

MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



NEWSLETTER

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

At the end of last term the College farewelled the Year 12 class for 2010. Their final day at Marcellin, Graduation Day, was a wonderful combination of events that was a fitting finale to six years of senior schooling. With all students involved at one stage or another as well as parents and other family members of the graduands, the day itself is also an important reminder of the strength of the Marcellin community. In the days leading up to the graduation, there is always a real buzz and positive vibe that emanates throughout the school where everyone seems to be genuinely happy for the Year 12 boys.

A number of speeches on the day rightly commended the graduating class for their great contribution as well as the extremely positive way they involved themselves in all facets of school life. With the passing of each year at Marcellin, they matured and developed into a close-knit and exemplary group of young men. The way in which they conducted themselves in the final week of their school lives is a testament to their character. We ought not take this fact for granted as quite the opposite happens in some schools. Talking to ex-colleagues now at various other schools in the metropolitan area, the week leading up to graduation day was far from enjoyable and even involved students being sent home early to conclude their schooling.

In contrast, many teachers of Year 12 classes here commented on the fact that their biggest challenge was with students wanting to reminisce rather than disrupt. Their genuine warmth and admiration for the College was exemplified throughout the final week by the way in which they thanked teachers and support staff who helped them along the way. Consequently, I was somewhat perplexed with a number of current affair stories on television over the school holiday period exposing "what your teenage children really get up to". These alarmist investigations focussing on the extreme aspects of youth culture often have a real knack of destroying any positive notions we have of adolescents. They overshadow or even eclipse the positive contributions students like our Year 12 class make to their home, school and wider community.

This particular group of Year 12 boys certainly didn't grow up in a bubble shielded from society. In fact, a good number of these boys carried some significant burdens through their time here which really tested their resilience. Similarly, I'm not suggesting Marcellin students are counter-cultural nor am I calling for further canonisations. What I am suggesting is that the fantastic way in which our senior class concluded their schooling highlights how great outcomes can be achieved when students are challenged to do their best and are presented with opportunities to develop their sporting, cultural and academic strengths. Furthermore, it's a reminder that boys respond best when they are given clear boundaries and high expectations that are consistently reinforced in a home and school environment that overtly values and continually emphasizes the importance of mutual respect.

I am very confident that after the Higher School Certificate, the students of the Graduating Class will find their place in the world and more importantly go on to become good men, husbands and fathers in the years ahead. This in itself is a point worth acknowledging as it represents an achievement brought about by parents and school working collaboratively. So congratulations to both teachers and parents alike. This year group really affirms your efforts and is a credit to you all.

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!



Daniel Romeo
Year 9

Received the Good Sportsmanship award from the Botany RSL Amateur Swimming Club for service to the club



Maxwell Wilson
Year 9

Represented Marcellin in the All Schools Athletics championships winning a Silver medal in the Steeplechase



Year 8 student Adrian Lara received a 2010/11 Soccer Scholarship from the NSW Institute of Sport and has been selected for the FNSW State Team for two consecutive years



Benjamin Liew
Year 9

Received a High Distinction in the Assessment of Language Competence in Japanese



Jordan Gabriel
Year 9

Received a High Distinction in the Assessment of Language Competence in Japanese



Year 11 student Christian Lozada represented Marcellin in the All Schools Athletics championships winning a Silver medal in the 400m Sprint and a Gold medal in the 400m Hurdles



From left to right: Year 8 students Carlos Hernandez-Quintero, David Coluzzi, Linus Gibson, Jake Melis and Abraham Irhia received a High Distinction in the Assessment of Language Competence in Italian

Year 8 student Claudio Fabiano received a High Distinction (score of 100%) in the Assessment of Language Competence in Italian



From left to right: Year 8 students Matthew Kelly, Matthew Lombardi, Nathan Ottaviano, Year 9 student Rodolfo Malenha and Year 10 student James Barnett received a High Distinction in the Assessment of Language Competence in Italian

Year 8 student Dean Moutopoulos is one of the 25 performers selected to be part of Glee Australia taking part in the casting of Step Up in Los Angeles in December

COLLEGE WEBSITE VIDEOS

For all the current events and action go to the 'Latest Videos' page under 'News and Events' on the College website. Here you will find great vision of all that's happening at MCR.

There are a number of videos so click on the one you'd like to watch. A large display will come up with your selected video.

Click the play button under the large display to start the video.

You can stop, pause, fast forward and rewind the video, change the screen to a full screen view, as well as mute and adjust the volume of the music of the videos.



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NOTICES AND NEWS

TERM 4 CALENDAR EVENTS

Monday 8th November

• School Certificate Exams commence. Conclude Wednesday 10th November.

Wednesday 17th November

• Parents In Touch Evening. 'Parenting in Practice' Forum.

Monday 22nd November

• Year 10 Work Experience commences. Concludes Friday 26th November.

Monday 22nd November

• Year 7/8/9 Assessment Week commences. Concludes Friday 26th November.

SPORTS PHOTOS

The College sports photos are now available at the front office. Boys wishing to purchase a photo of their sport team should speak to the ladies in reception for further information.

