

MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



NEWSLETTER

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Social Justice: Why is it so important at Marcellin?

Our theme for this year is "In the Image of God", and this comes into particular focus in Luke's Gospel where we hear Jesus' words, "Whatever you did to one of the least... you did to me" Mt 25:45.

It is a part of our Catholic and Marist tradition to help the poor and marginalised. We need to develop a sense of solidarity and fairness in our students, to make them aware of the world around us and to make them step out of their comfort zone. We have a number of opportunities for students to experience first-hand the issues around homelessness, substance abuse and mental health by participating as volunteers at the Matthew Talbot Hostel at Woolloomooloo and St Vincent De Paul Night Patrol.

Saint Marcellin Champagnat's dream was to see the Marist spirit travel around the world to help the marginalised. "We stand in solidarity with the poor and their just causes. We give them first preference wherever we are and whatever the task." (Constitutions, 34)

At Marcellin College we try to live this dream by encouraging the boys to first and foremost think of others. We are striving with the Social Justice program to give all boys a well-rounded education; to encourage them to consider others and have empathy and to see the world for what it is, not just through their X-Boxes, PlayStations and laptops. In this so called and well-documented "I" generation, we have seen our students always rise to the challenges that have been placed before them, especially in the Christmas appeal last year. This year boys from all year groups have volunteered their time, money and hearts to help in Social Justice issues.

Our vision for the boys is to spend time with others who are in different situations to themselves or in environments which challenge them to act as stewards.

Some of our Year 10 students have experienced this by volunteering their time at a nursing home on Wednesday afternoons and participating in the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. The boys gain a deeper understanding of the positive contribution they can make to the lives of others by volunteering and knowing more about the world around them. All boys could do this by first helping out at home and at school.

For our Year 11 boys, a major part of the program is in preparation for a week of ministry. Boys have the opportunity to go out into the community in a variety of ways – into primary schools, schools for the intellectually and physically disabled, to work with the elderly and to support local Salvos and St Vincent De Paul shops.

We have two mini-immersions taking place this week: a group of boys is travelling to the Hermitage in Mittagong to help the Marist Brothers on a working farm, as well as to Bowraville in northern NSW, where the boys will support the community at St Mary's Primary School and learn more about the local indigenous culture. We will encourage the boys to engage and critically reflect upon their experience of ministry through journaling and reflection activities in Religious Education and Pastoral Care lessons. Hopefully, through this reflection they will appreciate a growing sense of solidarity in the Marist tradition.



As Pope John Paul II (1987) stated, "It is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good.... to the good of all and of each individual because we are all really responsible for all." This is the challenge that exists for all of us, to look after and be responsible for all with whom we come in contact. Our own Saint Mary of the Cross famously said, "never see a need without doing something about it." This challenge was recently met by the students of 8.3, one of the smallest classes in the school. In addition to collecting blankets and winter clothes for the homeless, they raised over one hundred dollars to do more to help the appeal. This is a small example of Social Justice in action at Marcellin College.

If any parents would like to help with any of our Social Justice programs, or to discuss other programs we could be involved in with the community please contact me at the school.

Warm regards,

Mr Damian Chase
Social Justice Coordinator

NOTICES AND NEWS

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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

SEMESTER 1 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Academic Award winners:

Year 7 - Nicholas Bollard, Fionn Geraghty, Lachlan Golsby, Benjamin Lee, Cormac Murray, Kurt Murray, Thomas O'Sullivan, Oisín Brady, Timothy Carr, Mathew Di Campli, Zachary Gray, Alex Jackson, Adrian Pantaleone, Lucas Varnier, Eamon Anderson, Samuel Callanan, Marco Cussigh, Stephen Downey, Samuel Hanafi, Julian Lloyd, Cooper Stevens, George Bakos, Ryan Carroll, Steven Curtin, Thomas Disalvo, Jacob Graham, Marley Hughes, Adam Lombardi, James Bakis, Sam Cantarella, William Harrison, Owen O'Connor, Harrison Padma, Connor Petrou, Zane Welch, Harison Dearing, Owen Galea, Alex Krikorian, William McCormick and Hamish Taylor.

