

MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

Over the past few weeks I have been sharing some of my impressions on the life and times of Marcellin Champagnat with our Year Seven students as part of their induction into Marcellin College. I would like to share with you some of the highlights of my presentation to them in this, our Founder's Week.

Marcellin Champagnat was a child of the French Revolution. After all, he was born only two months before its outbreak (14th July 1789). The Revolution introduced some great ideals, Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, but it also brought terrible destruction, civil war and death to many! Marcellin's own father was a Colonel of the local National Guard, but at the same time, he was able to protect his local church and its priests. His mother, Marie Therese, and aunt, a former nun, were great influences on Marcellin. From such people he developed a 'strong mind with a gentle heart' during these very troubled times.

Formal schooling for Marcellin was severely neglected because of the Revolution. When a school eventually reopened in his town, it was staffed by a poorly trained school master who meted out harsh treatment to the pupils. It is said that Marcellin refused to return to school after the first day. He was more at home with farm work.

At sixteen years of age he received an invitation, he believed came from God, to become a priest. With little education but plenty of zeal, he set out for the minor seminary and the long road to the priesthood. Indeed, the road was not only long but also lined with many difficulties. In the end, the prayers of his mother and his own extraordinary efforts saw him ordained a priest. The start of his ministry in 1816 coincided with the collapse of the Napoleonic era. Again, more chaos!

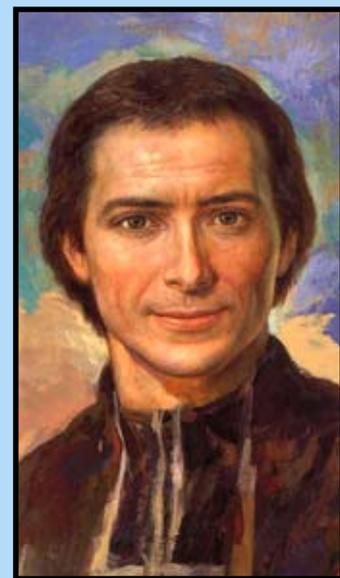
A turning point early in his ministry came when he was called to the bedside of a dying sixteen year old boy. Finding the young lad at death's door with no knowledge and hope of eternity with our loving God, moved Marcellin deeply. The event determined him to seek out and train young men under the banner of 'Our Good Mother' to become 'brothers' to the many neglected children in the district. On January 2nd 1817 in the remote country parish of La Valla, France, Marcellin began the work of the 'Little Brothers of Mary' or Marist Brothers.

It may seem an exaggeration on our part to say that we are here today at Marcellin College because of a determined person who lived through troubled times two hundred years ago. But after eight years at this College, I am convinced that this is no exaggeration. I have spoken to many students, staff, parents and visitors who all express to me that there is something special about this place.

It may be difficult to describe this 'something special' but it forms the foundation of who we are and why we are here. Furthermore, it is very infectious. It seems to be caught by all who are part of our family. I see this especially in our newest members, the Year Seven students. May they develop 'strong minds with gentle hearts'. May Saint Marcellin Champagnat pray for us all!

With best wishes,

Br Joachim Fabbro,
Peer Support Coordinator



*If
you want to
teach young people,
first
you must love them.*

*You must love
them all
equally.*

Marcellin Champagnat
"The Golden Rule"

FROM THE HEADMASTER

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



Jack Erickson
Year 8

Selected in the Junior Bunnies and Randwick Rugby U15 teams



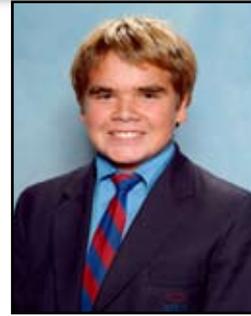
Luke Dooner
Year 8

Selected in the Junior Bunnies and Randwick Rugby U15 teams



Bronson Garlick
Year 8

Selected in the Junior Bunnies and Randwick Rugby U15 teams



Alexander Sorge
Year 9

Selected in the Junior Bunnies and Randwick Rugby U15 teams



Blake Hurley
Year 9

Selected in the Junior Bunnies and Randwick Rugby U15 teams



James McKaig
Year 9

Selected in the Junior Bunnies and Randwick Rugby U15 teams



Lars Roy
Year 10

Selected in the Junior Bunnies and Randwick Rugby U15 teams



Lachlan Bransby
Year 12

Selected in the NSW Grid Iron team to participate in the National Championship in QLD



Stephen Palmier
Year 12

Selected in the NSW Grid Iron team to participate in the National Championship in QLD



Kieran Emery
Year 12

Selected in the U18 ACT/NSW AFL team to play QLD

TERM 2 CALENDAR EVENTS

Friday 5th June

- Final day for acceptances Year 7 2010.

