I had become so focused on the meetings I was facilitating on a recent trip to Africa that I completely forgot to book accommodation for my overnight stay in Dubai on the way home. Only hours before departure I jumped on wotif.com to find somewhere to stay and was overwhelmed. I had heard that Dubai was home to the thousands of hotels and more 7 star hotels than anywhere in the world, but oh, so many choices and all so enticing. Weariness finally got the better of me and I opted for the ‘mystery booking’, that promised to provide an accommodation experience well beyond the price paid. Its a risk, and friends who have made mystery bookings had given me mixed reviews.

My risk paid off and I found myself in a $750 a night room at the Sofitel overlooking the recently created man-made beachfront and paid just $180. It was opulent, but “having worked so hard, I deserve it”, I heard my logic tell my conscience! I had arrived in Dubai at 5.00am and so by 8.00am I was pampered and ready to set-off from the Sofitel to indulge my love for modern architecture in a city that is the fastest growing in the world.

After hours of neck stretching sightseeing and trawling shopping malls near the size of a Sydney suburb, I ended my day with the piece de resistance - the jewel of Dubai and the tallest building in the world, the Burj Khalifa. Not only tall but glistening and curvaceous, this building has at its feet the most expansive fountain in the world and at night, synchronised with lights and music, it entertains the crowds whose awe ends in ruptures of applause.

How is this possible? Such a rapid rate of building, on such a scale and to such a high standard. It was 11.00pm by the time I had taken in a leisurely dinner with a view of the dancing fountain that captivated me with its new performance every 15 minutes. The avenues and air-bridges were packed with the dispersing crowds so I took the quieter side streets back to the metro, and there they were. Bus load after bus load of foreign workers, some arriving at construction sites, others departing for the work camps on the edge of the glittering city. Congested, even cramped work camps nothing like my mystery hotel and while these workers have built the Burj Khalifa it is almost certain they will never live in anything that would come close to its opulence.

I wasn’t disappointed; interesting, creative, soaring towers rocketed to the skies at the turn of every corner, and next to each magnificent building there was yet another being constructed. The rate of building could reasonably lead the onlooker to conclude that as breathtaking as the scale of construction might be, close up they must be a bit dodgy, even shoddy in the detail. Not so. From the executive suites of the oil magnates down to the recently completed metro train stations used by the general public, everything is completed with attention to detail and is pristinely clean.

The beauty and opulence of Dubai...

...solidarity; its not just about charity, its about standing shoulder-to-shoulder with everyone, and the needy and marginalised in particular. Its about working for a world that is more equitable, ... and everyone is treated with the same dignity...”
I felt uncomfortable and, in the instinctive attempts to negate this, my rational mind told me that “at least they had work, and surely their families back home would be better off”. Some of that is probably true but as I wandered those streets on a balmy Dubai night I found myself finally listening to the words we preach to the boys at MCR about solidarity; it’s not just about charity, it’s about standing shoulder-to-shoulder with everyone, and the needy and marginalised in particular. It’s about working for a world that is more equitable, where there is no gap between the rich and the poor and everyone is treated with the same dignity and respect afforded all too often to only the privileged.

I teach about solidarity but my unexpected diversion into the Dubai side-streets helped me understand more profoundly the words I preach.

It was the subtlety of it all that got me. I had encountered stark poverty and disparity in wealth only days before in Nairobi, but this injustice was less obvious but just as significant. I didn’t quite see the Sofitel in the same light when I slipped between the 400 thread Egyptian cotton sheets after a wearying day and I cursed the God who has now unsettled me in a way I would not prefer. ‘God’s ways are not our ways’ but God’s ways are based on the fundamental world view that every person is made in the image and likeness of God. I encountered God in Dubai, but never in the way I might have imagined.

SEXUAL ABUSE AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

In the wake of the most recent hearing of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, I had intended to address this very important issue in the front-page editorial this week but I find myself drifting in and out of confusion, disappointment and at times disillusionment around this topic.

As disturbing as they are, I found various articles that appeared in the on-line journal Eureka Street yesterday (Thursday, 3 April) to be most instructive, incisive and helpful. I recommend them to you:

Church honours market over Gospel in abuse cases

Commission hearings’ trail of collateral devastation

Br David Hall FMS
Headmaster

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From the Deputy Headmaster

I would like to remind parents about our expectations with mobile phones. If a student chooses to bring his mobile phone to school, it must remain turned off or set to “flight mode” for the entire day. Students must not use their phone for any reason during the day unless they have exceptional permission from a teacher. Under no circumstance is a student to phone or SMS his parents from school. If parents need to be contacted, this must happen via the Front Office. I ask parents to discuss this matter carefully with your sons as any breach of this will result in his phone being confiscated for two weeks.

