

MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



NEWSLETTER

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

At the last Headmaster's Assembly we celebrated the academic achievements of students throughout semester 1 in Years 7–11. It was a significant event in the life of the College and attended by over a hundred and fifty parents. The achievements which were highlighted in the awards bear witness to the M-Learning Strategy which is guiding the learning in all years in the College. M-Learning is founded on three pillars:

- a structured environment
- mutually respectful relationships
- active engagement in learning.

All three play a critical role in ensuring student success both inside and outside the classroom. Marcellin College has a long tradition of benefiting from a structured environment and it is important that this remains a significant point of focus. Mutually respectful relationships are at the core of the Marist Charism, and similarly are at the heart of what the College has always stood for.

Often 'active learning' is less obvious, but is as important for success as the other two core components, for all students. Active learning at Marcellin is best defined as students actively engaging in their learning, rather than "passively" involving themselves. This involves a conscious effort on a student's part to genuinely involve themselves in a thoughtful way in what they are doing, as well as teachers creating and nurturing favourable conditions for this to occur in lessons. Such effort and application are rewarded and should be seen as a solid investment by all students in their future success. This approach to education is informed by both current research in the area of secondary education as well as experience in the classroom.

The benefits of such an approach to learning span far beyond the six years of high school education and equip students to develop the skills needed to succeed as ongoing learners throughout their lives. Active learning will almost always involve a collaborative element at some point. The ability to engage with others, to share ideas and learn from each other is an important skill sought by many employers. Much is made of the use of ICT devices in education in both a positive and

negative way. Whilst they can be extremely powerful in communicating ideas and learning, they are usually not without significant financial cost as well as the possibility of a certain 'distraction factor'. Whilst they are significant features of the educational landscape, this is appropriate, given that it is also true that they are significant features of almost every part of the workplace and home.

It would be difficult to understand how any student can be ready to engage with the world without a good mastery of using such technology. The true educational value of such technology is in the promotion of higher order thinking, collaboration, communication and creation of knowledge which they offer students. Like all opportunities, it is the accompanying responsibilities which allow for the true value to be realised.

It is 'an intelligent use of liberty' which allows a student to achieve in this environment, not regulation. The structured environment is critical, but it is the genuine mutually respectful relationships, which create the real opportunities with active learning, in which students can both utilise and contribute to the pool of

knowledge in the area in which they are studying.

As with any significant development in educational practice, relationship-based good teaching methods endure, and continue to provide for the learning needs of students. Partnership between home and school remains as an important part of the successful equation for each student at our College. M-learning underscores the Marist values on which the College is built, and upon which it operates on a daily basis. The responsibility to all, as a result of the opportunities which are available at our College, are framed precisely in St Luke's Gospel: 'Everyone to whom much is given, of him much will be required.'

Warm regards,

Mr Bob Anderson
Director of Teaching and M-Learning



FROM THE HEADMASTER

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



Benjamin Thornton
Year 10

Received a Silver award in the 400m Freestyle and came 5th in the 200m Freestyle races at the Australian Swimming championships



Joshua Werfel
Year 12
Joshua was named New South Wales Navy Cadet of the Year



Heffron Hawks 14As were the Division 1 Soccer Champions and will represent the Eastern Suburbs in the Champion of Champions state tournament. The core of the team consists of 10 Marcellin boys: Anthony Romeo; Connor McCulloch; Declan White; Harry Mourant; Kevin Gorial; Lucas Bond; Michael Montague-Bron; Nicholas Begaud; Patrick Mousinho; and Rick Herron.

SEMESTER 1 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Academic Award winners:

Year 7.1 - Jed Bouris, Thomas Bove, Derek Daquel, James Katakouzinis, Ty Lieschke, Luke Reid, Michael Murphy, Marc Pizzinato and Kelan Raffo.

Year 7.2 - Albert Dzang, Oskar Elfman, Ivan Kraljevic, Alex Kyriacou, Luke Lerdwichagul and Samuel Nimngamsri.

Year 7.3 - Antony Anson, Christopher Condie, Daniel DeHaart, Francis Devine, Anthony Halikas, Charlie Nye and Morgan Penry.

Year 7.4 - Timothy Barron, Jared Deep, Alexander Drury, Bailey Gee, Cooper Killorn, Thomas King, Dominic Maher, Jacob Mattioli, James Milbank and Timothy Ryan.

Year 7.5 - Daniel Bassil, Evan Davis, James De Francesco, Laurie Golsby, Harrison Hayek, Ryan Hunt, Philipp Trupke, Nicholas Tsiolakakis, Ryan Wihardja and Jordan Zissimatos.

Year 7.6 - Bailey Alchin, Jack Beale, Andre Goncalves, Remar John Leron, Alejandro Munoz and Bobby Nader.

