A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Over recent weeks our students have worked together to raise $3000 for the Catholic Care Bushfire Appeal, nearly $2000 for the Marist Sisters in the Philippines, as a response to Typhoon Haiyan and $1000 for the Merrylands chapter of the St Vincent de Paul for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. The combined efforts of staff, students and our parent community in responding to those in need is central to our mission as a Catholic school in the Marist tradition. I would like to congratulate all our students who have worked co-operatively to respond to those in need. Your response highlights our mission as Marists to make a difference in our world.

On Monday, Cerdon College welcomed 20 Marist Sisters from Australia, Gambia, Senegal, Philippines, Fiji, Papua and New Guinea, Venezuela, Mexico and Brazil as the visited Marist Sisters schools. Our students had the opportunity to utilise their linguistic skills, socialise and give our visitors a tour of the school. It was an important opportunity to meet Marists from around the world.

I remind parents of dates for 2013.

Year 7, 8, 9 and 11 students finish classes on Wednesday 18th December 2013.

Classes for Year 7 begin on Wednesday 29th January 2014. Classes for Year 8 to 12 begin on Thursday 30th January 2014. Thursday 30th January is the College Swimming Carnival so complete sports uniform is to be worn by students from Years 7 to 10.

As a school community we pray:

Lord, when I am hungry - lead me to feed others.
When I am thirsty - give me water to satisfy others’ thirst.
When I am sad - lead me to bring joy to others.
When burdens weigh upon me - lay upon my shoulders the burdens of other people.
Lord, when I am greatly in need of tenderness and support - lead me to help someone in greater need.

Amen

God Bless

Mrs Patricia Baker
Principal
Remembrance Day Memorials
On Remembrance day on the 11th of November, six Year 10 History students - Mona Elbaz, Kelly Seymour, Esmyer Canlas, Emma Cohen, Emma Andrew and Catherine Mitchell represented Cerdon College at the Remembrance Day Memorials at both Cabra-Vale Diggers and Merrylands RSL Club. Students were accompanied by Mr Lovadina and Ms Caspe. It was a time to commemorate the services of past war veterans. The ceremony commenced with speeches from officials followed by a wreath laying ceremony.
The Year 10 students were able to experience how, as Australians, we commemorate the wars and it gave students an opportunity to mingle with members of the local community.

Year 7’s Got Talent
‘Year 7’s Got Talent’ Competition was held during lunchtime on the 12th and 13th of November. It was an opportunity for the students to showcase their abilities. There were a variety of very entertaining singing and dancing acts. The following students are to be congratulated on their performances: Tahlia del Principe, Anh Dinh, Christina Dinh, Jessa Planner, Sara Pauls, Isabelle Langan, Dima Ahmad, Tiffany Samaroni, Claudia Semaan, Samantha Lindermann, Shontelle Tabet, Rowan Garoche, Alaina Burge, Hannah Rahimi, Katrina Helou, Aya Ali, Kiranpreet Kohli, Zeina Alammery, Amanda Awad, Amanda Giudice, Joel Khaouli and all of 7E7.
There definitely is a lot of talent in Year 7!

Mrs Gallina

Year 9 History Excursion
On the 15th November, Year 9 History went on an excursion to the city to undertake a site study at The Rocks and Sydney Harbour Bridge. We were able to look at the history of the Bridge and the Sydney Harbour Bridge Visitor Centre and then had fun walking part of the way across the Bridge.
At The Rocks, we saw some of the earliest European landmarks and buildings in Australia and realised how different life was then!
A thank you to all the teachers who helped make the day a great success.
Ms W Young

Enrichment @ Cerdon
The Year 7 Knowledge Challenge
There was lots of excitement in the library a few weeks ago with Year 7 participating in their first Knowledge Challenge. The competition comprised questions from a variety of KLAS, current affairs and sport and competition proved to be quite intense. The teams were very keen to buzz in with their answers and after a few heats the two Colin teams faced each other for the Grand Final. Congratulations to Elise Cribbin, Lucy Tan, Jessica Li and Sara Haider from Colin 2 for making the final and to Nicole Gereige, Tahlia del Principe, Carissa Zajac and Emily Dang from Colin 1 for winning the Year 7 Knowledge Challenge for 2013.

