

Marcellin College Randwick

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AETERNA NON CADUCA
The Eternal not the Transitory

From the Headmaster

It happens from time to time as I wander around the school yard at recess and lunch and at the gate while waiting for the buses in the afternoon. As I approach a group of boys or they discover I am near-by their conversation comes to an abrupt conclusion. It's usually because what they've been talking about is inappropriate or someone has been swearing. But last week I stumbled across a group who were embarrassed to discover I was close enough to have caught the end of their conversation. They were embarrassed because their comments had been degrading, demeaning sexual comments about a woman. Before I could say anything the red-faced student said, "Sorry Brother." He knew it was wrong and later that day he and I had a chat about it. I know his mother and father and I know they'd be horrified. I know this boy too and I was surprised it had come out of his mouth. He expressed deep remorse and I know he was sincere but I remained disturbed that I think all too often boys think speaking of women as sexual objects is the cool thing to do.

I'm not talking about sexual curiosity, I'm referring to that debased conversation where men see themselves being sexually powerful over women and speaking of them as if they were objects rather than human beings. During the school holidays I joined our student European Study Tour to France and Italy and also took the opportunity to advance some work I am doing in collaboration with Catholic University Leuven in Belgium. On the long-haul trip home, having watched every episode of the latest series of Modern Family and The Big Bang Theory I ended up searching the Australian movies channel. I thought I had seen them all but then I found the preview of a movie about teenagers and beach culture and thought it might have something to teach me as the Headmaster of a school just up the hill from the coast. It turned out to be a very mediocre movie but the storyline had a profound impact on me.

During a night-time beach party one particular girl ends up having sex with a number of boys. Not surprisingly, the whole thing has devastating outcomes but I was most disturbed by the attitudes that underpinned the whole incident and its aftermath. She becomes known as the s*u* and on one occasion she arrives at a venue to find her name, alongside this word, smeared all over the walls. That is disturbing enough in itself, but more concerning is that the boys in this incident assumed hero status. It's wrong. Horribly wrong. And over the past twelve months we've seen similar attitudes being played out among the AFL and NRL sporting communities. I'm not trying to assert that all women are perfect and all men are sexual perverts, but as a culture we have some work to do on a healthier respect for women.

When I was living in the USA I lived close to Notre Dame University in Indiana and took the opportunity to enjoy American football – Notre Dame has a leading College team in the competition and so the following was strong. A regular home game would attract a crowd of 80,000 and the atmosphere was electric but there was something about the cheer-girl routine at the start of the game and then at interval that I found a bit creepy. The 'oohs' and 'ahs' and the other comments from the men in the crowd made it seem more like a strip show than public entertainment at a football match. And all too often the comments were about using the women as objects. Some say it was just in good fun but I'm not convinced.



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Let us continue to work together to build a culture where our boys have a deep respect of women.

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The fact that many more women than men report sexual harassment in the workplace and significantly more women than men are victims of domestic violence indicates that we have a problem. Once upon a time, the men who sexually harass and the men who physically abuse women in their homes were boys in schools like Marcellin College. I hope our boys never turn out to be people who do such things and I think the way to achieve this is to keep addressing the attitudes that underpin what might seem like ordinary 'boyo' conversation – such conversations should never take place because what we say may well end up being what we do.

There are real signs of hope in this regard. A few weeks ago I explicitly spoke about this issue with the boys in a Headmaster's Address at Assembly and later that day many boys thanked me for the address and indicated that it was important that I had chosen to challenge boys about such attitudes. Let us continue to work together to build a culture of equality and deep respect.

Br David Hall FMS
Headmaster

From the Deputy Headmaster

The Little Things Matter

I am sure you have heard me say from time to time that in life attending to the little things is so important.

I was training with my League team last Thursday at Coogee Beach on a beautiful 26 degree afternoon midway through May. A fine bunch of young Marcellin men ensured a tough but positive run around, combined with a lot of laughs and bit of fun. At the end we all walked to the beach for a swim, and it was on the way that I was reminded of some of the little things in life that do make a difference.

