



Star of Peace

St Patrick's Marist College Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends,

We come to the end of yet another extremely busy term and I thank all the staff and members of our community for their ongoing commitment and hard work.

Last week we held our College Musical 'Hairspray'. It was one of the best school musicals I have ever seen. It was a very professional, high energy and visually exciting spectacular. The discussion for the musical began back in Term 3 of 2016 and it has been full steam ahead since that moment. The performance involved over 100 students and showcased not only the talents of our performers, but the talent and skills of the many students that took other roles in music, sound and lighting, costuming, hair and makeup, set design, hospitality, painting, construction and the list go on. The quality and professionalism of the band consisting of our year 12 Music class, Kate Centrone (Year 12, 2016) and our Music teachers was outstanding and a tribute to their hard work and the many hours of preparation of a very difficult score.

The musical provides lasting memories for all involved; it builds new relationships across year groups, provides opportunities for students to showcase and develop talents and skills and they are just great fun to be a part of. A special thank you to the Performing Arts team, Mrs Renee Lyons (Director), Mrs Trudy Andrews (Music and Vocal Director), Ms Carmel Bonaventura (Stage Manager), Ms Jai Greenway (Technical Manager) and Mr Liam Heffernan (Vocal Director) and our visiting Choreographer Mrs Katrina Gooding. There were many staff and parents who assisted in the making the musical so successful and I thank each and every one of them for the additional time they gave to support our students. It was wonderful to see ex-students Ashley Roberts and Nathan Taverniti supporting the musical.

In the middle of our Musical, the College hosted 9 debates for the Quarter Finals of the CSSA Debating. I thank Mrs Graham, Mrs Pett and Mr Moussa for their organisation and assistance. We welcomed 15 schools and I received wonderful feedback about our students who hosted the evening. I am very excited to share with you that our Senior Year 12 team were successful and will move to the Semi Finals next term.

In the last couple of weeks we also held the MCS Chess tournaments. The library was overflowing with students and there were some very intense fiercely contested chess games happening. I am very pleased to report that our Year 11 team won their division.

Recently Year 10 and 11 received their reports and attended their Parent / Student / Teacher night. This week, Years 7 and 8 will receive their reports and attend Parent / Student / Teacher interviews, followed by Year 9 in Week 1, Term 3. I was very impressed by the number of students with very positive feedback from their teachers. I hope that students who have worked diligently have been justly rewarded and I remind students that whatever has happened in the past does not determine their success in the future. We can learn from both positive and not so positive results, reflect and set new goals.

Recently our netballers attended the Australian Marist Netball Carnival in Sale. They were awarded Third Place in their division, which was a great result against a very strong and competitive field. Our MCS Netballers played in their Grand Final today. We are very proud of all our teams and I congratulate the Seniors A team and their coach Ms Ellison for winning the Grand Final.

Enrolments: We have recently completed our enrolments for Year 7, 2018. If you currently have a student in Year 5 and are intending to apply for Year 7, 2019, applications are now open.

We are now looking at enrolments and numbers for Years 8 to 12, 2018. If your son or daughter will not be returning in 2018, could I ask you to put that in writing to the school as soon as possible.

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SPMC Attendance Rate	Goal
88.5%	90%

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KEY DATES

Thursday, 29th June

Year 7 and 8 Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

Friday, 30th June

Staff Formation Day

Monday, 17th July

Staff Professional Learning Day

Tuesday, 18th July

Term 3 Commences

Wednesday, 19th July

Year 9 Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

Friday, 21st July

Debating Quarter Final

Tuesday, 25th July

Year 8 into 9, 2018 Information Evening

Wednesday, 26th July

Semester One Award Assembly

Friday, 28th July

Year 8 Formation Day
Debating Semi Final

Monday, 7th August

Trial H.S.C. Examinations
Commence (Conclude 14th August)

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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.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

There has been much in the news regarding school funding and I have shared our Diocesan communications with you. The Parramatta Diocese is in a strong position and is committed to providing a low fee paying option for families seeking a Catholic Education regardless of the suburb they live in. Last year, the Bishop capped the increase of school fees to a modest 3% across the Diocese and a similar figure will be set for 2018. I will address any concerns that you may have at our next P&F Meeting in Term 3. Please feel free to contact the College if you have any further questions.

