Message from the Supervisor

Dear Maryknoll Parents and Teachers,

Congratulations on another school year working together! I have witnessed your interest, your concern and your commitment to make Maryknoll a school growing and developing in the 21st century. You are a sign of hope in a world of conflict. Whatever you do for the girls, I always feel, helps me to develop too.

The 85th Anniversary of Maryknoll was a success because of your efforts. Fruit Days are always excellent for developing better dietary habits. The BaMaDay was perfect. I was so happy to be a part of it.

I look forward to our new school year 2010-2011.

Yours in Christ,
Sister Jeanne Bouthan
家長宗教小組於本學年舉辦了一個名為「孩子真正的教育者－家庭」的講座系列，分別在3月11日、3月18日及4月17日舉行。講者Michelle You女士分享了2006年在墨爾本「國際家庭會議」（World Family Congress）中所見及所思，家庭對人的培養及對社會未來發展的重要。

現今國民質素的差異，各種知識、言論及價值觀念等，通過媒體、網路、廣告及各種電子媒介，直接或間接地滲透至不同年齡的孩子及青少年的生活中，當中包含著一些不正確的思維及價值觀。對下一代的健康成長帶來不良的負面影響。這現象構成了家庭功能的重要威脅，家庭作爲社會中基本的培育及建立個人正確思想、人生態度、價值觀念的基本單位，實在是舉足輕重。因此，大人們樹立正確思想及價值觀念的最好時機。

在家庭中，夫妻關係尤為重要，六大因素有意見不合，大家便互相協調，透過真實的溝通、體諒及寬恕，老是地承認錯誤錯誤，為孩子樹立做人的榜樣。一個和諧、快樂的家庭，就是抵禦外界不良腐蝕及魔靈的最強盔甲。

因此，對孩子最直接及影響最深遠的教育者就是父母。而各位家長一同努力，互相鼓勵，盡自己在家庭中的責任。

Cynthia Lo, Parent of Joanna Lo (3E)

Being a part of the PTA Religious Group has granted me the opportunity to meet and share faith and life experiences with the parents. I have also been privileged to learn and practise Cantonese. Thank you all for blessing me with this gift.

Sr. Susan

這次朝聖團對我認識天主教會是虔誠的、真摯的、熱烈的。這次旅程讓我有所感悟：因為天主的關係，人與人之間的和諧。我更愛死在每個角落，我期待下次再有朝聖的機會。

Connie Chiu, Parent of a F2 Student

當我們參觀了兩間截然不同的建築時，令我大開眼界。

第一所建築是一座新穎的教堂，änd色的色調配以長形的玻璃窗，令人有驚豔的感覺。室內每個部分的設計均盡盡貼近主題，為信者們圓滿的信仰及所付出的努力。

第二所建築是一座較傳統的教堂，設計富於歌德色彩，藝術而帶點古典的氣氛。有如置身音樂的教堂，除了，為建築師設計本書《信仰實作》，融合了多種聖經內容。有許多我不太理解，但卻教我所學的做人道理，對我的心靈上有所神益。我期待參加下次的宗教旅遊。

Iris Ng, Parent of a F2 Student
CATHOLIC WEEK

Michelle Law
Parent of a F3 Student

Lily Lam, Parent of a F4 Student
The Reading Club was founded by the first Maryknoll Convent School (Secondary School) Parent-Teacher Association in 2002-2003. Into its eighth year of inauguration, the Club continues to organize six gatherings every year, with the aim of stimulating our girls to read widely and regularly. The Club’s motto is “Reading is easy, reading is fun, reading is for everyone!”

During the year, the Club has held 4 gatherings, one Joint-school Reading Club Gathering and one Joint-school Reading Hunt with La Salle College.

Guest speakers were invited to share with our members their reading and writing experiences. Everyone gave their ‘book sharing’ within the small groups led by parent tutors. Also, students gave their book presentations to the entire audience. The book presentation session provided opportunities for our girls to present their views on the books read, and to develop their presentation skills. I hope you and your daughter will participate in our Reading Club Gathering to share the fun of reading!

Amy Cheuk, PTA exco,
2009-2010 Reading Club co-ordinator
Reading is fun itself, yet it is another kind of fun to share it. Reading is something we cannot live without. People who either do not read or do not share are just like frogs living in a well.

Through the six gatherings held by PTA Reading Club, we have gained experience in making book presentations. Standing in front of parents and students does require loads of nerve. We’ve talked with our voices shivering, and our bodies shaking. However, we’ve learnt from these experiences and improved bit by bit.

To be honest, talks didn’t really attract me at first. They somehow seemed boring. Surprisingly this year, a speaker, Mr. Ko Tin-Lung shared an inspiring talk which all of us enjoyed whole-heartedly. The Joint School Reading Club Gathering with La Salle College on 27th April included a talk by Mr. Wong Kim-Fan. The talk was about Language and Culture. We were taught that before learning a language, we must learn its culture first. If not, you’re just dealing with the shell of the egg. It was absolutely an eye-opening talk.

Don’t ever neglect reading. It plays a significant role in our lives. Don’t want to miss out the above activities held by PTA Reading Club? Please don’t hesitate to join us next year and feel the joy together with us.

