

# MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



## NEWSLETTER

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*Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,*

As a faith community it is good to step back from time to time to reflect on how authentically we witness to the Gospel values both here at school and at home. It is easy to be captured in the myriad of activities life puts before us without maintaining a healthy balance to ensure we can appreciate it appropriately. Joan Chittister in her book 'In the heart of the temple' reminds us about the importance of the Sabbath. She tells us that,

*"The Sabbath is meant to enrich life, to measure life, to bring reflection to life, to engender life with soul. Sabbath is for resting in the God of life and bringing more to life ourselves as a result. Sabbath stays us in mid-course and gives us the opportunity to begin again, week after week after week. Sabbath calls us to worship what deserves to be worshipped and to dismiss from the center of our souls what does not.*

*But our society has found other things to worship on the Sabbath. We have come to worship consumerism by turning Sundays into some of the biggest shopping days of the year. We have come to worship freedom from family, freedom from worship, freedom from the self. Thinking has become the last thing in the world we want to do on the Sabbath. We have turned thought into human vegetation and called it rest. We have made a desert of the soul and called it re-creation. We have substituted play and leisure for soul-searching and beauty, for intimacy and awareness of the larger things in life. We have created a culture that turns the Sabbath into a race for escape, a passion for things, a collection of distractions, a paean to emptiness.*

*Indeed, we are a long, long way from Sabbath and so near, so very near, to social dissipation as a result.*

*We work every day of the week and twice as much on the Sabbath. It's become catch-up time instead of reflection time. We have lost a sense of awareness, of attention, of what the monastics call "mindfulness."*

*We lost a sense of Sabbath and took no notice as a culture of the starvation of soul, the loss of intimacy, and the exhaustion of mind that derived from depriving ourselves of reflection. We turned Sundays into weekdays and wonder what happened to neighbors and nature and our nervous systems. We mutli-task. We buy. We run ourselves at increasingly greater speeds. Clearly, the sin is not in the science, in the profit, in the play. The sin lies in the loss of the Sabbath mind, the regularly recurring awareness that silence and money and play are merely elements of life, not its essence."*

My hope would be that we take seriously the message being presented in this article and find some quality time each week for the Sabbath. I believe this is essential if we are to maintain a quality and balanced life. Our youth find this extremely difficult with their mobile phones, computers, facebook and constant interaction. Is it any wonder they find all this such a challenge! Maybe we need to help them build in some quality 'Sabbath' time and even push the point a little.

I encourage you to take some time to reflect upon this important feature of our past that many appear to have lost in the busyness of our current day.

With best wishes

Br Bill Sullivan, fms  
Headmaster



# FROM THE HEADMASTER

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



**Benjamin Gordon**  
Year 7  
Under 12 Age Champion  
Marcellin Swimming  
carnival



**Benjamin Davis**  
Year 7  
Under 13 Age Champion  
Marcellin Swimming  
carnival



**Luke Irvine**  
Year 9  
Under 14 Age Champion  
Marcellin Swimming  
carnival



**Benjamin Thornton**  
Year 9  
Under 15 Age Champion  
Marcellin Swimming  
carnival



**Samuel Disalvo**  
Year 10  
Under 16 Age Champion  
Marcellin Swimming  
carnival



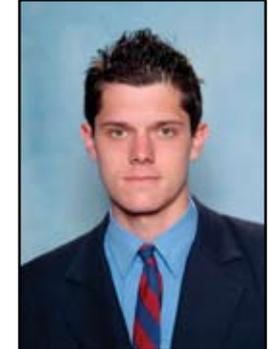
**Brendan Irvine**  
Year 12  
Opens Champion and new  
Open Breastroke record time  
of 32.06s at the Marcellin  
Swimming carnival



**Benjamin Gordon, Adam Baghdadi,  
Christopher Downey and Benjamin O'Sullivan**  
Year 7  
New Under 12 Relay record time 2mins 23.21s  
Marcellin Swimming carnival



**Callum Good**  
Year 9  
Awarded Sydney Junior  
Male Lifesaver of the Year.  
He will now be observed and  
interviewed for the state title



**Jason Gray**  
Year 10  
Selected in the Cronulla  
Sharks Harold Matthews  
Rugby League team and also  
selected in the A.W. Green  
Shield Representative team  
selected from the 20 Sydney  
Grade Cricket clubs

## TERM 1 CALENDAR EVENTS

### Wednesday 24th February

- Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting 7.30 pm. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

### Friday 26th February

- Inaugural Mass 9.30 am. All parents and friends are welcome. Please come along.

