

MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

One of the things that really stands out about life today is the way in which the media and social commentators define each of us by a stereotypical letter of the alphabet. According to the decade we were born in, we apparently slot conveniently into a generation X, Y or Z. Our qualities and attributes (or lack thereof) are neatly categorized. In fact, at times it almost seems that our actions and behaviour are part of a pre-ordained ritual beyond our control.

It was therefore refreshing when I came across an extract from the work of Edwin Cole, a prominent Christian writer who focused on the themes of men and fatherhood. He wrote;

“Being a male is a matter of birth, being a man is a matter of choice”.

For me this simple statement sums up beautifully the path that we, as educators and parents, hope our young men follow.

Marcellin College mirrors society in our quest for good role models. It is perhaps the foremost responsibility of a teacher. At Marcellin we are fortunate in that we really need look no further than the example of a young French man, who nearly 200 years ago began his work in the village of La Valla, France. It was here that Champagnat illuminated the power of ‘choice’ and embracing it wholeheartedly conquered the challenges he faced. He became a leader to others through the decisions he made and the example he set.

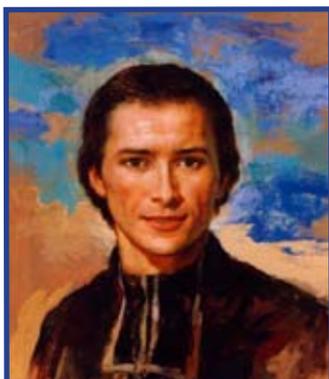
The words of Edwin Cole and the example of St Marcellin deliver to us an important message. That true masculinity is not defined by physical presence or power, rather by actions and deeds. That being a man is about recognizing the true power of ‘choice’ and using this gift to make good decisions and seek positive challenges in life.

With the students of Year 12 about to go forth into a new phase of their life, my hope is that their path to manhood is empowered by confidence but tempered by humility and that this journey is enlightened by positive choices.

We have seen both their wonderful contribution to the life of the College as well as their limitless potential for the future. I am confident they will do well in the world.

Our prayers and best wishes go with them,

Mr Paul Daley,
Year 12 Coordinator



FROM THE HEADMASTER

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



Abaina Davis
Year 8

Selected in the AFL Pigeons U13 Representative Squad



Alexander Turner
Year 7

Selected in the AFL Pigeons U13 Representative Squad



Jordan Foote
Year 8

Selected in the AFL Pigeons U13 Representative Squad



Sean Greenhalgh
Year 10

First Place in the Woollahra Rifle Club Trophy Shoot, Smallbore Range Junior Grade



Paul Jewiss
Year 12

Received the College Archbishop's Prize for Excellence

ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 4th September an Academic Assembly was held to recognise the achievements of Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 for Semester One 2009.

First place certificates were awarded in all subjects for each homeroom in Years 7 & 8 and for all courses in Years 9, 10 and 11.

Congratulations to the boys on their efforts and I encourage them to work hard for the remainder of the year.



Year 7 Academic Award Winners left to right: Nicholas Roper, Nathan Ottaviano, Conor Docherty, Daniel Ivancic, Abraham Irhia, Domenic Napoli



Year 8 Academic Award Winners left to right: William Joannides, Fabian Svejkar, Joshua Stevens, Harry Bartlett, Benjamin Liew, Andre Cupido, Rodolfo Malenha, Thomas Joannides



Year 9 and 10 Academic Award Winners left to right: James Barnett (Year 9), Nicholas Saady (Year 10), Liam Job (Year 9), Christopher Goutama (Year 9)



Year 11 Academic Award Winners left to right: Michael Bailey, Daniel Arbilla, Jack Slattery, Alexander Hart, Christopher Zarzour

FROM THE HEADMASTER

ABSENTEEISM

Once again I need to raise the issue of attendance. It is clear to see that Monday is the day where attendance is not what I would expect it to be. My observation is that many boys have a social program of a weekend that then leads to an inability to come of a Monday owing to tiredness. Absenteeism of a Monday is generally twice that of any other day. I would encourage parents to consider what is being said here because it is clear to me that activities on the weekend are clearly impacting on attendance at school. Average Monday absences this term have been 40 away. Average Tuesday-Friday absences this term have been 24 away. I'm sure you'll agree this is quite a variation. Overall attendance has improved markedly but there still are far too many absences for what I would deem acceptable reasons. My thanks for your consideration of this matter.

MOBILE PHONES AND IPODS

Boys are well aware that phones and ipods are not to be used while at school. If used boys have been told that phones and ipods will be taken and stored for two weeks. Of late many parents have been contacting their sons via mobile during school time. This is inappropriate and in my view quite unnecessary. Please do not contact your son during school time. If there is an urgent need to contact your son please contact the College office. This is the normal protocol that has been in use and is the preferred means of contact for boys at our school. I would ask for parent support with this matter.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE

We finish early this term so I would hope not to receive requests for early leave. All students conclude at 1 pm on Thursday October 1st. Friday October 2nd is a staff inservice day. Please support the College by ensuring your son is here up to and including this time.

