From the Solidarity Coordinator

Solidarity at Marcellin College encapsulates the essence of being a Marist. It is work that is often done behind the scenes, with little fuss and involves the goodwill of those who put our programs into action. As Pope Francis stated, we hope to become a more missionary organization that “gets its hands dirty” for the sake of the poor and oppressed in a world that prizes profit over people.

Our extensive Immersion programs planned for later in the year is part of our Year Eleven Ministry Week. We now have received applications from students for our St Mary’s Bowaville Immersion, Cape York Immersion, The Hermitage Mittagong Immersion, The Marist Walk to Mittagong and our India Immersion. Each immersion will provide an authentic experience for our Year Eleven students to develop a greater sense of understanding about the lives of others and also their own life.

In reflecting back on Term One this year, we have really hit the ground running. Two of our College leaders, Thomas Chichester and Derek Daquel, joined me in visiting St Anthony’s Primary School for their Friday Assembly. This was an opportunity to extend our thanks to their school community for working in close partnership with us in supporting our efforts with Sydney Night Patrol. Their efforts in bringing in snacks, together with our Year Nine Marcellin students, all contribute to helping those in need. Each month a team of Marcellin Year Eleven students, along with College staff, go out into the city to feed and share time with those who are doing it tough on the streets of inner Sydney. This time gives us opportunity to witness and share in conversations over a cup of coffee, and build relationships with others in our community.

Lenten Appeal

RAISED
$26,517.75

“The knowledge of social well-being is learned, not from books, but in climbing the stairs of the poor man’s garret, sitting by his bed side, feeling the same cold that pieces him, sharing the secret of his lonely heart and troubled mind...then and only then can we begin to grasp the elements of poverty and hope we may resolve it.”

Fredic Ozanam

Our Lenten Appeal raised over $26,400 which is a fine effort and as our major fundraiser for the year. All money goes to support Caritas Australia, Marist Solidarity and the St Vincent De Paul Society for projects here in Australian and abroad.

Thank you to all the families who generously support your sons in helping us raise these funds, and especially those who supported Years Seven and Eight whose contribution to the Lenten Appeal is very significant over $19,000.

Well done.

Above: College leaders, Thomas Chichester and Derek Daquel, visiting St Anthony’s Primary School

Mrs Patricia Kratochvil
Solidarity Coordinator
Year 11 Coordinator

SUPER TUESDAY VIDEO

Click here to view Solidarity Tuesday video

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From the Deputy Headmaster

In this final week of Term One, my message is very clear to all students and that is the bar has just been raised. Like the completion of a competitive race, the final part can be tough but to finish well, you need to work even harder at the end.

There will be no tolerance at all this week for any student who misbehaves, or is not on task. I would ask that parents ensure your son is present every day at school this week as teaching and learning continue right up until the very last period on Friday.

Have a lovely break and please remember that boys return to school on Tuesday, 26 April in full winter uniform.

Mr Peter Buxton
Deputy Headmaster

From the Director of Teaching & M-Learning

In wishing all students, parents and caregivers a fabulous holiday, can I encourage parents to take the opportunity to engage in your son’s ‘electronic presence’. Both the College’s M-Learning portal and ‘Google Cloudshare’ are tools to enhance learning and would be further enhanced via parental support and involvement. Every student over the holiday break should take the opportunity to clear their INBOX, organise their emails, and tidy up their Google Drive, in readiness for Term 2. This task can be an opportunity for parents to explore the electronic learning environment of their sons.

We are conducting research in relation to your son’s experience with English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD), if this is relevant to him. This survey only needs to be completed by parents/caregivers of students of Marcellin College for whom English is an additional language.

This initiative from Sydney Catholic Schools seeks to better understand your son’s experience with English as an additional language and to thus allow a better allocation of College resources to support your son’s learning. In order to do this, we request that you fill out the survey by 29 April 2016 (end of Term 2 Week 1). MCR EALD Survey Link - https://goo.gl/s2Y9mm

Have a great autumn break.

Mr Chris Shields
Director of Teaching and M-Learning

Yr 12 Students helping in the Community

Recently a group of Year 12 boys and Mr Chris Shields volunteered their time to assist the newly formed Mount Druitt Marist Brothers.

