Tennis Report

The MCC Tennis Championships saw Marcellin desperate to take the Aggregate Trophy of which they have been starved for almost 30 years. This desperation led to great motivation and combined with a very strong team the school looked in a great position to take the title.

The traditionally slow start that had haunted Marcellin in previous years seemed to have disappeared with Marcellin getting off to a flying start with strong victories across the board. In a competition that was decided on games won in the rounds, big wins were necessary for Randwick to take the title.

As the day continued our full potential of skill and spirit was being realized with a large amount of decisive victories being achieved.

The school looked to be in a strong position as the rounds finished and there was great hope of winning the Aggregate Trophy. However Marcellin by defeated by a tiny margin of 7 games by North Shore, the trophy evading us once again. With the disappointment came the promise of a better next year.

Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students,

At a quick glance our news headlines could convince us that living in Australia these days free from fear is an impossibility. The media and some of our politicians would have us believe that evil is closing in on us from all directions. It’s easy, if you believe the hype, to get a sense that we need to protect ourselves and especially our children from an increasingly frightening array of social deviants bent on our destruction. Should we lock up the kids?

In Week 4 of this term our Year 11 students are involved in a week of ministry. Unlike many of this week’s other headlines Ministry Week for me is a Good News story. It convinces me that the innate goodness found in our young men at Marcellin is one of the best weapons to fight the fear that would have us confined to a narrow world behind the securely locked doors of our homes.

The students will be involved in serving others in over 30 different locations in the inner city and the Eastern Suburbs. Apart from it being an excellent opportunity to broaden their knowledge of the public transport system and the geography of Sydney beyond Anzac Parade, Ministry Week gives the students an opportunity to meet the people who suffer from an image problem with our media, people who make the world “messy”. These of course are the very people Jesus spent time with in his ministry. Our students will be “doing” the Jesus stories during this week rather than simply listening to them in a classroom – helping the sick, teaching and caring for the young and vulnerable, feeding and clothing the frail and disadvantaged.

Our fears are fuelled by what we don’t know of others. Spending time with people and in places that are outside the realm of our ordinary experience helps us to see the human heart in those we might otherwise have considered demons. Our students will share the goodness planted in them by a loving God. They will recognise the scary creatures of the streets, nursing homes, refuges, soup kitchens and sheltered workshops as people just like them, loved unconditionally by a God who urges all of us,

"Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid.”
Matthew 14:27

So, should we lock up the kids? At Marcellin we’ve made a conscious decision not to and I thank you for your support in helping your sons be the bearers of Good News to those they will meet during their Ministry Weeks.

With best wishes,

Carole Wark
Co-ordinator of Pastoral Ministry
Special Achievements

Congratulations to the students pictured below on their outstanding achievements in a variety of endeavours. Well done, boys!

Marcellin College Junior Debating Teams 2005
CSDA Year 8 Debating Champions & Junior Aggregate Trophy

Back: Sean Harris, Leandro Moussa, Daniel D’Ambrosio, Christopher Van Egmond, Brendan Thompson, Thomas Holland, Joshua Rheinberger, Mr Chris Maoudis (Debating Co-ordinator)
Front: Ellias Moussaftam, James Tesoriero, Matthew Edwards, Mitchell Judge, Matthew Richardson, Adam Watterson, Jack O’Grady, Julian Riefkin, Thomas Brodalen

CSDA Debating Grand Final

Our Lady of Mercy College at Parramatta hosted the Grand Finals of the 2005 CSDA Debating Season. Marcellin College was represented by the outstanding Year 8 team who had so far this year lost only one debate.

Jack O’Grady, Matthew Richardson and Adam Watterson debated against Santa Sabina College, a school with an exemplary reputation in this competition. The topic for the evening was ‘That School is Meant to be Fun’. Our boys were the negative side of this proposition and boy they found no problems in arguing this! The boys debated in a methodical and professional manner and all their hard work and dedication paid off when they were announced as the winning school. Congratulations must go to the boys, their families and their coach Mr Jeff Davidson who ably guided them throughout the season.

