From the Headmaster

Welcome to Term 3.

It will be a busy term (are there any other types of terms these days?) and an important one for many reasons. For the young men of Year 12 it is their swansong – the final term of secondary schooling before sitting their HSC exams. It will be a time of excitement and nostalgia, of focus and final preparations, of celebration and ritual, but above all, a time for gratitude and thanksgiving. There will be more on the Graduation ceremonies a little further down the track. For Year 11 it is the final term of their Preliminary Courses before they themselves embark on their HSC Courses in Term 4 – the cycle rolls on.

This term will also see the official opening and blessing of the new buildings on the 14th August. This event will be another highlight and I hope as many people as possible will be able to join us for the celebrations.

But things are already happening! Over the first two Thursdays of the term the MCC Semi-Finals and Finals have been played. We had a large number of teams playing in these games and it is a tribute to the commitment and skill of the boys and the coaches that the College enjoyed such considerable success. I congratulate all involved but particularly to the 5 Rugby League teams who played in the Finals yesterday. The A Grade scored a memorable win in extra time over a committed Pagewood side. The B Grade also won as did the 13As with the 14s going down in extra time to Holy Cross College Ryde. The 13Bs were also gallant in defeat, putting up a good fight in the second half of their game. I would like to make special mention of the A Grade side who have shown remarkable resilience over the past week with very tough back to back games last Thursday (14-12 victors over Ryde in the MCC Semi-Final) and Friday (a hard fought victory over St Francis Xavier’s College Leeton in Leeton in the Quarter-Final of the CCC Cup) and then backing up again yesterday. The boys have shown great character and I congratulate them on their achievements. Well done also to Mr O’Connell and Mr Leary who have guided them so well through the season and particularly over the last week.

Last Friday night the 2015 ‘Showcase’ was a celebration of the work of our HSC students in Design and Technology, Industrial Technology, Music and Visual Arts. It was also an opportunity for our first Year 11 Hospitality class to demonstrate what they have already learnt by providing the catering for the evening. The ‘Showcase’ evening is a feature of this week’s newsletter and I encourage you to read all about it. I would like to congratulate the boys on the work they have produced and the teachers who have put in many long hours assisting, encouraging and mentoring the boys through the process.

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For me, the work being presented on the night was another reminder of the importance of a broad curriculum and a well-rounded education. So what is a well-rounded education? Recently as I was driving home I noticed on the back of a cab an advertisement promoting the musical ‘Matilda’. It is the brainchild of comedian, actor and musician (and now musical director) Tim Minchin. I haven’t seen the show but it immediately reminded me of an article I had read by Minchin a year or two ago entitled *Science inspires, so don’t let your art rule your head*. I remembered it because it had such an impact on me at the time and as an educator. Essentially, the article challenges the conventional thinking about the supposed great divide between science and the arts. That is, to be artistic you must have little or no interest in or aptitude for science and vice versa. But where does this notion come from?

Minchin suggests it is perhaps more to do with cultural expectations and popular myths than ‘a genuine division of personality type or intellect’ and the more I read about contemporary research on plasticity of the brain the more I think he is on to something. The type of stereotyping that Minchin refers to is something we as teachers need to be mindful of. How often have we heard stories of children being told from a very early age ‘you just don’t get Maths or; you can’t draw or; you’re not very musical’; these categorisations, sometimes done in Primary School, risk closing off a whole world of interest and exploration for young people.

In debunking the ‘myth’ about science and the arts, Minchin uses one of the best definitions of science I have heard. It appears in bold in the following quote from the article:

“Science is not a bunch of facts. Scientists are not people trying to be prescriptive or authoritative. **Science is simply the word we use to describe a method of organising our curiosity.** It’s easier, at a dinner party, to say “science” than to say “the incremental acquisition of understanding through observation, humbled by an acute awareness of our tendency towards bias”. Douglas Adams said: “I’d take the awe of understanding over the awe of ignorance any day.”

He goes on to say:

“Science is not the opposite of art, nor the opposite of spirituality - whatever that is - and you don’t have to deny scientific knowledge in order to make beautiful things. On the contrary, great science writing is the art of communicating that “awe of understanding”, so that we readers can revel in the beauty of a deeper knowledge of our world.” 1.