As the term draws to an end, it is very important that high standards are maintained up until the very last day. I have clear expectations that all boys are to be engaged in their learning every lesson until the end of Period 6 next Friday. Expectations with hair, uniform, behaviour, work ethic and respect are as high in these last weeks as they were at the beginning of term. The last day of school is Friday, 11 April and any absences on this day will require a doctor’s certificate on the first day of Term 2.

I would like to wish everyone in the Marcellin Community a lovely Easter and well deserved break. School resumes on Monday, 28 April with students to be dressed in full winter uniform.

Enjoy your week.

Mr Peter Buxton
Deputy Headmaster

Our tally to date...
$5,071.80

College Canteen Relocation

Planning for the Marcellin Capital Works program is ongoing, with our estimated commencement date early in Term 2. In preparation for this, the College canteen will cease operations in its current location after recess Thursday, 10 April. The canteen will be relocated to the Marist Centre and commence operations there at the start of Term 2.

On Friday, 11 April, there will be a Solidarity Canteen providing food and drinks at both recess and lunch. Further communications related to the capital works program will be relayed to parents once the start date is confirmed.

Mr Brian Vane-Tempest
Director of Development & Communications
Ciao Marcellin 2014

[Marcellin College Randwick in France and Italy]

On 2nd April, twenty-seven Year 11 students studying Ancient History and Italian, along with teachers Mr Paul Daley, Ms Jane Evan and Mr Jacob Gibbons and myself, left for a 3 week tour of France and Italy; a journey of discovery to many renowned places steeped in history. We will experience the people, food and culture of these two amazing countries.

The first leg of our trip begins in Paris. Our travels will then take us south for a stay at Le Hermitage, where our students will be the first in the College’s history to ‘walk in the footsteps of Champagnat’.

From here we fly to Rome. A highlight of this part of our trip will be a visit to Vatican City, with a 3 hour tour of the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, where we will see the famous ceiling painted by Michelangelo.

Following this we will separate into two groups; the language students will begin a homestay with an Italian host family, spending time in the classroom of an Italian school, whilst the Ancient History students will begin a detailed exploration of Ancient Rome. The group will then reunite and visit Pompeii before moving onto Florence, and concluding in Assisi.

We invite you to join us daily and explore the sites, attractions and culture via our blog [http://ciaomarcellin2014.wordpress.com/](http://ciaomarcellin2014.wordpress.com/)

Mr Anthony Burke
HSIE Coordinator

Photos:
The 2014 Marcellin College France and Italy Tour will include visits to landmarks and historical places including:
1. the Eiffel Tower in Paris
2. La Valla (birthplace of the Marist Brothers)
   3. the Vatican City
   4. the Colosseum in Rome

Religious Education Coordinator - Contract Renewal Process

The Catholic Education Office has a contract renewal process for school leaders that takes place in the final year of their contract. This year, Mr Ian Laing, Religious Education Coordinator will participate in this process.

Information in relation to the process is outlined in the following letter (available on our website - click on this link) to the Marcellin College community from Ms Robyn Glover, the Catholic Education Office Eastern Region Consultant.

Mr Brian Vane-Tempest
Director of Development & Communications
Congratulations Year 7 & 8 - Annual Sponsored Fast

Solidarity is one of the four key principles of Catholic social teaching, which reflect the Church’s social mission in response to the challenges of the day. As a way of actively participating in such a mission and contributing to the College Lenten Program, students from Years 7 and 8 participated in the Annual Sponsored Fast on Friday, 4 April. Students were asked to abstain from eating once school began at 8.40am. At recess and lunch they were able to drink water or fruit juice only. The fast finished at 3.15pm. Money raised will go toward the final Lenten total which will then be donated to Marist Solidarity. All money needs to be returned in Homeroom before the end of term.

Congratulations to all the boys for their perseverance in fighting through the hunger pains with smiling faces, and to their dedication to the Marist Solidarity cause.

Mr Paul MacGee  Mr Jacob Gibbons
Year 7 Coordinator  Year 8 Coordinator

Photos: Some diligent study, fruit juice, a movie at recess in the Marist Centre and laughter with friends helped Years 7 & 8 through the Annual Sponsored Fast. The boys fasted from 8.40am until 3.15pm today. Well done boys!

A request from Vinnies Night Patrol

The St Vincent de Paul Society Night Patrol is seeking toiletries for making up packs that are handed out to the homeless.

