

# MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

I had an admiration for her and yet there were a number of things that she did and said that near repulsed me. As one of the most influential world leaders of the 20th century Margaret Thatcher will certainly be long remembered, and her eleven years as Prime Minister of Britain picked over and analysed. The movie made famous by Meryl Streep, *The Iron Lady*, poses some interesting insights; it gives prominence to a saying Mrs Thatcher made famous having appropriated it from Confucian wisdom:

“Watch your thoughts for they become words. Watch your words for they become actions. Watch your actions for they become your habits. Watch your habits, for they become your character.

And watch your character, for it becomes your destiny!

What we think we become.”



This theme of THINKING, as distinct from FEELING, was almost a mantra in the life of Margaret Thatcher. On more than one instance in *The Iron Lady* we see her frustrated with the modern preoccupation with feelings and, in Mrs Thatcher's determination, the consequent demise of the importance of what we think. It is easy, perhaps even instinctive, to see this as a preference of the head over the heart, and in our current world setting many see this as cold or hard when, instead, we should be warm and embracing. The steeliness of Mrs Thatcher and her unrelenting resolve on many matters sometimes eclipses the wisdom of her emphasis on the matter of the importance of thinking **and** feeling.

The increasing professionalism in the field of psychology in the 20th century helped us come to an understanding of the importance of attending to emotions and feelings – a much neglected dimension of human development for centuries. But I think our western English speaking culture now over-emphasises emotions and feelings and gives insufficient attention to the value and importance of disciplined thinking. Invariably, caught in an act of wrongdoing, when asked “Why?” boys will answer, “I felt like it.” What's missing is the thinking part; the pausing, evaluating, and consideration of consequences before **choosing** to act.

In 2012, at MCR, we will be giving particular focus to the third of the three components of our M-Learning pedagogy: Active learning that is ICT rich. But we will not be letting go of enhancing the other two components of M-Learning:

Mutually respectful relationships

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A structured, disciplined and ordered environment.

**Head and heart** might be another way of describing these components. When the Founder of Marist Education, St Marcellin Champagnat was canonised by the Holy Father in 1999, a phrase that had been coined about him some years earlier became popular and is now widely used: STRONG MIND, GENTLE HEART. That's what we want for the boys at MCR and we have a fine model in an Old Boy of the College who recently passed to his eternal reward.

Br Charles Howard attended Marcellin in the late 1930s and rates among one of our most successful and prominent Old Boys. An exemplary teacher, Br Charles went on to become the Headmaster of St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, and subsequently the Provincial Superior of the Marist Brothers in one of the provinces of Australia and eventually the Superior General of the Marist Brothers – a position that saw him as worldwide leader of our Order for eight years. The Superior General is the successor to the Founder, St Marcellin, and as such has to embody the qualities of strength of mind and gentleness of heart. Br Charles did not let the office of General down.



In Charles' life we learn about the value of warmth, gentleness and empathy. We learn too about the value of an imaginative disciplined mind. Author and Professor of Sydney University, Paul Brock, writes of Br Charles: “My first Headmaster, Br Elias (known later as Br Charles Howard) was the best Principal I ever knew: a superb educator and one of the very few people I have worked with who displayed lateral thinking brilliance.”

Br Charles' life brought into harmony the workings of the head and the heart. In 2012, at MCR, we will seek to emulate this illustrious Old Boy of whom we can be justly proud.

With best wishes,

Br David Hall, FMS  
Headmaster

# FROM THE HEADMASTER

## CONGRATULATIONS HSC CLASS OF 2011

Congratulations to the Class of 2011 on their excellent HSC results. We are very proud of your achievements and of all in our Year 12 group from 2011.

