

MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

Many of my family and friends share my interest in good wine. Fewer share my interest in Formula 1 motor racing, and even fewer share my interest in reading Catholic newspapers from all over the world. I imagine it's an interest that is also not shared by many readers of this column. It sounds like a boring past-time doesn't it? But I find it quite fascinating. What Catholic newspapers choose to write about, who they get to write it, and the way they present their message says something about the church they believe in and want to promote.

Some are vigorous advocates of change, and at the other end of the spectrum there are those who are committed to an unwavering endorsement of the Church's magisterium. One that sits 'in between,' and is my favourite, is *The Tablet*.

It is a Jesuit produced paper that comes out of the United Kingdom and is newsy and analytical. It wrestles with issues pertinent to the Church and the world and seeks to provide wide commentary on a range of matters. Take for instance the recent beatification of Pope John Paul II. Some people enthusiastically supported this unusually swift elevation of the late Pontiff while others wondered about the prudence, and even motivation of the curial decision to put JPII ahead of others deemed to be just as worthy, if not more so. In response to the controversy *The Tablet* published two articles expressing two completely opposing points of view, leaving the reader to make up their own mind – I like their style; informed, well-argued opinions that invite dialogue rather than simply instructing.

On the Australian scene the appeal of Catholic newspapers varies. In my opinion there's too much about what priests, bishops and religious sisters and brothers think and do, and not enough about what the 'people in the pews' think. Among the Australian Catholic papers there is one stand-out exception for me. *Aurora*, the newspaper of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, has recently gone for a new look and feel and I think it works. Not only does the new format and layout look good but the content is less about the ecclesial activities of the ordained and professed and more about issues that involve and challenge the People of God. A case in point.

The issue of homosexuality often divides, rather than unites people within the Catholic Church. Some see homosexual people as being inherently evil and disordered, and yet others understand it to be a sexual preference over which those who identify that way have no choice. Some Catholic newspapers advertise programs for gay people that aim at turning them away from homosexuality and yet others

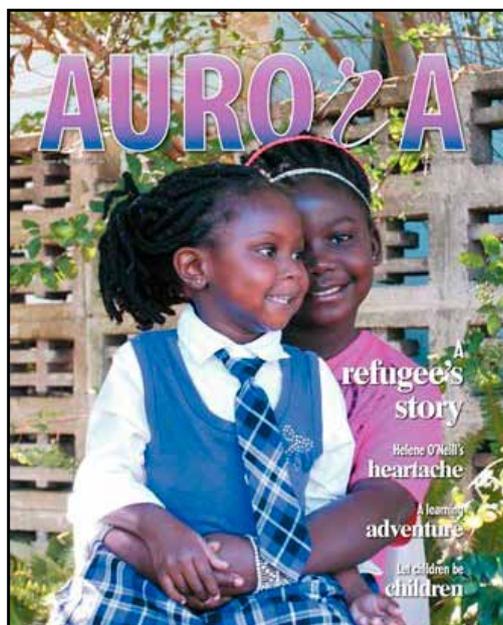
will advertise Masses for gay Catholics where they are encouraged to embrace and celebrate their identity. What did *Aurora* do? It published an article written by the parents of a young man who has recently discovered and owned his homosexuality. The article explored the challenge of a Catholic family coming to grips with a reality many shun or ignore. It did not reject Catholic teaching, nor did it present a narrow interpretation of it. Instead, it told the story of people of faith grappling with the inevitable challenges of life. There should be more stories like it; more stories of people dealing with life's tough challenges, all the while seeking to be faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The June edition of *Aurora* featured an article that reported on an interview with the newly installed Bishop, Bill Wright. It was an engaging, refreshing article and quoted Bishop Bill as saying: "I would like to see much more evidence of a church of ideas, so that at the heart of things there are some very strong Christian religious ideas, instead of rote practices or 'emotional devotional'. We believe that human reason can attain to truth, so I would like to see in Catholicism a church that really valued the intelligence and rationality of its people, that engaged with questions and sensible answers." I look forward to continuing my readership of *Aurora* under Bishop Bill's leadership of the Diocese – he seems in sync with the recent change in editorial practice and policy.

