



MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS, STAFF AND FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE

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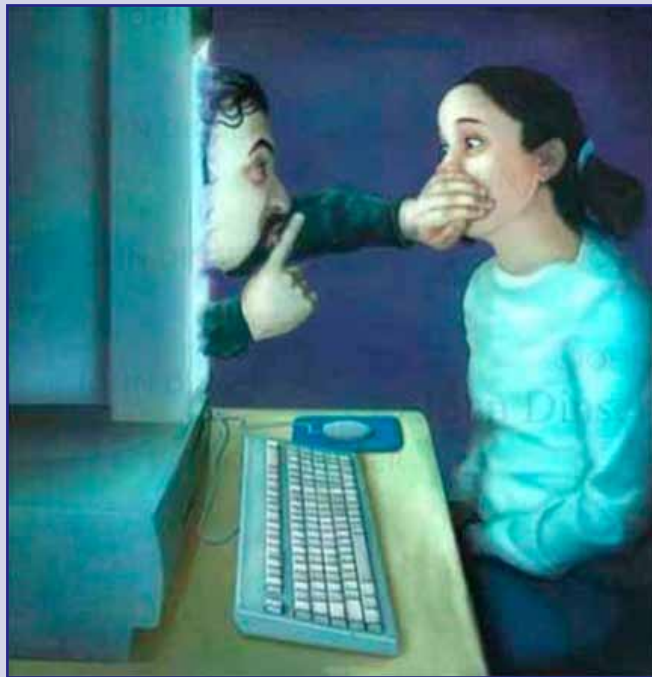
Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of Marcellin,

I was recently contacted by a Detective at Mascot Police Station to advise that a middle aged man was posing as a Year 8 school girl on Facebook and becoming friends with some boys at Marcellin College and other students at local schools. The profile of this fictitious girl was apparently very attractive, according to the boys with whom I have spoken. A nice photograph and inviting words to capture and intrigue the innocent and naive. While Police are monitoring the movements of this and other predators online, the frightening reality is that no matter how many times we warn our kids or present lectures to them at school on this very topic, the message is not getting through to everybody.

When I was a young teenager at Marcellin College in the 1980's, "stranger danger" was a topic of concern with parents and teachers. We were being told not to talk to strangers, to be alert when walking home, to report any suspicious people and to be in conversation with mum and dad about being kept safe. Today, "stranger danger" is still very much a topic of concern; however it has taken on a different dimension. The modern adolescent lives in a world different to the one I grew up in. Computers, mobiles, devices and the internet, particularly social media are a normal part of everyday life. I look at where we have come from and I think, what a wonderful, exciting and advanced world we are living in, but not without its associated risks.

Like anything in life, we need to be careful with what we have and what we use. The online world is giving us instant information, connecting us to each other and the rest of the world and taking us forward at a rapid rate. Unfortunately predators have taken advantage of technology and in particular social mediums such as Facebook. Sadly, unless you know that you are talking to one of your "real" friends on Facebook, you could be talking to anyone at all. As stated above, a man is pretending to be a Year 8 school girl and has posted a photo giving this impression. When an unsuspecting student "friends" this person, they give them access to their online profile, their friends' profiles and anything publicly written on their Facebook wall. If this student has his profile picture dressed in his football gear, then it becomes obvious what football team he plays for. If he mentions what he is doing this weekend, then this is for everyone to see. Some boys mention their school and the suburb in which they live very innocently, not knowing who is watching and taking notes! Unless parents are active in the supervision of their child's online world, they walk through that world without the guidance and moral compass they would be given when walking the streets. Stranger Danger has taken on a new dimension.

Many organisations in Australia and abroad have your child's cyber-safety as their priority, and all offer similar advice. Parents must get involved in their child's online world. This differs with age, however it is not helpful to your teen to adopt the approach of "I don't know enough about computers." or "I want nothing to do with Facebook". Additionally, telling teens that they are wasting their time sitting on the computer all night could just alienate them from you. The virtual world is very much a reality for many teenagers and parents need to build conversations about the sites that their child visits and the appropriate ways in which to use them, in order to keep them safe. As adults we may be confused by the amount of time that our children spend on the computer but we must accept that this is their world in 2013.



Teens must be allowed to make mistakes and know that they can go to their parents if, for instance, they have befriended a person on Facebook that they don't actually know in real life and if they feel something just isn't right. Other advice is that teens must be taught about protecting themselves on the internet, and the ways in which to use the privacy settings, such as on Facebook. The predator mentioned above has been able to contact so many teens in the Eastern Suburbs, as many students are careless about their privacy settings. When their homepage appears, anyone is able to search through their list of friends and then post messages again and again. It really is frightening to

think that a good number of our students and others have spoken with this man and answered all sorts of questions which locate them and their activities, yet only a small handful have mentioned this to their parents or teachers.