A Grandmother was struggling with a pram in getting down the steps. As quick as it was noticed, one of our boys picked the front of the pram up and helped her carry it to the bottom, all of his own accord. Nothing more to say other than this little act of kindness made a big difference to this lady's day. The second little thing I noticed was the way in which these 15 year old boys are conscious of their surroundings when running around at the beach. When a young child kicked his ball into the water, one of our boys gathered it up and ran it up to his mother.

The little things at school also make a difference. It's easy to let someone else do it, or think that small acts go unnoticed, but they certainly do not. Saying thank you to a teacher for their lesson, picking up a paper so that someone else does not

have to or helping out when there is no glory or recognition involved. These are the signs of a man and of a Marcellin man. Little by little, the "little things" add to the man you are becoming.

Mr Peter Buxton
Deputy Headmaster

TERM 2 CALENDAR EVENTS

Tuesday, 3 June	College Photo Day
Friday, 6 June	Champagnat Day Mass - 9.30am
10 - 13 June	Years 7-9 Examinations
Monday, 16 June	Staff Development Day - student free day
Friday, 27 June	Term 2 classes conclude

Inaugural Lionel Bowen Lecture Series

Wednesday, 20 August 2014 @7.00pm

This year the College commences an annual lecture series named in honour of Mr Lionel Bowen. The inaugural speaker will be

Mr Jeff McMullen



Sacramental Program

Has your son missed any of the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation? Do you wish for him to complete them? Do you wish for your child to have his faith to rely on when times get tough?

This year we will be running a Sacramental program at Marcellin College for students who would like to come to a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ and who express a desire to join the Catholic Christian family through the Sacraments of Initiation. Our hope is that students will be prepared for a life of Christian service as a result of the program.

We would like to extend an invitation to students who were not baptised Catholics or who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation. An Information Evening will be held at the College on Monday, 2 June at 5.00pm in the Vaughan Centre. Should you decide to come along and hear what the program is about, there is no pressure for your son to join the program, to continue with it once he has started or to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the completion of the program. He may choose to stop or continue at any point along the journey to the ceremony on 29 October 2014.

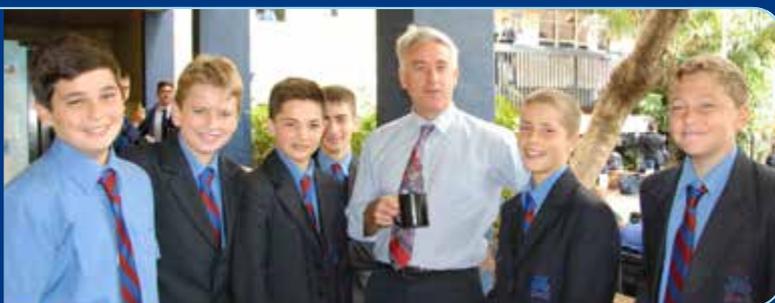


In order to assist with the organisation of the evening, RSVP to mary.ivancic@syd.catholic.edu.au. I look forward to meeting you and hopefully assisting your son with his decision to further develop his relationship with Jesus.

Mrs Mary Ivancic
Sacramental Program Coordinator

Marcellin College Photo Day Tuesday, 3 June

Students are to wear full winter uniform with College blazer and polished shoes



Name Change for Sports House

Many in the MCR community have wondered why three of our Houses are named after people prominent in the history of the College (Ignatius, Fallon & Anselm) and one bears the last name of St Marcellin (Champagnat). The College Executive decided to 'test the water' on this with the senior students and all agreed unanimously that Champagnat didn't quite fit with the other three.

When we asked the College Prefects what alternatives might be appropriate the conversation quickly turned to Lionel Bowen – Old Boy, prominent local community member, committed Catholic and former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia – and after a period of discernment where the Prefects proposed the alternate name to others it was decided that we would take the idea to the Old Boys Association for their consideration. At their meeting last Monday they resoundingly endorsed the proposal and so we contacted the Bowen family who were delighted with the proposal and indicated that they saw the naming of a House at MCR as a great honour.

