MCC Winter Season 2005
Rugby League and Soccer Grand Finals

Marcellin will field four teams in the Grand Finals of the MCC Winter competition tomorrow. Parents and friends are welcome to come along to support our teams.

The venues and times are as follows:

**SOCCER**
- Under 15’s play Lewisham at St. George Soccer Stadium at 10.30am

**RUGBY LEAGUE**
- U/13 Div 2 play Kogarah at North Sydney Oval starting at 8:50am.
- U/13 Div 1 play Kogarah at North Sydney Oval starting at 10am.
- U/14 play Kogarah at North Sydney Oval starting at 11:05am.

Good luck to all our teams representing the College in the Grand Finals.

CCC RUGBY LEAGUE
Tim Bennett will be competing in the U/15 NSW All Schools Rugby League Championships in Rockhampton during the last week of school. We wish him all the best for the tournament.

Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students,

The Greek poet Hermesianax lived about four hundred years before Christ. Although we don’t know much about him, Hermesianax left us a four word phrase still meaningful today. He said, “as within, as without”. The attitude you possess within determines external attractions. Taken a step further, as you are within, so will be the quality of your life.

It is very easy to be overcome by hurdles we encounter in our busy lives. These can often overwhelm us. It is all too easy to let the negative experiences control us and override the positive times. I was struck by an American study which looked at the average secondary school in that country. The study noted that eighteen negatives are identified for every positive one pointed out. This fact is quite a sobering one and reminds me of the great importance affirmation and positive thinking can have on the vibrancy of a community.

I commented to both staff and boys at an assembly early this term that it is the attitude we bring to school that will determine our satisfaction or otherwise. To arrive at home, work or school with a negative outlook will generally mean that is the response we will receive; after all, that is the reality we are seeking.

This short story conveys the message in yet another way:

A lady of high rank went out begging on a miserably cold day. She wore ragged clothes, put a shawl on her head, and carried a basket. She wanted to test the charity of her neighbours. At some houses she was given things of absolutely no value; at others she was spurned with harsh words. Only in one place was she received with kindness, and that was at the cottage of a poor man. Here she was taken into a warm room and fed a warm meal.

The next day all the people the lady had visited were unexpectedly invited to the castle, where they were led by servants to the spacious dining hall. Place cards showed each guest where to sit at the table. On the plate before each person was the same thing that person had given the disguised lady the day before. Some plates were completely empty. Only the poor man was served a heaping plate of appetizing food.

Then the countess entered the dining room and explained to the guests, “Yesterday, to test your charity, I went about the village dressed as a beggar. Today, I am serving you the same thing you gave me yesterday.”

I am sure some of the guests in the story would most likely have been quite embarrassed when reflecting on the message being given by the wealthy woman. The poorest of those invited was the most generous. The attitude of the individuals was repaid in kind at the castle dinner.

We cannot control the events in our life but we can control our reaction to those events. It is our choice as to whether we remain positive in those difficult occasions or become bitter and negative because of those same experiences. Our attitude is a powerful force which determines the outcome of life’s paralysing circumstances.

My best wishes to you all for a safe and enjoyable holiday.

With best wishes,

Br Bill Sullivan, fms
Headmaster

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On 20th and 21st of June the Open Basketball team competed in the NSWCCC Basketball Team Championships in Terrigal.

In a very tough competition the boys narrowly missed progressing to the quarter finals owing to percentages after the round games. A huge thank you to Ms Dove for all the organization and effort in providing the team with the opportunities they have had in Basketball this year.

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Special Guests at last Friday's assembly, Braith Anasta and Reni Maitua

With best wishes,

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Congratulations to the students pictured below on their outstanding achievements in a variety of endeavours. Well done, boys!

Bradley Allen
Year 10
Luke Kingston-Brown
Year 9
Chad Robertson
Year 10

Rugby Union
These three students represented Randwick Rugby in U/15, competing Saturday 23rd July.

Six Marcellin students represented Randwick Junior Rugby at the New South Wales Junior Rugby State Championships U14s.

