Grand Final day finally was replayed last Thursday 21st July after the washout in the final week. Of the 4 teams that successfully made their way to the final only the U/15 Soccer team was victorious on the day. The results from the day were as follows:

**Rugby League:**
- U/13 Div 2: Kogarah 10 defeated Randwick 8
- U/14: Kogarah 26 defeated Randwick 4
- U/13 Div 1: Kogarah 24 defeated Randwick 12

**Soccer:**
- U/15: Randwick 2 defeated Lewisham 1

Our League teams were all in the mix for a long way and showed a “never die” attitude in all games. Hopefully next year with a bit more size and strength we will reverse the tables. Congratulations to Mr Campbell and the U/15 soccer team who showed tremendous courage against a much bigger side. A hard fought affair went to extra time where Marcellin were able to hang on in an enthralling contest. This is the first trophy Marcellin has brought home for many years in soccer and hopefully is a springboard for many more. It is the first time in 15 years that Randwick has won the U/15 Soccer trophy. Special mention to the Yr 11 students who showed tremendous school spirit in supporting the teams.

Thanks must go to all boys who competed in the MCC Winter season for their time and efforts in training and in games. It has been a leaner season in results than in the past, but I think we realize that we have to work that little bit harder to maintain our high standards. Despite this it was pleasing to see many boys improve their skills and enjoy their sports.

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**Upcoming events in Term 3**

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**Parent Education Program for Cantonese-speaking Migrant Parents with Teenagers**

ECHO Neighbourhood Centre, in partnership with South East/Illawarra Multicultural Health & Child Protection Service will run a parent education program “Looking Back & Moving On” at Randwick Information & Community Centre, J/3 Bown Library & Community Centre, 669-673 Anzac Parade, Maroubra Junction. The program will be run on four consecutive Saturday afternoons (3.5 hours) at Randwick Information & Community Centre, J/3 Bown Library & Community Centre, 669-673 Anzac Parade, Maroubra Junction. The program will be facilitated by experienced social workers and conducted in Cantonese. For more information & booking, please ring Jennifer Lau on 9387 2885.
Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students,

The Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) is a story familiar to most of us. It is for me one of the most striking parables in the Gospel. We can easily focus on the younger son who wasted his inheritance, humiliated his father and chose a life that brought shame to his family. An article by Dr. Mary Colve points out that the focus of the parable is not the younger son who wastes his father’s money. This sets the scene for the introduction of the second son, the older ‘stay at home’ brother.

To understand this parable, take notice of the context. Jesus is at a meal surrounded by tax collectors and sinners, people just like the younger son. The good, religious people of Jesus’ time are scandalized by this behaviour. They complain about Jesus’ dinner companions. The parable is directed to them. They are like the older son in the story. Their lives have been faithful to their Jewish Law and now Jesus, apparently a man of God, spends more time with outcasts and sinners. ‘What about us?’ they complain.

But notice how they miss the point. The older son has been living a sterile life, not really in relationship with his father. He has been like a ‘slave’ and he distances himself from his father and his brother - ‘this son of yours’. Even though he stayed at home, his relationships are dead. It is the younger son who discovers a living and loving father when he knows he doesn’t deserve one.

The father’s love is a gift, it is unconditional. Neither son earns it, or deserves it. God’s love is also like this, totally, even irrationally given. The painting by Rembrandt, depicted below, illustrates this so well. The loving father embracing his son, despite the hurt, selfishness and insensitivity exhibited by his son. In the story the father welcomes both sons to join the celebration. His overwhelming compassion is no doubt quite a challenge for us to live up to.

The young son most certainly did not take the wise options, but while the older son remained at home and worked on the property, he too exhibited a lack of compassion and forgiveness. It is easy to take the high moral ground and point the finger at those who fail to make the grade, while at the same time failing to recognise our own faults and failings.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son encourages us to be more like the father; non-judgemental, forgiving and understanding. His display of unconditional love is at the core of this parable and is a reminder to each one of us that we all falter from time to time but to imitate the father’s compassion and forgiveness is what we are being encouraged to do.

If you would like to read more about this parable and the painting by Rembrandt I highly recommend the book ‘Return of the Prodigal Son’ by Henri Nouwen. It would be available at St. Paul’s book and media centre in the city.