### Friday 26th February

- Meet and Greet Cocktail Evening 6 - 8 pm College courtyard. All parents are invited. A separate brochure has been sent home.

### Wednesday 3rd March

- Open Afternoon 3 - 6 pm. All Year 7 boys and some Year 11s will be in attendance. Lessons will conclude after period 3 for boys Years 7-11. Year 12 lessons continue as normal. All parents and friends are welcome to come along. A separate brochure has been sent seeking support for the supply of items for our cafe at Marcellin.

### Thursday 4th March

- MCC Swimming carnival 3 - 6pm. Years 7 and 12 attend this event. Boys will wear sports uniform and will be transported to and from the event. Return time should be approximately 7.30 pm.

### Monday 8th March

- Year 12 exams commence.

### Wednesday 10th March

- Special Parents in Touch Evening with Mr Paul Dillon - Teenagers, Alcohol & Drugs. A separate note will be sent out soon. Please refer to the College website for further details.

## SCHOOL FEES

School fees have been posted to parents but because a problem occurred some statements were printed twice. Please disregard the second statement. If you didn't receive your fee statement please contact the College immediately.

# FROM THE HEADMASTER

## SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL ATTENDANCE

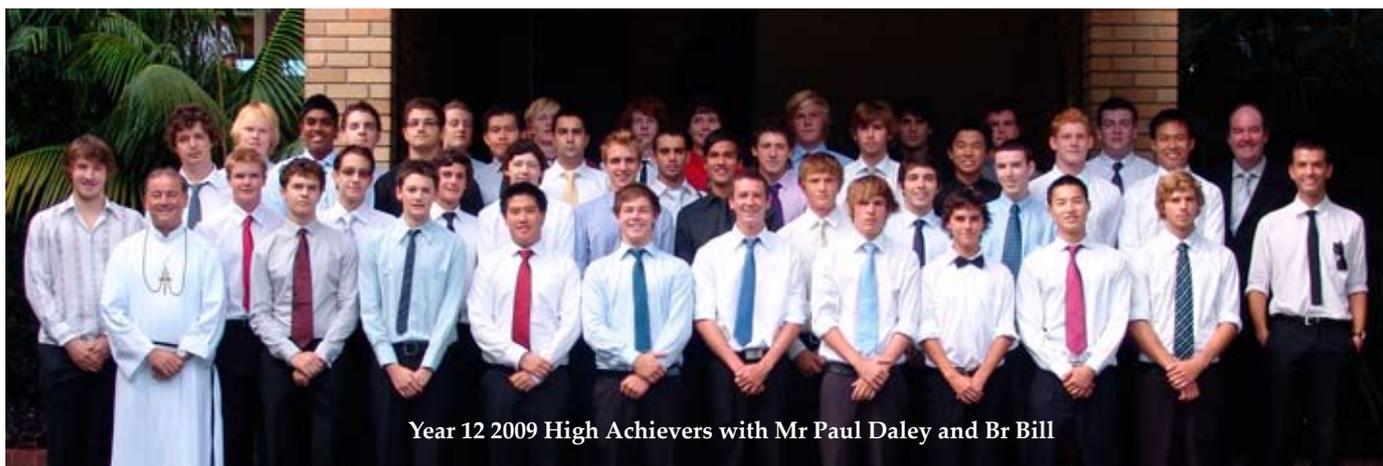
Thank you to all parents, staff and boys on another fantastic carnival. The attendance was the best we have had in the last 8 years and the participation was excellent. Congratulations to our age champions and to the boys who broke College records, a great achievement. Thanks also to parents who prepared and helped out on the day. Your support was much appreciated. As promised because the boys bettered the attendance from last year they will receive a muffy day in the next few weeks. Details will be provided at school shortly.

Absence record is as follows:

2002 - 35    2003 - 67    2004 - 20    2005 - 25    2006 - 17    2007 - 17    2008 - 15    2009 - 15    2010 - 13

## HEADMASTER'S ASSEMBLY - 2009 HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS

Last Friday 12th February the high achievers of Year 12 2009 returned to the College for the Headmaster's Assembly where they received their certificates for Outstanding Achievement. Congratulations!