This week we farewell our Leader of Learning - PDHPE, Mr Aaron Dent, who is moving with his family to the Hunter Valley. We wish him all the very best and thank him for his dedicated service to the College.

Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable holiday break.

Mrs Angela Hay

2016 YEARBOOK

Please note that the 2016 Yearbook has been delivered and was distributed to students in Years 8-12 on Wednesday. If your child did not receive their copy of the 2016 Yearbook they will be available from the College Office. Year 12, 2016 students are also able to collect their Yearbook from the office and remaining copies will be posted home.

Thanks must be extended to all the members of the College community who have written articles, taken photographs and contributed in some way to its production. The images and stories encapsulates our 2016 scholastic year and certainly reveals our happy school community.

ATTENDANCE

A reminder to parents/carers that any student absence, whether partial or whole day, must be followed up within 7 school days with written advice, either via SMS or a hard copy in their diary.

As this is a legislative requirement, on Tuesday 13th June, the Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta implemented a new process in our system that automatically updates an attendance from an 'Absent' (awaiting written note) to an 'Unexplained Absence' (without receipt of an explanation within 7 school days). We ask that parents be vigilant in advising the College in writing of their child's non-attendance at school to avoid any 'Unexplained Absences' appearing on their student record.

Director of Mission

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

We'd like to invite you to consider attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) which will be held in Sydney this December. The ACYF is a national gathering of over 20,000 young Catholic people from across Australia over three days from the 7th-9th December.

The Festival's theme is: "***Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy***" which draws inspiration from Pope Francis' address to young people at WYD Krakow 2016. ACYF will be the largest national Catholic youth event to be held in the history of the Church in Australia.

The cost for the three (3) days is \$250. This covers all meals, activities and transport to and from the venues at Homebush. In encouraging participation in these three days, the Parramatta Catholic Education Department and the school will cover almost two thirds of the cost. This will reduce the overall cost to \$100 per student.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter inviting senior students from Years 10 through to our current Year 12 to ACYF. The letter contains all relevant information and provides more scope on the initiative and specifics of the Festival.

For more information about the Festival, including the event details, please visit the website www.acyf.org.au and keep up to date via the Catholic Youth Parramatta Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparra/>

Director of Studies

YEAR 9 PARENT / STUDENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Wednesday, 19th July

A reminder to Parents that the Year 9 Parent / Student / Teacher Interviews will be in the first week of Term 3 on Wednesday Evening. Please ensure you have requested your interviews through the online system.



YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION

Year 10 students have already begun the subject selection process for their Stage 6 studies. Students are reminded to complete the online web preferences by the start of Term Three and make an appointment with a member of the College Leadership Team or Mr Berner to go through their selections.

YEAR 8 SUBJECT SELECTION

Year 8 students will begin their subject selection process in Week Two of Term Three, with the Parent Information Evening on Tuesday, 25th July. A copy of the letter that students were given today is attached to this newsletter. Students and their parents will be able to meet with various subject teachers and KLA Leaders of Learning to gain an insight into the subjects that are available for students to choose.

YEAR 12 TRIAL H.S.C. EXAMINATIONS AND PARENT SUPERVISORS

H.S.C. Trial examinations will begin on Monday, 31st July, Week Three of Term Three. As in previous examinations, we are calling on parents who are willing to assist in supervising these exams. A letter with details of dates and times will be sent out early in Term Three.

Ms T. Ellison
Director of Studies

Student Leaders

On Thursday, 1st June, Joseph Elias, Eleanor Dezius, Bradley Goldsmith and I had the privilege to attend the 2017 Secondary Schools Student Leadership Program. Stepping into the Parliament of New South Wales, we immediately felt the prestige of Australia's rich history and tradition. Student leaders from all over NSW gathered in the theatrette to be addressed by a few of Australia's MP's and the Premier of New South Wales, Gladys Berejiklian. They expressed the hardships and rewards of their roles in their communities and provided some advice for us leaders. It was a very humbling experience which renewed our perception of politics and taught us the tedious responsibilities of the Australian government.

