

# MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



## NEWSLETTER

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



I'm no fan of travelling economy, or 'cattle class' as some people call it, on any flight, but particularly on a long international flight. On a recent trip home from the USA I was upgraded to premium economy and I liked it. It wasn't quite as comfortable as a business class sky-bed, but it was pretty good. So I'm not opposed to premium economy, on the contrary, but I am somewhat bemused by the current Virgin Blue marketing campaign to promote this class of travel – econo-me – clever. It wins us over doesn't it – ME. That sense that I matter, that I'm important, and in fact, that I'm more important than someone else – at least more important than those behind the curtain in cattle class!

Unfortunately there is too much 'me' in our culture. We have become too focused on the rights of the individual to the detriment of the common good. When we focus on 'our rights' we become self-absorbed protectionists. In looking out for ourselves we narrow our vision and lose sight of 'the other'. What we need is a more balanced approach: I am looking after someone else and someone else is looking after me. "What," I hear some readers musing, "has this got to do with schooling?"

In this regard we do well to consider the ideas of the great Catholic French philosopher Jaques Maritain.<sup>1</sup> One of his major insights was that of 'person-in-society', a definition that exults neither the individual as an end in themselves, nor the social group to which they belong. Maritain argued that to place either of these components, the individual or the society, over the other was an inherently deficient way of viewing the world. Maritain teaches us that people are socially formed, and that common to all humanity we have a spiritual life directed toward some good greater than individual self-aggrandisement.



Maritain sees two virtues at the heart of the human person: love and wisdom. Love is essential in guiding us in our living, sustaining us in times of adversity and grounding our hope for the future. Wisdom dominates the intellectual realm. Through it we can discern what is of true value and worthy of human life. These two virtues are intrinsically social in that they require a community for their formation and maintenance. In reflecting on the work of Maritain, the renowned American theologian, Thomas Groome suggests that effective Catholic education creates great lovers and great thinkers.

That's exactly what we aim to do here at Marcellin College, to form young people with 'strong minds and gentle hearts'. It's a term used by a biographer to describe our Founder, St Marcellin Champagnat, who himself said way back in 1817 that the mission of a Marist school was to form 'good Christians and good citizens'. As we embark on a new term I am conscious that it is our job here at MCR to help our young people grow as lovers and thinkers, as people committed not only to their own growth and development but also to the growth and development of those who share life's journey with us.

With my best wishes for Term 3,

Br David Hall, FMS  
Headmaster

No problem with travelling premium economy – that's something to be enjoyed. But let's not get caught in the 'me' focus that sees me always putting myself ahead of the other.

<sup>1</sup> Jaques Maritain (1882-1973) was a great friend of Pope Paul VI and had a significant impact on Catholic thinking during the heady days in the lead up to, and following, Vatican II.

# FROM THE HEADMASTER

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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

### ACADEMIC BLUE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following boys who were presented with Academic Blue Certificates:



Adrian Nobre  
Year 7



Declan White  
Year 7



Maui Haumono  
Year 8



Nicholas Roper  
Year 8



Jordan Portokalli  
Year 8



Matthew Waller  
Year 9



Byron Brooks  
Year 9



Jordan Gabriel  
Year 9



Joshua Bonador  
Year 9



Matthew Tan  
Year 10



Adam Doyle  
Year 10



Daniel Stathis  
Year 11



Liam Brown  
Year 11



Nelson Marnie  
Year 12



Wilson Hardie  
Year 12



Jack Slattery  
Year 12

### CONGRATULATIONS

Anthony Romeo, Year 7 was made a Surf Patrol leader for the Kensington Troop.

Ewaldo Setiobudi, Year 8 was runner up in the U15 Doubles of the Australian Badminton Academy Tournament and selected to represent the U15 representative team at the Val Nesbit Trophy championships in Victoria.

Liam Petersen, Year 9 has begun teaching piano and already has two students.

