

# MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff, and Friends of Marcellin,

As a Marist community we are inspired to follow *In the Way of Mary*, and as we commenced the week just passed we reflected on this inspiring tenet of our shared charism. In that light we also reflected on Mother's Day and gave thanks for the gifts of leadership, service and example given to us through Mary Our Good Mother, and through that same inspirational, unconditional love given to us by our own mothers, the mothers of our children and the mothers that make up our Marcellin community. Paradoxically, the news of the world was soon to be dominated with America's *offensive* and our political and social landscape was, once again, subjugated with the language of *justice*. I wonder if our examination of the meaning of Mother's Day and our shared Marist charism may help us through another critical and difficult juncture?

Distressed by her experience of the realities of war, over one century ago Julia Ward Howe (1870), took on a new issue and a new cause, determined that peace was one of the two most important causes for the world (the other being equality in its many forms). Seeing war arise again in the world in the Franco-Prussian War, she called for women to rise up and oppose war in all its forms. She wanted women to come together across national lines, to recognise what they hold in common above what divides us, and commit to finding peaceful resolutions to conflicts. She issued a *Proclamation* with the aim of gathering together women in a congress of action.

Julia Ward Howe's accomplishments did not end with the writing of her famous poem *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*. As Julia became more famous, she was asked to speak publicly more often. She saw some of the worst effects of the war, not only the death and disease which killed and maimed the soldiers. She worked with the widows and orphans of soldiers on both sides of the war, and realised that the effects of the war go beyond the killing of soldiers in battle. She also saw the economic devastation of the Civil War, the economic crises that followed and the restructuring of the economies of both the North and South.

Whilst Julia Ward Howe failed in her attempt to get formal recognition of a Mother's Day for Peace, it was her strength of character, her fortitude, her belief in humanity and the sacred nature of human life that saw her make a significant difference. Animated by this example of leadership, we too are encouraged to be people of change.

Rather than change the course of global history, our challenge is to believe that we, as individuals in our own small corner of the world, **can** make a difference. Paul Shane Spear remarked, "*As one person I cannot change the world, but I can change the world of one person.*" Our individual acts of kindness **can** have an effect on global kindness. Our individual goodness **can** affect global goodness. Our individual belief in and commitment to the dignity of every human being **can** affect global acceptance and harmony. Our College theme for this year, taken from the book of Genesis, tells us that we are *Created in the Image of God*, our faithful observance of this alone **would** make a difference. But we do not have the luxury of time for now is the moment. It is within our seminal text *Water from the Rock* that our Marist charism, mindful of our own frailties, inspires us to be people of change as *We Follow Mary's Way*:

*A mother believes in the goodness at the core of a person, and forgives readily... There is a place for those with doubts and spiritual uncertainty, a place for all. There is listening and dialogue. Challenge and confrontation are done with honesty and openness.*

Julia Ward Howe believed that women have the power to promote life over death, peace over war and love over hate, so it is in this spirit and that same spirit as gifted to us through Our Mother Mary, that we are challenged to respond to the violence, unrest and politicisation that confronts us day in and day out. In her Mother's Day Proclamation of 1870, Julia Ward Howe said:

*"Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn  
All that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.  
We, the women of one country,  
Will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."*

The gift of life is one that is given to us for a comparatively short span of time. We must be women and men of goodness and of kindness, women and men who do not miss the opportunities given them. With Mary, our Mother, as our guide we are empowered to be people of faith and action, to not become people so consumed with power, authority and possession that we forget that we have been consecrated with the human spirit. May we be ever aware of *The Eternal not the Transitory – Aeterna Non Caduca*.

Warm regards,

*Anthony BS*

Mr Anthony Boys  
Religious Education Coordinator



# FROM THE HEADMASTER

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



**Samuel Yee**  
Year 9

Played the Last Post at the ANZAC Day service at Marcellin College



**Brayden Sorge**  
Year 12

Selected in the MCC Representative Soccer team for 2011



**Marko Bozic and Daniel Mifsud**  
Year 11

Selected in the MCC Representative Soccer team for 2011



Year 9 students Reece Toto, Joshua Ellison, Joshua Potts and Andres Rossini were selected in the U15 MCC Rugby League Representative team to play in the NSWCCC competition.

