



Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of Marcellin

## Who are your Coaches?

I was sitting at Netball two weeks ago with a friend of mine about to watch my daughter's Semi Final. He is not a teacher but we got talking about the teaching profession and what a wonderful, privileged profession it is. When he left to watch his own daughters play, I observed close to 30 teams being prepared to play by their coaches.

Different coaches have different styles and what was obvious to me was the care and commitment each of them displayed towards all of their team members. I could hear words of advice and I could see their preparation coming to a conclusion as the girls were about to take the field to do this on their own. From where I was sitting, I could see across to a number of soccer fields where many teams and parents had gathered. Their coaches were doing exactly the same thing. It suddenly dawned on me that the coaches in our lives and in the lives of our children are such significant people. The coaches I observed don't get paid for what they do, yet across this City and beyond these people are wonderful teachers of our youth.



Last Friday we had the Winter Sports Assembly and speaking to us was an ex student and head coach of the NSW Rugby Union Waratahs, Mr Michael Cheika. We congratulated all of our winter team representatives and celebrated the many successes throughout the MCC season. What was particularly interesting for me was Michael's reflection on his role and responsibility as coach. He talked about his transformation from Rugby player to Rugby coach and how, as you become older and wiser, your skill turns into that of teacher, advisor and carer. In sport we have coaches, but in life we have many more.

I want to reflect on some of the many coaches a Marcellin College boy has in his life. The first coaches in his life are his parents. Most likely, parents are life's most important coaches and I'm yet to find a coaching manual that accurately articulates the role in its entirety. Other influential coaches

in the life of a Marcellin Boy are his teachers. I consider myself a very proud and dedicated teacher and I also see these and many other good qualities in each of the teachers at Marcellin. Teachers not only educate according to a curriculum but in many ways take on the role of parent five days a week. What I have particularly noticed about the teachers at Marcellin since my arrival in January is their genuine care and concern for all of the boys they are associated with. The majority of teachers at Marcellin in fact take on the role of coach after the school day at sport, music, debating and public speaking to name a few.

Teachers are often back with students and with them on weekends completing major projects and accompanying them to places like Matt Talbot and the Vinnies Van. Parents and teachers, together with other coaches, ensure that every boy at Marcellin has someone to look after and guide them through this stage of their lives. As I mentioned at assembly on Friday, boys

at Marcellin must seek out their coaches, look up to them, be advised by them and draw from them knowledge and wisdom. At some stage, the Marcellin boy will progress into the role of coach in one form or another.

I am convinced that, while not everybody moves into the teaching profession in life, we all ultimately become teachers of others. As adults, the job we do with our youth is very influential. Whether we look after a team, become a parent or teach surf survival skills at the local Surf Club, all of us at some stage will take on the privileged role of coach in the life of another and what a big responsibility we have. My friend said to me as he left the Netball courts that he admired the job I do in my career as teacher. Upon reflection, we all take on a role like this and together we help shape the adults of tomorrow.

Have a nice week ahead.

Peter Buxton  
Deputy Headmaster



## Graduation Day Schedule - Thursday, 19 September

On Thursday, 19 September the College will celebrate the Graduating Class of 2013. Year 12 will commence their day with breakfast followed by Mass at 9.30am, a whole school Graduation Assembly at 12.00pm, and then a Graduation dinner that night. The rest of the school will have an alternate timetable on this day. School will begin at the usual time with Homeroom and shortened Periods 1 and 2. Following Period 2, Years 7-11 will form a Guard of Honour for our Graduating Class before moving to recess and then assembly. Dismissal on this day will be 1.30pm and I have a very clear expectation that every boy is at school on this day. There will not be any school special buses provided on this day.

Boys are to wear full College uniform, including blazers, on this day. If students are absent, a doctor's certificate will be required upon their return to school.

Thank you for your continued support in the partnership of educating your sons.

Mr Peter Buxton  
Deputy Headmaster

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## Annual Marcellin College Walkathon

The Annual Marcellin College Walkathon will take place on Friday, 25 October 2013 (Term 4, Week 3). The event is our only compulsory fundraiser for the year and is a significant community day with plenty of colour and enthusiasm.

