

Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students,

I came across this interesting reflection at a recent meeting I attended. As we are in the season of Advent, a preparation time for the coming of Our Lord, it is opportune to give some time to reflect on how willing and ready we are to invite Jesus into our busy lives. Christmas and holidays in general are busy times and it is all too easy to let this opportunity of inviting the Lord into our life to pass us by. I hope you find this reflection a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

My thanks to all parents, staff and boys for your support and interest this past year. We have achieved a great amount once again and I look forward to building on all this good work throughout 2006. May the Christmas and holiday season be an enjoyable, safe and life-giving time for you all.

A Prayer for Advent
by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations
for Christmas.
We who have so much to do seek quiet
spaces to hear your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things look
forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for
the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of
your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet
seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen.

With prayerful best wishes,



Br Bill Sullivan, fms
Headmaster

The Advent Virus...Anonymous via email

Warning...Warning: Advent Virus

Be on the alert for symptoms of Inner Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of The Advent virus:

A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.

An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.

A loss of interest in judging other people.

A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.

A loss of interest in conflict.

A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom)

Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation

Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature

Frequent attacks of smiling

An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen

An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Please send this warning out to all your friends. This virus can and has affected many systems. Some systems have been completely cleaned out because of it.

from the headmaster

Special Achievements

Congratulations to the students pictured below on their outstanding achievements. Well done!



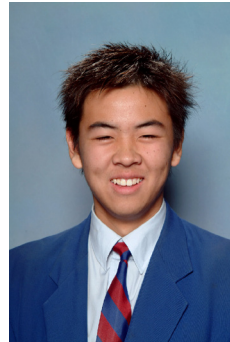
Tony Chalmers
Year 7

Tony has gained 3 Headmaster's Awards this year: ie 9 Gold, 27 Silver and 81 Bronze - an outstanding achievement



Sebastian Compton
Year 11

Sebastian was awarded the Br Vales Beninati Trophy for Contribution to Music



Steven Kurniawan
Year 11

Merit Certificate for the "Wylie's Baths Photographic Competition"



Tony Austin
Year 11

Highly Commended Certificate (2nd place) for the "Wylie's Baths Photographic Competition"

School Certificate Results

Congratulations to all our Year 10 students and our Year 10 staff on the excellent School Certificate results gained by the College. I have listed below the top two bands (Band 5 & 6) and the comparison between the State average and the results achieved by Marcellin. As you can see by the comparison listed at the bottom of each subject Marcellin is well above State average in all five subject areas. A pleasing result for a talented form. Well done!

Science		
	School %	State %
Band 6	13.04%	5.94%
Band 5	34.78%	25.46%
Total %	47.82%	30.40%
Comparison	+17.42%	
Mathematics		
Band 6	15.72%	7.14%
Band 5	25.15%	18.17%
Total %	40.87%	25.31%
Comparison	+15.56%	
English		
Band 6	5.03%	6.09%
Band 5	30.18%	23.14%
Total %	35.21%	29.23%
Comparison	+6.98%	

Australian History, Civics, & Citizenship		
	School %	State %
Band 6	8.07%	5.93%
Band 5	28.57%	23.75%
Total %	36.64%	29.68%
Comparison	+6.96%	
Australian Geography		
Band 6	3.10%	3.84%
Band 5	31.05%	23.09%
Total %	34.15%	26.93%
Comparison	+7.22%	

farewell and thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the following staff who conclude their association at the College. My thanks and appreciation to all of these staff for their generosity and hard work over many years at Marcellin. I wish them well as they move to new positions and challenges in the new year.

- ☺ *Mr Daniel Delmage* (College Deputy) who moves to Marist Eastwood as College Deputy.
- ☺ *Mr Joe Zavone* (Curriculum Co-ordinator) who moves to Loreto Kirribilli in 2006.
- ☺ *Mrs Tina Muldoon* (Executive Assistant) who is retiring from teaching.
- ☺ *Mr John Gluszyk* who is taking a year's leave for 2006.
- ☺ *Mrs Lisa McInnes* who moves to OLSH Kensington.
- ☺ *Mr Eamonn Lawless* who is moving to Port Macquarie in 2006.
- ☺ *Mrs Olesia Milic* who will be on maternity leave in 2006.
- ☺ *Mr David Miles* who is taking up a sports position in Japan.
- ☺ *Mrs Jacinta Malone* who leaves us after maternity leave.
- ☺ *Ms Renae Gates*, School Counsellor, who is moving to a position closer to home.
- ☺ *Mrs Skye Dainton* who is concluding after replacing Maryanne Tanner, currently on maternity leave.

I will provide details of all our new staff in the first edition of our Newsletter in Term 1 2006.

some reminders **holiday dates, 2006**

I would ask parents to take note of the dates listed below and to make every effort to ensure boys are at school during the school term. It has been stated on many occasions that it is impossible to maintain a culture of academic achievement and a settled environment if boys are coming and going.

