From the Headmaster

The ‘bookends’ of the last fortnight have been the Opening and Blessing Ceremony for the new facilities on 14th August and the ‘Thank God It’s Friday’ Parents and Friends function last Friday 28th August. Both events were wonderful community celebrations. In the case of the Opening and Blessing, we had an opportunity to reflect on the journey of the last twelve months in reimagining our learning spaces and providing a twenty-first century learning environment. We were able to acknowledge the people involved in the vision and the execution of the building program and celebrate what this means for current and future students of the College. The celebrations went on well into the night and it was delightful to see so many old boys, parents, Marist Brothers, past teachers and current staff and parents enjoying one another’s company.

Last Friday the John Field Big Band were centre stage in the new Drama Studio to provide entertainment for our Parents and Friends social function ‘Thank God It’s Friday’ - another great community event. The band had the crowd on their feet most of the night and there were many memorable dance moves – not to mention a particularly rousing rendition of Cold Chisel's Kai San to finish the evening. Of course the more serious side to the evening was raising money for the College Bursary Fund and I am most grateful to those who contributed to the silent auctions and to those who provided the items for auction. While we don’t have a final tally just yet, all money raised will go to the fund and there will be plenty of students and families who will benefit into the future.

In between these two ‘bookends’, a most significant event took place on 25th August. At an Archdiocesan Principals’ meeting on that day it was announced that Marcellin College was one of only two secondary schools in Sydney who have officially been granted the status of being an accredited Newman school. This accreditation was gained through our submission of data related to the work done by our Newman stream teachers over the past four years and then a panel visit to the school to validate the work. We received an outstanding report from the panel, made up of independent experts in the field of gifted education, and hence our accreditation. I would like to acknowledge the teachers involved in the Newman Program, particularly Jenny Dove and Chris Shields, and thank them for their expertise and commitment. There will be more information provided on the Newman Program and its impact on the teaching and learning in the College in a subsequent newsletter.

Finally, last Thursday our A Grade Rugby League team played in the CCC (Combined Catholic Colleges of NSW) Final against St Greg’s Campbelltown. It was a gripping game with Marcellin coming from behind to snatch victory in the closing stages. As with many of this team’s victories in high stakes games, they showed great composure and resilience at critical times. This is the first time the College has won this prestigious competition which speaks volumes for the team and the coaching staff. Congratulations to all members of the team and to Chris O’Connell and Paul Leary for their guidance and mentoring of the boys throughout the season.

Best wishes for the fortnight ahead.

Mr John Hickey
Headmaster
BLESSING OF NEW BUILDINGS - Friday, 14 August
More photos on College website (GALLERIES - BLESSING OF NEW BUILDINGS)
From the Deputy Headmaster

I recently visited Marist College Penshurst for an Assistant Principals’ meeting. This school is currently in the middle of a building project to the value of $50 million. The transformation is very impressive, however, what impressed me more was the pride the students take in both the school and themselves. Each and every student I saw had their top button done up and presented themselves impeccably. This reminded me of how much the little things matter and how noticeable and impressive they can be.

Marcellin College is also a school of pride and excellence. Marcellin boys may sometimes wonder why I pick them up on the ‘little things’ like grooming and uniform. The answer is simple! A school of excellence should have only high standards. Teachers, parents and students should all have equally high standards. Most of the time our students grooming and uniform is excellent, however, we as a community should not settle for ‘most of the time’, but strive constantly for ALL of the time.

We have to rely on parents, as we do teachers, to assist in checking that every school shirt has a top button on it, and is positioned so it’s wearable and comfortable for students to have it done up at all times. I will be asking Year Coordinators to issue a one-hour Wednesday after school detention to any student who is either missing a top button or has it undone. To avoid similar consequences, I’d ask parents every day to ensure that their son’s hair is cut, in line with College policy which can be found in the Student Diary, and that they are also cleanly shaven.

As quoted in our Marcellin Graduate, “They arrive as young boys dependent very much on their parents and their teachers; they depart as adults in the eyes of the law. Young men-citizens of the world.”

I appreciate your support and understanding of the importance of this request.

Mr Peter Buxton
Deputy Headmaster

TERMS 3 & 4 IMPORTANT DATES

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LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of lost property in the Front Office including jumpers, watches, shoes, sports clothing and blazers. If your son is missing items, he can collect them from the Front Office.

A camera lens dial was found after Headmaster’s Assembly. Full details: Front Office.
More photos on College website (GALLERIES - MEN THAT MATTER MASS)
Year 11 Central Australia Immersion

On Saturday 1st August, a group of 19 students from Year 11 with Mr Buxton and Miss De Francesco set off on a nine day spiritual and reflective immersion to Central Australia. Getting off the plane at Yulara the warm breeze hit us. The first day we were given a sunset tour of Uluru and Kata Tjuta (Olgas), and the following morning when we woke up early we were amazed with a sunrise viewing of Uluru we shall never forget.