Friday 5th June

- Champagnat Day. College Mass 9.30 am. All parents invited. Annual Talent Quest and Feast Day activities after recess. School will finish at 2 pm for all boys on this day. Normal full school uniform is to be worn.

Monday 8th June

- Queens Birthday Public Holiday.

Tuesday 9th June

- Years 7/8/9 Exam week commences.

Friday 12th June

- Debating elimination rounds.

Monday 15th June

- School Photo Day.

Tuesday 16th June

- Careers evening at Marist Pagewood. (Year 12 to attend).

Tuesday 30th June

- Year 11 2010 subject selection 7 pm. A separate notice will be sent home about this.

Wednesday 8th July

- Year 7 Parent Teacher Evening. A separate notice will be sent home about this.

Friday 10th July

- School concludes 3.20 pm for Term 2 holidays. Parents are requested to ensure boys are in attendance up until the end of this day. Term 3 commences 8.40 am Monday 27th July.

PAYMENT OF FEES

A reminder that school fees were due on June 1st. Your attention to this would be very much appreciated. Please inform the College if your contact details have changed.

PARENTS OF BOYS IN YEARS 8 AND 10 - SUBJECT SELECTION

Boys in Years 8 and 10 received a letter regarding subject selection for 2010. Copies of the letter are available on the school website. Please ensure that you discuss subject selection with your son in the coming week.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photo day is on Monday 15th June. Please make sure boys are in full school uniform. Boys wishing to purchase photos must bring their photo envelope with the correct amount of money on the day.

NOTICES AND NEWS

CHAMPAGNAT AND SPORTS AWARDS ASSEMBLY



Jason Taylor

South Sydney League Coach
Mr Jason Taylor was guest speaker at the
Summer Sports Awards Assembly



Jason Taylor with
Matthew Shean and Paul Jewiss

CHAMPAGNAT AWARD WINNERS!



Year 7 (left to right): Blake Sangster,
Nicholas Roper, Abraham Irhia, Kiriakos
Ioannidis, Daniel Francis and William Finch



Year 8 (left to right): Jake Richards,
Jarrod Stevens, Matthew Davis,
Tyler Gleeson and Gerald Kuo



Year 9 (left to right): Christopher
Goutama, Kevin Tjoa, Matthew Tan
and Ruben Sondjaja



Year 10 (left to right): Cameron
Henwood, Edward Phillips,
Jialong Li and Jay Barron



Year 11 (left to right): Adam Phillis, Michael
Sarrinikolaou, Madalitso Masache, Matthew
Malone, Benjamin Leung, Andrew Panousis,
Mitchell Judge and Michael Bailey



Year 12 (left to right): Scott Walsh,
Han Zhang, Kenrick Setiobudi, Jack
Kelly, Jack O'Grady and Scott Cleary.
Absent from photo Zachary Johnson.

PASTORAL CARE INITIATIVES - YEAR 10 & YEAR 12

One focus area of the Year 10 Pastoral programme is 'Decision Making'. On May 15th Year 10 spent time with Mr Brent Sanders, a former policeman investigating and prosecuting people committing sex-crimes. Discussions involved the relationship between choice and consequences; peer pressure and its effects; key precursors to making bad choices; 'real life' scenarios such as shoplifting, drunken behaviour, car theft, relationships and what relates to the commission of a sexual offence. Each boy was encouraged to reflect on being positive and motivated via a '10 keys to achieving success' handout. The boys were asked to take this home, examine one of the ideas presented and see how this could be connected with just one aspect of their life. Many boys indicated how interesting, informative and challenging the morning was. Perhaps this is something that Year 10 parents can speak to your sons about!

Mr Anthony Boys, Year 10 Coordinator

Year 12 guest speaker Mr Peter Wilson is an ex-student of the College who left in 1990 and now works for the Australian Jockey Club. Peter raises money for The Sydney Childrens Hospital by competing in the *Racing the Planet* series of extreme ultra marathons. To date he has competed in and won a number of races across such places as the Gobi Desert in China, Atacama in Chile, Antarctica and Alaska. In October he heads to Egypt to conquer the Saharan desert and hopefully build on the incredible amount of \$325,000 that he has already raised for his chosen charity. Year 12 students were inspired by his deeds and sense of giving but also gained a great insight into the importance of goal setting and the power of perseverance.

