

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

### School Uniform – Why all the effort, why bother?

I spent each day last week, be it at the gate at the end of the day, or when I popped in to classes, asking, and sometimes instructing boys to do up their top button and adjust their tie. I wondered to myself whether people were thinking that this is some obsession of mine, and that I seemed overly focused on trivial surface details when I should be concerned about much deeper educational issues. But I think not. Or better put, I think I should be on about both.

Studies out of Florida in the USA have confirmed our intuitions and our experience that in schools where uniform is strictly enforced the learning culture is more productive and the behaviour management issues are fewer. Schools like our own that make a point about being strict about uniform signal that we mean business when it comes to maintaining control of student behaviour. It radiates the message that there are expectations and boundaries, both of which are critical to learning and development.



Some people in schools don't like speaking about 'maintaining control of student behaviour' – they think that the 'control' word is draconian and speaks of an era in schools many of us would like to forget. I can resonate with the resistance as there was too much fear associated with control in my days at school. But control is not a dirty word. Controlling behaviour is what societies, organisations and families have to do. Take insurance companies for example. They control drivers under the age of 25 by having what seems like exorbitantly high insurance premiums. But what we know from experience is that many drivers in that age bracket are often incapable of consistent responsible driving without the control measure. As a sense of responsibility is developed, control is relaxed. Good schools work like that too.

In this vain, some people use the military as a metaphor for schools – it's not one that sits comfortably with me and yet there is some wisdom in what the military can teach us. They have long believed in the truth of the old adage that to have people cooperate in large matters, we must first require them to comply on what seems to be minor matters. Compliance is borne out of habit, and a school without compliance is in a mess. I believe that schools expecting obedience from children in the details of dress establish and maintain control of student behaviour generally.

Far from being about obsession with trivial surface details instead of deeper education issues, concern with uniform can be seen to be about the crucial task of helping students to learn necessary habits of discipline. And discipline rated among the strongest attributes valued by parents at the Conversation with the Headmaster evening earlier in the term.

When parents and boys of Years 7-11 receive their reports they will find that a number of staff have commented on uniform in their pastoral comments. Rather than being a space-filler I think it is an important matter on which to make comment and it is a matter which, among most things with adolescents, requires constant reminders and even, at times, appropriate sanctions.

Let's all be attentive to boys wearing their uniform, and wearing it well, in these final weeks of the term.

Regards,



Br David Hall, FMS  
Headmaster

# FROM THE HEADMASTER

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



Cross Country Age Champions - Jordan Clements, Johnathon Ford, Samuel Morgan, Thomas Scullion, Tim Mili and Maxwell Wilson



Swimming Age Champions - Brendan Irvine, Samuel Disalvo, Benjamin Thornton, Luke Irvine, Benjamin Gordon. Absent - Benjamin Davis



Tennis Age Champions - Elvin Wong, Ashley Burton, Luke Gander, Pearse Dolan, Daniel Hahn and Matthew Edwards



Best Batsman and Best Bowler in Cricket - James McKenzie, Joe Bidwell, Jordan Habib, Jack Erickson, Guy Rowles, Cameron McKinlay



Golf Age Champions - Jake Baker, Adam Pustetto, Thomas Warwick, Max Poche, Brendan Barry and Cameron Black



Most Improved and Best and Fairest in Squash - Michael Simeone and James Psaila



Senior Surfing Champion Jackson Barron



Most Improved and Best and Fairest in Basketball - Michael Bowles, Andrew Panousis, Mason Jones, Charles Stinson, Jonni Mei-Edwards, Jack Janis, Jialong Li. Absent - Abaina Davis



Most Improved and Best and Fairest in Touch Football - Thomas Cogin, Adam Shean, Zachary Bataille, Blake Hurley, Andrew Norton. Absent - Jackson Swiney, Alexander Thomas and Jake Nurmi

## CONGRATULATIONS

Jake Scott, Year 10, represented Australia in the World Junior Surfing championships in New Zealand and has been nominated for the Junior Sports Star award in the local area.