On the second day we travelled to the small Aboriginal community of Mimili in Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, which was a seven hour journey south of Uluru. We were welcomed by some of the local people at our campground at Victory Well. The day ended with us watching the beautiful sunset of the mountains at our amazing campsite. Over the next couple of days we spent our time around the community with the locals. One of the highlights was when we trained with their local AFL team. Throughout our stay at the Victory Well campground we explored the surrounding hills. Climbing and clambering over large rocks we stumbled upon many caves, one of which had cave paintings in it.

The fourth day began with the group working to restore the local Mimili Cemetery. Our jobs were to clean any bits of rubbish and weed the area. We drove deeper into the bush to gather firewood for the community elders. After this, we went hunting for witchetty grubs. The Aboriginal women showed us which trees housed the grubs. They taught us how to break open the roots and remove the grubs from the plant. Afterwards we headed back to camp to cook kangaroo tails. While the tails were cooking, the Aboriginal children came to play frisbee and kick the football with us. We then gathered around the fire to listen to Zybian’s life story as we ate the tails of the kangaroo. Zybian is an Aboriginal man who graduated from Mercedes College. He told us about his life and how he struggled to fit in due to his heritage and commitments to the elders and his community. Zybian was sponsored to go Mercedes College which covered his education fees and boarding. This act of generosity and kindness is also a core value of Marcellin College and something we will continue to aspire to in our future.

On our final night in Mimili we were invited by the locals to play a game of basketball at the local school. We hosted a barbeque sausage sizzle and got to know some of the local kids. The experience in Mimili was a revelation on how we can make a difference in the lives of others. The stories of Zybian and the interaction with Mimili taught us not to take everything for granted in life. We all realised that we were extremely fortunate to have all the opportunities presented to us at Marcellin College.

After saying goodbye to Mimili we headed to Alice Springs where we visited The School of Air. We saw how children in remote areas are provided education through video connections and lessons between teachers and students. The visit to the school made some of us consider a gap year working as a tutor for children in remote areas or a career in teaching.

The last couple of days involved our trips to Glen Helen and Kings Canyon. At Glen Helen we went swimming in the waterhole. Throughout the trip, Mr Buxton and Miss De Francesco demonstrated great leadership in the unexpected and difficult situations that arose. The experience in Mimili and the remote rural communities really challenged and inspired all of us.

Charles Cartmer,
Thomas Maljevac
Daniel Vila
Year 11 Music Soirée

The Music Department hosted a Musical Soirée last Tuesday evening, featuring performances by the talented musicians from the Year 11 Music 1 Elective Class.

These performances were part of their final assessment for the course and proved an excellent and memorable performance experience. The students performed a range of repertoire from Bach’s distinguished Bourrée through to the world changing jazz tunes of George Gershwin and Dave Brubeck.

A special mention to the music tutors who assisted the students with their performance preparation and our student accompanists Dom Maher, Jackson Young, Prince Chakona, Jack O’Connor, Michael Murphy, Mitch White and Ethan Whitty for their support on the evening.

Miss Anita De Francesco
Music Teacher

Year 10 Geography Excursion

On Wednesday, 12 August, Year 10 Geography walked through Botany Bay National Park to study coastal management as part of the unit on Issues in Australian Geography. We learned about field maps, types of data for analysis, interpreting the landscape and management strategies in the park. Here you see Year 10 observing the bay from a rock platform the impact of human interventions on the natural environment. We created field maps and suggested strategies to maintain the natural environment of the park.

Thanks are due to our Geography teachers for leading each expedition: Ms Brungs, Mrs Landing, Mr Lee, Mr Broe, Mr Fitzgerald and Mr Behan. Thanks also to our bus drivers, Mr Burke and Ms Thompson.
EX-STUDENTS’ v MCR DEBATE

WED 2 SEPT @ 4.00PM
GREENSTEAD HALL
ALL WELCOME
TOPIC - “THAT WE ARE GROWING APART”

AFFIRMATIVE TEAM: MCR STUDENTS - Year 12: Raffello Brunzace, Ariel Seraveale, Thomas Waller
NEGATIVE TEAM: EX-STUDENTS - Matt Petersen (Class of 1975), Sean Harris (Class of 2007), Shawn Blackmore (Class of 2014)

OLD BOYS’ MASS & LUNCHEON

GUEST OF HONOUR | BR PATRICK HOWLETT

Date | Wed 4 November 2015
Time | 6.30pm
Venue | Pinocchios Restaurant, 35 Perouse Rd, Randwick
www.pinocchiosrestaurant.com.au | 9326 7775
Menu | $35 set menu

RSVP (for numbers) | Before 30 Oct
Contact | Clinton MacDonald | clinton@mcdonaldtax.com.au
Contact | Tony Chu | tonycdn@gmail.com

COLLEGE MEMORABILIA

The College has very little in our archives from the earlier years. We are seeking relevant items from families who would like to donate such memorabilia.

