Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students,

The Resurrection - Our Role as Parents and Educators

As a sceptic, the resurrection, like many of the miracle stories in the scriptures is difficult to intellectualise (This is where the power of faith is required). I suppose above all the glorious events that marked Jesus’ life, his resurrection stands as the event that clearly marked his divinity. In considering this, I have often asked myself; how did this happen? How did Jesus appear to his disciples? In what way did he appear? How was he able to be with them?

Of course, I can find no answers to these questions and in my reflection on the resurrection story I have come to the conclusion that there doesn’t need to be, and in fact there is a truth of much greater import that the resurrection bears for us today.

I have come to understand that the significance of the resurrection does not just remain in the Gospel story itself, but extends through time to be unfolded before each of us every day. The resurrection of Jesus has occurred each time in history that the spirit of Christ has come alive within a believer. Resurrection is the result of those who have had the strength to expose others to the true nature of Jesus Christ. The story of the resurrection lies with these people and with us, not in the first century Palestine of Jesus, but in the here and now.

Obviously the resurrection is a significant and glorious event but Jesus leaving the tomb is just the glorious beginning of the story. Surely it is just as amazing that from such humble beginnings in a tiny part of the world the person and story of Jesus still lives within us today.

For me, this is the essence of the resurrection. Jesus has been and continues to be resurrected in the lives of those who understand and attempt to live out his message. As parents and educators who have made conscious choices to involve ourselves and our families in the life of a Catholic school, the responsibility of raising Jesus from the dead to be alive in the hearts and minds of our children lies with us.

We are the Saint Peter’s and Saint Paul’s of today and while we may not be threatened with the lion’s den, in today’s society where there are many conflicts and contradictions to the message of Jesus, we do face a difficult task at times.

I am in no way suggesting that we need to become very learned theologians and the most holy of men and women devoted totally to the enlightened proclamation of the scriptures. Jesus himself chose poor and unlearned fishermen. He wanted men and women who defined themselves by their actions and I think the same thing is asked of us.

Our boys will never learn more about the person of Jesus Christ than what they observe in the actions of the people they love and respect. From the day of his resurrection, every day since and hopefully for every day to come, this is how Jesus has been raised from the dead.

With best wishes

Paul Forrester
Religious Education Coordinator
Special Achievements

Congratulations to the following boys on their Special Achievements in a number of different fields. Well done!

**Jackson Barron**
Year 8
2nd in Surfing in the Sydney Branch Championships at Bondi

**Jake Nurmi**
Year 8
5th in the U14 Surfing and U13 Board Relay for the Sydney Branch Championships at Bondi

**Chad Scott**
Year 9
Three gold medals (swim, swim team event, Cameron Relay), one silver (Board Relay) and one bronze (Board)

**Max Ayshford**
Year 9
1st in Branch surfing titles U14, 1st in Branch surfing titles U15, 5th in Rip Curl in Grom Search Competition at Maroubra

**Matthew Malone**
Year 8
Placed 1st in the regional U13 Javelin

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**CSIRO CREST Awards - CReativity in Science and Technology**

Congratulations to these boys for their accomplishments in the CREST Competition

**John Hannan**
Year 9
Awarded a Silver CREST Award for his 30-hour Science Research Project

**Kenrick Setiobudi**
Year 9
Awarded a Bronze CREST Award for his 10-hour Science Research Project

**James Ambrose**
Year 9
Awarded a Bronze CREST Award for his 10-hour Science Research Project

**Domenic Svejkar**
Year 10
Awarded a Silver CREST Award for his 30-hour Science Research Project

**Andrew Silva**
Year 9
Awarded a Silver CREST Award for his 30-hour Science Research Project

**Mikhail Sarofim**
Year 10
Awarded a Silver CREST Award for his 30-hour Science Research Project

**Paul Jewiss**
Year 9
Awarded a Silver CREST Award for his 30-hour Science Research Project

**Lucien Alperstein**
Year 10
Awarded a Silver CREST Award for his 30-hour Science Research Project

**Nicholas Grimm**
Year 9
Awarded a Silver CREST Award for his 30-hour Science Research Project

**Aidan Bennison**
Year 9
Awarded a Silver CREST Award for his 30-hour Science Research Project

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Wednesday 8th March**
  MCC Swimming Carnival. All Year 7 and Year 12 attend this function. Boys are to wear normal school uniform. A separate letter will be sent home to Year 7 and 12 parents.