Any toiletries, including shampoo, conditioner and soaps would be greatly appreciated. Please hand these in to the Front Office. Thank you for your support.

Year 12 Parent/Teacher interviews

Week 1, Term 2
Wednesday 30 April 2014
3.30pm - 7.00pm

Student reports will be sent home next Tuesday.
Big Brother at Marcellin

In Week 1, Term 2 the Big Brother program will be reintroduced at Marcellin. This program began last year and was a huge success. It will kick off in a similar fashion as last year, but will now include morning and afternoon sessions for both Years 7 and 8.

Essentially, this will be a homework and assessment club run by the senior students, who tutor in a way which the younger students can relate to. It aims to help with study timetabling, study techniques, interpretation of assessments, understanding classwork and other general questions and queries. Not only will it consolidate the younger students learning, but also allow the senior boys to understand the concept of ‘ministering for others’, as well as increase their Solidarity hours and gain a sense of empathy of what it feels like to be a teacher.

Anyone who is interested and would like further information should contact the Year 7 Coordinator, Mr Paul MacGee via email paul.macgee@syd.catholic.edu.au

Caleb O’Brien
College Captain

Art Express Exhibition – Top HSC Bodies of Work on Exhibition

The day began with the usual bus ride to the Sydney Art Gallery, an experience of which many of us had already undertaken, having seen last year’s Art Express presentation. The arrival was swift and on the steps of the Gallery notes, ideas and conceptual practices were undertaken and created before the rain brought an end to our artistic spirits until entry. The entry through the main doors was slow, leaving students in the rain and impatient. From there it was pretty much straight to the atrium where the presentation commenced, the usual meet and greet was established with various important anecdotes, the most influential for me being “you’ll love it and hate it and then love it again” and “work constantly, it doesn’t matter what you do as long as you are experimenting and creating”.

After various artists talked about their amazing artworks and the creative processes, conceptual ideas behind them and materials we ascended the gallery stairs to the exhibition. It was there that I completely became overwhelmed not only with the intense creativity and skill presented, but in some instances the lack of, leaving me thinking “how was this accepted?”. This intense contrast left me perplexed, yet now fully aware that it’s not just skill but concept that makes a great artwork.

The array of themes, materials and concepts inspired me greatly and added more useful components to my own art making practice and conceptual formation. Yet the most profound thing for me was that even doubt entered the minds of the artists present there; that even the best Year 12 artists still experienced the power of doubt, yet still persevered.

“If you hear a voice within you say ‘you cannot paint’ then by all means paint and that voice will be silenced.”

Vincent Van Gogh

Lucas Howard (12.1)
Dear Parents,

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As you would be aware the College is holding a Trivia Night at The Juniors on Friday 30th May, 2014 to support the College Financial Hardship Bursary. This is the only fundraising event we organise to support the bursary and I would be most grateful for the support of all Marcellin College families. All monies raised on this evening will go towards providing opportunities for families, who due to genuine financial difficulties, may not otherwise have the means to send their son to Marcellin College.

To guarantee that the night is a financial success we preferably need our raffle prizes and auction items to be donated. This letter is to ask you to help in one of three ways:

1. Donate money so that the P&F can purchase items to auction or donate items that can be used as prizes, auction items etc.
2. If you own or work in a business that could donate goods or services. We will promote the business/product on the night and throughout our advertising campaign.
3. We are also asking each student to bring in some small donations from home for prizes.

These can be handed in to the school office. We ask that each class bring in the following:

- **Years 7 & 8** – instant lottery tickets
- **Year 9 & 10** – confectionary/chocolates
- **Years 11 & 12** – cosmetics/personal items

These items will be bundled with other donated items to make up great prize packs.

Donations can be left at the Marcellin College Office or pick-ups can be arranged by emailing **mcr-secretary@syd.catholic.edu.au**

Thank you for your consideration of this request and I look forward to a very successful Trivia Night.

Br David Hall
Headmaster
CSDA Debating - Year 8 Winners

Round 1 of the Catholic Schools Debating Association (CSDA) Debating competition was held at Waverley College on Friday, 28 March 2014. Our teams this year have some new members across the divisions, and we welcome them into the competition.

All teams trained hard, and many debates were close in results. Congratulations to Year 8 for their success last week. The team, pictured right, included Thomas Stellino, Alessio Speranza, Rory Dolan and Ryan Dharma, and was coached by MCR Old Boy Mr Sean Harris.