Please contact us at the College on 9398 6355. Thank you for your support.

MCR 35 YEAR REUNION
1980 (Year 12)
1978 (Year 10)

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- Identification of sanctioned training providers

OLD BOYS’ MASS & LUNCHEON

Saturday, 5 September 2015
SEE COLLEGE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS
A University of New South Wales (UNSW) team of engineers and their robots have defended their RoboCup World Championship title in China, defeating a German team. 3-1 UNSW's five robot squad defeated the University of Bremen and DFKI (German Research Centre for Artificial Intelligence) in Hefei, west of Shanghai, to win a second consecutive world title.

The teams were locked at 11 after the first of two 10 minute halves, but a late secondhalf goal sealed it for the Australians. The final was contested using waist high robots on a ninemetre-long soccer field.

Team leader Sean Harris, a PhD student with UNSW's School of Computer Science and Engineering, said it was a close game. "We only won 3 1, last year we won 4 1 in a more of a onesided game." Mr Harris said the UNSW robots had a speed advantage over their German opponents.

"The biggest advantage was our ability to walk faster than everyone else," he said. "We were able to take off quicker and get to the ball faster, and that really proved the difference for us." The teams were not able to control the robots during the final match, instead relying on programming and software algorithms.

"We've been writing this code base since we started in RoboCup back in 1999," Mr Harris said. He said there had been a lot of hard work over many years. "Everyone builds on the work of previous students and alumni who have participated," he said. "We code things up and then every week at home we play practice games and [do] little training drills."

The rules for the tournament are changed each year, giving engineers and robots a fresh set of challenges. Next year competitors will have to use a regular size children's soccer ball. However, Mr Harris said it may be some time before the robots can imitate their human counterparts on the sporting field. "Physical motion is very, very challenging," he said."We can walk fairly quickly [but] I don't see many robots that can run. Running is the next big step. [That is] a little while off I think." The next RoboCup will be held in Leipzig, Germany.

Old Boy Edward McCormack, Marcellin College

The main motivation was my involvement in the non-profit Rainbow Club, which helps disabled children learn to swim. Many products promote a “doggie paddle” style of swimming but my design enables a freestyle stroke. The disability swimming aid (DSA) provides support for the child’s head to remain above water level at all times and reduces splash with its hydrodynamically curved nose.

The swimming aid is extremely stable due to the extended width provided by the swimming noodle that runs perpendicular to the board. The DSA is lean yet thick but maintains the same buoyancy, avoiding getting in the way of the student’s arm movement.
TGIF SOCIAL NIGHT - THANK YOU TO OUR MANY SPONSORS!

The Shelton Family
The Muyesser Family
The Considine Family
TGIF SOCIAL NIGHT - THANK YOU TO OUR MANY SPONSORS!
The Archdiocese of Sydney is offering four different WYD pilgrimage options leading to WYD in Krakow for young adults aged 18-35. Interested in coming along as a pilgrim? Are you a leader for your group or parish?

**WYD16 DEANERY INFORMATION NIGHT**

St Therese Parish Hall  
Cnr Harris and Coward Streets, Mascot  
Wednesday, 2 September @ 7.00pm  
COME ALONG AND JOIN US!
SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT – Rugby Union

Congratulations to Jonathan Mitsias (Year 10) who has been selected in the NSW All Schools U16 Rugby Union team. Playing in the position of fullback at the All Schools trials, he made an impressive contribution to the CCC team that finished the tournament in third place. We wish Jonathan the best of luck as he competes at the Australian Championship to be held in September.

MCC Year 10 Soccer Gala Day

The Year 10 MCC Soccer Gala Day presents an opportunity for boys to play in a knock-out competition which allows the undefeated winner of the day to compete in the Year 10 CCC Soccer Championships.

The boys cannot be faulted for their efforts on the day, playing defending champions Holy Cross Ryde in the first round. We created a plethora of goal scoring chances in the opening 15 minutes only to be denied by last gasp defending and brilliant goal keeping. Our defence was well organized and resolute with our goalkeeper Braden Raffo only having to make one save during the match. Unfortunately, we paid duly for not converting our chances to score. The match went straight in to a penalty shoot-out where we failed to convert two penalties. Credit to the boys for their brilliant efforts on the day, they kept a classy Ryde outfit scoreless but were unable to capitalize on the chances presented early on in our match. Thank you to Mr Stipic who guided the boys throughout our campaign.

