

MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

I have expressed many times over the past few years the importance of finding a space for the spiritual in our lives. I am more and more convinced that it is at the heart of a vibrant school and a balanced life. It is not something we should be threatened by or afraid to explore. In my opinion finding a spiritual balance opens up many doors for us. Acknowledging the spiritual in our life grounds us and nurtures in us the capacity to appreciate the good times and energizes us to cope with the challenging times.

In his book 'The Enduring Heart' Wilkie Au reflects on this theme by telling us that, *"Critical to walking the distance with soul is recognizing our need for a way through obstacles that block our progress. Martin Buber, the Jewish theologian, tells a story that brings this truth home. Buber describes the encounter between a jailed rabbi and the chief jailer. The majestic and quiet face of the rabbi, deep in meditation, touched the jailer deeply. A thoughtful person himself, the jailer began talking with his prisoner and questioning him on various points of scripture. Finally, the guard asked the rabbi: "How are we to understand that God the all-knowing said to Adam, 'Where art thou?'"*

"Do you believe," answered the rabbi, "that the scriptures are eternal and that every era, every generation, and everyone is included in them?"

"I believe this," said the jailer.

"Well," said the rabbi, "in every era, God calls to everyone 'Where are you in your world?' So many years and days of those allotted to you have passed, and how far have you gotten in your world? God says something like this: 'You have lived forty-six years. How far along are you?'"

When the chief jailer heard his age mentioned, he pulled himself together, laid his hand on the rabbi's shoulder, and cried: "Bravo!" But his heart trembled.

Buber goes on to explain that God does not ask the question of Adam expecting to learn something new. Rather, God uses the question to confront Adam with the state of his life. God asks the same question of us today to prompt us to examine ourselves and take responsibility for our way of living. This decisive heart searching is, according to Buber, the beginning of a spiritual way. So long as we ignore the still, small Voice asking us, "Where art thou?" we will be without a way to union with God. Adam heard the Voice, realized he was stuck, and discovered a way out. The question "Where art thou?" is like a red X on the map of our lives. As on a map of a shopping mall, the red X marks the exact location of where we are standing. When we ascertain that point, we can move ahead to our destination."

I encourage you to find some time to allow God's word to enter into your life. As the following prayer says "May we all be open to the stretching of our spirit".

My God,
sometimes I do not want to grow,
to move forward in freedom,
to leave my comfortable captivity.
I cling to the familiar smallness
of my old world,
pulling back from the
vast wilderness of the exodus journey.
Help me to open to the
stretching of your Spirit;
to allow my heart
to be expanded beyond my
immediate comfort and control.
Lead me into that larger life,
that wide land of plenty
where my narrow self
can blossom with new life.

Enlarge my heart, O God;
fill me with your boundless love.

- Phillip Bennett



With best wishes

Br Bill Sullivan, fms
Headmaster

FROM THE HEADMASTER

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



Aidan Bennison
Year 12

Selected to compete in the Australian National Paralympic Football (Soccer) team in the world championship qualifying tournament in Amsterdam in October.



Benjamin Thornton
Year 8

Won the 400 m race at the Combined High Schools National Swimming Championships in Perth with a time of 4.20.62



Francis Torok
Year 10

Came 9th in the Sydney Bridge Run. More than 13,000 competitors raced!



Adam Vella
Year 12

Gained the Bronze Level of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme



Daniel Morgan
Year 12

Gained the Bronze Level of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme



Jake Baker
Year 9

Won the Junior Club Championships at the Coast Golf Club for 2009



Christian Lozada
Year 10

First in the 400m and 2nd in the 100m at the CCC Athletics Carnival



Cooper Rawsley
Year 10

Came 2nd in the U15 800m at the CCC Athletics Carnival



Harreson Baldwin
Year 10

Came 2nd in the U15 Long Jump at the CCC Athletics Carnival



Maxwell Wilson
Year 8

Came 2nd in the U14 1500m at the CCC Athletics Carnival

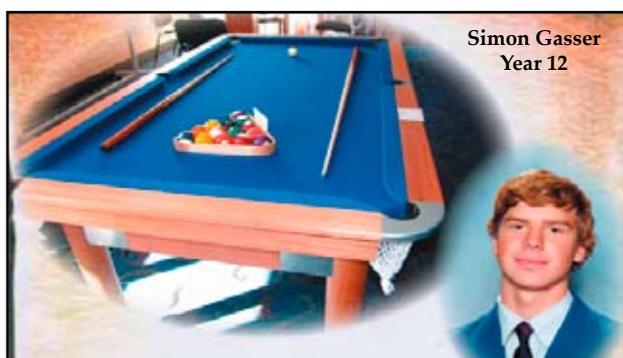


Academic Blue Awards for Week 7 of Term 3.

