

# Year 7



Year 7 Camp was amazing! There were a lot of exciting new activities to participate in, such as: high ropes, flying fox, giant swing, swimming, kayaking, rock climbing, abseiling, archery, mazes and many more. My favourite activity was the giant swing because when you go flying in your harness, there's a massive explosion of adrenaline. The food was fresh and enjoyable, and the accommodation was comfortable. Overall, the Year 7's had a fantastic time at Camp Yarramundi and can't wait till Year 9 Camp!

**Emma Gallagher  
7 Chavoin**

Year 7 Camp was absolutely awesome! The activities encouraged everyone to join in and have a go or push themselves to their limits. The food was great and the instructors were cool. They even had a pool! From the bus ride to the giant swing, the camp was flawless, and without a doubt, the best I've ever experienced. Year 7 camp was 10/10 all the way.

**Nicholas Nikolaidis  
7 Xavier**

## PEER SUPPORT



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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends

It has certainly been a very busy start to the year. Last week we continued with our annual P&F meeting, the new Parents Cocktail party and our hosting of the Parramatta-Holroyd Principal Network Meeting.

It was wonderful to see so many people at our annual P&F meeting. I had the opportunity to talk to parents about our goals for 2014 and to answer questions from parents about many different things. Mr Tuffy also gave a brief overview of our HSC data. I was very grateful for the Parents' and Friends' continued financial support for our new chapel which will be completed by the end of Term 1.

We voted in our new Committee for 2014 and I, on behalf of the whole St Patrick's Marist Community, thank them for their work in 2013 and the renewed commitment for 2014.

President: Donna Kelly, Vice President: Vicky Moore, Treasurer: Michelle Heffernan, Secretary: Leanne Goldsmith, Public Liaison Officer: Julie Astalosh and P&F Committee Members: Helen Squire, Jane Bohan, Matthew Oong, Jill Cooper, Valerie Chesterton and Anne Persson

Last Friday night I experienced my first new parents cocktail party. It was great to see so many parents and the fabulous food and drinks were an added highlight. For me it was a wonderful opportunity to talk to parents and the feedback about the start of the year for Year 7 was very positive. I thank the many teachers for their attendance and the Year 12 Leaders for their work on the night and who continue to impress me with their generosity and commitment to the College.

**Year 12 Study Night:** Year 12 study night commenced recently. It is great to see the number of Year 12 students taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity and I would encourage as many students as possible to join and use this as a means of study, completing tasks, getting extra assistance and for collaboration with each other. Thank you to the many teachers who have volunteered to assist with this programme.

**Literacy:** Staff professional learning in the last couple of weeks has focused on writing. To assist us in our work to improve the writing of all our students, I would encourage you to take some time to read your sons and daughters homework or assessments and give them some feedback.

We congratulate Mrs Cheney and her husband Troy on the birth of their son last weekend.

Yours in Jesus, Mary and Saint Marcellin.

**Mrs Angela Hay  
Principal**

### COMMENCEMENT MASS



## Peer Support Program

The Peer Support Program teaches students a range of skills to deal positively and pro actively with life experiences, develop a sense of self worth and belonging and encourages taking responsibility for decisions and actions. Students are allocated a range of skills and concepts, which are led by two/three Peer leaders.

Moving into secondary school represents a significant change for students, as they adjust into a new situation that is quite different from their experience in primary school. Working through the Framework for Orientation provides students with opportunities to get to know others and their Peer leaders. The framework is designed to assist younger students to become familiar and confident and organise their time effectively.

The Peer Support Program commenced in Week 5 and the Year 10 students showed great leadership as they took Year Seven through a range of orientation activities. Students began to form connections with their peers and worked cooperatively as a group. Students are encouraged to develop their relationships with their peers within the College community. Looking forward to another great session in week 8.

**Ms C. Mollace and Miss E. Gray**  
Peer Support Coordinators

## From the Assistant Principals ....

**BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION:** Whilst the College gates are opened fairly early each day with staff in attendance, it is important for parents to realise that formal supervision of the yards does not begin until 8.20am.

