

# MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



## NEWSLETTER

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*Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of Marcellin,*

'Finding Nemo' and 'The Shawshank Redemption' are two examples of movies I never seem to tire of watching. In fact, I've just finished watching 'Finding Nemo'. I've actually lost count of the number of times I've seen this movie. I have a very persuasive three year old son who loves the story. Truth is, so do I. Every time I watch these films, something pops up that still makes me laugh or reflect. It could be a line or comment by one of the characters or some subtlety of the storyline that I previously missed or had forgotten about. Likewise, everyone has a favourite holiday destination. The place you go back to visit, safe in the knowledge that you know you are going to enjoy the experience but still find something different to do.

The Year 12 Graduation Day is much the same for me. It doesn't matter that I've experienced quite a few here at Marcellin, as each year group, with their mix of personalities and characters, gives the day a different feel each year. For me, the defining characteristic of this year's Graduation Day was family. One enduring memory of the day itself came about during the morning tea in the courtyard. I'd headed up to my office on the second level of the school to retrieve some notes for the Farewell Assembly. When I came back out and looked down through the Jacaranda trees, I was struck by the sight of hundreds of family members specifically here to celebrate the graduation of their son or grandson, brother, nephew or the like.

It was a wonderful reminder of the power and importance of family. What made this moment all the more poignant was that I knew for a fact that a number of boys in this year group had spent a great amount of time and energy worrying over whether or not some of their family members would actually be in attendance. Thankfully they were, so their fears and concerns were put on the backburner at least for this day. Just the same, it is worth noting that the normally all-consuming concerns of the Higher School Certificate and the uncertainties of life beyond school became insignificant compared to the concerns of family.

Human beings are complex creatures. Adolescent males are even more so. Parents and guardians of our boys here at Marcellin can well attest to the fact that adolescent boys are prone to rash and sometimes poor decision making. They like to challenge, test the boundaries

and tend to take far greater risks in life than girls at the same age. However, by and large boys are resilient and given the right opportunities can bounce back from life's knocks fairly well. And yet, one steadfast truth that I've consistently seen in my teaching career is that nothing is more deflating or destructive to a young male than the perception or reality of abandonment and detachment from his family. It is the crux of so many problems for a number of students in our school.

Interestingly, the most powerful session of the Year 12 Retreat each year is the one where the boys are asked to reflect on the relationship with their family. It evokes a great deal of discussion and emotion as it is, by their own admission, both immensely challenging and rewarding. Family life can be problematic and testing but it is without doubt the cornerstone of so much for us in life. Bishop Desmond Tutu describes family as being "*God's gift to you as you are to them*". The celebrated 19th century Irish poet, Thomas Moore captures the complexities and immeasurable value of family when he states; "*Family life is full of major and minor crises, the ups and downs of health, success and failure... and all kinds of characters. It is tied to places and events and histories. With all of these felt details, life etches itself into the memory and personality. It's difficult to imagine anything more nourishing to the soul.*"

Graduation Day 2011 was for me, a triumph for family. On that day this year, Marcellin families in all their variations and differing structures came together for their sons. For most this was simply second nature but for some, this was a massive challenge made even more difficult by tense domestic situations or outright animosity. Despite these complexities and hurdles, differences were cast aside and truces were called for the sake of their son. Their presence meant a great deal more than any award or certificate received on the day. Things don't always work out so well, but from what I saw, it did on that day. That for me is worth celebrating.

With my best wishes,

Mr Paul Daley,  
Year 12 Coordinator



# FROM THE HEADMASTER

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



**Alexander Hall**  
Year 10

Represented Northern Suburbs in Basketball with his team becoming the Sydney Metropolitan champions and winning the State cup.



**Benjamin Thornton**  
Year 10

Won the 2km Swim in the U17s and was 3rd in the Long Course Ironman in the U17s at the NSW State Endurance Surf Life Saving championships.



