From the Headmaster

The first week of the holidays just passed was National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week (July 2-9). The current iteration of NAIDOC has its origins in the early 1990s but the notion of choosing this time of the year to highlight Aboriginal culture goes back to 1955. It should be a very significant time for all of us in Australia, non Aboriginal Australians as well, because we are recognising and celebrating something quite unique. Just how unique and significant Aboriginal culture is was highlighted for us just last week with a remarkable discovery. In one of the many news articles published about this discovery, the following headline was used:

*If Aboriginal culture were 24 hours old, white people have been in Australia five minutes*

The article, written by Conal Hanna and Jamie Brown in the Sydney Morning Herald on Tuesday of last week, was a follow up to the findings that Aboriginal people have lived in Australia for at least 65,000 years, 18,000 years longer than was known previously. This is groundbreaking news that will have archeologists, historians and scientists all over the world very excited. When you look at it through the lens of the headline above, it really does put the significance and the importance of Aboriginal history into perspective. The oldest surviving civilization is here in Australia – and how they got here is remarkable in itself. This discovery confirms that they undertook the first major maritime migration in the world - they had to sail a minimum of 90 kilometres across open sea to reach their destination whatever route they took in their long journey out of Africa.

So, we are in a privileged position here in Australia to be able to appreciate and value what is right here amongst us. Here at Marcellin we are very proud of our own 31 Indigenous students and what they bring to our community. We want them to be proud of their unique culture and to be able to further develop it in themselves and help others in the community to have a better understanding of it as well. You can read about the involvement of our Years 7-9 ATSI students in NAIDOC Week celebrations in the article by Mrs Tanner which follows on from this.

Throughout their history, Aboriginal people have been inextricably connected to their land. It is sacred. It is part of who they are and it connects them to their spirit ancestors. So,

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Above: Federal Court rules in favour of Yindjibarndi people over mining land in WA  *Photo: businessnews.com.au*

Left: Discoveries at a rock shelter on a land in the Northern Territory has put human habitation in the area back to 65,000 years  *Photo: news.com.au*

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All of the above gives us much to reflect on, particularly within our Catholic context. When Pope John Paul II visited Australia in 1986 he gave an historic address to Aboriginal people in Alice Springs where he emphasised the importance of them maintaining their culture - indeed he said it was imperative that they do so.

“Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear. Do not think that your gifts are worth so little that you should no longer bother to maintain them. Share them with each other and teach them to your children. Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages, must never be lost.”

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The Pope also went on to speak of the importance of universal stories and truths that connect all of us as human beings, whether they have their source in the ‘Dreaming’ or through the Gospel of Jesus.

“Some of the stories from your Dreamtime legends speak powerfully of the great mysteries of human life, its frailty, its need for help, its closeness to spiritual powers and the value of the human person. They are not unlike some of the great inspired lessons from the people among whom Jesus himself was born. It is wonderful to see how people, as they accept the Gospel of Jesus, find points of agreement between their own traditions and those of Jesus and his people.”

As Catholics we are challenged to live out the ‘Golden Rule’ – love one another as I have loved you (John 13:34). The values of tolerance, compassion and mercy are at the forefront of that message. We pray for our Aboriginal brothers and sisters and hope that their enduring culture will not only continue but thrive into the future as an integral part of our broader Australian culture.

Solidarity BBQs

The College has purchased a new BBQ which has meant that we have been able to have a Sausage Sizzle at least twice a term for fundraising. With our upcoming Immersions to Bowraville, Cape York and India, we use this money to support our project work with these communities. Many thanks to all those students and Ms Bourke who willingly run these BBQ during their lunchtime.