Year 9 students Harry Davies and Zachary Wheeler, and Year 10 students Billy Hooper and Mitchell Howes were selected in the U15 Randwick Representative team that played in the NSW Junior Rugby Union championships.

Ruben Sondjaja, Year 10 competed in the U16 Victorian Boy's Amateur Golf championship. He was placed in the top 5 in the Opens, and 3rd in the U16 State Age championships.

Nathan Limbert, Year 11 received a Defence Technical scholarship intended for students in Year 11 who want to pursue an ADF general entry technical trade career after completing Year 12.

### CONGRATULATIONS STATE DEBATING CHAMPIONS

The Year 12 Debating team competed in the Catholic Schools Debating Association finals last Friday night which were held at OLMC Parramatta. Mitchell Judge, Jack Slattery and Matthew Edwards were victorious in securing the trophy, for the third time. The boys also won in Year 9 (2007) and Year 11 (2009). Congratulations to the boys and their coach Ms Lydia Curis on a fantastic result.

*Mr Stephen Davidson, Debating Coordinator*



# NOTICES AND NEWS

## TERM 3 CALENDAR EVENTS

Wednesday 28th July	• Years 8 and 9 Parent Teacher Evening 3.45-8.30pm.
Monday 2nd August	• Year 12 Trial HSC commences. Concludes Monday 16th August.
Wednesday 4th August	• Parents in Touch Evening commences 7.30pm. All welcome.
Friday 6th August	• School Ski Trip commences. Concludes Sunday 8th August.
Monday 9th August	• Year 9 Camp Week commences. Concludes Friday 13th August.
Monday 9th August	• Year 10 Work Experience commences. Concludes Friday 13th August.
Monday 9th August	• Year 11 Ministry Week commences. Concludes Friday 13th August.
Wednesday 11th August	• Year 7 Camp commences. Concludes Friday 13th August.

## MARY MACKILLOP MUFTI DAY

In support of the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop which will take place in October this year, the College 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.

## MID YEAR MUSIC CONCERT

On Wednesday June 30th Marcellin held its much anticipated Mid Year Concert, showcasing the wonderful talents of the students in the Music department. The Year 7 and 8 classes performed two of Rod Zietsch's renowned percussion compositions, using only their hands and wooden spoons. There were many marvellous performances from the ensembles, including the Guitar, Strings and Saxophone groups. The videos have now become a highlight of the night, with Marcellin Music's own take on the Qantas Choir and Cadbury Chocolate commercials. The Year 12 elective class took us on a trip down memory lane with their own version of This is Your Life. A huge thank you must go to all the students, tutors and teachers that made the night such a success.

*Mitchell Judge, Year 12 Student*



## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS - BULLETIN NOS. 7 - 12

7. Investing in Australia's Future - Did you know? 78% of the total bucket of state and government education funding goes to government schools but only 22% goes to non-government schools. We need our politicians to ensure ongoing commitment and support.
8. Building our schools for the future - Building the Education Revolution program has injected significant capital resources into primary level education and our communities are very appreciative. The move towards an Australian curriculum is proceeding rapidly. The Catholic education sector, particularly parents, needs to be aware of the support and changes happening in education now.
9. Your child's education - How much funding does your child receive in Government grants? Government expenditure per student - Student in NSW government school = \$10,162 (NSW Auditor General Report). Student in NSW Catholic systemic school = \$7,299 (CEC audited financial statements). Difference = \$2,863.
10. Investing in our children's future - Catholic education comes at a cost for parents. Many parents make a continuing sacrifice. Last year, parents with children in Catholic schools in NSW contributed more than \$976 million in tuition fees and building fees. Parents make continuing sacrifice to send their sons and daughters to Catholic schools.
11. Election Update - Tuition Fees - Our schools are heavily dependent on student grants from the Federal and State government. Catholic education has always come at a financial cost to parents. For Marcellin's tuition fees please refer to the section "Our School - College Fees" on our website.
12. What is the issue in education? The issue is quality education for all students. As a Catholic community we need to campaign for the best possible government and non-government schools that are all up-to-date and well resourced. We need to combine our efforts to ensure the best possible opportunities are available to all. Catholic schools are not in competition with government schools. The divisiveness that has characterised the education debate in past years needs to be set aside for all our children.