Miss Naleen-Helen Greenwood
Debating and Oratory Coordinator

Year 11 Biology Field Trip

On March 12, Year 11 Biology students visited Bonna Point, Kurnell. It was here where we were guided by one of many instructors from AUSECO in order to gain a further understanding of our current biology studies. This included many experiments to determine the effects abiotic factors have on an environment, how to determine the distribution of certain fauna, calculating the population or abundance of a certain species and the temporary catchment of marine organisms to investigate adaptations they have developed. All the tests and activities carried out were much fun and definitely got us thinking.

Without doubt, the highlight of the day was when all the boys entered the estuary to catch some aquatic life. This was the most the hands on activity and by far the most enjoyable. Some of the boys were skilled enough to catch blue lined octopuses and electric rays.

Chris Downey (11.3)

Year 11 Senior Science Field Trip

On Wednesday, 12 March, the Year 11 Senior Science course attended an excursion at Towara Point. Led by Mrs Adonis we looked at the natural environment and studied the local ecosystem. We were amazed by the wildlife, flora and natural habitats of the life forms around. It was such a natural and untouched by human area. We participated in practical activities that were both fun and educational.

Having this hands on approach to our learning was an effective way of letting the information sink in, and furthered our knowledge on the ecosystems. It gave us a good head start to further topics that we will be learning about in the future.

Tom Scullion (11.5)

Below: Year 11 boys on science excursions at Kurnell and Towara Point
Marcellin College ANZAC Day Ceremony

On Monday, 28 April (Term 2, Day 1) an ANZAC Day ceremony will be held at the College from 10.30am. We warmly invite all parents, guardians and friends of the Marcellin community to join us for this special service.

At the ceremony, the boys will be given a commemorative booklet which they are to take home and show parents. The booklet reflects on the meaning of ANZAC Day for Australians and especially for the boys here at Marcellin, with the names of the 31 Marcellin College graduates who were killed in WWII listed.

Steve Angrisano is an American singer who performed at the Australian gathering in Rio de Janeiro and was the headline act of the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne last year.

Steve is undoubtedly one of the leading Catholic performers in the world, filling stadiums across America for his performances. Steve will hold a CEO exclusive performance on the evening of Friday, 16 May at Good Samaritan Catholic College.

Details for “One Voice” with Steve Angrisano

Time/Date: Friday 16 May – 5:30 - 9.00pm
Venue: Good Samaritan Catholic College.
401 Hoxton Park Road, Hinchinbrook
Cost: Free
Dress: Casual
Food: BBQ and Drink provided.
Theme: “Give a Voice to the Cry of the Poor”
Pope Francis (2013), CEO Sydney 2014 theme

See Mr Mullaly for further details.
Careers

Term 1 is coming to a close but university information evenings, school visits and course guides are coming thick and fast. To date, ACU and Macquarie University have already visited the College to speak to students, and the below universities will give seminars on the following dates:

- Sydney University  30/4/14
- UNSW    14/5/14
- Notre Dame   21/5/14
- UTS    11/6/14

The students from Years 10 - 12 who have attended the first two seminars have found them extremely informative and helpful. Information delivered covers uni-life, bonus ATAR points, scholarships, degrees, alternative entry/pathways and the students leave with course guides and other relevant information. If your son is planning on going to university please encourage him to attend these events. For any information on courses please send your son to see me during recess or lunch or have him book an appointment.

Year 10 work experience has had some changes to dates for the second block. A letter was sent home with your son to highlight these changes. The letter can also be found on the College website: [http://www.marcellin.nsw.edu.au/library/Yr10WorkExperience.pdf](http://www.marcellin.nsw.edu.au/library/Yr10WorkExperience.pdf)

Please follow this link to access tertiary education information from this fortnight. College website Careers link. If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me at: john.cuthbertson@syd.catholic.edu.au

Mr John Cuthbertson
Careers & VET Coordinator
Celebrating Easter in our Parishes

Our Lady Of The Annunciation Parish Pagewood
Programme for the Holy Week 2014

12th/13th April Passion Sunday:
Vigil Mass at 5:30pm Entrance Procession with Palms
Passion Sunday: 8am and 10am. Procession with Palms
14th April Monday:
Mass at 8am
15th April Tuesday:
6-7pm Individual Confessions
7pm Mass
After Mass Confessions continue (if required)
16th April Wednesday:
Mass at 8am

17th April Holy Thursday:
No regular 8am Mass
[10:30am Chrism Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral]
7pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Washing of the Feet
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose.
18th April Good Friday:
10am Solemn Way of the Cross
3pm Celebration of Lord’s Passion
19th April Holy Saturday:
No 8.00am Mass
7pm Easter Vigil (Candle Procession)
20th April Easter Sunday
8am Mass
10am Mass

Happy Easter
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!