A well-rounded education exposes students to a variety of experiences both across the curriculum as well as through co-curricular activities. This should include, as Minchin suggests, a strong emphasis on Science and the Arts because ‘revelling in the beauty of a deeper knowledge of our world’ should be at the core of what we do. The most recent additions to the facilities at Marcellin include not only a Hospitality Centre, but also a Drama Studio. We already have wonderful Science facilities for the students to engage with the big questions that Science addresses in the curriculum. These are meant to inspire the students – something that will help communicate the ‘awe of understanding’. We are also fortunate to have first rate TAS facilities to engage the boys in creative design and practical application, examples of which we saw last Friday night. What a privileged position we are in to be able to cater for our students in such a comprehensive way. There should be no barriers or opposing forces in terms of a well-rounded education – only opportunities for discovery and learning.

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From the Deputy Headmaster

The start of Term Three marks the beginning of Semester Two at Marcellin College. To improve in learning, we must look back and reflect on what we have done in the past. The Year 7-11 parent/teacher interviews over the past two weeks have hopefully been a valuable opportunity to sit with all of your sons’ teachers and discuss Semester One. Following these interviews, I hope families sit down and plan the steps ahead to maximise the learning opportunities with a view to improve. The parent/teacher conversation does not have to end at the conclusion of parent/teacher night. I would encourage an ongoing conversation between parents and teachers via email, to assist in the partnership of educating your sons.

Congratulations to the staff and students involved in the HSC Showcase evening last Friday night. Over 300 people were in attendance and were able to see and appreciate the hard work and brilliant talent of our HSC students. Major works were on display, and the music was second to none. Our Year 11 Hospitality students prepared, cooked and served all of the food on the night and did an outstanding job.

Have a nice week,

Mr Peter Buxton
Deputy Headmaster

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2014
The Annual Report to the Community 2014 is now available to view on the College website.

OLD BOYS’ MASS & LUNCHEON

Saturday, 5 September 2015
$70 pp | 10.00am College Tour
11.00am Mass | 12.30pm Meet at Coogee Surf Club
RSVP: 21 August - Sharon Elliot 9398 6355
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Updating Student Information

From time to time the CEO is required to provide student details and background data to Government agencies. This is particularly important to note at Census time and for the August Special Circumstances applications to be submitted to AGDET. Parents and guardians are able to access the CEO Privacy Policy - Standard Collection Notice on the CEO public website

VISUAL ART

On Friday 17th of July, our year 12 Visual Art class showcased their ‘bodies of work’ to a large captivated audience. From drawings and sculpture to paintings and photography, a vast array of talent was on exhibition for the evening. Rosemary Wehbe and her students worked persistently in developing their work over the course of the year, aiming to demonstrate their sophisticated skills and communicate their chosen concepts. Also on show were a selection of works from the Year 9 and 10 elective classes, Visual Art and Visual Design as well as Years 7 and 8 Art. These works ranged from intricate drawings, pop art inspired portraiture, skate deck designs, animation to comic illustration. The night was an amazing showcase of the creativity and talent of our students.

Katherine Toohey
Visual Arts Coordinator

1. Kenley Suryana
2. Luka Bozic
3. Adrian Nobre
4. Peter Maroon
5. Adam Alania
MUSIC

The HSC Showcase on the 17th July was a wonderful display of students’ talents, particularly for the Year 12 musicians. Each music student performed one of their HSC pieces to an audience of family and friends of the Marcellin community. It is an invaluable experience for a musician to perform in front of a crowd and to receive acknowledgement and applause for the musical talents they displayed. This year’s cohort has a variety of instruments that were showcased: guitarists, vocalists, a bass guitarist, a trumpeter and drummers. Each student performed in a variety of genres, showcasing a specific technique in their instrument, whether it was Jazz vocal techniques, virtuosic drum rhythms, or the ability to manipulate the bass guitar’s sound, each student in Year 12 demonstrated what it means to be a performer. The night was made extra special with the families and friends of the Year 12 musicians attending to see the hard work these boys have put into their performances. Thank you to each of the families for their support.

The junior musicians from Years 7-11 are also to be acknowledged as they provided beautiful background music for the beginning of the evening, really adding to the atmosphere of the night. With the Performance trials and HSC fast approaching, I wish the Year 12 Musicians the best of luck in the final leg of preparation and rehearsals. (Year 12 Musicians: Jacob Siles, Reid Perry, Michael Jenkins, Tim Brabook, Alex Walker, Luka Bozic, Alessandro Palumbo, Eden Joseph, Harry Mourant).

