

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of Marcellin,



This is one of a series of pictures I used to commence my address to our Year 10 & 11 boys at the recent Preliminary HSC Prizegiving Assembly. It didn't take them long to work out what phrase I had googled to find the images:

## SPOILED BRAT

I went on to define a spoiled brat:

*Someone who is extensively indulged and is therefore selfish most of the time. The only important thing for them is to get what they want, when they want it.*

I assured the boys, that in the main, that was not my experience of too many boys at Marcellin but I did go on to speculate as to whether contemporary education and modern parenting was contributing to a growing number of spoiled brats in our society. You see them all too often – the people who too easily and too readily 'spit the dummy' when they don't get what they want. I shared my concern that perhaps the current generation of school age children and young people had been brought up to believe that unless there was a concrete, external reward for achievement – even the smallest and insignificant ones – then it just wasn't worth trying. I asked the boys to think about whether they had been brought up to expect rewards, so much so, that rewards have become their right; something they could demand, or they would withdraw their cooperation and effort. I mused as to whether parents and teachers had given too much praise in the place of what should have been encouragement.

I appreciate that rewards are a necessary part of training a young child but I suggested to our Year 10 & 11 boys that it was now time to look less to the external rewards, and particularly the short-term ones, and more to the intrinsic good that simply comes from doing everything well and in a righteous manner. My point is perhaps best explained in the wisdom of the North American author Ralph Waldo Emerson:

**The only reward of  
virtue is virtue;  
the only way to have a  
friend is to be one.**

Achieving this mindset is not an easy thing. It is a way of thinking and acting that comes with trial and error, with maturity. In helping boys shift from a mindset where needing constant praise and rewards is their modus operandi I have found the following statements and questions helpful when challenging boys to reflect on their behaviour:

1. You do a good job if . . .
2. You've improved in . . .
3. I like you, but I don't like it when . . .
4. So you made a mistake. What did you learn from it?
5. You'd like me to think you can't do it, but I know you can.
6. I'm sure you can do it. Don't give up.<sup>1</sup>

While our best efforts are sure to make a difference very little lasting change happens without God's help. I suggested to the boys that they might adopt the use of St Ignatius of Loyola's prayer for generosity:

**Teach us, good Lord,  
To serve Thee as Thou deservest:  
To give and not to count the cost;  
To fight and not to heed the wounds;  
To labour and not ask for any reward  
Save that of knowing that Thy will be done.**

Amen!

With my best wishes,

Br David Hall FMS  
Headmaster

<sup>1</sup> Michael Grose, Sunday Magazine, Parenting, 11 April 2010, page 14.

# NOTICES AND NEWS

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



**UNSW Global Science competition winners**

Back row - Matthew Kelly (Year 10), Declan White (Year 9), James Hayes (Year 10), Caleb O'Brien (Year 10), Rory McGuinness (Year 10), and Thomas Webb (Year 7).  
Front row - Braden Raffo (Year 7), Thomas O'Sullivan (Year 7), Kurt Murray (Year 7), Nick Bollard (Year 7), and Eamon Moroney (Year 8). Absent - Lucas Bollard (Year 9)



**UNSW Global Computer Skills competition winners**

Left to right - Zack Turner (Year 10), Patrick Mousinho (Year 10), Shaun Buckton (Year 10) and Linus Gibson (Year 10)

## 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 Distinction - Year 8

Damon Brown, Liam Connolly and Nicholas Mougios

### Italian High Distinction - Year 9

Lucas Bond (Listening), Matteo Grassi (Listening), Alessandro Palumbo (Listening), and Ariel Serravalle (Listening & Reading)

### Italian Distinction - Year 9

Luke Abela (Reading), Adam Alania (Listening and Reading), Lucas Bond (Reading), Rafael Bruzzese (Listening and Reading), Phillip Chu (Reading), William De Lucia (Reading), Rory Delaney (Reading), Alexander Georges (Listening), Benjamin Gordon (Listening), Matteo Grassi (Reading), Michael Harbutt (Listening and Reading), Adrian Nobre (Listening), Thomas McCusker (Reading), Thomas Nicholas (Reading), Alessandro Palumbo (Reading) & Austin Vella (Listening)

### German High Distinction - Year 10 (Certificate 3 - Listening and Reading)

Dominic Trupke (Listening and Speaking)

*Mrs Carmelina Fede, Italian Teacher*

## TERM 4 CALENDAR EVENTS

### Wednesday 7th November

- Parents In Touch at 7.30pm - 'Drug Education Forum'.

### Friday 16th November

- Headmaster's Assembly - Induction of 2013 Leaders.

### Monday 19th November -Thursday 22nd November

- Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 Exams.

### Monday 26th November - Wednesday 5th December

- Year 10 Work Experience.

### Monday 3rd December -Wednesday 5th December

- Music Camp.

### Wednesday 19th December

- Parent Feedback Interviews 1pm-6pm.

## CANTEEN HELPERS

A big thank you to the 2012 parents who are leaving the school.

All 2012 Canteen helpers are invited to a Thank You dinner on Wednesday 5th December at 6pm. Please see the notice in the Canteen or call Debra Moore for details and to RSVP.

If you would like to volunteer in the Canteen for 2013 please call Debra Moore on 9398 6355.