ST. BERNARD’S PARISH, BOTANY
Holy Week Liturgical Ceremonies 2014

Palm Sunday
Sat 12th April Vigil 5:30pm
Sun 13th April 7:00am & 9:00am
Croatian Mass at 11:00am

Second Rite of Reconciliation
Wednesday 16th April at 7:00pm

Holy Thursday 17th April
Mass of Lord’s Supper at 7:00 pm
Adoration from 8:00pm

Good Friday 18th April
Stations of the Cross 10:00 am.
Celebration of Lord’s Passion 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday 19th April
Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00pm

Easter Sunday 20th April
Mass at 7:00am and 9:00am
Croatian Mass at 11:00am

Happy Easter

ST. JOSEPH’S
Catholic Church Rosebery

Come and celebrate the Joy of Easter 2014.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS AT OUR CHURCH
• Ash Wednesday – March 5: Masses 7am and 7pm
• Holy Thursday – April 17:
  - Mass 7pm followed by Adoration until 10pm
• Good Friday – April 18:
  - LIVE Stations of the Cross - 10am
  - followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation
  - The Passion of Our Lord - 3pm
• Easter Saturday – April 19:
  - Vigil - Mass of the Festival of Lights 6pm
• Easter Sunday – April 20: Masses 7.30am & 9.30am

PERSONAL & ASSISTED EASTER PREPARATION
• Lenten groups led by Verbum Dei Missionaries. Monday 7.30pm-9.30pm. Ph 9313-7099.
• Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 3.30pm-5.20pm or by appointment
• Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament - every Saturday 3.30pm to 5.30pm

REGULAR MASS TIMES
Saturday Vigil 6pm | Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am
Weekdays 7am (Monday communion service only)

Special welcome to newcomers & people interested in returning to Mass. If you would like to talk with Fr Greg about anything, contact the parish on
Ph: 9663 1183 | 1A Morley Avenue, Rosebery
Email: rosebery catholic@gmail.com

Happy Easter

CELEBRATE EASTER

CHRIST IS RISEN
MCC SWIMMING

On Thursday, 20 March our swimmers competed at the MCC Swimming Championships at Homebush. The squad has trained three mornings every week since early February in preparation for the carnival, hoping to defend the four trophies won last year. The boys performed extremely well and came away with three trophies and a second placing in the Senior division which was a terrific achievement. While there were several victories in individual events, the depth of talent in our squad shone through in the relay events. This squad has continued an impressive record with Marcellin now the Aggregate trophy holders for 31 of the past 32 years. Special congratulations to Cormac Guthrie, Kel Gollan, Philipp Trupke & Harrison Smith who broke the MCC record in the U15 4 x 50m Medley Relay. On behalf of the squad, I would like to thank Ms Evans, Miss Clifton, Mr Leary, Mr Weller and Mr Toohey for their efforts in preparing the team at training each week.

The swimmers received great support from our Year 7 and Year 11 students who cheered them on in the grandstands. My thanks to all staff who supervised on the night, as well as parents and families who came along to support our squad. Thanks also to Mrs Moore in the canteen for providing breakfast each morning throughout the season.

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MCC CROSS COUNTRY

In sunny and hot conditions, our Cross Country squad competed at the MCC Championships on Thursday, 3 April at King Georges Park, Rozelle. After holding the aggregate trophy for the last nine years we knew we were in for some tough competition. With guidance and coaching from Mr Dunne, Mr Ross and Ms Gerke the team was ready to compete and well prepared to defend their title. With all members of the team accumulating points, final placings are vital. It was an extremely close finish with our boys narrowly edging out North Shore to return to Marcellin with the aggregate trophy for the tenth consecutive year.

Congratulations to all boys for the manner in which they conducted themselves both during the race and whilst spectating. A big thank you to the coaches and those parents who came to cheer on their sons.

Special congratulations to the following boys who were selected to represent the MCC at the NSW CCC Championships (MCC Placing):

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SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Declan White (Yr 11) who was recently selected in the NSWCCC U/19 Cricket Team. This team competed at the NSW All Schools Carnival. Declan played his part in the team, which after some mixed results over a few days of competition, came out on top winning the carnival for the first time in 17 years. Well done Declan!

Pearse Dolan (Yr 11) was recently recognised for his outstanding performances in winning the NSWCCC Tennis Championship. His excellent form continued last week at the NSW All Schools Tennis Championships. Pearse performed extremely well against the best players in the state and was selected to represent NSW at the National High Schools Championships in Perth. We commend Pearse on this impressive achievement and wish him well for this upcoming competition.

Mr Luke MacNamara
Sports Coordinator