

MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

*"Our hearts, spirits and intellects need to be awakened and fed.
When people discover their own capacity to give life and hope to others,
then they want to give more - the power of love rises up."*

Jean Vanier

Over the past few years I have continued to encourage a spirit of gratitude and appreciation in our school community. I see it as important that we do not take for granted the good will and generosity of others. If we do, we will not maintain a healthy and vibrant school community. To say thank you or acknowledge support takes little effort but can mean a great deal to all concerned.

The parable of the ten lepers (Luke 17: 11-19) is one I have referred to before both in newsletters and here at school. I am always struck by the fact that only one of the ten came back to say thank you. I am sure all would have been quite relieved to be healed of their affliction but yet only one came back to say thanks.

Encouraging in our boys the capacity to say thanks and to value the care and support they are given is an essential task for all parents and teachers. We need to show the way by the example we set. We are doing our boys a great disservice if we do not continue to place these expectations before them.

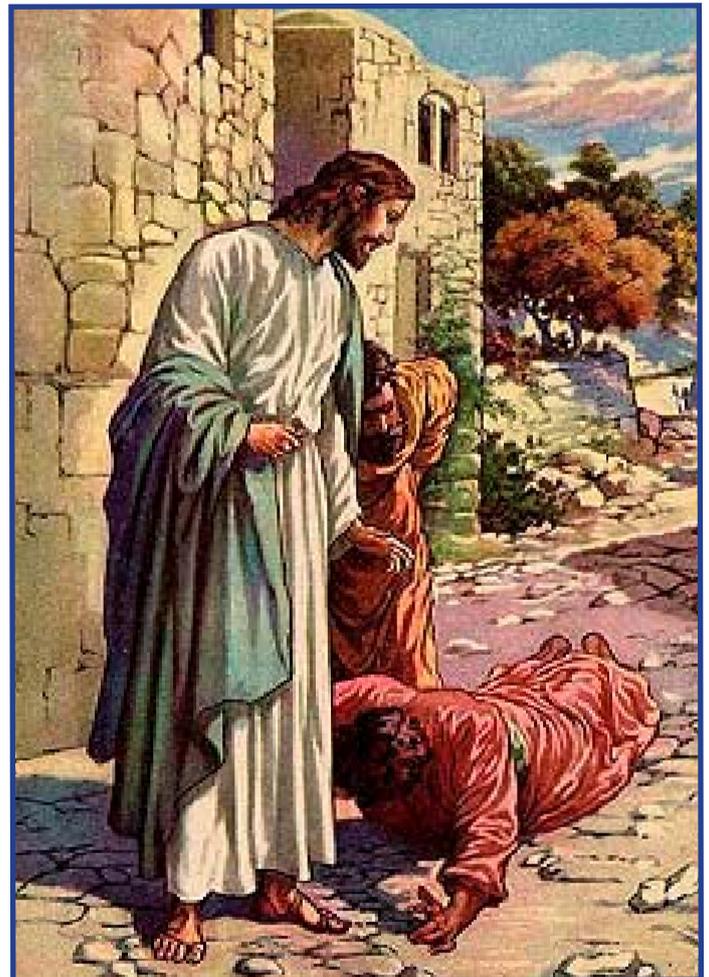
Wilkie Au in 'The Enduring Heart' tells us, *"When we pause to appreciate our many blessings, we spontaneously feel a sense of gratitude; and gratitude, in turn, evokes a desire to reciprocate."*

"Maintaining an attitude of gratitude requires an ahead-of-time willingness to regard life with appreciation. It involves a conscious choice to see the glass as half-full rather than half-empty."

What we come to realize is that the support we offer one another makes for a happier and more vibrant community. We all share the benefits of a place where gratitude and appreciation is overtly obvious.

"The act of giving life to others energizes the human spirit. Reaching out to those in need gives us dignity and purpose. It taps into our human need to be generative, that is, to bear fruit for others, especially those of the upcoming generation. In this way, generosity enriches our own life and sustains our vitality. When we lose the sense of how we can make a difference in the lives of others, our spirits lag and our zest for life wanes."

The parable of the ten lepers reminds me of the value and importance of acknowledging and appreciating the good will of others. May we all strive to be more like the one leper who not only valued what was done for him but was generous in his praise and gratitude.



