Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students,

Our theme for 2007 ‘Time To Act’ can remain just that, words on a banner with little energy given to it; a nice theme, but of little substance. It is important to bring such themes to life in a practical manner if our students are to be energized to make a difference. I have been reading a book ‘Lead like Jesus’ written by Kevin Blanchard and Phil Hodges. I was struck by one section in the book which referred to Jesus and the way he nurtured his disciples. The disciples were not born leaders, they needed encouragement, correction, nurturing and most importantly education. The disciples were certain novices when Jesus first encountered them.

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed Him. (Matthew 4:18-20)

Jesus saw in these hardworking fishermen the raw material for the future leaders of His ministry, which He would leave in their care when His earthly season of leadership was completed. In their enthusiasm, Peter and Andrew literally dropped what they were doing when Jesus called them to the higher purpose of being “fishers of men.”

Although they were enthusiastic, they had no idea of how to accomplish their new task. Remember, the task was to be “fishers of men” – not fishermen. Their learning stage was that of novices. At that stage of learning, they were dependent on Jesus to teach them about the new task. Therefore, to meet their learning needs, Jesus focused on telling them what to do and how to do it.

That’s what Jesus did when He sent the twelve disciples out for the first time to preach the good news. He gave them extensive basic instructions on where to go, what to say, what to do, and how to do it.

As the writers convey it is essential that we, as teachers and parents, set down the parameters and values to guide our young men. Without guidance and encouragement they are less likely to reach their true potential. This also entails correction at times, and I believe this is an essential ingredient if our young men are to become balanced and positive individuals.

Jesus corrected and challenged his disciples throughout their ministry. They responded accordingly but I doubt if they could have affected their community as much as they did without his guiding hand.

Correction and discipline can be difficult and demanding but when all is said and done we do little to support our students, your sons, when we avoid challenging their negative attitudes or their complacency. A healthy approach to challenging student behaviour can lay the solid foundations that will guide our young men into the future.

As we reflect on our theme ‘Time to Act’ may we give consideration as to how best to encourage in our boys a willing spirit which responds to correction and challenge in a positive manner.

With best wishes

Br Bill Sullivan, fms
Headmaster
from the headmaster

Congratulations to all these boys on their Special Achievements in a number of different fields. Well done!

Matt Evans
Year 9.6
Played in the U/14 team for Souths, winning the State Cup Oz Tag Championships

Anthony Adamou
Year 9.6
Played in the U/14 team for Souths, winning the State Cup Oz Tag Championships

Dean McDonald
Year 9.3
Played in the U/14 team for Souths, winning the State Cup Oz Tag Championships

James Natoli
Year 10.5
Played in the U/16 team for Souths, winning the State Cup Oz Tag Championships

Jack Maxwell
Year 12
Played in the U/16 team for Souths, winning the State Cup Oz Tag Championships

Jack Hawke
Year 10.6
Played in the U/16 team for Souths, winning the State Cup Oz Tag Championships

Jesse Kentwell
Year 10.6
Played in the U/16 team for Souths, winning the State Cup Oz Tag Championships

John Ligori
Year 10.3
Played in the U/16 team for Souths, winning the State Cup Oz Tag Championships

Cameron Black
Year 8.1
Won Golf Prime 90 Net Winner; U/14 Net and Scratch winner in the Toukley Junior Classic

Shane Leatham
Year 12
First Place Opens Division Swimming Carnival

Jamie Watts
Year 10.1
First Place U/16 Division Swimming Carnival

Sam Duffy
Year 10.4
First Place U/15 Division Swimming Carnival

Ethan Baker
Year 8.3
Equal First Place U/14 Division Swimming Carnival

Brendan Irvine
Year 9.4
Equal First Place U/14 Division Swimming Carnival

Ben Dowdle
Year 8.5
First Place U/13 Division Swimming Carnival

James McKaig
Year 7.3
First Place U/12 Division Swimming Carnival

Student Leaders 2007, pictured with Br Bill, Headmaster (left to right):
Daniel D’Ambrosio
College Vice Captain
Nathan Hill
College Captain
Christopher O’Brien
Sports Captain
UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 23rd February  • Meet and Greet Parent Function 6.00pm-8.00pm, College courtyard. All parents are invited to come along. Please try to join us for even a small part of the evening. A separate brochure has been sent home about this night.