This year, as in the past, the College will have the privilege of a day off for their fundraising efforts and participation, but to qualify for this the school must raise over \$60,000 and each student should have raised the minimum \$65. Incentive prizes including movie tickets and gift vouchers will be drawn for students achieving their goal. All monies are to be bought in by Wednesday, 6 November (Term 4, Week 5).

Furthermore, with such a large event we rely on the valuable time and efforts of the parents from the Marcellin community. During homeroom this week the boys have received their sponsorship cards, an information letter to parents that will provide additional information and a form asking for assistance from parents on the day. Please return this note by Wednesday, 18 September or contact Mrs Mary Ivancic via email: [mary.ivancic@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mary.ivancic@syd.catholic.edu.au) if you can help in any way on the day.

### TERM 3 AND TERM 4 CALENDAR EVENTS

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Thursday, 19 September | Year 12 Graduation and last day of classes for Years 7 to 11 - full College uniform |
| Friday, 20 September   | School Holidays commence  |
| Monday, 7 October      | PUBLIC HOLIDAY  |
| Tuesday, 8 October     | Term 4 commences - Summer uniform   |
| Tuesday, 8 October     | Year 7 2015 Enrolments (Intake 1) commence  |
| Friday, 11 October     | Headmaster's Assembly - 9.50am  |
| Monday, 14 October     | HSC examinations commence   |
| Friday, 18 October     | Staff Development Day - student free day  |
| Wednesday, 23 October  | Yr 11 HSC Preliminary Prizegiving Assembly - 9.50am                                 |
| Friday, 25 October     | College Walkathon   |

### CLASS REUNIONS

|                  |                                       |  |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Class of 1993    | Friday, 27 September                  | Randwick Labor Club - contact Mr Jamie Grant on 0438 398 669     |
| Classes of 61-63 | Saturday, 16 November                 | Randwick Labor Club, 12.00pm. Info: kevthomas_ranger@hotmail.com |
| Class of 1983    | <i>Postponed until further notice</i> |  |

HELPERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED

# Marcellin Walkathon

FRIDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2013

Please return this form to Homeroom Teacher by Wednesday, 18 September.

**I am able to assist at the Walkathon on 25 October.**

NAME (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

SON'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME ROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are willing to assist, what hours are you available? (We need help between 9:00am and 2:00pm – but mainly between 9:30am and 12.00pm)

Please circle available times: 9am-2pm    9am-11:30am    11am-2pm    Other \_\_\_\_\_

In which area can you help?    Be on a checkpoint    Help with the BBQ (start at 8:00 am)

This is a great opportunity to support your son and school. If you can help, please do. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Mary Ivancic on 0411 751 958, or email [mary.ivancic@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mary.ivancic@syd.catholic.edu.au)

## Indigenous Career Day

On Wednesday, 28 August Jai McGrath (Yr 10) and Joshua Cook (Yr 9) attended the Aboriginal Careers and Community Open Day at the Little Bay Community Centre.

A number of government agencies and many private providers were in attendance at what was a very informative and motivational day.

The boys used the opportunity to speak with many of the representatives and gather resources which will assist them to make informed and productive decisions about further study and career directions.

Mr Paul Leary  
Transitions Coordinator



Above: Joshua Cook and Jai McGrath with Rhys Wesser, recently retired NRL player for Penrith and South Sydney



## Matthew Waller - Recipient of The Archbishop of Sydney Award for Student Excellence

On Tuesday, 3 September Matthew Waller (Year 12) was a recipient of the prestigious The Archbishop of Sydney Award for Student Excellence. The following citation was read by Claudio Fabiano (Year 11) at the presentation, which was held at St Mary's Cathedral.