Year 8.1 - Daniel Brito, Donnchadh Considine, Cameron Murray, Thomas Nicholas, Peter Ryan, Xavier Sant, Jacob Siles, John Thornton, Thomas Thurn, Ben Ventura and Declan White.

Year 8.2 - Jayden Azzopardi, Christopher Downey, Nathan Giuffre, Krishnan Gunawan, Rick Herron, Joshua Natoli, Adrian Nobre, Reid Perry and John Wells.

Year 8.3 - Sean Douglas, Matteo Grassi, William Last, Jake McAndrew, John Triantos and Daniel Zador.

Year 8.4 - Nicholas Begaud, Tristan Bernarte, Rafael Bruzzese, Joshua Dever, Finbar Gallagher, Luke Gander, Michael Hay, Brian Luu, Thomas Waller and Joshua Wong.

Year 8.5 - Ryan Danne, Daniel Maxwell, Thomas O'Donovan, Joshua Parker, Kurtis Preece, William Rook, Johnathan Tufuga, Sean Turnbull and Harrison White.

Year 8.6 - Joshua Cibulka, Benjamin Davis, Dylan Dubrovic, Aidan McNab, Alessandro Palumbo, Jordan Panov, Joshua Ricamara, Matthew Solomonson and Kenley Suryana.

Year 9 - Kosta Botsikas, Shaun Buckton, Claudio Fabiano, Carlos Hernandez-Quintero, Daniel Hyam, Abraham Irhia, Daniel Jewiss, Alexander Kennedy, Bradley Littlefair, Caleb O'Brien, Nathan Ottaviano, Nicholas Roper, Alexander Turner and Cameron Wells.

Year 10 - Andre Brimo, Noah Castillo, Timothy De Weerd, Patrick Dunn, Thomas Joannides, Benjamin Liew, Jake Richards, Lachlan Sharah, Jarrod Turner, Thomas Vella and Matthew Waller.

Year 11 - Gino Conte, John De Lacy, Michael Donohue, Mar Ian Chester Escorrido, Matthew Georges, Dominic Gibbs, Christopher Goutama, Daniel Hahn, Michael Hallam, Thomas Hay, Matthew Kelly, Thomas Keogh, Raphael Masache, Max McIntyre, Jack McKinlay, Nicholas Nabhan, Murray O'Brien, Garison Padma, Scott Rogers, Oscar Sharah, Matthew Tan, Alexander Thomas, Alex Werfel, David Yalpi, Salvatore Zumpano and Nicholas Nabhan.

NOTICES AND NEWS

TERM 3 CALENDAR EVENTS

Wednesday 10th August	• Year 7 Camp commences. Concludes Friday 12th August.
Wednesday 17th August	• Parents in Touch Evening with Jonathan Doyle.
Thursday 25th August	• MCC Athletics Carnival.
Friday 26th August	• Marcellin College Trivia Night at 7pm Randwick Labor Club.
Saturday 27th August	• Ex-Students Mass and Lunch.
Friday 2nd September	• Headmaster's Assembly including the Winter MCC Sports Presentations.
Thursday 8th September	• College Sports Photo day.

PARENTS IN TOUCH EVENING *Decision Time with Jonathan Doyle*

Jonathan Doyle will be guest speaker at the Parents in Touch Evening on Wednesday 17th August. Jonathan's professional background is in boy's education. He is highly regarded as a much sought after speaker with young men, parents and schools throughout Australia. All parents are welcome to attend. Details of the event can be found on the College website. If you would like to attend please RSVP Mr Brian Vane-Tempest at vanetempestb@marcellin.nsw.edu.au

TRIVIA NIGHT

All 270 tickets for the Trivia night have sold out. What a terrific response! On behalf of the Marcellin P&F I wish to thank and congratulate the Marcellin community of parents, friends, Br David Hall, teachers, office staff, businesses and all who have supported the Marcellin Financial Hardship Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone for the support shown by purchasing tickets to attend the Trivia Night, buying raffle tickets, printing tickets and the donations received. For those who have tickets come ready on the 26th August to enjoy an evening filled with fun, games, laughter and of course Trivial!

Mrs Lisa Stirling, Marcellin P&F President

SCIENCE COMPETITION

During Term 2, two hundred and thirty three students from Years 7–10 participated in the University of New South Wales International Competition for Science. This Science competition is conducted annually across Australia and in twelve other countries with over 1.5 million entries worldwide. Of the Marcellin College students that participated, 62 students were awarded with a Credit certificate and 12 students were awarded with a Distinction certificate, placing them in the top 10% of the results in NSW. Declan White (Year 8), Rory McGuinness (Year 9) and Liam Petersen (Year 10) received a High Distinction, placing them in the top 1% of the state, which is an outstanding achievement. It takes hard work and commitment to attain a High Distinction in the competition so I'd also like to particularly congratulate Rory McGuinness who has achieved this award every year for the past 3 years. Congratulations to all of the students who participated for their fantastic results.