Seamus Harte, Jorge Hatzigiannis, Marc Pizzinato and Jesse De Costa represented Marcellin College and worked alongside students from Marist College Kogarah in helping in an urgent clean-up project in Penrith for a family in special need.

Marist charism at work in our community: Year 12 students assisting Marist Brothers Mt Druitt in a clean-up project
Europe Trip 2016

On Friday, 1 April, Marcellin College History and Italian language students, along with Mr Burke, Mr Daley and Ms Evans departed on a sixteen-day trip to France and Italy.

In France, the group met up with former Marcellin College Headmaster, Br David Hall FMS, at L’Hermitage - the home of the Marist Brothers - in Lyon. Br David shared with boys the history of L’Hermitage and the story of St Marcellin.

The group are now in Italy, where the Italian language students will meet with their homestay families and the History students will explore Rome.

The group’s activities can be followed on the College Twitter feed @MCR2013

1 & 2. L’Hermitage, France - the home of St Marcellin Champagnat
3. Br David with students sharing his knowledge on the early years of St Marcellin’s life in Marlhes, France

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

COLLEGE MAGAZINE 2015

The 2015 College Magazine is now available for collection for all graduates from the Class of 2015.
Year 12 Retreat

The Year Twelve Retreat, at The Hermitage Mittagong, is a significant event that directly proceeds the Year 12 Half Yearly exams. The timing of this Retreat experience allows the boys time away from the pressures of the HSC and their other commitments. It gives the boys plenty of opportunities to reflect on life and consider their relationships with others and God. Below are some of the boy’s reflections.

“The activities and the re-evaluations inspired a change in my attitudes. I have come to understand the importance of building positive relationships with others and can see how they affect my life. Great bonding experience, one that has never happened in my life.”

“A significant and unique experience which immediately generates connections between those you don’t know that well and strengthens previous links. It is good to get to know the teachers better and to become further connected to them.”

“Overall the experience was an eye opener that expanded my views and opinions on my peers. The Retreat was a once in a lifetime experience that allowed me to interact with mates and undertake unique activities.”
Headmaster’s Assembly - Friday, 1 April

The sporting achievements of the MCC Summer Season were officially recognised at the recent Headmaster’s Assembly.

The College was honoured to have as a special guest Dr Nathan Gibbs, an Old Boy of the College and newly appointed head medical officer of the Australia Wallabies. In Dr Gibb’s address, he inspired the boys to look within themselves and dig deep to be the creators of their own success both on and off the sporting field.
Year 11 Biology and Senior Science Excursion

The Biology field excursion on March 18 was conducted at Bonna Point on the Southern side of Botany Bay. We were there to study the unique ecosystem of sand dunes and salt marshes that dominate this area of the coast. The first thing you realise when you arrive is the massive impact that humans have on the environment. From the constant aeroplanes landing at the airport to the infrastructure of Port Botany, they are a constant reminder of how we have disturbed the local ecosystem of this area.

The main goal of the day was to measure different abiotic, or non-living, factors of the area. The guides split the classes up into two groups and we were placed into teams of 5. Within these teams we were shown how to use various types of equipment for measuring humidity, salinity, pH, etc. We measured these factors at three different areas within the ecosystem and compared the results. We found this to be quite difficult due to the weather but we managed to get through it and get all the results needed.

The highlight of the day was when we carried out a catch and release of marching soldier crabs within the mangroves. The crabs were quite small but and were difficult to get a hold of. We used booklets from our guides to identify the species of crabs by looking at its structural features. We then released the crabs unhurt back into the mangrove bushes. We also used large nets to catch different species of moth and other insects which we also able to identify.

After a long day in the wet weather, we all happy to be back on the bus and on our way back home. Overall I found it to be a very informative day and we got to see some cool things. I would also like to thank the teachers and guides for a great excursion.

Darcy Gillroy - Year 11.1

On Friday, 18 March, the Year 11 Senior Science class went to Towra point, Botany Bay. On this excursion, we looked at many species of plants and also were lucky enough to see some soldier crabs which only come out when the conditions are right.