Our Prefects are currently engaged in the process of redesigning the crests/badges for each of the Houses and we are also considering new Latin mottos for each House. We will keep you posted as things develop in our goal to revamp what has become a bit of a tired House system at MCR. Already Mr Mullaly and the House Captains have done a grand job in restoring House spirit and we look forward to other initiatives as the year progresses.

Understanding Change, Loss and Grief

A Special Parents In Touch

Wednesday 4 June @ 6:30pm

Dear Parents & Friends of Marcellin,

An everyday part of the human condition is to experience change, loss and grief in some form. Whether it be a change of job, a broken down relationship or the death of a loved one - they all place us in a vulnerable state of mind.

In today's hectic pace of life most of us don't have the time to process properly these significant events that occur in our lives. We simply 'soldier on' as it were to keep going, to not let these setbacks stifle and paralyse us.



That's often a good thing but we also know from research that when we don't deal with these issues at the time and over time effectively, the hurt and pain can resurface.

This evening will feature a presentation on 'Understanding Change, Loss and Grief', by Sr Josephine Brimo from the Catholic Education Office Wellbeing Support Team. Our College Counsellor Mr Carl Beattie will also be present. The evening is not intended to delve into the personal stories of those present, rather it is an opportunity to hear from an expert how change, loss and grief are part of our human experience and how best to cope with these in ourselves and with others.

If you are attending please reply with the number of people attending via the email link: brian.vanetempest@syd.catholic.edu.au



MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK
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About Sr Josephine.....

Sr Josephine Brimo is a Sister of Mercy of the Parramatta Congregation. Her secondary education was at Marist Sisters College Woolwich. She has worked in secondary and tertiary education and held the positions of REC and Geography Coordinator. She concluded her teaching career at Emmaus Catholic College in Western Sydney, a coeducational school with an enrolment of 1500 students. She has been on the Board of Directors for Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta as well as the Education Administrator for a year in the Broken Bay Diocese. Her formal studies have included a BA Hons (UNSW), a BTh and MTh from the Sydney College of Divinity and a Certificate in Spiritual Leadership and MRE from Loyola University in Chicago.

Prior to working with the CEO Eastern Region, she was the Administrator of a Centre at Campsie which offered a variety of services to families from broken homes and from non-English speaking backgrounds. Presently she works with the CEO Eastern Region in the area of Wellbeing Support. This work involves supporting schools and their families in the areas of Parenting Skills, Change Loss and Grief and the Seasons for Growth Programme, as well as working with some primary schools in the framework of Positive Behaviour for Learning.

Careers

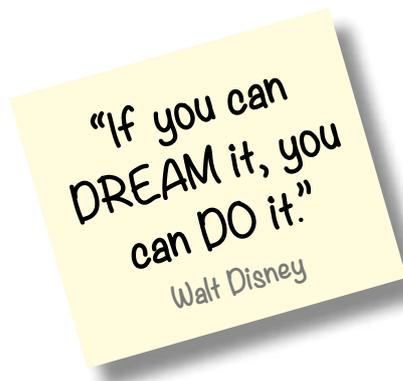
After another university visit, this time from Notre Dame, there is only UTS remaining to visit the college and present to any interested boys. The participation from the boys has been excellent throughout these first two terms and goes to show how serious many of them are about their tertiary education options. The Careers and HSC expo is also being attended by the whole Year 12 cohort on Friday, 29 May to provide the boys an opportunity to ask any further questions of the tertiary providers.

There are still many boys in Year 10 who need to organise their work experience blocks and to return the required paperwork to me. If you could assist in this with your son that would be greatly appreciated. The deadline is now only a short month away.

Follow the link to this fortnight's news. There is a great deal of information so please check carefully if there is anything of interest for your son. Please see the attached link for the [current careers news](#).

