

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

A student once passed on to me a quote from Herbert Spencer, an English philosopher from the 19th Century who stated, "Education has for its object the formation of character". Education provides knowledge and skills but importantly allows an individual to contemplate the person that he or she wants to be. Education is definitely an ongoing exercise in life, but in our younger years, it is the responsibility of older generations to foster our youth in their formative years. As educators for young men and women it is our responsibility to provide direction for young people so that they are immersed in a culture that develops values and morals that lead to a person having a strong disposition. The current commentary of what is happening to society today is a common and concerning one. If it is a concern then the question must be asked, "What are we doing to model appropriate behaviour and develop a positive spirit within our younger people?"

The themes of Marcellin, Respect, "Walking Together, Sharing our Talents", are constantly placed in front of our boys. They build a sense of belonging and challenge them to think of who they are and what they can offer the school, the community and others. The themes build character. We encourage our boys to think of others and to be of service to them. My life has been based upon what I hold most dear to my heart, my family, my faith and my friends, but I also know that serving others in the form of education is very much a part of who I am.

A large focus within the Marcellin community is giving students the opportunities to serve others. Through visits to night patrol, working at Matt Talbot Hostel, and involvement in immersion programs, students have had the chance to give of themselves for the betterment of others. My personal experience of Matt Talbot has been profound and life changing. The opportunity to witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ in action by building relationships with the marginalised has strengthened my belief in the Christian tenets of faith, hope and love. These experiences also allow the individual to reflect on who they are and how they use their qualities and gifts not just for themselves but others.

In my role as Student Welfare Coordinator I see many people who do incredible things for the good of others. There are many local youth and general services that people and organisations offer. People who give of themselves for the development of others are usually very true people with a strong sense of who they are. Staff and students who constantly give of their time and efforts are adding to the opportunities and care for our students.

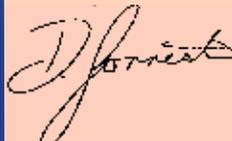
What do you see when you look in the mirror? A question that would have many different answers as one grows through life. I recently came across a poem at a sombre ceremony which really made me think of the person I am. I reflected on how I would define my character and it made me contemplate my life in service of others.

*When you get what you want in your struggles for self  
And the world makes you king for a day,  
Just go to a mirror and look at yourself  
And see what that man has to say.  
For it isn't your father or mother or wife  
Whose judgment upon you must pass,  
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life  
Is the one staring back from the glass.  
Some people might think you're a straight-shooting chum  
And call you a wonderful guy.  
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum  
If you can't look him straight in the eye.  
He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest  
For he's with you clear to the end  
And you've passed your most dangerous test  
If the guy in the glass is your friend.  
You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years  
And get pats on the back as you pass  
But your final reward will be heartache and tears  
If you've cheated the man in the glass.*

Author: Anonymous



With best wishes



Mr David Forrester,  
Student Welfare  
Coordinator

# FROM THE HEADMASTER

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



**Luke Irvine**  
Year 8

Selected in the Sydney region Under 13 AFL team



**Benjamin Thornton**  
Year 8

4th in the Under 13s 800m Freestyle and NSW record holder; and 4th in the Under 13s 400m Freestyle and was 1st for NSW



**Madalitso Masache**  
Year 11

Selected in the Under 16 Sydney Rebels Touch squad to compete in the State Cup



**Ruben Sondjaja**  
Year 9

Youngest player ever selected to play in the NSW CCC Golf Championship in Tamworth