TERM 3 IMPORTANT DATES

| Week 2  | Thu, 27 Jul  | MCC Winter Finals |
|        | Fri, 28 Jul  | Headmaster’s Assembly (10.00am) |
| Week 3  | 31 Jul - 4 Aug | HSC Trial Exams |
|        | Wed, 2 Aug   | Cape York Immersion Meetings - Knowledge Session (4.00 - 5.00pm) |
| Week 4  | 7 - 11 Aug   | Activities Week / Ministry Week |
| Week 5  | Mon, 14 Aug  | HSC Trial Exams |
|        | Tue, 15 Aug  | Feast of the Assumption Mass |
|        | Fri, 18 Aug  | P&F Social Night |
|        |              | “Thank God It’s Friday” (7.00pm) |
| Week 6  | Wed, 23 Aug  | Newman Showcase (4.00 - 6.00pm) |
|        | Fri, 25 Aug  | Men That Matter Mass |
|        | Sat, 26 Aug  | Old Boys Annual Mass and Lunch |
| Week 7  | Wed, 30 Aug  | Lionel Bowen Lecture @7.00pm |
|        | Fri, 1 Sep   | Headmaster’s Assembly @9.30am |
| Week 8  | 4 - 9 Sep    | Marist Bicentennial Icons visit College |
|        | 7 - 15 Sep   | Year 11 Final Exams |
| Week 10 | Thu, 21 Sep  | Year 12 Graduation Day |
| TERM 4  | students return - Tuesday, 10 October |

Change of Visa / Residency Status

Parents whose sons have had a change to their visa / residency status in the last 12 months are asked to contact the College Front Office so that records can be updated. Please call Mrs Marlene Smith on 9398 6355 or email marlene.smith@syd.catholic.edu.au
NAIDOC Week celebrations

Years 7-9 ATSI students will have attended two cultural days to celebrate NAIDOC Week. Prior to the holidays, June 27, the boys attended the Regional Goodjarga Workshop Program focusing on developing culture and identity through this year’s NAIDOC theme “Language Matters”. The boys joined with other students from Sydney East primary and secondary schools to grow in their knowledge of their culture. The boys danced, sang in different indigenous languages and were part of an amazing Q&A session about their traditions.

On Wednesday, 26 July, the Yr 7-9 ATSI boys will also attend a school performance by the Bangarra dance company of ‘Bennelong’ at the Opera House. It is a production exploring ‘first contact’. “Inspired by true events, this theatrical dance work highlights the extraordinary curiosity and diplomacy that led an Aboriginal community to survive a clash of cultures; contributing to the establishment of positive relationships between the Eora and the British”. It is praised as an incredibly moving production and will be followed by a Q&A session about the experiences of the performers.

Continuing with the NAIDOC theme of “Language Matters”, the State Library of NSW have published a new Aboriginal language resource on their website. On the following website, there is an online storybook written and spoken in five Aboriginal languages from across NSW. http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/learning/my-weekend-pop-guide-teachers

Mrs Mary-Anne Tanner
ATSI Student Coordinator

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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.
Thank God It’s Friday

Marcellin College P&F is holding a fundraising night on Friday 18th August, commencing at 7.00pm in The Marist Centre.

- All money raised goes to the Financial Hardship Bursary Fund
- Ticket price, $60, includes entertainment, food and soft drinks
- We will be entertained by “The John Field Band”, catering by “Yes Chef”
- The event will be held at The Marist Centre and there will be a cash bar where you can purchase alcoholic drinks
- This will be a very informal, fun night with the opportunity for parents, friends and staff to mingle and catch up
- There will be dancing and great cocktail food
- A limited number of reserved tables of 10 are available to book NOW
- There will be some casual seating around the room as well as a dance floor!

Please book your tickets now! It promises to be loads of fun, a great opportunity for the Marcellin community to come together and enjoy each other’s company and raise some money for a very worthwhile cause.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!!!!!! Purchase tickets www.trybooking.com/QTUS or via the College website. For further details, please contact Mrs Maryanne Davis at the College on 9398 635 or via email maryanne.davis@syd.catholic.edu.au
Year 9 Debaters on to CSDA Grand Final

Our congratulations to Lachlan Stamenkovic, Oscar Rice and Sebastian Hodge, who took the Year 9 Debating squad through to the grand final of the Catholic Schools Debating Association Finals last Friday night.

Wonder coach Miss Chantelle Dagasso, who rested up fellow team members Pietro Pelosi and William Darby in the clash against St Patrick’s Campbelltown, is the first Marcellin coach to take a team to the grand final since veteran Mr Ben Rice used the same rotational tactics when the current Year 12s Adrian Pantaleone, Alex Krikorian, Caleb Siles, Cristian Speranza and Frank Strati were in Year 7. On that occasion Marcellin were defeated. Can our talented Year 9’s go one better this time?