# SPORT AND NEWS

Last term Marcellin qualified in every division in the Rugby League and in the Under 14s Soccer Grand Finals. The U14 Soccer team had a great season winning all their games only to fall short at the final losing against Lewisham 0-2 in a spirited game. Players of the match were Jarrod Kenny and Nick Tsoukalis. Congratulations Mr Proctor on a fabulous job coaching the boys and congratulations to his team on their efforts this season. A piece of history was made after all our Rugby League teams contested and won every age division on offer. This was last achieved in 1985 where Marcellin won every trophy that year. This is an incredible achievement winning every trophy and being the undefeated minor premiers in all grades as we did not lose a game this year. The U13 Div 2a, U15 and B grade teams conceded less than 30 points all season and we now have four A Grade Premierships this year: Basketball, Touch Football, Cricket and Rugby League. Congratulations Mr O'Connell, Mr Gardiner, Mr Leary, Mr Koen, Mr Burke, Mr Farrugia and Mr MacNamara on their expertise and the passion they instil into the boys. Congratulations to all Rugby League teams on continuing to make 2010 a successful year.

## MCC WINTER SPORTS - GRAND FINAL RESULTS

Rugby League	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 D1	Under 13 D2A	Under 13 D2B
	Opposition	Bankstown	Kogarah	Kogarah	Kogarah	Pagewood	Pagewood	
	Result	W: 28-22	W: 30-4	W: 22-10	W: 22-18	W: 30-26	W: 32-8	Did not qualify
	Player of Match	Jackson Garlick	Raphael Masache	Aidan Davis	Jaya Murdita	Nat Butcher	Sean Northey	



A Grade Rugby League



B Grade Rugby League



U15 Rugby League



U14 Rugby League



U13 Div 1 Rugby League



U13 Div 2A Rugby League

The MCC Golf and Tennis championships were held last week. The Tennis team has continued to improve in the past couple of years and last week finished second to North Shore. Pearse Dolan in the U13s won the Singles final, and James Psaila and Daniel Naidu won the Opens Doubles. We also finished Runner Up in the 13s, 14s and 15s Doubles. Congratulations to all the Tennis boys, Mr Sheens and Mr Mullaly for their assistance during the season and Mr Gluszyk for his help on the day. The Golfers continue to be the dominant golf team winning their 4th successive Aggregate title. We are now the proud holders of six Aggregate trophies. Brendan Barry finished second in the U13s, and Thomas Warwick, Adam Pustetto, Ruben Sondjaja, Jake Baker and Cameron Black all won their age divisions. These are outstanding results. Congratulations Mr MacNamara for his coaching over the season and our Golf team for their excellent results.

The Athletics team will commence training on Tuesday and will compete in Week 6. If any boy is unable to attend training, they must see Mr Laing in person.

Last Friday Maxwell Wilson, Thomas Scullion and Samuel Morgan all competed at the NSW All Schools Cross Country championship. Thomas and Samuel finished in the top 30 whilst Maxwell finished 6th in his age group. Maxwell now moves on to the combined high schools event at the end of August. We congratulate all three boys on their efforts and wish Maxwell the best of luck.

*Mr Robert Capizzi, Sport Coordinator*



Pearse Dolan, Tennis



Golf Champions

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Special opening time: Wednesday 28th July 4.30pm-6.30pm (Years 8 and 9 Parent/teacher evening).

**Canteen Helpers:** Volunteers are needed to help in the College canteen. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Jan Maroon at the College on 9398 6355. Any help would be very much appreciated.