



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

14 years of age and incarcerated in a Balinese prison. It's not right. There are few who would disagree. But what I do disagree with is a media report I read in Brisbane in the days after the arrest that intimated that the Balinese authorities were the ones who were completely in the wrong. No. The boy at the centre of the story got it wrong. The boy at the centre of the story chose to do wrong. If he didn't know that purchasing and using marijuana was wrong then there is something seriously amiss with the way he has been brought up by his school and his parents. At 14 he knows what he does or doesn't like to wear, he knows what music he does or doesn't like to listen to, he knows what elective subjects he does or doesn't want to select, and he was deemed responsible enough to be without parental supervision on the streets of Bali, having a massage and then going to the beach. In buying marijuana he chose to do wrong. He has something to answer for, he has a price to pay, and he has some serious learning to do.

I do not agree with the harshness of the Balinese judicial system but I am equally in disagreement with media reports that it was simply unfortunate that this boy was caught for a minor misdemeanour. He was seriously in the wrong. And if what was reported in the Daily Telegraph is true, this boy has some challenges to confront. According to the boy's lawyer this is not the first time this boy has used marijuana: "He admitted that he took some marijuana since two years ago, not regularly, and usually in the presence of his friends - that's all." *That's all?! If this report is true then I don't think this boy is an innocent victim, unfortunately caught for a minor misdemeanour. I agree that Australian authorities should continue to do all that can be possibly done to have him released into Australian custody but there must be consequences and they must be serious, thoughtfully considered, and last for a period of time. And this should, without doubt, include strategies that support a boy who has a potential for increased drug use.*

Any number of issues have, and will continue to emerge, from this incident. I have written in this column before about 'listening in' on a conversation at a table in a restaurant while I was waiting for a friend to return from the toilet. Well I 'listened in' again, this time to a group of what were obviously mothers and fathers

in the departure lounge in Brisbane airport when I was returning from holidays. "What sort of parents would allow their 14 year old son to be on the streets of Kuta, Bali without them and with enough money to buy drugs." This comment from someone in the group sparked hot debate. What it highlighted for me was the challenges of parenting adolescent children in our current world. Boys who experience solid parenting, as well as those who don't, do the wrong thing. When parenting is not strong boys tend to do wrong more often. Attentive, consistent, unrelenting parenting and schooling is what boys need. And there must always be consequences. No question that some, if not all boys will need special support and guidance from time-to-time but no boy should be void of consequences for misbehaviour.

Healthy habits

equals

Healthy choices

I don't wish to trivialise the challenges of parenting in an era where young people are more demanding of privilege and rights than is sustainable and healthy, but I have noticed in recent years a growing lack of confidence in strong parenting, and it is making it more difficult for those who do have boundaries and consequences to maintain their stance. More often than

we would like to see, we are encountering parents who, when confronted with their son's wrongdoing, seek to pass it off as normal teenage behaviour with an insistence that "he will grow out of it." No he won't - at least not without swift and strong consequences that help him learn the error of his ways. We want boys to choose to 'do the right thing.' Doing the right thing only becomes choice when it has become habit, and we do not develop healthy habits without good and bad consequences for our behaviour.

I hope the whole Bali dilemma ends with a humane solution, and I also hope that it ends with opportunities for growth for those concerned, and for those of us watching from the sidelines.

Warm regards,

Br David Hall FMS
Headmaster

FROM THE HEADMASTER

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Year 7 Marcellin students Harrison Lewis, Anthony Halikas, Thomas Chichester and Jared Deep were selected in the U13 AFL team representing Sydney South in the AFL Zone Trials in Albury NSW.

Year 8 students Declan White, Benjamin Davis, Joshua and Luke Dever and Year 9 student Jarrod Wachman were selected in the U14 AFL team representing Sydney South in the AFL Zone Trials in Albury NSW. They were undefeated.