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at john.cuthbertson@syd.catholic.edu.au

Mr John Cuthbertson
Careers & VET Coordinator



Debating

Congratulations to the Year 9 Debate Team who have made it through to the Second Elimination Round on Friday, 13 June at Waverley College. The team is coached by Mr Benjamin Rice and captained by Frank Strati who along with Caleb Siles, were also members of the 2012 Year 7 Debate team which made the grand finals, and are looking to re-live the glory. After their initial loss at Waverley, the Year 9 Debate team have won the remaining five debates in a row.

The two new team members for 2014 have performed well, with Timothy Lawson making a strong contribution and Oscar Strachan proving himself to be a natural and skilled debater.

It is encouraging to note that each every other team has made an improvement this year; increasing their skills and becoming better at listening, thinking on their feet, speaking without notes, working as a team and developing clever arguments.

Year 10 and the Senior Open team have narrowly missed out on progressing through, with Year 7 and Year 8 teams proving themselves to be dedicated debaters and gentlemen.

Miss Naleen-Helen Greenwood - Debating and Oratory Coordinator



Year 9 Debating boys in preparation: Frank Strati (Team Captain), Oscar Strachan, Caleb Siles and Timothy Lawson (standing).

DISCOUNTED MOVIE TICKETS

The Ritz Cinema is pleased to offer all Marcellin students \$8 tickets to see *THE FAULT IN OUR STARS* at the Ritz Cinema throughout the month of June.

Create your own *THE FAULT IN OUR STARS* inspired fan art to go on display at the Ritz and be in the running to win 1 of 4 ultimate *THE FAULT IN OUR STARS* prize packs, including a John Green signed copy of the book.



Further information visit www.ritzcinema.com.au

ONE SHOW ONLY



You are warmly invited to attend the Year 12 Music Soirée. The evening will feature performances by the talented musicians from our HSC Music class. This performance is an excellent opportunity for the students to showcase their HSC repertoire and a memorable performance experience.

From the Sports Coordinator

WINTER SEASON – Rugby League & Soccer

This week was Round 4 of the MCC competition. We came up against traditional rivals Lewisham (all results included below). Our rugby league teams performed extremely well, winning seven matches and drawing one. Our soccer teams found the going a little tougher, losing three matches and drawing three matches. Next week we take on North Shore in Round 5.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Tom Perrin (Geoffrey Pritzler Medal winner)

Earlier in Term 2 Tom Perrin had the honour of being awarded the Geoffrey Pritzler Medal, having been judged 'Best & Fairest' in the A Grade Rugby League match between Marcellin College and Champagnat Catholic College (Pagewood). Mr Pritzler attended Marcellin College from 1967 to 1972. He was a College Prefect and proved himself to be a talented sportsman, representing Marcellin in cricket, athletics, golf, rugby league & rugby union. Mr Pritzler took up his first employment as a teacher at Marist Brothers' Pagewood, where he was a respected teacher, Year Coordinator & coach. After a year long battle with cancer he passed away in 2013 at the age of 58. Congratulations Tom on receiving this award of special significance.



Left: Mr Mark Ellison, South Sydney Rugby League Club football manager (left), along with Champagnat Catholic College teacher Mr Mark Gilmore, congratulate Tom Perrin on be awarded the Geoffery Pritzler Medal for 2014.

Last week, ten students represented the MCC at the CCC Rugby League selection trials. Each of the boys performed well against tough competition. Congratulations to Campbell Graham (U15) & Nat Butcher (U18) who have been selected to represent CCC at the upcoming National Rugby League selection trials.

The CCC Rugby Union trials were held this week, with 18 of our boys representing MCC. Congratulations to Joshua Ellison who was selected to represent CCC in the U18 division. In recent weeks, Jonathan Yaw (Volleyball) & Bailey Foote (AFL) were also successful in achieving CCC selection in their respective sports.

All of these boys have done exceptionally well to be selected in their respective teams. I wish them all the best in their upcoming representative competitions.

