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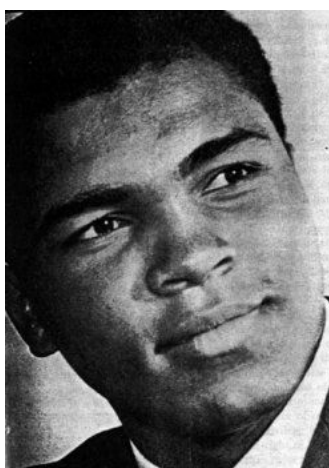
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'Don't count the days; make the days count'

You may have heard on the weekend of the death at 74 of one of the greats of the sporting world, Muhammad Ali. Ali took up boxing as a teenager after a run in with the police. At 22, he won the world heavyweight championship. Ali remains the only three-time lineal world heavyweight champion. In 1966, two years after winning the heavyweight title, Ali refused to be conscripted into the U.S. military, citing his religious beliefs and opposition to American involvement in the Vietnam War. He was eventually arrested and found guilty of draft evasion charges and stripped of his boxing titles, which he successfully appealed in the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1971, his conviction was overturned. He lost the chance to compete during this time, which may have been his best years.

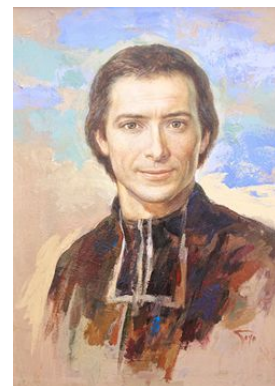


Ali's actions as a conscientious objector to the war made him popular with many opposed to the conflict. His actions and moral stance against racism inspired other great civil rights campaigners.

Ali was a great athlete, outrageously funny, the master of the one-liner and a man with firm social views that inspired many. The death of Ali reminded me of something I have learnt as a student of history and as man of faith.

One of the most powerful forces in the whole world is a person with purpose.

Marcellin Champagnat was such a person. Despite the fact that he struggled with study, he committed himself to being a priest. He wanted to follow Jesus and at Fourviere, with twelve other followers of Jesus, seminarians and priests, they made a pledge to live as Mary in the world. The group called themselves "Mary-ists" and sought to adopt a style of discipleship which would be unlike anything that existed in the Church to that time. The plan those young people nurtured constituted a certain spirituality, a certain way of living the life of the Spirit to which they were called by baptism. It was new way of being Church, spirit filled and close to those they served. They were in fact the face of Mercy in their world.



Upcoming Events

Week 8

- **Monday June 13**
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- *School will be closed this day*
- **Wednesday June 15**
Auburn Campus Photo Day
- **Thursday June 16**
College Band Concert (RP)

Week 9

- **Monday June 20**
Year 11 Semester 1 Awards
- **Wednesday June 22**
Careers Enrichment Day
- **Friday June 24**
Year 11 Ancient History
Museum Excursion
Year 9 Multicultural Activity





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Years later as a priest, Marcellin visited a dying boy. This 'Montagne moment' may have been like Ali's run in with the law. It was a 'game-changer'. Having realised the tragedy of a child dying in his parish without knowing the Good News that is Jesus, Marcellin was prompted to commit himself to educating the poor in his time and place. It was a courageous decision to decide to ensure that every child would know Jesus. It was grounded in the truth of his commitment at Fourviere and was realised in the new community he would form of young men, the Marist Brothers. On this Champagnat day, we wish, Br Tony, Br Christian and all Marist Brothers a happy feast day. We thank them for their commitment to live with purpose in this world.

And so to you and I. We all have the option to be great. In the words of Ali to be the "greatest". What is going to be your purpose?

To our teachers we might ask, "What is your passion, your drive, your mission? Is it to be like Mary in this world?" And if so, how wonderful is that! To be superb educators, who are also the contemplative, merciful face of our Church. Thank you for all you do to ensure our young people have the very best education in our great Catholic school in the Marist tradition.