Year 10 students Andrew Hawksford-Miller, Corey Jones, Kimey Robertson, Mason Jones, Matthew Gillham, Ryan Loftus and Scott Johnstone were grand final winners at the JAAM Basketball 2011 - Flint Tropics.

Abaina Davis, Year 10 was nominated Vice Captain of the NSW Indigenous Boys AFL team on the Gold Coast and was selected in the All Australian Indigenous School Boy team to play in Fiji in December.

Callum Good, Year 10 was nominated for the NSW Volunteer of the Year Award 2011 in recognition of his 400+ volunteer hours over the past 12 months.

STUDENT COUNCIL 2012



Myles Fischer
College Captain



George Matouk
College Vice Captain



Oscar Sharah



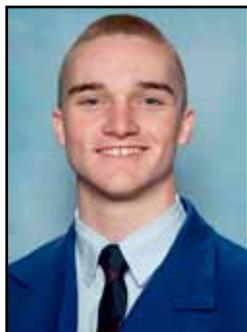
Rory O'Grady



Matthew Buxton



Samuel Disalvo



John DeLacy



Benjamin Sangster



Jacob Burke



Thomas Hay



Fergus Whitney

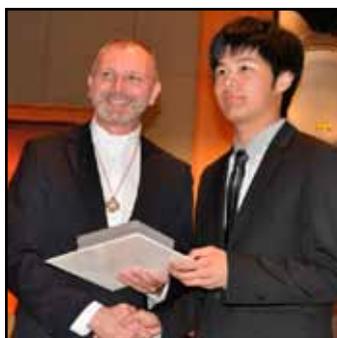


Benjamin Brightwell

HEADMASTER'S AWARDS - FULL ATTENDANCE



Raynard Tan



Bernhard Rusly



Derrick Yu

These three Year 12 students have achieved an incredible milestone since arriving at Marcellin in Year 7. During this six year period they have not missed a single day of school. In recognition of their dedication, tenacity and commitment, Br David presented each student with a plaque to commemorate a wonderful achievement.

TERM 4 CALENDAR EVENTS

Monday 17th October

- HSC commences.

Wednesday 26th October

- Year 11 Preliminary Prizegiving 9.45am

Friday 28th October

- Walkathon (see note on page 7).

Friday 7th November

- School Certificate Exams Commence. Conclude Friday 11th November.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

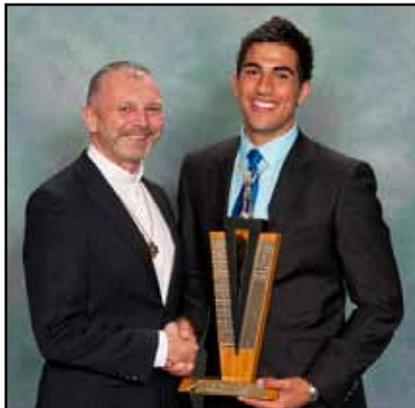
YEAR 12 GRADUATION DAY

The Year Twelve Class of 2011 enjoyed a wonderful Graduation day on Thursday 22nd September. The day began with a breakfast at the University of New South Wales Roundhouse followed by the Graduation Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Randwick. Parents, family and friends of the Year 12 boys were then invited to enjoy morning tea in the courtyard before moving into the Marist Centre for the Farewell Assembly.