We then had the opportunity to sit in and listen to the live proceedings within the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council. Here, we witnessed a chaotic and confronting environment within politics which was definitely a stimulating experience.

After lunch all the schools attending collectively journeyed to Government House Sydney, where we received a tour of the exquisite modernised house. His Excellency General, The Honourable David Hurley, Governor of NSW and Mrs Linda Hurley then addressed us and generously offered their time to answer questions, take photos and speak individually with all Schools' Representatives. All in all, this was a sublime experience and we are very thankful to Mrs Dunston for organising and orchestrating this rare opportunity.



Sarah Popov
Year 12 Ludovic



Pastoral

YEAR 12

School Holidays are upon us! For Year 12 students your wellbeing is the most important thing.

- Plan your holiday, if you have assignments - set times for work, don't leave it to the last minute.
- Stay connected, whether socially, sporting or in a study group.
- Be active, whether that means vigorous activity or a walk around the neighbourhood - a great stress reliever.
- Stick to a routine, get up at a reasonable time, go to bed at a reasonable time.
- Limit the junk! Allow yourself the occasional treat but eating well will help the body and mind perform at their peak.
- Keep your holiday in balance - work, rest, exercise, socialise and eat a balanced diet.
- Oh ... and have some fun!

Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Tuesday, 19th September

St Joseph's College Hunter's Hill

- \$80 per parent (students have already paid in school fees)

More details will follow regarding Graduation Day.

Mr P. Quigley
Year 12 Pastoral Leader of Learning

YEAR 11

Congratulations to all Year 11 students involved in the musical. It was a spectacular event. There were Year 11 students on stage, backstage and also helping with hair and makeup. Well done to all.

Well done to all Year 11 students who represented the school in MCS, MCCS sport and also debating. There were many highlights and excellent performances throughout this term.

At the end of Week 9, Mr Paton spoke with Year 11 students regarding retreat. It is a College expectation that all students are to attend and are required to fill out a Student Permission/ Medical Form. Can I ask that all forms please be returned by the end of Week 1 next term to assist in preparation.

Finally, as we break from a busy term, I remind students that during these holidays they should be implementing revision activities / study notes to prepare for the end of preliminary course exams that will occur at the end of Term 3. Find the right balance between relaxing, socialising, assessments and preparation for exams.

I wish you all an enjoyable break.

Mr S. Belcher
Year 11 Pastoral Leader of Learning

YEAR 9

Congratulations to all the wonderful Year 9 students who were involved in the College Musical, "Hairspray". We had a large involvement from Year 9 students and we are truly blessed with so many gifted, talented and dedicated students who contributed to the Musical's success. My thanks also to all those Year 9 students who came along and supported their peers from our Year Group on each of the performance evenings.

As we approach the holidays, a reminder that we need to return to school next term neatly groomed with our uniform exemplary. Please also be aware that Year 9 Parent / Teacher / Student interviews are on Wednesday, 19th July from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. All students are expected to be in attendance with a parent. Details regarding the online booking process will be emailed to parents in the first week of holidays.

Finally, congratulations to all students who represented the College in MCS, MCCS, PDSSSC sports and the Marist Netball Carnival in Term 2. Whilst it is regarded as a privilege to represent the College, it is also an indication of school spirit when teams participate and give their best. Well done to all of you.

Mr D. Bonora
Year 9 Pastoral Leader of Learning



Key Learning Areas

MATHEMATICS

Year 8 Maths Incursion

The Mathematics incursion was a fun and educational experience for Year 8. It gave us students the opportunity to learn and practice maths in a fun environment surrounded by our friends. The incursion consisted of a different variety of maths drills, including individual and partnered competitions and group discussions, where we learnt new ways of cracking equations. These friendly competitions were exciting, making us all push for the chance to beat our fellow classmates. The staff who had come out for the program were exceptionally fun and easy to approach, they helped make the incursion much more enjoyable than any student intended it to be. Each student was with a partner, relying on each other. Everyone was desperate to quickly get through the question, have it stamped and approved by a staff member, until you move up to the next level, as it was a step closer to achieving the grand prize. The maths incursion was a great day for Year 8, and an experience that I'll remember.



