

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) has often been described as the 'Church's Best Kept Secret.' I have come across many Catholics who don't know what it is, but once explained, realise that their faith and way of life encompassed the very essence of what it is.

"Catholic Social Teaching (also known as Catholic Social Doctrine) sums up the teachings of the Church on social justice issues. It promotes a vision of a just society that is grounded in the Bible and in the wisdom gathered from experience by the Christian community as it has responded to social justice issues through history." (Cornish 2001)

Its origins date back to the first CST encyclical (doctrine) Rerum Novarum written by Pope Leo XIII. Since then there have been encyclicals that have focused on a wide array of social issues including, labour, environment, racism, politics, inequality and equity. The key principles that guide CST include:

- Dignity of the person
- Common Good and Community
- Options for the Poor
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Role of Government and Subsidiarity



- Human Equality
- Stewardship
- Solidarity
- Partnership
- Participation

To understand how CST can be applied to our daily lives, its methodology has four key elements which form a praxis and are therefore interchangeable. They are concrete experience, critical analysis, reflection and action. At Marcellin College this methodology is integral to our Religious Education Program. Every student is exposed to the importance of the "dignity" of human life and how we as a Catholic community need to stand up for justice. The 1971 encyclical Justice in the World document states,

"Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel, or in the words of the church's mission for the redemption of the human race and the liberation from an oppressive situation."

With this in mind, this week we have 140 Year 11 students participating in Ministry Week with over 52 community organisations across NSW. This includes working with young disadvantaged children, indigenous, homeless and elderly people as well as caring for the environment. The major aim of Ministry Week is for our students to experience being present to people in need, question the structures that promote injustice, reflect on how the Gospel of Jesus Christ demands solidarity with the poor and then 'act' and stand up for justice.

The week will be challenging, uplifting and counter cultural for many of our students. It will challenge them to consider who they are, what they believe in and the role Jesus Christ has in their lives. The answers may not be apparent when they finish the week. But in years to come the seed of dignity, the seed of hope, and the seed of faith that has been planted in their hearts will grow and bear their fruit. It is this fruit that will demonstrate the ways that our students have grown into fine young men shaped in the ways of Jesus Christ and St Marcellin Champagnat.

Yours in Christ

Mr John Finneran
Religious Education Coordinator



FROM THE HEADMASTER

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



Macleay Lewis
Year 11

Selected for UNSW/
Eastern Suburbs in First
Grade Australian Rules



Brayden Linney
Year 7

Selected in the Under 13
St George Rugby League
team



Benjamin McGregor
Year 10

Performed with the
Marist Schools Youth
Orchestra



Connor McGregor
Year 11

Performed with the
Marist Schools Youth
Orchestra.



Nicholas Kondilios
Year 12

Selected in the Under 21
NSW Gridiron team



Brendan Irvine
Year 10

Selected in the NSW
Pacific School Games
Swimming team



Daniel Morgan
Year 11

Performed with the
All Catholic Schools
Orchestra at the WYD
Papal Mass



Boris Moskalov
Year 12

Selected in the Under 21
NSW Gridiron team



Daniel Bailey
Year 12

Received the Australian
Defence Force
Education Award



Stephen Palmier
Year 11

Selected in the Under 21
NSW Gridiron team

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 18th August

• Trial HSC concludes

Tuesday 19th August

• Year 12 return to class

Thursday 21st August

• MCC Athletics Carnival

Friday 22nd August

• Ex-Students Mass & Dinner

Friday 22nd August

• College Ski trip

Wednesday 27th August

• Special Parents in Touch Evening - Boys Education

Sunday 31st August

• Marcellin Youth Mass at OLSH, 6pm

SPECIAL PARENTS IN TOUCH EVENING

MOTIVATING YOUR SON • DR ANDREW MARTIN • WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST 7:30PM • VAUGHAN CENTRE

On Wednesday 27th August the College will have special guest speaker Dr Andrew Martin, renowned Boys Education author and researcher, presenting an evening entitled *Motivating Boys*. More details will be sent home with your son this week, it is sure to be an informative evening. Information can be found on the College website www.marcellin.nsw.edu.au Please RSVP by Friday 22nd August to the College via the return slip or email: brian.vanetempest@marcellin.nsw.edu.au

STATIONERY PACKS

The College has some stationery packs available containing; display folders, exercise books, pens, pencils, scissors etc at a reduced cost of \$10 (normally \$25). Please visit the College office to purchase these.