To our students we ask students, What is your dream? Your passion? To quote Ali

'Don't count the days; make the days count'

We can all have excuses for living a half life. For taking second best. But they are just excuses.

"Impossible is just a big word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in the world they've been given than to explore the power they have to change it. Impossible is not a fact. It's an opinion. Impossible is not a declaration. It's a dare. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing." (Muhammad Ali)

This Champagnat day we celebrate the inspiration of St Marcellin Champagnat, a man who lived with purpose 200 years ago. He was inspired, as we are, by the greatest person with purpose to have ever lived - Jesus! Jesus' life surely shares the pattern of all those who live with purpose. It was powerful, truthful, with great challenges, courageous and deeply communal. We pray for each other, for other Marist communities in the world and we pray that our lives are ones of purpose. This Champagnat day we re-commit ourselves to our communal purpose at Trinity.

That is to be women and men committed to truth, courageous, deeply committed to others in community, followers of Jesus in our place, in our way, here and now. Men and women who having been shaped by the Marist way will make our world a better place, just as Marcellin did.



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Feast of St Marcellin Champagnat - Happy Feast Day





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Trinity Generosity

At this year's Champagnat Day Mass we presented the funds raised by our students and staff during Lent this year to our nominated charities. Thank you to all of our students, parents and staff for your generosity to the following organisations:

The House of Welcome Auburn - **\$10,000**

The Charitable Works Fund - **\$5,000**

*Amazing generosity from the amazing
Trinity Community!*



Trinity takes on the A-maths-zing Race

At Trinity Catholic College we are always looking for new, innovative and challenging ways to deeply involve our students in their own learning; it is also a great bonus if this can be fun!

The recent "A-math-zing Race" involved the entire Regents Park Year 7 /8 campus in a day of great excitement, activity and enjoyment around the wonderful word of Mathematics.

After almost 6 months of careful planning and the support of students, parents and staff members, we were ready to explore the City of Sydney from the perspective of numbers, numeracy and Mathematics. We are very grateful to Brett Blewitt and his team from 'The Great Race', who led and advised us all along the way and for whom no request was too much trouble!



Our College vision of ensuring that each and every Trinity student is safe, happy and well taught provided ample motivation for our Assistant Mathematics Coordinator, Mrs Helen Sarlamis, and her team to design the project. The excursion also presented a great opportunity for learning in accordance with our College aim that all learning be deep, motivating, contextualized, and communal. In turn, this allows our students to develop themselves as hopeful, resourceful, disciplined and engaged learners, well equipped and confident as they take on the wonderful opportunities and challenges of the 21st century!

On May 25th, 403 students and 50 staff members embarked on our Great Race, exploring some of Sydney's most interesting CBD locations and landmarks. Students were engaged in solving real life maths problems, cracking codes, completing bonus challenges and passing through significant checkpoints such as St Mary's Cathedral, Circular Quay and Hyde Park.



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Additionally, students developed their skills in working together and independently, teamwork and decision-making, assessing risks and in building strong relationships with their peers and teachers while completing their work.

Our young people competed in small groups throughout the day to complete the 'racecourse' around the City. Mr. Fox and his energetic team "Mathemagical" took first prize, as winners of our first ever Trinity Catholic College A-maths-zing Race!

The day was a huge success and staff and students returned safe, happy and tired at the end of a long and extremely enjoyable day of solving mathematics and numeracy tasks all around Sydney. Trying something new and pushing ourselves beyond our boundaries are qualities we try very hard to instill in our students and many thanks are due to Campus Director Mrs Jennifer Lowe and all the staff for their tireless support of this ground-breaking initiative.



Our Year 7 and 8 students participated with great enthusiasm and curiosity and grew in their confidence and enjoyment of Mathematics; a wonderful result all round!

Mrs Helen Sarlamis
Assistant Mathematics Coordinator

Marist Service Awards

We are very fortunate at Trinity to have a significant number of staff who have worked in Marist schools for some time. These staff members bring with them an understanding of and commitment to Catholic education with our distinctive Marist character.