**Sophie Sassen
8 Edwin**

HISTORY

HSC History Study Day

17th June, 2017 - Sydney University

An early start at Eastwood Station on Saturday morning and then a walk in the rain to Sydney University for 17 students, Mr Moussa, Mr Flew, Ms Zadro, Mr Berner and Mrs Whelan to attend the History Teachers Association Study Day.

The HTA study day was an exceptional one as it provided the students with a revision of old notes, an understanding of new points and some unheard stories from (mostly) fun and lively lecturers. It also allowed the students to gain an idea of what university life and lectures would be like when moving from hour long lecture to hour long lecture, without wanting to fall asleep! Overall, the day was definitely worth the cheap price tag.

**Matthew Coumpos
Year 12 Paul**



Sophie Khatchigian and Annabelle Alam renowned author Ken Webb

The HTA day was an educational experience which provided an amazing and extensive depth of knowledge, allowing us, the students, to experience firsthand from those who study history as their field of expertise. This resulted in a great personal depth of knowledge of key areas for all the History students. The day provided us with a wealth of knowledge, useful notes as well as an experience of university and campus life. This was overall an informative experience for the students as well as the teachers who attended the HTA day.

Daniel Grubba

Year 12 Xavier

The HTA study day was an invaluable experience for those of us who went and served as an excellent means for revision and consolidation of information. The lectures were of excellent quality, in particular the (lecture/person, the first Modern History lecture) and were concise in their information, as well as delivery. The notes you gather from these lectures are perfect for study as they are straight to the point and contain exceptional historiography and detailed statistics. The HTA Study Day was a great time for all of us as we work towards our HSC.

Alexandra Marshall

Year 12 Chavoin

ENGLISH

ROMEO AND JULIET COMES TO LIFE





During the end of this term in English, Year 9 began to explore the concept of conflict through our study of the play "Romeo and Juliet", written by William Shakespeare. To help us in understanding the meaning and relevance of the play to our current time, the whole of Year 9 had the honour of watching a performance of Romeo and Juliet. Last week, on Tuesday the 20th of June, three talented actors from Young Australia Workshop arrived at the school and provided the grade with an entertaining and informative show, acting out key scenes from Shakespeare's play about how actors understand and memorise plays such as the one we are studying now.

The three visitors acted out the 'behind the scenes' of the actors who have to perform a play like Shakespeare's, and how they come to deal with both each other and the play. Afterwards, the three of them continued by performing two different scenes from the play - the sword fight between Romeo's best friend and Juliet's cousin, and the famous balcony scene between Romeo and Juliet. It was fantastic to see the scenes acted out.

Once they finished performing, they introduced themselves, and talked with us about the meaning of the play and how they memorise their lines as actors. Some students then asked questions before the performers chose five volunteers from the audience to stand up and shout Shakespearean insults at one of the guys from the company, encouraging them to use hand gestures and direct their anger towards him for effect. The students did this with full cooperation and gathered the attention of everyone in the grade, including the teachers.

Once finished, the volunteers went and sat back down, and the actors then showed us how most of the dialogue in the play matched with ten direct heart beats, showing us how Shakespeare used iambic pentameter, creating rhythm in the lines. They got us to clap along with them, and then split the grade in two. One half was to say a line from Romeo while he was speaking lovingly to Juliet, and the other half was to say a line from Romeo while he was speaking angrily during the fight, using threatening words and foul gestures. It became a competition, and the grade allocated Mr Bonora as the judge.

This incursion was overall a fun, interactive experience that assisted Year 9 in understanding Shakespeare's play. Young Australia Workshop provided the grade with a helpful way of experiencing Shakespeare today and made it very enjoyable and entertaining for everyone.

Mariejose Nakhle

Year 9 Xavier

SPORT

MARIST NETBALL

On Sunday, 18th June, 10 girls left for Forbes to participate in the Annual Marist Netball Carnival. The girls played over 20 games of netball in the three day competition and did exceptionally well against tough competition. They fought hard and competed in the Challenge Finals series. The girls and their coaches, Miss J. Carne and Mrs D. Pavlovich are to be congratulated on achieving third place in their division.

