Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students,

Within our contemporary society there are now a number of sources (mainly electronic) where young people in particular are faced with differing sets of values. Consequently, one of the primary roles of educators within a Catholic school is to provide students with the skills in being discerning when confronted with conflicting sets of values. A child’s school is instrumental in the teaching of skills of discernment when it comes to choice and values.

There are a number of practical ways in which these values can be nurtured in Catholic schools. One significant way is that of a curriculum which helps students develop understanding, sensitivity, empathy and coping skills. It is hoped that here at Marcellin College we have incorporated Gospel values into our curriculum programs in a meaningful and genuine manner within a context of holistic and lifelong learning. Whilst the core function of a good curriculum program is to deliver content and develop skills in the best possible manner so that all students are able to achieve to the best of their ability and that all students of different ability levels are catered for, it is crucial that as teachers in a Catholic school we bring to light the gospel values embedded within our subjects. It is our responsibility as teachers in a Catholic school, and in strong partnership with our parent community, that we are counter-cultural in what we deliver and how it is delivered.

A Business Studies or Commerce student should be aware of both the positive and negative attributes that multinational corporations bring to developing nations. Science students should have a good understanding of some of the issues to do with bioethics. Legal Studies students should have an awareness of the rights and freedoms of the marginalised members of our community. Students of Australian History and Australian Geography should have an understanding that whilst there is much to celebrate about this wonderful country in which we live, there are elements of this country’s past that need critical exploration to avoid the repetition of similar mistakes. Students of English, Music, Drama and Visual Arts should be able to relate to and empathise with the many stories told by authors, composers and artists through their works and accept that we all convey our experiences in different, challenging yet valid ways. A student of Technology can be made aware of the many opportunities that developing technologies present, but must also be aware of the many ways in which some technologies can be exploitive and harmful to individuals and communities.

Jesus taught the people of his world through his parables – there was always a significant lesson to learn about how to treat one another. We are still learning from the parables of Jesus. Similarly, the values infused in the curriculum at Marcellin College should have our students learn more about the world and their society than just the facts and figures. They should be able to leave the College at the end of their education as insightful, strong young men with the skill to perceive, challenge and act on the wrongs around them.

“I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full”

John 10:10

With best wishes,

Mr Joe Zavone
Curriculum Co-ordinator
Important Announcement - Tuesday 15th November

Industrial action has been planned by the ACTU to discuss the Federal Government’s industrial relations agenda on Tuesday 15th November from 9.00am to 10.00am.

I wish to advise parents that this event will not impact on the normal routine at Marcellin. All boys are to be in attendance at the normal time.

I would ask parents to ensure that boys attend on time as usual. Please do not listen to media communication which will state otherwise. School will continue as normal on this day. My thanks to all parents for your ongoing support.

Br Bill

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the students pictured below on their outstanding achievements. Well done!

Kenrick Setiobudi
Year 8
Winner U14 Singles and Doubles and Runner-up in U15 Doubles in Greater Badminton Association of Sydney.

Antonio Gissi
Year 8
Gained a Distinction in the Italian Beginners Listening & Reading Comprehension Language Certificate

Ralph Rabago
Year 11
Won the ISKA World Tournament points sparring in Karate last Saturday for his weight (70-80kg) Yellow Belt

Rodolfo Savini
Year 8
Double Distinction with full marks in the Italian Beginners Listening & Reading Comprehension Language Certificate

Charles Sunstrum
Year 8
Gained a Double Distinction in the French Beginners Listening & Reading Comprehension Language Certificate

Laurent Lahey
Year 10
Selected in the U16 Combined Catholic Colleges Basketball Team

Ralph Rabago
Year 11
Won the ISKA World Tournament points sparring in Karate last Saturday for his weight (70-80kg) Yellow Belt

Term 4 Dates

School Certificate Exams
Monday 7th November and Tuesday 8th November

Walkathon
Friday 11th November

Year 7 Grandparents afternoon
Friday 18th November 1.30pm to 3pm

College Walkathon Friday 11th November

Boys are to arrive at school by 8.35 as per usual in neat comfortable attire. Lunch will be provided at the end of the Walkathon.

The walk will conclude on the north side of Clovelly Beach. Buses will transport the boys back to school as required. If parents wish to pick up boys from Clovelly could I suggest you pick them up on the south side near the main bus shelter. This will avoid confusion and traffic difficulties on the north side.

We are aiming for $45,000 which will be used to outfit the six new Science laboratories with data projectors and various technology that will enhance the learning environment.

All funds need to be at the College by Wednesday 23rd November. I have informed the boys that if we reach the nominated amount of $45,000 and each boy has a minimum of $50 all in the College will earn a long weekend.

At this stage the designated day will be Monday 28th November. For this to proceed each boy must raise the $50 minimum and our total amount must be $45,000.

I look forward to another most enjoyable and positive community day.
Uniform Shop News
Senior Blazers and Jackets - Special Opening After Year 10 Prizegiving Night
All sizes of Senior blazers are available at the school uniform shop. Sizes 10-17; Cost $166.00 and Sizes 18-30 cost $170.00. The shop is open in term time on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.00 to 11.15am. We accept EFTPOS.

For the convenience of parents, the uniform shop will be open after the Year 10 Prize Giving on **Friday 2nd December from 10.30am** to allow parents and sons to buy the Senior blazer together.

Student Validation Form and Updated Family Details
A student validation form was posted out to all parents on 13th October, requesting it be completed and returned by 28th October. If you have not returned your form please do so as soon as possible as it is instrumental in determining fees for the 2006 school year.

Also, if families move or change telephone numbers, it is very important that the College is notified. If we do not have correct details, correspondence will not be delivered promptly, and if an emergency arises it is imperative we have parent and guardian contact details up to date at all times. If you wish to record such a change, ask your son to collect a ‘Change of Address’ form from the front office and return it as soon as possible.

Year 7 Grandparents Afternoon and Concert
This will be held on Friday 18th November beginning at 1.30pm in the Marist Centre. Parents and grandparents are welcome to come along. Our intention is to have a short concert and tour of the school and finish with afternoon tea. We would conclude by 3pm.

Year 7 2006 Orientation Evening
This commences at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23rd November in the Marist Centre.
All intending Year 7 2006 students must be in attendance.

Science Labs Renovation
Work on the new Science Labs is progressing well, ready for the start of the 2006 school year.

Year 7 Camp
MCC Summer Sports Round 1 Results

### Basketball

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**Player of the Match**
- Glen Keegan
- Michael Kelly
- Grant McInnes
- Jarred Flanigan

### Cricket

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**Player of the Match**
- Angus Robson
- Ben Clementson
- Ben Chaplin

### Touch Football

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**Player of the Match**
- Emanuel Giuffre
- Matthew Shean
- Connor Higgins

Some of the action from last Thursday's Touch Football vs Wahroonga, with Marcellin defeating Wahroonga in all three games.

### Upcoming events in the Sporting Calendar

- **November 3rd**: MCC Round 2 vs Pagewood
- **November 10th**: MCC Round 3 vs Bankstown
- **November 17th**: MCC Round 4 vs Lewisham
- **November 24th**: MCC Round 5 vs Kogarah