Left to right: Matthew Tan (Year 9), Lars Roy (Year 10), Alexander Turner (Year 7), Patrick Moore (Year 8), William Teagle (Year 11) and Matthew O'Connor (Year 12)



Mr David Ross' painting of Bernie Banton in memory of Asbestos diseases campaigner, Bernie Banton. The painting has been chosen to promote the Bernie Banton Foundation.



Simon Gasser
Year 12

Simon Gasser and Finn Lea
Year 12
Major works were nominated for possible inclusion in the 'In Tech 2010' display for outstanding Industrial Technology Projects from the 2009 HSC



Finn Lea
Year 12

FROM THE HEADMASTER

TERM 3 CALENDAR EVENTS

Thursday 1st October

- Graduation Day for Year 12 and final day of lessons for Term 3.

Friday 2nd October

- Staff Inservice Day.

TERM 4 CALENDAR EVENTS

Monday 19th October

- Day One Term 4. This IS NOT a staff day. Lessons resume 8.40 am.

Tuesday 20th October

- HSC Commences.

Tuesday 27th October

- Parents in Touch Meeting 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 4th November

- Year 11 Preliminary Prizegiving.

Friday 6th November

- Walkathon.

YEAR 7 2011 ENROLMENTS

Interviews will take place during Term 4 this year and early next year. If you wish your son currently in Year 5, to enrol at Marcellin please ring the office for the enrolment package. I intend doing as many interviews as possible in Term 4 for 2011 enrolments. Some Marcellin families actually missed out on a place for 2010 because they enrolled late. In 2010 we had 300 applicants for 170 places. Please act now so as to avoid disappointment.

FAREWELL AND STAFF CHANGES

Mr John Finneran, our Religious Education Coordinator for the past 3 years, moves to Marist Kogarah in Term 4. John takes up the role of Deputy Principal at Kogarah, a great vote of confidence in the ability he possesses.

We have been most fortunate to have John on staff for the last 3 years. His good nature, creativity and passion have ensured the Religious Education department, retreats and Community Service have continued to flourish.

We will certainly miss his enthusiasm and pastoral care at Marcellin but we join together to thank him for his work and to wish him well in his new role at Kogarah.



Mr John Finneran

Mr Les Sailisbury will return to Marcellin in Term 4 as our Deputy, having filled in at Kogarah for the Term. Thanks to Mr Marinko Colak and Mr David Forrester who have shared the Deputy's role here in Term 3. Thanks also to Mr Anthony Burke who took on the role of Curriculum Coordinator for the Term and to Ms Lydia Curis who took on the role of HSIE Coordinator in Term 3. All the above staff return to their respective roles in Term 4.

Mr Anthony Boys takes on the Religious Education Coordinator role in Term 4 and Ms Jeannie Scevity will support him with Year 10 during the Term. Mr Boys will still take responsibility for Year 10 in Term 4.

Mr David Forrester is on Long Service Leave for the first 5 weeks of Term 4. Mr Paul Daley will take on the role of Student Welfare Coordinator during this time, as well as continuing to oversee Year 12 during their HSC.

WALKATHON 2009

This year the Walkathon will be held in Term 4 on Friday November 6th, Week 3. This is our only fundraising event for the year. The Walkathon is an excellent community building event. As you can see from our recent record the effort given by parents, staff and boys has been quite extraordinary. We purchased our mini bus from our Walkathon proceeds and considerably improved College facilities in recent years because of the generous support of our Marcellin community. Our aim this year is to replace the shade structures in the main yard with permanent awnings, rather than shade cloth so as to give better protection in wet weather. All boys will receive their sponsorship card this week and I would encourage a big effort over the break to gain sponsors.

Our aim for 2009 is \$50,000. (Achievable if each boy raises \$55).

All the regular incentive prizes will be explained to the boys and a separate letter will be sent detailing all of these. My hope would be that we can once again raise our target of \$50,000 with a minimum effort of \$55 from each of our students. A letter seeking parent participation on the day will be sent out in Week 1 next Term. Thanks in anticipation of another huge community effort for our Walkathon.