Finally, the anonymity of the online world means that it is very easy for predators to become elusive. The man described above has now apparently set up several Facebook accounts, changed the girls name and appears to be continuing to contact students. In my day, if we saw a suspicious adult, then we could describe them to our parents and tell them the location of his or her whereabouts. Times have changed and we must change with the times, and help to protect and educate our young people in the process.

Have an enjoyable week,

Peter Buxton
Deputy Headmaster



TERM 2 CALENDAR EVENTS

Monday 3 June - College Photo Day
 Wednesday 5 June - 90 Year Mass at St Mary's Cathedral 9.30am
 Monday 10 June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
 Tuesday 18 June - Year 10 Senior Subject Information Evening 7pm - 8.30pm
 Monday 24 June - Staff Development Day - Pupil Free Day
 Tuesday 25 June - Year 10 and Year 11 Parent Teacher Evening - 3.45pm - 8.30pm
 Friday 28 June - Last Day of Term

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LOST PROPERTY

There are a lot of sports uniforms and sports shoes in lost property at the moment. If you have lost any of these items please come to reception this week.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School photo day will be held on Monday 3 June. Boys are to be dressed in full College uniform. Photo envelopes have been sent home with your son. Boys who are purchasing photos are to bring their money in the envelope provided on photo day. No money is to be given to reception.

90TH YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Anniversary Mass

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT: BISHOP DAVID WALKER, OLD BOY 1947-1955

When: Wednesday 5th June 2013
 Where: St Mary's Cathedral
 Time: 9:30am
 RSVP: marcellin90th@gmail.com

90th Celebration Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. All students are expected to be in attendance in full College uniform. Students are responsible for making their own way to and from St. Mary's Cathedral and must be at the Cathedral no later than 8.30am. Students are to meet outside the main entrance of the Cathedral where they will be met and directed by their homeroom teacher. Students will be dismissed from the Cathedral following Mass at approximately 11.30am and are expected to make their way directly home. Students who are absent on the day, a doctor's certificate will be required upon return to school.

The following website is helpful in planning your journey to St Mary's Cathedral
<http://www.131500.com.au/plan-your-trip> or the "trip view" app from the Apple App Store.

Old Boys Annual Reunion

When: Saturday 31st August 2013
 Where: Mass @ the College @ 11am, Lunch @ Coogee Surf Club @ 12:30pm
 Tickets: Available through the College Office
 Contact: (02) 9398 6355, email Mrs Sharon Elliot: sharon.elliott@syd.catholic.edu.au

OLD BOYS REUNION CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that the date has changed for the Old Boys Reunion. The original date was Saturday 24 August. It is now Saturday 31 August. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

GEOGRAPHY AWARD

On Friday 10 May, Michael Donohue from the graduating class of 2012 and his class teacher Mr Paul Leary attended a presentation by the Geography Teachers Association of the top 10 ranked students in the NSW 2012 HSC Geography exam. Renowned geography author, Professor Grant Kleeman from the Faculty of Education at Sydney University, presented Michael with a plaque recognising the achievement of being placed seventh in the state in Geography. Michael received a mark of 96 in his HSC exam. This is a wonderful achievement.

Michael, now studying a combined Commerce/Science Degree at UNSW, receives this award as a testament to his outstanding work ethic, displaying diligence and consistency throughout the entire senior course. This is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the dedicated work of the College's HSIE department, in particular, in this case, Mr Paul Leary his class teacher. Congratulations Michael.

Mr Anthony Burke
HSIE Coordinator



Mr Paul Leary, Michael Donohue and Professor Grant Kleeman,
Faculty of Education at Macquarie Uni

FAMILY MASS

On the evening of Wednesday 15 May, the Year 8 boys and their families gathered to celebrate the Eucharist at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Randwick. The Mass celebrated by Fr Prasad Rao, highlighted the importance of the family in the lives of our young men. As members of a family, we are inspired by the home of Nazareth to develop those attitudes that make family spirit a reality: love and forgiveness, support and help, forgetfulness of self, openness to others, and joy.

In a moving tribute to their parents, the boys sang a classic Beatles hit to thank their parents for all they continue to do for them. After the Mass, the families joined together for a light supper at the College. It was great to see boys introducing their parents to their friends' families, a true sign of their maturity and how they are developing into "fine young men of character".