With best wishes

Br Bill Sullivan, fms
Headmaster

FROM THE HEADMASTER

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



Jake Melis
Year 7

Received a High Distinction in ICAS English Competition



Cameron Wells
Year 7

Received a High Distinction in ICAS English Competition



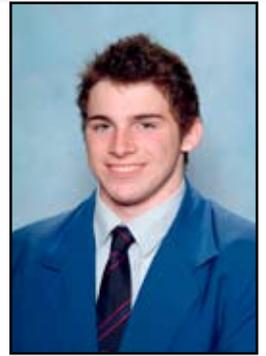
Matthew Waller
Year 8

Received a High Distinction in ICAS English Competition



John Murdaca
Year 10

Selected to play in the Youth Development Cup Competition



Nathan Galway
Year 11

Represented NSW and won gold in Australian Schoolage Wrestling Competition Perth 71 kg division



Matthew Shean
Year 12

Father Cletus Moverly Award for Character



Paul Jewiss
Year 12

Brother Robert O'Connor Award for Christian Commitment



Daniel Liew
Year 12

College Dux



Kenrick Setiobudi
Year 12

J.J. Dunningham Award for Proficiency



Jack O'Grady
Year 12

Brother John Ryan Baptist Award for Culture



James Goodwin
Year 12

Headmaster's Award



John Hannan
Year 12

Headmaster's Award



Daniel Morgan
Year 12

Headmaster's Award



Thomas Gilmore
Year 12

Headmaster's Award



Angus Robson
Year 12

Nathan Gibbs Award for Sporting Excellence



Jackson Raymond
Year 12

Outstanding contribution to representative sport over six years

CONGRATULATIONS

The following Year 8 students were in the U14 South Eastern Premiership: Luke Dooner, Cheyne Whitelaw, Bronson Garlick, Jack Erickson, Lucas Aldous, Jake Richards and Hayden Preece.

The following students were in the U15 Mascot team: Lars Roy (Year 10), Angelo Tzoukas (Year 10), Aaron Gray (Year 10), Thomas Hay (Year 9) and Noah O'Neil (Year 9).

The following students were in the Premiership for U17 Mascot team: Matt Evans (Year 11) and Andrew Artemi (Year 12).

Year 8 students Anthony Cavlovic and Jonathon Henderson were in the Premierships for the Kensington Saints.

Luke Dooner (Year 8) and Blake Hurley (Year 9) were selected in the South Sydney Harold Matthews Rugby League Squad.

Year 7 student Lachlan Toal was selected to play in U15 Representative Hockey for the Sydney Junior Hockey team as Goal Keeper.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

TERM 4 CALENDAR EVENTS

Wednesday 4th November	• Year 11 Preliminary Prizegiving commencing at 7.30 pm.
Friday 6th November	• Walkathon.
Monday 9th November	• School Certificate Exams Commence. Conclude Wednesday 11th November.
Wednesday 11th November	• Year 7 2010 Information Night commences 7.30 pm.
Monday 23rd November	• Years 7/8/9 Assessment Week. Concludes Friday 27th November.
Monday 23rd November	• Year 10 Work Experience. Concludes Friday 27th November.
Monday 30th November	• Year 10 Prizegiving commences 9.30 am.
Monday 30th November	• Year 10 concludes.

STUDENT SICKNESS

Parents are reminded that when your son is sick you are asked to ring the College absentee number (02) 9398 8009 by 9.30 am on the day of absence. This helps us considerably and saves a great amount of time for the office staff. All absences must also be followed up with a letter from parents explaining the absence. To assist parents a proforma letter is located at the back of student diaries.

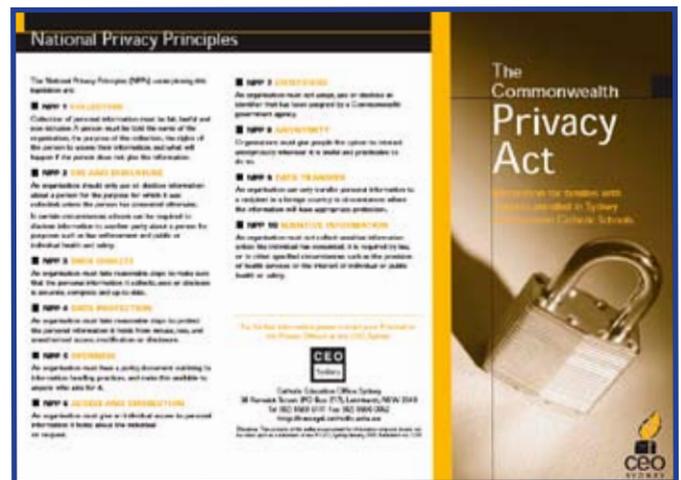
ENROLMENTS 2010

I would appreciate early notification of impending movements so as to facilitate enrolment of boys on our waiting list. If you know your son will not be attending Marcellin in 2010 would you please forward a note indicating this to me as soon as possible. To be fair to prospective students I would appreciate as early notification as possible.