WALKATHON

Congratulations to students, staff and parents on your overwhelmingly generous support of the 2010 Walkathon. The Walkathon was another very successful community day for the College. This year there was excellent attendance with only 11 listed as away sick. The amount of money promised is \$51,910 with money to be collected this week. Well done to everyone for their involvement in the event!

Mr Damian Chase, Walkathon Coordinator



COLLEGE LEADERS 2011

Congratulations to the following Year 11 students on being elected College Leaders for 2011:

Jackson Garlick - College Captain
John Murdaca - Vice Captain - Student Welfare
Nicholas Saady - Vice Captain - Academic Excellence
Daniel Naidu - Social Justice Captain
Lars Roy - Sports Captain
Christopher Edwards - Cultural Captain
Cameron Black - Anselm
Zachary Hodgson - Champagnat
Andrew Norton - Fallon
Nicholas Ostrovsky - Ignatius



YEAR 9 REFLECTION DAY

On Friday 22nd October, Year 9 attended a religious reflection day at Marcellin Fields. As a year group we worked with Youth Mission Team, Wollongong, to help us learn about ourselves as young men. We participated in physical and cultural activities requiring common sense and communication. These activities helped develop our leadership skills, working in a group as well as being individuals. Working alongside the Youth Mission Team, we gained a greater understanding about ourselves and how we must make our own decisions as young men. *Thomas Vella, Year 9 student*



NEWS AND SPORT

The newly formed Opens Cricket team ventured to Parramatta Park on 19th October to play in the state wide Downie Shield competition. Although they didn't win the game, team coach Mr Jacob Gibbons felt that a young side such as this would take valuable experience away from a 50 over competition match. Man of the match on the day was awarded to Jason Gray who scored 64 runs and took several wickets. The MCC Summer season started last week against Lewisham. The cricket boys performed well with the U14s and U16s proving the better team on the day. An inexperienced Opens team took the field for the second time in the week, after competing in the Downie shield on the Tuesday, and were beaten in a close match. Special mention to young Jack Erickson from Year 9 who has been a standout player in all matches for the Opens so far this season. The Squash and Touch boys continued to perform at a high standard with the Squash team winning their match 916 to 837 and the Touch boys having close contests in all grades. The A Grade Touch team had a five all draw against last year's finalist. Basketball started the season well with the B Grade side having an exciting forty all draw. The momentum continued with Marcellin into the A Grade, winning in a low scoring match that was evidence of the defensive strengths that the side possesses. The U15s won convincingly whilst the U14s are gaining valuable experience and fought to the end in a narrow defeat. Thank you to all the parents who are supporting their boys at MCC sport. The support of parents in these endeavours has a direct relationship with motivation and performance for the boys.

MCC SUMMER SEASON - ROUND 1

Basketball	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham
	Result	W: 27-11	D: 40-40	W: 73-10	L: 24-34
	Player of Match	Alexander Hall	Corey Jones	Fraser Graham	Joshua Dever



Cricket	Team	A Grade	Under 16s	Under 14s
	Opposition	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham
	Result	L: 7/98 to 6/101	W: 9/114 to 9/73	W: 2/134 to 10/33
	Player of Match	Jack Erickson	Jaya Murdita	Ryan Danne

Squash	Opposition	Results
	Lewisham	W: 916 to 837
	Player of Match	Luke Burke

Touch Football	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham
	Result	D: 5-5	L: 4-5	W: 2-0 (short due to injury)	W: 7-2
	Player of Match	Blake Hurley	Ethan Natoli	Zachary Bataille	Benjamin McDonald



MCC SUMMER SEASON - ROUND 2

Basketball	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
	Result	W: 52-42	W: 37-28	W: 31-27	W: 37-27
	Player of Match	Thomas Payten	Matthew Tan	Joshua Wilson	Benjamin Davis

Cricket	Team	A Grade	Under 16s	Under 14s
	Opposition	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
	Result	W: 3/128 to 8/67	W: 7/97 to 8/75	W: 7/103 to 10/61
	Player of Match	Nicholas Saady	Ashley Burton	Cooper Smith

Squash	Opposition	Results
	North Shore	L: 663 to 1110
	Player of Match	Pearse Dolan

Touch Football	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
	Opposition	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
	Result	W: 9-6	W: 7-3	D: 5-5	W: 12-3
	Player of Match	Alexander Thomas	Ethan Natoli	Tom Perrin	Jarrold Wachman



Mr Ben Gardiner, Acting Sports Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Uniform Shop: Please come into the uniform shop to buy your blazers before Christmas. If you require special sizing you need to put your blazer order in before the middle of December. Opening hours Tuesday 8am-11.15am and Thursday 8am-1pm. In Term 4 we are open on these Saturdays: November 20th and 27th 8am-1pm, and December 11th 8am-1pm.

Reflection Day: Marist Laity Australia is holding their biannual reflection day at St Patrick's in the crypt, in the Rocks, Sydney on 6th November from 10am-3pm. RSVP at www.maristlaityaustralia.com or PO Box 1681 Castle Hill NSW 1765.

Engaging Adolescents: 10th-24th November, a 3 week course, Wednesdays 7-9pm at Bankstown Family Relationship Centre. Develop a greater understanding of adolescents, strategies for effective communication and promoting socially appropriate behaviour. The course costs \$60 including parent manual. For bookings phone CatholicCare on 9519 6788.