Lars Roy, Year 11, was awarded Best Back in the Harold Matthews Shield (North Sydney) and has been selected in the U16 Southern Zone Rugby Union and in the U16 NSWCCC Rugby Union team.

Year 7 students Nat Butcher, Jarrod Howes, Ryan Larrosa, Luke McKaig, Joshua Natoli and Cooper Smith, and Year 8 students Jaiden Brown, Shaun Northey and Connor Mirotsos have been selected in the U13 South Junior Bunnies squad.

## STAFF CONTRIBUTION AWARD



Mr Paul Daley, Mrs Marlene Smith, Mr Anthony Burke and Mr Robert Capizzi received the Staff Contribution Award

# NOTICES AND NEWS

## TERM 2 CALENDAR EVENTS

**Wednesday 23rd June** • Years 10/11 Parent Teacher Evening 3.45pm-8.30pm.

**Thursday 24th June** • MCC Winter Sports Grand Finals.

**Friday 2nd July** • Last Day of Term 2. Holidays commence 3.20pm. Please support the College by ensuring your son is present up to this time. Thanks again for your support with this.

## TERM 3 CALENDAR EVENTS

**Monday 19th July** • Term 3 Commences.

**Wednesday 21st July** • Year 7 Parent Teacher Evening 3.45-8.30pm.

**Wednesday 28th July** • Years 8 and 9 Parent Teacher Evening 3.45-8.30pm.

### MID YEAR MUSIC CONCERT

**Wednesday 30th June**  
6pm - 7pm  
Marist Centre



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

## SUBJECT SELECTION - PARENTS OF BOYS IN YEARS 8 AND 10

Boys in Years 8 and 10 received a letter regarding subject selection for 2011. (Copy available on the school website). For boys in **Year 8** (Year 9 2011) subject information and a booklet will be sent home with your son on June 21st and subjects must be chosen online between June 21st and 28th. Boys in **Year 10** (Year 11 2011) will have an information night with their parents where they will receive subject information and a booklet. Subjects must be chosen online between July 20th and 27th.

## CHAMPAGNAT DAY CELEBRATIONS

'Now is the time' was the theme for our Champagnat Mass on 11th 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 Peter Herne and was a moving celebration of our Marist Charism. Representative of our call to action, 'Now being the time' some of the proceeds from the College's Lenten collection were presented to Br Michael on behalf of Marist Asia Pacific Solidarity (MAPS). Social Justice Captain Madalitso Masache presented a cheque for \$12,000 to MAPS to advance their outstanding work. The remainder of the Lenten collections will be forwarded to Caritas and to the Society of St Vincent de Paul to sustain their excellent programs. The Champagnat Mass was also an opportunity to present the Champagnat Awards to staff members Mr Paul Daley, Mrs Marlene Smith, Mr Anthony Burke and Mr Robert Capizzi, who have made outstanding contributions to the Marcellin College community.

*Mr Anthony Boys, Religious Education Coordinator*



## VACCINATION PROGRAM - YEAR 7 AND 10 STUDENTS

A team of specially trained Registered Nurses will be visiting the school on July 2nd for the National Adolescent Vaccination Program for Year 7 and 10 students. This program will ensure that students in Year 7 are offered protection against Hepatitis B, Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (Whooping Cough) and Year 10 students are offered protection against Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis. It is very important for any child who receives the first dose of Hepatitis B vaccine to receive the second dose in order to complete the course. Year 7 students who are absent for the first vaccination clinic booking will be entitled to receive a free course of Hepatitis B vaccine via a GP. Year 10 students who are absent for the first vaccination clinic booking will be offered the Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis vaccine at the second vaccination clinic. A consent form will be sent home with your son.

## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS - BULLETIN NOS. 4, 5 AND 6

4. Our Kids - Our Future - Do school fees cover the cost of your child's education? No! School fees are very important but education is extremely expensive. Together, the State and Federal governments provide about 80% of the operating funds for most of the Catholic schools in NSW. For Catholic schools, the remaining 20% is made up by fees and other charges paid by parents, support from the parish (for primary schools) and fundraising activities. Parents also pay substantial building levies for new buildings and major upgrades of school facilities.