NOTICES AND NEWS

CSDA DEBATING

Marcellin College are this year the winners of the CSDA Junior Aggregate Trophy for Debating. This trophy is awarded to the school with the most debate wins during rounds 1 to 5 for the teams in years 7-10. Marcellin were undoubtedly the winners, having won a staggering 18 out of 20 debates in the regular season, concretizing our position as the premier debating school within the competition. This is the second time in 4 years that Marcellin has managed this incredible achievement. Congratulations must go to all of the boys in the 7-10 teams as well as their coaches for the considerable effort put into their preparation each week, as well as the constant strive for improvement exhibited by all involved. We look forward to defending the title next year. *Mr Jeffrey Davidson, Debating Coordinator*



Year 7

Jake Richards, Luke Dooner, Aidan Wilcox-Kerr, Joshua Lane



Year 9

Christopher Edwards, Nicholas Saady, Cameron Black



Year 8

Rory O'Grady, Jack DeLacey, Matthew Buxton, Jack Cremen



Year 10

Jack Slattery, Matthew Edwards, Mitchell Judge

MARCELLIN COLLEGE HOUSE BANNERS



Br Anselm Saunders
Marcellin College
Headmaster 1957-1962



Saint Marcellin Champagnat
Founder of the
Marist Brothers



Dr Cyril Fallon
Fundraising Founder of
the College



Br Ignatius O'Connor
Marcellin College
Headmaster 1932-1937

The College now has House Banners displayed in the Marist Centre. These banners seek to symbolically represent the patrons of each house. Special thanks to the sports captains from Year 12 2007, who were instrumental in designing each banner in order to capture the spirit of their patron.

YEAR 11 VISIT TURKISH MOSQUE



On a bright sunny day on the 30th of July 2008, 120 Yr 11 Studies of Religion students travelled out to the Turkish Gallipoli Mosque at Auburn. The aim of the visit was to give them a deeper understanding of the Islamic religious tradition as it is one of the depth studies they complete as part of their HSC studies. The students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity for the interfaith dialogue that took place. It gave students a great opportunity to meet Muslim leaders in their place of worship and ask them questions about their faith and culture. "I was fascinated by the Mosque, the people, its architecture and beauty" said student John Hannan. "This visit will definitely assist me in my understanding of the tradition and help with my studies." *Mr John Finneran, Religious Education Coordinator*



NEWS AND SPORT

MCC GOLF & TENNIS

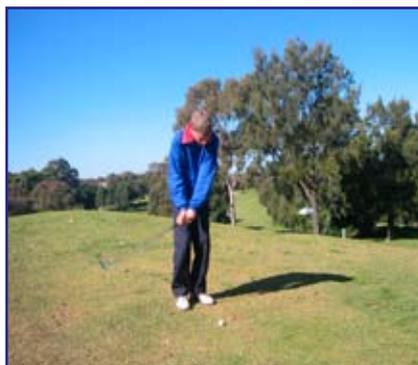
The MCC Golf and Tennis Championships were held under excellent conditions on Thursday 31st July. Our golfers won the aggregate trophy for the second year running. Matthew Shean (Opens), Andrew Norton (16's), Cameron Black (15's), and Jake Baker (14's) were all placed second on the day whilst Ben Clementson (17's) and Ruben Sondjaja (13's) both posted scores of 73 and 68 respectively to win their age divisions. Ruben had the lowest score of the day, this a remarkable achievement. Ruben also recently won the Under 13 State Golf Championship.

Our tennis boys also performed well with Aaron Carvalho (13's), Stelios Pikoulas (Opens) and Daniel Fernandez (15's) all making the finals, with Daniel going on to win his final 6 games to 3. The doubles players also had good results with the 13's, 15's and 16's all unlucky losing their finals matches.

Thank you to all our competitors on the day for the manner in which we played and a special thanks to Mr McBride, Mr Groom, Mr Sheens and Ms Gerke for all their hard work in preparing our boys. *Mr Robert Capizzi, Sports Coordinator*



**MCC Golf Champions 2008
Congratulations boys!**



MCC Golf 2008 Results Aggregate Trophy Winners 2nd year in a row		
Opens	Matthew Shean	72 (2nd)
Under 17	Ben Clementson	73 (1st)
Under 16	Andrew Norton	81 (2nd)
Under 15	Cameron Black	76 (2nd)
Under 14	Jake Baker	73 (2nd)
Under 13	Ruben Sondjaja	68 (1st)



COMMUNITY NEWS

Family Time Day - Maroubra Surf Club is hosting a fun day for families on Sunday 24th August between 10am-2:30pm. There will be sports & media personalities, sausage sizzle, jumping castles etc, all to help raise money for the Sydney Children's Hospital - ALL WELCOME!

OLSH Randwick will hold a Fete on Saturday 6th September to help raise funds to continue the restoration of Venter House (located in the OLSH carpark). This historic house will also be open every afternoon at 2.00pm for a few hours from the 30th August to the 5th September to gratefully accept any kind donations.