Year 8 - Timothy Barron, Thomas Chichester, Peter Faddoul, Harrison Hayek, Dominic Maher, Andrew Mendis, Kelan Raffo, Michael Smith, Jackson Bertoglio, Francis Devine, Oskar Elfman, Andre Goncalves, Elefterios Kyriacou, Luke Lerdwichagul, Jack O'Connor, Rohan Saini, Jackson Young, Billy Zaletel, Vincent Au-Yeung, Prince Chakona, Thomas Maljevac, Morgan Penry, Mitchell Pepper, Juan Chacar, Phelip Shamoel, Reece Sloane, Daniel Bassil, Damon Brown, Travis Drummond, Alexander Drury, Seamus Harte, Nicholas Horne, Peter Kapsimallis, Jeremy Sokkar, Liam Connolly, Anthony Falato, Ryan Hunt, Andrew Lambrou, Zane Mateus, William Parker, Kenard Pascua, Ronnie Touma, Daniel Vila, Mitchell White, James Bartlett, Aiden Debono, Christopher Katsinas, Bobby Nader, Nathaniel Sharpley and Dylan Vickers.



Year 7 Academic Award winners



Year 8 Academic Award winners

Year 9 - Daniel Brito, Rafael Bruzzese, Nat Butcher, Adam Docos, Christopher Downey, Nathan Giuffre, Thomas McCusker, Joshua Ricamara, Jacob Siles, Noah Simpkins, Austin Vella, Thomas Waller and Joshua Wong.

Year 10 - Shaun Buckton, Liam Evans, Claudio Fabiano, Thomas Halkitis, Daniel Jewiss, Matthew Kelly, Alexander Kennedy, Hamish Leadbetter, William McCormack, Caleb O'Brien, Ankit Patel, Nicholas Roper and Cameron Wells.

Year 11 - Lucas Aldous, Matthew Bjorngaard, Oscar Callaghan, Noah Castillo, Christopher Chaaya, Jeremy Chung, Jordan Gabriel, Benjamin Hayek, William Joannides, Mason Jones, George Karas, Gerald Kuo, Benjamin Liew, Adam Mohamed, Thomas Pantle, Hayden Preece, Jake Richards, Daniel Romeo, Lachlan Sharah, Fabian Svejkar, Benjamin Thornton, Charles Torok, Luke Turner, Matthew Waller, Aidan Wilcox-Kerr, Harrison Yates and Benjamin Yaw.



Year 9 Academic Award winners



Year 10 Academic Award winners

TERM 3 CALENDAR EVENTS

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| Friday 10th August | • Year 7 and Year 9 Camps conclude. Please refer to the College website for student return details. |
| Monday 13th August | • Year 7 and Year 10 Vaccinations. |
| Tuesday 21st August | • Sports Photo day (see page 4). |
| Thursday 23rd August | • MCC Athletics carnival. |
| Saturday 25th August | • Ex-Students Mass and Lunch. |
| Saturday 31st August | • Marcellin College Trivia Night at 7pm Souths Juniors. |

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

Year 12 Graduation celebrations will take place on Thursday 20th September. At the conclusion of the Farewell Assembly, at approximately 1.30pm, all students will be dismissed. This will be the last day of term for all students, and I expect every boy to be at school on this day. We will arrange limited school bus specials and will advise these details closer to the date. I trust this advance notice will assist parents with holiday arrangements and that it helps minimise requests for an early finish to the term. Normal, productive classes will continue up until this day. *Br David Hall FMS, Headmaster*

TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night tickets are sold out. Please pay for any outstanding tickets otherwise you will forfeit these tickets.

RAFFLE

- 1st - \$2,000 worth of travel from Gem Ezy Flights Pty Ltd (not redeemable for cash)
- 2nd - Milton Park Bowral: 1 night accommodation, 3 course dinner & breakfast for two
- 3rd - Neild Avenue Restaurant Rushcutters Bay: dinner & wine for six people
- 4th - Jean Paul Gaultier Sunglasses: RRP \$440
- 5th - Panasonic Blu Ray Disk Player plus Movie Package

We understand that not everyone can attend on the night but we hope that all families will support the raffle. Every family will receive one book of tickets.

Extra tickets are available at the office.

Tickets (sold or unsold) must be returned in the envelope provided by Monday 20th August.

DEBATING

Mr Nick Malcolm, P&F President

On 27th July the Marcellin College Year 7 Debating team competed in the final round of the Catholic Schools Debating Association competition. This is the first time in many years that Marcellin has had a Year 7 team in the grand final and each of the coaches and students were suitably excited upon arrival at the University of Notre Dame. Adrian Pantaleone, Caleb Siles, Alex Krikorian, Frank Strati and Cristian Speranza achieved a great deal during the regular season and were deserving finalists against Loreto Kirribilli. On the night the boys spoke with flair and enthusiasm, articulating their argument in an effective and interesting manner. Unfortunately though, they did not succeed on the night and lost the closely contested debate. Regardless of the outcome, the boys should be extremely proud of their achievements. The manner in which the boys conducted themselves throughout the competition is to be commended as they displayed great respect for their opposition and wonderful sportsmanship.

