

MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



NEWSLETTER

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

The last time I was in France in 2006 I was romancing my wife in a restaurant by the River Seine in Paris. The river has a vibrant beauty that has attracted millions the world over, as it massages its way round some of the planets most iconic religious and cultural sites. Walking along its banks with a loved one is a great experience, but nothing too unique. During this most recent Easter break I found myself in France again. This time I wasn't romancing anyone – it was a personal journey of the heart – to the heart of Champagnat country. As part of this year's Hermitage Pilgrimage Study Tour I joined twenty two other Brothers and teachers from Marist schools across Australia on a three week journey to France and Italy. During our time together we studied, visited and reflected on the significant people and places that make up the beginnings of the Marist story. Sounds like a great trip? Indeed it was. But it was much more than just a holiday, it was a pilgrimage, a shared experience, and for me a significant spiritual awakening.

Having been educated by the Brothers I have always been intrigued by what it was that had attracted them to the vocation. Why Marist? and why Brother? Why dedicate your life to the education and service of others? It's something that I have a deep and lasting respect for, yet have never fully understood. I've asked many Brothers I know why they chose this path in their life and they all have their own reasons. However, I've been searching for an insight that could help explain why so many have responded to this call to follow in the footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat. During the pilgrimage it became much more apparent to me that the Brothers see themselves as a real family not merely a religious institution. Being able to observe first hand their sense of fraternity in whichever community we were among, was perhaps the insight I had been seeking. I was constantly amazed at the genuine brotherly love and affection they displayed upon greeting one another. The Brothers I encountered from all parts of the Marist world all have this special bond – its universal. In Marcellin's Spiritual Testament just before his passing he said, "Let it be said of the Little Brothers of Mary, as they said of the first Christians, see how they love one another". Here it was, laid out before the Brothers from the very beginning – a deep affection for family with Mary as the source of inspiration, is at the heart of what it means to be Marist. How the charismatic Champagnat was able to enliven in others this spirituality is a wonderful and compelling story, it is still being written today.

The early Brothers have much to teach us also, for Marcellin knew very early on that he could not do this work alone. "We need Brothers", he said as a young priest, after his encounter with the dying Jean Baptiste Montagne, who as a young man had not known God or encountered any religious instruction in any depth. As Marcellin saw it, he died never being touched by the spirit. How could someone not know God? This was for Marcellin a critical moment in his life's mission, and a mission that had to be a shared one. For Marcellin, it solidified his belief that any movement of the spirit could only be lasting if it was lived through a community that embraced the same vision. For him, it was Brothers that could make Jesus known and loved to the young, and to present this love through the Marian face of the church. A powerful and authentic way of being Catholic.

The charism of Marcellin lives today not only in the Brothers, but also it lives in the many Marist lay communities of teachers, students and their families throughout the world. It is present here in abundance at MCR. We may not be in southern France but we are definitely a part of Champagnat country. On my last day at the Hermitage, the house that Marcellin and the early Brothers built, I sat for a quiet moment and encountered the beauty of the River Gier that runs through the property. Here I was where Marcellin lived, worked and died. It was here, that began a movement that would eventually make its way across the world, with a presence in 79 countries today. The river is a constant reminder for me of the living spirit of Marcellin within all of us who have been open to the story. I have some deeper insights into this spirit now than I did before the pilgrimage, but still a lifetime of learning remains. Paris is a wonderful place for so many reasons, one of those cities that enliven all the senses, however, the spirit of Champagnat that flows through my heart is with me wherever I am. Cherish being Marist!



With my best wishes,

Brian Vane-Tempest

Mr Brian Vane-Tempest,
Director of Development and Communications

FROM THE HEADMASTER

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



Brayden Sorge, Year 12 and Marko Bozic, Year 11
Selected in the NSWCCC Open Soccer team to
play in the All Schools championship

Abaina Davis and Justin Richardson,
Year 10
Selected in the U16 MCC Cross Country team to
compete in the CCC championship

Benjamin Thornton
Year 10
Selected in the NSW team
to swim at the Australian
All Schools championships
in Melbourne

Aaron Gray
Year 12
Selected in the NSWCCC
Open Rugby League
team to play in the NSW
All Schools competition