The girls involved were:

Year 9:	Sophie Vaughan Tamsyn Brown
Year 10:	Rebekah Meafou Chelsea Gruber Rachel Bloxsome
Year 11:	Sarah Brown Sophie Hunter Claudia Skelton
Year 12:	Darcy White Annabelle Bennett



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CAREERS NEWS

ST PATRICK'S MARIST COLLEGE, DUNDAS

In June we have had a lot of school events and visitors

- 14 June was Year 10 Info Day with guests to the school
- 15 June we had a guest speaker talk about travel opportunities and government assistance for young people
- 22 June Year 12 went to the HSC and Careers Expo at Sydney Olympic Park

***** Reminder ***** Early entry for ACU, Notre Dame close soon, GLEP applications need to be in ASAP. UMAT registration closes

Don't forget to access our online resources, including:

- Myfuture: <http://myfuture.edu.au>
- JobJump: <https://jobjump.com.au/>



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Australian Catholic Youth Festival

19th June, 2017

Dear Students,

We'd like to invite you to consider attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) to be held in Sydney this December.

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC). It exists to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia.

The Archdiocese of Sydney is hosting the event from December 7th-9th 2017 on behalf of the ACBC. The Festival receives collaborative support from the agencies of the Archdiocese, and greater Sydney dioceses of Broken Bay, Parramatta and Wollongong.

In December 2017 the Festival will launch the Year of Youth, celebrating ten years on from hosting World Youth Day 2008.

Purpose

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival exists to:

- Provide a high quality formative and experiential opportunity for young Catholics to encounter Jesus Christ, in the context of the Catholic Church in Australia;
- Listen to and discuss the issues and challenges in the lives of young Catholics in Australia;
- Evangelise young people and empower them to be evangelisers;
- Provide young people with local examples and connections of vocations, social action, liturgy and prayer, catholic music and catechesis.

The festival will gather more than 20,000 young people from across Australia over three days from the 7th - 9th December. Huge gatherings, workshops and concerts will take place in Qudos Bank Arena, the Sydney Showgrounds and the Domain. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the youth of our Diocese to experience the vibrancy of our Catholic Church.

The Festival's theme is: "***Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy***" which draws inspiration from Pope Francis' address to young people at WYD Krakow 2016. ACYF will be the largest national Catholic youth event to be held in the history of the Church in Australia.

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28th June 2017

Dear Parents of Year 8 Students,

There is an information evening on **Tuesday 25th July** at the College for parents and students to gain some insight into the subjects on offer for Year 9 2018. The meeting will commence at 5:30pm and conclude by 7:45pm. Students are required to wear their College uniform on the night.

The information evening will outline and explain subjects available to study in Stage 5 as well as the subject selection process.

The format of the evening will consist of:

Session 1 5:30 – 6:30pm Parents and students visit KLA rooms where they can talk to teachers about subjects being offered in Stage 5

Session 2 6:45 – 7:45pm Presentation in the La Valla Centre regarding the Stage 5 and the subject selection process

Parents and students are strongly encouraged to make use of the KLA rooms in Session One to help students make informed choices when considering their preferences.

All parents are requested to complete the reply slip below and ask your daughter / son to return it to their Homeroom Patron by Tuesday 18th July.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Therri Ellison
Director of Studies

Reply Form – To be returned to your child's Homeroom Patron by Tuesday 18th July.

Year Eight into Nine Information Evening

Student's Name (Please Print): _____ **Homeroom:** _____

- I will** be attending (give the number of parents / guardians attending) _____
- I will not** be attending the information evening.



Hairspray Musical



The first Marist Brothers arrived in Australia on the 'Star of Peace' on 21st February, 1872. On the 8th 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.

St Patrick's College Hairspray The Musical

St Patrick's College production of Hairspray The Musical was an explosion of song and dance. This Musical held the audience's full attention from the opening scene to the fantastic finale!

This was a vibrant energetic "Tony Award" worthy Musical. It was a fun filled, professional like Musical.