Mr Ian Laing,
Religious Education Coordinator



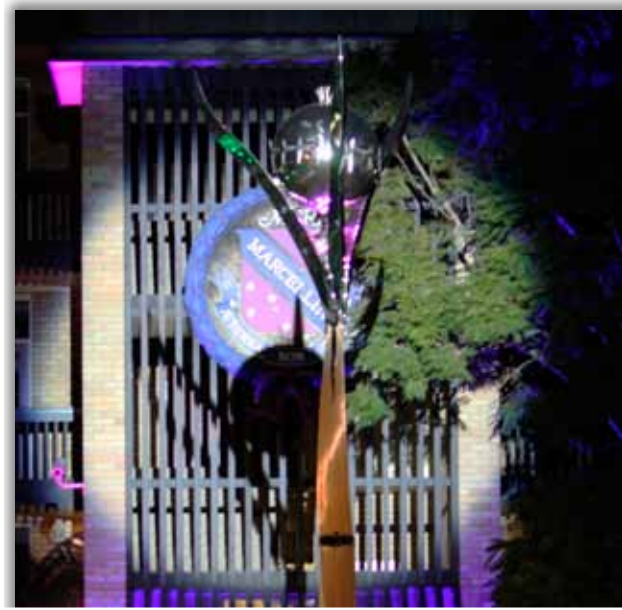
Gala Dinner

What an event! The 90 Year Gala Dinner and Sculpture blessing on Friday 17 May exceeded all expectations and will be written into Marcellin history as a night to remember.

Families and friends of MCR, Old Boys, former and current staff, former and current parents and Headmasters all gathered in a spirit of celebration to cherish all that the College has achieved in its 90 years.

To commence the evening Br Jeff Crowe, Provincial of the Marist Brothers Province of Australia, (a former Old Boy of the College) blessed the courtyard sculpture. As part of this ceremony our current student leaders explained the origin of the sculpture and its meaning.

Sculptor Col Henry addressed the assembled guests and spoke of his delight in being commissioned to create the sculpture, and his deep satisfaction in the end result. The sculpture now stands as an iconic reminder of the College motto: Aeterna Non Caduca – ‘the eternal not the transitory’.



Benjamin Thornton, Bronson Garlick, Matthew Waller and Br Jeffrey Crowe



Bronson Garlick, Benjamin Thornton, Thomas Pantle and Matthew Waller



Benjamin Liew and Jake Richards



Col Henry, Sculptor

Gala Dinner

A celebration dinner followed the sculpture blessing that included speeches from Michael Daley (President of the Ex-Students Association) and Br David. Both spoke of the tremendous contribution that the College has made to the lives of so many boys and families in the broader community.

After a sumptuous meal we were left with one task – to dance the night away! There are many people to thank for the significant planning and organisation that was needed to make the night happen. However, I would like to particularly thank Mrs Maryanne Davis who led the organising team for her countless hours of meticulous and thorough work that was so much in evidence on the night. My thanks also to all involved in the planning including the many staff, parents and boys who helped, the night would not have been possible without your support. We are a blessed community at MCR because we work with each other for the betterment of our College. Marcellin College may only be 90 years young but we are definitely 90 years strong.

Mr Brian Vane-Tempest
Director of Development & Communications



Judge John O’Meally, Mr Michael Daley and Br Frederick McMahon



Br Anthony Robinson - Headmaster 1987-1989, Br Michael Akers and Mr Phillip Davis - College Captain 1977



Matthew Buxton, Jacob Burke and Samuel Disalvo - Year 12 2012



Miss Gillian Clarke, Ms Jennifer Dove, Mrs Rebecca Davidson and Mr Stephen Davidson



Mr Mark O’Farrell - ex teacher, and Br Robert Sutton - Headmaster 2002

YEAR 11 LEGAL STUDIES EXCURSION

On Tuesday 7 May Year 11 Legal Studies students went on an excursion to the Downing Centre in the city. The Downing Centre has both local and district courts and we were able to sit and observe many ongoing cases ranging from assault cases to drug cases. The most interesting case that I observed was a drug case, where a man had been under police surveillance and was caught with \$100,000 worth of heroin. I found this specific case more interesting than the others because both sides (the Defence and Prosecution) had really strong arguments to prove their case, and I could see how hard it can be to prove guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the jury. Possibly every student that went to this excursion found it slightly nerve racking as they entered and left the courtroom, trying their best not to show any disrespect towards the judge. My classmates and I have learnt to appreciate the legal systems, how courtrooms work and the jobs of all those who enforce justice.