- Top ATAR - 99.30
- 23 of 26 courses above state average (125 HSC students)
- Ranked 86th for English, 102nd for Maths out of 811 Secondary schools in NSW

### HSC RESULT TRACKING 2004-2011

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Band 6 & E4	38	92	66	108	104	109	135	105
Band 5	133	193	174	224	172	253	269	266
Total Band 5 & 6	171	285	240	332	276	362	404	371
Above State average	12	22	18	21	19	25	25	23
Below State average	14	5	9	6	9	4	3	3



Br David with Daniel Stathis,  
2011 College Dux

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following Year 10 boys who made it through the final selection process for the Roosters Harold Matthews Rugby League Team - Fraser Graham, Blake Sangster, Zachary Bataille and Andres Rossini.

### 2011 CHRISTMAS APPEAL

A big thank you to all the Marcellin families for the wonderful response to the St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Appeal. We filled 44 baskets which went to families in need. We originally catered for one basket per homeroom but we exceeded expectations to fill another 14 baskets. A number of homerooms filled 3 to 4 baskets. Well done to the students and the families for providing the toys and food which helped make a better Christmas for these families.

*Mr Damian Chase, Year 11 Coordinator and Mr Paul Leary  
Social Justice Coordinator 2011*



### TERM 1 CALENDAR EVENTS

- Friday 10th February** • Headmaster's Assembly to acknowledge academic achievements of the HSC Class of 2011.
- Wednesday 15th February** • Parents in Touch Evening including Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting.
- Friday 17th February** • Meet and Greet Cocktail Evening 6 - 8 pm.
- Friday 24th February** • Inaugural Mass 9.30 am. All parents and friends are welcome. Please come along.
- Wednesday 29th February** • Open Afternoon 3 - 6 pm. Years 7 and 11 to attend.
- Thursday 5th April** • Term 1 concludes. Last day of lessons.
- Monday 23rd April** • Term 2 commences at 8.40 am. Lessons commence for all boys on this day.

### PARENTS IN TOUCH - WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

You are warmly invited to The Parents in Touch evening '*MCR in 2012*' which will be held on Wednesday 15th February. This evening will outline the key improvements planned for MCR for this year. The evening commences at 7.30pm and includes the Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting. These are most informative nights so please come along. Limited parking is available in the Main Yard via Avoca Street. Please RSVP Brian Vane-Tempest at [vanetempestb@marcellin.nsw.edu.au](mailto:vanetempestb@marcellin.nsw.edu.au)

### MEET AND GREET EVENING - FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

All parents are invited to our annual Meet and Greet Cocktail Evening on Friday 17th February from 6-8 pm to meet the College Executive, staff and other parents in a relaxed and social environment. The Meet and Greet will be held in the College Courtyard. This is a complimentary event for our new Year 7 parents and \$10 per head for all other parents. A note has been sent home with your son. Please complete and return the form (with payment if applicable) by Friday 10th February. Entry is by ticket only via the main entrance on Alison Road. For security reasons the back gates will be closed and there will be no on site parking. Please note also that this is a parent only function.

# NOTICES AND NEWS

## COLLEGE EXECUTIVE

Headmaster	Br David Hall FMS	Student Welfare Coordinator	Mr Paul Daley
Deputy Headmaster	Mr Les Salisbury	Director of Teaching and MLearning	Mr Christopher Shields
RE Coordinator	Mr Anthony Boys	Director of Development and Communications	Mr Brian Vane-Tempest

## NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF

We welcome the following staff who have joined the Marcellin community in 2012:

Ms Allana McGee	Counsellor	Mrs Fiona Ulrick	Music Tuition
Mr Darko Stipic	English	Ms Philomena Middeldorp	RE/English
Ms Theresa Brungs	HSIE	Mr John Cuthbertson	Science
Mr Anthony Graziano	Italian/English	Ms Stephanie Bohane	Science
Mr Geoffrey Carroll	Maths/RE	Ms Sarah Boggett	Science
Ms Anita De Francesco	Music	Ms Katherine Toohey	TAS/Art