We extend our congratulations to the following staff who are the 2016 recipients of these service awards:

1. Mrs Gaile Stewart: 20 years service to Marist Education
2. Mrs Helen Sarlamis: 10 years of service to Marist Education
3. Mrs Dora Charalambous: 10 years service to Marist Education
4. Mrs Erin Healey: 10 years service to Marist Education

It is interesting to note that Mrs Stewart's children attended Trinity and both Mrs Charalambous and Mrs Healey are ex-students of the College!





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Please remember in your prayers

We ask you to remember in your prayers Aletta Bause of Year 9, who continues to be cared for at Westmead Children's Hospital.

We also pray for the repose of the soul of Mr Peter Maljevak, father of Alex in Year 9. Mr Maljevak was an ex-student of Benedict. We assure the Maljevak family of the support of the Trinity community at this time.

Mary Help of Christians Mass

On Wednesday the 24th of May, all class leaders and some other members of our year 9 group went to St Mary's Cathedral to celebrate the Feast day of Australia's Patron Saint, Mary Help Of Christians. We had a blast of a day; we represented our school Trinity among tens of other Catholic schools in Sydney, giving us the opportunity to interact with peers from other dioceses. The Mass was a beautiful devotion to our Lady, celebrated in the astonishing St Mary's Cathedral.

Following the mass, our group travelled to the food court to have a wonderful lunch. After lunch we ventured around Hyde Park, observing the marvellous statues and exploring the Cathedral and its surrounds. Overall, it was a fantastic day where we enjoyed the spiritual and enriching experience as well as fun in the city.

On behalf of the student leaders and our Year 9 group, we would like to thank Mr Chidiac and Sister Mary Rachel for accompanying us on the trip and giving us a great day.



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Inner West Workshop: Goodjarga Day

On Tuesday 7th of June, Angela Aiken (Year 8), Maddison Ralph (Year 9), Luke Simpson (Year 8) and Isaac Onato (Year 7) went to the Inner West Regional Goodjarga Day workshop at Bethlehem College, Ashfield. The day consisted of cultural dancing, choreographed by Taryn and Darren. We were separated into two groups, boys and girls. Then we participated in many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dances learning new words, songs, dances and cultural activities. At the end of the day we came together to share our dances. The Inner West Regional Goodjarga Day workshop gave us an opportunity to get in touch with our Indigenous roots. Thank you to Mr Richard Welk and Ms Alisha Sloane for accompanying us.



Year 9 Evangelisation Day

On Wednesday 18th May, a number of Year 9 students were invited to Mount Saint Joseph, Milperra to take part in an Evangelisation Day focussed on the theme of 'No Greater Love.'

The day was hosted by a famous United States religious musician, Steve Angrisano, who provided insight on praising and loving God through his impromptu songs and stories. We not only enjoyed his friendliness and openness but more so the heartfelt stories of how we as youthful Christians, can develop a stronger relationship with God. Following Steve, Jason Evert, a Catholic chastity speaker, provided an interesting discussion on how we can improve our relationships and respect with people of the opposite sex.

Once the speakers had finished, we enjoyed lunch and participated in fun activities that provided us with the opportunity to interact with students from other schools. Overall, the day was amazing, and we would like to thank Mr Hassarati and Ms Zouki for accompanying us on the trip.



Joshua Perry, Year 9



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Year 11 & 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all the families who attended the final parent teacher interviews for their Year 12 students. The importance these interviews have on support, recognition and the communication process is vital for the students.

Many great conversations were held between teachers, students and their families, which involved both congratulations for hard work, encouragement to continue and sustain enthusiasm and goal setting for the final preparations for remaining fifteen weeks of school.

Thank you also to all the staff who allocated time and energy to each of their students to ensure this process was as beneficial as possible.