I would ask for parents' support with this important area for 2006. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

Term 1

- Commences for Year 7 Tuesday 31st January at Coogee Beach
- Commences for Years 8-12 Wednesday 1st February at 8.40am
- Concludes for all boys Thursday 13th April after sport 2.30pm

Term 2

- Commences Monday 1st May at 8.40am
- Concludes Friday 30th June 3.20pm

Term 3

- Commences Monday 17th July 8.40am
- Concludes Friday 29th September 3.20pm

Term 4

- Commences Monday 16th October 8.40am
- Concludes Friday 8th December Year 10
- Friday 15th December Year 11
- Tuesday 19th December Years 7, 8, and 9

A calendar will be sent home to all families early in Term 1. In the meantime listed below are some important dates to note for your diary

- College Swimming Carnival Week 1 Friday 3rd February at Heffron Pool.
- Prizegiving for Years 8, 9, and 10 Tuesday 15th February 7.30pm This is a compulsory event for all Years 8, 9 and 10 students.
- Inaugural Mass Wednesday 22nd February 9.30am. All parents welcome in College Hall.
- P&F AGM and Parents in Touch night Wednesday 22nd February 7.30pm.
- Meet & Greet Cocktail evening for parents Friday 24th February 6-8pm.
- MCC Swimming Carnival Wednesday 8th March 6.30pm all Year 7 and 12 attend.
- Staff Development Day Friday 17th March. This is a pupil free day for all students.
- Marcellin Open Day Wednesday 22nd March 3-6pm. Lessons conclude at 12.30pm on this day for all students. All Year 7 and Year 11 students are to be present on the night.

textbooks and stationery items

All students in Years 7 to 10 are to collect their textbooks in the week prior to school. Boys in Years 7 and 8 are also to pick up their stationery pack at the same time. To do this all outstanding texts must have been returned or paid for.

All students Year 8 to 10 must pay the subject resource fee of \$150 in the week prior to school commencing at the front office before collecting books.

I would ask parents **to ensure that their son does arrive at school during this week** so as to allow a settled and trouble-free start to the 2006 school year. My thanks for your support with this.

college uniform

Parents are asked to ensure that all items are purchased from the College uniform shop to ensure correct style and colours are purchased.

All shirts now have our insignia on them to identify the College more clearly.

Please also ensure all clothing is marked clearly in at least two places. The times and dates the College uniform shop is open are listed on the back page of this Newsletter. College bags are to be plain navy or black and can be purchased from our College shop.

college magazine and calendar

These will be sent home via your son in the first few weeks of Term 1

year 7 2006

Parents are reminded to ensure their son has a padlock and two keys for their son's locker. Boys are to bring these to school on Wednesday 1st February. Please do not use a combination lock. Lockers are free for all Year 7 boys.

Parents are reminded that all Year 7 commence on Tuesday 31st January at 9am at Coogee Surf Club. This is located at the southern end of the beach. Boys are to wear neat casuals and bring swimming gear, hat and sunscreen. Parents are asked to ensure boys haircuts conform to College regulations on this day.

year 11 & 12 2006 students

Please note that blazers will be optional until the end of February. This is owing to the impracticality of wearing blazers in the often hot weather early in the year.

notices and news

student grooming

I remind parents of College expectations regarding hair and jewellery. Boys are not to return with earrings or inappropriate haircuts. Hair is to be neat and tidy, of no unnatural colours, undercut or too short. Boys are quite clear on my expectations in this regard. Many boys were in need of a tidy up just prior to holidays and while I gave some latitude at the end of the term I will expect all to return with this in order. I will be most unhappy if there is a necessity to send any boy home on day one for hair that is too long or does not meet College requirements. I would ask parents to ensure their son's grooming conforms to College expectations. My thanks in advance for your support with this.

class parents' meeting

As we will be holding the Annual Swimming Carnival in the first week of Term 1, it will therefore be necessary to hold our first Class Parent meeting on **Tuesday 31st January at 7.30pm** (the first day of school). I invite all parents to come along to this meeting as it sets up the support structure for the year. The meeting will conclude by 8.30pm. It is a fine way of learning about what happens during the year and how best to become involved in the life of the College. I invite all new parents and continuing parents to come along. The meeting will be held in the staff room. I look forward to seeing you there on the night.

uniform shop hours

Monday 23 rd to Wednesday 25 th January	8am-2pm	Friday 27 th January	8am-2pm
Wednesday 31 st January	8-11.15am	Thursday 1 st February	8-11.15am

office hours and collection of textbooks and stationery packs

Years 7 and 8	Monday 23 rd January	9.00am-3.00pm
	Tuesday 24 th January	
	Monday 30 th January	
Years 9 and 10	Wednesday 25 th January	9.00am-3.00pm
	Friday 27 th January	
	Tuesday 31 st January	

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fine foods - café - catering

Now stocking a great range of Christmas goodies

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116 Avoca Street
Randwick
p: 9326 4600

Christmas cakes
home made puddings
brandy butter
gingerbread houses
mince pies
hampers
great gourmet gift ideas
catering service

Opening hours: Mon-Thurs 8-5, Fri 8-4, Sat 8-3