What Bishop Bill is calling for, is for Catholics to become involved in the life of the church. I imagine he wants more dialogue – where dialogue is about people being open to change in their encounters with one another and in their encounters with the message of the Gospel of Jesus. There is no longer a place for pacifism in the church; blindly accepting and adopting what is handed down from above. But neither is there a place for opting out. I encourage you to 'check out' various parishes or church organisations in your area, or perhaps a little further beyond, and find a place where you can engage with others so that your faith can be informed, tested, challenged and nurtured. If you're interested in some advice in this regard be in touch:
principal@marcellin.nsw.edu.au

With my best wishes for a safe holiday,

Br David Hall FMS
Headmaster



FROM THE HEADMASTER

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



Marko Bozic
Year 11

Marko Bozic has been selected as Shadow Goal Keeper for the NSW All Schools Open Soccer team.



Anthony Halikas
Year 7

Received the Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Player in the Cawsely Shield team, and also the Junior Representative Player of the Year award.



Justin Richardson
Year 10

Justin received a Champagnat award at the Champagnat Mass.



Abaina Davis
Year 10

Champagnat Award Recipient. Abaina was also selected in the AFL U15 NSW All Schools team to play in the National Championships in Canberra in July.



Jack Cremen
Year 11

Completed with South Maroubra SLSC at the IRB State championships. He won a Gold medal in the Male Mass Rescue and a Bronze medal in the U23 Mass Rescue.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jonni Mei-Edwards, Year 10, participated in the Nunawadding National Basketball tournament representing the NSW team the Sydney Comets in the U18 AR division. They came home the Champions winning the tournament.

Year 8 students Thomas Scullion, Joshua and Luke Dever and Year 10 student Maxwell Wilson, were successful in the CCC Cross Country and qualified for the NSW All Schools championships.

Year 7 students Andrew Cinelli, Bailey Alchin and Jed Bouris, and Year 8 students Cameron Murray, Jayden Azzopardi, Kurtis Preece, Tristan Case and Kell O'Brien were selected in the U13 Junior Bunnies 2011 and won their competition against the NSW North Coast.

On Wednesday 22nd June a group of Year 7 boys played AFL at the Sydney Cricket Ground. They were all part of the U13s Sydney Swans Academy. Three Swans Academy teams played, City, North and South. The Year 7 Marcellin boys Alexander Drury, Maxim Houle, Thomas Chichester, Jared Deep, Anthony Halikas and Harrison Lewis played in the City team which went on to win the Academy showdown.

TERM 2 CALENDAR EVENTS

Wednesday 29th June

- Mid Year Music Concert 6pm-7.30pm Marist Centre.

Friday 1st July

- Last day of Term 2.

TERM 3 CALENDAR EVENTS

Monday 18th July

- First day of Term 3.

Wednesday 20th July

- Year 7 Parent Teacher Evening 3.45pm-8.30pm.

Wednesday 27th July

- Year 8/9 Parent Teacher Evening 3.45pm-8.30pm.

Friday 5th August

- School Ski Trip commences. Concludes Sunday 7th August.

YEAR 8/9 PARENT TEACHER NIGHT

The Year 8/9 Parent Teacher Night will be held on Wednesday 27th July. Appointments will be made in the first week of Term 3. Please feel free to email your son's Year Coordinator - Mr Ben Gardiner, Year 8 Coordinator at gardinerb@marcellin.nsw.edu.au, and Mrs Patricia Kratochvil, Year 9 Coordinator at kratochvilp@marcellin.nsw.edu.au for any further questions.

CHESS

The Chess season for 2011 has come to a close with many memorable moments and highlights. Last week the Senior team played Ascham with Matthew Kelly playing a mammoth game, finally winning in the end, while unfortunately Scott Rogers lost his game after much hard work and concentration.

The Intermediate team also won their match against St Andrews. Matthew Kelly won 'Man of the Match' for his game against Scot's College in which he chased the opponent's King around the board with two galloping Knights. Ms Melissa Gerke, Chess Coordinator



