

MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

Director of Teaching & M-Learning

Earlier this year, in an open letter to parents, I remarked that 2012 represents an historical moment in Teaching and Learning at Marcellin College. For the first time all students at the College will carry with them a Laptop Computer. With this rollout comes both enormous opportunity and challenge for students, parents and our College staff.

Never before has the partnership between home and school been as important as it is now, in this critical transition into an 'Information and Communications Technology (ICT) rich' learning environment. The correct management of the device both in the areas of physical and electronic care, as well as its appropriate use, are issues which cannot be addressed at school alone.

An enormous amount of energy is being channelled into providing maintenance, consultation and development in the areas of both hardware and software support for the students and staff. The College is developing its own Web-based Application Platform providing the entire Marcellin community with a common gateway for both content sharing and document management. This, in itself, is a huge undertaking but one in which we are totally committed to achieving.

This year sees the first 'Newman Stream' class in Year 7. Homeroom 7.1(Newman) consists of the higher academic performing students from the cohort who are participating in a Research and Development Project funded by the Sydney Catholic Education Office (CEO) targeting Gifted and Talented students. Streaming, where the more academically capable students are in a particular class (7.1, 8.1, 9.1, 10.1), has been our custom at Marcellin for a long time. The Newman Project is helping to sharpen and improve this practice. As well as this, the CEO is also supporting the Action Research Project for Year 9 Religious Education. This work is helping to explore a significant shift in the way we deliver our Year 9 RE curriculum, where content is taught well, but allowing for more experiences of reflection and prayer. Extensive Professional Development (PD) is being made available to College staff in areas such as the effective and efficient use of ICT in the classroom as well as differentiated curriculum to further assist in catering for the wide range of talents of the boys of Marcellin. The affect of this PD will not only directly benefit the boys involved, but I feel will cascade across all Years and Key Learning Areas within the College.

At the recent P&F AGM the College Executive outlined 2012 priorities in relation to the M-Learning platform. From a Teaching and Learning perspective and with 'Active Learning that is ICT rich' as its base, our emphases centre on:

Collaboration
Feedback
Innovation

Encouraging collaborative learning communities for both students and staff, as well as creating avenues for feedback, are seen by many contemporary researchers as areas likely to provide for the most effective teaching and learning. The College's Web-based platform provides an ideal conduit for creating both these learning communities and opening up opportunities to provide quality feedback.

Staff are being encouraged to broaden the traditional teaching practices that have borne success at Marcellin. Our ICT rich learning environment provides opportunities for both staff and students to push these confines and explore alternative and innovative methods of engagement and knowledge construction.



So, in expanding these boundaries we throw an even wider net over what we call 'our learning environment' thereby placing even more importance on our home and school partnership. This alliance has stood the test of time and indeed is one which I'm sure is well equipped to embrace the opportunities and challenges which ICT presents in 2012.

Best Wishes,

Mr Christopher Shields
Director of Teaching and M-Learning

NOTICES AND NEWS

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



Year 7 student Harrison Smith, and Year 8 students Cormac Guthrie, Trent Rutherford and Jorge Hatzigiannis set a record at the MCC Swimming Championships in the 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay in a time of 2:04.28



Benjamin Gordon
Year 9

Benjamin set a record at the MCC Swimming Championships in the U14 Backstroke in a time of 32.10s.



Year 7 students James Gordon, Kel Gollan and Thomas DiSalvo, and Year 8 student Philipp Trupke set a record at the MCC Swimming Championships in the 4 x 50m Medley Relay in a time of 2:21.07



Benjamin Thornton
Year 11

Benjamin set a record at the MCC Swimming Championships in the Opens Freestyle in a time of 54.11s. Benjamin also competed at the NSW State Surf Life Saving Championships winning the U17s Surf Swim.



Congratulations to the Juvenile, Junior, Senior and Aggregate Teams on their outstanding results at the MCC Swimming Championships

TERM 1 CALENDAR EVENTS

Monday 26th March

- College Athletics Carnival at ES Marks Field.

Thursday 5th April

- Last Day of Term.

TERM 2 CALENDAR EVENTS

Monday 23rd April

- Term 2 commences.

Wednesday 2nd May

- Year 12 Parent Teacher Evening 3.45pm-8.30pm.

WINTER UNIFORM

All boys in Years 7-12 are to be fully attired in Winter uniform from Day 1 Term 2. Blazers are a compulsory item from this date so please ensure all blazers are marked with your son's name for easy identification. Please purchase Junior Blazers early to ensure correct size and avoid queues. Rugby Shorts (\$22.50) and Socks (\$14.00) are now in stock. The uniform shop is open Tuesday 8am-11.15am, Thursday 8am-1pm and Saturday 31st March and 21st April 8.30am-10.30am. The phone number for the uniform shop is 9398 6822.

