

# MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

"To choose life until our last breath is to live with soul." This statement from Wilkie Au in his book 'The Enduring Heart' reminds us that we need to take responsibility for our own growth. Far too many in society now shirk responsibility, placing the burden on government or everyone else except themselves.

Human life is meant to be dynamic, not static. As John Henry Newman puts it, "To change is to grow; to be perfect is to change constantly." Wilkie Au elaborates further via the use of these two examples:

Once a minister asked a small boy, "Can you tell me who made you?" After a moment of thought, the youngster looked up at the pastor and replied, "God made part of me." Intrigued by this unexpected response, the minister continued the conversation. He asked, "What do you mean 'part of you?'"

"Well, God made me little," answered the boy, "I grew the rest myself." The moral of this story is that "growing the rest" is a lifelong task for all of us.

A rabbinic story further highlights the open-ended nature of our human journey. A rabbi was once asked, "What is a blessing?" He prefaced his answer with a riddle involving the creation account in chapter 1 of the Book of Genesis. The riddle went this way: After finishing his work on each of the first five days, the Bible states, "God saw that it was good." But God is not reported to have commented on the goodness of what was created on the sixth day, when the human person was fashioned.

"What conclusion can you draw from that?" asked the rabbi.

Someone volunteered, "We can conclude that the human person is not good."

"Possibly," the rabbi nodded, "but that's not a likely explanation." The rabbi went on to explain that the Hebrew word translated as "good" in Genesis is the word *tov*, which is better translated as "complete." That is why, the rabbi contended, God did not declare the human person to be *tov*. Human beings are created incomplete. It is our life's vocation to collaborate with our creator in fulfilling the potential in each of us. A blessing, then, is anything that enters into the centre of our lives and expands our capacity to resemble God's love, compassion, and goodness. A blessing may not always be painless, but it will always bring spiritual growth.

As parents and educators, part of our role is to nurture in our boys the capacity to take responsibility for their well-being and for their future. We must steer them away from the growing trend to blame others or to cop out by saying that 'it is someone else's responsibility.' We certainly do not do our boys any favours if we let them run away from their responsibilities or take the easy way out.

As Wilkie Au reflects, "Allowing room for God to act graciously on our behalf is an important way of living soulfully as people unafraid to embrace life in all its dimensions."

With best wishes

Br Bill Sullivan, fms  
Headmaster



# FROM THE HEADMASTER

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



**Daniel Morgan**  
Year 12

Performed (Cello) with the Sydney Youth Orchestra concerts at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music



**William Perry**  
Year 8

Selected to referee the Sydney Junior Basketball finals



**Ewaldo Setiobudi**  
Year 7

Runner up in the Australian Badminton Academy Under 15 Doubles Championships



**Kenrick Setiobudi**  
Year 12

Received a coaching accreditation for Level 1 Advanced Badminton through the Australian Sports Commission and Badminton Australia



**Paul Jewiss**  
Year 12

The College Vice Captain has been awarded the Archbishop's Award for student excellence. Paul is a most worthy recipient of this prestigious award

## ACADEMIC BLUE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following boys who were presented with Academic Blue Certificates:



**Liam Askin**  
Year 7



**George Jenkins**  
Year 8



**Lauren Vallejera**  
Year 9



**Zachary Hodgson**  
Year 10



**William Weatherburn**  
Year 11



**Tristan Meyers**  
Year 12

## WELL DONE GRAND FINAL PREMIERS

Under 13 Soccer and Ms Taddio, Under 13 Division 2A League and Mr Koen, Under 14 League and Br Bill, and B Grade League and Mr Duncombe. Well done to these four teams and to all coaches and teams on another most successful season.

## COLLEGE LEADERS

Congratulations to the following Year 11 boys who have been voted by their peers and staff onto the short list for College Leaders for 2010. Anselm House - Oliver Begg, Michael Haddad, Madalitso Masache, James McKenzie and Darren Schai; Champagnat House - Matthew Edwards, Dominic Foffani, Conor Kelly and Nicholas Zaharias; Fallon House - Matthew Evans, James Moran, Aaron O'Brien, Andrew Panousis, Michael Sarrinikolaou, Jack Slattery and Ryan Whitty; Ignatius House - Michael Bailey, Emanuel Giuffre, Mitchell Judge, Ignatius Siles and Christopher Zarzour. These boys will undertake some preparatory activities in Term 3. The final vote for College Leaders will occur in Term 4.

