

MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK

2nd March 2018

Dear Parents,

Solidarity is one of the four key principles of Catholic social teaching, which reflect the Church's social mission in response to the challenges of the day. As a way of actively participating in such a mission and contributing to the College Lenten Program, students from Years 7 and 8 participate in the Annual Sponsored Fast. The fast will take place on **Wednesday March 28th**, between 8.40am and 3.15pm. It is a College expectation that all Year 7 and 8 students are present and involved.

The money raised from this project will go toward the final Lenten total which will then be donated to Marist Asia-Pacific Solidary and St. Vincent de Paul. MAPS began operations in 2002 as the international development agency of the Marist Brothers Sydney Province in Australia.

MAPS provides financial and material support as well as education and volunteers services for the Marist Brothers' ministries in Pakistan, India, Cambodia, East Timor, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, and other places in the Pacific.

Students will be issued with a 'Sponsored Fast Sponsor Card' to record the names of contributors and amounts promised. Your son will then have time to obtain as many sponsors as he can. The card must be brought to school on the day of the Fast so that participation may be verified. We are encouraging students to 'actively earn' sponsorship money, above and beyond participation in the Fast. For example, providing extra assistance to parents through additional chores at home.

Students will be asked to abstain from eating once school begins at 8.40am. At recess and lunch they may drink water or fruit juice only. When school finishes at 3.15pm the boys will have their sponsor cards signed. Dismissal at 3.15pm signals the end of the fast. It then becomes the responsibility of your son to collect the money promised by sponsors. The due date for the submission of sponsor cards and money is **Friday 6th April**.

This valuable experience and insight into the circumstances of those less fortunate will heighten the students' awareness of the significant role of MAPS and other charitable organisations in the local community. Your support of this Marist initiative is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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