5. Your child's education - How much funding does your child receive in Government grants? Government expenditure per school 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.

6. Quality Education - Investing in our children's future - All Australian students deserve an equitable share of State and Government funds to support their education.

# SPORT AND NEWS

Congratulations to the nineteen boys who competed on 11th June at the NSWCCC Cross Country carnival at Eastern Creek, in particular to Samuel Morgan in the U12 age group finishing 6th overall and Maxwell Wilson in the U15s finishing 4th. Thomas Scullion, Thomas Fagan and Joshua Dever competed in the MCC U13s team finishing second overall. The winter season semi finals were played last week and I am pleased to announce that of the ten semi final teams, seven have moved through to the grand final. I'd like to thank the A Grade and U13 Soccer, and the U13 Division 2B Rugby League teams for their efforts this season. Unfortunately they were knocked out of the semi finals. The U14 Soccer remain undefeated and Marcellin will contest the grand final in every Rugby League age group. This is an outstanding achievement. Well done to all boys and their coaches on their efforts. I'd like to thank Mr Dave Ferguson for the way he presents Marcellin Fields each week and Mr Mitchell Dryden and Mr Con Zouroudis, our ground managers for their organisation in making sure the games run on time and smoothly each week. A separate letter will be sent home with the details of sport arrangements for Thursday. Best of luck to everyone involved in the grand finals. Game times and venues are as follows:

**Soccer** *Under 14:* MCR V Lewisham, Pratten Park 1pm.  
**Rugby League** *A Grade:* MCR v Bankstown, Leichhardt Oval 2pm;  
*B Grade:* MCR v Kogarah, Leichhardt Oval 1pm;  
*Under 15:* MCR v Kogarah, Leichhardt Oval 12pm;  
*Under 14:* MCR v Kogarah, Erskineville Oval 2pm;  
*Under 13 Div1:* MCR v Pagewood, Erskineville Oval 1pm;  
*Under 13 Div2:* MCR V Pagewood, Erskineville Oval 12pm. *Mr Robert Capizzi, Sport Coordinator*

## MCC WINTER SPORTS - ROUND 4 RESULTS

Soccer	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13
	Opposition	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham
	Result	D: 1-1	L: 0-2	L: 0-4	D: 0-0	D: 2-2
	Player of Match	Brayden Sorge	Harreson Baldwin	Alec Faulkner	Adrian Lara	Declan White

  

Rugby League	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 D1	Under 13 D2A	Under 13 D2B
	Opposition	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	North Shore
	Result	W: 32-4	W: 22-6	W: 36-0	W: 22-14	W: 14-12	W: 32-0	W: 52-0
	Player of Match	Cameron McKinlay	Matthew Edwards	Aidan Davis	Jaia Murdita	Connor Mirotsos	Jack Thornton Sean Northey	Matthew Solomonson



## MCC WINTER SPORTS - SEMI FINALS

Soccer	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13
	Opposition	Kogarah	Did not qualify	Did not qualify	Kogarah	Ashfield
	Result	L: 1-2			W: 3-0	L: 2-4
	Player of Match	Duncan Rogers			Claudio Fabiano	Michael Polieri

  

Rugby League	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 D1	Under 13 D2A	Under 13 D2B
	Opposition	North Shore	North Shore	Bankstown	Lewisham	North Shore	Kogarah	Pagewood
	Result	W: 38-14	W: 22-10	W: 52-6	W: 26-6	W: 52-0	W: 40-6	L: 4-22
	Player of Match	Jackson Garlick	Alex Bergmann	Hayden Preece	Andres Rossini	Nat Butcher	Brandon Austin	Anthony La Rosa

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Uniform Shop:** Open Tuesday 8am-11.15am and Thursday 8am-1pm. Special opening hours: Saturday 26th June 8.30am-10.30am; and Parent Teacher evenings (4.30pm-6.30pm) on Wednesday 23rd June and Wednesday 21st July.

**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.