### Congratulations to Year 7.3

18 boys from Year 7.3 raised over \$100 for the College Walkathon. Well done 7.3 - what a wonderful effort!

## CONGRATULATIONS

Oscar Sarah, Year 11 received two Highly Commended's in the Australian Children's Music Foundation 2011 Songwriting Competition for his songs 'The Fool' and 'Wake Up!' Oscar and his band 'Oscar and the Grouches' are in the Australian final of the international band competition Emergenza. The band is made up of Oscar Sarah and Dylan Cartwright, Year 11, and two ex-Marcellin students Jack Janis and Dom Foffani. The Emergenza final is at The Metro in George Street on Saturday 26th November. They will perform for 20 minutes between 5pm-7pm. There are 14 bands competing and the 7 bands with the highest audience vote will be judged by a panel of industry judges. The winning band will go to Germany to compete in the grand final. Tickets are \$25. For tickets see Oscar or ph 02 9371 4151.

## TERM 4 CALENDAR EVENTS

- Monday 7th November** • School Certificate Exams commence. Conclude Friday 11th November.
- Monday 21st November** • Year 7/8/9 Assessment Week commences. Concludes Friday 25th November.
- Monday 21st November** • Year 10 Work Experience commences. Concludes Friday 25th November.
- Wednesday 30th November** • Year 7 Vaccinations. Hepatitis B vaccine dose 2 for students who received dose 1, and Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine (single dose).

## THE 2012 ARCHDIOCESAN FESTIVAL

### 'TELL ME A STORY'

Excitement is stirring amongst the Sydney Catholic Schools as preparations begin for the 2012 Archdiocesan Festival 'Tell Me a Story'.

Years 7-11 Auditions on Monday 14th November 5pm-7pm.

Join our online community  
[www.caspa-sydney.ning.com](http://www.caspa-sydney.ning.com) for  
audition details and to register.

speaking hear a tell me story stage act amazing adventure dance write song fairytale drama voice

**CALLING ALL SINGERS & ACTORS  
- WE WANT YOU! -**

Auditions will be held at Southern Cross  
Catholic Vocational College, Burwood.

## WALKATHON

The Walkathon was held on Friday 28th October. Congratulations to students, staff and parents on your overwhelmingly generous support of the 2011 Walkathon. The Walkathon is one of the big fund raising activities for the year and is much loved by the whole Marcellin community. We should have the money counted shortly but we expect it to be in the vicinity of \$50,000. Well done and thank you to everyone for their involvement in ensuring the Walkathon was a success and enjoyed by all.

*Ms Stefania Taddio, Walkathon Coordinator*



## YEAR 7 2013 ENROLMENTS

First intake enrolments for Year 7 2013 will be accepted from 1st November to 2nd December. For more information please refer to the Enrolment Policy on the College website under 'Our School' section, College Policies. Once first intake applications have been processed and there are remaining places, there will be a second intake commencing 1st February 2012 -24th February 2012. If you have further questions please contact Mrs Marlene Smith, Enrolment Secretary on 9398 6355.

## NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If you have changed your email address and have not notified the office, please do so at [smithm@marcellin.nsw.edu.au](mailto:smithm@marcellin.nsw.edu.au)

## ASSESSMENT OF LANGUAGE COMPETENCE (ALC)

This is a National Competition run by ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research)

High Distinction = Top 1% of participants in the state in their year group

Distinction = Top 10% of participants in the state in their year group

Well done to the following boys;

### ITALIAN HIGH DISTINCTION - Certificate 1 (Year 8)

*Listening:* Adam Alania, Lucas Bond, Rafael Bruzzese, Phillip Chu, Matteo Grassi (100%), Michael Harbutt and Ariel Serravalle.