## KLA COORDINATORS 2012

RE & Music	Mr Anthony Boys	TAS & Art (Acting)	Ms Peta Bourke
Mathematics	Mrs Jane Evans	PDHPE	Mr Chris O'Connell
English	Mr Andrew Howe	Information Technology	Mr Garry McDonald
Science (Acting)	Ms Jeannie Scevity	Careers and VET Coordinator	Mr Ben Proctor
HSIE & LOTE	Mr Anthony Burke		

## YEAR COORDINATORS 2012

Year 7	Mr Jacob Gibbons	Year 10	Mrs Patricia Kratochvil
Year 8	Mr Ben Gardiner	Year 11	Mr Damian Chase
Year 9	Mr Ian Laing	Year 12	Mr Paul Daley

## CLASS HOMEROOM TEACHERS 2012

Year 7.1	Ms Amanda Conde	Year 9.1	Mr Con Zouroudis	Year 11.1	Ms Theresa Brungs
Year 7.2	Mr Ben Rice	Year 9.2	Mr Bill Kostovski	Year 11.2	Miss Tegan Pasley
Year 7.3	Ms Jennifer Dove	Year 9.3	Miss Naleen-Helen Greenwood	Year 11.3	Miss Rosemary Wehbe
Year 7.4	Mr David Farrugia	Year 9.4	Ms Anita De Francesco	Year 11.4	Mr Vasant Cheriachan
Year 7.5	Mr Mitchell Dryden	Year 9.5	Mr Ben Toohey	Year 11.5	Mr Chris O'Connell
Year 7.6	Ms Catherine Toohey	Year 9.6	Ms Peta Bourke		
Year 8.1	Mr Peter Sgouras	Year 10.1	Miss Sharon Moore	Year 12.1	Mr Anthony Burke
Year 8.2	Mr Geoffrey Carrol	Year 10.2	Mr Andrew Howe	Year 12.2	Mrs Jane Evans
Year 8.3	Mrs Hayley Spencer	Year 10.3	Mr Paul Leary	Year 12.3	Mr Bob Sheens
Year 8.4	Mr James Broe/Mr David Ross	Year 10.4	Mr Ross Ursino	Year 12.4	Ms Jeannie Scevity
Year 8.5	Ms Annette Emms	Year 10.5	Mr Steve Brock	Year 12.5	Mr Garry McDonald
Year 8.6	Mr Darko Stipic	Year 10.6	Mr Ben Proctor		

## STUDENT ABSENCES - 9398 8009

It is our hope that every effort will be made to maintain attendance and punctuality to school, unless too sick to do so. All absences must be rung through to the school (absentee number 9398 8009) by 8.30 am on each morning of absence. Our thanks to parents in advance for your adherence to our attendance guidelines.

## REQUESTS FOR LEAVE

All requests for leave are to be directed in writing (letter or email) to the Headmaster well ahead of the nominated date. We ask for your support by minimising absences and ensuring boys are here up to and including the last day of term.

## NO STOPPING & BUS ZONES

Parents are reminded that it is not legal to stop, stand or park in the non stopping and bus zones at the entrances to the College. This is a safety issue for our students. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

## YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY

The first week at a new school can be quite daunting for the new Year 7 students. The orientation day helps smooth the process along and introduces the boys to MCR in a relaxed and friendly environment. On Monday 30th January they gathered at Heffron Fields for their orientation which included a few group activities and a goal setting exercise, making the transition to high school a little less intimidating. All in all, a very memorable introduction to their senior schooling years. We welcome all new students and their families to the Marcellin community. *Mr Jacob Gibbons, Year 7 Coordinator*

