Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students,

I came across this reflection taken from 'The Holy Longing' written by Ronald Rolheiser.

An elderly nun came to see a spiritual director. She shared with him the story of a young nun who had just left their community. The elderly nun had very much liked this young nun and appreciated the spark and vigour she brought to the community. For a year, though, she’d noticed that the young nun was obviously in distress, agonising as to whether or not she should leave the community and as to whether, indeed, the community even wanted her. So the elderly nun prayed for the young nun, prayed that she might stay, prayed that she might realise that she was wanted and valued, prayed that God might give her the strength to see beyond her doubts. But she never went, at any time, and talked to the young nun. She never told her how much the community appreciated the gift that she, the young nun, was. Now she was upset that the young nun had left.

Rolheiser reflects that the elderly nun, while with good intentions, failed to "put skin to her prayer". She never concretely involved herself in trying to bring about what she was asking God to do. She left things up to God. But how was God to let the young nun know that she was appreciated inside the community when the community itself would never tell her that?

Rolheiser points out that more is involved than simply asking for God's intervention. We also must be involved to bring about what the petition is pleading for.

I like this account from Rolheiser because its significance is quite profound. How do others know that we have our support and care if we don't show it in concrete ways? It is all well and good to say that 'they should know', but how many of us have fallen into such a trap?

If I have a friend who is doing it tough but do nothing to support them in a concrete fashion, how is God then to help them? Our prayers may be well intentioned but I believe it is in giving flesh to our prayers which sees the hand of God truly become present in our lives.

Rolheiser continues by saying:

There is in Ingmar Bergman’s movie The Serpent’s Egg a scene that powerfully illustrates this. It runs along these lines: A priest has just finished presiding at the Eucharist and is in the sacristy taking off his vestments when a woman enters. Middle-aged, needy, lonely in her marriage, and suffering terribly from religious scruples, she begins to sob and protest that she is unlovable: "I'm so alone, Father, nobody loves me! God is so far away! I don’t think he could love me anyway. Not the way I am! Everything is so dark for me!" At first, the priest is more irritated than compassionate, but at one point he says to the woman: "Kneel down and I will bless you. God seems far away. He cannot touch you right now, I know that, but I am going to put my hands on your head and touch you—to let you know that you are not alone, not unlovable, not in the darkness. God is here and God does love you. When I touch you, God will touch you" This is someone who is praying as a Christian, someone who is giving incarnational flesh, skin, to his prayer.

May the words written above be a reminder to us all of the great difference we can make to the lives of those whose paths we cross. May it also inspire us to be people who frequently offer words of encouragement, affirmation and gratitude.

With best wishes,

Sullivan fms
Headmaster

Br
Bill
From The Headmaster

Special Achievements

Congratulations to the students pictured below on their outstanding achievements in a variety of endeavours.
Well done, boys!

Daniel Watterson Year 11
Selected in Australian Sailing team for International World Championships to be held in France. Only 6 selected from Australia.

Kenrick Setiobudi Year 8
Competed in Mens D Grade Open Badminton Championships at UNSW and was 2nd in his Round Robin pool.

Martin Chong Year 12
Runner Up Black Belt Division State Taekwondo Championships. Qualified to compete in Korea for National Team.

Scott Gray Year 7
Selected in NSW Cricket Association U/13s Emerging Blues Team.

Ben Chaplin Year 11
Cricket: Scored 153 runs for his 6th Grade Team (a PB), and scored most runs (470) for Junior Season 2005.

Daniel Cleary Year 10
Selected for Open NSW CCC Hockey team.

Open Day

2005

On behalf of the staff of the College, I would like to sincerely thank all the parents and friends who assisted at our Open Day to once again ensure it was a great success. The generosity of those who give their time to their son’s school is to be commended and acknowledged. Br Bill
Notices, News and Events

**Important Dates**

- **Thursday 7th April** Term 1 concludes after Sport at 2.30pm
- **Tuesday 26th April** Term 2 commences at 8.40am
- **Wednesday 11th May** Parent & Son Mass at OLSH Church 7.30pm. All families are welcome to attend. This function is **compulsory** for all Year 8 boys
- **Monday 16th May** Exams commence Years 9, 10, 11
- **Friday 13th May** School photo day

**College Resource Centre**
The College Library will be open for Year 11 and 12 students during Term 2. Hours of opening will be 3.30-5.30pm and 6.30-9.00pm. Students are welcome to come to the library during these times for private study and to access some tutoring when available. A letter has already been sent home to Years 11 and 12 parents regarding this.