**SEMESTER 1 HOMEROOM LEADERS:** Each Semester two students from each Homeroom are elected by their peers to take on the role of Captain and Vice-Captain of their Homeroom. These leaders perform important daily duties for the Homeroom as well as represent their Homeroom when required. The students listed below are to be congratulated for being elected to these leadership positions. Their badges were presented to them at our recent College Assembly.

**STANDING OVATION:** The College received a phone call from a member of the public effusing praise on one of our students. The lady lost a folder, containing important documents and money. One of our senior girls, in uniform, found the folder and went out of her way to return it to the lady's home in Carlingford. Like the woman, we applaud our girl for such a wonderful display of honesty and community responsibility.

**Mr W. Waddell**

		Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Chavoïn	Captain	Connor Barr	Lachlan Allan	Ellie Ramsdale	Helaina Bayeh	Peter Wooden
	Vice Captain	Lauren Nelson	Alana Liversage	Harrison Castles	Robert Kobeissi	Amy Fallan
Edwin	Captain	Peter Litsas	Jacob Taylor	Nathan Cutrupi	Jerick Nubla	Carla Newstead
	Vice Captain	Pania-Rose Henwood	Annalise Schiraldi	Bill Litsas	Kira Moriaty	Matthew Persson
Ludovic	Captain	Harrison Menin	Brittney Raad	Arthur Rizk	Stephanie Nam	Vernon Musukutwa
	Vice Captain	Zara Manger	William Olive	Sarah Popov	Jose Linsao	Petra Vieco
MacKillop	Captain	Ashley Doueïhi	Kaitlyn Salter	Richard Boulus	Michael Valerio	Michael Puglisi
	Vice Captain	Jack Brady	Joseph Doughty	Stephanie Belford	Wahib Maroun	Courtney Foster
Paul	Captain	Chelsea Gruber	Mitchell Moses	Amalie Graham	Felicia Leong	Laurance Brancato
	Vice Captain	Brendon Khalil	Emily Mueller	Jack Deed	Caroline He	Demi Katsiris
Xavier	Captain	Emma Gallagher	Niamh Gallagher	Darcy White	Dennis Rusali	Libby Tadros
	Vice Captain	Nicholas Nikolaidis	Zac Unwin	Jarod Cunningham	Eloise Straub	Adem Birol

**Mr J. Andrews**

## School Fees

Term 1 School fees are due on Friday 7th March.

Fees can be paid by cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY, Direct Debit or POST billpay. Please contact the School Office if you have any queries regarding your account or if you wish to discuss payment arrangements.

## From the Year Coordinators ....

**YEAR 12:** In Week 5, Mr Tuffy presented a talk to all Year 12 students and reminded students that they are fast approaching the Mid-Course Examinations, commencing in Week 9. Students were informed that these examinations are a good 'measuring stick' as they provide a reference point for things that students need to improve upon and the things they are doing well. In preparation for these examinations, students should now be at the stage in which they are doing at least 3 hours of homework and study per evening. Students should also be adhering to a study timetable, but it is also important that a balance is maintained, and they are also devoting some time to exercise, healthy eating, social activities and prayer.

Mr. Scanlon recently issued Year 12 students with their Retreat letter. It would be greatly appreciated if these notes and money were returned to the College as soon as possible. In coming days, students will also be issued details regarding the Year 12 Formal on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2014.

**Mr D. Bonora**

## YEAR 10 - WINNING EDGE INCURSION

Our students live in a world where, on occasion, they find themselves in dangerous or potentially dangerous situation. We endeavour to give our students information and strategies to help them face these challenges. As a part of this education process the student will be attending a presentation form Winning Edge Strategies on the 19th of March.

The presentation is by Brent Sanders, author of "How Dangerous Men Think" a former police officer who has been instructing and addressing school students on protective behaviour for over 20 years.

Brett will take two sessions, the first in the morning will be for the boys and the second afternoon session will be for the girls. Brett has been to the College previously and is well regarded throughout the educational community. Parents might like to look at this website: <http://www.winningedgestrategies.com.au> for more information regarding Winning Edge and its work.