We viewed three main parts of the ecosystem, which included mangroves, salt marsh and grassland. Later in the day we also went looking for crabs in the mangroves. This excursion was to designed to help us gather data for our first assessment task, as well as to observe the types of flora and fauna in their local areas and in the National Park.

We also did various experiments on the environment around us, such as measuring the soil salinity and investigating the biotic and abiotic factors of the estuarine and mangrove environment.

Thank you to Mrs Spies and Ms Scevity for taking us.

Sam Schlede - Year 11.3
TERM 1 & 2 IMPORTANT DATES

Fri, 8 Apr  Term 1 concludes
Sat, 23 Apr  Uniform Shop open
Tue, 26 Apr  Term 2 commences
Tue, 26 Apr  ANZAC Day ceremony
Wed, 26 Apr  Yr 12 Parent/Teacher
Fri, 29 Apr  MCR Athletics Carnival
Wed, 4 May  Mothers’ Day Mass
Fri, 3 Jun  Staff Development Day
Fri, 10 Jun  Champagnat Day

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Tuesday
26 April 2016
Old Boys and members of the Marcellin community are most welcome.
The Marist Centre
9.40am - 11.00am

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS OF SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If you have College shirts or pants in good condition that no longer fit your son/s, please consider donating them to the College to redistribute to other boys who are in need. Please hand in to the Front Office. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

There are a large number of unclaimed items in the College Lost Property box. Students missing pencil cases, bags or any other items of school supplies should see the Front Office for collection.

SPECIAL OPENING HOURS

Saturday 23 April
8.30am - 10.30am
Phone 9398-6822

UNIFORM SHOP

THE MARCELLIN GRADUATE

The Marcellin Graduate is the preeminent document at the College that outlines the core of our mission and defines the characteristics we aim for each and every Marcellin student to strive for.

There is a wonderfully energetic spirit within him and he readily shares this spirit with others. He is confident in his abilities and is genuinely enthused about life. He enjoys being a part of the MCR community and he knows the value of a sense of humour. He is able to be true to himself and his companions alike, and to face the ups and downs of life with a joyful spirit. He is a man of resilience and hope. He enjoys seeking out further experiences and will not set disappointments aside. He is prepared to "throw a spanner in the works". He is an independent thinker and resilient, but does not bow to peer pressure. He sets high expectations for himself. He comes within his St Marcellin’s steady determination to make each day, each moment, matter.

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6. Spirited
Lenten Appeal Reward Day

Tuesday, 5 April saw the two classes from Year 7 and Year 8 which raised the most money for the Lenten Appeal (on average per student) and returned it promptly being rewarded with a pizza and movie afternoon in Greenstead Hall. The boys were joined with girls from the Year 7 and 8 classes at Brigidine College Randwick who also achieved the same feat.

Year 7 raised over $12,000 and Year 8 raised over $8,000. The boys are to be commended on their excellent efforts during the 2016 Lenten Appeal.

Mr Matthew Fitzgerald
Year 7 Coordinator

Peer Support Leaders 2016

Thank you to the following Year 11 boys for their involvement in the Peer Support program this year.

Nicholas Bollard
Samuel Callanan
Nicholas Cartmer
Darren Cheng
Blake Chetcuti
Marcus De Luna
Thomas Disalvo
Lachlan Falato
Angus Fraser
Owen Galea
Fionn Geraghty
Darcy Gillroy
Lachlan Golbsy
Lachlan Good
William Harrison
Cameron Hay
Joshua Hong
Marley Hughes
Nathaniel Jong
Alex Krikorian
Jack Lapi
Timothy Lawson
Dylan Licari

Adam Lombardi
Jonathan Mitsias
Cormac Murray
Joshua Najdzion
Nathan Obejas
Rory O’Sullivan
Charlie Poche
Lachlan Preece
Bayden Riley
Christopher Sanchez
Peter Savva
Caleb Siles
Harrison Smith
Cristian Speranza
Oscar Strachan
Frank Strati
Matthew Sulistyo
Jarrod Terry
Ethan Tipping
Timoteus Tjokrowidjaja
Ewan Uncles
Lucas Varnier
Thomas Whiting

Sacrament of Confirmation
at St Anthony’s Clovelly

Father Gerard Gleeson will be officiating at the sacrament of Confirmation at St Anthony’s Church Clovelly on 8 June 2016 at 7.00pm.