*Mrs Debra Moore, Canteen*



## YEAR 7 2014 ENROLMENTS

### YEAR 7 2014 - INTAKE 1 ENROLLING NOW

Enrolment forms available from the College office  
Enrolments close this Friday 2 November 2012

## PARENTS IN TOUCH

# PARENTS IN TOUCH 2012 DRUG EDUCATION FORUM

What are some teenagers taking?  
When? Where? & Why?

Wednesday 7 November @7:30pm

Alice Hanna - Drug & Alcohol Clinical Nurse Consultant

You are invited to a Parents in Touch evening - a 'Drug Education Forum'. Our guest speaker Alice Hanna, is currently the Ambulatory Care Drug and Alcohol Nurse Consultant at the Langton Centre and has an extensive background in Acute Mental Health, Child & Family Mental Health, Perinatal Mental Health and outpatient and residential drug and alcohol services. Alice will present her insights and reflections from her experience in dealing with teenage drug use. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the conclusion of the presentation on the evening. These evenings are always informative and finish no later than 9pm. I encourage as many parents as possible to attend. Please RSVP by email the number of people attending to [vanetempestb@marcellin.nsw.edu.au](mailto:vanetempestb@marcellin.nsw.edu.au) *Mr Brian Vane-Tempest, Director of Development and Communications*

## WALKATHON

The Walkathon was held on Friday 26th October. Congratulations to students, staff and parents on your overwhelmingly generous support of the 2012 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 \$55,000. Well done and thank you to everyone for their involvement in ensuring the Walkathon was a success and enjoyed by all. *Mr Paul MacGee, Walkathon Coordinator*



## 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)

# SPORT

In Round 2 of the MCC competition Marcellin played Bankstown. The U14, U16 and A Grade Cricket were all successful in their games. Special mention to Justin Richardson who took 5 wickets for 9 runs in A Grade. All Touch Football teams were successful with the U14 winning 14-1, U15 18-0, B Grade 12-0, and A Grade 11-1 with Adam Shean named Man of the Match. The Squash team competed well in their matches but were unsuccessful, eventually going down 1036-654 with Luke Burke being named Man of the Match. Last Thursday in the Basketball all four teams had strong wins over Bankstown in their respective matches. This week Marcellin will face Pagewood in the 3rd round of the MCC competition and we wish all teams the best of luck in their respective matches.

## NSW CCC ATHLETICS

Boys at Marcellin College continue to do extremely well in their sporting endeavours. After success at the NSW CCC Athletics championships, four boys were then selected to compete at the NSW All Schools carnival. Joshua and Luke Dever, James Bassil, and Robert Murphy all competed in events and were extremely successful. Joshua finished 1st place in both the U15 Steeplechase and 3000m events while Luke finished 2nd and 7th in the same races. James won the U15 Boys Triple Jump and Robert finished 2nd in the 5000m Walk. Excellent achievements all round. Joshua and Luke Dever and James Bassil will now travel to Hobart in November to compete at the Australian All Schools championship, we wish them the best of luck in their events.



Joshua Dever (centre) at the award presentation



Luke Dever (left) and Joshua Dever (centre) with a Steeple competitor

## MCC SUMMER SEASON - ROUND 1

Basketball	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition				
	Result	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
	Player of Match				

Cricket	Team	A Grade	Under 16	Under 14
	Opposition	Kogarah		Kogarah
	Result	W: 3/180 to 4/126	BYE	L: 7/88 to 7/115
	Player of Match	Reuben Taucher		Fletcher Smith

Touch Football	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition				
	Result	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
	Player of Match				

Squash	Opposition	Results
	Kogarah	L: 820 to 898
	Player of Match	Luke Burke

## MCC SUMMER SEASON - ROUND 2

Basketball	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown
	Result	W: 49-33	W: 43-10	W: 47-20	W: 47-28
	Player of Match	Jonni Mei -Edwards	Jackson White	Jared Deep	Marcus De Luna

Cricket	Team	A Grade	Under 16	Under 14
	Opposition	Lewisham	Bankstown	Lewisham
	Result	W: 4/171 to 8/91	W: 0/120 to 10/15	W: 1/138 to 10/53
	Player of Match	Justin Richardson	Adam Docos	Fletcher Smith

Touch Football	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown
	Result	W: 11-1	W: 12-1	W: 18-0	W: 14-1
	Player of Match	Adam Shean	Bronson Garlick	Kurtis Preece	Adrian Pantaleone

Squash	Opposition	Results
	Lewisham	L: 654 to 1036
	Player of Match	Luke Burke

*Mr David Farrugia, Assistant Sports Coordinator*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Reflection Day for Laity:** Marist Laity Australia is hosting a Reflection Day on Saturday 3 November entitled - 'Faces of Love'. A dynamic day of interaction, encounter and reflection. The presenter is Dominic Arcamone. Located at St Patrick's Church Hill within the Crypt between 10am - 3 pm. BYO lunch. Coffee and tea provided. For more information call 0417 682 822 or go to [www.maristlaityaustralia.com](http://www.maristlaityaustralia.com)

'Quilts that Care' gives you the chance to support Mission Australia and The Exodus Foundation by buying handmade quilts at an exhibition/sale on Saturday 10th November at Randwick Labor Club from 1-7pm.