

# MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



## NEWSLETTER

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*Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,*

As we begin a new year together I was drawn to an article Brian Cavanaugh wrote on family. We often talk of our family spirit here at Marcellin and I believe it is this feature of our College which ensures a positive and welcoming environment.

A culture of high achievement is more likely to occur when our students feel welcome, safe and accepted. In talking about families Cavanaugh refers especially to the four predominant qualities of respect, encouragement, affirmation and love as being central to achieving balance and fulfillment.

He describes the family as a garden and that whatever is planted in it will grow. Planting these four values in your family will bring forth a harvest of an abundant family life. I am reminded also that there exists the Law of the Fallow Field. Simply stated, this law holds that if nothing positive is planted in the garden, it will always revert to weeds. We need to continually plant each growing season exactly what it is we expect to grow. If nothing of value is planted, nothing of value will be harvested.

In this family garden Cavanaugh encourages us to plant sixteen rows:

4 rows of Ps: Perserverance, Politeness, Praise and Peacemaking.

4 rows of Let us: Let us be faithful in word and deed, let us be unselfish, let us be loyal and let us love one another.

3 rows of Squash: Squash gossip, squash criticism and squash indifference,

and finally 5 rows of Turn ups: Turn up to school and sporting events, turn up to family gatherings, turn up with a better attitude, turn up with new ideas and the determination to carry them out, and turn up with a smile.

If you plant and nurture these 'value seeds' in your family garden and here at school we are bound to have a productive year and a bountiful harvest.

I wish everyone a most enjoyable and productive school year.

With best wishes

Br Bill Sullivan, fms  
Headmaster



# FROM THE HEADMASTER

## CONGRATULATIONS HSC CLASS OF 2009

Congratulations to the Class of 2009 on their excellent HSC results. Ranked 98th in the state out of all 718 secondary schools in NSW is an excellent achievement. Marcellin College has been in the top 200 for the last five years in a row. 20% of our Year 12 group gained a UAI (university admission) greater than 90, a most pleasing result.

Congratulations to the following Year 12's who gained a UAI in the 90's.

Daniel Liew	Charles Sunstrum	Jamie Watts	Isaac Serhan	James Ambrose
Kenrick Setiobudi	Scott Walsh	Paul Jewiss	Andrei Bilic	Mitchell Solomonson
Adam Watterson	John Harding-Easson	Jack Kelly	Richard Gyuris	Adam De Permentier
Nicholas Gibbs	Giorgio Kringas	Han Zhang	Samuel Duffy	
Adam Vella	Marvin Kenny	Adam Gulden	James Van Egmond	
John Hannan	Mitchell Wong	Nicholas Karantonis	Richard Sanchez	



Daniel Liew  
College Dux 2009

We are very proud of your achievements and of all in our Year 12 group from 2009.

### MR MICHAEL DELANEY (RIP)

We were all saddened and shocked by the sudden death of staff member Michael Delaney early in January. Michael was a member of our school ancillary support staff and ran the College book hire room. He had not enjoyed good health for some time but never complained about the challenges he experienced. He was preparing for another kidney transplant this year so was looking forward to a better year of health. We pray for the repose of Michael's soul and especially pray for Michael's mum and dad Donna and Terry, sister Donna, brother Marcus, and their families. Michael has been a vibrant member of our staff and we all will certainly miss his presence amongst us.

#### Prayer:

*Eternal rest granted unto Michael, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon him.*

*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Mr Michael Delaney

### FAREWELL MR DAVID FORRESTER

We farewell Mr Forrester who was appointed the position of Deputy Principal at Marist North Shore to commence this year. This appointment came after the conclusion of last year so we did not have the chance to farewell David at that time. He will be back to join us at our school assembly in week 3 where we can formally farewell him at that time.

We congratulate David on his selection as Deputy. North Shore are fortunate to have such a capable and talented person joining their staff. Mr Paul Daley will be taking on the role of Student Welfare Coordinator and keeping his role as Year 12 Coordinator in 2010.



Mr David Forrester

### TERM 1 CALENDAR EVENTS

#### Friday 5th February

- College Swimming Carnival at Heffron Pool.

#### Friday 12th February

- Headmaster's Assembly to acknowledge academic achievements of the Class of 2009.