Monday 26th February  • MCC Training 3.45-5.00pm. Year 12 Retreats all week.

Tuesday 27th February  • Marcellin Oratory 6pm

Wednesday 28th February  • Special Year 11 program ‘All My Own Work’

Wednesday 7th March  • MCC Swimming Carnival. Years 7 and 12 finish lessons at lunchtime. All Year 7 and 12 students attend the carnival at Homebush. This is a compulsory event for Years 7 and 12. A separate letter will be sent home about this night. Normal lessons and finish time for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Farewell and Thank You

To Mr. Robin Singh who finished at Marcellin at the end of 2006. Mr. Singh has taught at Marcellin for almost 18 years. He was a popular member of staff and so we give thanks for his many years of service to the College. We wish Mr. Singh well as he moves into a new challenge for 2007.

Prayers Requested

Mr. Zietsch is away on sick leave and will return to Marcellin when fully recovered from his illness. We wish him a speedy recovery back to good health and look forward to his return to school.

Photos

Parents wishing to obtain copies of photographs should contact Br Joachim Fabbro at the College on 9398 6355 or email joachim.fabbro@marcellin.nsw.edu.au

For Sale

We have two Senior blazers and five Junior blazers for sale at school. Please contact Mrs. Sharon Elliot for details.

Free School Sporting Injuries Insurance for NSW School Children

Did you know that the NSW Government provides free sporting injuries insurance for all school children?

Who is covered?

All enrolled school children in NSW who participate in school authorised sporting or athletic activities are automatically covered under the Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme.

What does the Scheme cover?

The Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefit Scheme covers death and serious injuries for children who are injured while participating in school sporting or athletic activities. Lump sum benefits are payable depending upon the severity of the injury. The Scheme does not cover dental injuries or reimbursement of medical expenses.

What if there is a serious injury?

All serious injuries must be reported by the school principal or school official as soon as possible after the incident but within 12 months of the date of the incident. The Form “Notice of Serious Injury” must be completed and sent to the NSW Sporting Injuries Committee. www.sportinginjuries.nsw.gov.au/pdf/Form_3_Notice_Injury_or_Death.pdf

More information

Further information including relevant forms and other material about the sporting insurance cover can be found on the website www.sportinginjuries.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 4321 5392.

Holy Cross Centenary

Attention: Past Students of Holy Cross Primary School, Bondi Junction

2007 marks the centenary of Holy Cross Primary School. To commemorate the occasion we are constructing a garden project with engraved pavers (students details engraved on a paver). A single paver costs $60.00 and a double paver $100.00. Order forms can be collected from Holy Cross Primary School Office between 8.30am - 3.30pm Mon-Fri. Orders must be in by Friday 9th March 2007 in readiness for the celebrations on Sunday 20th May 2007. For further information, call Kathy Liew ph: 9345 0227

Berne Education Centre Fundraising Event

There will be a solo photographic exhibition by a teacher of the Berne Centre to help raise funds for this worthy cause. 20% of all sales will go directly to the Berne Education Centre. Opening night: Friday 30th March 7.30pm to 10pm. Tickets $20. Second and final viewing on Sunday 1st April 4pm-7pm with supper provided ($5 entry with complimentary glass of wine and cheese). Starr Film Studios, Level 1, 4/23 Rohini Street, Turramurra RSVP 17th March, David Starr: 99404046, 0430131777 or email david@soulconnection.net.au
**Upcoming Events in Sport - dates to remember**

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The school Golf and Tennis Championships will be conducted later in this term.