Mr Luke MacNamara - Sports Coordinator

MCC Winter 2014 Rugby League Results

Date	Round	Opposition	Under 13 Div 2b	Under 13 Div 2a	Under 13 Div 1	Under 14
29-May	Rd 4	Lewisham	Won 48-0 v North Shore	Won 50-0	Drew 14-14	Won 12-10
		Player of the Match	Gabriel Artola	Joshua Harsanyi	Thomas Giles	Blake Chetcuti
Date	Round	Opposition	Under 15	B Grade (2)	B Grade (1)	A Grade
29-May	Rd 4	Won 34-6	Won 28-6 v North Shore	Won 44-10	Won 36-0	Lost 40-18
		Joshua Cook	Joshua Ricamara	Joey Galea	Connor Mirotsis	Tom Perrin

MCC Winter 2014 Soccer Results

Date	Round	Opposition	U13 Div 2	U13 Div 1	Under 14	Under 15	B Grade	A Grade
29-May	Rd 4	Lewisham	Lost 4-2	Lost 5-0	Drew 2-2	Lost 1-0	Drew 2-2	Drew 2-2
		Player of the Match	Josh Lawrence	Jeremy Quigg	Lucas Baldacino	Ryan Carroll	Campbell Schweiger	Pearse Dolan



The Marcellin Graduate

"He is never beaten until the final whistle; he participates with vigour in all endeavours..."

(#4 An Achiever)




Class of '94

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year reunion

28 June 2014, 2pm start
 London Hotel, Paddington
 85 Underwood St (Cnr William St)
 \$75pp food and drink (pay on the day)
RSVP to bennybayot@hotmail.com

There will be a collection and lucky door prize on the day for the ex students association where funds raised will contribute to assist young men of Marcellin. If you or your business are in a position to lend your support by offering prizes, please contact Ben on the details above.

Our Lady of the Rosary, Kensington

Parish Assembly

An opportunity to grow in faith and to learn more about the role of lay people in the mission of Church. Join us in this day of spiritual nourishment, fellowship and empowerment! For parishioners and friends, young and old of OLR Kensington.

Sunday June 1st, 2014

9:30 am Mass + morning tea | Assembly 11 am – 4pm
Parish Hall, cnr Kensington Road and Grosvenor St

- Morning Session: Spirituality of the Heart (Chevalier Institute)
- Afternoon Session: Lay Empowerment (Speaker TBC)

Information & Bookings: Maria 9663 1070

CONFIRMATION AT ST ANTHONY'S CLOVELLY

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in St Anthony's Parish on Wednesday 18 June.

Parents of children eligible to receive this Sacrament are required to attend a **parent information night** on **Monday, 12 May at 6.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Hall. At this meeting you will receive information about the Confirmation Preparation Program.

For further information call the parish office on 9665-2711 Mondays or Fridays, or email parish@stanthonyclovelly.org.au

Old Boys 40th Reunion

Class of '75 (SC '73)

Reunion scheduled for October 2015

Contact Matt Petersen: matt8888@bigpond.net.au

Ex Students' Mass and Lunch

**Saturday
23 August 2014**

Cost and times to be advised
at a later date.

Uniform Shop

Sports caps
in stock: \$15.00

Trading Hours

Tues 8.00am - 11.00am
Thur 8.00am - 1.00pm

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.



JOIN THE 2014 VINNIES CITY2SURF TEAM

**Mums, Dads and Children
of all ages are welcome**

REGISTRATIONS FOR THIS YEAR'S CITY2SURF ARE NOW OPEN.

1. Visit www.city2surf.com.au to register
2. Select St Vincent de Paul Society from the charity listings
3. Our team will contact you to formalise your participation

Whether you want to walk, jog, side step, skip, moon walk or run the course your support will make a life changing difference.

For more information contact
kristina.kanaris@vinnies.org.au
or call (02) 9568 0266

Free Workshop for Learner Driver Parents

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the RMS has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop offering practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers. The workshop, hosted by Randwick City Council, is on Wednesday 11 June at Bowen Library in Maroubra, 6.30 - 8.30 pm.

Early bookings essential. Phone 9399 0786 or email catherine.hoe@randwick.nsw.gov.au