Chelsea Yip (2D)
Reading Hunt
06.03.2010
好玩的「BaMaDay」

今年校長及師會特別營造辦父親節、母親節這兩段溫馨節日結合為一日，並正式定為「BaMaDay」。從此「私塾紀念日」改為現今「BaMaDay」。我們希望通過一些新意，為學生們提供一些特別的活動機會，讓他們宣揚對老師、家長的感激之情。今年「BaMaDay」總算到天氣為父親節下了些許光雨。

這次活動設計了大量不同活動，旨在讓學生們能親自母親的珍貴的色彩油畫、或為母親創畫、然後再加點點創作，達成為一封簡短的表達孝心的禮物。

「母親節」為這次活動籌備了兩個月時間，合共三百幅油畫也在近兩個月完成。大家都為照片中所感動的小小創作投入和開心。校長和老師們都為油畫出席，為母親們擴展著選言論。

在這次特別感恩各位家長的努力和付出，會讓整個活動進行得順利圓滿。我們有活動經理 Joanne Lee、油畫導師家長 Grace Wu，特別感激及支持的Teresa Leung 及 Cicilia Chiu 等等。多謝大家按照片欣賞各位同學的入畫及各位母親的支持！

Ann Lo, PTA Vice-chairperson
一切從油畫開始......

「Grace，你對油畫有特別的心境，不可以回校幫忙一起做五月的爸爸、媽咪節。」老師在三月前，交給我一項難題。於是我努力地準備各種材料，安排了一個油畫班，讓學生們在油畫的過程中，感受油畫的魅力。

在四月的末尾，學生們交出了自己的作品，每幅作品都充滿了愛意和創意。當學生們興高采烈地展示自己的作品時，我感動得不知所措。

感謝那些學生們的用心，讓這個活動充滿了意義。我也感謝Nancy和Eva的協力。感謝你們的付出，讓這個活動成為了學生們難忘的一天。

Grace Wu,
Mother of Jacqueline Wong (3B) and Tiffany Wong (4A)

「爸媽日」奇觀

今年「爸媽日」期間，我們舉辦了一個名為「爸媽日」的活動，我有幸參與其中。在整個活動過程中，學生們的創作都充滿了用心和熱情。在整個活動的運作中，學生們的積極參與和熱情的付出，讓這個活動的成功關鍵。我感謝老師們的積極參與和學生們的配合。希望「爸媽日」的活動能為學生們帶來更多的樂趣。

Cicelia Chu, Mother of Liz Pang (3C)
「水果日」日記

很高興今年有幸參與全港「水果日」，還記得那天（四月二十八日）我在早上回到學校，在食堂集合，才開始切水果的工作。

學校家教會的Joanne已安排很多香噴噴和甜美滋的水果，有士多啤梨、火龍果、啤梨、波蘿、提子和芒果……等。我被安排切火龍果的工作，我與拍檔很快就完成。接著，她和我對切火龍果很感興趣，於是我們走過去幫助切波蘿的家長。在分工之餘，各家長都樂也融融，熱誠地投入工作，並增進彼此的友誼。

當所有水果完成清洗和切件的工作後，我們便開始包裝，然後靜靜地等待小息的來臨。鐘聲一響，各人都趕快回到座位，等候小顧客來買水果。水果新鮮，價廉物宜，吸引大部分學生，老師和校長也十分支持。我見到他們買了又買，一口又一口地品嚐得津津有味，我的心也被融化了，有說不尽的快樂和欣幸。

我期待明年再有機會參與「水果日」，享受那份溫馨和甜蜜的喜悅。

Mayana Wong, Mother of Yvette Li 2C
Activities 2009-2010

Parent activities
31/10/2009
The 8th AGM of MCS PTA
17/11/2009
Annual Talk - Everything Starts from the Heart - Mrs Rita Fan
27/11/2009
Thanksgiving Day
28/11/2009
Recruitment of Parent Helpers
5/12/2009- 10/7/2010
Chinese Painting Class
16/12/2009 - 17/6/2010
Religious Group Meeting
18/12/2009
Walkathon
19/1/2010
Athletics Meet
7/1/2010
Narcissus Cutting
21/2/2010
MCS 85th Anniversary Dinner
Catholic Week
13/5/2010
Pilgrimage

Parent-children activities
16/1/2010 - 26/6/2010
Reading Club Gathering
6/3/2010
Joint-School Reading Hunt with La Salle College
17/4/2010
Joint-School Reading Club Gathering with La Salle College
21/1/2010 - 20/5/2010
Latin Dance Class
23/1/2010 - 13/7/2010
Chinese Opera Singing Class
CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) Course
27/3/2010
Cookery Class
28/4/2010
Fruit Day
5/5/2010 - 6/5/2010
BaMaDay

Other activities
3/2/2010
Publication of Newsletter no.15
7/2010
Publication of Newsletter no.16

Whole year
Souvenir Sale
Body Temperature Taking
Assisting in Students' Activities

Messages from Editors

Being the publisher is the greatest pleasure I have ever had. Through loads of hardship and adversities, I have gained the most memorable experiences as a publisher. Cooperating with Mrs. Leung, who has been a very helpful partner, is also a pleasure I treasure. I enjoy the job of organizing photos of events and messages from parents, all of which formed the newsletter of the year. Seeing girls reading the newsletter with joy and surprise, I feel really grateful. Most of the girls are now willing to have their photos taken by us; I bet they love seeing their faces in the newsletter! It's incredible! I hope the girls enjoy reading the newsletter!

Amy Cheuk, PTA exco

Being one of the publishers of the PTA over the last two years has given me the chance to become more involved in the activities and courses organized by the PTA. I am able to share my joy with the parents and students. One can see the contented faces of students, teachers and parents in the photographs; hundreds more are on the PTA homepage: http://mcs.edu.hk/pta. Thanks to the exco members and all parent helpers, we have organized many activities and courses successfully. The PTA has also subsidized many school functions and donated significantly to the school for the purchase of equipment and other consumable items for teachers and students. Why not spare some time in the coming school year and be an active PTA member? You'll be amazed by the enthusiasm and happiness of PTA members and be proud to be part of the MCS family.

Clare Leung, PTA exco

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