Carolyn Criss & Steve Turley

Congratulations Lejana Adriano (*Graduating Class of 2015*)



GET REAL ALTERNATE SCHOOLIES IMMERSION



We congratulate Year 12 student Lejana Adriano on her acceptance to participate in the Get Real Alternate Schoolies Immersion The Philippines. The immersion is offered by Marist Youth Ministry and will take place from November 26 - December 11th, 2016.

13 students from across Australia have been selected to take part in this experience. This immersion will provide our young Marists with the opportunity to engage in a variety of ministries and outreach programs. This program is in its third year, and continues to build interest and support from all our schools within the Marist Schools Australia network. We would encourage you to support these young people as they prepare to embark on this special pilgrimage to The Philippines.



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Careers Expo 2016 - June 22nd, Wednesday (Week 9)

It is on again, the Trinity Catholic College **Careers Expo 2016**. With over **50 exhibitors** coming to the College to share their experiences and services, it will be a wonderful opportunity to explore the different career possibilities for students.

All the main Universities, TAFE, Private educators, Vocational Education providers, as well as the NRL and AFL will be on hand to give students a broad range of choices and experiences. **Guest speakers** from SBS, Auburn City Council, University of New South Wales and CK Lawyers will provide a detailed knowledge of life in their area of expertise.

Mercy: My Story

Mercy; A Christian value proclaimed to be at the forefront of the Jubilee announced by Pope Francis. The aim is to transform our lives.

Mercy is at the heart of what we do at Trinity. We see mercy when a student promotes positivity when their peers are pessimistic. We see mercy when a teacher takes the time to work with a student who is struggling. We see mercy when an entire sporting team reassures the player who missed a goal.

Pope Francis said, *"let the church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven."* The Trinity story aims to foster this environment. To build a community where students are happy, safe and well taught. As students, we are happy to be part of the Trinity story, we feel safe to express ourselves knowing that our opinions and thoughts are valued. We are surrounded by teachers who are inspired by Saint Marcellin Champagnat, striving to give children the best possible Catholic education.

The value of mercy is of true importance in the Trinity community. Our students and our staff strive to share the teachings of Jesus in our education and daily schooling lives. We have learnt from the many parables and actions of Christ as established from the Bible. The parable of the Good Samaritan has taught us that despite one's background, skin colour or gender, we should "Never see a need without doing something about it", as stated by Saint Mary of the Cross, our patron saint.

Our story, our Trinity story, can be summed up by our will to show goodness and mercy towards all through truth, courage and community.

Jojo Apolinario, Solosolo Faitua & Melanie Du (Year 8)

From our Student Wellbeing Coordinator...

Stress

Stress is a normal response to challenges. If we can tune in to the stress we experience, it can be used to communicate needs and drive us into action. Stress becomes problematic when it is not managed and becomes overwhelming. Some helpful strategies to support the management of stress in your child:

- Breathe – deep breathing is a powerful strategy to increase relaxation
- Identify feelings – helping them find the accurate word(s) for their feelings can decrease stress levels and increase self awareness





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- Validate feelings – reflect that you hear their experience and avoid dismissing their feelings
- Empower – support resilience by encouraging them to consider their needs and take the lead in managing their stress
- Positive self talk – help your child to develop reassuring affirmations they can use to support themselves in times of stress such as “I have gotten through this before”, “I can do my best”

Report distribution and Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews - Wednesday June 29, 2016 - Auburn Campus Hall

Year 7 and 8 interviews will take place between 8:30am and 8:00pm in the Auburn campus hall.

Bookings are to be made through the Sentral Parent Portal under the Parent Interviews link. If you have forgotten your password, please contact the Regents Park campus Office on 9644 7217.

This presents a valuable opportunity for Parents, Students and their Teachers to discuss progress in a variety of subjects and help to guide and inform learning goals for Semester Two.

We anticipate the attendance of all students, in full College uniform, with a parent/caregiver. Should you be unable attend for any reason, we ask that you contact your child's relevant Year Coordinator.

End of Term

The school term concludes on Friday July 1st. This will be a normal day of lessons and all students are expected to be present.



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