Year 10 students Abaina Davis and Jordan Foote have been selected in the U15 AFL team for the CCC-CIS.

Year 11 students Alex Werfel and Clay Condie were each awarded a Defence Technical Scholarship for 2011. Over 2000 students applied for a limited number of these scholarships.

Year 8 students Joshua Dever and Luke Dever competed in the Australian Little Athletics competition. Luke came 4th in the 800m and 7th in the 1500m events. Joshua came 2nd in the 800m and 3rd in the 1500m events.

Jai McGrath, Year 8, received a Silver medal in the Beach Relay at the State Surf Lifesaving carnival held at Kingscliff. Cheyne Whitelaw, Jason Gray, Lars Roy, Andrew Norton, Jackson Garlick, Alexander Thomas and Aaron Gray were selected in the A Grade MCC Representative Rugby League team to play in the NSWCCC competition.

## LENTEN COLLECTION

It is with great pride that we announce the College raised \$19,429.20 during the Lenten period. The organisations we will continue to support are Caritas, Marist Solidarity, the St Vincent de Paul Society, and St Mary's Bowraville.

## TERM 2 CALENDAR EVENTS

**Monday 23rd May** • Year 11 Exams commence. Conclude Friday 27th May.

**Monday 23rd May** • Year 10 Exams commence. Conclude Thursday 26th May.

**Friday 3rd June** • Headmaster's Assembly. Champagnat Awards.

**Monday 6th June** • School Photo day. Boys are to be in full College uniform. Boys who are purchasing photos are reminded to bring their money in the envelope provided on photo day. No money is to be given to the Front Office.

## VACCINATION PROGRAM - YEAR 7 AND 10 STUDENTS

A team of specially trained Registered Nurses will be visiting the school on May 31st for the National Adolescent Vaccination program for Year 7 and 10 students. This program will ensure that students in Year 7 are offered protection against Hepatitis B, Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (Whooping Cough) and Year 10 students are offered protection against Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis. It is very important for any child who receives the first dose of Hepatitis B vaccine to receive the second dose in order to complete the course. There will be no opportunity to 'make up' missing immunisations and if you miss the first one, you can't have the second. Year 7 students who are absent for the first vaccination clinic booking will be entitled to receive a free course of Hepatitis B vaccine via a GP. Year 10 students who are absent for the first vaccination clinic booking will be offered the Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis vaccine at the second vaccination clinic. A consent form will be sent home with your son.

*Mr Ian Laing, Year 7 Coordinator*

## HONG KONG PRINCIPALS' MEETING

On Monday 2nd May the College hosted ten principals from Catholic high schools in Hong Kong. The purpose of this visit is to strengthen ties between the Catholic Education Office Sydney and Catholic schools in Hong Kong. It has been an annual event for many years. The College Executive spent the day with our visitors giving presentations regarding the key areas of Marcellin's future directions including; Pastoral Care, M-Learning, Strategic Planning and Spiritual Dimension. The principals were also taken on a tour of the College facilities. It was a valuable experience for all involved.

*Mr Brian Vane-Tempest, Director of Development and Communications*



**Br David Hall with the Hong Kong Principals**

# NOTICES AND NEWS

## OFFICE RENOVATIONS

Over the 2010 Christmas break the administration area was renovated. This included the reception area, meeting and interview rooms (a newly named Mackillop room), storage room, furniture and furnishings, and new windows for some of the staff offices. Over the Easter break the staff study was renovated. The before and after results are amazing and staff are very happy with their new working space. The space is more functional, private and complete with new furniture and furnishings. The building team did a great job with the work being completed on time for the start of Term 2.