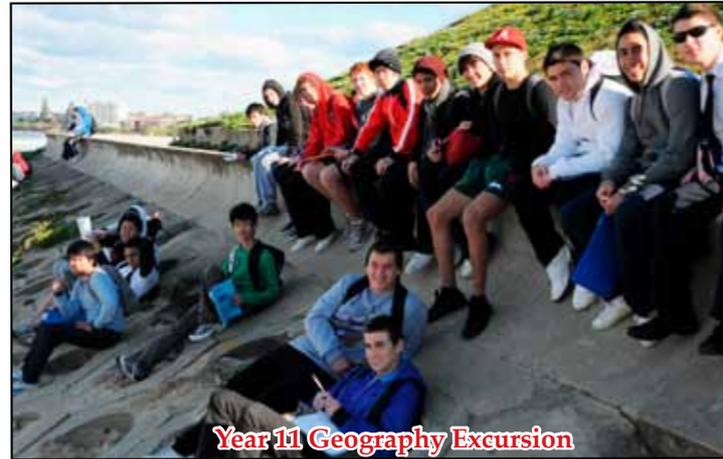
Felix Liang, Cameron Wells and James Bassil

NOTICES AND NEWS

YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION

On Friday 17th June the Year 11 Geography class travelled south to Wanda and Elouera Beaches for an excursion. The purpose of the day was to study the biophysical interactions that exist on a dune ecosystem. During the day we completed tasks such as measuring the distance and gradient of sand dunes, as well as analysing the density of the sand at various locations.

We also learnt about the history of the dunes at Cronulla and the impact of coastal management strategies such as the rock wall on the beach. The excursion was both enjoyable and informative and a valuable way of practically implementing the skills we have learnt in the classroom. *Alex Werfel, Yr 11 Student*



FEES/ACCOUNTS

Term 3 accounts will be sent out on 25th July 2011. We seem to have had some problems with the mail delivery this year so if you haven't received your account by the 28th July please advise the College. If you would prefer to receive your fee statements and receipts by email please advise the College accordingly. Timely payment is appreciated. Thank you.

DEBATING

Marcellin had mixed results in the elimination final with Year 10 successfully progressing to the quarter finals however, our Year 11 and Senior Open teams were beaten by quality opposition in extremely close circumstances. Year 10 Debating Thomas Pantle, Jake Richards, Luke Dooner (coach: Ms Hayley Spencer) won their elimination against Domremy College and went on to defeat Marist Sisters College Woolwich. They now are in the top 4 teams in the Year 10 CSDA and will debate in the semi finals on Friday 23rd July. *Mr Stephen Davidson, Debating Coordinator*

Financial Hardship Scholarship Fund

7pm, Friday 26th August 2011

Randwick Labour Club, 135 Alison Road, Randwick

\$20 per person – Drinks at Club prices.

Bring your own snacks ...food also available from the Club



On Friday 26th August 2011 Marcellin College is holding a major fundraiser to support the College Financial Hardship Scholarship Fund and we would be most grateful for your support. We are seeking donations to auction and raffle from individuals and businesses. If you are able to assist with a donation for one of our major or minor prizes, it would be greatly appreciated. All monies raised on this evening will go towards a Financial Hardship Scholarship Fund supported by the Marcellin P & F and Ex Students Association, supporting students from families experiencing financial hardships.

We plan to have 250 people on the Friday evening and will be more than happy to promote your product on the night and throughout our advertising campaign. Donations can be left at Marcellin Office or pick-ups can be arranged by contacting Maryanne Davis at Marcellin College on 9398 6355. We thank you for your consideration of our request and if you can assist us by donating services or products, it would be greatly appreciated. *Mrs Lisa Stirling, P & F President*

EX STUDENTS ANNUAL MASS AND LUNCH - SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST

The College Annual Mass and Lunch will be held on Saturday 27th August. There will be a tour of the College commencing at 10am. The Mass will be held at Marcellin College in the Vaughan Centre at 11am to be followed by lunch at the Coogee Surf Club at 12.30pm. The cost is \$60 per ticket. Numbers are limited so please reserve your place as soon as possible. RSVP the College on 9398 6355 by Monday 22nd August.

Payments can be made by EFT to: (Please include your name).