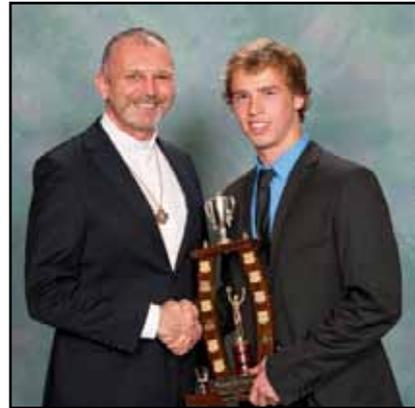


Year 12 Class of 2011

HEADMASTER'S AWARDS - SPECIAL AWARDS



Nicholas Saady
The JJ Dunningham Trophy for Senior Proficiency



Brayden Sorge
The Nathan Gibbs Trophy for Sporting Excellence



Ryan Graul
Br John Baptist Ryan Memorial Trophy
for Culture



Benjamin Stepkovitch
Father Cletus Moverly Cup for Character



John Murdaca
Br Robert O'Connor Trophy for Christian
Commitment

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

GRADUATION MORNING TEA



Angelo Tzoukas and family



Nicholas Saady and parents



Alexander Foote and family



Cameron Black and family

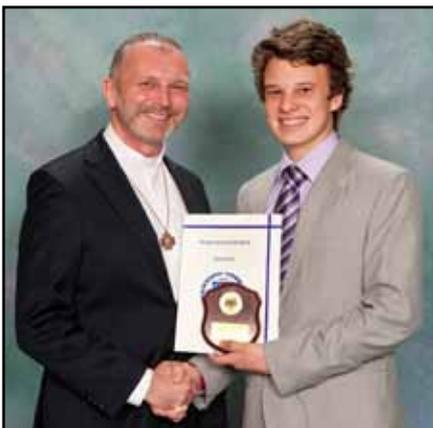
HEADMASTER'S AWARDS



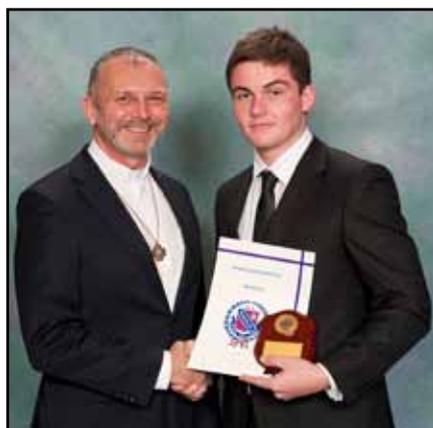
Jialong Li
Headmaster's Award



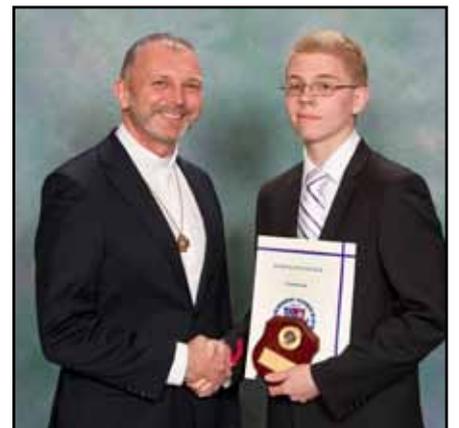
Alexander Engel
Headmaster's Award



Zachary Hodgson
Headmaster's Award



Thomas Stirling
Headmaster's Award



Christopher Moore
Headmaster's Award

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

YEAR 12 GRADUATION FAREWELL ASSEMBLY AND MASS

Speeches by Mr Paul Daley, the Headmaster Br David Hall and the College Captain Jackson Garlick acknowledged the significant contribution of the year group as well as some of their more memorable and humorous moments from their six years at Marcellin. Fr Joshua Gopini MSC presided and Fr Max Blumenthal concelebrated with Fr Joshua at the Graduation Mass. All students, their families and friends attended. The students were presented with their Graduation certificates by their homeroom teachers. Bag pipers led the procession out of the church, up Avoca St, and into the College grounds where students from Years 7-11 formed a guard of honour for the graduating class and their families.