Interview Rooms



Reception Foyer



Staff Study



Mackillop Room

## UNIVERSITY INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 10 PARENTS

Sydney University and the University of NSW are holding subject selection information evenings for parents and students of Year 10. Sydney University's evenings will be held from 6pm on the 6th and 8th June at the Eastern Auditorium, Camperdown campus. Sydney University registrations and information can be found at the following web address: [http://sydney.edu.au/future\\_students/domestic\\_undergraduate/year\\_10\\_evening/](http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/domestic_undergraduate/year_10_evening/) UNSW Registrations and information can be found at <http://www.unsw.edu.au/futureStudents/undergrad/sad/Year10.html>

## ITALY TRIP

An information evening is being held at 7pm on the 31st May for all boys and their families interested in the 2012 Immersion Trip to Italy. Please email Ms Carmelina Fede at [fedec@marcellin.nsw.edu.au](mailto:fedec@marcellin.nsw.edu.au) if you will be attending.

*Mr Ben Proctor, VET and Careers Coordinator*

*Ms Carmelina Fede, Italian Teacher*

## DEBATING

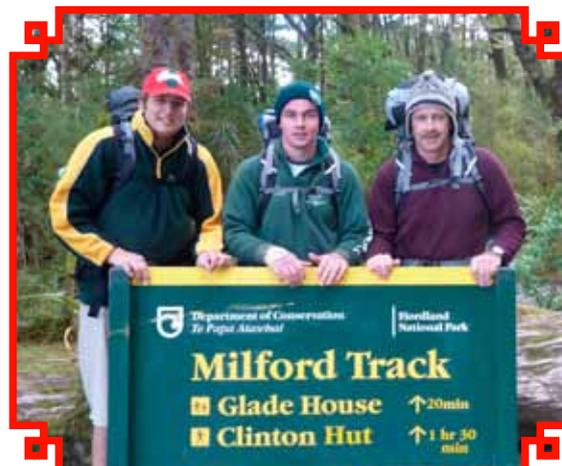
Marcellin College debated against OLSH Kensington in Round 1 of the CSDA competition on Friday 6th May. It was a successful beginning to the competition with Marcellin winning five out of the six debates on the topic of Charitable Organisation. Marcellin competed against St Clares's College on Friday in Round 2 of the competition with Marcellin winning the Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 debates. The next debates will be held at Marcellin on Friday against St Mary's Cathedral.

*Mr Stephen Davidson, Debating Coordinator*

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

During the April holidays Year 12 students Thomas Stirling and Joshua Romeo completed the Milford Track located in the South Island of New Zealand. Both students are participating at the Gold level of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and were required to plan the entire expedition. This included travel to and from New Zealand, supplies they needed to carry and accommodation upon completion of the trek. It was also vital that they each complete the walk unassisted. The Milford Track is 53.5km long and traverses through beech forests and alpine scrub, valleys carved by glaciers, and over Mackinnon's Pass, at an altitude of 1154m. Unfortunately, whilst going over the pass the weather was not in our favour and visibility was very low. However, it was once we were over the pass that the fun times began – an 8km walk to the next hut, over rocky, uneven terrain, dropping 970m in altitude. This was not great for the knees, but the views were spectacular! The final tramp to Sandfly Point, aptly named, was long but we were rewarded with a relaxing boat ride through Milford Sound. Both students should be proud of their achievement and I am looking forward to seeing where their next expedition will be. I'd like to thank Ms Dana Barnsley and Mr David Stirling who provided extra support for the students and myself on the trip.

