass





## Parramatta Light Rail



One of Western Sydney's major infrastructure projects is a step closer with the Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) now on public exhibition so the community can have its say. Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 will connect Westmead to Carlingford via Parramatta CBD and Camellia over a 12 kilometre route.

The Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 EIS will be exhibited by the Department of Planning and Environment until October 23 2017. The full EIS and its accompanying documents can be viewed on the Department of Planning and Environment's website at [http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view\\_job&job\\_id=8285](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=8285)

During the public exhibition period, community information sessions will be held. The Parramatta Light Rail project team will be available to answer questions about the EIS. Details of the community information sessions, project documents, as well as where you can view copies of the EIS are available via the Parramatta Light Rail website at [www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au).



**MARIST 180  
COMMUNITY  
WARDROBE**

<b>WANTED:</b> Good quality clothes for work or play!	<b>FOR:</b> Homeless youth supported by Marist180 in Blacktown
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**INSTRUCTIONS:**  
Any clothing that you no longer need that is sitting in your wardrobe, from your head to your toes, would be gratefully received!  
Take clothes/beanies/shoes to school and give to nominated teacher or student. Your job is done!

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**  
Marist Youth Ministry (MYM) will come and pick clothes up from your school after the nominated closing date.  
Young adults from MYM will take clothes to the Marist 180 Community Wardrobe  
The Wardrobe will be open every Friday for the Homeless youth to try on and take away clothes!

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