We felt like the actors were all celebrities. The Chemistry between the actors was great, they worked together very well and you could sense the hard work and dedication that was put into the rehearsals and performance.

From the Costumes to the Props to the Choreography it was the BEST MUSICAL EVER!

As soon as we exited the door of the theatre, we felt excited and filled with joy we wanted to see more!

We appreciate all of the backstage crew who helped the musical take shape and without them this musical would not be the same. For example the set designers, lighting, sound, props department, hair and makeup.

The stage presence of Tracy and her mum was great, especially Edna because she/he was ridiculously funny. Overall every single performer was outstanding.

We were so lucky to be invited to see this Musical. Thank you to all the members of St Patrick's college. This was an once in a lifetime opportunity that we will never forget.

Review By: Year 6 students Lauren & Erin



Dear Hairspray Cast,

Thank you for the amazing opportunity for us to come and watch Hairspray the Musical live.

We loved all the acting, the props, the dancing and the presentation of the musical. Another thing we enjoyed about Hairspray was the singing, the phenomenal costumes, the hairstyles and the fabulous makeup.

Shelly, Motormouth Maybelle and Tracy were our favourite performers because we thought they showed great enthusiasm and outstanding facial expressions. Even though everyone in the musical was incredible, these three girls to us shone the most because of the way they performed such as their spectacular voices and their beautiful talents.

In the show, we especially enjoyed all the music and upbeat songs. We couldn't help ourselves from singing and dancing and getting involved because it was such a good experience and was a great environment for us to be in. Our favorite song was 'Can't Stop The Beat'. The musical had a surprising ending with all the music, singing and dancing that ended Hairspray in an exciting way.

Thank you for the great experience, and we hope that we get to watch another musical at St. Patrick's because by far Hairspray was the best musical we've ever seen! We can't wait to come to St. Patrick's so that we can also take part in a musical.

From Lucy and Marissa

Dear Hairspray Cast,

We are Emily and Ella who are in Year 6 at St Bernadette's Primary, Dundas Valley. We recently saw your production of Hairspray. Thankyou so much for inviting us, we absolutely loved it!

The costumes and hair were absolutely amazing. The detail was stupendous, especially the hair. All the costumes were fun, sparkly and colourful.

The production was exciting and uplifting whilst being extremely meaningful. It was such a colourful show and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

All the characters were played extremely well, however the characters that stood out to us were Edna Turnblad even though a male was playing the role it was played very well, Tracy Turnblad also stood out to us with great acting skills and a beautiful voice. By far Motormouth Maybelle was our absolute favourite. She had amazing vocals and superb acting skills. All the characters were hilarious and great singers.

All the songs were sung extremely well, but our absolute favourites were You Can't Stop The Beat, Welcome To The 60's and Good Morning Baltimore. Every single song was catchy and we couldn't get them out of our heads even if we tried.

We truly had an amazing experience that was welcoming, exciting and professional. The show was meaningful and funny we absolutely loved it. Thank You so much for the invitation.

Sincerely

Emily and Ella

St. Patrick's College : Hairspray The Musical

Hairspray the musical by St. Patrick's is an outstanding, fun filled, magical performance with great choreography and vibrant colours. It made many people want to give a standing ovation.

The performance was flawless. It may even be worthy of a "Helpmann Award". The actors were extremely dedicated to their parts especially how they sounded like they were really emotional just like the character they were acting. They held our attention from the beginning to the end.

The hair design was magnificent and we were astounded at how they did the sixties hairstyles. We were also amazed at how fast they switched from scene to scene.

The mix of singing and acting was perfect. The costumes were amazing along with the set design. Putting three different scenes on stage was a smart decision due to the fact that you didn't need to change the whole scene as much.

The stage presence was equal for all of the actors. They all stood out and became the main focus when it was their turn.

This was as good as a proper production by a whole company. The music was amazing and joyful. It was a great first musical that radiated enthusiasm to all of the audience. It made us ecstatic.

We thank the Principal for inviting us to the musical. It was amazing! We also thank the crew, performers, teachers and parents involved in this amazing experience.

From Tim and Liam, St Bernadette's Year 5

