

# MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



## NEWSLETTER

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

"It takes a whole village to raise a child" is an old African proverb which contains as much wisdom for our students today as it did when it was first uttered by a wise elder many years ago. The importance of connectedness and relationship in nurturing a student to identify and realise their potential cannot be overstated. This partnership between school and home has its foundation on relationships that exist between our students and the other important people in their lives, namely family, teachers and peers. At the recent Parents in Touch evening, this message was underscored in the presentations by our Headmaster Br David Hall, Christine Langridge and Br Darren Burge from The John Berne School.

For successful teaching and learning to occur at school a comprehensive understanding of the nature of the current day learner is absolutely essential. At school this generally is most effectively achieved by teachers when experience is combined with research based inquiry or study. Both the experience and study are enriched, and more effective, when shared with other educators. Research suggests that the most successful teachers are adaptive and willing to "take well informed risks", and are of course themselves then role modelling sound learning practices. Such teachers make a conscious effort to improve their skills and hone their techniques – it does not just happen by accident or birth right. The hallmark of such a teacher is the variety of skills they have in their 'teacher's toolkit': the greater the variety of tools the greater the chance that they will have the 'right tool' for a particular situation.

Remarkably, modern society is now characterised by an environment for many of our students when we have a huge array of technologies to "stay instantly connected 24x7", and yet statistics of students with a genuine sense of isolation and loneliness, can be staggering. In a similar way it is not the number, range or "wow factor" of the technologies in our classrooms which are significant, but rather the way they are utilised to foster sound student teacher relationships and a fertile learning environment that make a difference to student achievement. Boys in particular benefit from the security of knowing where the safety fence within which they can operate is, and the consistent consequences for jumping over it.

Our genuine College community at Marcellin, and the success of our students, bears witness to the benefits of everyone in our 'village' contributing to the education which occurs for your sons. The achievements of both our current students and those who have gone before are testament to the leadership of the Brothers and staff as well as the realisation for students that to those who have been given much, much is also expected. I would like to acknowledge the importance of the contribution that parents play in the education of their sons, confident in the knowledge that the effective home-school partnership will continue to serve our students well.

Warm regards,

Mr Bob Anderson  
Curriculum Coordinator

*Home-School  
Partnership  
at MCR*



Parents in Touch evening - George and Lila Saady, Br David Hall, Christine Langridge, Br Darren Burge

# FROM THE HEADMASTER

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



From left to right Year 10 students Nicholas Pringle, Christopher Nicholaou, Lachlan Siminsky, Nicholas Pollock, Jason Wheelhouse, Myles Fischer, Thomas Keogh received a Community Service award for participating in Primary sports.



**Michael Hallam**  
Year 10  
Received a Community Service award for participating in Primary sports



**Rory O'Grady**  
Year 10  
Received a Community Service award for participating in Primary sports

## CONGRATULATIONS

Year 8 students Joshua Potts, Tom Perrin, Fraser Graham and Joshua Ellison were selected for the Under 14 Junior Bunnies. Year 11 student Nathan Limbert has completed a four day defence experience visiting Australian Defence Force and industry sites in Wagga Wagga and Bandiana, and the HMAS Cerberus in Victoria.

## TERM 3 CALENDAR EVENTS

**Friday 20th August**

- Semester One Academic Award Assembly.

**Thursday 26th August**

- MCC Athletics Carnival.

**Friday 27th August**

- Mufti day supporting Mary Mackillop Canonisation.

**Thursday 2nd September**

- College Sports Photo day.

**Friday 3rd September**

- Headmaster's Assembly including the Winter MCC Sports Presentations.

**Thursday 9th September**

- Year 11 Preliminary Exams commence. Conclude Friday 17th September.

**Saturday 11th September**

- Ex-Students Mass and Lunch (refer to back page of newsletter for more details).

**Monday 13th September**

- Year 10 Trial Exams commence. Conclude Friday 17th September.

## SCHOOL FEES

School fees were posted home on 28th July with a flyer which requested any updated information so that the College can email accounts, receipts, newsletters and other communications. Because these were posted to the account holder some parents may have missed out on receiving this form. If a parent is not the account holder and needs to update their information can they please ring the College on 9398 6355 and a form will be posted out to them.

