

# MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



## NEWSLETTER

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*Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,*

The HSIE department or Human Society and its Environment as it is officially known, is at first glance a rather uninspiring title given to a curriculum department that encompasses a very broad and eclectic range of subjects. These include Ancient and Modern History, Economics, Business Studies, Legal Studies, Geography, Marine Studies, Commerce and World and Australian History and Geography. It is within this diverse educational framework that a bustling and lively approach to learning operates.

The stereotype of an adolescent male (seen currently in a number of television advertisements) is not at all together flattering. The apathetic and incoherent persona seen in the media very much contrasts with my realities as a teacher. The students in my own and other classes within the department have a genuine curiosity and a thirst for knowledge. The depth and volume of their questioning is a testament to their desires to understand the world around them. Indeed we encourage and push them to question and actively challenge opinions rather than passively accept and blindly adopt someone else's view of the world.

I sometimes think what a wonderful opportunity it would be if you, the parents, could be a "fly on the wall" in some of the lessons that occur at Marcellin. On any given day in a HSIE lesson you could see such things as students taking virtual 3D tours of various cities in the Ancient World, listen to the vibrant debates regarding the appeasement of Nazi Germany, observe a lively appraisal of the relative merits and weaknesses of our legal system, or discuss the causes and impacts of climatic change on Australia.

A contemporary religious commentator wrote,  
*"Do not let others create the world for you, for they will always create it too small."*

The message found in these words resonates loudly to us as teachers, particularly those in the HSIE department. Through the content we analyse and the knowledge we imbue, we are in fact equipping our boys with the skills needed to understand their role as members of a global community.

Statistically Australians are amongst the most avid travellers in the world. In the not too distant future a great proportion of the young men at Marcellin will surf the beaches of Indonesia, visit Gallipoli or the Western Front for a dawn service, work in a mega city like London or simply enjoy the cultural experience that comes from backpacking through a foreign land. It is my belief, that when they do, our boys will have the confidence to enjoy the experience and be equipped with an understanding of the historical, economical and social events that have shaped the world they have now begun to explore for themselves.

With best wishes

Mr Anthony Burke  
HSIE Coordinator



# FROM THE HEADMASTER

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



**Robert Murphy**  
Year 7

In the All Schools Athletics Carnival 3rd in the 1500m Walk



**Maxwell Wilson**  
Year 8

In the NSW All Schools Athletics Carnival 7th in the 800m final, 5th in the 1500m and 5th in the 3000m, also making the Nationals



**Cooper Rawnsley**  
Year 10

In the All Schools Athletics Carnival 4th in the 800m final



**Christian Lozada**  
Year 10

In the All Schools Athletics Carnival 2nd in the 200 Hurdles, 4th in the 100 Hurdles and 4th in the 400m



**Benjamin Gordon**  
Year 8

In the All Schools Athletics Carnival 4th in the 400m, 4th in the 200 Hurdles and 7th in the 100 Hurdles



**Jaydan Touhy**  
Year 7

In the All Schools Athletics Carnival 4th in the 80m Hurdles



**Francis Torok**  
Year 10

In the All Schools Athletics Carnival 3rd in the 3000m



**Year 12 students James Ambrose and Paul Jewiss**

Nominated for inclusion in DesignTECH, the annual exhibition of outstanding Major Design Projects developed by HSC Design and Technology students



**Finn Lea**  
Year 12

Nominated for inclusion in Art Express for his drawing 'A day in paradise'



**Felix Hawke-Jones**  
Year 12

Nominated for inclusion in Art Express for his painting 'Aussie Pride'

## CONGRATULATIONS

Jake Nurmi and Madalitso Masache have been selected to play for the Rebel's Under 20s side in March 2010 for the National Titles Touch Football competition to be held in Queensland.

Joshua Romeo received the 'Warrick Segal Memorial Award' from the United Soccer Club for outstanding contribution as a supporter, referee and as the coach of the U7s.

## 2010 ENROLMENT

Parents are asked to please inform me in writing as soon as possible if your son is not returning in 2010. I have a large number of boys on our waiting list seeking a place at Marcellin. I would appreciate prompt notification so that I can attend to prospective applicants. Many thanks.