FEE STATEMENTS

We prefer all fee accounts and receipts to be sent out by email. If you are not currently receiving them this way please contact the office and we will set that up for you. Please put the Marcellin address accounts@marcellin.nsw.edu.au in your safe senders' list so accounts/receipts are not directed to your junk mail inbox. Please contact the College if you are not receiving your statements - Term 1 accounts and a reminder have been sent out this Term. Thank you.

2011 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Copies of the 2011 school magazine are now available. Boys from Year 12 2011 can come up to the College to receive their copy.

SCHOOLCARE ACCIDENT POLICY

Marcellin students are protected by the Catholic Church Insurance Limited Schoolcare Accident Policy. If you have any questions you can email schoolcareclaims@ccinsurances.com.au or call the School Care Claims Enquiries number 1300 138 498. You can print a claim form from www.ccinsurances.com.au. If you proceed with a claim, please contact Ms Margaret Thurston at the College prior to the claim being submitted. You will need a Doctor's or Dentist's Certificate and original accounts or invoices for any claimable expenses. Please note Federal Health Legislation prohibits Catholic Church Insurances' SchoolCare Accident insurance from paying any Medicare service including the Medicare Gap. The SchoolCare Accident insurance only provides cover for accidental injury to your child. We are prevented by legislation from payment of benefits relating to illness. Refer to the policy document for full terms, conditions and exclusions.

LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of different items which have been handed in by students as lost property found around the College. Some of these items include pencil cases, sports uniforms and tracksuits. If your son has lost any of these items please ask him to collect them at reception. The labelling of items is important as labelled items can be returned to their owner. Could students please ensure that laptops are also labelled.

ITALIAN TRIP

A 'Bon Voyage' to the 25 Marcellin students, 6 Brigidine College students and 4 Marcellin teachers who will be leaving for their Italian trip on Thursday 5th April. The group will be spending most of their time in Rome, and travelling to Pisa, Florence, Venice and Pompeii. We look forward to hearing about their wonderful adventures upon their return on Monday 23rd April.



CHAMPAGNAT SINGERS - WE NEED YOU!

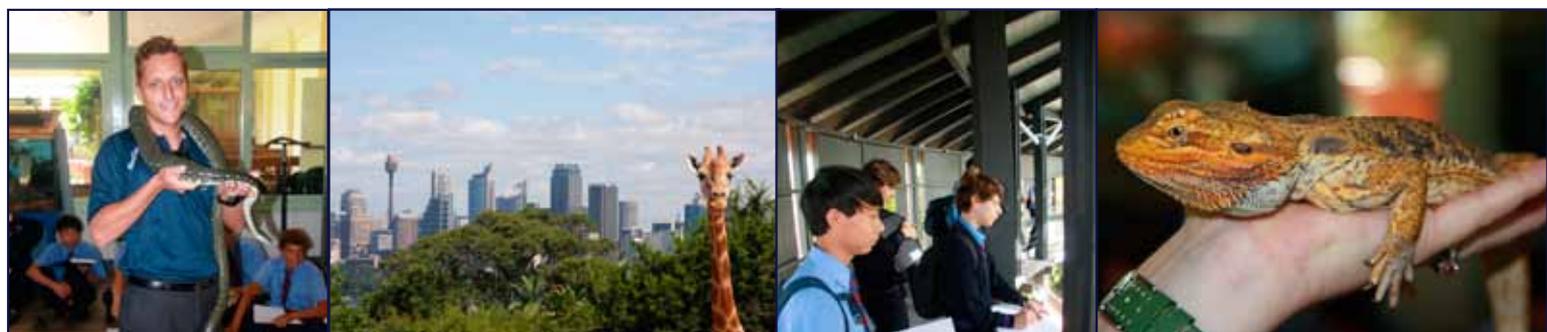
After 40 years of song and music-making the 'Marcellin Singers' will be retiring. This choir has been connected with the College and has been made up of parents, grandparents, ex-students, teachers and friends of Marcellin. Not all members of the Marcellin choir wish to retire so a new group will form as the 'Champagnat Singers' to continue to praise God with song and also to keep that special connection with the College. If anyone has the expertise in piano or organ, WE NEED YOU!! Male and female singers are also welcome to join and age is unlimited. Our commitment is to sing the 1st Sunday of every month at the 10am Mass at OLSH Church Randwick. For more information please contact Lisa Stirling 0410343107 or email lisa@stirlinginteriors.com.au

YEAR 9 ZOO EXCURSION

On Tuesday 13th March Miss Wehbe and Mr Toohey took the Year 9 elective Visual Art class to Taronga Zoo to view amazing animals in their natural habitats and to be able to draw them from perspectives you could only dream of. The day started off with a general briefing from Mr Salisbury about expectations, we then shuffled onto the bus. We arrived earlier than expected which gave us time to call the roll and do a head count. Being early gave us time to plan our day and we soon moved to the Education Centre. We were lucky enough to be joined by a former teacher of the College Miss Murphy in the Close Encounter room. Miss Murphy suggested we go to the free flight bird show which gave us a great view of the amazing abilities of birds, how they move and how they navigate. It was spectacular. After we finished there we had lunch and walked around drawing the animals using various techniques and materials. Twenty drawings was the minimum. We witnessed many different types of animals. This was really an outstanding opportunity to observe animals in their natural habitat.