## PARENTS IN TOUCH EVENING *Boundaries and Consequences for Boys*

On Wednesday 4th August a special Parents in Touch evening was held on the topic of 'Boundaries and Consequences for Boys'. Our guest speakers were Christine Langridge, the co-author of the very practical and informative 'Parenting in Practice' guide book and Br Darren Burge, the Principal at the John Berne School. There were over 150 parents present on the evening. It was an excellent presentation with many practical parenting strategies discussed. Br David also provided feedback from our previous Parents in Touch evening 'A Conversation with the Headmaster'. The document 'An Ongoing Conversation with the Headmaster' can be found on the Headmaster's page of the College website. The College has some copies of 'Parenting in Practice' for sale at \$15. Please contact me at the College if you are interested in purchasing a copy.

Mr Brian Vane-Tempest, Executive Assistant to the Headmaster



Mr Brian Vane-Tempest with guest speaker Br Darren Burge at the Parents in Touch evening

# NOTICES AND NEWS

## ACADEMIC AWARD ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY 20TH AUGUST

An assembly will be held to present the Semester One Academic Awards. All parents are welcome to attend this special event. The assembly will be held on Friday 20th August commencing at 9.50 am in the Marist Centre.

## SCIENCE COMPETITION

During Term two, 236 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 12 other countries with over 1.5 million entries worldwide. Of the Marcellin College students that participated, 75 students were awarded with a Credit certificate and 19 students were awarded with a Distinction certificate, placing them in the top 10% of the results in NSW. Daniel Brito (Year 7) and Rory McGuinness (Year 8) were both awarded a High Distinction, placing them in the top 1% of the state, which is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Science Competition for their fantastic results.

*Miss Rachel Thompson, Science Coordinator*



Daniel Brito



Rory McGuinness

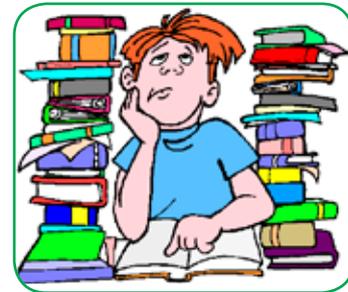
## STUDY SKILLS

Do you ever find yourself procrastinating? You mean to start work on a project or assignment but just keep putting it off. In the end, it becomes a mad rush the night before. The Overcoming Procrastination Unit at: [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au) looks at why students procrastinate and provides techniques for overcoming this common problem. Setting rewards at the end of each step is a well-known strategy. For more information on study skills, please use our school's subscription details to the online study skills website.

Site: [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)

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Happy studying, *Mr Bob Anderson, Curriculum Coordinator*

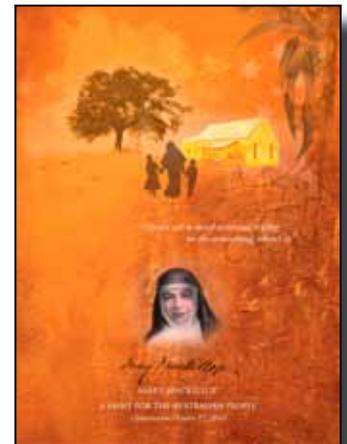


## MARY MACKILLOP CANONISATION

In October this year the Canonisation of Mary Mackillop will take place. In support of this, the College has placed a Mary Mackillop poster in the reception area and we will be holding a mufti day on Friday 27th August to raise funds for the Canonisation process. Boys are encouraged to donate and to be very generous in their support.

A nationwide Appeal has been launched by Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart to raise funds for the Canonisation ceremony of Mary MacKillop in Rome and official celebrations around Australia and the world. Donations can be made at any time leading up to the Canonisation, either by emailing [info@sosj.org.au](mailto:info@sosj.org.au) or by phoning the National Call Centre on 1800 753 959 – open between 9am to 7pm, Monday to Friday or by using the link below to donate online.