The grand final against St Scholastica’s College will be held on Friday, 28 July at Christian Brothers’ Lewisham High School from 7.30pm. We wish the boys the best of luck!

Mr Ben Rice
Public Speaking & Debating Coordinator

The Marcellin Graduate

4. An Achiever

He is never beaten until the final whistle. He participates with vigour in all his endeavours. He has a winning attitude, one that is not arrogant but instead, humble. An approach to life that has a sense of self assuredness in knowing that if the work has been done his possibilities are endless. He does not accept mediocrity as an option. He knows he doesn’t necessarily have to be the best, but he always tries his best. He values discipline and by adhering to good habits he develops into a man of self discipline. He looks to the future with optimism and a belief that his dreams are well within his reach. He is a life-long learner seeking to attain skills and knowledge in order to live a fulfilled and meaningful life.
**HSC Showcase Evening**

On Friday evening, 21 July, our Higher School Certificate (HSC) students studying Industrial Technology, Design & Technology, Visual Arts, and Music 1, showcased their performances and bodies of work, which encompassed their Major Works for the 2017 HSC.

The work is the culmination of three terms of hard work and a great deal of planning.

The evening was well supported by the Marcellin community. Parents of the students involved, joined friends, staff and guests in an evening of excellence which was warmly received by all.

Industrial Technology students under the guidance of Mr Paul MacGee and Ms Peta Bourke all produced outstanding products. The Design & Technology major works were on display. Mr Ben Toohey did a fabulous job guiding these boys through the challenges of design.

In Visual Arts the major works comprised of selections of drawings, sculptures, photographs and paintings from our HSC students. The work proved to be of the highest quality, clearly showing the influence of their teacher and mentor, Ms Rose Wehbe.

HSC Student Tom Disalvo presented his English Extension II major piece of work.

The HSC Music students performed a selection from the four pieces they play for the HSC Music Performance exam. The evening is an excellent opportunity for the boys to gain some valuable experience of performance prior to their major presentation. The performances were outstanding, and a credit to direction given by their teacher, Ms Daniela Gamma.

Special congratulations should go to the Key Learning Area Coordinator of TAS, Ms Peta Bourke, as well as the Teachers in Charge of Visual Art and Music, Ms Katherine Toohey and Ms Daniela Gamma for their considerable prior planning.

The evening had the added benefit of being catered for by our outstanding group of Year 11 VET Hospitality students. This also formed part of their competency assessment. Thanks to Mr Nicolas Lee, Ms Mara Watts and Ms Lia Douglas for all their work in assisting and preparing our students. Special thanks to Ms Maryanne Davis for her work in coordinating the preparation of the evening.

Mr Chris Shields
Director of Teaching & M-Learning
Year 11 Senior Science - STEM Garden

Over the course of Semester One Year 11 Senior Science students have been working in the STEM garden.

During our study of the topic Plants, we conducted an investigation into the effect of oxygen availability on seed germination and then observed the growth of seedlings into plants.

At the end of Term 2 we weeded and fertilised the garden beds in preparation for Term 3.

Mrs Jeannie Scevity
Science Coordinator
The Lionel Bowen Lecture Series was initiated by the College in 2014. The lectures seek to engage with leading figures in Australian society who have contributed significantly to the common good, and inspired others to emulate their example. The lecture series is a public event open to all in our Marist and Catholic schools network.

This is what we want for the young men at Marcellin College – a broadening of their view of the world; an acceptance that with their privileged upbringing they have a responsibility to be good citizens who contribute to the common good. These are the ideas that the Lionel Bowen Lecture Series seek to explore and in fact are highlighted in our Scriptural Theme for this year, *To whom much is given, much will be required* (Luke 12:48)

The lecture series is named in honour of Mr Lionel Bowen, former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and Old Boy of Marcellin College. Mr Bowen, who passed away in 2012, remains highly regarded for his significant contribution and service to the public at all levels of government.

Mr John Hickey
HEADMASTER

**Marcellin College Randwick**
195 Alison Road, Randwick

**Wednesday, 30 August 2017**
7.00pm

**Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO**
Speaker

**Free admission**

**Bookings**
trybooking.com/289004

**Enquiries:** 9398 6355

**Guest Speaker - Fr Frank Brennan**

Jesuit priest Fr Frank Brennan is chief executive officer of Catholic Social Services Australia – the Catholic Church’s peak body for social services in Australia.