## CONGRATULATIONS DEBATING

The College Community is very proud to announce that Marcellin College is the Champion Junior and Senior School in the Catholic Schools Debating Competition. Our teams won 28 out of a possible 30 debates. The competition comprises over 50 Catholic schools so to be the top debating school in Sydney is quite an achievement. To top this off our Year 11 team won the CSDA Final against St Aloysius while our Year 10 team were runners up. Congratulations to all teams, coaches and coordinator Mr Jeff Davidson on a most successful debating season. Special congratulations to Ms Lydia Curis who was the coach of our victorious Year 11 team.



The Year 10 Debating team consisting of Rory O'Grady (Year 9), Thomas Langford-Clarke and Cameron Black were the Runners Up in the CSDA Competition



Junior Aggregate Trophy in the CSDA Competition - Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 Debating teams won 28 out of 30 debates in the rounds



Senior Aggregate Trophy in the CSDA Competition - These teams won 10 out of 10 debates in the rounds



Marcellin College Premier School in the CSDA Competition - Marcellin won 28 out of 30 debates in the rounds, winning the Year 11 Trophy, Runner Up in Year 10, and awarded the Junior and Senior Aggregate Trophies



The Senior 2 (Year 11) team consisting of Matthew Edwards, Mitchell Judge and Jack Slattery won the CSDA Competition and will compete later this year in the State Finals

## TERM 3 CALENDAR EVENTS

<b>Wednesday 5th August</b>	• Parents in Touch Evening - 7.30 pm.
<b>Friday 7th August</b>	• School Ski Trip leaves at 3.30 pm. Concludes Sunday 9th August.
<b>Monday 10th August</b>	• Trial HSC commences. Concludes Monday 24th August.
<b>Monday 17th August</b>	• Year 7 Religious Education Day.
<b>Monday 17th August</b>	• Year 9 Camp Week.
<b>Monday 17th August</b>	• Year 10 Work Experience Week.
<b>Monday 17th August</b>	• Year 11 Ministry Week.
<b>Tuesday 18th August</b>	• Year 8 Religious Education Day.
<b>Wednesday 19th August</b>	• Year 7 Camp. Concludes Friday 21st August.

## MID YEAR MUSIC CONCERT

The Drum Rollers started the show off with a grand entrance, marching into a piece entitled 'Snares in Unison' before the Concert Band took the reins with an outstanding performance of a song from 'Phantom of the Opera'. The Vocal Ensemble explained the rules of audience-hood preparing the crowd to laugh, cry, applaud and stomp their feet at all the appropriate moments. The night saw a great deal of talent with all of our ensembles performing exceptionally well. The highlight of the evening was once again the hilarious videos starring the good spirited teachers with the assistance of some creative junior students as well as the Year Eleven music class. Some standout performances of the evening were the Junior Guitar Ensemble's performance of The Beatles hit 'Lady Madonna', the Junior String Trio's 'Clock Tower' and Linus Gibson of Year 7 and his violin solo. Special thanks must go to all the teachers and students involved in the preparation and running of the night and the tremendous support from the parents.

*Mitchell Judge, Year 11 Student*



## WINTER SLEEP OUT

It was a cold winter's night Friday 31st July as 50 Marcellin and Brigidine students bedded down for our Winter Sleep Out at Brigidine College. The purpose of the night was to raise awareness of the issues of homelessness; give our students a concrete experience of sleeping rough albeit on a floor of a hall and to raise money for St Vincent De Paul. The night was a raging success with \$5,000 dollars being raised. The students had a great time in the activities organized, the social interaction and yes even the sleeping out. "This was a great experience," said Matthew Edwards Year 11: "We as a group received a first-hand experience of the conditions many homeless people face in our community. According to the last census over 24,000 homeless people are aged 12 to 24 years. We have a responsibility to raise awareness of these issues and work with and for those in need." Marcellin currently supports Matthew Talbot Homeless Hostel every Tuesday afternoon serving in the kiosk and Thursday morning serving breakfast. We also volunteer for Night Patrol monthly. Any parents who are interested in joining our program can contact Mr Paul Leary, Social Justice Coordinator or myself at the College.