Preparation will include:
· an information evening (6th April)
· 4 lessons on Saturday afternoons at 4pm (7th May, 21st May, 28th May, 4th June)
· a commitment ceremony (30th April)
· a practice Friday 3rd June 4pm

Details: Linda Heavener.
Email: linda.heavener@gmail.com
Last week I was given the amazing opportunity to represent Marcellin College at Parliament House and to engage in a young leaders program for the day along with over one hundred other students from more than fifty schools in NSW. The program was very engaging, informative and a unique and meaningful experience from any other that I’ve experienced before.

The day began with registration at 9:45am, when all representatives were taken into the Government Theatre and we were given a brief synopsis of the program, what it was, how long it had been running for and the purpose that it served.

The tours of the house followed and we were privileged enough to sit in the Chambers in the house, where we were given a talk about the structure of state parliament and how bills are debated and eventually get passed.

After this we returned from the senate room back to the cinema where we listened to talks from many of our State Politicians who currently hold seats in State Parliament including our member for Coogee and also the current member for Auburn and State Opposition Leader Luke Foley. The talks were highly motivating and as we listened to the many members speak about their roles in Parliament, their most memorable experiences and what made them want to enter politics originally. Most interestingly in my opinion was the wisdom and experience they passed on about what qualities they feel are important for being a leader and an effective politician.

As we moved from Parliament House we witnessed a protest outside, ironically it was about laws that could be introduced to fine people who are involved in public protests.

Francesco Strati - Year 11.3

After lunch at NSW Parliament House, which was a great opportunity to engage with students from other schools, we headed down Macquarie Street to Government house, the home of General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret’d), Governor of New South Wales.

As we arrived, we were given some history and context on the house itself and previous Governors, followed by a guided tour around the major rooms of the house. The feeling of intruding on what felt like Buckingham Palace was very prevalent. Although we were not specifically told to not touch anything, I personally remained very conscious of my fingerprints on the Governor’s hand painted, exquisite walls and intricately designed furniture.

After the tour, we were given the opportunity to hear the Governor talk about his role, what he does and various other things related to his position. After finding out the correct protocol as to greet the Governor, by referring to him as "His Excellency", we were given some time to involve ourselves in a Q&A with him. The Governor revealed some very interesting information, on not only himself, but issues currently relating to Australia as a country, along with some "words of wisdom".

Following the Q&A session, afternoon tea was served and the Governor came around to each school’s representatives and we got the opportunity to talk to him which was an extremely unique and worthwhile experience. Overall, the day was a very rewarding, beneficial and an eye opening experience. I’m very grateful for being asked to go on such an enriching opportunity.

Ewan Uncles - Year 11.1
From the Sports Coordinator

MCC SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
The outstanding performance of our Swimming squad was reported in the last newsletter, but results were not available at the time of publication.

In addition to Cormac Guthrie who broke the Opens 200m Freestyle record (which stood since 1978), Alejandro Belmont also broke an MCC record on the night in claiming victory in the U15 50m Butterfly event. His time of 27.38 seconds broke a record that has stood since 2001 – congratulations!

JUVENILE DIVISION
Randwick 242
Lewisham 219
Kogarah 167

JUNIOR DIVISION
Randwick 367
Pagewood 265
Kogarah/North Shore 218

SENIOR DIVISION
Randwick 173
Pagewood 111
Lewisham 85

AGGREGATE
Randwick 825
Pagewood 540
Kogarah 498

MCC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
In fine conditions, our Cross Country squad competed at the MCC Championships on Thursday, 31 March at King George Park, Rozelle.

After holding the Aggregate Trophy for the last eleven years we knew we were in for some tough competition. With guidance and coaching from Mr Dunne, Mr Ross and Ms Flowers the team was ready to compete and well prepared to defend their title. With all members of the team accumulating points, final placings are vital.

It was an extremely close finish with our boys overcoming strong teams from North Shore and Lewisham to return to Randwick with the Aggregate Trophy for the twelfth consecutive year.