Miss Rachel Thompson, Science Coordinator



UNSW Educational Assessment Science
Years 8, 9 and 10 - High Distinction
Rory McGuinness, Liam Petersen, Declan White



UNSW Educational Assessment Science
Year 9 - Distinction
Cameron Wells, Caleb O'Brien, Nicholas Roper,
Claudio Fabiano and Matthew Kelly



UNSW Educational Assessment Science
Years 7 and 8 - Distinction
Kelan Raffo, Eamon Moroney, Peter Ryan, Bailey Gee,
Thomas Nicholas and Timothy Barron

DEBATING

On 22nd July the Year 10 Marcellin College Debating team travelled to Cerdon College Merrylands to compete in the semi final round of the CSDA competition. In what proved to be a close contest, the Year 10 team of Thomas Pantle, Jake Richards and Luke Dooner were defeated by their opponents Santa Sabina College. The boys should be very proud of their efforts, being one of the final four schools in a state wide competition. The Year 10 team are a very talented and mature group of students who will no doubt experience future success in the CSDA competition.

Mr Stephen Davidson, Debating Coordinator



SCHOOL FEES

School fees were posted last week and are due on Monday 22nd August. If you have not received your account, please contact the College reception on 9398 6355.

SPORT AND NEWS

The MCC Golf and Tennis championships were held on Thursday 28th July after being rained out the previous week. The Golf team won the Aggregate trophy for the fifth year running. Kell O'Brien, Matthew Power and Mitchell Scannell all finished second in their age groups and Daniel Francis, Ruben Sondjaja and Jake Baker finished first. Ruben won the day finishing with an even Par 64 with Jake one shot behind. This is an incredibly strong Golf team and credit must go to Mr Luke MacNamara for his input.



Back row: Mitchell Scannell, Matthew Power, Kell O'Brien, Ruben Sondjaja
Front row: Jake Baker and Daniel Francis



Mitchell Scannell takes a swing

The Tennis team continues to chip away at the elusive Tennis Aggregate trophy. They finished second on the day by a meager 12 games to North Shore. Pearse Dolan in the U13s and Ashley Burton in the U15s won their singles events and Elvin Wong and Aaron Carvalho won the U16s doubles. Daniel Nelson and Mitchell Gardner were runners up in the U15s. The team had trained since the middle of last term, and I'm sure it won't be too long before the boys bring back the Aggregate trophy. Thank you to Mr Sean Mullaly and Mr Steven Brock for their expertise in coaching the boys.

The CCC Rugby League team needed to beat St Paul's Manly to move into the round of 16 for the CCC cup. In what was anticipated as being a tough match, we proved too good on the day winning 52 to 6. John Murdaca was judged Players' Player. He was fearless in attack and bruising in defence. The team have now qualified for the round of 16 and are drawn to play St Johns, Nowra on Thursday 18th August.

On Friday 29th July the Italian visitors challenged a mixed Marcellin Soccer team from Years 10, 11 and 12, to an Indoor Soccer game in the Marist Centre. In a hotly contested event and in front of the biggest crowd ever seen in a lunchtime challenge, the visitors proved too strong winning 2-0. Well done to the Italian boys, and we hope they have enjoyed their stay. Unfortunately the U15 Soccer team were unable to play their grand final match last term due to the condition of their ground. The MCC organisation decided that Marcellin and Lewisham will be awarded joint Premiers for 2011. Well done to the boys and their coach Mr Ben Proctor on their success this year.

The MCC Athletics team training is now in full swing for their championships to be held on Thursday 25th August at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre, Homebush. Competition on the day will begin at 9am and parents are invited to attend. Marcellin has won the Aggregate trophy for the past 8 years and the boys will be doing their best to add to that. Training also continues for the Junior and Intermediate Basketball teams. Nominations will now be called for boys wishing to trial in the U15s and Opens Volleyball teams. Boys will need to listen out for announcements regarding training times. Congratulations to Benjamin Thornton on another swimming achievement last week. Ben qualified for the Combined High Schools Swim meet in Melbourne in the 200m and 400m Freestyle swimming events. Ben came 5th in the 200m event, but in his more favoured 400m event, he came away with the Silver medal beating his personal best time by 0.3 seconds. This is a fabulous achievement by Ben and I'd like to congratulate him on all the hard work and effort he puts into his swimming.

Mr Robert Capizzi, Sport Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marcellin Class of 1961 Reunion: The 1961 LC Class is having its 50 year reunion on Friday, 14th October 2011. More details to follow on the College website in the Ex-Students section.

College Walkathon: The Walkathon is one of the big fund raising activities for the year and is much loved by the whole school community. We are currently looking for volunteers to help organise the event which will be held on Friday 28th October. If you are able to help please contact Mr Luke MacNamara at macnamaral@marcellin.nsw.edu.au

Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers: Wednesday 24th August at 6.30pm at Randwick City Council. To book call 9399 0786.