Dear Sport Coordinators, Cricket Coaches, Managers, Players and Parents,

This is the 1st newsletter for the 42nd Marist Cricket Carnival that Marist College Ashgrove will be hosting. A lot of behind the scenes work is already being done to make sure that the carnival is enjoyable for all. The carnival committee has been meeting for a couple of months now and we are looking forward to welcoming our visitors in December. Within this newsletter you will find some early important information which will help with your planning for your carnival preparations.

We will be sending out regular newsletters as required to share with you any important news about the carnival. We will also be putting the information on our website so that your families can be fully informed.

**Brief History of the Marist Cricket Carnival**

The concept of Marist Schools across Australia meeting annually on the cricket field was born from an idea tossed around between Br Jordan Redden (Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park) and Tony Lantry (St Joseph’s College) as they sampled some of the “spirit of the Institute” in Adelaide in 1973. The original concept was to expose our boys to the wider Marist community, to help them remove School or State blinkers and see there are Schools, Brothers, Lay Staff and boys just like them, with the same ideals and background, and steeped in the same Marist spirit and tradition, in places right across the nation; to have our boys meet these of the Marist men on and off the cricket field; to provide an opportunity for boys, staff and families to make friends across the nation; to involve parents as workers and supporters; in short, to promulgate and strengthen the Marist message.

**Brief History of Marist College Ashgrove**

Marist College Ashgrove was founded by the Marist Brothers as a day and boarding College in 1940. The College comprises 1600 students from Years 5 to 12, 220 of whom are boarders. The College motto, “Viriliter Age – Act Courageously”, challenges each person to envision a more just and compassionate world.

Marist College Ashgrove provides wide ranging programs encompassing academic achievement, the visual and performing arts, sporting success and service projects.
CARNIVAL LOGO
On the top of this newsletter and below you will find the logo that has been designed for this carnival. A lot of time and thought has gone into this logo and I would like to thank Ben Maddox and David Sheehan for their work in helping design this. It was important to us that the logo symbolised what the carnival was about and the ethos within our Marist schools. Hence you will find many symbols throughout the logo. These include:

- Marist's 3 violets
- The Marist School Australia Emblem
- The 6 schools represented by the six players wearing their school colours

This logo will be present on all publications and merchandise at the carnival. Please feel free to use this logo now for any correspondence you need to send to your families and wider school community.

TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION
Can I please request that as soon as teams know their travel details that they send these through to us. Can we please ask the following where possible:

- That when arriving on Tuesday 9th December that they arrive at Brisbane airport before 3pm.
- We will pick up all teams from the airport and transfer you to our school.
- If at all possible could we ask that departures on Tuesday 16th December be in the morning. If it is not possible then that will be OK.
- Teams will be allocated a classroom that will be theirs for the duration of the carnival.
- If teams would like to have a training session upon their arrival then this can be organised. If all teams are keen to have a run around or a net session then if you let me know beforehand then I will organise a roster/schedule so all teams can have access to the nets.
- Accommodation for Coaches: As we are a boarding school we are more than happy to provide accommodation for coaches and managers in the Yr 12 dormitory. This will be at a rate of $40 a night. On top of this for a further $12 a night you will also get a hot/cold breakfast each morning along with access to coffee/tea etc throughout the evening. If you would like to stay at a hotel instead please contact me and I can suggest other places where you could stay. Most of these would be in the city as we do not have too many hotels and motels around us. Please be aware that there will be some construction going on at the school during this time but this will only occur during the day.

CARNIVAL MERCHANDISE
We will have a number of pieces of merchandise available to purchase while at the Carnival. The aim of this will be to keep these products as cheap as possible and all sales from the merchandise will go back into subsiding the cost of running the carnival. You will get more information about this in the next newsletter including pictures of the merchandise available.

CARNIVAL DATES AND EVENTS
Below is a schedule of event for the Carnival:

CARNIVAL WEBSITE AND INFORMATION
http://www.marash.qld.edu.au
Facebook:
Marist College Ashgrove
TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER
- Teams arrive throughout the day. Teams should arrive no later than 3pm into Brisbane.
- 4pm - 4:45pm - Team Photos
- 5pm - Opening Mass
- 6:00pm - Opening BBQ, meeting Billets and heading to billets homes.
- 7:30pm - Coaches and Managers Meeting

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER
- Round 1
- Happy Hour

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER
- Round 2
- Happy Hour

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
- Round 3
- Happy Hour
- Supporters Dinner - This will be held at the Cyprian Pavilion at the College
- Players Function - While this dinner is on there will be a pool, BBQ and movie night held at the school for players of all of the teams. This will be a compulsory event and will be staffed by Marist College Ashgrove staff and parents.
- Both the Supporters Function and Players function will finish at 10pm so that students can go home with their billeting parents.

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER
- Rest Day

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER
- Mass for all teams at the College Chapel at 8:15am
- Round 4
- Happy Hour

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER
- Round 5
- Presentation Dinner held at the Cyprian Pavilion

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER
- Teams Depart

CARNIVAL LEVY
The carnival levy has been set at $290 for both students and management/coaching staff. Once you have your finalised numbers can you please let me know and I will organise for our finance office to send out an invoice to your
school. When you send through your numbers if you could also send through who to send the invoice to then that would also help our finance office.

REST DAY ACTIVITIES
It is an expectation that billeting families will be relieved of the need to look after players during this rest day. Please see page 1 of this newsletter for ideas of possible activities for the rest day. We are currently in negotiation with the theme parks on the Gold Coast to get discounted entry for any teams if they choose to do this. We are also in the process of organising for teams to have buses at their disposal for the rest day. Given we are only 10min from the centre of Brisbane there are plenty of activities that can be enjoyed. Likewise the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast are only a 1 hour drive away.

FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE
We will continue to keep you updated as to any further requirements or current news in relation to the carnival. This will be through newsletters and our website. If you have any questions or queries or I can help in any way please don't hesitate to contact me on 0405 379 817 or metzelingj@marash.qld.edu.au
The carnival committee is looking forward to seeing you all in Brisbane.

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Cricket Carnival Co-ordinator