2013 ‘Sculptures by the Sea’ Student Photography Competition
To celebrate their partnership with ‘Sculptures by the Sea’, the organisation What Degree? Which University? invited students to submit photos depicting their experiences of the exhibition. As well as cash prizes, the winning student would have the opportunity to become a photography intern for the 2014 Sculptures by the Sea. Congratulations to Elise Cribbin, Lucy Tan, Jessica Li and Sara Haider from Colin 2 for making the final and to Nicole Gereige, Tahlia del Principe, Carissa Zajac and Emily Dang from Colin 1.

CSIRO Holiday Science
Looking for something to do over the holidays? This summer, CSIRO is offering the largest selection of holiday science events ever. For all information and details please visit www.csiro.au/nswholidays

The Somerset Celebration of Literature Writing Competitions
If you enjoy writing and dream of producing the next bestseller, these competitions are for YOU! As part of the Somerset Celebration of Literature, students are invited to participate in 2014 Novella Writing Competition and/or the 2014 Somerset National Poetry prize. The novella competition requires students to write a novel between 6000-10000 words, on any theme. As well as winning over $2500 worth of prizes, winners will receive personalised advice on their work from members of the Penguin Group (Australia) Publishing Company.
The National Poetry Prize students can submit any unpublished piece of work which is no more than 50 lines on any subject. Winners in each category will receive a $300 plus flights to attend the Somerset Celebration of Literature festival in Queensland.
Further information is available from Mrs Agius or by visiting www.somerset.qld.edu.au/celebration

Mrs S Agius, Enrichment Co-ordinator
Showcase 2013

On 25th November, Cerdon College had its first combined Showcase of all areas of the Creative and Performing arts. Showcase 2013 was a fantastic night, which went off smoothly and finished with a roaring round of applause! The amazing work from the hardworking students of Visual Arts, Design and Technology and Textiles and Design, were displayed around the hall before the crowd gathered for an extended evening of Dance, Music and Drama. The evening’s atmosphere was firstly created via the selection of food (being the heart of Cerdon), dessert and drinks available before the show began at seven. Then after an introductory video from the Creative and Performing Arts staff, the show went off with a bang.

Numerous energetic dance performances, astounding voices singing a variety of songs and a display of some of the intriguing and theatrical drama videos, all produced a range of ecstatic responses from the audience. Whether the audience were silenced by the astonishing voice of some of the acts or enthused to the point of joining in, the showcase displayed a variety of talent which did not disappoint.

Showcase 2013 proved not just the talent of the performers and hard working students of the College, but also the skill of the technical crew and staff who provided an extensive amount of help from the beginning until the end of the show. It also displayed the efforts of the students learning to foster their creativity, self awareness, confidence and ability to work within their specialty area, which was definitely showcased that evening.

The evening would not have been possible without the support of the community and family of the College and its students, who came along to enjoy the spectacular night. Their comments proved just what a success it was. Thank you once again to everyone who came along to Showcase 2013 and all the hardworking students and staff. This was truly a night for the College to remember!

Gillian Kayrooz
Vice Captain (Creative and Performing Arts)

Italian Certificate 2 - (100-200 Hours Language Learning)
- Lilyan Abosh: Distinction
- Andrianna Agathos: Distinction
- Yvonne Aguirre: High Distinction
- Daniela Angeloni: Distinction
- Tayla Belcher: Distinction
- Lucero Calderon: Distinction
- Luisa Campili: Distinction
- Portia Cheung: Distinction
- Elisa Cuciniello: Distinction
- Emily Del Principe: Distinction
- Andrea El Turk: Distinction
- Jamie Lipsham: Distinction
- Rachel Lockhart: Distinction
- Stephanie Manoranjan: High Distinction
- Leilani Minic: Distinction
- Elizabeth Orlando: Distinction
- Isabella Reitano: Distinction
- Bianca Semaan: Distinction
- Geena Trimbo: Distinction
- Jaida Walker: High Distinction

Auguri e ben fatto ragazze!