*Matthew is a young man who exemplifies the Marial qualities of strength, compassion and gentleness. He demonstrates commitment to his faith by vigorously participating in the myriad of faith activities and celebrations at the College. He is a young man who understands what it means to integrate faith and life.*

*Matthew's selfless attitude and involvement in all spheres of school life reflect the Marist values of hard work and presence. The authentic interactions he has with others makes Matthew an outstanding role-model of the values of Jesus Christ - he is a person who respects the worth and dignity of everyone in the College community.*



**Right: Congratulations to Matthew Waller on receiving The Archbishop of Sydney Award for Student Excellence**

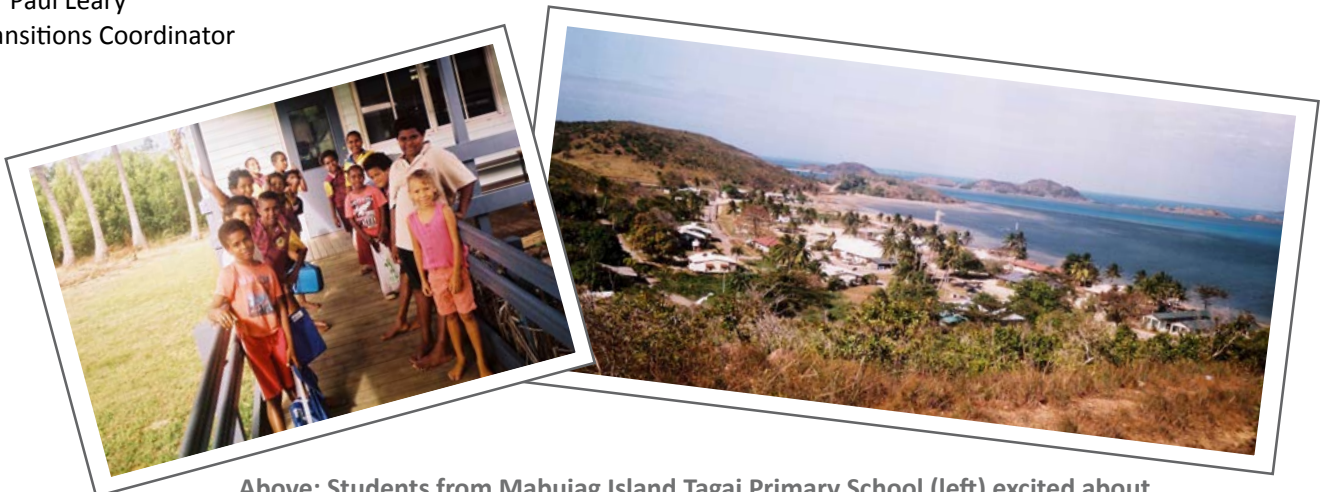
## Thursday Island and Mabuiag Island Immersion - 2014

Marcellin College is committed to a social justice and ministry program which engages the students in a variety of experiences, with the aim of broadening their view and raising their awareness of other cultures. With this in mind, the College has been looking to create an opportunity for five boys in Year 11, as part of Ministry Week, to attend an Immersion.

In August, I spent a week in the Torres Strait Islands setting up contacts and working out logistics with the aim of putting things in place for 2014. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School on Thursday Island and the Mabuiag Island Tagai Primary School are very keen to host a group from Marcellin and establish ongoing links with the College.

The Torres Strait has a unique and proud place in Australia's indigenous heritage and the boys would learn much from the chance to experience this first hand. More details will be forthcoming early in 2014.

Mr Paul Leary  
Transitions Coordinator



**Above: Students from Mabuiag Island Tagai Primary School (left) excited about the visit of Marcellin College students next year to their beautiful island (right)**



## Men that Matter

On Friday, 30 August we gathered together in the Eucharist to give thanks, to celebrate and to bless the 'Men that Matter' in the lives of our boys. An overwhelming number of 'Men that Matter' turned up to be with their sons, grandsons, brothers and nephews.

The Vaughan Centre was at capacity as Fr Prasad presided over a simple yet heart felt liturgy. After Communion, the 'Men that Matter' were presented with a cerise and blue ribbon as a reminder of how much they are loved and how grateful our boys are to have them in their lives.

