

MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



NEWSLETTER

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A few months ago I was sitting watching my daughter play waterpolo, next to another dad whom I had known on and off for many years. As we chatted and watched the game, our conversation turned to the HSC and whether some young students that we knew would get into the courses that they had chosen. My friend made a comment that has really resonated with me, a simple statement yet to me profoundly significant. He said, "I believe that everyone has a place in this world". The more I thought about what he said, the more far-reaching its consequences.

My place, for the moment, is here at Marcellin College. I am joining a school that has an excellent reputation in the community and a strong academic, sporting and cultural heritage. I hope to help to continue these traditions, at the same time as finding my place here and adding some of my philosophies and ideas to further progress the College.

Mr David and the staff find their place here too. Teaching is not only a job, rather a way of life and the many dedicated staff here bring their passion, knowledge and skills daily to the students in order to enrich all aspects of their education. Secondary teachers face young people every day who, as adolescents, are trying to find their place in the school and in the world. Some days for them are better than others, and boys on their journey here will hopefully learn to make wise decisions, act responsibly towards others and walk in the footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat. The teachers are companions on that journey.

My challenge to the students is try to find their place at this College. Look beyond the often-heard stereotypes of 'the academic', 'the good at sport' or the 'the class clown', for these are too superficial. Human beings are more than the sum of their parts. My advice to the Year 7 class of 2013 is to become as involved as you can in the life of the College, in all its facets. How do you know if you are good at Cricket, unless you have a go? Volunteer to be a chairperson at Debating, and even if you never debate, you will have heard some great arguments put forward by the two teams and perhaps see some teachers and students in another light. Listen to your teachers and take their advice. Work hard and accept that challenge has its place in life. Always do the best that you are able. Find your place.



Students in Years 8 to 10 continue to find their place at Marcellin. Is this the year to ask more questions in class, talk to the student who seems shy, or set the alarm a little earlier to avoid being late quite so often. Is this the year to realise that good learning is the key that opens doors and helps find your place in later life? Your place is not set in concrete, but only you can make the changes necessary. Take the good advice offered from your family and your teachers. Find your place.

The senior students are possibly already commenting that they are treated differently in Years 11 and 12. These last two years go incredibly fast, so make sure that your place is cemented now, and that you make the most of this time academically, but also keep growing into a young man that is worthy of his place at Marcellin College. Lead by example and show your individuality. Work in unison with the teachers and support each other.

Aspects of your life such as assessment tasks, part-time jobs, sport and social life all have their place. Find the right balance of each of these for you. Find your place.

Ultimately, one of the aims of a good school is to enable the students to start to find their place in the world when they leave our gates for the last time. The keys to this are attention and application to the learning process at school, and the development of the whole person. My hope is that this year each student will find a place for these in their day to day life at the College. As my friend commented: "Everyone has a place in this world".

May I take this opportunity to thank the Marcellin community for their very warm welcome over the past few weeks. I have enjoyed meeting students and staff, and the many parents who attended the recent 'Parents in Touch' meeting. I look forward to working with you in unison this year.

With my best wishes,

Mr Peter Buxton
Deputy Headmaster



Celebrating 90 years

MEET AND GREET

The annual 'Meet and Greet' was held on Friday 15th February. Like previous years, the evening was very well attended with a number of parents joining the staff for an informal chat and relaxing time. The musical performances were excellent and ex-students from Year 12 2012 ran the bar whilst our College Leaders served food and helped prepare for the evening. Thanks to all staff and boys who assisted on the evening with particular thanks to Mrs Maryanne Davis who organised the event. Thank you also to Mr Bill Kostovski for his preparation of the musicians, and Mr Damian Chase for his work with the College Leaders. The evening was another tremendous community gathering.

Mr Brian Vane-Tempest, Director of Development & Communications



Mr Ben Toohey with Year 7 parents



Mr Chris Shields with Mrs Gillroy and Mrs Siles



Ms Sonia Curtis with Mr and Mrs Thornton

PARENTS IN TOUCH - ANNUAL AGM

On Wednesday 13th February more than 80 parents and friends met for the annual P&F AGM. The evening's purpose was twofold - firstly to welcome the new P&F committee for 2013 and secondly to hear from the College Leadership team in relation to the major initiatives and plans for this year.

The evening also saw the election of a new P&F President - Ms Marian Romeo. We congratulate her on assuming the role this year, and thank Mr Nick Malcolm (P&F President 2012) for his service to the College last year. Mr Malcolm will continue to support MCR as a committee member. My thanks to all parents and friends of the College who attended the first Parents in Touch of 2013. I look forward to your continued support of the College this year as we celebrate 90 years of educating boys in the Marist tradition.



2013 Parents and Friends Committee

Mr Brian Vane-Tempest, Director of Development & Communications

LENTEN APPEAL

This year's Lenten appeal will help Marist Asia Pacific Solidarity (MAPS); Caritas Australia; and St Vincent De Paul Society. Solidarity in the Marist tradition means we choose to stand with others who have less capacity to transform their reality and to work with them to create their own liberation. Many young people still struggle for their dignity, access to education and their rights. You are helping change this when you rally behind this campaign.

MAPS is the agency of the Marist Brothers that supports development programs in thirteen Asian and Pacific countries. Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps alleviate poverty and brings hope and justice to disadvantaged communities throughout the world. At St Vincent De Paul Marcellin College participates in the Winter Appeal, Night Patrol every month, volunteering at Matthew Talbot Hostel twice a week and the Christmas Hamper Appeal. Your donations will help with these programs and more.