I can gladly say that all of the boys on the excursion enjoyed the day completely and participated to the best of their ability. Many thanks to Miss Wehbe and Mr Toohey for taking us on this excursion.

Jake Irvine, Year 9 Student



SPORT AND NEWS

MCC SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last Thursday our swimmers competed at the MCC Swimming Championships at Homebush. The team had trained for 6 weeks, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. Marcellin dominated the pool and not since 2008 have we won all four trophies; Juvenile, Junior, Senior and Aggregate. The boys were fantastic, winning 30 of the 49 events and were placed second 9 times. Even though it can be an individual sport, winning 11 of the 12 relays proves that Swimming, in fact is a team sport. We amassed over 1000 points which makes this one of the finest carnivals of the last 15 years. There were many great individual performances but the highlight no doubt was the all important Senior Medley Relay at the end of the night. The four swimmers did a brilliant job holding off the fast finishing Pagewood as they went on to win the Senior trophy. The crowd at that stage was very vocal. A big thanks to all Year 7 and Year 12 boys for the support given on the night.

Congratulations to Benjamin Thornton, Benjamin Gordon, Cormac Guthrie, Trent Rutherford, Jorge Hatzigiannis, Harrison Smith, James Gordon, Kel Gollan, Philipp Trupke and Tom DiSalvo for their records at the Swimming Championships. Many thanks to all of the staff who helped supervise on the night and a big thank you to Ms Evans, Mr Leary, Mr MacNamara and Mr Toohey for the many hours they spent coaching the team. The boys recognise the hours they spent preparing the team and appreciate the time they were away from their families with all the early starts. Thank you also to Ms Moore in the Canteen for looking after the breakfasts and Mr Ferguson for helping drive the boys to training.

The final standings were:

Juvenile Cup

1st Marcellin 402 points
2nd Kogarah 255 points
3rd Pagewood 210 points

Junior Cup

1st Marcellin 347 points
2nd Kogarah 212 points
3rd North Shore 205 points

Senior Cup

1st Marcellin 147 points
2nd Pagewood 142 points
3rd Lewisham 63 points

Overall

1st Marcellin 1019 points
2nd Pagewood 554 points
3rd Kogarah 553 points



Juvenile Swimming Champions



Junior Swimming Champions



Senior Swimming Champions



Overall Champions

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last week the Cross Country Championships were postponed due to the bad weather. The carnival will go ahead this Thursday 22nd March at King Georges Park, Rozelle. All details remain the same with the carnival commencing at 10am.

RUGBY LEAGUE AND SOCCER

Rugby League and Soccer trials are in full swing now and this Thursday we will play Christian Brothers Lewisham in our first official trial. Boys will be given details at training on Tuesday. The playing strips of both the Rugby League and Soccer teams will change this year. For Soccer, shorts will remain the same for Junior and Senior teams. In Rugby League, shorts will remain the same for all U13 to U15 players, that is our royal blue plain shorts. The A and B Grade teams will revert to these plain shorts, therefore there will be no stripes down the side of the shorts as we have used in the past. All Rugby League and Soccer players will wear our hooped cerise and blue College socks. Once your son has been selected in these teams, I would ask that you purchase these items from the uniform shop in preparation for our first competition game.

MARCELLIN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The 89th Annual Athletics Carnival will be held next Monday 26th March at ES Marks Athletics Track Kensington. A letter went out yesterday highlighting details of the day. Any boy wishing to contest the 400m event must be at the track by 7.50am and all other boys will meet at the track at 8.30am. All boys are to be in their school sports uniform and must bring their house colour T-shirt to compete in at the carnival. Attendance is compulsory for all boys and if any boy is absent on the day, they must phone the front office to notify the office staff of their absence. The carnival will finish at approximately 2pm. Boys will be dismissed from the carnival and are to make their way straight home.

In what can be described as a busy time for all involved in sport at the moment, I'd like to extend my thanks to all parents who help in preparing their sons for competition and for being vocal at all our games and carnivals. The boys appreciate the support from the sidelines.

Mr Robert Capizzi, Sports Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

College Canteen: Please note that under no circumstances can a student's lunch be brought to the Canteen to be heated. The Canteen will be closed on Monday 26th March for breakfast if the Athletics Carnival is cancelled.

Holiday Activities Program: St Catherine's School is holding holiday activities between 10th-24th April. For more information email HolidayPrograms@stcaths.nsw.edu.au or call 8305 6200.

OLSH Randwick Bible Studies Session: Parents are invited to the 'Gospel of Mark' sessions from 1st May to 29th June. For more information please contact OLSH on 9399 6775.

Randwick Council Parents and Supervisors of Learner Drivers Workshop: Tuesday 3rd April at 6.30pm. To book call 9399 0786.

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