### A Blessing for the 'Men that Matter'

*God of Kindness and Compassion,  
We are your children and you are Father to us all.  
We give honour and thanks to those who reflect your fatherly example:*

*We look to these men for strength of body and strength of character.  
We look to them to pass on skills and pass on stories.  
We look to them to protect and provide.  
We look to them for care and compassion.*

*For all those who embrace their role as father, we give thanks.  
For those who struggle with being fathers, give them strength.  
For those who are distanced from their children, give them comfort.  
For those who have passed from this world, give them peace.*

*Bless them in their strength and in their weakness.  
Bless them in their joy and in their sorrow.  
Bless them in their work and in their play.  
And bless them, Father, for being 'Men that Matter'.*

*Amen.*



PHOTOS - 1: Mr Ivan Maljevac with Daniel (Yr 7) and Thomas (Yr 9)  
2: Mr Anthony King and Thomas (Yr 9) 3: Jacob (Yr 8) and Allan Graham 4: Zach (Yr 12) and Mal Wheeler



## National Youth Science Forum

Imagine immersing yourself in a twelve day full-on work-life experience exploring a diverse range of science career options. Miguel Vila, Shaun Buckton and David Sudar in Year 11 were given this opportunity at the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF).

*"We were chosen from a group of 1,300 Year 11 applicants after a comprehensive evaluation process. The NYSF has been operating for over thirty years, and it is this history that has resulted in the development of a unique, prestigious program that brings together the elite of Australian high school science students, offering them insights into the wide range of career possibilities.*

*The NYSF starts with a meeting with the Governor of NSW, which is already an amazing opportunity that very few people are privileged with. In the January sessions we go on to a mix of laboratory visits at university and industrial research facilities where we conduct countless experiments and meet leaders of the scientific world. In addition, we will engage in a series of energetic debates where we hope to break down the legal, political, and ethical implications of science's hottest topics.*

*If we are lucky enough, we may also be given the opportunity to take part in the Next Step program where we can travel to Europe and the United States. Most students then go on to enrol in a science or engineering degree at university and continue to work in a related field.*

*We are excited and look forward to such a great opportunity. To any future students wanting to have a future in science or are just interested in the area, we highly recommend the program. It will be a very rewarding experience."*

Miguel Vila, Shaun Buckton and David Sudar.



## Marist Oratory Competition

The 23rd Annual Marist Oratory was held on Wednesday 26 August 2013 at Marist College Eastwood. It was a fantastic night, with both Tim Nichols (Yr 11) and Alex Krikorian (Yr 8) placing second in their divisions. These two students also progressed through to the finals in the CSDA competition for the last 2 years.

Twelve Marist Schools across the region competed and the event was attended by every school principal. Special thanks to the parents and families of the boys who competed for their constant support. All boys performed well and were inspiring with the speeches they developed and delivered, covering social justice issues such as poverty, homelessness, aged care, community and personal support for those in need.

Miss Naleen-Helen Greenwood  
Debating and Oratory Coordinator



## Sport and Co-curricular Photos

Team and individual sport photos, along with co-curricular photos, are now available to be viewed at the College Office.

Order forms are available from the Office until the end of this term.



## From the Sportsmaster

### MCC ATHLETICS

Our Athletics team competed at the MCC Carnival on Thursday, 22 August at ES Marks Field. Our squad managed to place third overall for the carnival. Highlights of the day were our victory in the Junior (U15 & U16) Division and the remarkable performance by James Bassil who broke the U16 Triple Jump record which has stood since 1973. This jump would have also broken the current Opens Triple Jump record which was set in 1950. My thanks to Mr Laing, Mr Leary, Mr Fitzgerald, Mr Ross and Mr Dunne who coached the squad this season. Results were as follows:

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Juvenile – 4th | Junior – 1st    |
| Senior – 4th   | Aggregate – 3rd |

### CCC CUP RUGBY LEAGUE

Our A Grade Rugby League team played their semi final of the CCC Cup at Heffron last week. They were up against Patrician Brothers Blacktown who are a highly regarded schoolboy Rugby League team. Our boys performed extremely well and were narrowly defeated 18-12. This season has been one of outstanding success for this team, firstly as very worthy MCC Champions and also CCC Semi finalists. Congratulations to these boys and their coaches Mr O'Connell & Mr Gardiner.

