Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students,

I have quoted the writer Ronald Rolheiser on numerous occasions over the past few years. This week I present some of his reflections on reconciliation and healing.

As we move through the last few weeks of Lent it is an opportune time to review the manner we relate to one another. It is all too easy to let past hurts eat away at our relationships or hinder our growth. I have encountered many people who are unable or unwilling to let go of past hurts for a variety of reasons. Carrying such burdens with us, for whatever reason, prevents us from moving forward and embracing life. Ronald Rolheiser reflects a little on such a reality and points us in the right direction.

In the story of the woman touching the hem of Jesus’ cloak, there are two moments of healing, the touch and the explicit confrontation. Confession to a priest and forgiveness through simply touching the community are related in the same way as that woman’s explicit exchange with Jesus is to her touching the hem of his garment. The person-to-person exchange completes something very important and it is part of one organic movement toward full reconciliation, peace, and maturity. Explicit confession is to the sacrament of reconciliation what an explicit apology is to healing. Actions speak louder than words and essential reconciliation happens through an act. But words, at a certain point, become very important. Mature people apologise explicitly and we become mature by apologising. As well, anyone familiar with the healing of addictions, who understands how any twelve-step program works, will tell you that until one faces, with searing honesty, one’s sins and tells them, face to face, to another human person, there will be no final healing and peace.

This simple passage about two Buddhist monks expresses this theme a little differently. We can carry past hurts and anger with us if we choose, but to do so will most likely hinder our relationship with God, family and friends. In these remaining weeks of Lent may we take the opportunity to reflect on the words of Ronald Rolheiser and also the words of the wise monk in the story below. The Lord is calling us to peace and healing of our hurts and wounds. May we be open to his invitation as we move into the Easter celebrations.

Two Buddhist monks on their way to the monastery found an exceedingly beautiful woman at the river bank. Like them, she wished to cross the river, but the water was too high. So one of the monks lifted her on his back and carried her across. The fellow monk was thoroughly scandalized. For two full hours he berated him on his negligence in keeping the holy rule: Had he forgotten that he was a monk? How dare he touch a woman - and, more, actually carry her across the river? And what would people say? Had he not brought their holy religion into disrepute? And so on and so forth. The offending monk patiently listened to the never ending sermon. Finally, he broke in with, “Brother, I dropped the woman at the river. Are you still carrying her?”

With best wishes

Br Bill Sullivan, fms
Headmaster
from the headmaster

Congratulations to all these boys on their Special Achievements in a number of different fields. Well done!

**Thomas Stirling**  
Year 7  
Selected in the U13 Sydney Uni Soccer Development Squad

**Thomas Beroukas**  
Year 11  
Selected in Opens CCC Hockey Team

**Max Ayshford**  
Year 9  
Placed 2nd in the State Surfing Titles U15 at Cronulla

**Scott Gray**  
Year 8  
Selected in the emerging Blues Cricket Squad

**Tyrone Blake**  
Year 11  
Selected in the South Sydney U23s Oz Tag team to play in the State Cup

**Sam Robson**  
Year 11  
Captained the NSW CCC Cricket Team against GPS, CAS, CHS, CIS teams. Chosen Captain of the NSW Schoolboys team to play Queensland in December

**Macleay Lewis**  
Year 9  
Selected in CCC U15 Australian Rules team and the Sydney Eastern Region U15 squad to compete in the AFL State Wide Series competition

**Will Kemp**  
Year 10  
Won gold medal in the U17 Beach Sprint Relay in the NSW State Surf Lifesaving Championships

**Kenrick Setiobudi**  
Year 9  
Placed 3rd in U15 Singles, 3rd U17 Mens Doubles and 4th U17 Mixed Doubles in the Sydney Open Badminton Championships

**Daniel Cleary**  
Year 11  
Selected in the NSW U18 Hockey Team

Two Marcellin Bands have been selected for the heats of Youth Rock, from over 100 entries. Bands from all over the state submitted entries. We are one of only three schools with two bands selected.

The members of the selected bands are:  
**Chemical Transport:** Arthur Adam, Corey Edwards, Mitchell Links  
**Skirts of Society:** Jordan Widjaja, Andrew Cutugno, August Gable, Andy Anderson
Winter Uniform
All boys are to be dressed in their College blazer from the first day of Term 2. Junior boys wear blazers until the end of Term 3.

Haircuts
Parents are reminded that boys are to return to school with hairstyles that conform with College guidelines. It would be pleasing indeed if all boys returned to school with neat and tidy hair to commence the term.

Behaviour on buses
Boys have been reminded of my expectations regarding behaviour while travelling to and from school. Boys ignoring our expectations and who behave inappropriately will have their travel passes removed for a designated time and not be permitted to travel on our school specials. While the majority of boys behave appropriately some have tarnished our reputation by partaking in immature behaviour in recent weeks. I would hope that there would not be a need to raise this matter in the terms ahead.

Absenteeism
Parents are reminded that all absences need to be communicated to the office by 9.30am each morning on the following number: 9398 8009. Boys must then provide a written note to their homeroom teacher the first day of their return. As per College regulations all boys in Years 11 and 12 must also provide a medical certificate to explain their absence.