Mr Stephen Davidson, Debating Coordinator



Year 7 Debating team



From left to right – Adrian Pantaleone, Alex Krikorian, Frank Strati, Cristian Speranza and Caleb Siles

HOOKED ON SCIENCE

To challenge the orthodoxy, be rebellious and to promote curiosity are all values of science which were encouraged in a lecture given at the Garvan Institute of medical research.

Ms Jeannie Scevity, Science Coordinator

Professor Bryan Gaensler, an accomplished astronomer, spoke to us in depth about recent developments in astronomy, and Australia's involvement in the upcoming astronomical project the Square Kilometre Array (SKA). Proposed and developed in conjunction with astronomers and engineers throughout the world, the Array, believed to begin its 50 year service in 2018, is a supermassive series of detectors spread out over South Africa as well as throughout Western Australia and New Zealand. Essentially the device, consisting of modern dishes and arrays, scans the cosmos for radio waves, producing incredible images based on stellar static produced by far-off celestial bodies. The project was developed in response to the question "How did the first stars form?" Professor Gaensler stressed the importance of this new technology, the SKA, in ensuring we can answer this question in the near future.

Professor Catherine Suter, PhD is an accomplished epigeneticist who has dedicated her life to looking at the very small, studying the orchestra that plays inside every cell for its entire life. Epigenetics is the study of functionally relevant modifications to the genome that do not involve a change in the nucleotide sequence. This means a cell can perform multiple applications without modification to its DNA. She explained her breakthrough research and her knowledge about the way DNA operates, and how her researchers are on the edge of a discovery into possible changes to the body's cells without the introduction of synthetic or cultivated foreign cells. A single human genome can make up more than 200 human cells and humans have a 95% genetic compatibility to mice! She is the head of the Epigenetics laboratory at the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute where she performs research into the epigenetic contribution to variation and common human disease.

Daniel Jewiss, Year 10 Student

<http://bit.ly/GarvanI>

SPORT AND NEWS

CCC RUGBY LEAGUE

Last Thursday the Opens Rugby League team travelled to Maitland for their Round of 16 match against All Saints College, Maitland in the CCC Cup competition. The boys had a resounding victory, 50-6 with Cheyne Whitelaw and Alexander Sorge being judged the Men of the Match. The boys left at 8.00am that morning and returned at 4:30pm in the afternoon. In what was a long day, the boys competed and behaved in an outstanding fashion. Congratulations to the boys on their effort and a special thanks to Mr Chris O'Connell and Mr Paul Leary who accompanied the boys on the day.

The Opens team have now drawn St Greg's Campbelltown in the quarter final and this game will be played at Marcellin Fields on Tuesday 14th August kicking off at 2.30pm. Parents are most welcome to attend.



ATHLETICS

The Athletics team have been training for three weeks now in preparation for the MCC Athletics Carnival on Thursday 23rd August at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush. Competition will begin at 9am. 2011 was the first year in the last nine years that we did not win the Aggregate trophy and the boys have been training hard to win back this trophy. Best of luck to the boys and coaches in the remaining training sessions and on the day.

VOLLEYBALL

The Volleyball teams have begun training in the U15 and Opens Divisions. The boys have taken a real liking to this competition and their results in the last two years attest to this. The competition will be held on Thursday 30th August at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush.

AFL

Marcellin College will enter a team in the AFL All Schools Challenge in the Year 7/8 age group. The teams were very successful last year, the first time we had been involved in the competition. Games are held each Friday night and further details will be given to the boys as they come to hand.

SPORTS PHOTO DAY

MCC sports photos will be taken on Tuesday 21st August. 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. Boys without the correct uniform will not be in the photo.

Mr Robert Capizzi, Sport Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marcellin Ex Students Mass and Lunch: The Ex students Annual Mass and Lunch is on Saturday 25th August. The Mass will be held at 11am at Marcellin College Vaughan Centre followed by lunch at 12.30pm at Coogee Surf Club. Cost \$60 RSVP by 17th August. Payments can be made by EFT to (Please include your name) Catholic Development Fund: BSB 062-784 Account Number 4953100. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation to the John Hennessy Financial Hardship Bursary please contact Mrs Sharon Elliot at the College.

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 26th October. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Mary Ivancic at ivancicm@marcellin.nsw.edu.au

Our Lady of the Rosary Art and Craft Expo: Art and Craft stalls, student artworks on display, plenty of kids activities. Saturday 18th August 10am-4pm Grosvenor St Kensington.

Parent Workshop: Botany Council is holding a free 2 hour workshop to assist parents in 'Engaging and Understanding their Teenagers' on Thursday 20th September from 5pm-7pm. Bookings are essential. Please call 93663889.