

MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



NEWSLETTER

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

As many of you know, I arrived at Marcellin fresh from studies in the USA. In my final days there, the city of Chicago, where I was living, was in furore over the announcement by the city that 173 schools would have to close. The world recession has hit the USA much more profoundly than here and the cash is just not there. What has ensued is a debate about which schools should close, and on this there is unanimous agreement – the ones that aren't succeeding. But what makes for success?

My Doctoral dissertation was all about what makes Catholic school leaders effective. Prior to my two years of study I spent six years involved in the animation and governance of Marist schools. During those years I spent a great deal of time visiting and reviewing Marist schools and their leaders. In other words, as far as Marist schools go, I've seen a lot and can pick a good one pretty readily. I feel good about coming to Marcellin because I have little to be anxious about. In fact I have only one anxiety: the desire to maintain, and, where possible, improve on what I find to be an outstanding school. And what makes it outstanding? Marcellin is mightily successful, and so it should be.

What is striking, though, is that Marcellin's success finds its source, not in a bunch of savvy, self seeking individuals, but in the belief that we aspire to success not for our own good alone, but for the good of the whole human race. What is most heartening to me in these early days of my leadership at Marcellin is that I have come to a school that has a deeply respectful school culture where mutually enriching relationships characterise a place that is inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The mission of Marcellin College is based on the fundamental Christian premise that every one of us is created by the same Triune God. Because of this, there is a foundational relationship among us, which is established in the very structure of creation. That's why we respect one another, our school environment, and the community and environs within which the school operates.

What I find as I assume leadership of Marcellin College is a place committed to the formation of young men of strong mind and gentle heart: a place seeking to form integrated young men, who are becoming, in the words of our Founder, St Marcellin Champagnat, good Christians and good citizens. Realising this commitment is not easy. In a recent article in the Sydney Morning Herald, entitled Being a Boy is No Walk in the Park, Miranda Devine writes: "Teenagers have never been given much respect but never have they seemed quite so marginalised as they are today. Strangers are all too willing to think the worst of the next generation of taxpayers they will expect to support them in their old age. This is especially true for boys." (SMH, 27 March, 2010).

Devine goes on to argue that, in fact, teenagers, and in our case boys, are far better than the negative image that our culture might paint of them. That's my experience of the boys at Marcellin, and that's the reputation that the school has in Randwick, the Eastern suburbs and across Sydney. Devine's article concludes: "Young people these days are much more sophisticated, more in-your-face, more vocal, more verbal and visual than past generations. They are a big challenge for parents and teachers, but they are a challenge worth rising to." I couldn't agree more!

Warm regards,

Br David Hall
Headmaster



Br David receives the keys to the College from Br Bill.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



Maxwell Wilson
Year 9

Won a Gold medal in the 3000m and 1500m and a Silver medal in the 800m in the LAANSW State finals



Beau Rutherford
Year 8

Won the 2009 ACU School of Arts & Sciences award for his painting of the Rocky Mountains



Benjamin Stepkovich
Year 11

Recipient of the Year 10 Academic Excellence award presented by the University of Sydney for top performances in the School Certificate



Andrew Panousis
Year 12

Outstanding scoring performance at the Marist Basketball carnival at Traralgon with 114 points



Thomas Payten
Year 11

Outstanding scoring performance at the Marist Basketball carnival at Traralgon with 104 points

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following Marcellin students who have been selected in the MCC Representative teams: Under 15 Rugby League - Lucas Aldous, Blake Hurley, Cheyne Whitelaw, Luke Dooner, Alexander Sorge, Aidan Davis, Ethan Natoli and Mason Jones, Open Rugby League - Lars Roy, Matthew Evans, Andrew Norton, Jack O'Brien, Aaron O'Brien, Jackson Garlick, Cameron McKinlay, Matua King-Brooks and Darren Schai, Open Soccer - James McKenzie, Duncan Rogers, Brayden Sorge and Seamus Dowd.

TERM 2 CALENDAR EVENTS

Wednesday 28th April

- Year 12 Parent Teacher Evening 3.45pm-8pm.