### WINTER SPORTS AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Our Winter Sports Awards Assembly was held last Friday. Many boys received awards for their performances in Rugby League, Soccer, Athletics and Cross Country. Our special guest for this assembly was NSW Waratahs head coach Michael Cheika who is an Ex Student of the College. It was great to see many parents and families in attendance also. Congratulations to all award winners for their outstanding efforts throughout the winter season.

#### Soccer

Under 13 Div 1  
Under 13 Div 2  
Under 14  
Under 15  
B Grade  
A Grade

#### Rugby League

Under 13 Div2b  
Under 13 Div2a  
Under 13 Div 1  
Under 14  
Under 15  
B Grade  
A Grade

#### Athletics

Under 12  
Under 13  
Under 14  
Under 15  
Under 16  
Opens

#### Cross Country

Under 12  
Under 13  
Under 14  
Under 15  
Under 16  
Under 17  
Under 18

Mr Luke MacNamara  
Sports Coordinator

#### Most Improved

Jeremy Quigg  
Kieran Pennesi  
Fionn Geraghty  
Pearse Dolan  
Adam Shean  
Kevin Lopes

#### Best Forward

Dane Geraghty  
Bailey Neville  
Jye Southworth  
Campbell Graham  
Joseph Galea  
Benjamin Morgan  
Hayden Preece

#### Age Champion

Sean Beven  
Lachlan Golsby  
Jonathan Mitsias  
Pearse Dolan  
James Bassil  
Abaina Davis

#### Age Champion

Sean Beven  
Anthony Touma  
Stephen Young  
Harrison Lewis  
Joshua Dever  
Robert Murphy  
Benjamin Thornton

#### Best and Fairest

Jack Butterfield  
Giuseppe Fedele  
Andre Goncalves  
Alex Kyriacou  
Benjamin Thornton  
Giuseppe Giuffre

#### Best Back

Zac Paterson  
Hayden Fox  
Egan Butcher  
Jonathan Mitsias  
Lachlan Lam  
Joshua Brabrook  
Bronson Garlick

## Under 16s AFL Cup Finals - Swans Cup Winners

On Wednesday 21 August, the Under 16s Australian Rules Football team represented Marcellin College at the AFL Cup at Blacktown International Sports Park as winners of the Swans Cup Southern Region. The team was drawn against a very strong Hills Sports High School team and, despite goals from Thomas Chichester and Harrison Lewis, went down by a 2.3(15) to 10.7 (67) scoreline.

In the third-place play off Marcellin played the winners of the Swans Cup Northern Region, St. Paul's High School, Port Macquarie. In a tense match where momentum swung

from one side to the other, Marcellin were able to emerge victorious 9.6 (60) to 6.9 (45) thanks to goals from Declan White (3), Anthony Halikas (2), Thomas Chichester (2), Alexander Drury and Thomas McCusker. As a result of this, Marcellin College was awarded the 2013 Under 16 Swans Cup. This is a fantastic achievement for the boys in the College's first season in the competition.

Mr James Broe  
Coach



Above: Congratulations to the Under 16s AFL team - 2013 Swans Cup winners

# 2013 Debate Spectacular

MARCELLIN OLD BOYS V'S MARCELLIN STUDENTS

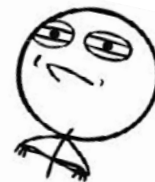
'Youth is Wasted on the Young'

### Answer

'Youth is wasted on the young' is one of the famous quotes of George Bernard Shaw. He is an Irish playwright and essayist. He won the Nobel Prize of Literature in 1925.

Reference: [www.nobelprize.org](http://www.nobelprize.org)

**Challenge Accepted!**



**Family event  
- all welcome!**

**When:** Tuesday, 17 September (Term 3, Week 10)  
**Commencing:** 6.00pm throwdown  
**Where:** Vaughn Centre, Marcellin College Randwick  
**Post Debate Celebrations:** Finger food in the Courtyard