Fr Frank has been a long-time advocate for human rights and social justice in Australia. His contact and involvement with people who are poor, vulnerable and disadvantaged began early in his priestly ministry when he worked in the inner Sydney parish of Redfern with priest activist Father Ted Kennedy. In every role he has had since, he has been amplifying the voice of conscience, especially the voice of those who are marginalised.

Frank is also an adjunct professor at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture and the Australian National University College of Law and the National Centre for Indigenous Studies. He is also the superior of the Jesuit community at Xavier House in Canberra.
Year 7.2 History

Ancient China came alive for Year 7.2 History students last Wednesday, 19 July. As part of the Stage 4 National History curriculum, students formed small working groups to design a teaching and learning lesson on an aspect of the history of Ancient Chinese civilisation, and then undertook evaluation or mini-assessment of the main points.

Student Jae Choi’s Terracotta Warrior armour of information, with advent calendar style hidden questions and answers, was a creative interpretation of the task. Additionally, Ethan Yu taught classmates how to roll authentic riceballs, Cornelius Koh gave lessons on how to use chopsticks, and with the support of family members these students, along with Teaghan Raffo, cooked up a storm and brought in some wonderful cuisine for classmates to share and taste.

The many Kahoot quizzes and presentations were well received and students were competitively engaged in the games. This was all washed down with some traditional hot Oolong tea.

Ms Naleen-Helen Greenwood
History Teacher
MCC Sport

The MCC semi-finals were held last Thursday with Marcellin being represented by 11 teams across both Soccer and Rugby League. The following teams were successful in progressing to the Grand Finals this Thursday. Congratulations to the coaches and boys involved and commiserations to those teams who missed out.

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More information on the Game-Day arrangements for teams and supporter groups will be communicated to all students and parents shortly.

The results from the semi-finals are below:

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CCC Representative Sport

Congratulations to Lathan Hutchinson-Walters on his selection in the NSW U/16 All Schools Rugby Union team during the holidays. This is a fantastic achievement and Lathan participated in the NSW Invitational Championships which were also held during the break.

Campbell Graham (Year 12) has backed up his outstanding Rugby League form from last year with selection in the Australian Schoolboys Rugby League team for the second year in succession. To be selected in a national team is a rare achievement and we wish Campbell all the best in the Australian Schoolboys Tour to New Zealand later in the term.

Zane Killorn and Zac Michaels (Year 11) participated in the teams event at the State Surfing Titles last week with the boys progressing to the semi-finals. They were unable to qualify for the final but should be congratulated on a great effort.

Maximillian Tanner, Lachlan Stanfield (Year 7) and Sean Robinson (Year 12) competed at the NSW All Schools Cross Country carnival last week will all boys showing they were up to the standard. Each age group boasted the top 100 runners in the state with the three Marcellin boys involved all finishing in the Top 25. Congratulations gentlemen and good luck in the future.

Good luck to Marco Rossmann and Errol Gulden (Year 10) who are currently away with the NSW All Schools AFL team competing in the Australian Championships in Perth. We look forward to hearing how the boys go.

MCR Internal Sport

Years 7, 8 and 9 have now begun their new sport rotations. The program will work in the same way as it did in Term 2 where students will attend each sport for three consecutive weeks before moving to the next sport. Travel to and from each venue will be provided for each sport if students require it. They will also have the option of being dismissed from the venue if they would prefer.

Mr James O’Shea
Sports Coordinator
Ex-Students' Association

Saturday, 26 August 2017

10.00am  Tour of the College by College Prefects
11.00am  Mass at Marcellin College Vaughan Centre
12.30pm  Meet at Coogee Surf Club

Cost: $70
RSVP: 11 August 2017
Email: sharon.elliot@syd.catholic.edu.au

Payments can be made by EFT to:  (Please include your name)
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If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation to the John Hennessy Financial Hardship Bursary, please contact Mrs Sharon Elliot at the College on 9398 6355 or via email: sharon.elliot@syd.catholic.edu.au