CONGRATULATIONS

Rory West Haldane, Year 9, won the Waverley Shield for the Most Outstanding Freestyle Swimmer and U14 Boys Age Champion. Harry Mourant, Year 8, was awarded the Most Improved Cadet in the Coogee Surf Life Saving Club for 2010-2011 and Jack Cuthbert, Year 9, received the Cadet Patrol Service award in the Coogee Surf Life Saving Club for 2010-2011. Andrew Norton and Denver Burns were selected in the Open CCC Rugby Union team and Luke in the U16 CCC Rugby Union team. Andrew Maratta, Hayden Preece, Ethan Natoli, Jake Richards, Bronson Garlick, Zac Wheeler, Zac Bataille, Luke Dooner, Blake Hurley, Justin Richardson, Cheyne Whitelaw, Jackson Swiney, Jack Erickson and Lucas Aldous in the MCC Rugby Union squad won the Combined Catholic College U16 Rugby Union competition. Chad Creighan, Year 7, has been selected for the 2011 Basketball NSW Talented Athlete program to be held in July. Tom Perrin, Joshua Potts, Joshua Ellison, and Fraser Graham (Year 9) were selected in the U15 Junior Bunnies Rugby League 2011. Peter Kapsimallis, Year 7, achieved his Black Belt with the Shire Martial Arts Club, and his International 1st Dan grading as black belt in Taekwondo.

CHAMPAGNAT AWARD RECIPIENTS



Year 7 (left to right): Ronnie Touma, Thomas Chichester, Chad Creighan,
Anson Antony, Patrick Stellino, and Bobby Nader



Year 8 (left to right): Jayden Azzopardi, Ben Callanan, Benjamin Davis,
Declan White, Cameron Murray, and Huon Fairbairn



Year 9 (left to right): Maui Haumono, Miguel Vila,
Kieren Little and Daniel Hyam



Year 10 (left to right):
Adrian Maglione and Luke Irvine



Year 11 (left to right): Scott Rogers, Jack McKinlay,
Rory O'Grady, Alexander Thomas, and Liam Job



Year 12 (left to right): Brian Flood, Thomas Cogin, John Murdaca, Alexander Engel, Jason Cutugno,
Montgomery Guilhaus, Nicholas Ostrovsky, Benjamin Stepkovitch, and Thomas Stirling



Mrs Hayley Spencer, Mr Robert Sheens,
Mrs Maryanne Davis and Mr Chris Shields,
receive their Staff Contribution awards.

NOTICES AND NEWS

TERM 2 CALENDAR EVENTS

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| Wednesday 22nd June | • Years 10 and 11 Parent Teacher Evening 3.30pm-8.15pm. |
| Thursday 23rd June | • MCC Winter Sports Grand Finals. |
| Friday 1st July | • Last day of Term 2. |

TERM 3 CALENDAR EVENTS

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| Monday 18th July | • First day of Term 3. |
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ITALIAN TRIP 2012

An Adventure of a Lifetime!!!

There is still a number of opportunities for boys who would like to join the 2012 Italian Trip. You DO NOT need to be a current student of Italian.

A BIG THANKS to all the families that have responded. Your support and interest is much appreciated. Ms Carmelina fede, Italian Coordinator.

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SUBJECT SELECTION

Students in Years 8 and 10 recently received a letter regarding subject selection for 2012. (Copy available on the school website). For students in Year 8 (Year 9 2012) subject information will be sent home with your son on Friday 24th June and subjects must be chosen online between 24th June–1st July. Students in Year 10 (Year 11 2012) will have an information night with their parents where they will receive subject information on Tuesday 14th June. Subjects must be chosen online between 14th–27th June. Year 10 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 22nd June to assist in the decision making process.

Mr Bob Anderson, Director of Teaching and MLearning

MUSIC CONCERT

**MID YEAR
MUSIC CONCERT**

**Wednesday 29th June
6pm - 7.30pm
Marist Centre**

Entry: gold coin donation which will go towards keeping our Music Ensembles Program free for all participants.



CHAMPAGNAT DAY CELEBRATIONS

'Around the same table' was the theme for our Champagnat Mass on 10th June in the Marist Centre. We were joined in celebration by many of the Brothers from our community and Br Michael Callinan from the Ministries Office. The Mass was presided by Fr Max Blumenthal and was a moving celebration of our Marist Charism. The Champagnat Mass was also an opportunity to present the Champagnat Awards to staff members Mr Chris Shields, Mr Robert Sheens, Mrs Hayley Spencer and Mrs Maryanne Davis who have made outstanding contributions to the Marcellin College community.

Mr Anthony Boys, Religious Education Coordinator

Sound the same table



Champagnat Day BBQ



Champagnat Mass

SPORT AND NEWS

CCC CROSS COUNTRY

The CCC Cross Country was held last week at Eastern Creek. Fourteen boys from Marcellin represented the combined MCC team. Congratulations to Joshua and Luke Dever, Thomas Scullion and Maxwell Wilson on being selected for the NSWCCC team.