**John Hannan**  
Year 12

Received second place in the UNSW Faculty of Law Essay Competition



**Samuel Disalvo**  
Year 9

Won the 50m Breaststroke in the CCC Swimming



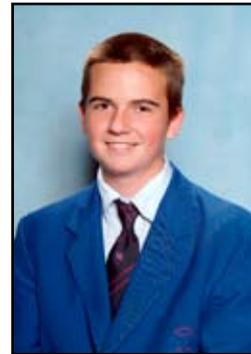
**James McKenzie**  
Year 11

Selected in the MCC A Grade Soccer Squad



**Marvin Kenny**  
Year 12

Selected in the MCC A Grade Soccer Squad



**Nicholas Nisbet**  
Year 12

Selected in the MCC A Grade Soccer Squad



**Stelios Pikoulas**  
Year 12

Selected in the MCC A Grade Soccer Squad



**Ethan Baker**  
Year 10

Won the 200m Medley Relay in the CCC Swimming



**Brett Black**  
Year 10

Won the 200m Medley Relay in the CCC Swimming



**Alexander Engel**  
Year 10

Won the 200m Medley Relay in the CCC Swimming



**Brendan Irvine**  
Year 11

Won the 200m Medley Relay in the CCC Swimming



**Michael Bowles**  
Year 11

Voted Best and Fairest Player at the Marist Carnival Lismore; and the top point scorer with 120 points

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING TEAMS AND SQUADS

- Billy Hooper, Zachary Wheeler, Samuel Kelley, Lachlan O'Sullivan and Harry Davies who were selected in the Under 14 Randwick Rugby Representative Team to play in Orange.
- Zachary Johnson, Matua King-Brooks, Jack O'Brien, Aaron O'Brien, Andrew Artemi and John Ligori who were selected in the MCC Representative A Grade Rugby League Squad.
- Jason Gray, William Symonds, Luke Phillips, Alexander Thomas, Leon Sales, Lars Roy, Benjamin Sangster, John Murdaca and Daniel Jakobsson who were selected in the MCC Representative Under 15 Rugby League Squad.
- Benjamin Thornton, Samuel Disalvo, Ethan Baker, Brett Black, Alexander Engel, Brendan Irvine, Jamie Watts, Thomas Gilmore, Jack Nicholls, Jackson Raymond, Jamie Bargenda, James McKaig and Timothy Watts who were selected in the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships.

## TERM 2 CALENDAR EVENTS

Wednesday 20th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parent &amp; Son Mass 7.30 pm at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Avoca St Randwick. All are welcome.</li></ul>
Friday 22nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Headmaster's Assembly - Champagnat &amp; Summer Sport Awards.</li></ul>
Monday 25th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Years 10 and 11 Exams commence. Conclude Friday 29th May.</li></ul>
Friday 5th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Champagnat Day Mass and activities.</li></ul>
Monday 8th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Queens Birthday Public Holiday.</li></ul>
Tuesday 9th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Years 7/8/9 Exams commence. Conclude Friday 12th June.</li></ul>

**Reminder for change of date:** School photo day has been changed from Wednesday 3rd June to **Monday 15th June**.

## STUDY SKILLS

Teachers regularly 'reign in' students when their minds begin to wander and ask boys to remain focused on classroom tasks. The main reason for this is to encourage boys to make better use of their time. Students will spend less time on homework and experience fewer frustrations if they have understood the concepts canvassed during classes. We encourage boys to ask questions until they feel comfortable that they understand the notions covered and the tasks required of them. This is best done during classes. Students can also complete part of their homework during many classes. The end result - more effective use of class time leads to more free (fun) time at home and a better understanding of subject matter. Find out more in the Using Classtime unit at [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au) or to further explore this online study skills site log on using our school's subscription details:

**Username:** formarcellinonly **Password:** 65worksmart. Happy studying,

*Mr Marinko Colak, Curriculum Coordinator*

## WALK WITH CHRIST

Walk With Christ, Sydney's Annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Sunday 14th June. Join thousands of Catholics 'Walk With Christ' in a procession from St Patrick's Church Hill Wynyard through the Sydney CBD to St Mary's Cathedral. For more information phone 02 9390 5996 or visit [www.sydneycatholic.org.au](http://www.sydneycatholic.org.au)

## MOTHERS' BUS TRIP TO MITTAGONG

On a dull, overcast, Sunday morning 3rd May, ninety Marcellin mothers and friends boarded three of the College buses and headed for the crisp air of the Southern Highlands en route to the 'Hermitage', Mittagong. The Hermitage, spiritual heart of the Marist Brothers in Australia, is well known to our Year 12 students as the Retreat Centre. However on this occasion the mothers were treated to the hospitality of the Hermitage. Morning Tea of hot scones with locally made jam and cream was served on arrival. This was followed by a short tour and a slide presentation of the history and present workings of the Hermitage. Lunch and wine tasting was to be the main event of the day. After a visit to the Hermitage Cellar Door for some local purchases, the buses took the mothers down town to Bowral for more shopping or just a coffee break. Finally at 4 pm the buses departed for home. A wonderful pre-Mothers' Day was had by all. Many thanks from the Marcellin Mothers to all, especially to Br Bill for organizing this, the 5th Marcellin Mothers' trip to the Hermitage.