Friday 30th April

- Br David Headmaster Commissioning Assembly, 9.50am

Wednesday 5th May

- Class Parent Meeting 6.45pm.
- Parents in Touch Evening 7.30pm. (see below)

Tuesday 11th May

- NAPLAN Years 7 & 9. Concludes Thursday 13th May.

Thursday 20th May

- Year 11 Exams commence. Conclude Thursday 27th May.

BR DAVID HEADMASTER COMMISSIONING

A special Headmaster Commissioning Assembly will be held for Br David on Friday 30th April at 9.50am. Parents are most welcome to attend.

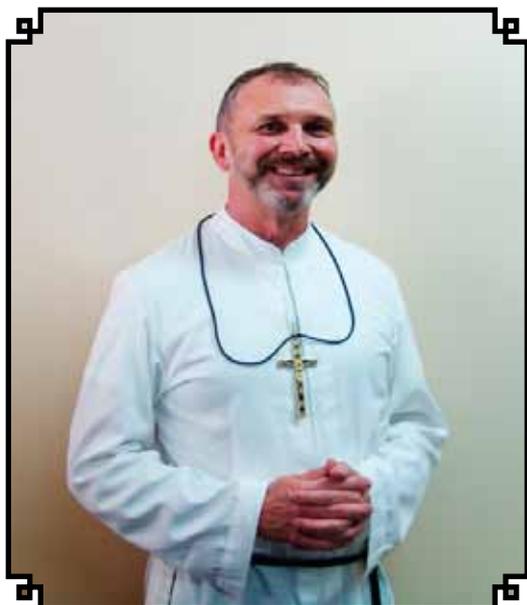
PARENTS IN TOUCH - WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY

A Conversation with the Headmaster

"Marcellin is in good shape, so I think we need 'more of the same'. But I don't subscribe to a 'if it's not broke don't fix it' philosophy. Rather, I'd like to maintain a culture of continuous, sustainable improvement."

Br David's Address to the staff,
19th April 2010.

A separate note was sent home with your son with this newsletter. Please RSVP Mr Brian Vane-Tempest with the number attending on the reply slip provided or email: vanetempestb@marcellin.nsw.edu.au



FAREWELL BR BILL

A farewell assembly was held for Br Bill Sullivan on Wednesday 31st March. Following the parents cocktail evening from the week earlier, the special assembly was attended by the students, staff and parents commemorating the many highlights of Br Bill's eight years at the College. At the conclusion of the assembly the College formed a guard of honour for Br Bill to walk from the Marist Centre to his office. It was a special day in the history of the College to recognise Br Bill's great commitment to Marcellin during his time as Headmaster. Br Bill is currently taking a well earned rest overseas before commencing as Headmaster at St Augustine's Cairns in Term 3 this year. Many thanks to all the parents who participated and sent their best wishes to Br Bill during recent months.



Br Bill says farewell to the boys



Br Bill with Matthew Edwards and Michael Bailey

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

The ANZAC Day ceremony was held on Friday 23rd April. Marcellin College students and staff took the time to pause to remember in a very special, personal way, those 31 ex-students of Marcellin who gave their lives in the service of their country. The names of these men are listed on plaques at the base of the memorial statue of Saint Marcellin Champagnat in the courtyard. This statue was erected by the Ex-Students' Association in the late 1940s to honour those sons of Marcellin, who made the supreme sacrifice in war. Members of the Coogee/Randwick RSL and current armed forces were also guests of the College representing the sacrifices of local men and women during war time. The ceremony included prayers, readings, reflection, laying of the wreaths as well as the Last Post. The boys are to be congratulated for the great reverence they displayed for the occasion.

Mr Brian Vane-Tempest, Executive Assistant to the Headmaster



THE LAST POST

NAPLAN TESTS

In 2010 the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will again take place for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. This program, which has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers, will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. Years 7 and 9 at Marcellin College will be involved in the NAPLAN testing.

**NAPLAN tests for 2010 will be held from
Tuesday 11th May to Thursday 13th May 2010**

Year Level	Tuesday 11th May	Wednesday 12th May	Thursday 13th May
Year 7 and Year 9	Language Conventions* 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy** 40 minutes x 2 (80 minutes in total) Calculator-allowed test to be scheduled first, followed by non-calculator test.