Mr Damian Chase, Solidarity Coordinator

RECEIVING YOUR NEWSLETTER

If you have changed your email address and have not notified the office, please do so at marlene.smith@syd.catholic.edu.au

SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 fee statements have either been emailed or posted - please contact the College if you haven't received your copy.

RAGS FOR TAS

The TAS and Visual Arts department would appreciate any old sheets or t-shirts that can be used for rags. Boys are asked to leave these items outside Ms Bourke's office.

Ms Peta Bourke, TAS & Art Coordinator

TERM 1 CALENDAR EVENTS

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| Wednesday 27th February | • Marcellin Open Day afternoon 3-6pm. Years 7 and 11 to attend. |
| Monday 4th March | • Year 12 Exams commence. Concludes on Wednesday 13th March. |
| Wednesday 13th March | • Year 7 Parent Feedback Meeting 3.30-8.30pm. |

HEADMASTER'S ASSEMBLY - 2012 HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS AND SEMESTER 2 2012 ACADEMIC AWARDS

On Friday 8th February the College held its annual Semester 2, 2012 Academic Awards Headmaster's Assembly. The gathering also recognised the HSC High Achievers for 2012, as well as the 2012 Sportsmen of the Year. Mrs Elizabeth O'Carrigan, Director of Schools, Eastern Region, Sydney Catholic Education Office (CEO), was our special guest and she spoke to the assembly on the importance of boys' education and outlined some initiatives to be adopted by the CEO this year in that area.

First placegetters from Years 7-9, 2012, received awards, after being introduced to the College by their Year Coordinator. We were also joined by twenty six members of the 2012 Year 12 cohort. These boys all received at least one band 6 in the HSC, and this was recognised by a certificate given to the boys by Br David. Special mention was made of the College Dux from 2012, Christopher Goutama, who achieved an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of 99.25. Michael Donohue was also acknowledged for finishing 7th in the state in Geography.

The event was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the outstanding achievements in the area of Teaching and Learning in 2012, and indeed a testament to our dedicated staff as well as our student body.

Mr Chris Shields, Director of Teaching and M-Learning



Year 7 2012 Academic Award Winners

HSC RESULTS 2005 - 2012

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Band 6 & E4	92	66	108	104	109	135	105	65
Band 5	193	174	224	172	253	269	266	272
Total Band 5 & 6	285	240	332	276	362	404	371	337
Above State average	22	18	21	19	25	25	23	18
Below State average	5	9	6	9	4	3	3	8



Br David and Mrs Elizabeth O'Carrigan



2012 Year 12 HSC High Achievers

Celebrating 90 years

SPORT

The summer MCC teams have performed extremely well over the last two weeks. In Round 7 against Kogarah, the majority of teams came away with a victory which was a great start to 2013. Across the summer sports of Touch, Basketball, Cricket and Squash, the College qualified for semi finals in eleven of the twelve competitions. This achievement in itself is a great credit to the boys and coaches involved. Another very successful day last Thursday saw eight teams qualify for grand finals in Basketball, Touch and Cricket. Basketball will be played at Alexandria, Touch at the Tempe Veleldrome, U16s Cricket at Scarborough Park and A Grade Cricket at Kensington Oval. With so many teams contesting grand finals this Thursday, many boys will be involved in supporting at these matches. A letter will be sent home this week outlining details for the program on Thursday for all year groups. As always, parents are encouraged to get along to the games and support the boys.

MCC SUMMER SEASON - ROUND 7

Basketball	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14		
	Opposition	Kogarah	Kogarah	Kogarah	Kogarah		
	Result	W: 26-23	W: 52-20	D: 35-35	W: 34-14		
	Player of Match	Abaina Davis	Daniel Jewiss	Alexander Drury	Tom Jones		
Cricket	Team	A Grade	Under 16s	Under 14s	Squash	Opposition	Result
	Opposition	BYE	Kogarah	BYE		North Shore	L: 498 to 1127
	Result		L: 10/79 to 1/84			Player of Match	Luke Burke
	Player of Match		Adam Docos				
Touch Football	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14		
	Opposition	Kogarah	Kogarah	Kogarah	Kogarah		
	Result	D: 6-6	W: 3-2	W: 5-4	W: 5-3		
	Player of Match	Adam Shean Jarrod Wachmann	Will McCormack	Lachlan Lam	Josh Cook		



MCC SUMMER SEASON - SEMI FINALS

Basketball	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14		
	Opposition	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	Didn't qualify		
	Result	W: 44-41	W: 29-26	W: 41-36			
	Player of Match	Joshua Wilson	Luke Dever	Pearse Dolan			
Cricket	Team	A Grade	Under 16s	Under 14s	Squash	Opposition	Result
	Opposition	Semi Final v Kogarah	North Shore	Semi Final v Kogarah		North Shore	L: 498 to 1127
	Result	W: 4/130 to 8/91	W: 4/164 to 10/94	L: 10/90 to 8/106		Player of Match	Luke Burke
	Player of Match	Reuben Taucher	Tom McCusker	Angus Fraser			
Touch Football	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14		
	Opposition	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore		
	Result	W: 5-1	W: 7-2	W: 6-2	L: 7-8		
	Player of Match	Adam Shean Tom Wong	Lucas Aldous	Kurtis Preece	Adrian Pantaleone		

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mr Luke MacNamara, Sports Coordinator

School Tutoring Program: A free service for students in Years 7 – 12 who would like help with their school work but who can't afford to pay for their own tutor. Available for students either living in or attending school in the Botany or Randwick Council areas. The program is run by the Shack Youth Services in conjunction with the University of New South Wales. For more information email samantha@shack.org.au between February 11th and March 4th 2013.