The presentation at the conclusion of the evening saw the boys receive their trophies and Marcellin awarded with the Junior Aggregate Shield. This trophy is awarded to the school with the most wins in Years 7-10 across the preliminary rounds. Marcellin registered 17 out of 20 debating wins in 2005. This is truly a sign of our depth in debating this year. Credit must go to all the students and their coaches for their hard work, dedication and commitment.

Special thanks to Br Joachim Fabbro, Mr Jeff Davidson and Mr Craig Haran, who supported the boys at the Grand Finals. Mr Chris Maoudis, Debating Coordinator

Term 3 Upcoming Events

- Year 9 2006 Subject Information Evening 6.15pm on Wednesday 17th August
- Year 11 2006 Subject Information Evening 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th August
- All boys in Year 8 and 10 are to be present in full school uniform with one parent.
- Ex-Students’ Annual Mass and Dinner 6.30pm Friday 19th August, commencing at the College, followed by dinner at the Randwick Rugby Club.
- NEW DATE for College Athletics Carnival Monday 5th September.

Reminder: Students wishing to purchase Sports photographs or Sons of Ex-Students photos should bring their $14 to the Front Office as soon as possible.

Careers Night

Our combined careers night for Years 10, 11 and 12 students of Brigidine and Marcellin Colleges is scheduled for the 23rd August 2005, between 5.30pm-7.30pm in the Marist Centre at Marcellin College.

All parents are invited to attend with their sons. It is a compulsory evening for Years 10 & 12. Boys are to attend in full school uniform. The evening promises to be very informative. The time is opportune for Year 10 subject selections and Year 12 UAC Choices due by 30th September. Owing to the large number of organisations presenting on the night there will be NO PARKING available on the premises.

Presenters available on the night include – Sydney Uni, UNSW, Notre Dame Uni, ACU, UWS, LaTrobe Uni, TAFE, numerous Private Providers, Defence Force, Training Camps, NIDA, UAC, Master Builders’ Association and many more. Guest Speakers will be presenting throughout the evening in Rooms 91 and 92 (adjoining the Marist Centre)

Last year this Careers Night was extremely successful and we once again invite you and your sons to this very rewarding evening.

Mr Bob Sheens, Careers/VET Co-ordinator

Ministry Programs

Miroma: Providing services for people with disabilities

At Miroma we are looking forward to participating in Marcellin’s Ministry Program for the first time this year, welcoming Year 10 students to our services. Miroma has a rich history of providing high quality service and support to people with intellectual disability since its founding in 1966 as a school for handicapped children. Today Miroma provides programs for adults through two services: Miroma Day Programs at Vaucluse and Miroma Light industries at Bellevue Hill.

Miroma’s core task is to create meaningful opportunities to assist the unfolding potential of each adult who attends, through the provision of a range of programs. These include independent living and work skills training, community access, therapy support, artistic and cultural activities, and supported employment.

We aim to provide an environment of openness and opportunity in which services are shaped by recognition and respect for each individual’s innate capacity to know their own intentions and social needs, despite the hindrance of disabilities.

Miroma enjoys active relationships with other local community organizations and schools, placing great value on social participation for our clients.

Miroma’s Free Arts Program will open its annual exhibition very soon. ‘Life Works’ is an exhibition from staff and clients showing at the Stone Gallery at Paddington Uniting Church (at Paddington Markets). It will be open on all the Saturdays of August from 9am to 3pm. All are welcome!

P&F Games and Fun Night Saturday 27th August 2005

The annual P&F games night will be held on Saturday 27th August from 7.00pm to 11.00pm in the Marist Centre at the College. The cost will be $35 per person (guests must be 18 or over) which includes entry fee, finger food plus $50 worth of play money to start you off! Be entertained by professional croupiers who will show you how to play Roulette/Blackjack/Poker and more....

If you wish to book your tickets now at $35 each please fill in the form your son was given last week and return it to the College as soon as possible. Tickets will be available on the night, but door ticket prices are $45 each – so book now for the discount price. And remember: No ticket = no entry!

Hope you can make it for this fun evening which is a great way to catch up with people and enjoy each other’s company.