WEBSITE - ENROLMENT INFORMATION

The school website provides useful information on enrolment procedures which can be accessed in the 'Our School' tab on the Marcellin College home page. By hovering over this tab with your mouse, a number of drop down buttons will be displayed. Click on the 'Enrolment' button and this will provide general procedures for enrolment at the College. To access the following information, click on the relevant heading:

'Enrolment Policy Document' (a CEO document),
'Commonwealth Privacy Act' (National Privacy Principles), or
'Child Protection Information for Parents' (How school communities work together to ensure student protection, and what parents can do if they have concerns regarding student safety at school).



WALKATHON

This will be held on Friday 6th November. This is our only fundraising event for the year. Our aim is to once again top \$50,000 with all boys being set the goal to raise a minimum of \$55. This year the proceeds will be used to replace the shade cloth in the main yard with two permanent structures which will give protection in wet weather. We will also be installing a new display cabinet in the TAS corridor to showcase student projects.

I ask for your support to ensure all boys are present on the day. We commence at the usual time and conclude the walkathon with lunch at Clovelly (Burrows Park). Buses will be provided to bring boys back to school. Finish time will be around midday. If we reach our tally of \$50,000 and boys gain the minimum of \$55 the boys will be given a day off in recognition of their efforts. More details will follow shortly. If your son is unable to walk he can still participate with admin duties. I will be looking forward to as close to 100% attendance as we can manage. Many thanks.

IN MEMORIUM



Recently, we received the sad news that Dr Peter Fallon passed away during the holidays.

Dr Fallon was an ex-student of the College and much loved Doctor to the Brothers' community for many years and other members of the Marcellin community. He will be greatly missed. "Fallon House", one of the four houses, was named after Dr Peter Fallon's father Dr Cyril Fallon, a great supporter of the College from its beginnings.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dr Fallon's family. We wish him eternal rest.

NOTICES AND NEWS

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

Year Twelve of 2009 enjoyed a wonderful Graduation Day on Thursday 1st of October with breakfast at the University of New South Wales Roundhouse followed by the Graduation Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Randwick. Parents, family and friends of the Year 12 boys enjoyed morning tea before the "Farewell Assembly". Speeches by Br Bill and College Captain Matthew Shean acknowledged the significant contribution of the year group as well as some of their more memorable and humorous moments from their six years at Marcellin. The culmination of the day was the Graduation Dinner/Formal at the Four Seasons Hotel in the Rocks. The boys, their partners and parents enjoyed a great meal followed by some toasts before finally dancing the evening away. It was a fitting finale, not only to a great day, but also to six productive and wonderful years of secondary schooling.

Mr Paul Daley, Year 12 Coordinator



SPORT

After a fair break from rep sport, we played our first trial match against North Shore. We had some mixed results in Basketball and Squash, but otherwise had quite convincing trials both in Touch Football and Cricket. Our first round of competition begins next week against Pagewood. Free choice sport commenced this term with sports ranging from Oz Tag and Lawn Bowls to Judo and Beach Volleyball. It was a very good day in terms of the students' participation and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. These sports continue for the next six weeks. I'd ask that parents make sure boys have their school caps and sunscreen each Thursday whilst outdoors. With the onset of the warmer weather, boys should be regularly applying sunscreen and drinking plenty of water.

I'd like to mention and thank two staff members in particular. Marcellin College now convenes the Touch Football competition at Marcellin Fields each week and Mr Dave Ferguson has worked tirelessly to have the fields in tip top condition. Other schools have commented on the facility that we have here and Mr Ferguson must take credit for the condition it is in. Thanks also Mr Chris Shields who is responsible for running the competition, he has worked hard to ensure it is well organised. A huge thanks to both staff members.

MCC SUMMER SEASON - TRIAL ROUND

Basketball	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
	Result	W: 52-30	W: 36-16	L: 28-34	L: 22-28
	Player of Match	Andrew Panousis	Phillip Parsons	Henry Payten	Tim Mili

Cricket	Team	A Grade	Under 16s	Under 14s
	Opposition	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
	Result	W: 4/113 to 8/60	W: 7/105 to 10/33	W: 6/97 to 7/72
	Player of Match	Scott Gray	Erik Eklof	Ashley Burton

Squash	Opposition	Results
	North Shore	L: 427 to 1189
	Player of Match	James Psaila

Touch Football	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
	Result	W: 7-1	W: 11-1	W: 10-1	W: 8-1
	Player of Match	Jake Nurmi	Alexander Thomas	Jake O'Sullivan	Zachary Bataille

Mr Robert Capizzi, Sports Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marcellin Uniform Shop Opening Hours: We are open on Thursdays 8 am to 1 pm, and also on the following Saturdays this term: 31st October 8.30 am - 10.30 am; 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.

Free Parenting Workshop for Fathers: Monday 30 November 6 pm - 7.45 pm. Bowen Library Maroubra. Bookings essential phone 9130 7336 or email Lee Shaberman at lees@bensoc.org.au or Kathy Taylor at kathyt@bensoc.org.au