Daniela Gamma
Music Coordinator

1. Stage Band
2. Reid Perry
3. Michael Jenkins
INDUSTRIAL TIMBER and DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Since October last year, the HSC Industrial Timber and Design & Technology students have been working towards a Major Project. These projects were on show last Friday night at the College showcase. The Marist Centre was full of life and it was so pleasing to see so many families come out on a cold winters night to support this years HSC students.

For Industrial Timber the students manufacture a project predominantly from timber. The boys have worked extremely hard and produced beautiful and elegant pieces of furniture. Their attention to detail and finishes is to be commended.

The Major Project in Design and Technology requires the boys to design a product, system or environment. This year an example of a system was Luke Bond’s website to assist parents of ill children find emergency accommodation. An example of a product was Reid Perry’s quick change tap shoes and finally an example of an environment was Jackson Dean-Harvey’s redevelopment of Coogee bus stop to improve traffic flow. The students produced innovative prototypes, making good use of the College’s 3D printers – Well done to all the students on their outstanding projects!

Peta Bourke
TAS Coordinator

1. Ben McLoughlin
2. Zachary Waterhouse
3. Jake Irvine
4. Clayton Cantarella
YEY 11 HOSPITALITY

This year is the first year that we have offered Hospitality studies to our senior students and what a success it has been thus far! The commercial kitchen and facilities in which the course is delivered is first class and allows the students to work within a real-life setting, providing unprecedented opportunities for real-life experiences. The students have been learning the basic skills in food preparation and have been cooking a variety of dishes in the commercial kitchen for the past two months. All the students have embraced the opportunity with enthusiasm.

The Showcase was a fantastic opportunity for the students to put their newly learned skills to the test. As part of their assessment each group had to research and prepare a savoury finger food and a sweet dessert to present to patrons on the evening of the Showcase. The class organised the ingredients and quantities to be ordered, increasing quantities to be able to cater for a large group of people. The class presented the following dishes and all received exceptional feedback from staff, parents and students alike.

Savoury - prawn cutlets, crumbed calamari, bacon chicken bites, chicken skewers, beef empanadas, salmon crostini, chicken dumplings and lamb kofta.

Sweets- chocolate mousse, meringues, chocolate tarts, custard fruit tarts, passionfruit slice and chocolate slice.

The following students are members of the 2015 hospitality class and are to be congratulated on the work ethic, skill and team work displayed during the Showcase:

Vincent Au-Yeung
Zach Callaghan
Juan Chacar
Evan Davis
James De Francesco
Albert Dzang
Raffaele Golino
Anthony Halikas
Dallas Jennings
Remar John Leron
Harrison Lewis
Bailey Malcolm
Nicholas Pavlakis
Reece Sloane
David Taumoepenu
Daniel Vila
Andrew Whitelaw
Adam Woodward

Mara Watts
Hospitality Teacher
P&F Social Night - Thank God Its Friday - TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW - $50 per person
Ticket price includes food & entertainment. Drinks will be available to purchase on the night (cash only - no EFTPOS facilities)

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Click here to listen to the amazing sounds of The John Field Band!
National Tree Day, Sunday July 26, Randwick Tree Walk for Tree Day

This is its 2nd year running, with the support of Randwick City Council. The event provides an opportunity for the community to connect with our roots, and one another, and to become more involved in the future of our city. The future should be leafy, but our urban trees and wildlife face many threats.

On a day when so many people around the country are planting new trees, we walk beside our iconic, established trees, many of which were saplings nearly one hundred years ago. There will also be some fun & educational activities taking place after the walk.
St Aidan’s Maroubra Centenary Celebrations

Former students and their families are invited to join the school community in celebrating the school’s 100 years anniversary on the 31 August. Please join us for Mass at 9:10am at Holy Family Church Maroubra followed by morning tea in the hall. For catering purposes, please RSVP to info@stamaroubra.catholic.edu.au or 9344 6364.

Details of other celebratory events can be found at the St Aidan’s Facebook page.
From the Sports Coordinator

WINTER SEASON – Rugby League & Soccer
We returned from holidays last week to find eleven of our fourteen winter teams (four Soccer and seven Rugby League) qualified for MCC Semi Finals. Unfortunately not all matches were played due to the poor weather leading up to match day which left some fields unplayable. Our U13a and U15 Soccer teams finished the rounds in third place and were unlucky not to have the opportunity to progress as cancelled matches meant those teams finishing first and second automatically qualified for the Grand Final. Our A and B Grade Soccer along with U15 and B2 Rugby League teams were outplayed in their Semi Finals which saw their season also brought to a close. As expected, all semi finals were tough contests, none more so than the B1 v B2 clash at Heffron which proved to be a great spectacle. The victorious Rugby League teams on the day were U13b, U13a, U14, B and A Grade.