Well done to Anthony Touma and Harrison Lewis who both won their age division. Congratulations to all boys for the manner in which they conducted themselves both during the races and whilst spectating. A big thank you to the coaches and those parents who came to cheer on their sons.

Aggregate Trophy
1st Randwick
2nd North Shore
3rd Lewisham

MCR Cross Country Age Champions
Under 12 Samuel Walsh
Under 13 Ignatius Mitchell
Under 14 Nathan Pepe
Under 15 Lachlan Rheinberger
Under 16 Anthony Touma
Under 17 Sean Robinson
Opens Harrison Lewis

Special congratulations to the following boys who were selected to represent the MCC at the NSW CCC Championships:

Under 12 Samuel Walsh, Zac Yates
Under 13 Ignatius Mitchell, Brock Punton, Edward Scullard
Under 14 Nathan Pepe, Errol Gulden
Under 15 Lachlan Rheinberger, Seamus Connon
Under 16 Anthony Touma
Under 17 Sean Robinson
Opens Harrison Lewis, William Mison

RUGBY LEAGUE AND SOCCER
An external trial for all winter MCC teams (Soccer and Rugby League) will take place on Thursday, 7 April. The MCC competition begins in Week 1 of Term 2 (Thursday, 28 April) against Lewisham.

Mr Luke MacNamara
Sports Coordinator
Careers

University Visits
Next term representatives from different universities will be coming to speak to Year 12 during their Pastoral Care Meetings about the courses, facilities, university life and other opportunities that their respective universities have to offer. UNSW will be the first university presenting to Year 12 on Wednesday, April 27.

Year 10 Work Experience
All Year 10 students are encouraged to submit their Work Experience paper work and the accompanying Google Forms to me as soon as possible as placements fill up fast.

Apprenticeship Central
Students interested in full-time and part-time apprenticeships and school-based apprenticeships opportunities should visit: http://www.apprenticeshipcentral.com.au/

Australian Institute of Personal Trainers 2016 Indigenous Scholarship Opportunity
Closes 29 April. Complete Personal Trainer course offered.
For more information and to apply, visit: http://www.aipt.edu.au/indigenous-scholarship/

UNSW Law Admission Test (LAT)
Students wishing to study law at UNSW are now required to sit an admission test. This test is held 26 September and is $220. Registrations open 2 May.

For further details visit: http://www.law.unsw.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/law-admission-test-lat or https://lat.acer.edu.au/

UMAT Exam - Students Wanting to Study Medicine at University
Those students wishing to study Medicine at university are required to sit the UMAT exam on 27 July. Registrations close 3 June. The cost of the exam is $250. For further details visit: https://umat.acer.edu.au/

Mr Anthony Noyes
Careers & VET Coordinator
TOWELS NEEDED FOR MATT TALBOT

Donations from families of towels for the Matt Talbot Hostel are greatly appreciated and can be left with Mr Finley in The Devlin Centre.

Youth Festival

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What do young people need?

Lots of recent research shows:

* Young people want to talk about tough issues with family
* Young people also need to learn how to stay safe.
* Young people respond best to parenting that is not overly harsh but neither is unduly lenient
* Young people want parents that are available to them even if they don’t talk to parents that much

Not sure how to navigate these needs and wants? Our counsellors can help find strategies that best fit with each family and engage parents and young people more positively.

We want to make it as easy as possible for busy parents and carers to connect with us and obtain the information they need. We now have Online Counselling via our website at www.parentline.org.au, you can email us a question using info@parentline.org.au or find us on Facebook for our latest tips and useful research.

 signs of a healthy family

Whilst every family is unique, researchers find there are common signs of healthy families:

* Members are committed to one another
* Families engage in positive communication
* The family spends significant time together
* Members show affection to one another
* The family actively engages together to resolve conflict

Our counsellors can help families develop these ways of being together. Simply call us on 1300 1300 52 or email a parenting question to info@parentline.org.au.

Our counsellors use research-based understanding of young people and families together with proven parenting strategies to help parents develop more positive relationships with young people. We support parents to find strategies that best work for their family and we provide thousands of referrals every year to services all over New South Wales.

Concerns in 2015

Last year we were most often asked about:

Mental health
Reducing parent/young person conflict
Relationships
Peer relationship and bullying
Health issues

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