Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students,

Dr. Gerald Jampolsky wrote a book a few years ago entitled Love Is Letting Go of Fear. In that book he asks this question: "Have you ever given yourself the opportunity of going through just one day concentrating on totally accepting everyone and making no judgements?" He goes on to say, "Everything we think or say reacts on us like a boomerang. When we send out judgements in the form of criticism, fury, or other attack-thoughts, they come back to us. When we send out only love, it comes back to us."

This short reflection struck a chord with me and reminded me that the health of our families and school is very much built on the foundation of respect. This theme is a regular feature in our assemblies and our efforts here at school. It is the foundation or core value of all we take on here at Marcellin.

I have been struck recently by the large number of stories in our papers depicting incidents of violence, intimidation, vandalism and abuse. It seems for many, the gift of respect is far from the centre of their lives.

It is a challenge responding to such encounters, particularly if we find ourselves in the midst of such an incident. It is important though for us to model the type of response we would like to see. The attitude we bring to such events will often dictate the response we will receive.

We all falter from time to time but common ground needs to be found and values upheld. I often make the statement at our assemblies that if we cannot model respect and compassion at a school such as this there is little need for a school such as ours to exist.

This short story of a Japanese girl called Sadako exemplifies this for me quite well. Her response to such a tragic event is inspiring and challenging. May we take some time out this week to reflect on the message being given in this moving story.

Sadako was one of those kids who was caught in the bombing of Hiroshima. She saw her mother and father and her family destroyed before her; she herself had severe radiation burns. She was in a hospital and, fundamentally, she was waiting to die. She knew she didn't have long.

But instead of bemoaning the tragedy, she said: "This can never happen again to people. People can't be this cruel to one another. So each day I'm going to make a white crane, and I'm going to send it to somebody and ask them to be a disciple for peace." Well, she did that every day for 683 days, and then she died.

Those who knew this little girl had their choice. They could be so outraged over the bombings that they'd be consumed by a desire to go out and bomb the rest of the world in revenge; or they could pick up on what she started - and they did. And so they made a 684th white crane, and a 685th, and they go on ad infinitum. Those white cranes still go throughout the world saying that life can be better.

With best wishes,

Br Bill Sullivan, fms
Headmaster
**Special Achievements**

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

- **Edward Pettybourne**
  - Year 12
  - Selected in the Australian Schoolboys Rugby League Team

- **Daniel Watterson**
  - Year 11
  - Represented Australia in the 420 Sailing Class in France and has made the Australian Team
  - (Daniel is one of the youngest skippers in the world)

- **Daniel Cleary**
  - Year 10
  - Selected as a member of the U16 Australian Hockey Team

- **Reece Holland**
  - Year 9
  - Each of these boys were selected to referee a Grand Final game in the South Sydney Junior Rugby League Competition

- **Daniel Maak**
  - Year 7

- **Patrick Burke-Marcou**
  - Year 11

- **Ben Campbell**
  - Year 11
  - Selected to referee two Grand Final games in the South Sydney Junior Rugby League Competition

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**Term 3 Events**

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**Holidays**

Term 4 commences on Monday 10th October 8.40am for all boys in Years 7 to 11.

Parents are reminded that term exams are of paramount importance for all students. Boys missing such exams owing to holidays or unapproved leave may risk their position in the allocation of classes for 2006. Please note that dates for exams will not be moved to accommodate students away from school for any reasons other than illness.

I would seek parent support by ensuring attendance up to and including all advertised dates for the term.

**Trip to the Southern Highlands**

A trip for Marcellin Mothers has been planned for Sunday 30th October leaving the College at 9am. Brochures were given out at the Parents in Touch evening last week.

If you are interested in attending this day away, please collect the information notice from the front office.

There are only 40 seats available. Cost is $45 and is to be forwarded to Br Bill with the form as soon as possible.
I would like to commend the boys on their exemplary behaviour and spirit of participation. My thanks to you parents who continue to support the Year 9 camp program.

Finally, on behalf of the boys, my sincere appreciation to the teachers who took groups: Mr. Campbell, Mr. Lobo, Mr. Liccioni, Mr. Ursino, Mr. Duncombe, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Ross, Ms. Scevity, Mr. Ackerman and Mr. Davidson. Without the commitment and generosity of the teachers, such a program would be impossible to run.

Mr Paul Leary, Year 9 Co-ordinator

Ex-Students’ Reunion Mass and Dinner

The Ex-Students’ Association has been an integral part of the College for over sixty years. Its activities are designed to continue and foster the relationship between the College and its students once their formal education has been completed. One of the major activities of the Association is the Annual Mass and Reunion Dinner which attracts ex-students from a cross section of eras encompassing 82 years of education by the Marist Brothers at Randwick. This year’s Mass and dinner celebration was well attended by both ex-students and also current students as representatives of the College senior student body and as members of the choir and musicians to make it a memorable occasion. Thanks to staff of the College who worked so hard organising the evening in their own time. This is a wonderful show of their respect and staff and those who remember ‘the good old days...’ After the Mass, which was concelebrated by Fr John Rate, Fr John De Luca and Fr W. Aliprandi, dinner was held at the Randwick Rugby Club, giving everyone an opportunity to “catch up with old classmates”.

Mr Michael Delaney, a member of the College staff, is an ex-student himself and is involved in much of the organisation of the Annual Mass and Dinner

Mr Pat Carney (centre) oldest ex-student (started in 1923)
The MCC Rugby Union season has been underway for three rounds now and the results so far from both sides has been most impressive!

**Round 1**
- U/13s: Randwick 50 defeated Bankstown 5
- U/15s: Bye

**Round 2**
- U/13s: Randwick 22 defeated Ashfield 0
- U/15s: Randwick 17 lost to Ashfield 22

**Round 3**
- U/13s: Randwick 29 defeated Lewisham 7
- U/15s: Randwick 26 defeated Lewisham 14

The Semi Finals of the Rugby Union were played last Thursday. Results are below:

**Semi Final Results**
- U/13s: Randwick 29 defeated Lewisham 10
- U/15s: Randwick 24 defeated North Shore 21

Grand Finals will be played on 8th September (Week 8) at David Phillips Field beginning at 1pm for the U/13s and 2pm for the U/15s. Congratulations to both teams for making it into the Finals and we wish both teams good luck on the day of the game. Parents are welcome to come along to support our teams in the Grand Final.

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**Upcoming Events:**

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