**Newsletter and Photograph Permission**

According to the Commonwealth Privacy Act 2000, students may be photographed and their images published in the School Newsletter as it is an internal publication. In 2005 the school newsletter will be available on the school website. If you have any reason as to why you do not want your son's name or photograph to appear on the website I would ask you to inform me in writing by Thursday 7th April. **If you do not wish your son to be included in photographs** for publicity via brochures, or local newspaper **I would also ask you to notify me by Thursday 7th April,** the last day of Term One 2006. I will assume that parents are happy for their son’s photo to be included in newsletters, brochures and advertising material if I have not received a letter to the contrary by the end of this term.

**Email Addresses**

A letter will be sent home to all parents over the next several weeks regarding the placement of our newsletters on the College website. Please ensure the form is returned to your son’s homeroom teacher. My intention is to discontinue the printed version of the newsletter and instead make it available via the College website. A reminder will be sent to all parents via your email address when each edition is added to the website. Printed copies will be available from the front office each fortnight for those who prefer to have the current hard copy version.

**Ex-Students’ Association**

**Reminder – Golf Day** The date of the Annual Ex-Students Golf Day is now Sunday 17th April, with 11.30am sign-on and hit off at 12 noon. The cost will be $50 a head and will be held at Eastlakes Golf Club. Please contact: Barry MacNamara on 9344 4215 or 9399 5640, Peter Sinclair: 9665 6020 or Ted Barr: 9399 8506 for further details or to confirm your attendance.

**Reunion** The Class of 1985 will be having a 20 year reunion dinner at Coogee Surf Club on 6th August 2005, commencing at 7pm. For details including price, please contact Matt Vesper on (w) 9373 7404 or by email at mvesper@sirowendixon.com.au

**Class Mother’s News**

A reminder that the meeting set down for Tuesday 3rd May has been cancelled. Any business will now be considered at the next Parents in Touch evening on Tuesday 24th May.

**Change of Dates**

The following two dates have been changed owing to a clash with the State of Origin. Apologies for any inconvenience. Please alter your calendars accordingly.

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**Uniform Shop**

*Specials!* Senior **long sleeved** shirts with no crest and no initials, odd colours, $10 each

**Community News—Lions Club Coogee**

The Lions Club of Australia are in the process of initiating a new club in Coogee and are seeking new members. The Lions Club is a community organisation dedicated to serving those in the community who may be less fortunate than ourselves. Since their beginnings in 1917 Lions Clubs around the world have been dedicated to giving something back to their communities. Members share in many unique and unforgettable experiences whilst providing millions of dollars worth of voluntary service. If you are interested in joining an organisation that is committed to offering its members fun and friendship as well as a chance to contribute something meaningful to their community, please contact Elvio Munzone on 0418651549 or gemre@zip.com.au

**Important Information about School Student Bus Passes**

Bus services available for students who travel to and from school are determined by the number of students using them. This information is recorded by the green ticket machines on board buses when students dip their pass. When students don't dip their pass, it is difficult for State Transit to provide the bus services that will match their needs. If someone in your family has a school student pass, please remind him or her to just dip it when boarding the bus. A $100 fine may apply if a student travels without a valid pass or does not dip it. Thank you for your co-operation.
MCC Cross Country 2005

In wet and windy conditions, the Cross Country Squad of 2005 set out to improve on their third place finish in 2004. With an experienced group of runners in the senior ranks providing a steadying influence on the juniors, Randwick seemed destined for their most successful season in 15 years.

With all five runners in each of the first three events of the day finishing in the top twenty, Randwick held a sizeable gap on Kogarah and North Shore at the half way stage of the competition. The Under 15’s continued this dominance with all runners in the top twenty five and with a one-two finish in the Under 16’s by Adam Laughlan-Bowby and Luke Scott, Randwick extended their lead to 70 points.

Following a strong finish by Kogarah in the Open’s the five senior runners needed to finish inside the top twenty-five to ensure the Aggregate Trophy was won. A credible 12th by Captain Michael Tutty and 13th to Jonathon Upton paved the way for Randwick to be crowned MCC Cross Country Champions for the first time since 1989. Special thanks go to Mr Eamonn Lawless and Mr David Ross for all their time and effort in the nurturing of these fine young athletes.

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Huge Range of Football and Soccer Boots and Shin Pads Now Available

Bonus FREE BAG with every boot purchase to all Marcellin Students at Sportsco Royal Randwick Shopping Centre (Opposite Sanity)
73 Belmore Road Randwick, Ph: 9326 6690