## TERM 4 CALENDAR EVENTS

**Monday 30th November**

- Year 10 Prizegiving commences 9.30 am.

**Monday 30th November**

- Year 10 concludes.

**Wednesday 9th December**

- Year 11 concludes.

## PARENT THANK YOU FUNCTION CANCELLED

Please note that the Parent Thank You function on Friday 4th December has been cancelled. Parent helpers will receive a letter from Br Bill in the mail shortly. Apologies for any inconvenience.

## REPORTS

If you have not already done so could you please return your annual verification report to the school. Please check all details very carefully, amend any administration and financial details and return to the College front office as soon as possible. Failure to return the report may mean your fee billing details for 2010 will be incorrect. If any parent did not receive a copy please contact the College.

## NAPLAN RESULTS

Students in Years 7 and 9 sat the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in May this year. The tables below show the percentages of students who achieved particular skill bands and who achieved at or above minimum standards. The school results shown are compared to students nationally. Marcellin again performed very well across all areas in comparison to the national results. For more information on NAPLAN visit [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au)

### Overall Literacy

	Top band		Top 3 bands		Minimum Standards	
	School	National	School	National	School	National
Year 7 2009	10%	9%	90%	55%	99%	94%
Year 7 2008	16%	8%	75%	53%	99%	94%
Year 9 2009	3%	6%	55%	46%	98%	91%
Year 9 2008	9%	6%	64%	45%	99%	91%

### Numeracy

	Top band		Top 3 bands		Minimum Standards	
	School	National	School	National	School	National
Year 7 2009	20%	10%	80%	55%	100%	96%
Year 7 2008	24%	12%	77%	55%	99%	95%
Year 9 2009	9%	8%	61%	52%	100%	95%
Year 9 2008	15%	8%	71%	47%	99%	94%

### Components of Literacy

	Reading		Writing		Spelling		Grammar and Punctuation	
	School	National	School	National	School	National	School	National
Year 7 2009	99%	94%	99%	93%	99%	93%	100%	92%
Year 7 2008	99%	94%	98%	92%	98%	92%	98%	92%
Year 9 2009	95%	92%	92%	88%	98%	90%	96%	90%
Year 9 2008	99%	93%	97%	87%	97%	90%	95%	90%

## TALENTED SCIENCE STUDENTS SYMPOSIUM

For the past two terms, five boys from Marcellin have been working towards their CSIRO Bronze CREST Award. This has involved attending workshops on a Saturday at St Mary's Cathedral College where they have worked together in a number of different open-ended science investigations and technology projects. CREST, CREativity in Science and Technology, encourages success and the development of skills and processes. It allows students to pursue a topic of interest to them. CREST students undertake real-life open-ended science and technology research projects which involve three elements: Creativity, Perseverance and Application.

On Thursday 5th November the students from Marcellin attended and presented at the Talented Science Students Symposium held at St Joachim's Hall at Lidcombe. This was organised by the Catholic Education Office and involved students from all schools across the Sydney Archdiocese. Matthew Waller, Liam Petersen, Sam Kelley, Andrew Jackson and Andy Li are to be congratulated on their dedication to their chosen topic and to be commended on their research and findings. Well done boys!

*Mrs Mary Ivancic, G & T Coordinator*

On the Science Night Marcellin was represented by five boys all going for a CREST Bronze Award. There were many representatives from all different schools across Sydney. All the projects were good and one even received a Silver Award! Everybody enjoyed themselves and all the projects were well done and well presented. We would like to thank Mrs Ivancic for attending on the night to support us.