Five Rugby League teams took the field on Grand Final day yesterday. Three returned with trophies as successful Premiers – U13A, B Grade and A Grade. Our B Grade team got off to a great start, scoring a try in the opening minutes to set the tone for what would prove to be a very dominant first half. They went to the break leading 24-0. To their credit, Kogarah scored sixteen unanswered points in the second half but fortunately our boys hung on from there to win. Likewise our A Grade team built a solid 18-6 lead by halftime. Pagewood came out strongly after the break to score three consecutive tries to lead 22-18 with only six minutes remaining. Randwick regrouped to snatch a try inside the final few minutes to send the match into ‘extra time’. Under huge pressure, our boys came up with the crucial plays to score two tries in extra time and claim the victory in what should be regarded as one of the best MCC matches in recent years.

My thanks and congratulations to all players and coaches involved in Soccer & Rugby League this season. We are extremely fortunate to have so many talented players wearing the cerise and blue and so many coaches willing to give their time to ensure our teams have the opportunity to compete.

| SEMI FINALS RESULTS - 16TH JULY 2015 |
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Under 13 Div 2b
The Marcellion boys played with great spirit against a very good Pagewood side. Held scoreless for the first half, they managed a comeback in the second half with two great tries. Unfortunately the opposition held on and scored a late try to finish the game 20 - 8. The team should be proud of their efforts throughout the season.
Nathan Weller (Coach)

Under 13 Div 1
Having finished the season in fourth place Marcellin came into the Grand Final as the underdogs against a strong Holy Cross side. This didn’t dent Marcellin’s confidence or stop them from fronting up both with the ball and in defence. A strong defensive effort to start the match, combined with making smart decisions and taking the chances that were on offer, had Marcellin leading 14-4 at the break. This seemed to shock the Holy Cross team into action and they started the second half with all guns blazing. To Marcellin’s credit they held firm, extended their lead and came away deserved Premiers.
James O’Shea (Coach)

Under 14
The Marcellin College Under 14 Rugby League team played Holy Cross College, Ryde in the Grand Final. It was an enthralling encounter that saw the lead change several times throughout the match. At the end of regular time the scores were locked up at 10 all. The boys dug deep and showed tremendous character but unfortunately Ryde scored in the second half of extra time to win the game 24-18. The team is to be congratulated on a fantastic season.
Anthony Noyes (Coach)

CC CUP RUGBY LEAGUE (Quarter Final)
At 5.00pm on Thursday 16th July the A Grade Rugby League team boarded a coach for a seven hour trip to Leeton for a quarterfinal match in the CCC Cup. The boys had just finished a tough MCC Semi Final against Holy Cross Ryde an hour earlier, so it was a very hectic time. After arriving at approximately 2.00am on the Friday morning, the boys were up by 7.30am that morning, had breakfast and then started preparing for the match, which kicked off at 11.00am.

After a brilliant start to the match in which the team was up 16-0 after ten minutes, fatigue and some poor discipline crept into the game and the team found themselves behind 18-16 at halftime. Fortunately in the second half, the team reverted back to the game plan and managed to score two tries to nil in the half to run out winners 24-18. It was a great effort under very challenging circumstances. Josh Cook was the star of the day, scoring three of the teams five tries. The victory means the team has now progressed to the semi finals of the State wide competition. In the Semi Final the boys will face a very tough Patrician Brothers Blacktown team. The game will be held at St Marys Stadium in Week 6 of this term.
Chris O’Connell (Coach)

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS – Cross Country
Congratulations to Anthony Touma, Harrison Lewis & Thomas Scullion who each competed at the NSW All Schools Cross Country Championships as members of the NSWCCC team. In their respective age group races, Anthony finished 30th (in a field of 65), Harrison finished 35th (in a field of 90) and Thomas finished 20th (in a field of 60). These are fine results as the boys competed against the best Cross Country runners in NSW.
Luke MacNamara
Sports Coordinator
FRIDAY 14 AUGUST 2015
5.00 - 7.00PM

AN INVITATION TO PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE MARCELLIN COMMUNITY, MEMBERS OF THE OLD BOYS’ ASSOCIATION AND PAST COLLEGE CAPTAINS TO JOIN US FOR THE OPENING CELEBRATIONS OF OUR NEW BUILDINGS

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