Term 2 Special Events
- Lessons resume for all boys on **Monday 1st May at 8.40am**.
- The College raffle is launched on Tuesday 2nd May. We ask all boys to sell a minimum of one book each. The College depends on our two fundraising efforts to boost College resources so your support of this raffle would be very much appreciated.
- Anzac Assembly: Friday 5th May 10.30am. Parents are welcome to attend.
- Parent and Son Mass 7.30pm Wednesday 10th May. This is a compulsory event for all Year 8 boys. All parents and students of the College are encouraged to participate.
- Year 12 Parent Teacher Evening Wednesday May 17th 3.45 to 8.00pm.
- Year 10/11 Exams begin Monday 22nd May.
- Parents in Touch special evening on the topic of Drug Education, Wednesday 31st May at 7.30pm.
- Champagnat Liturgy Friday 9th June
- Term 2 holidays commence Friday 30th June 3.20pm

Public Speaking and Debating News

The finals of the CSDA Public Speaking Competition were held last Friday at St Pius X College at Chatswood. Over the three weeks of the competition the number of speakers was whittled down from 840 to around 10 speakers per year group. Marcellin was represented by two students. Matthew Edwards in Year 8 and John Harding-Easson in Year 9. Matthew spoke about following your dreams and ‘chasing the rainbow’ and John spoke about ‘the humble cartoon’, which has certainly been topical of late. Both boys spoke extremely well to finish 2nd in their respective division. These results are by far the best we have had in this competition. Congratulations on an outstanding achievement.

In other news, the CSDA Debating season begins week 1 next term. The debating coaches have already begun selecting the teams and training will begin soon. The debating draw will be available soon.

Mr Chris Maoudis Public Speaking and Debating Co-ordinator

Photos
Parents wishing to obtain copies of photographs should contact Br Joachim Fabbro at the College on 9398 6355 or email joachim.fabbro@marcellin.nsw.edu.au

Sisters of Charity Outreach
Outreach is a compassionate, diverse service supporting the vulnerable in our society. They are a volunteer based organisation offering a number of services based in the city area: Country Care Link, Centre Services, Eastern Area Visit Program and Learning and Living Skills. They run a volunteer training program for those wishing to donate their time to help any of these services. The program is held over 8 weeks each Wednesday morning commencing May 24th. For further enquiries please visit the website www.outreach.stvincents.com.au or telephone 8382 6430.

NIDA School Holiday Program
NIDA’s Holiday Drama Programs run from 18–28 April 2006. NIDA have courses for HSC students to extend their skills including: HSC Drama: Performance, Set Design, Textiles, Costume Design, Costume Making and HSC Video. For bookings or more information contact NIDA Open Program on 02 9697 7626 or open@nida.edu.au. Full program details at www.nida.edu.au.

Paddington Public School 150th Anniversary Celebrations

The Paddington Model School opened for enrolments on Monday 5th May 1856. On Friday 5th May 2006 the school will commemorate 150 years of continuous public education on the same site. Paddington Public School cordially invites all its ex-students, ex-teachers and staff, and their families to celebrate this occasion over two days, Friday 5th and Sunday 7th May 2006. Further details can be obtained from www.paddington-p.schools.nsw.edu.au or call Maria Hoareau on 9361 6730.
Open Day

Thank you to all parents and friends who supported this important day by volunteering to welcome visitors at the Cafe or who donated cakes and biscuits for afternoon tea. The day proved to be a highly successful event once again, with almost 400 information packages being distributed.

Thanks also to our musicians, our Year 11 helpers, Year 7 tour guides and all the College staff for your hard work and generosity on the day. I believe we conveyed to all our visitors just what a fantastic spirit exists here at Marcellin College. The feedback has been quite overwhelming which is pleasing indeed. Congratulations to all on a most positive afternoon.

Cross Country

"Randwick has the team to top the score". No truer indication of this than what was on display on a fine autumn day at the picturesque surrounds of Rozelle. An interesting preparation with master tactician Mr. Ross, had the lads pumped for what was to be a memorable day in MCR sporting history.

We knew we had a good squad on paper, but paper cannot run. We had to perform. The young guns got us off to a flyer. Christian Lozada with a podium finish, accompanied by the boys almost linking arms to finish 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th. The new members of the College continued to prove their worth with James Hamilton crossing in third. Tremendous results followed with Sean Wilson in 6th place, Jake Nurmi in 9th place and Andrew Norton in 10th place. Another strong effort and a great fighting finish by Tom Cogin saw all five runners finish by 13th place.

Cerise and blue blinded the finishing marshals in the 14’s race: Matt Malone 4th; Matt Cogin 5th; Emmanuel Guiffre 8th; Sam Duffy 9th and Oliver Begg 10th! Macleay Lewis picked up a bronze in the 15’s with Pat Disalvo and a fast finishing Trent Maxwell well entrenched in the top 10. Marcellin looking very strong at this point, but the big boys were always going to decide who would hold the shield aloft. Lee Ramsden, Kris Papadatos, a strong sprint from Mitch Links and Robert Magro ensured a continuation of our lead, and when Adam Sparrow flew down the home straight (wait for the sprints in Term 3), we were looking good.

The seniors could smell it, but knew the cake is not made until you put the icing on. A thumbs up from Adam Laughlan-Bowly at the half way mark was an indication of subtle confidence. Four kilometres later he broke the finishing tape. Laurent Lahey powered the last piece of the race to finish a phenomenal silver spot. A stampede of MCR thundered behind Chris Thanos in 4th, and Matt Hamilton and Stuart Bainbridge sealed our fate.

An anxious yet confident wait at the announcers table to deliver us the news we were waiting for. Marcellin the Champions again! A phenomenal effort. Not one of our lads got passed in the home stretch. This showed the heart and commitment these boys possess. Only one champion runner, but one heck of a champion team! Final words: A threepeat is not out of the question. Bring it on!

Mr Damien Kerr, Coach

Upcoming Events

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