John Ligori
Year 9
Jarelle Robertson
Year 8
Patrick Renford
Year 9

Debating News
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Chris Macleod, Debating Coordinator

Congratulations and Thank You
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Important Dates

| Monday 18th July | School resumes 8.40am |
| Wednesday 20th July | Dress Rehearsal College musical |
| Thursday 21st July | College Athletics Carnival |
| Friday 22nd July | Staff Inservice Day. This is a pupil free day for all students |
| Saturday 23rd July | College musical 8pm |
| Wednesday 27th July | Parent Teacher Year 7 & 11 |
| Monday 4th August | Trial HSC commences |
| Wednesday 7th August | Spastic Centre Collection for Year 9 |
| Friday 9th August | Year 11 Retreat Day |
| Monday 12th August | Year 9 Camp commences |
| Wednesday 14th August | Year 11 Ministry Week commences |
| Friday 16th August | Year 12 Trial HSC continues |
| Friday 12th August | Year 10 RE day |

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS
Congratulations to all three boys.

Daniel Cleary
Year 10
Selected in the All Schools Life State Hockey team, to play in the National titles in Tasmania.

Luke Kingman-Brown
Year 9
Chad Robertson
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Mobile Phone Details
If you have recently purchased a mobile phone or have changed numbers, please advise the College. It is important that your son’s contact details are kept up to date.

Ex-Students Annual Mas & Reunion Dinner
This year’s Ex-Students’ Mas & Dinner will be on Friday 19th August in the Vaughan Centre at the College, & afterwards at Randwick Public Hotel. More details will soon be released.

College Musical
Tickets are now on sale for the College Musical on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd July. Tickets can be purchased from the Front Office at $15 each.

NIDA News
NIDA are holding short courses in Theatre, Film & TV in the July school holidays for 6-17 year olds. For further details please contact NIDA Open Program on 9697 7626 or visit their website www.nida.edu.au

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Eastern Suburbs Women’s Spirituality Evening
An Eastern Suburbs version of the ‘Women’s Night of Spirituality’ will be held on Monday 17th July at 7.30pm at St Mary Magdalen’s Catholic Church, 835 New South Head Road Rose Bay. Geraldine Doogue will be the presenter for this evening and guest speakers are Wendy Harmer, Rachel Perkins (Indigenous film maker from the Arrernte nation of Central Australia) and Kate Englebrecht, mother, educator and author. Entry is by donation at the door and books will be on sale. For further information contact the Rose Bay Parish on 9371 7112.

Year 8 DANCE

On Wednesday night, the 22nd of July, Year 8 students from both Marcellin College and St Brigid’s College participated in a school dance celebrating all their hard work during these past two terms. On this night there were 127 girls and 120 boys present.

We entered the Merit Centre at 6.30pm to find a hall filled with girls and boys dancing and having a great time. The room was lit by disco light and loud music was blaring from the DJ’s sound. Many students danced the night away until it was time to leave at 9.30pm.

This night was first-class and would only be what it was with the help and support of the teachers from both schools and the Brigidine and Marcellin College Year 11 Peer Support groups.

A special thanks should go to our Di Nichie Bande (a Year 11 student) and the Schuleboys behind the sale of drinks and packets of chips at a minimal cost.

Women’s Night of Spirituality, Tuesday 7th June

For what is becoming another Marcellin tradition, a busload of ladies travelled over to St. Mary’s Church, North Sydney, to this event which is now in its 10th year. The scene was set, the church full of celebrities ready to share with us their innermost secrets, thoughts and philosophies and to have the ball rung on them by Geraldine Doogue at their finest moment. It was great fun, as well as moving, to listen to these famous and not so famous faces.

The night started with Rachel Ward, a fantastic actress, not to mention mother and major fundraiser. Following was Gabi Hollow, who as we know was married to Fred, and has had much sadness and loss in her life, but has always managed to fight her way back and to look forward to what lies ahead. A not so famous person, but certainly a surprise package, was the extremely vibrant Gabrielle Toner, who for about 35 years was a nun and led a very strict and religious life. She felt God was calling her to do something else so she reassessed her calling, which was extremely frightening, and now she is working as a grief counsellor for a funeral parlour, and is also married and loves to dance.

I think the main feeling we all came away with was that spirituality comes in all shapes and forms, and is inside all of us, if we take the time to find it. Many thanks for taking us, Br Bill. Cathy Goodison