

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

Haircuts

Over the last few weeks I've asked a number of boys to get haircuts. Policing hair is a part of my job that I enjoy the least. It is a difficult task. However, as trivial as it may seem, I believe it is an essential standard that we must maintain. Adolescent boys will always push boundaries – it is part of their makeup. Left to their own devices, those boundaries will continually move wider and wider until eventually they become blurred. For example, a small point of hair at the back of the neck soon becomes a 'rat's tail', which if allowed to continue, becomes a braid half way down the back. From all the guest speakers on boys' education that we have heard from over the last four years, Lilloco, Martin, Biddulph and Lashlie, one common message that emerged from their presentations is that boys need clearly defined parameters that are fairly and consistently enforced.

Hairstyles, like clothes, do not make the man - or boy for that matter. Unfortunately, they do act as an indicator to the community at large as to how a school is going. Schools are judged by the behaviour and grooming of their students. This can often be an unfair judgement. Regardless, the reality is that it only takes one student to do the wrong thing in public or be presenting the wrong image with hair or uniform, for the whole school to be deemed to be going downhill. A school's overall reputation and standing in the community is extremely important – for instance, it can be the difference between a boy getting a future job or not. From a personal development perspective, it is also a valuable lesson for boys to learn that in life there are going to be numerous social situations where they have to conform.

Part of the reason Marcellin is so successful is the strong support and cooperation given by our parent body. It is difficult sometimes for a parent to comply to a standard like haircuts when they feel that their son's hair is not that bad. I can appreciate those feelings. However, to maintain reasonable standards, it is essential that a black and white approach is adopted - it really becomes a question of equity that a consistent line is applied to all students. Our theme for this year is 'Walking Together' – a big part of this message is a commitment by the whole community, students, parents and teachers, to put the school first in a united manner. This can sometimes be at the expense of individual needs or desires.

This is why our expectations regarding grooming are specifically mentioned in enrolment interviews so that parents can make a clear choice if Marcellin is the school that they wish their son to attend. Below are our guidelines to hairstyles which are outlined in the student diary:

HAIRSTYLES

The following hairstyles are not permitted:

- Shaved, stepped, ringed, undercut or layered styles
- Short cuts less than a Number 2
- Streaking, colouring or dyes
- Long hair that covers the collar, the ears, or the eyes when brushed forward

Students are also expected to comply with the following:

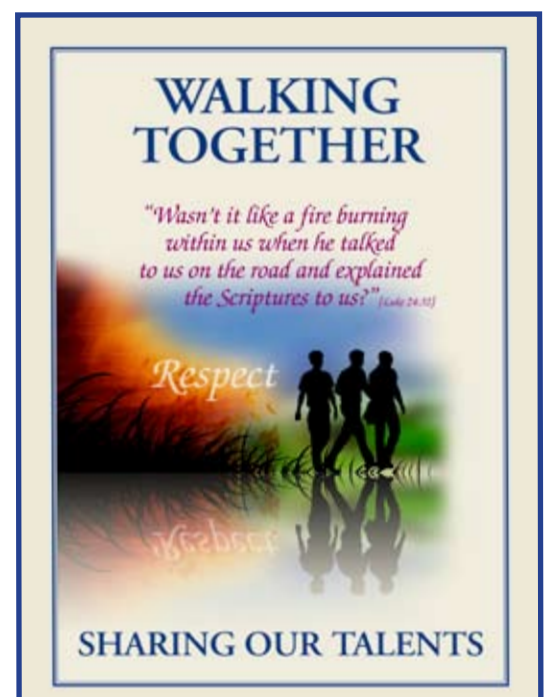
- Hair to be neatly groomed at all times
- Cuts are to be evenly graded from the base of the neck
- Gels and styling products may be used sparingly to keep hair neat and tidy.

I trust that this explains our position. Please feel free to ring me at school to discuss this or any other policy.

I look forward to your continued support.