Year 12 2009 High Achievers with Mr Paul Daley and Br Bill

## HSC RESULTS 2002 - 2009

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Band 6 & E4	35	50	38	92	66	108	104	109
Band 5	112	157	133	193	174	224	172	253
Total Band 5 & 6	147	207	171	285	240	332	276	362
Above State average	14	16	12	22	18	21	19	25
Below State average	11	11	14	5	9	6	9	4



Morning tea with staff and students

## HSC RANKINGS (SMH) 2005 - 2009

98th in 2009 (718 high schools in the state), 100th in 2008, 78th in 2007, 108th in 2006, 74th in 2005.

## 2009 MAGAZINE

All families will receive the 2009 magazine this week. I am very proud of the excellent quality of this document and hope parents, staff and boys enjoy reading through it. Congratulations to Mr Brian Vane-Tempest and Br Joachim Fabbro for their preparation of this impressive document. Many hours of hard work have gone into its preparation. I'm sure you will agree it provides a glowing overview of the year just concluded.

## MOTHERS TRIP TO MITTAGONG

This trip will be held again this year on Sunday 7th March. Limited places are available. Brochures will be handed out at the Parents & Friends AGM on Wednesday 24th February. Come along to this information night to collect a brochure for our 'last' Mittagong trip.

## PARENTS IN TOUCH NIGHT - P&F AGM

The Parents in Touch night will be held on Wednesday 24th February at 7.30pm. I encourage as many parents as possible to come along to our first night for the year. These nights are always informative and are guaranteed to conclude before 9pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

# SPORT

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL **Champagnat 683, Ignatius 664, Anselm 661, Fallon 558**

The 87th Marcellin College Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 5th February. I was very pleased with the running of the day and the behaviour of each boy was exemplary. Congratulations to Nicholas Zaharias and the Champagnat house who were narrow winners closely followed Ignatius and Anselm. I might add that our attendance at the carnival was the best it has been for some time with only 13 boys absent from the entire school. Special mention to Benjamin O'Sullivan, Christopher Downey, Adam Baghdadi and Benjamin Gordon from the Anselm house who broke the Under 12 Relay record in a time of 2mins 23.21s. This broke the old record by almost three seconds. Brendan Irvine also broke the Open Breaststroke record in a time of 32.06 seconds lowering the record by over a second. These were both phenomenal swims. Special thanks to all staff who helped on the day and in particular to Mrs Stirling and the class parents for providing sandwiches and refreshments. The Age Champions on the day were as follows.

OPENS				U/14			
First	Brendan Irvine	Anselm	58 points	First	Luke Irvine	Anselm	54 points
Second	Alexander Engel	Champagnat	48 points	Second	Abaina Davis	Anselm	40 points
Third	Ethan Baker	Anselm	30 points	Third	Dominic Trupke	Champagnat	31 points
U/16				U/13			
First	Samuel Disalvo	Champagnat	60 points	First	Benjamin Davis	Anselm	58 points
Second	Jacob Burke	Champagnat	36 points	Second	Nat Butcher	Ignatius	38 points
Third	Denver Burns	Fallon	30 points	Third	Luke McKaig	Anselm	36 points
U/15				U/12			
First	Benjamin Thornton	Fallon	58 points	First	Benjamin Gordon	Ignatius	48 points
Second	James McKaig	Anselm	52 points	Second	Cameron Murray	Anselm	40 points
Third	Timothy Watts	Champagnat	40 points	Third	Samuel Morgan	Champagnat	20 points

## CHEER OFF 2010 **These points will go towards the 2010 Spirit Cup**

The Colour Spirit display and Cheer Off competition were held with the final scores being:

**FALLON 108**

**IGNATIUS 97**

**CHAMPAGNAT 88**

**ANSELM 72**



## CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Thursday last week we held our Cross Country Championships. Under some very warm conditions Champagnat were victorious followed by Ignatius, Anselm, then Fallon. Points will now be awarded towards the Spirit Cup and a preliminary squad has now been chosen. This squad will run off against each other before naming our final team for the MCC Championship to be held on 18th March at King Georges Park Leichhardt.

## MCC RESULTS

The rep season continued in excellent fashion with every team winning in round 6 against Ashfield. The final round results were much the same against Bankstown with only 2 losses in the Basketball. The business end of the season now begins with every team qualifying for the semi finals. Semi Final and Final information will be given to all our teams during the week. The swimmers have also begun training for their championships on 4th March at Homebush. These boys are in the pool 3 times a week at 7am often swimming between two to three kilometres a session. Our reputation in the pool speaks for itself winning 26 of the last 27 championships. All the best to all the coaches and summer teams.

*Mr Robert Capizzi, Sports Coordinator*