Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students,

In recent weeks I have been reading the book 'In The Heart of The Temple' by Joan Chittister. In a chapter on 'Ministry' she reflects on the Transfiguration. I came away with a much greater appreciation and understanding of what this event is all about. The passage can be found in the Gospel of Matthew Ch 17:1-13. I have printed it below for your reflection.

We are told that Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration, is one of those places that is not "on the way" to anywhere. Mount Tabor is steep, rugged and hard to scale. The path that leads to the mountain is narrow, dangerous and long. Then, at the top, with the exception of the view of the vast unending plain of Jezreel below, there is nothing there. It is Tabor to which Jesus took Peter, James and John.

Chittister tells us that Peter, James and John thought they had been called to the mountain to be with Jesus alone. So, the scripture says, "they left the world below and went off by themselves," prepared, apparently, to follow Jesus and find God.

Mountains in ancient spiritualities were always points of contact with God because they were the places where earth touched heaven. To go up to such a place is always then to be seeking a special relationship with God.

Scripture tells us that a strange and wonderful thing occurred there. Peter, James and John received a new insight into Jesus. They began to see him differently. Peter was overcome by the occasion and wanted to build three dwellings there. In many ways Peter failed to fully comprehend what was taking place.

Jesus identified himself with Moses and Elijah on Mount Tabor. Moses led the people out of oppression while Elijah condemned the compromise between true and false Gods; he exposed to the people the underlying causes of their problem.

Jesus identified himself with those who ministered to the people. He did not look for the glory or the comfortable. He listened to the people, cared for the needy and exposed the underlying causes of all that was wounding people in their society.

Jesus brought Peter, James and John down from the mountain, with a greater understanding that their role was for service, not for personal gratification. They could not possibly be affective if their vision remained back on the mountain top. While they needed to go there to truly appreciate who Jesus was, they came away with a commitment to living a life of service and ministry for those in need. Chittister also tells us that "the call to ministry also means that we can not build a spiritual life and expect to stay on the top of our pious mountains. In essence we are being challenged to be more in tune with the needs of those around us. It is very much about being 'other-centred’ rather than self-centred’

Being awakened to Jesus on Mount Tabor led Peter, James and John to an awareness of where their ministry was leading them. They were being led to the suffering, the poor, the lonely, the sick and those in need. The account of the Transfiguration is an opportunity for us to refocus our lives on what is important and what the Christian message is all about. May we take some time in the week ahead to reflect on the significance it has for us in our own life circumstances.

With best wishes

Br Bill Sullivan, fms
Headmaster
Congratulations to all these boys on their Special Achievements. Well done!

**Lewis Raymond**  
Year 7  
Selected in the U13 Randwick Rugby Representative team

**Nicholas Ostrovsky**  
Year 7  
Selected in the U13 Randwick Rugby Representative team

**Max Palmier**  
Year 7  
Selected in the U13 Randwick Rugby Representative team

**Andrew Norton**  
Year 7  
Selected in the U13 Randwick Rugby Representative team

**William Chiles**  
Year 8  
Selected in the U13 Randwick Rugby Representative team

**Billy Hodgetts**  
Year 8  
Selected in the U13 Randwick Rugby Representative team

**Jason Clark**  
Year 11  
Selected in the NSW U17 team to play in Queensland

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Upcoming Events

- Year 10 and 11 Parent Teacher Wednesday 21st June 3:45-8 pm.  
  *It is the College expectation that parents make every effort to be in attendance for this night. All interviews will be held in the Marist Centre.*

- MCC Semi Finals Thursday June 22nd

- MCC Grand Finals Thursday June 29th

- Lessons conclude for Term 2 at 3:20 pm on Friday June 30th

- Term 3 commences Monday 17th July at 8:35 am

- Year 7 Parent Teacher Wednesday 19th July 3:45-8 pm

- Year 8 & 9 Parent Teacher Wednesday 26th July 3:45-8 pm

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After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters - one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.” The disciples asked him, “Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?”

Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.” Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.

Matthew 17:1-13
Farewell and Thank you

Mr Vic Eckersley our College Business Manager retires at the end of the Term 2 holidays. I would like to offer my thanks to Vic for the outstanding job he has done here over ten years. His expertise and sound financial management has allowed the College to improve facilities to the great extent that we have. We have been fortunate indeed to have had such a caring and professional person guiding us these past ten years. We wish you well, Vic. We welcome Mrs Margaret Thurston who will be our new Business Manager.

Ms Lorna Ciesiolka officially retires at the end of this term. Mrs Ciesiolka has been the Coordinator of English at Marcellin, overseen the Debating and Oratory and been a thoroughly dedicated teacher over eleven years. We thank you for all your efforts and for your generous support of the College. We wish you well as you move away from full time employment.

Mrs Elizabeth Burrage also retires at the end of this term after 15 years at Marcellin. Thank you for your generous support of the boys and the College during your long association with us. We all wish you a happy and healthy retirement.

Miss Alison Williams is moving back home to London after three years with us. Miss Williams has been an excellent Science Coordinator and teacher and will certainly be missed. Thank you for all your care and generosity these past 3 years.

Requests for Leave

Parents are reminded that all requests for leave are to be directed to the Headmaster, in writing, well before the intended absence. I would ask for your support in minimizing all absences which interrupt the learning environment for you son. As I have stated many times it is hard to maintain a settled environment here when boys are coming and going. Your cooperation with this request is much appreciated.

Improvement in Attendance

Despite the unpleasant weather of recent weeks, we have still managed to gain a 15% improvement in attendance from the same period in 2005. A pleasing statistic. I look forward to a sustained effort to keep improving this statistic in the months ahead.

Change of date of Ex-Students Mass and Dinner

The Ex-Students Mass and Dinner will now be held on 25th August, 2006

Mass: St Brigid’s Church Brook Street Coogee 6.30pm
Dinner: Coogee Randwick RSL Club, Corner Carr & Byron Streets Coogee 8.30pm
Cost: $50

Please phone or visit the College during Office Hours to make a booking. 9398 6355

Musical

The Marcellin College Mid-Year Music Spectacular is approaching! The evening will feature performances by talented individual musicians, groups from our instrumental tuition program, elective and non-elective music classes, and the Concert Band, Stage Band and Vocal Ensemble.

Date: Wednesday 28th June, 6.00pm
Venue: Marist Centre

Community Notices

Parish News
Randwick Parish in conjunction with CREDO (Catholic Renewal & Evangelisation Diocesan Office) will be holding a Parish mission incorporating the following events:
- Conference for adults Saturday 24th June
- Special Event for young mums and their pre-schoolers from 9.15 am to 11.30 am Tuesday, 27th June.
- Catholic movie screening night at the Ritz Cinema on Wednesday, 28th June. Further details can be obtained from Elizabeth Peoples, CREDO. Email: elizabeth.peoples@credosydney.org, Phone: 9643 3690 (9am-1pm weekdays) or visit the CREDO website: www.credosydney.org

Randwick Youth Ministry
TESTIFY Youth Rally. Venue: OLSH Randwick Parish Centre. Day/Date/Time: Friday, 30th June 2006, 7:30pm. This will be a night of music, friendship and fun. It will also include a time of prayer, reflection and reconciliation. Come along and see what it’s all about! It’s going to be a night of fun and energy! For details contact: Tristan Haber, Youth Minister, Phone(02) 9399 6775, Fax (02) 9398 7251, Mobile 0416 017 014
Thank you to all the parents and friends of the College who attended our Champagnat Day Mass on Friday June 9th in the Marist Centre. Despite the inclement weather it was a tremendous day for the College as the Marcellin community took time to reflect on the inspirational work of our founder Saint Marcellin Champagnat. The College congratulates all those boys who received the Champagnat Award for 2006. Photos of all the Champagnat Award Winners can be found at