**2009 MARCELLIN MOTHERS AND FRIENDS IN MITTAGONG**

# SPORT

The winter sport season continues and Marcellin is off to a flying start with our teams dominating their opponents in the last two rounds. Round 2 against Bankstown saw Marcellin win 9 out of 10 matches in the Rugby League and Soccer. Round 3, against Wahroonga, saw Marcellin victorious in all of the Rugby League as well as in 3 out of 5 soccer games. Well done to all the boys and coaches on an incredible start to the season. There is still a long way to go and we shouldn't get too far ahead of ourselves. Let's keep training hard and stay focused.

Round 2 was also the MCC Representative Squad selection round. Our boys performed fantastically well on the day with 6 boys being selected from the A Grade Rugby League side, 4 boys selected from the A Grade Soccer side and 9 boys selected from the U/15 Rugby League side. Congratulations to all the boys who were selected in the MCC teams.

Our Internal sport competition is also going well with reports of fierce rivalry between our four colour houses at Year 7, 8 and 9 sport where boys have been competing in Touch Football, Soccer, Cricket and Netball. Years 10 and 11 have been taking part in our Free Choice Sport program where boys are able to try their hand at a range of different sports that includes Surfing, Boxercise, Gym Training, Indoor Soccer and Ten Pin Bowling.

*Mr Jeffrey Davidson, Assistant Sport Coordinator*

## MCC WINTER SPORTS - ROUND 2 RESULTS

Soccer	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13
	Opposition	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown		Bankstown
	Result	D: 1-1	W: 4-1	W:7-0	BYE	W: 4-0
	Player of Match	Brayden Sorge	Isaac Serhan	Navin Pillai		Albert William

Rugby League	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 D1	Under 13 D2A	Under 13 D2B
	Opposition	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown	
	Result	W: 38-12	W: 44-12	W: 50-0	W: 46-10	W: 50-0	W: 50-0	BYE
	Player of Match	Nicholas Bannehr	Michael Christie	Luke Phillips	Cheyne Whitelaw	Jack Bassett	Byron Poidevin-Albert	

## MCC WINTER SPORTS - ROUND 3 RESULTS

Soccer	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13
	Opposition	Wahroonga	Wahroonga	Wahroonga	Wahroonga	Wahroonga
	Result	L: 3-1	W: 5-0	W: 4-3	D: 1-1	W: 6-0
	Player of Match	Lee Ramsden	Angus Robson	Raynard Tan	Matthew McKenzie	Claudio Fabiano

Rugby League	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 D1	Under 13 D2A	Under 13 D2B
	Opposition	Wahroonga		Wahroonga		Wahroonga		Kogarah
	Result	W: 12-0	BYE	W: 38-10	BYE	W: 54-0	BYE	W: 20-12
	Player of Match	Andrew Norton		Alexander Thomas		Tom Perrin		Joshua Trombetta



**A Grade Soccer Squad**



**2009 Soccer**



**B Grade Soccer Squad**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Autism Spectrum Two Day Workshop and Information Session for Parents:** Up to date information about ASD and its impacts on your child's learning, processes and strategies for effective parent, school and teacher partnerships, advocacy strategies, local school system processes to support learning and networking opportunities. 21 & 22 May, Macquarie Graduate School of Management, Sydney. For more information and to register please go to [www.autismtraining.com.au](http://www.autismtraining.com.au)

**Managing HSC Stress Program:** A free 4 week program run by the University of Technology Sydney to assist Year 11 and 12 students manage the stress of the HSC. Starts 26 May. For more information or to book please call 9514 4077.

**Lost and Found:** A black jacket was left at the school on 6 May at the last Parents in Touch evening. Please call reception on 93986355 to arrange collection.