May we take a little time this week out of our busy schedules to reflect on the significance of this Gospel story for ourselves and our families.

With best wishes,

Br Bill Sullivan, fms
Headmaster

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**SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

Congratulations to the students pictured below on their outstanding achievements in a variety of endeavours.

Well done, boys!

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**Year 8**

Marcus Day, Year 8

Competed in the Australian Youth Friendship Games from 14th to 17th July in tenpin bowling against the USA. James received 2 bronze medals with his team finishing 3rd for Australia and 4th overall. Marcus received a silver individual medal for high scoring game. Tony missed out on a medal but showed great sportsmanship!

**Year 9**

Adam Laughlan-Bowly, Year 11

3rd Place in All Schools Cross Country 5km Championships. Qualified for NSW team to compete at the Nationals in Adelaide.

**Year 10**

Stelios Pikoulas, Year 8

Won doubles tennis and was a Semi Finalist in U14 Youth Friendship Games against the USA.

**Year 11**

Edward Pettybourne, Year 12

Selected in the Opens Australian School Boys’ Rugby League team.

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**Debating News**

Marcellin was represented in the Semi Finals of the CSDA Debating Competition last Friday night at Loreto Normanhurst, with teams in Years 8 and 10.

Congratulations to our Year 8 debating team on reaching the State CSDA debating Final which is to be held this Friday evening. To be in the top two teams in NSW is a fantastic achievement.

We wish the team and coach, Mr Davidson, well for the Final this Friday.

Congratulations also to our Year 10 debating team who competed in the CSDA Semi Final last Friday. This team was ranked in the top four Year 10 teams in the State. Unfortunately they were defeated in the Semi Final round. I congratulate them on a most successful year.

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**Year 7 Full Attendance Awards**

Congratulations to these students, all of whom received a prize for full attendance in Term 2.

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**Place in All Schools Cross Country 6km**

- Daniel Azzi, Theo Pitsikas, Richard Fairbairn
- Aodan Docherty, Michael Holten, Ratu Knight, Chris Van Egmond
- Ben Dunn, Jared Flanigan, Sidney Ritz, George Townson, Dane Tucker
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**Year 11**

- Tony Woolridge, Year 8

Won doubles tennis and was a Semi Finalist in U14 Youth Friendship Games against the USA.

- Edward Pettybourne, Year 12

Selected in the Opens Australian School Boys’ Rugby League team.

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**Important Dates**

**Week 3**
- Monday 1st August: Trial HSC for Year 12. Continues to Monday 15th August. Lessons recommence on Tuesday 16th August for all Year 12 students.
- Tuesday 2nd August: Year 9 Collection Day for the Spastic Centre.
- Friday 5th August: Year 11 Retreat Day.

**Week 4**
- Monday 8th to Monday 12th August: Year 9 Camp
- Friday 12th August: Year 10 Ministry Week

**Other Special Events Term 3**
- Year 9 2006 Subject Information Evening 6.15pm on Wednesday 17th August
- Year 11 2006 Subject Information Evening 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th August
  
  *All boys in Year 8 and 10 are to be present in full school uniform with one parent.*
- Ex-Students’ Annual Mass and Dinner 6.30pm Friday 19th August, commencing at the College, followed by dinner at the Randwick Rugby Club.
- **NEW DATE for College Athletics Carnival** Monday 5th September. Further details shortly.

**Newsletters**

As of week four Term 3 (Wednesday 10th August) those parents who have indicated their preference for an email version of our Newsletter will receive an email from the College informing them that the latest edition of the newsletter is available for access by computer. The notification will inform you how to access your newsletter. Those families who have indicated that they wish to receive a hard copy version will still receive it every second Wednesday as usual. These will be distributed to your son during morning admin. Those who would like a printed copy from time to time can also collect these from the front office. I will be explaining this information to your son in the coming week. If you do not receive an email notification please contact the office to confirm that the correct email address has been supplied.

**“No Ill Feeling”**

'No Ill Feeling' played to packed houses over the weekend, bringing yet another successful musical theatre season to an end.

The talents and skills of all students involved came to the fore in this musical parody. Congratulations and thank you to all involved in this wonderfully entertaining production.