Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students,

In recent weeks I have been using excerpts from the book "Companion" written by Henri Nouwen in our weekly Staff Bulletins. I have been focussing specifically on his chapter on ‘Community’. In recent months we have seen the world community come together supporting those who suffered in the wake of the tsunami. We have seen humanity at its best and the Gospel in action. There have been many inspiring stories which have been well documented in the media.

Nouwen tells us that the presence of Jesus Christ manifests itself to us in the life of the Christian community. It is in the Christian community that we can be open and receptive to the suffering of the world and offer it a compassionate response. For where people come together in Christ’s name, he is present as the compassionate Lord.

"To follow Christ means to relate to each other with the mind of Christ; that is, to relate to each other as Christ did to us in servanthood and humility. Discipleship is walking together on the same path. While still subject to the power of the world and still deeply involved in the human struggle, we have become a new people with a new mind, a new way of seeing and hearing, and a new hope because of our common fellowship with Christ. Compassion, then, can never be separated from community. Compassion always reveals itself in community, in a new way of being together. Fellowship with Christ is fellowship with our brothers and sisters. This is most powerfully expressed by Paul when he calls the Christian community ‘the Body of Christ’ (p.51)."

We are told that whenever true Christian community is formed, compassion happens in the world. In a school such as ours one would hope this leads to action in coming for the poor and the disadvantaged. We endeavour to make this a reality via our Lenten appeal, community service and our Christmas appeal late in Term 4. It is important to move beyond the rhetoric and into action. Marcellin College would hardly be true to our charism if this were not the case.

It is true also that we need to be faithful to this message by caring also for the people with whom we live and work. I always see it as a little strange where people can be caring and supportive of those ‘out there’ but unwilling to care for those near to us. This little story from the Missionary Brothers of Charity in Calcutta highlights this very point. May it remind us to be not only generous with those in need but compassionate and caring to those with whom we live and work.

"One night I had a long talk with Brother Jesulao. He told me that if a brother is not able to work with his fellow brothers and live with them peaceably, then he is always asked to leave...even if he is an excellent worker among the poor... Two nights later I walked with Brother Willy and he said that to live with his fellow brothers is his first priority. He is always challenged to love the brothers. He stated that if he cannot love the brothers with whom he lives, how can he love those in the street?"

With best wishes,

Br Bill
Sullivan fms
Headmaster
From The Headmaster

Special Achievements

Congratulations to the students pictured below on their outstanding achievements in a variety of endeavours. Well done, boys!

Matthew Johnstone Year 11
2nd U/17 Belt Race

Jackson Barron Year 7
Third Place U/13 Boardriders Competition

Luke Fletcher Year 10
3rd U/15 Boardriders Competition

Johnny Worley Year 12
Broke 50m Opens Freestyle Record at the recent MCC Swimming Carnival

James Moran Year 7
4th Beach Sprint, 7th Beach Relay, 9th Beach Flags at State Titles

Adam Seminara Year 10
1st Place U/15 Board Riders

Matt Evans Year 7
5th Flags and 7th Sprint Relay State Titles

Jack Emery Year 9
Broke 50m Freestyle Record at the recent MCC Swimming Carnival

Ben Holland Year 12
5th U/17 Beach Flags & Finalist U/19 Double Ski State Titles

Chris O’Brien Year 10
Selected for U/16 NSW CCC Hockey team

Daniel Cleary Year 10
Selected for U/16 NSW CCC Hockey team

Scott Walsh Year 8
Finalist U/13 & U/14 Board Relay and finalist in March Past in State Titles
**Notices and News**

**Importan Dates**

- **Wednesday 23rd March** Open Evening 3.30-6.30pm. All boys will be dismissed for the day at 1pm
- **Thursday 24th March** School closes at the conclusion of sport for Good Friday and Easter Monday
- **Tuesday 29th March** Lessons resume 8.40am
- **Thursday 31st March** Year 12 Exams commence
- **Thursday 7th April** Term 1 concludes after Sport at 2.30pm
- **Tuesday 26th April** Term 2 commences at 8.40am

**Holidays**

I continue to be disappointed with the lack of support the College receives for priority of attendance. The casual approach to student attendance still exists and we are far from achieving a level of attendance that I see as appropriate. Medical appointments in lesson time, extended holidays, time off on Mondays owing to a busy weekend etc still continue to intrude into lesson time. Academic excellence and a settled environment can only be achieved and maintained when continuity of attendance receives the priority it deserves. While we have made some progress in this area there is still some way to go. I seek parent support in making sure continuity of attendance receives the emphasis that it deserves.

**Newsletter and Photograph Permission**

According to the Commonwealth Privacy Act 2000, students may be photographed and their images published in the School Newsletter as it is an internal publication. In 2005 the school newsletter will be available on the school website. If you have any reason as to why you do not want your son’s name or photograph to appear on the website I would ask you to inform me in writing by Thursday 7th April.

If you do not wish your son to be included in photographs for publicity via brochures, or local newspaper articles I would also ask you to notify me by Thursday 7th April, the last day of Term One 2005.

I will assume that parents are happy for their son’s photo to be included in newsletters, brochures and advertising material if I have not received a letter to the contrary by the end of this term.

**Email Addresses**

A letter will be sent home to all parents over the next several weeks regarding the placement of our newsletters on the College website. Please ensure the form is returned to your son’s homeroom teacher. My intention is to discontinue the printed version of the newsletter and instead make it available via the College website. A reminder will be sent to all parents via your email address when each edition is added to the website. Printed copies will be available from the front office each fortnight for those who prefer to have the current hard copy version.