- **Tuesday 14th March**
  Marcellin Oratory 6pm at the College

- **Thursday 16th March**
  Special ‘Parents in Touch’ night 7.30pm “Boys Education” with special guest speaker Mr. Ian Lillico. A separate brochure advertising this will be sent home.

- **Friday 17th March**
  Staff Development Day “Boys Education”. There will be no lessons on this day.

- **Thursday 13th April**
  Term 1 concludes after sport.
On Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} February our College Community gathered together to celebrate the beginning of the year with our Inaugural Mass. The celebration centred on the themes for our year of compassion and commitment and was a meaningful experience for our boys and the parents and friends of the College who attended the mass. It was also pleasing to observe the support of many of the Marist Brothers living in the Marcellin community. A feature of the celebration was the investiture of our senior leaders for 2006. We would like to thank their parents who attended the mass as well as all those parents and friends who supported us with their presence.

We would like to especially thank Fr. John Knight of the Waterloo parish, Fr. George Connolly of the Clovelly parish and Fr. Max Blumenthal from the Marcellin community who concelebrated the mass. A particular thank you must also go to Mrs. Carole Wark who once again spent many hours ensuring that our liturgical celebration was full of symbolism and meaning for our boys as they look forward to the year ahead.

### Inaugural Mass

#### Notices and News

**Thank you to all Class Parents for their donations of food for the College Swimming Carnival and Inaugural Mass morning tea. Your generosity is boundless. Mark your calendar for our next meeting, 7.30pm Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May.**

**Photos**

Parents wishing to obtain copies of photographs should contact Br Joachim Fabbro at the College on 9398 6355 or email joachim.fabbro@marcellin.nsw.edu.au

**Parents and Friends Committee 2006**

Thank you to the following parents who have been elected to the P&F Committee for 2006. Your generous support of the College is much appreciated:

- **President:** Michael O’Brien
- **Vice Presidents:** Lisa Stirling and Anne Lee
- **Treasurer:** Paul Allen
- **Secretary:** Jackie Canton
- **Committee:** Tony Parramore, Holly Siles, Anna Gray, Adele Cornale, Adriano Maradini, Donna Thomas, Anne Lee, Christine Foote, Christina Ambados, Joan Washer, Kerry Gershon

**Class Parents’ News**

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**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Youth Ministry**

It will be a great year for the youth of Randwick. OLSH Randwick has started the year by hiring a youth minister, Tristan Haber, who has been involved in youth ministry for the past 12 years. They will conduct activities, eat good food, meet friends, have good clean fun, eat some more and learn more about our faith. Everything starts this March so if you want more information contact Tristan on 0416017014 or email tristanhaber@yahoo.com

**Meet and Greet Evening**

**Years 7-9 Prizegiving Night**

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Above: The group of Year 12 2005 HSC High Achievers pictured after the special Headmaster’s Assembly last week.

Right (top): Parents enjoyed meeting staff and other parents at the first social function of the year.

Right (below): Lucien Alperstein receiving his Special Award for Academic Excellence from Br Bill
MCC Summer Sports

In the MCC Summer Season Marcellin’s teams all qualified for the Semi Finals. This was an excellent achievement and recognizes the hard work and talents of our coaches and athletic students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students who represented the College and our coaches for their efforts throughout the season.

From the semi finals Marcellin qualified for 5 Grand Finals. In a tense semi-final day it was our junior sides that showed the way with the U/14 Basketball and Touch teams showing their authority and winning in style to continue their season undefeated. Both teams have tough finals and will need to be at their very best to continue on their winning way. The A Grade cricket side won in a thriller at Snape Oval and are trying to be the first A Grade cricket team to return the trophy since 1982. The Marcellin A Grade Basketball team are matching the almighty deeds of the Sydney Kings and are on task for a “Four Peat”. In an amazing run the A Grade Basketballers have won all bar 2 games in a four year period. We hope they can maintain their winning ways for the Final.

Congratulations to Zach McIntyre who will be representing the MCC in the NSW CCC Baseball Championships on Wednesday at Blacktown.

The MCC swim squad has been hard at training. The boys will be competing in the MCC Championships on Wednesday 8th March at Homebush Aquatic Centre. Year 7 and Year 12 will be supporting our swimmers on the night. Best wishes to Mr Capizzi, Mr Leary, Ms Evans and the team.

The MCC now has a website where all draws, results, history and plenty more are placed. The website is www.mccsport.com

There is also a link to the website through the Marcellin Website.

The Spirit Cup is in full swing with the Ignatius house dominating at present. The scores as at the 24th February are as follows:

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