Year 11 students at the Mass



John Murdaca and Nicholas Saady



Mrs Ivancic, Mrs Spies and Mr Laing



Year 12 students at the Mass



Year 12 students with their certificates



Year 12 students after the Mass



Lars Roy and Andrew Norton



Mrs Evans and Seamus Dowd

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

YEAR 12 GRADUATION DINNER

The culmination of the day was the Graduation Dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel in the Rocks, a fitting finale to six productive and wonderful years. The boys, their partners and parents enjoyed a three course dinner followed by some special presentations. Jackson Garlick proposed a toast to the College and Br David replied on behalf of the College. Nicholas Saady proposed a toast to the parents and his mum, Lila Saady responded. *Mr Paul Daley, Year 12 Coordinator*



Blake Doyle and partner



Blake Solomonson and partner



Liam Brown and partner



Joshua Cusack and partner



Peter Daras and partner



Remi Gubian and partner

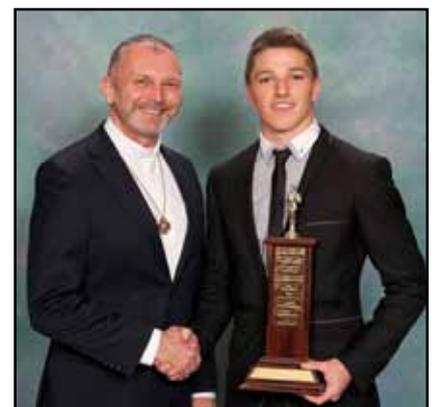
HEADMASTER'S AWARDS



Daniel Stathis, The College Dux



Jackson Garlick
St Mary McKillop Award for Leadership



Andrew Norton
The Trophy for Outstanding Contribution
to Representative Sport over Six Years

NAPLAN 2011 RESULTS

Students in Years 7 and 9 sat the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in May this year. The tables below show the percentages of students who achieved particular skill bands and who achieved at or above minimum standards. The school results shown are compared to students throughout the state. Marcellin again performed very well across all areas in comparison to the state results. For more information visit www.naplan.edu.au

Percentage of Marcellin Students who Meet the Minimum Standards

	Year 7	Year 9
Reading	99%	99%
Writing	99%	95%
Spelling	99%	99%
Grammar	98%	96%
Numeracy	100%	99%

Year 7 NAPLAN School Results 2011 (Numbers are percentages of students in each band)

Band	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation	Numeracy
Band 9 State	11	8	12	10	16
Band 9 School	11	10	12	11	22
Band 8 State	20	16	21	20	16
Band 8 School	33	30	27	24	29
Band 7 State	24	23	29	21	25
Band 7 School	34	30	38	31	30
Band 6 State	26	27	22	29	24
Band 6 School	18	24	18	29	16
Band 5 State	16	19	11	13	16
Band 5 School	4	5	4	4	3
Band 4 State	3	7	5	7	4
Band 4 School	0	1	1	1	0

Year 9 NAPLAN School Results 2011 (Numbers are percentages of students in each band)

Band	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation	Numeracy
Band 10 State	9	10	8	5	13
Band 10 School	13	13	7	6	20
Band 9 State	16	12	20	13	16
Band 9 School	19	23	28	15	20
Band 8 State	25	23	28	32	22
Band 8 School	33	27	39	41	32
Band 7 State	25	22	24	25	26
Band 7 School	27	21	21	27	20
Band 6 State	18	18	13	15	19
Band 6 School	8	11	4	8	7
Band 5 State	6	16	6	10	5
Band 5 School	0	5	0	4	1

Source: The SMART2 Data Package

Mr Bob Anderson, Director of Teaching and M Learning

WALKATHON

The College is hoping once again to raise our target of \$50,000 with a minimum effort of \$55 from each of our students. Funds raised this year will go towards the second part of the refurbishment of the College's Vaughan Centre. Thanks in anticipation of another huge community effort for our Walkathon. We are currently looking for volunteers to help at checkpoints and the BBQ at Burrows Park. If you are able to help please contact Mr Luke MacNamara at macnamara@marcellin.nsw.edu.au

NEWS AND SPORT

SPORT

Round 1 of the Summer representative season begins this Thursday against Bankstown. The trials last week against Pagewood were very good and all teams are training hard and looking forward to the start of the competition this week. The free choice sports also commenced for all boys not involved in the representative program. These sports will continue for the remainder of the term. With the onset of the warmer weather, I'd ask that any boy involved in an outdoor activity apply sunscreen before and during sport. It is also advisable for boys to wear their College cap and drink water regularly. At the conclusion of sport, every boy must change back into their school sports uniform. If boys are leaving from their sports venue, they must travel straight home.