With best wishes

Mr Les Salisbury
Deputy Headmaster



FROM THE HEADMASTER

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to all these boys on their Special Achievements. Well done!



Salvatore Zumpano
Year 9

High Distinction in Listening and a Distinction in Reading in the Assessment of Language Competence for Italian



Christopher Nicolaou
Year 9

High Distinction in Listening and a Distinction in Reading in the Assessment of Language Competence for Italian



Dominic Gibbs
Year 9

High Distinction in Listening and a Distinction in Reading in the Assessment of Language Competence for Italian



James Barnett
Year 9

High Distinction in Listening and a Distinction in Reading in the Assessment of Language Competence for Italian



Andrew Dehaart
Year 8

High Distinction in the Assessment of Language Competence in Italian



John Daras
Year 8

High Distinction with 100% score in the Assessment of Language Competence for Italian



David Yalpi
Year 9

High Distinction in Listening in the Assessment of Language Competence for Japanese



Max McIntyre
Year 9

High Distinction in Listening in the Assessment of Language Competence for Japanese



Joshua Werfel
Year 10

Runner Up in the Journalistic section of the Navy's essay competition



Liam Petersen
Year 8

10 years of playing award from the United Football Club and coach's award in U14B for best player



Year 11 students Madalitso Masache and Jake Nurmi

Were in the winning team of the Mens' Division Grand Final for Easts Touch Football



PARENTS IN TOUCH MEETING

Thank you to the many parents who attended the Term 4 Parents in Touch Meeting on 27th October. This meeting focussed on the annual School Review and Improvement. Your feedback on the evening is valued and will contribute to the formulation of our Annual Plan for 2010. This information will now be collated and a summary of both parent and staff ratings will be available on the website soon.

REPORTS

We have posted home the annual verification report to parents. Please check all details very carefully, amend any administration and financial details and return to the College front office as soon as possible. Failure to return the report may mean your fee billing details for 2010 will be incorrect. If any parent did not receive a copy please contact the College.

TERM 4 CALENDAR EVENTS

Wednesday 11th November

- Year 7 2010 Information Night commences 7.30 pm.

Tuesday 17th November

- Year 10 Formal. Check College website for details.

Monday 23rd November

- Year 10 Work Experience. Concludes Friday 27th November.

Monday 23rd November

- Years 7/8/9 Assessment Week. Concludes Friday 27th November.

Tuesday 24th November

- Year 8 ESSA Assessment test. Check College website for details.

Monday 30th November

- Year 10 Prizegiving commences 9.30 am.

Monday 30th November

- Year 10 concludes.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

COLLEGE LEADERS 2010



From left to right: Madalitso Masache, Ignatius Siles, Dominic Foffani, Aaron O'Brien, Andrew Panousis, Nicholas Zaharias, Oliver Begg, Mitchell Judge, Michael Bailey, Matthew Edwards, Br Bill

Congratulations to the following Year 11 students on being elected College leaders 2010:

Matthew Edwards: College Captain
 Michael Bailey: Vice Captain
 Aaron O'Brien: Sports Captain
 Madalitso Masache: Social Justice Captain
 Ignatius Siles: Prefect
 Dominic Foffani: Prefect
 Mitchell Judge: Ignatius
 Andrew Panousis: Fallon
 Nicholas Zaharias: Champagnat
 Oliver Begg: Anselm

WALKATHON

The Walkathon was held on Friday 6th November 2009. Congratulations to students, staff and parents on your overwhelmingly generous support of the 2009 Walkathon. The Walkathon was another very successful community day for the College with the theme for this year being 'Blast from the past'. This year there were only 8 students listed as away sick. The amount of \$ 53,500 raised is a record for the Walkathon over the history of the event.

Well done to everyone for their involvement in the event!