WALKATHON RECENT HISTORY

Year	Number Absent	Amount Collected
2002	103	23,000
2003	30	32,000
2004	12	42,700
2005	13	43,300
2006	12	50,652
2007	10	48,088
2008	7	52,651

SPORT AND NEWS

MCC VOLLEYBALL UNDER 15 AND OPENS - MOST IMPROVED TROPHY WINNERS

Our Volleyball teams travelled to Homebush on Thursday 17th September for the MCC Volleyball Championships. Finishing first and second respectively in their pools, they both progressed on to the semi finals. Unfortunately, both teams were eliminated in the semi finals, however, we came away winning the Most Improved trophy. Well done to both teams and to Ms Laura Murphy and Mr Benjamin Proctor for their hard work invested into each team.



OPENS



Jack Unicomb Laird
and Erik Eklof



UNDER 15

NSWCCC ATHLETICS

On Friday 18th September, we had 23 boys compete in the NSWCCC Athletics Championships. Our results on the day were outstanding winning many Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. I would like to highlight the efforts of Francis Torok in Year 10. Francis finished first in the Under 17's 1500 metre event. This in itself is a huge effort, however, Francis then ran in the Sydney Bridge Run the following Sunday and finished an amazing 6th out of around 13,000 competitors. Well done Francis. Keep up the good work and we hope to see you winning a City to Surf next.

SUMMER SPORTS SEASON

Our Summer teams have been training for several weeks now and coaches are in the process of finalizing their squads. Thanks to all the boys who have tried out and best of luck to every boy successful in making the final teams. Our first competition match will now be played in Week 2 next Term, 29th October. This in fact, is in place of our second trial and will be Round 5 of the competition against Pagewood. The competition will then resume as normal with Round 1 against Kogarah on the 5th November. If parents have any queries about the competition, please don't hesitate in contacting me at the school. Thanks to everyone for making this term a sporting success. Enjoy your break.

Mr Robert Capizzi, Sports Coordinator

YOUTH SOCIAL JUSTICE AFTERNOON

On Tuesday 15th September Year 10 Students Michael Radford, James Mueller and Gareth Turner attended a Social Justice meeting held at Waverley College. Here we were joined by representatives of neighbouring schools such as Brigidine, St Catherine's, St Clare's, and Waverley. The topic for the afternoon was the illegal blood diamond mining in African countries such as Sierra Leone. After uncovering the human rights abuses surrounding this issue such as mutilation of young children, we aim to bring about new ways we in Australia and others around the world can help put an end to this act of injustice, most importantly by buying fair trade diamonds. This meeting reinforced my appreciation of poor conditions in third world countries.

Michael Radford, Year 10 Student

COMMUNITY NEWS

Walkathon Helpers Needed: If you are able to assist on the day in any capacity please contact Mrs Mary Ivancic at the College or via email: ivancicm@marcellin.nsw.edu.au, a separate note with more information about the day will be sent home in the first week of Term 4. Any assistance on the day would be much appreciated!

Marcellin College Randwick Reunion Class of 1970: Wishing to organise a 40-year reunion during 2010. Please phone Ray Davis on 0438 290 413 or email ray.alin@bigpond.net.au, or Peter Roberts on 0416 048 752 or proberts@fergusonstoyota.com.au or Mick Callen on (02) 8753 8365 or michael.callen@housing.nsw.gov.au

Marcellin College Randwick Reunion Class of 1999: 31st October 2009 at 6.30 pm. The Palace Coogee, Fish Bowl Bar. Contact Robert Ferguson on 0425 369 881

Marcellin Uniform Shop Opening Hours: Special Saturdays 17th October and 28th November 8.30 am - 10.30 am; 5th December and 12th December 8 am - 2 pm. Normal opening hours Tuesdays 8 am - 11.15 am and Thursdays 8 am - 1 pm.

Celebrating the beginning of World Mission Month 2009: On Wednesday 7th October Catholic Mission, BBI and Australian Mission Network will host an evening with Dr Schroeder, an internationally renowned teacher and presenter on the topic of 'A Mission Driven Community: The Spirituality and Practice of Mission'. Suitable for all people. Please leave a gold coin donation at the door. For more information contact Lana Turvey at Lturvey@catholicmission.org.au or phone (02) 9919 7800.

'The Elves and the Shoemaker' School Concert: Friday 23rd October 6.30 pm; Saturday 24th October 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College Hall, Addison Rd Kensington. Fill in a form at Our Lady of the Rosary School office and the tickets will be mailed to you. Adults \$10, Concession \$8, Children \$5.