TERM 3 CALENDAR EVENTS

Thursday 17th September	• MCC Volleyball.
Monday 21st September	• Year 11 Preliminary Exams commence. Year 11 boys attend only for exams.
Friday 25th September	• Year 10 Trial Exams commence.
Thursday 1st October	• Year 12 Graduation Day.
Friday 2nd October	• Staff Inservice Day.
Monday 19th October	• Term 4 commences. Boys will be in Summer uniform which means blazers need not be worn.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Marist Oratory teams and Coaches. Well done also to Christopher Edwards (Year 10) who came 3rd place in the Year 10 Marist Oratory Competition; and Luke Dooner (Year 8) who came 2nd in the Year 8 Marist Oratory Competition. Our team has won 4 of the last 6 years competitions. Congratulations to Br Joa and Mrs Hayley Spencer. Mrs Spencer has coached the Marcellin College team to victory in the Marist Oratory 2007 and 2009.



The Marist Oratory team

Left to right: Mrs Hayley Spencer, Br Bill, Timothy Nichols (Year 7), Christopher Edwards (Year 10), Mitchell Judge (Year 11), Matthew Edwards (Year 11), Luke Dooner (Year 8), Myles Fischer (Year 9), Br Joa



Timothy Nichols
Year 7
First Place in the 2009
Year 7 Marist Oratory
Competition



Matthew Edwards
Year 11
First Place in the 2009
Senior Marist Oratory
Competition



Mitchell Judge
Year 11
First Place in the 2009
Impromptu Marist
Oratory Competition

SCIENCE COMPETITION

During Term 2, 237 students from Years 7 – 10 participated in the University of New South Wales International Competition for Science. This Science Competition is conducted annually across Australia and in 12 other countries with over 1.5 million entries worldwide. Of the Marcellin College students that participated, 68 students were awarded with a Credit Certificate and 31 students were awarded with a Distinction Certificate, placing them in the top 10% of the results in NSW. Rory McGuinness in Year 7 was awarded a High Distinction, placing him in the top 1% of the state, which is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Science Competition for their fantastic results.

Ms Rachel Thompson, Science Coordinator



Rory McGuinness
Year 7

SPORT

In an unusually quiet time for sport at Marcellin, we are preparing well for the Volleyball Championships at Homebush on Thursday 17th September. We wish the boys in the Under 15 and Opens teams the best of luck in their competitions this week. On Friday 18th September, we have 23 boys competing at the NSWCCC Athletics Carnival also at Homebush. The competition begins at 8:30am and after the recent MCC Carnival the boys look to be in good form.

Training for the upcoming Summer competition is in full swing for Basketball, Cricket, Squash and Touch Football. Training days are generally Tuesday afternoons, but boys need to listen to instructions for any changes. Our first official trial is against North Shore in the first week back next term, on Thursday 22nd October.

With Term 3 fast drawing to a close, I will be speaking to each year group about free choice sport for Term 4. Each boy will need to make two choices for their sport, however, our aim is to get every boy their first choice. We offer a range of different sports in Term 4, so we hope everyone enjoys their Thursday afternoons and acts responsibly and in a manner which we would expect when they are out in public.



A special mention must go to **Jacob Burke**, who at the MCC Athletics Carnival broke our school Under 15 Discus record of 33.35m set in 2003 with a throw of 38.75m. Well done Jacob.

REBEL SPORT

Rebel Sport are having their 20% discount day on Thursday 24th September. Marcellin College is running an MVP program in conjunction with Rebel Sport.

Every purchase made in store sees all members of the Marcellin community receive a 5% discount, however, next Thursday you will receive 20% off your purchase. If you do not have a loyalty card, please see Mr Davidson or myself at the sports office.



Mr Robert Capizzi, Sport Coordinator

WEBSITE - PHOTO GALLERIES

The College website now includes a number of photo galleries. The photo galleries are located under each Year group page. Click on the Year eg Year 7. Then click on the heading 'Year 7 Student Gallery' and this will take you to the specific Year 7 Student photos. The photos will upload. They will automatically scroll through each photo and there is a description of the photos on the left side of the screen.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Our Lady of the Rosary School Spring Fair: Sunday 27th September 9.30 am - 4pm. We have a massive plant & fresh flower stall, cakes & cake decorating for the kids, gourmet sauces & jams, monster raffle, games, jumping castle, lucky dips, show bags & all day entertainment. All Welcome!

Randwick City Council Ecoliving Fair: Incorporating Bike Fest '09. Sunday 27th September 10.30 am - 3.30 pm. Randwick Community Centre 27 Munda St Randwick (off Henty Ave). There will be bike stalls, free advice, giveaways and cycling information, local schools showcasing their environmental activities. Check out the Wildlife Show for kids or the free yoga class. For more information check the website randwick.livlocal.org.au/ecoliving or call 1300 722 542.

Safety Tips For Students From NSW Police

Personal Safety: Be alert, assertive and confident. Try and walk with other people rather than by yourself. Be aware of your surroundings, avoid long conversations on your mobile or sending sms while walking. If you feel like you are being followed or threatened, cross the street, change direction, vary your pace and enter a shop or a house you know.

Property Identification: Consider marking personal belongings with identifiable markings, such as your surname and school name with an engraver tool or an ultraviolet marker.

If you are being robbed: Don't be a hero. Give them what they ask for. Try and remember what they look like - anything that might identify them later. Report all crimes to Police as soon as possible. In an emergency call 000.