<https://www.sosj.org.au/support-our-work/content.cfm?loadref=193>



A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS  
AND THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE SYDNEY

## FEDERAL ELECTION UPDATE

Catholic Schools are heavily dependent on student grants from the Federal and State governments. Keep this in mind when you vote on 21st August. To know what the political parties are saying about your child's Catholic schooling go to:

[http://www.cbsp.catholic.edu.au/images/Responses to the Election commitments.pdf](http://www.cbsp.catholic.edu.au/images/Responses%20to%20the%20Election%20commitments.pdf)

Council of Catholic School Parents - advocacy and support for all parents and Catholic schools

[www.cbsp.catholic.edu.au](http://www.cbsp.catholic.edu.au)

## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS BULLETIN NOS 13 AND 14

Quality Education Costs - Political support for Catholic Schools - In Australia, there is unwavering support from the Labor, Liberal and National political parties for the funding of non-government schools and for parental choice in education. This support from the major political parties is greatly appreciated and recognises the right of parents to choose how their children are educated. Parents, as taxpayers, are clearly entitled to this support. Providing quality education is an extremely expensive exercise - but also a crucial investment in Australia's future.

# SPORT AND NEWS

## SPORT

It is a fairly quiet time for sport at the moment, however, nominations will be open in Week 7 for representative teams in Basketball, Cricket, Squash and Touch Football for the summer season. These sports will run during Term 4 and continue into Term 1 next year. Volleyball nominations will also be called for in Week 5.

The Volleyball championships will be held at Homebush on Thursday 16th September. We wish the boys the best of luck in their competitions.

Our Athletics team has been training well over the past couple of weeks and will compete at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Track, Homebush on Thursday 26th August. Marcellin College has an excellent reputation in the Athletics having won the Aggregate trophy for the past seven years. We hope to continue our success on the track and add to our already amazing tally of Aggregate trophies this year. The Athletics carnival is always a good day and parents are most welcome to attend.

## REBEL SPORT

A reminder to parents when purchasing sporting goods that we have an arrangement with Rebel Sport whereby a 5% discount is given with every purchase upon presenting your loyalty card and nominating Marcellin as your school.

Our school also benefits with every purchase and are awarded loyalty points which go towards upgrading our sports equipment. If you do not have a loyalty card your son can ask for one at the sports office.



## SPORTS PHOTO DAY - THURSDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER - ALL MCC TEAMS

MCC sports photos will be taken on Thursday 2nd September. Boys are asked to check the sports notice board for details. Those boys who have represented at a higher level this year are to have individual photos taken after their team photo.

All boys in the photos must have the correct team uniform.

## SPORTING SUCCESS - CONGRATULATIONS ON A WONDERFUL EFFORT THIS YEAR



**A Grade Basketball**

The success of this year's sporting teams is a wonderful testament to the efforts of the students and their coaches. So far we have won:

A Grade Basketball, MCC Aggregate Basketball Champions, A Grade Cricket, U14 Cricket, MCC Aggregate Cricket Champions, A Grade Touch Football, U14 Touch Football, U15 Touch Football, MCC Aggregate Touch Football Champions, MCC Aggregate Swim Squad 10 years in a row, Juvenile Swimming Champions, Junior Swimming Champions, MCC Cross Country Champions 6 years in a row, U13 Div 1 and Div 2A Rugby League, U14 Rugby League, U15 Rugby League, A Grade Rugby League, B Grade Rugby League; and MCC Golf Champions 4 years in a row!



**A Grade Rugby League**



**A Grade Touch Football**



**A Grade Cricket**

*Mr Robert Capizzi, Sport Coordinator*

## EX-STUDENTS MASS AND LUNCH 2010

The Marcellin Ex-Students Annual Mass and Lunch this year will be held on Saturday 11th September. Mass commences at 11am at the College with lunch to follow at the Coogee Bay Hotel Function Room. The cost is \$60. To RSVP please contact Mrs Sharon Elliot on 9398 6355 or email: [elliots@marcellin.nsw.edu.au](mailto:elliots@marcellin.nsw.edu.au)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Uniform Shop:** Opening hours Tuesday 8am-11.15am and Thursday 8am-1pm.

**Canteen Manager:** Following the retirement of Jan Maroon, we are seeking a suitably qualified person for the position of Canteen Manager. The working hours are from 7am-2:30pm Monday to Friday during the school term. The closing date for applications is Monday 16th August 5pm. For further information please contact Ms Margaret Thurston, Business Manager at the College on 9398 6355 or email [thurstonm@marcellin.nsw.edu.au](mailto:thurstonm@marcellin.nsw.edu.au)