Mr Paul Daley, Year 12 Coordinator

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

A courageous group of students completed an expedition for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award involving an overnight trek through the Royal National Park from Otford to Bundeena, which hugs the coastline taking you along cliffs, beaches and escarpments. Students carried all their supplies and navigated their own way to Bundeena. Day one weather was warm and still, perfect conditions for trekking, however, with rain and wind on day two the next 19kms was a real challenge! Despite the hardships, the boys enjoyed themselves and felt a real sense of achievement at the completion of the walk.

Ms Laura Murphy, Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

*Thank you to Ms Rachel Thompson
for all her help and guidance on
all things Duke of Edinburgh!*



SPORT AND NEWS

With Round 3 threatened to be called off due to the recent wet weather, our boys were relieved to hear that our games against Lewisham would go ahead. In Rugby League we were successful in 6 of the 7 games and now remain undefeated in all but the Under 15 age group. These are outstanding results but there is still plenty of work left to do.

Our Soccer boys weren't so lucky coming up against a spirited Lewisham opposition. We won two of the five games and as it stands at present our B grade and Under 15 teams remain unbeaten. We are now just past the half way mark in the season and in the coming weeks we play Pagewood, Ashfield and Kogarah. All the best to all boys and staff involved and hopefully we can all qualify for a semi final berth.

Recently eight of our Under 15 Rugby League boys and six of our Opens boys were chosen to represent the CCC in a carnival at Tamworth along with four of our Opens Soccer boys selected for their carnival at Glenwood. The boys competed exceptionally well. Special mention to James McKenzie who has been chosen to go on and represent at the next level. Well done James! Congratulations also to Benjamin Thornton who won gold at the NSW All Schools Carnival in Swimming and has now been selected in the NSW team to compete at the School Sport Australia Swim Championships in September. This is an outstanding achievement! In the coming weeks we have a number of boys who will represent at the CCC level in both Touch Football and Cross Country. We wish these boys the best of luck in their competitions.

On the last day of Term 1 over 70 boys took part in our school Tennis Championships at Snape Park. I will be announcing our preliminary Tennis squad in the next couple of weeks so boys will need to look out for information on the sports notice board. Training will commence in Week 7.

Mr Robert Capizzi, Sport Coordinator

MCC WINTER SPORTS - ROUND 3 RESULTS

Soccer	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13
	Opposition	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham
	Result	L: 0-1	W: 2-0	W: 1-0	L: 0-3	L: 1-2
Player of Match	James McKenzie	Seamus Dowd	Johnathon Ford	David Yalpi	Luke Burke	

Rugby League	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 D1	Under 13 D2A	Under 13 D2B
	Opposition	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham
	Result	W: 30-8	W: 16-0	L: 12-34	W: 20-4	W: 26-0	W: 22-8	W: 52-0
Player of Match	John Ligori	Daniel Johnstone	Peter Daras	Cheyne Whitelaw	Zane Tukukino Andres Rossini	Joshua Potts	John Daras	



CONGRATULATIONS DEBATING

Well done to our debating teams and coaches on the excellent start to the debating season. To date this year we have won 28 out of a possible 30 debates (including two forfeits). Congratulations to the coaches and boys on a most impressive start to the debating season! In Round 5 against St Scholastica's Years 7,8,9,11 and 12 won their debates.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mobile Muster: Due to the great success of last year's Mobile Muster we are participating in the program again in the next few weeks. If you or your family have any old unwanted phones and accessories lying around please bring them in! Batteries, chargers and handsets can then be recycled!

Catholic Education Office, Sydney workshops:

1. Positive Parenting of 8-12 year olds on 11th June. For more information contact carol.carey@ceo.syd.catholic.edu.au
2. Language workshop for parents: Developing skills for early learning on 24th June. For more information contact carol.carey@ceo.syd.catholic.edu.au.
3. Driver Education Program for Young Drivers - free 3.5 hour driver education programs. Additional information may be obtained from drive@focusdrivingschool.com.au

Walk With Christ: Sydney's Annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Sunday 14th June. Join thousands "Walk With Christ" through the CBD. For more information ph 02 93905996 or www.sydneycatholic.org.au