WALKATHON RECENT HISTORY		
Year	Number Absent	Amount Collected
2002	103	23,000
2003	30	32,000
2004	12	42,700
2005	13	43,300
2006	12	50,652
2007	10	48,088
2008	7	52,651
2009	8	53,500



SPORT AND NEWS

SPORT

Our Summer rep season has started and I am very pleased with the way our boys are performing. Their attitudes have been excellent and they are focussed on the job ahead. The basketballers are unbeaten at the moment and every other team is placed quite well. We should continue to train hard if we are to maintain our high standards. This Thursday we play Wahroonga. All touch football games are at Marcellin Fields each week, the cricket is at Wahroonga, the basketball at Bankstown and the squash is at Willoughby. A full list of away venues is posted on the college website. Best of luck to the boys again this week.

I'd personally like to congratulate Aaron O'Brien on his appointment as Sports Captain for 2010 and to Oliver Begg, Mitchell Judge, Andrew Panousis and Nicholas Zaharias for the role they'll play as house captains. Marcellin College has a wonderful sporting tradition and I'm sure these boys will do everything they can to maintain this standard. Congratulations also to ex-student Eddy Pettybourne (left in 2005) on being selected in the New Zealand Rugby League team for the 4 Nations Tournament.

MCC SUMMER SEASON - ROUND 5

Basketball	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood
	Result	W: 81-26	W: 65-11	W: 92-15	W: 55-27
	Player of Match	Michael Bowles	Oliver Kelly	Corey Jones	William McCormack



Cricket	Team	A Grade	Under 16s	Under 14s
	Opposition	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood
	Result	W: 4/128 to 10/36	W: 3/165 to 10/39	L: 10/101 to 7/111
	Player of Match	Matthew Edwards	Luke Dooner	Jordan Habib

Squash	Opposition	Results
	Pagewood	L: 815 to 883
	Player of Match	James Psaila

Touch Football	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood
	Result	W: 7-1	D: 4-4	W: 10-1	W: 8-6
	Player of Match	Madalitso Masache	Jay Barron	Blake Hurley	Adam Shean



MCC SUMMER SEASON - ROUND 1

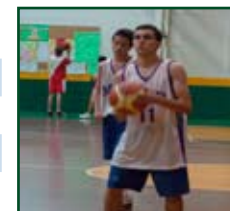
Basketball	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	Kogarah	Kogarah	Kogarah	Kogarah
	Result	W: 48-38	W: 48-6	W: 49-17	W: 49-10
	Player of Match	Thomas Payten	Sakis Triantos	Jonni Mei-Edwards	Joshua Wilson



Cricket	Team	A Grade	Under 16s	Under 14s
	Opposition	Kogarah	Kogarah	Kogarah
	Result	W: 4/108 to 8/81	W: 2/103 to 5/92	W: 2/122 to 9/92
	Player of Match	James Hamilton	Jack Erickson	Joshua Ellison

Squash	Opposition	Results
	Kogarah	W: 1146 to 647
	Player of Match	Hayden Preece

Touch Football	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	Kogarah	Kogarah	Kogarah	Kogarah
	Result	W: 5-1	L: 2-3	W: 10-1	L: 4-5
	Player of Match	Jake Nurmi	Fergus Whitney	Alex Sorge	Adam Shean



Mr Robert Capizzi, Sports Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marcellin Uniform Shop Opening Hours: We are open on Thursdays 8 am to 1 pm, and also on the following Saturdays this term: 28th November 8.30 am - 10.30 am; 5th and 12th December 8 am - 3 pm. The Uniform Shop is accepting donations of clean second hand blazers and trousers. Please bring them in on Tuesdays or Thursdays. The school will benefit from the sale of your clean second hand items and thank you for your generosity in advance.

School Spring Carnival - Sunday 13th November 10 am - 3 pm. Waverley Primary School 155 Bronte Rd (near Charing Cross) Waverley. Food, drinks, live entertainment, rides, competitions, workshops, arts and crafts.

Brigidine School Musical: 5th and 6th December. \$1 for Marcellin students. Bookings call 9398 6710.