Reubens Gomez
Year 11 Legal Studies



Adam Lane, Nathan Phillips, Reubens Gomez and Alex Baker outside the court



Inside the court - Clockwise from front centre: Zack Turner (centre forefront), James D'Aloia, Harry Baker, Carlos Hernandez-Quintero, Kerry Ioannidis, Cameron Wells, Andrew Day, James Alfieris and Declan Eivers

YEAR 11 WORK PLACEMENT

I am currently studying Certificate II in Construction Pathways and have just completed an enjoyable 35 hour work placement in a joinery shop. My fellow classmates and I participated in a 5 day mandatory work experience with builders and tradies alike. It was a great experience to see how the workforce operates especially in the building industry. It was great to listen to the workers and learn the ins and outs of the construction industry. It was a priceless experience that I will cherish for a very long time and would recommend this subject to students in the lower grades, who have a keen interest in the building industry.

Andrew Robinson
Year 11 Student



Philip Conroy (centre) on work placement



William Finch on work placement

SPORTS

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

On Tuesday 21 May a group of boys represented Marcellin College in the Under 16s Swans Cup Sydney Harbour Region Qualifiers. A series of 9-a-side matches were played at ELS Hall Park in North Ryde. After winning all four of their group games the team reached the grand final, where they defeated a strong Knox Grammar School side. The team now progress to the Swans Cup finals tournament in June, where they will play the winners and runners-up from the other regions of New South Wales. My thanks to Mr Broe and Ms Thompson for their involvement on the day.

RESULTS

ROUND	OPPOSITION	RESULT	MAN OF THE MATCH
1	S.S.C Leichhardt	won 2.8 (20) to 3.1 (19)	A. Romeo
2	Hunters Hill H.S	won 15.5 (95) to 0.0 (0)	J. Dever
3	Killara H.S	won 10.9 (69) to 2.1 (13)	T. King
4	Knox Grammar	won 6.10 (46) to 6.4 (40)	J. Dever
FINAL	Knox Grammar	won 13.2 (80) to 7.3 (45)	L. Dever



Declan White



Ben Davis

MCC CROSS COUNTRY

The College Cross Country squad will be competing at the MCC championships this Thursday 30 May. This event was postponed due to poor weather in term one. We wish our runners and coaches all the best of luck!

RUGBY LEAGUE - SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

After an outstanding season as captain of the South Sydney Rabbitohs Harold Matthews team, Nat Butcher has now been selected in the NSW Under 16s State of Origin team. The team will play in the curtain-raiser to State of Origin Game One to be played at ANZ Stadium. This is a wonderful and deserved reward for Nat – Congratulations!



Nat Butcher

CCC RUGBY

We had a number of boys representing the MCC at the CCC Rugby Championships last week at St Gregory's College Campbelltown. Out of nine MCC boys selected, five of them are Marcellin students. In the U16s, Connor McCullough, Ryan Larossa and Tom Wong were selected for the CCC team, while in the U18s Zachary Wheeler and Joshua Ellison were also selected. Congratulations to all boys involved, and particularly those progressing as CCC representatives.

MCC WINTER SEASON

The Rugby League and Soccer teams have continued their impressive start to the season. Again, most teams had victories over Pagewood in Round 3 (see below). Unfortunately due to poor weather Round 4 matches were cancelled and will be played during the spare round on June 27.

MCC WINTER SPORTS - ROUND 2 RESULTS

Soccer	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 Div 1	Under 13 Div 2
	Opposition	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown	BYE
	Result	W: 2-0	W: 2-0	W: 7-1	W: 6-1	D: 1-1	
	Player of Match	Luke Burke	Nikolas Tsoukalas	Henry Hughes	Ethan Tipping	Christopher Sanchez	

Rugby League	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 D1	Under 13 D2A	Under 13 D2B
	Opposition	Bankstown	BYE	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown	BYE	Kogarah
	Result	W: 50-0		W: 52-4	W: 48-4	W: 34-18		W: 22-18
	Player of Match	Joshua Natoli		Lachlan Lam	William Harrison	Campbell Garlick Egan Butcher		Dane Geraghty

MCC WINTER SPORTS - ROUND 3 RESULTS

Soccer	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 Div 1	Under 13 Div 2
	Opposition	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood
	Result	W: 1-0	W: 2-0	W: 3-1	W: 10-0	D: 1-1	W: 1-0
	Player of Match	Conor Docherty	Harry Mourant	James Katakouzinis	Aaron Lewis	Christopher Sanchez	Kieran Pennesi

Rugby League	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 D1	Under 13 D2A	Under 13 D2B
	Opposition	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Lewisham
	Result	W: 34-12	W: 36-6	W: 30-6	W: 26-14	L: 44-0	W: 28-14	W: 16-4
	Player of Match	Bronson Garlick	Patrick Dunn	Jai McGrath	Bobby Nader	Ky Bouris Stephen Downey	Bailey Neville	Dane Geraghty



Christian Zumpano
B Grade Soccer



Samuel Yee
B Grade Soccer

Mr Luke MacNamara
Sports Coordinator