#### Wednesday 24th February

- Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting 7.30 pm. These are most informative nights so please come along.

#### Friday 26th February

- Inaugural Mass 9.30 am. All parents and friends are welcome. Please come along.

#### Friday 26th February

- Meet and Greet Cocktail Evening 6 - 8 pm.

#### Wednesday 3rd March

- Open Afternoon 3 - 6 pm.

**Term 1** concludes on Thursday 1st April. This day will be our internal golf, tennis and surfing championships plus the MCC Representative round for league and soccer.

Final day of lessons for Term 1 is Wednesday 31st March. I conclude as Principal on Thursday 1st April.

**Term 2** commences on Monday 19th April at 8.40am. Br David Hall commences as Headmaster on this day.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Alexander Thomas (Year 10) and John Murdaca (Year 11) were selected in the Harold Matthews squad for the roosters. George Lazaris who was chosen for the Griffin Theatre Ambassador program. Only 100 Year 11 and 12s were selected for the program.

Year 7 students Nat Butcher and Cameron Murray were selected for the Archdiocesan Sports Award for 2009.

## NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF

We welcome the following staff who have joined the Marcellin community in 2010:

- Mr Robert Anderson, Curriculum Coordinator and teaching Mathematics
- Mr Andrew Howe, Year 8 Coordinator and teaching Religious Education and English
- Ms Annette Emms, teaching Religious Education and English
- Ms Amanda Conde, teaching Mathematics and Religious Education
- Mr Ben Rice, teaching English
- Mr Ben Gardiner, teaching Mathematics, PDHPE and Religious Education
- Ms Carmelina Fede, teaching Religious Education, Italian and English
- Ms Peta Bourke, teaching Design and Technology and Graphics
- Ms Elizabeth Marks, teaching Religious Education, Biology and Science
- Mr Craig Morrison, teaching Geography, Religious Education and Business Studies
- Mr Peter Sgouras, teaching Computer Studies and Design and Technology
- Mr Matthew Johns, teaching Chemistry and Science

## COLLEGE EXECUTIVE

Headmaster	Term 1 Bill Sullivan	Term 2 Br David Hall
Deputy		Mr Les Salisbury
Student Welfare		Mr Paul Daley
RE Coordinator		Mr Anthony Boys
Curriculum Coordinator		Mr Robert Anderson
Executive Assistant to Headmaster		Mr Brian Vane-Tempest

## YEAR COORDINATORS 2010

Year 12	Mr Paul Daley	Year 9	Mrs Patricia Kratochvil
Year 11	Mr Chris Duncombe	Year 8	Mr Andrew Howe
Year 10	Mr Jacob Gibbons	Year 7	Mr Ian Laing

## KLA COORDINATORS 2010

Religion	Mr Anthony Boys	HSIE & LOTE:	Mr Anthony Burke
Mathematics	Mrs Jane Evans	TAS:	Mr Steve Roemling
English	Mrs Lynsey Kelly	Creative Arts/Music:	Ms Rebecca Wong
Science	Ms Rachel Thompson	PDHPE:	Mr Chris O'Connell

## STUDENT ABSENCES

We have made considerable progress with this area of College life as the statistics below convey. It is my hope that every effort will be made to maintain continuity of attendance and punctuality to school, unless too sick to do so. All absences must be rung through to the school (absentee number 9398 8009) by 8.30 am on each morning of absence.

### Absences (illness) since 2002 for Term 1:

2002	3028 absent	2006	1450
2003	1898	2007	1267
2004	1460	2008	1144
2005	1306	2009	946

Congratulations to all on the excellent improvement these past 8 years. I look forward to the trend continuing in 2010. I thank parents in advance for your adherence to our attendance guidelines.

## REQUESTS FOR LEAVE

All requests for leave are to be directed in writing to the Headmaster well ahead of the nominated date. I ask for your support by minimizing absences and ensuring boys are here up to and including the last day of term.

## YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY

The first week at a new school can be quite daunting for the new Year 7 students. The orientation day helps smooth the process along and introduces the boys in a relaxed and friendly environment. On Thursday 28th January they gathered at Heffron Fields for their orientation which included a few group activities and a goal setting exercise, making the transition to high school a little less intimidating. All in all, a very memorable introduction to their senior schooling years. We welcome all new students and their families to the Marcellin community.