*Mr John Finneran, Religious Education Coordinator*

## NEW COLLEGE WEBSITE



The College has updated and developed a new website which has many improved features including:

- an interactive calendar
- news bulletin items
- year specific pages
- various photo galleries

The photo galleries will showcase student achievements and activities.

The website aims to be the first point of contact for what's happening at the College.

Please visit the site and find out what's on offer!

[www.marcellin.nsw.edu.au](http://www.marcellin.nsw.edu.au)

# SPORT AND NEWS

## SOCCER AND LEAGUE

The Grand Finals were played under perfect conditions with Marcellin qualifying all the Under 13's, the Under 14's and the B Grade League teams along with the Under 13 Soccer. The Under 13 Division 2 League saw both Marcellin teams finish one and two on the table but it was a well drilled Mr Koen team who reversed the mid season result and drew away by full time beating Mr Leary's team 20 to 6. Mr MacNamara's Under 13 Division 1 team lost to Pagewood 16 points to 8. Br Bill and Mr Duncombe both had their teams fine tuned and they ran out victors 20 to 6 and 20 to 18 respectively. Ms Taddio's Under 13 Soccer team were victorious 2 to nil and this was the first time in 11 years that we won this trophy. Well done to all the boys who took part in both the League and Soccer this season and a big thank you to all the coaches who invested so much time and expertise into each team.



Under 13 D2A defeated our Under 13 D2B team



Under 14 Rugby League won the Grand Final against Lewisham



B Grade MCC Rugby League Team Undefeated Premiers



Under 13 Soccer Undefeated Premiers

## MCC WINTER SPORTS - GRAND FINAL RESULTS

Soccer	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13		
	Opposition	Failed to qualify	Failed to qualify	Failed to qualify	Failed to qualify	Lewisham		
	Result						W: 2 - 0	
Player of Match						Liam Langford-Clarke		
Rugby League	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 D1	Under 13 D2A	Under 13 D2B
	Opposition	Failed to qualify	Kogarah	Failed to qualify	Lewisham	Pagewood	Randwick Div 2b	Randwick Div 2a
	Result	W: 20 - 18			W: 20 - 6	L: 8 - 16	W: 20 - 6	L: 6 - 20
	Player of Match		Chad Edwards		Benjamin Gordon	Jack Bassett	Jarrold Stevens	John Daras



## TENNIS AND GOLF

Under lovely conditions our golfers won the championship for the third year running. Cameron Black, Andrew Norton and Ruben Sondjaja all finished first in their age groups. Ruben had a score of 4 over for the day, the best score for the entire competition. Matthew Shean and Thomas Warwick both finished second and Jake Baker finished 5th. Well done to those boys and to Mr McBride and Mr Davidson for all their efforts in preparing the team.

The tennis squad also did very well at their championships. Mr Sheens put in a lot of hard work to have our boys finely tuned. We won 4 out of the 5 doubles titles – the Under 13s: Daniel Nelson and Mitchell Gardner won 6 games to 2, the Under 14s: Nathan Micallef and Jack Ringwood won 6 games to nil, the Under 16s: James Psaila and Daniel Naidu won 6 games to 2 and Opens: Dylan Cleary and Matthew Edwards won 6 games to 4. In the Under 13's Ashley Burton was runner up in the singles losing 7 games to 5 and Aaron Carvalho and Daniel Fernandez were both semi finalists in the 14s and the 16s.



## ATHLETICS

Athletics training is now in full swing. We wish those boys the best of luck in their training for the carnival at Homebush on 27th August. On 31st July Francis Torok and Maxwell Wilson competed in their Cross Country events at Homebush with both boys finishing 7th. Outstanding achievements.

*Mr Robert Capizzi, Sport Coordinator*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Unknown payments:** We have been receiving payments from Police Credit Union (direct debit) into our account however there is no name associated and we can't receipt payments to the correct person without knowing who it is. Please call the office on 9398 6355 to provide associated payment details.

**Parent Information Evening:** Guest speaker Peter Tryon will be addressing childhood anxieties - with the topic - What's worrying our children? 12th August at Revesby Workers Club (2b Brett St Revesby). RSVP Margaret on 02 9568 8219 or [margaret.anderson@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:margaret.anderson@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au)