## Music Tuition Programme

The Music Tuition Programme is one of the wonderful extra-curricular on-site activities offered to students of St Patrick's Marist College. The lessons are a half hour long, on a rotating timetable during school time. Students can commence tuition at any time throughout the year.

The students are taught by very experienced and professional musicians/tutors at a rate that is much lower than found in the community. The current tutors are:

- Tuesday – Ms Lorraine Chai – Keyboard/Piano, Strings (Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass)
- Tuesday - Mr Russell Crawford – Drums/Percussion
- Thursday – Mrs Judith Gee – Flute
- Friday – Mr Rohan Mansley – Acoustic and Electric Guitar, Electric Bass
- No tutor / students — Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn and Euphonium
- Tutor soon to be appointed in Voice

The programme commenced in Week 5 for most students, There are places available in all instruments please see Ms Eccleston in the Performing Arts Department for an application form or if you have any further questions.

## Public Speaking

Round 1 of the Catholic Schools Debating Competition was held on Friday. Student, Mariam Melkonyants addressed the topic From a Distance, to an audience of Year 9 students and their parents. She explored the lives of teenagers and how society inadvertently views them from a distance. Mariam considered teenagers and technology and teenagers and bullying, which made for an informative discussion. Mariam's delivery of an effective speech was 'packed with punch' but unfortunately the competition only allows three students to continue to Zone final and Mariam was defeated on the night.

The competition is a prestigious one and a great opportunity for our budding young school leaders, politicians, lawyers or community leaders to develop their skills in an environment that provides a healthy competitive and social spirit in our young men and women.

We look forward to the upcoming Catholic Schools Debating competition commencing Friday night 28th March, 2014. Teams from St Patrick's Marist College have been registered in the competition and if any parent wishes to make enquiries regarding their child's participation, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [sgraham5@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sgraham5@parra.catholic.edu.au). You may wish to browse the Catholic Schools' Debating Association at [www.csdnsw.edu.au/](http://www.csdnsw.edu.au/) as a matter of interest.

**Ms S. Graham**  
Debating/Public Speaking Coordinator



## Remar at St Patrick's Marist in 2014

This year at St Patrick's Marist College, we will be launching out into the deep with a new leadership initiative in the College called Remar.

Remar is a dynamic and vibrant Marist Youth Ministry inspiring young people to live out the values of the gospels. Remar is already operating nationally in 18 Marist secondary schools for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. It operates under the direction and charisma of the Marist Brothers.

Remar is formed from the Spanish word meaning 'to row'. This engaging and challenging program utilises nautical themes to provide focal points. The program has a four-fold focus:

1. Evangelisation and faith development
2. Personal development and leadership skills formation
3. Strong experience of being part of a community
4. Social justice, ministry and service to others

Each year group has a distinctive colour and symbol: Year 10 is the Red Crossing (the ship's helm); Year 11 is the Blue Crossing (the ship's anchor) and Year 12 is the Gold Crossing (the Lighthouse)

On Monday, 24th February, Year 10 met with the Remar Ministry Team in the Lavalla Centre. Students were introduced to Remar and given the opportunity to express interest in attending the Red Embarkation Camp to be held at Mount Carmel High School Varroville on March 28-30. A parent information night will be held before the camp. Date to be finalised shortly.

Over 30 students are keen to participate. Our rowers will have the opportunity to make a commitment to the whole year's program after the Embarkation camp.

The program includes fortnightly meetings, community service work and two additional camps with other Marist schools. Thank you to the many students who are willing to set sail on this journey of discovery - the pioneer group at St Patrick's Marist College.

**Mrs M. Grubba**  
Remar Co ordinator

## Excursion Fee

Each semester students will be charged a one off excursion fee for the semester. This term, some students in Year 10 have brought in individual payments for excursions. Parents are advised that these payments have been returned to the students to take home to their parents.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Friday, 7th March	Public Speaking Competition(Final)
Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Day 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Monday, 10th-14th March	Catholic School Week
Monday, 17th March	St Patrick's Day Liturgy
Wednesday, 19th March	College Oratory
Friday, 21st March	Years 7 and 9 Vaccinations