*Mr Ian Laing, Year 7 Coordinator*



# SPORT AND NEWS

## TERM 1

This term is a very busy term for sport. Round 6 of the summer season continues this Thursday 4th February against Ashfield. With only two rounds remaining, every team is nicely placed to qualify for a semi final berth in three weeks time. A reminder to all representative boys of our expectations in regards to uniform and the way in which we compete against other schools. We not only pride ourselves on our results but also the way in which we compete and present ourselves. Boys will not be permitted to compete unless they have the correct uniform. The Cross Country championships will also be held on Thursday for the remainder of boys in Years 7 to 10. The Under 12's, 13's & 14's will compete at Coral Sea Park, South Maroubra while the Under 15's & 16's will run at Latham Park, South Coogee. Buses will transport boys to and from each venue and boys will be permitted to leave from the venue. In the following weeks, Year 7 to 10 will revert to internal sport. Every boy will be required to bring their house coloured shirt for sport each week. The Year 11 and 12 boys begin their free choice sports this Thursday at various venues.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 87th Marcellin College Annual Swimming carnival will take place on Friday 5th February at the Des Renford Aquatic Centre, Heffron Park. Events will commence at 9.00 am and should be completed by 2.00 pm. Every boy must come dressed in colours to represent their house. The best dressed and best represented house will earn points towards the Spirit Cup. Ignatius have won 5 of the last 6 titles but judging from past carnivals, Champagnat will be fighting right down to the last race. The Marcellin staff have held the Staff v Student title for over 10 years now, so this should make for an interesting race at the end of the day. I'd advise each boy to bring a packed lunch and their own drink bottles as each year group will have limited time to use the canteen. As is the case with every outdoor activity, we encourage each boy to bring their own sunscreen and apply it regularly throughout the day, and also have a hat on when not competing. We ask that any boy competing in a championship event must have either correct swimming costume or the aqua skins. A letter has been given to every boy in homeroom this week with additional information. Parents are most welcome to attend in what is always a highlight in our sporting calendar. After both the Swimming and Cross Country carnivals, teams will be selected to compete at the Metropolitan Catholic Colleges carnivals. The Swimming carnival will take place at Homebush Aquatic Centre on Thursday 4th March. Competition begins at 3pm and it is compulsory for all Year 7 and 12 boys to attend. The Cross Country carnival will take place on Thursday 18th March. I will give more details as we get closer to these events.

## SURFING

At the end of last year our Surfing championships were held at Maroubra Beach. Under some very good surfing conditions, Jake Scott was judged Year 9 and Overall Champion with Hank Hartley and Jackson Giles winning the Year 8 and Year 7 divisions respectively. Well done to these boys and all boys who competed on the day.

I'd like to wish all the boys and staff the very best of luck in all our sports this year and hope that we can continue to achieve great results.

*Mr Robert Capizzi, Sports Coordinator*



Zane Tukukino

## RECEIVING YOUR NEWSLETTER

Please note that a hard copy of the newsletter will be sent home only to those that have indicated as per 2009. Parents wishing to change their arrangements to receive the newsletter via email or hard copy are to contact Mrs Marlene Smith in the College office on 9398 6355.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**BR BILL FAREWELL 19TH MARCH:** A special farewell evening for Br Bill will be held on Friday 19th March at the Randwick Labor Club. Invitations for the evening will be sent home in the next week. Numbers are strictly limited to the first 400 who purchase their ticket. Tickets will be available from the College office from 15th February. In lieu of farewell gifts for Br Bill please consider a contribution to a 'Farewell Fund' for Br Bill. You will be able to register your name when you make a contribution: Commonwealth Bank Account Name William P Sullivan BSB 062230 Account Number 11054942.

**THANKSGIVING MASS:** The Archdiocese of Sydney Solo Parent Ministry invites all single parents and their families to the Annual Thanksgiving Mass, to be held on Saturday 13th February at 12pm at St Anthony's Catholic Church, 54 Agincourt Road, Marsfield. A light luncheon will be served after Mass in the Parish Centre. Please RSVP (for catering purposes) by 3rd February to Madeleine 0408 139 762 or [madeleine.pizzuti@catholiccare.org](mailto:madeleine.pizzuti@catholiccare.org)