**Uniform Shop News**

**Junior Navy Blazers:** All sizes of junior blazers will be available from 24th March. Sizes 10-17 cost $166.00 and sizes 18-30 cost $170.00

**Special Opening Day:** The Uniform Shop is open during term time on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.00 to 11.15am. We accept EFTPOS. For those parents unable to come through the week, the shop will be open on Saturday 2nd April from 8am to 1pm. One sales assistant will be working on this day.

**Important Information about School Student Bus Passes**

Bus services available for students who travel to and from school are determined by the number of students using them. This information is recorded by the green ticket machines on board buses when students dip their pass. When students don’t dip their pass, it is difficult for State Transit to provide the bus services that will match their needs.

If someone in your family has a school student pass, please remind him or her to just dip it when boarding the bus. A $100 fine may apply if a student travels without a valid pass or does not dip it. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Ex-Student’s Association**

**Reminder - Golf Day** The date of the Annual Ex-Students Golf Day is now Sunday 17th April, with 11.30am sign-on and hit off at 12 noon. The cost will be $50 a head and will be held at Eastlakes Golf Club. Please contact: Barry MacNamara on 9344 4215 or 9399 5640, Peter Sinclair: 9665 6020 or Ted Barr: 9399 8506 for further details or to confirm your attendance.

**Reunion** The Class of 1985 will be having a 20 year reunion dinner at Coogee Surf Club on 6th August 2005, commencing at 7pm. For details including price, please contact Matt Vesper on (w) 9373 7404 or by email at mvesper@sirowendixon.com.au

**Confirmation 2005**

Archdiocesan Celebration at SuperDome Homebush on Sunday 22nd May. Any St. Brigid’s parishioners who would like to present candidates for Confirmation please contact the Parish Office on 9315 7562 for further details.
The last week has proven to be a victorious and outstanding display of the talents and skills the students of Marcellin College have across many different sporting disciplines. A total of 11 trophies have been won in the MCC competitions from a possible 16. An exceptional overall achievement that would rank as one of Marcellin’s finest.

Thursday 3rd March was Summer Grand Final Day in which the College was competing in an amazing 11 out of 12 Finals. From the 4 sports Marcellin were triumphant in 7 games, which included the A Grade Basketball, B Grade Basketball, U/15 Basketball, U/14 Touch, B Grade Touch, U/14 Cricket, and U/15 Cricket. Credit must go to all our teams and coaches for their hard work and positive approach to the season. The results from the finals were as follows:

**U/14 Cricket:** Mr. Leary (Undefeated Premiers) Randwick 2/45 defeated Kogarah 44. Player of the Match: James Ambrose

**U/15 Cricket:** Mr. Ackerman Randwick 80 defeated North Shore 8/74. Player of the Match: Alex Tomkins

**U/14 Touch:** Mr. Duncombe Randwick 3 defeated Kogarah 2. Player of the Match: James Natoli

**U/15 Touch:** Mr. O’Connell Randwick 2 lost to Lewisham 6. Player of the Match: Tim Bennett

**B Grade Touch:** Mr. Burke Randwick 6 defeated Lewisham 3. Player of the Match: Tom Nolan

**A Grade Touch:** Mr. P. Forrester Randwick 4 lost to Kogarah 5 (Drop Off). Player of the Match: James O’Shea

**Squash Team:** Mr. Roemling and Mr. Brock Randwick 821 defeated North Shore 870. Player of the Match: Tom Fox

**A Grade Basketball:** Miss Dove Randwick 50 defeated North Shore 41. Player of the Match: Richard Benda

**B Grade Basketball:** Mr. Lobo Randwick 60 defeated Kogarah 27. Player of the Match: Andrew Bockos

**U/15 Basketball:** Ms. Thompson Randwick 42 defeated Lewisham 25. Player of the Match: Will Kemp

**U/14 Basketball:** Ms. Pickett Randwick 42 lost to Kogarah 44. Player of the Match: Fidel Badiola

The 90th Annual MCC Swimming Carnival took place on Wednesday 9th March. Randwick continued to show its dominance in the pool and was victorious in all 4 divisions, the Juvenile Trophy, the Junior Trophy, the Senior Trophy and the Aggregate Trophy. The hard work at early morning training sessions and the overall depth of the team are the reasons for the success on the night. Many thanks must go to our four coaches for their time and efforts in preparing the team: Mr. Capizzi, Mr. Leary, Ms. Evans and Mr. Angelou.

The Carnival also saw Randwick break an amazing 3 records on the night. Johnny Worley broke his record from last year in the Senior 50m Freestyle with a time of 24.03s. Jack Emery in the U/15 Freestyle was to break a 37-year-old record with a time of 26.33s. The Senior 4 x 50m Freestyle team of Lars Lea, Todd Clarke, Jace Molan and Johnny Worley were confident in breaking the record and break the record they did with a time of 1:46.95 minutes.

Congratulations to all these young men on such fine achievements. Thanks must go to all supporters at Grand Finals and the Swimming Carnival. Your support and level of enthusiasm for the events went a long way to lift our competitors to such fine achievements.

**MCC Swimming Carnival**

**Huge Range of Football and Soccer Boots and Shin Pads Now Available**

Bonus FREE BAG with every boot purchase to all Marcellin Students at Sportsco Royal Randwick Shopping Centre (Opposite Sanity)

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