# SPORT AND NEWS

## SPORT

Welcome back parents and students and a warm welcome to the boys and parents of Year 7. Marcellin College has an excellent sporting reputation amongst the community in the Metropolitan Catholic Colleges (MCC) competition. I look forward to the boys continuing this success with hard work and commitment in the sports they play. We are currently involved with the Summer competition but unfortunately the first competition round for the new year against Kogarah was abandoned due to the poor weather. This week we play St Leo's Wahroonga in the Round 7 fixture. Touch Football is at Marcellin Fields, Basketball at Bankstown Basketball Stadium, Squash at Matraville Sports Complex and Cricket will be played at away venues. We wish the boys the best of luck in their games this week. Next week's spare round will be used to play the washed out Round 3 games against Lewisham. Training will continue each Tuesday. Internal and free choice sport will resume this week. The scheduled Cross Country Championships will run this Thursday. The U12, U13 and U14s will compete at Heffron Park behind the swimming pool and the U15 and U16s will run at Pioneer Park Malabar. Each year group has been spoken to regarding the responsibility of each boy to bring their own sunscreen and apply it regularly when playing outdoor activities. Each boy should also have a cap on when playing and also bring a water bottle and towel to sport each week. During these warmer months, it is most important that boys are sun smart at all times.

## COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES APPLICATIONS

For elite athletes wishing to apply for CCC sports, information is on the NSWCCC website. To apply for entry into one of these events, you will need to register your name first on the site at [www.csss.nsw.edu.au/register-parents.aspx](http://www.csss.nsw.edu.au/register-parents.aspx). Once you have registered your name you can then go back to the NSWCCC website and register for the appropriate sport. When registering for a sport, I'd ask that only elite sportsmen apply for a particular sport and if you do nominate, that you provide correspondence back to myself or Mr Farrugia that you have applied for a sport and notify the ladies at the front office that you will be away on the set days. If you have any queries about this, please contact me at school.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday 3rd February the 89th annual Swimming Carnival was held at the Des Renford Aquatic Centre. The weather was not so kind to us early on, however a week of rain was not going to put a dampener on what is one of the highlights on the sporting calendar. The boys braved the conditions, dressed in their house colours and competed well throughout the day. Well done to all who were involved in the smooth running of the carnival and I'd particularly like to thank the boys on their excellent behaviour.



Br David congratulates George Matouk, Ignatius House Captain



Br David with award winners

Thank you class parents for supplying and organising lunch for the staff. Well done to the Ignatius House led by George Matouk on putting an end to the Champagnat reign of four years straight holding the trophy. Congratulations to Samuel DiSalvo for breaking the 50m Breaststroke record set in 2010 with a new time of 31.83s. The Swimming team was announced on Monday morning and began training on Wednesday. They will train each Monday, Wednesday and Friday and will compete in the MCC championships on Thursday 15th March.

### OPENS

First	Ben Thornton/ Samuel Disalvo	Fallon/ Champagnat	52 points
Third	James McKaig	Anselm	24 points

### U/16

First	Luke Irvine	Anselm	58 points
Second	Dominic Trupke	Champagnat	26 points
Third	Conor Docherty	Champagnat	22 points

### U/15

First	Jake Irvine	Anselm	58 points
Second	Huon Fairbairn	Fallon	46 points
Third	Luke McKaig	Anselm	44 points

### U/14

First	Benjamin Gordon	Ignatius	58 points
Second	William Mison	Fallon	52 points
Third	Adam Baghdadi	Ignatius	25 points

### U/13

First	James Gordon	Ignatius	46 points
Second	Cormac Guthrie	Fallon	42 points
Third	Kel Gollan	Ignatius	36 points

### U/12

First	Arthur Mourant	Ignatius	60 points
Second	Stephen Downey	Ignatius	34 points
Third	Aidan Guilherme	Anselm	19 points

Mr Robert Capizzi, Sports Coordinator

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Young families and individuals are invited to come together for prayer, discussion and a picnic at a new Marist Family Group program at St Patricks Church Hill. Topics include 'Living Family', 'Living in Community', and 'Living Simply'. Please go to <http://www.maristlaityaustralia.com/maristfamilygroup> for more information.