Mr Peter Sgouras (Coach)
From the Sports Coordinator

MCC Athletics

Our Athletics team competed at the MCC Carnival on Thursday 20th August at ES Marks Field. Our squad managed to place 6th in the Aggregate division for the carnival. Our senior athletes were outstanding, claiming the Senior Trophy ahead of Kogarah and Lewisham. This included a victory in the 4 x 100m Relay (Bailey Alchin, Nat Butcher, Jake Irvine & Tom Fagan).

From an individual perspective, highlights of the day were:

- **Tom Fagan** (Opens) – 1st 200m, 2nd 100m, 2nd High Jump, 2nd Triple Jump
- **Josh Dever** (Opens) – 1st 1500m
- **Luke Dever** (Opens) – 1st 800m & 1st 400m
- **Lachlan Golsby** (U15) – 1st 400m & 2nd Long Jump
- **Campbell Graham** (U16s) – 1st High Jump
- **Adam Harrison** (U16) – 1st 200m (Division), 2nd 100m (Division)
- **Harry Lewis** (Opens) – 2nd 800m & 2nd 1500m

My thanks to Mr O’Shea, Mr Leary, Mr Noyes, Mr Ross and Mr Donnelly who coached the squad this season. Overall results were:

- **Juvenile** (U12, U13 & U14) – 7th
- **Junior** (U15 & U16) – 6th
- **Senior** (Opens) – 1st
- Aggregate – 6th

CCC Cup Rugby League

On Thursday 20th August, our A Grade Rugby League team played Patrician Brothers Blacktown in the semi final of the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Cup. This competition is for all catholic schools across the state.

The boys went into the match as massive underdogs, as since the inception of the competition in 2011, Blacktown has won the competition on every occasion. Furthermore, injuries and illness depleted the team for this match and five of the normal squad members were unavailable to play. The boys went into the match with a squad of only fifteen players, compared to Blacktown who had their full complement. After a very physical and aggressive start to the match, where the game went end to end, Blacktown exerted some early dominance and led 16-4 just before halftime. The Marcellin team were under heavy pressure but managed to score a fantastic long distance try right on the stroke of halftime to go into the sheds behind 16-8. This late try gave the boys confidence and self belief going into the second half. It was now GAME ON!!

The second half proved to be an unbelievable half of football from the Marcellin team. Some resilient defence combined with some magnificent and exhilarating attack saw the MCR team score four tries to one in this period to take out the match 30-20. The match would have to rank as one of the bravest and most courageous in the history of the cerise and blue. All the players who took
the field deserve the highest commendation. The best players on the day were Josh Natoli, Campbell Graham, Jed Bouris and Kurtis Preece.

The team will now move into the grand final against the traditional rugby league powerhouse, St Gregory’s College Campbelltown. The game is to be played on Thursday, 27 August at St Mary’s stadium. The team has the chance to create history by being the inaugural Marcellin College team to win this prestigious tournament.

We wish the team all the very best.
Mr Chris O’Connell (coach)

CCC State Basketball Championships

On Monday August 24 and Tuesday August 25 a combined Year 7/8 team played in an elite basketball competition that saw schools from all over the state compete for the right to be called state champions. The best catholic schools from various regional competitions are invited to this tournament, and therefore the standard is very high. The Marcellin College team qualified to enter the competition as MCC Premiers.

On the first day of competition the boys played three games and won all three convincingly against All Saints College Lochinvar, St Agnes College Rooty Hill and John Paul College Coffs Harbour. On Tuesday the second day of competition the boys won their first two pool games against Patrician Brothers Fairfield and James Sheahan Catholic High School Orange securing a place in the semi finals. With only four teams left Marcellin was the only Sydney team in the top four. The semi final was a very tough encounter, played against Edmund Rice College Wollongong, who played strongly and drew away in the end to win. Marcellin College was awarded the bronze medal for third place in the tournament.

All the Marcellin players displayed enormous energy and school spirit and were excellent ambassadors for the College. Within the CCC ranks we have gained a reputation for being an extremely competitive outfit. Special mention to James Mei-Edwards and Thomas Giles, who were top scorers and rebounders for the College. Congratulations to the following team members on winning their bronze medals. The team was well supported by Ms Gillian Clarke, Mr Luke MacNamara and Jacob Dela Torre (Manager), as well as the wonderful support from parents who travelled to Penrith Basketball Stadium for the two days of competition.

Noah Azzopardi  Thomas Giles
James Mei-Edwards  Geoffrey McLennan
Jack Ippodimonte  Nicholas Sibota
Rhene Lock  Lachlan Rheinberger
Darcy McColl  Patrick Galea
Dylan Williams  Saxon O’Neill
Obina Ahamefule

Ms Jenny Dove (coach)