Last Thursday and Friday Joshua Dever, Luke Dever, James Bassil, Robert Murphy, Benjamin Gordon and Maxwell Wilson competed at the NSWCCC Athletics Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre. In the Under 14 division, Luke finished 9th in the 800m, 13th in the 1500m and 5th in the 3km event; Joshua finished 1st in the 1500m, 3rd in the 3km, and 7th in the 800m event; and James finished 2nd in the Triple Jump. In the Under 15 division, Robert finished 1st in the 3000m Walk and in the Under 16 division, Ben finished 1st in the 400m Hurdles and 4th in the 800m, whilst Max finished 1st in the 2km Steeplechase, 3rd in the 1500m and 4th in the 3km event. These are outstanding results. The boys have consistently performed well throughout the Athletics season and must be congratulated on their excellent achievements.

Congratulations to the boys involved in the AFL teams this year. The AFL competition was held on Friday nights last term, and both teams performed excellently. I must commend every boy for the way they played their games and for the encouragement given to some of our less experienced players. The Year 7/8 team remained undefeated in their competition along with St Paul's College, Manly. Both schools have agreed to play off in a final this Friday commencing at 2.30pm at Moore Park. Parents are invited to attend. For more information, please call me at school. I wish the boys well with their game and would like to thank their coaches Mr Dryden, Mr Broe and Mr Gardiner for all their hard work and attending matches each Friday evening.

MCC SUMMER SEASON - TRIAL ROUND

Basketball	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood
	Result	W: 71-17	W: 40-23	W: 53-19	W: 37-13
	Player of Match	Josh Wilson	Peter Georges	Ben Davis	Derek Daquel

Cricket	Team	A Grade	Under 16s	Under 14s	Squash	Opposition	Results
	Opposition	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood		Pagewood	W: 983 to 851
	Result	W: 7/174 to 6/90	W: 8/128 to 10/51	W: 5/108 to 7/78		Player of Match	
	Player of Match	Rueben Taucher	Jordan Habib	Bailey Foote			

Touch Football	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood
	Result	W: 9-1	D: 3-3	W: 6-2	W: 11-1
	Player of Match	Tom Perrin	Regan O'Hare	Jarrod Wachman	Lachlan Lam

Mr Robert Capizzi, Sport Coordinator

EX-STUDENT EVENTS

The 1971 HSC and 1969 SC 40 year reunion is on Saturday 12th November at 6.30pm at Coogee Diggers Club. Contact Greg Walz on 96641088.

The 2001 HSC and 1999 SC 10 year reunion is on Saturday 12th November at Cassata Bar, Forresters Hotel, Surry Hills. Contact email mccr12.2001.10.1999@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parenting Course: Speaker Janet Harris, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Sydney Children's Hospital on Wednesday 16th, 23rd and 30th November 2011 12.30pm-2.30pm at Botany Family & Children's Centre. Ph Kristy or Rachel on 9666 5047.

Youth BBQ: Saturday 5th November 11am-2pm, at Arthur Byrne, Reserve Maroubra Beach. Ph 9305 6235.

Uniform Shop: Opening hours Tuesday 8am-11.15am and Thursday 8am-1pm. Special opening hours: Saturday 19th and 26th November and 3rd December 8am-12pm.

South Maroubra SLSC: Open Day and Course info, South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club ph 9314 0070 or email info@southmaroubraslsc.com.au on Saturday 22nd October 1pm-3pm at Arthur Byrne Reserve, South Maroubra.

St Brigid's Parish Coogee 100 Year Centenary: We will be celebrating on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November, with an official lunch at the Coogee Diggers Club, Coogee on the Sunday. Tickets to the lunch will be on sale after each Mass this weekend 22nd and 23rd October or may be purchased at the Parish Office ph 9315 7562.