*Liam Peterson, Student Year 8.1*



Samuel Kelley



Andy Li



From left to right: Liam Petersen, Matthew Waller, Samuel Kelley, Andy Li, Andrew Jackson



Matthew Waller

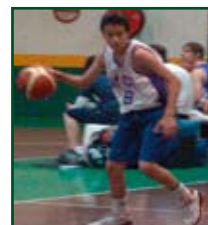
# SPORT AND NEWS

Marcellin were quite convincing in their round against North Shore last week winning 9 of the 12 games. The basketball and touch teams continue to be dominant and our squash boys are in second place after their loss. The cricketers have been bowling and batting well, only to have lost 3 games this season, with the U16s remaining undefeated. The final game this year is against Lewisham. Our basketballers travel to Bankstown, the cricket boys play at Tasker Park (U14 & U16) and Marrickville Oval, whilst the squash and touch are both at home. The season resumes on the 4th February, 2010 against Ashfield. At our recent Headmaster's assembly, the U15 and Opens volleyball teams were recognized for their efforts in the MCC Championships at Homebush late last term. In the U15s Jack Unicomb-Laird was judged Most Improved and Erik Eklof was voted Best and Fairest whilst in the Opens, Jack McAnespie was the Most Improved and Andrew Panousis was the Best and Fairest. Well done to these boys and all the boys involved in the championships.

The Surfing championships take place on Thursday 10th December starting at 8:30 am at Maroubra Beach. Parents are most welcome to come down and watch their sons perform on the day.

## MCC SUMMER SEASON - ROUND 2

Basketball	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	Wahroonga	Wahroonga	Wahroonga	Wahroonga
	Result	W: 53-31	W: 26-15	W: 128-8	W: 42-10
	Player of Match	Andrew Panousis	Jack Janis	Anthony Chovan	Abaina Davis



Cricket	Team	A Grade	Under 16s	Under 14s
	Opposition	Wahroonga	Wahroonga	Wahroonga
	Result	L: 6/175 to 2/180	W: 4/119 to 10/112	W: 6/180 to 3/105
	Player of Match	James McKenzie	Matthew Buxton	Nikolas Tsoukalas

Squash	Opposition	Results
	Wahroonga	W: 791 to 698
	Player of Match	Aaron Carvalho

Touch Football	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	Wahroonga	Wahroonga	BYE	Wahroonga
	Result	W: 14-2	W: 14-4		W: 20-1
	Player of Match	Gage Williamson	Andrew Norton		Bradley Littlefair



## MCC SUMMER SEASON - ROUND 3

Basketball	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
	Result	W: 51-26	W: 33-21	W: 60-45	L: 32-35
	Player of Match	Peter Kalaizis	Oliver Kelly	Jack Jones	Charles Stinson

Cricket	Team	A Grade	Under 16s	Under 14s
	Opposition	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
	Result	W: 2/146 to 8/86	W: 6/133 to 10/31	L: 3/116 to 7/117
	Player of Match	Cameron McKinlay	Eamonn Hawke	Nikolas Tsoukalas

Squash	Opposition	Results
	North Shore	L: 438 to 1188
	Player of Match	James Del Marmol

Touch Football	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
	Result	W: 9-1	W: 12-0	W: 10-5	W: 12-3
	Player of Match	Emanuel Giuffre	Andrew Norton	Blake Hurley	Jaiden Brown



*Mr Robert Capizzi, Sports Coordinator*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Pandemic influenza vaccination available for children aged ten years and over:** The swine flu vaccination is available free from your general practitioner - for more information please refer to the College website under News.

**Teenagers Drinking Alcohol:** The Australian Drug Foundation provides important information on teenagers drinking alcohol. For more information please refer to the College website under News, or the ADF website [www.adf.org.au](http://www.adf.org.au)

**Marcellin Uniform Shop Opening Hours:** We are open on Thursdays 8 am to 1 pm, and also on the following Saturdays this term: 28th November 8.30 am - 10.30 am; 5th and 12th December 8 am - 3 pm. The Uniform Shop is accepting donations of clean second hand blazers and trousers. Please bring them in on Tuesdays or Thursdays. The school will benefit from the sale of your clean second hand items and thank you for your generosity in advance.

**The Sydney Federation of Catholic School Parents:** An evening to celebrate Family-School Partnerships 24th November 7.30-9.30 pm at the Catholic Education Office 38 Renwick St Leichhardt. RSVP [franceyn.oconnor@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:franceyn.oconnor@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au) or call Margaret Anderson on 9568 8219.