* Language Conventions incorporates spelling, grammar and punctuation.

** Numeracy incorporates number, algebra, function and pattern, space, measurement, chance and data.

Mr Bob Anderson, Curriculum Coordinator

SPORT

On Monday 29th March, the Marcellin College Athletic Carnival was held under perfect conditions at E.S. Marks Field Kensington. In a closely contested carnival, Anselm proved too strong and recorded their third straight victory followed by Fallon, Ignatius and Champagnat. Congratulations to every boy on the way they took part in the carnival and for the spirit they showed in competing for their houses. Well done and congratulations to the following age champions:

Age Champions	1st	2nd	3rd
U12	Cameron Murray	Kel O'Brien	Samuel Morgan
U13	James Bassil	Nat Butcher	Benjamin Davis
U14	Abaina Davis	Tim Mili	Nicholas Giannopoulos
U15	Benjamin Gordon	Maxwell Wilson	Christian Said
U16	Christian Lozada	Harreson Baldwin	Raphael Masache
Opens	James Moran	Matthew Malone	Madalitso Masache



Br Bill presents Oliver Begg Anselm House captain with the winning shield



The MCR Golf, Tennis and Surfing Championships were held on the last day of Term 1. Jackson Barron was the overall surfing champion for Years 10,11 and 12. The Age Champions in Tennis and Golf are as follows:

	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	OPEN
Tennis	Pearse Dolan	Luke Gander	Ashley Burton	Elvin Wong	Daniel Hahn	Matthew Edwards
Golf	Max Poche	Brendan Barry	Thomas Warwick	Adam Pustetto	Jake Baker	Cameron Black

The winter rep season commenced last week against Kogarah. The Rugby League teams got off to an excellent start winning all their games, however it was a mixed start for the Soccer teams. The competition continues this week against Wahroonga. On the last day of Term 1 the A Grade, U15s Rugby League teams and the A Grade Soccer competed in their Round 4 match against Lewisham. The boys play not only for round points but also individual selection for the combined MCC teams that compete at the NSWCCC carnival. The A Grade League won their match 32 to 4 with Lars Roy, Matthew Evans, Andrew Norton, Jack O'Brien, Aaron O'Brien, Jackson Garlick, Cameron McKinlay, Matua King-Brooks and Darren Schai all gaining selection. The Under 15s won 36 to 0 with Lucas Aldous, Blake Hurley, Cheyne Whitelaw, Luke Dooner, Alexander Sorge, Aiden Davis, Ethan Natoli and Mason Jones all being selected in the Under 15s team. The A Grade Soccer drew 1 all with James McKenzie, Duncan Rogers, Brayden Sorge and Seamus Dowd being selected in the Opens Soccer squad. Congratulations to all these boys for being selected and we wish them the best of luck in their competitions. The fact that this was a pupil free day didn't stop many boys from trying out. Thank you to everyone who participated on the day and congratulations to each of the winners.

Last week the A Grade Basketball team travelled to Traralgon in Melbourne for the annual Marist Basketball Carnival. We were placed 5th overall out of 20 Catholic schools in Australia. In fact, Marcellin College and St Joseph's Hunters Hill were the only two NSW schools to make the top 5. Andrew Panousis and Thomas Payten both scored over 100 points during the tournament. I'd like to congratulate all the boys for their efforts over the four days and in particular Ms Jenny Dove and Ms Rachel Thompson for their expertise and their time assisting the boys.

Mr Robert Capizzi, Sport Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Uniform Shop: All blazers are now selling for Term 2. Opening hours Tuesday 8am-11.15am and Thursday 8am-1pm. Open Saturday 22nd May 8.30am-10.30am & Wednesday 23rd June (Year 10/11 Parent/teacher evening) 4.30pm - 7pm.

Student Travel Passes: The NSW Government has introduced its new MyZone fare and ticket structure for public transport. The School Student Transport Scheme and the concessions for students have not been affected. However, students travelling outside the valid hours of their school pass will need to buy a concession ticket. More information is available at www.myzone.nsw.gov.au or 131500.