*Miss Rachel Thompson, Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator*



# SPORT AND NEWS

## SUMMER SPORTS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following recipients of the Summer Sports Awards which were presented last Friday:

Cricket	A Grade	Under 16	Under 14	Squash
Best Batsman	Jack Erickson	Harrison Yates	Ryan Danne	Most Improved Luke Burke
Best Bowler	James Hamilton	Guy Rowles	Declan White	Best and Fairest Pearse Dolan

Basketball	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
Most Improved	Aldwin Hidajat	Anthony Chovan	Fraser Graham	Luke McKaig
Most Valuable Player	Thomas Payten	Corey Jones	Tim Mili	Luke Dever

	Swimming	Cross Country	Tennis	Golf
Opens	Alexander Engel	Samuel Disalvo		Mitchell Scannell
Under 16	Benjamin Thornton	Maxwell Wilson	Nathan Micallef	Ruben Sondjaja
Under 15	Luke Irvine	Tim Mili	Mitchell Gardner	Matthew Power
Under 14	Benjamin Davis/Huon Fairbairn	Joshua Dever	Luke Gander	Brendan Barry
Under 13	Benjamin Gordon	Harrison Lewis	Pearse Dolan	Kell O'Brien
Under 12	Philipp Trupke	Evan Davis	Philipp Trupke	

Touch Football	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
Most Improved	Brayden Sorge	Daniel Moore	Tom Perrin	Connor Mirotsos
Best and Fairest	Alexander Thomas	Fergus Whitney	Adam Shean	Thomas Wong



Squash award recipients Luke Burke and Pearse Dolan

## WINTER SPORTS

After Round 3 of the Winter competition, all Marcellin teams are performing well. This week we play Round 5 against Bankstown. Rounds 4 and 5 have been swapped due to the rep round. During the holidays, the Stawell Gift was run in Melbourne. This is a time honoured race held every year. Edward Ware, an old boy, competed in the series, and ran second in the final, 0.12s behind the winner. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done Edward.

## MCC WINTER SPORTS - ROUND 2 RESULTS

	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13		
Soccer	Opposition	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore		
	Result	W: 3-0	W: 3-0	W: 3-1	W: 1-0	D: 3-3		
	Player of Match	Thomas Langford-Clarke	Christian Lozada	Giuseppe Giuffre	Matteo Grassi	Eleftherios Kyriacou		
	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 D1	Under 13 D2A	Under 13 D2B
Rugby League	Opposition	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	
	Result	W: 54-16	W: 48-0	W: 22-18	W: 48-6	W: 52-0	W: 52-0	BYE
	Player of Match	Aaron Gray	Bronson Garlick	Joshua Ellison	Ryan Larrosa	Harrison White	Jack MacDonald	

## MCC WINTER SPORTS - ROUND 3 RESULTS

	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13		
Soccer	Opposition	Wahroonga	Wahroonga	Wahroonga	Wahroonga	Wahroonga		
	Result	W: 6-0	W: 3-2	W: 8-0	W: 3-0	W: 8-0		
	Player of Match	Brayden Sorge	Harreson Baldwin	Claudio Fabiano	Daniel Brito	Conor Quilligan		
	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 D1	Under 13 D2A	Under 13 D2B
Rugby League	Opposition	Wahroonga	BYE	Won by Forfeit	Wahroonga	Won by Forfeit	BYE	North Shore
	Result	W: 52-0			W: 58-6			W: 48-4
	Player of Match	Nicholas Ostrovsky			Connor Mirotsos			Luke Reid

## RUGBY UNION

Congratulations to the following boys for representing MCC at the NSWCC Rugby Union at Hawkesbury last week: U16s - Hayden Preece, Andrew Maratta, Zachary Wheeler, Luke Dooner, Cheyne Whitelaw, Zachary Bataille, Jake Richards, Lucas Aldous, Blake Hurley, Ethan Natoli, Jack Erickson, Jackson Swiney, Bronson Garlick and Justin Richardson. U18s - Nicholas Ostrovsky, Nicholas Saady, Lewis Raymond, Denver Burns, Jackson Garlick, Thomas Stirling, Raphael Masache, Andrew Norton, Nathan Limbert, Benjamin Stepkovitch and Lars Roy. Mr Damian Chase is to be congratulated and thanked for convening the MCC team. He invested plenty of time in organising both teams before and during the carnival.

*Mr Robert Capizzi, Sports Coordinator*