Félicitations et bien fait à tout le monde!

ALC Language Certificates

The Assessment of Language Competence Certificates are aimed at second language learners and are designed to celebrate and enhance the learning of Languages in Australia, New Zealand and the Asia Pacific Region.

Congratulations to Year 9, 10, 11, and 12 Italian and French students for participating, in particular all the students who achieved Distinction and High Distinctions.

French Certificate 3 - (200-300 Hours Language Learning)
- Evanna Kamal: Distinction
- Jennifer Zeng: Distinction

French Certificate 2 - (100-200 Hours Language Learning)
- Alexandra Boutoubia: Distinction
- Monique Brunet: Distinction
- Lara El Hussein: High Distinction
- Matina Frelingos: Distinction
- Sarah Rahimi: Distinction
- Adina Tarabiya: Distinction
- Emma Younan: Distinction

Italian Certificate 3 - (200-300 Hours Language Learning)
- Emilia Barker: Distinction
- Emma Cleary: Distinction
- Kylie Cox: Distinction
- Elena Cutri: Distinction
- Martina Gambacorta: High Distinction
- Regie Anne Gardoce: Distinction
- Erika Gavoto: High Distinction
- Rachelle Hyeraci: Distinction
- Simone Ligori: Distinction
- Melissa Orellana: High Distinction
- Victoria Patrizi: High Distinction
- Javiera Silva-Bravo: Distinction
- Sheridan Soo: Distinction

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Trinity Anae-Roberts 9J30, Emma Andrew 10F18, Jayne Angeles 7E8
Daniela Angeloni 9J29, Rachel Antonucci 9I31, Erika Arabit 9J30, Kristen Ayoub 7E8
Alycia Chand 8KL6, Alana Cohen 7E7, Elise Cribbin 7G23, Emily Dang 7E9
Mymy Tran 11F14, Janine Udan 7E5, Amelia Vella 9J28, Rachael Vella 9J30
Christine Ghaleb 8GL3, Catalina Gonzalez 7E7, Monica Gonzalez 8KL6
Adina Tarabiya 9J28, Shiarna Tarasenko 7G23, Olivia Townsend 9J28
Annmaree Kenny 9J28, Amanda Kheir 9J30, Christina Kheir 9LD2
Emily Grasinger 7E5, Macayla Grube 7E6, Angela Ha'angana 11F12
Tiffany Samarani 7E10, Jessica Schweizer 7E5, Wendy Sclosa 7E6
Raquel Fayad 9J30, Rowan Gardoce 7G23, Saada Georges 12FF2
Hayley Nolan 9J28, Nicole O'Connor 9J29, Isabella Reitano 9J30
Sarah Meecham 9J28, Kelly Nguyen 7E8, Mary Nguyen 9J32
Shenay Seinor 9J30, Bianca Semaan 9J30, Yasmin Sleiman 9I32
Carissa Zajac 7E10, Joanne Zeaiter 9J28, Olga Zerefos 11F16

Inform your senior family/friends. Please bring a plate of food to share. Give a senior a lift to the

Maltese Community Council of NSW to alleviate

loneliness and isolation.

Please give generously to the Philippines.

Millions of people are now in need of emergency aid in the

Philippines.

St Margaret Mary’s for Mrs Agius’ farewell morning tea on

18 November - 6 December. Go to http://bit.ly/1fFfjF8 for

more information.

AN INVITATION TO FAREWELL MRS CARMEL
AGIUS PRINCIPAL ST MARGARET MARY’S
PRIMARY SCHOOL
THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION WOULD
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MRS AGIUS.
WHEN:     FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2013 9.00AM MASS
IN THE     PARISH CHURCH FOLLOWED BY

OUR FAREWELL MORNING TEA IN ST
MARGARET MARY’S SCHOOL HALL
WE WILL BE PRESENTING MRS AGIUS WITH OUR
GIFT FROM THE P&F COMMUNITY AT THIS TIME.
WE WOULD LOVE FOR AS MANY PARENTS AS POSSI-
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(No school children, however, toddlers and babies are welcome).
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