### ITALIAN DISTINCTION - Certificate 1 (Year 8)

*Listening:* Luke Abela, Nicholas Begaud, Lucas Bollard, Luka Bozic, Daniel Brito, Donnchadh Considine, Rory Delaney, Joshua Dever, Pearse Dolan, Benjamin Gordon, Kevin Gorial, Rick Herron, Jarrod Largent, Imanol Martinez Almanza, Thomas McCusker, Aidan McNab, Joshua Natoli, Thomas Nicholas, Adrian Nobre, Alessandro Palumbo, Anthony Romeo, Peter Ryan, Thomas Thurn and Ben Ventura.

### ITALIAN HIGH DISTINCTION - Certificate 2 (Year 9)

*Listening:* Claudio Fabiano. *Reading:* David Coluzzi.

*Listening & Reading:* Matthew Lombardi (Year 9) and Gianmarc Binskin (Year 10).

### ITALIAN DISTINCTION - Certificate 2 (Year 9)

*Listening:* David Coluzzi, Adamo De Nigris.

*Reading:* Rory McGuinness and Jake Melis.

### JAPANESE DISTINCTION - Certificate 1 (Year 8)

*Listening:* Michael Jenkins, Dylan Keats, Xavier Sant and Joshua Wong

*Ms Carmelina Fede, Italian Teacher*

## SUMMER SPORTS

The summer representative season is now in full swing with two rounds already played. The results against Bankstown and Ashfield have been quite pleasing with some big wins in the Cricket, Squash, and Touch Football and some really close games in the Basketball. The boys are training hard each week and after two rounds are well placed in each division. This week we play Lewisham at our home venues. Touch Football is played each week at Marcellin Fields, Squash at Matraville Squash and Tennis complex, Basketball at either Alexandria Basketball Stadium or Bankstown Basketball Stadium, and Cricket is played at either our home venue or the away venue depending on the team we play each week. The last game this year, Round 5, will be played on Thursday 17th November against North Shore and we will then break over Christmas. Round 6 will commence the first week back next year on Thursday 2nd February.

### AFL

The Year 7/8 AFL team played their final match of the year, Friday in Week 2, against St Paul's Manly. Both teams finished the season proper undefeated and agreed to play a final match to determine the Year 7/8 champions. Marcellin ended up winning the game in emphatic fashion 123 to 32 with Declan White being judged best on ground. Congratulations to the boys and their coaches Mr Dryden and Mr Broe for their excellent results this year.

### MCC SUMMER SEASON - ROUND 1

Basketball	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown
	Result	L: 35-41	W: 27-21	W: 41-16	W: 34-12
	Player of Match	Jonni Mei Edwards	Jack Ringwood	Luke Dever	Andrew Lambrou
Cricket	Team	A Grade	Under 16	Under 14	
	Opposition		Bankstown		
	Result	BYE	W: 4/203 to 4/51	BYE	
	Player of Match		Ashley Burton Jaya Murdita		
Touch Football	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown
	Result	W: 10-4	W: 11-0	W: 10-0	W: 18-0
	Player of Match	Raphael Masache	Joshua Trombetta	Jaiden Brown	Kell O'Brien
Squash	Opposition	Results			
	Bankstown	BYE			
	Player of Match				



### MCC SUMMER SEASON - ROUND 2

Basketball	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	Ashfield	Ashfield	Ashfield	Ashfield
	Result	W: 44-43	L: 20-21	W: 39-14	W: 21-12
	Player of Match	Michael Hallam	Matthew Tan	Luke McKaig	Alexander Drury
Cricket	Team	A Grade	Under 16	Under 14	
	Opposition	Ashfield	Ashfield	Ashfield	
	Result	BYE	W: 0/120 to 10/28	W: 1/122 to 10/15	
	Player of Match		Joe Bidwell	Tex Hartley	
Touch Football	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	Ashfield	Ashfield	Ashfield	Ashfield
	Result	W: 10-1	L: 5-8	W: 16-2	W: 18-2
	Player of Match	Tom Perrin	Zachary Bataille	Nat Butcher	Ryan Hunt
Squash	Opposition	Results			
	Ashfield	W: 1200 to 337			
	Player of Match	Luke Burke			



Mr Robert Capizzi, Sport Coordinator