NSWCCC AFL

Last week Abaina Davis and Jordan Foote represented at the NSWCCC AFL in a three day tournament at Cecil Hills. I'd like to congratulate both boys on their representation, in particular to Abaina, who has been selected in the NSW All Schools team that will compete in Canberra at the end of July. This is a great achievement from Abaina and he now joins the growing list of boys representing at the elite level.

MCC WINTER SPORTS - ROUND 7 RESULTS

Soccer	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13
	Opposition	Ashfield	Ashfield	BYE	Ashfield	Ashfield
	Result	L: 1-5	W: 6-1		W: 2-1	W: 10-0
	Player of Match	Brayden Sorge	Harreson Baldwin		Campbell Schwaiger	Henry Hughes

Rugby League	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 D1	Under 13 D2A	Under 13 D2B
	Opposition	Ashfield	BYE	Ashfield	Ashfield	Ashfield	Lewisham 3	Pagewood
	Result	W: 52-4		W: 40-4	W: 46-18	W: 46-10	W: 48-4	W: 30-0
	Player of Match	Lucas Aldous		Joshua Potts	Joshua Natoli	Callan Turner	Max Poche	Luke Reid Joseph Galea

RUGBY LEAGUE AND SOCCER

Congratulations to all of the Rugby League and Soccer teams on their performances against De La Salle, Ashfield last week.

Every Marcellin team has now qualified for the semi finals this Thursday. We wish all the boys and their coaches the best of luck this week.

Below you will find the schedule for Rugby League and Soccer. Please check the website on Thursday for any further changes to venues or locations.

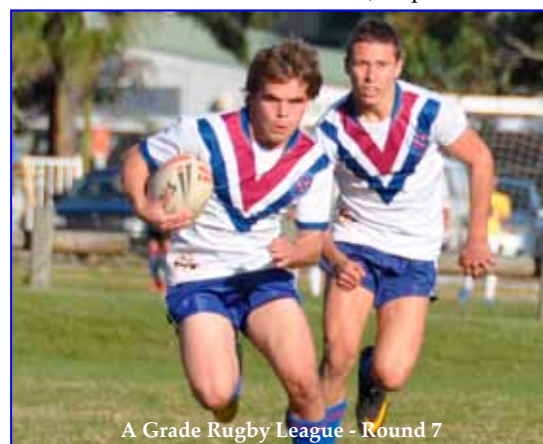
MCC SEMI FINAL SCHEDULES

Rugby League Schedule

Grades	Venue	Bus Departs	Bus Returns	Starting Time
U13 Div 1 v Kogarah	Matrville Tigers	12:10pm		1:15pm
U13 Div 2a v Lewisham	Marcellin Fields	12:10pm	3:30pm	1:15pm
U13 Div 2b v Kogarah	Bexley Oval	12:10pm	3:00pm	1:15pm
U14 v Kogarah	Matrville Tigers	12:10pm		2:15pm
U15 v Lewisham	Marcellin Fields	12:10pm	3:30pm	2:15pm
B Grade v Kogarah	Marcellin Fields	12:10pm	3:30pm	1:15pm
A Grade v Pagewood	Marcellin Fields	12:10pm	3:30pm	2:15pm

Soccer Schedule

Grades	Venue	Bus Departs	Bus Returns	Starting Time
U13 v Lewisham	Beaman Park	12:10pm	4:00pm	1:15pm
U14 v Lewisham	Beaman Park	12:10pm	4:00pm	2:15pm
U15 v North Shore	Heffron Park	12:10pm	3:30pm	1:15pm
B Grade v Lewisham	Arlington Oval	12:10pm	4:15pm	2:15pm
A Grade v Kogarah	Heffron Park	12:10pm	3:30pm	2:15pm



COMMUNITY NEWS

Canteen Helpers: Volunteers are needed to help in the College canteen. Parents and grandparents are welcome. If you are able to help please contact Mrs Debra Moore at the College on 9398 6355. Any help would be very much appreciated.

Ex-Students: The Ex-Students Association Annual Mass & Lunch will be held on Saturday 27th August. After Mass, lunch will be held at the Coogee Surf Club. We will provide more details as they become available.

Uniform Shop: Open Tuesday 8am-11.15am and Thursday 8am-1pm. Special opening hours Saturdays: 8:30am - 10:30am 16th July, 8th October; and Parent Teacher evenings (4:30pm-6:30pm) Wednesday 20th July and Wednesday 27th July.

Mr Robert Capizzi, Sport Coordinator