Catholic Development Fund: BSB 062-784 Account Number 4953100

It is customary at our annual lunch to 'whip round the hat' for donations for the John Hennessy Financial Hardship Scholarship Fund. This Fund aims to provide financial support for two students in each of the Year groups 7-10 who would benefit from education at MCR but whose family financial circumstances means enrolment is unlikely. This year we will also be seeking financial support for Ministry Week where Year 11 Marcellin students work with organisations across the community that provide services to the frail and aged, the poor and those who are homeless, disadvantaged or disabled. As part of Ministry Week this year five students and two staff will travel to the Thursday Islands for a week living and sharing with people from a very different culture. The Marcellin old boys have a wonderful history of supporting worthy families in the College community and I am sure you would agree sponsoring a student for the Immersion would maintain the strong link the Old Boys have with Marcellin. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation please contact Mrs Sharon Elliot at the College. *Mr Luke MacNamara, Ex Students Secretary*

SPORT AND NEWS

The MCC winter grand finals will be played this Thursday 30th June. Every Marcellin team qualified for the semi finals and I am pleased to report that 7 out of the 12 teams have qualified for the grand finals, five in Rugby League and two in Soccer. A list of all final schedules is listed below. Well done to everyone involved this season and congratulations on your efforts so far. The coaches and boys have invested much time in getting this far and we wish the grand finalists the best of luck with their games on Thursday. I have sent a letter home this week outlining the sport arrangements for the day. If you have any questions regarding Thursday's games, please don't hesitate to call me at school.

Our Tennis team has begun training for their competition on the first Thursday back next term. The Tennis and Golf teams will compete in the MCC championships. The Tennis will be played at the Illawarra Tennis Centre, Rockdale and the Golf will be held at Bexley Golf Course. Both events commence at 9 am. The Athletics team will be announced during Week 1 next term and training will commence on the first Thursday back. Training will be held every Tuesday after school and Thursday during sport time. A reminder that training is compulsory and if boys cannot make it they must see their coaches personally before training. The MCC carnival will be held in Week 6 next term at the Sydney Athletics Centre, Homebush.

After a very busy term for sport, I'd like to thank everyone involved for making the term a successful one. I hope everyone has a good holiday and returns refreshed for our Term 3 sports.

MCC WINTER SPORTS - SEMI FINAL RESULTS

Soccer	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13
	Opposition	Kogarah	Lewisham	North Shore	Lewisham	Lewisham
	Result	D: 0-0	L: 1-3	W: 2-0	L: 0-3	L: 2-3
	Player of Match	Seamus Dowd	Raynard Tan	Claudio Fabiano	James Garlick	Nathaniel Sharpley

Rugby League	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 D1	Under 13 D2A	Under 13 D2B
	Opposition	Pagewood	Kogarah	Lewisham	Kogarah	Kogarah	Lewisham	Kogarah
	Result	W: 50-4	W: 36-8	W: 20-0	L: 40-14	W: 34-6	W: 18-16	L: 14-18
	Player of Match	Alexander Sorge	Peter Daras	Fraser Graham	Ryan Larrosa	Callan Turner	Jack Thornton	Timothy Barron

MCC FINAL SCHEDULES

Please note that any rep teams that have not qualified for the grand finals will support the teams they usually travel with. These teams will leave the College at 10.50am.

Rugby League Schedule

Grades	Venue	Bus Departs	Starting Time
U13 Div 1 v Pagewood	Erskineville Oval	10:50am	1:00pm
U13 Div 2A v Kogarah	Erskineville Oval	10:50am	12:00pm
U13 Div 2B did not qualify	Erskineville Oval	10:50am	
U14 did not qualify	Erskineville Oval	10:50am	
U15 v Kogarah	Leichhardt Oval	10:50am	12:00pm
B Grade v Lewisham	Leichhardt Oval	10:50am	1:00pm
A Grade v Lewisham	Leichhardt Oval	10:50am	2:00pm

Soccer Schedule

Grades	Venue	Bus Departs	Starting Time
U13 did not qualify	Pratten Park	10:50am	
U14 did not qualify	Pratten Park	10:50am	
U15 v Lewisham	Pratten Park	10:50am	2:00pm
B Grade did not qualify	Seymour Shore Park	10:50am	
A Grade v Lewisham	Seymour Shore Park	10:50am	1:00pm

Tennis Schedule

Grades	Venue	Bus Departs	Starting Time
All Grades	Mutch Park	12:15pm	12:45pm



Denver Burns sprints away for A Grade Rugby League

Mr Robert Capizzi, Sport Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Margaret Mary's School Randwick North: Blessing and opening of the new administration building, library and refurbished classrooms on Sunday 24th July 2011 at 2pm. RSVP 9398 6093 by Monday 18th July.

School Canteen: Dinner with Jan Maroon on Friday 29th July 6.30pm at the Rusty Shovel, Kensington RSL - all welcome. Please RSVP Marcellin Canteen Manager by Friday 22nd July on 9398 6355.