Dear Parents,

On Wednesday 8 June, the College will be celebrating the Feast of the Founder of the Marist Brothers, Saint Marcellin Champagnat. An outline of the celebrations are as follows:

9am: College Mass for the Feast of Marcellin Champagnat celebrated in the Brother Luke Hall. All parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

11am: Champagnat Day Carnival and Battle of the Codes

The Carnival will take place on the terrace fields located at the back of St Gregory’s College. At the conclusion of Mass, students will move to their homerooms and change from their full College winter uniform to their sports uniform. Students should bring their College or sports bag with them and must pack all items of their uniform in this bag before they are permitted to attend the Carnival. Rides and food stalls will be available from 11am until 2pm. At 2pm, all students will move to MCS1 for the Battle of the Codes after which they will return to their rooms to collect their uniforms in readiness for dismissal at 3pm.

There will be plenty of food available for purchase, however boys may bring their own morning tea and lunch if they prefer. Food options on sale will include pizzas, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, sausage sandwiches, gelato, chocolate bars, lolly bags, hot chocolate, soft drinks and water. There will be NO canteen available on this day.

Each year as part of our Champagnat Day Celebrations, the Year 12 boys participate in the Battle of the Codes. For this event, 32 Gladiators (4 representing each of the 8 codes) battle it out in a relay type race to determine the code which is victorious for that year. The challenge is a fun, community building activity, with buckets passed around to collect donations towards MAPS, our primary fundraising initiative each year. All profits from food sales will also support Marist Mission.

Rides

The rides available will include Body Rock, Dodgem Cars, Giant Slide, Hurricane, Bungee Run, Adrenaline Rush and Gladiator Duel. There will also be a Mechanical Bull challenge for the senior boys which will be made available to all-day-riders if time permits.

Please advise your son’s Year Coordinator if, for any reason, you do not give permission for your son to access the Carnival rides.

Costs

To ensure boys get the most out of the Carnival, we are encouraging them to pre-purchase a $25 wrist band which entitles them to unlimited rides for three hours, plus a meal deal of sausage sandwich and a can of drink or bottle of water. Pre-purchase can be made at the Finance Office before school and during recess on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Weeks 5 and 6. Pre-paid wrist bands and meal vouchers will be distributed during homeroom on the day of the Carnival. Boys will be able to purchase unlimited ride tickets on the day of the Carnival, at a cost of $25 but these will not include a meal deal. Students also have the option of purchasing individual rides at $7 per ride.

We thank you for your support of this important week in our calendar.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Clarke
Director of Mission

Mrs P Quirk
Marist Solidarity Coordinator