

MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

We're on a campaign at Marcellin to contemporise learning; to make it more responsive to the needs of the modern teenager, and yet, at the same time, we're acutely aware of the value of order, and structure and discipline in good educational practice. Over the past 30 years I've seen a number of fads come and go in schooling, each of them initially paraded in front of us as exciting innovation. A recent article in the print media reported on the policy decision of another Catholic diocese to mandate open plan classrooms in all primary schools. It seems that a growing body of teachers and parents are not satisfied with this attempt to contemporise learning.

We need to be thoughtful and prudent about change. On a recent walk through our library I got quite invigorated watching groups of boys collaborate in learning and then as I walked back to my office I felt a sense of comfort seeing boys in desks in straight lines in a silent classroom. In my opinion there's a place for both. And as we move forward with innovative practices such as our Newman Stream for academically capable boys in Year 7, our new Year 9 RE course, and our revamped English and Maths Enrichment programs, to name but some, I am determined to keep an eye to the value of order, and structure and discipline. In a world that equates innovation with fluidity, flexibility, and even free-for-all, in a world that canonises choice over long-time valued skills and disciplines in schooling, we are attentive at MCR to keep hold of the things that are most likely to help innovation work: order, structure and discipline. As human beings we need these things to survive, and education is a total human endeavour, not simply an indulgence of the mind.

Blind innovation that's more about excitement than substance will not serve our boys well. Reflecting on this, in a recent article in the journal *Eureka Street*, Bishop Greg O'Kelly writes:

"In a world of massive and instant communications and distractions, it is possible never to go beneath the surface, never to go in to those deeper places where humanity registers.

In year 12 classes I used to employ the Cro-Magnon cave paintings, which show the earliest homosapiens to be tool-makers, lovers, thinkers and worshippers.

You can see evidence of the axe as the tool; see the lover in the flowers that were laid around the bodies of the dead; the thinker in the scratchings and calculations made on the walls; the artist in the paintings; and the worshipper in the subjects conveyed by the paintings.

In essence one might say that nothing has changed, that human nature appears to have a consistency and a constancy. There can be no full humanity without those dimensions of creativity, of love, of thought, and of worship. To be fully human we must develop on all fronts."¹



It's all about character development. Preparation for future study and future work is the job of schools but equally important for schools is the development of character. One man unequivocally committed to this dimension of schooling is our Deputy Headmaster, Mr Les Salisbury. Day-in-day-out for the past three decades, and then some, Mr Salisbury has worked with boys to help them develop into young men of strong Christian character.

He has been tirelessly committed to helping awkward, at time bumbling adolescents develop into upright young men. At the end of this current school year Mr Salisbury will step down from his position at MCR and move to part time work within the Catholic education sector.

On another occasion we will pay tribute to his remarkable contribution to Catholic education, in the meantime, in collaboration with the Catholic Education Office, we will embark on a process of securing a replacement for the position of Deputy Headmaster. This process will commence next week so as to give us plenty of time to transition to a new person in this important leadership role.

With my best wishes,

Br David Hall FMS
Headmaster

¹Greg O'Kelly, *Schools Confront the Globalisation of Superficiality* (April 26, 2012), <http://www.eurekastreet.com.au/articl.aspx?aeid=31108>

NOTICES AND NEWS

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



Matthew Waller, Year 10 received an Academic Excellence award for his efforts in Year 10 from Sydney University.

Alex Werfel and Thomas Keogh, Year 12, were awarded 2012 Defence Technical Scholarships from the Department of Defence.

Benjamin Davis, Year 9, was selected for the 2012 Flying Boomerangs Squad at the U15 KickStart Championships in April. Benjamin's brother Abaina Davis, Year 11, also went to the carnival in a mentoring capacity to show leadership to the boys.



CCC Rugby League

At the CCC Cup Rugby League we won the first two games but lost the third game 6-10 against Marist College Kogarah, finishing first in our pool and were awarded the first place plate. Well done boys! The round of 16 draw will be drawn on the 25th May.

PARENTS IN TOUCH 2012

Dear Parents & Friends of MCR,
You are warmly invited to an evening with Special Guest Presenter
Fr Richard Leonard SJ

*"How Can We Live in a
Media Saturated Culture?"*



"We are sent to our culture as it is, not as we would like it to be. And whether we like it or not, the media is the modern day marketplace where minds and hearts are won and lost. What's on our agenda today, and what can we do about it?"

Director: Rev Dr Richard Leonard SJ
Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting

Tuesday 22 May @ 7:30pm

& An update on M-Learning, your son & his laptop!

I encourage as many parents as possible to attend. Limited parking is available in the Main Yard via Avoca Street. Your son was given a notice of the Parents in Touch evening which included an RSVP slip. Please return the slip to your son's homeroom teacher during the week or reply via email to vanetempestb@marcellin.nsw.edu.au by Friday 18th May with the number of people attending.

Mr Brian Vane-Tempest, Director of Development and Communications

TERM 2 CALENDAR EVENTS

Monday 21st May

- Year 11 Preliminary Exams. Concludes Thursday 31st May.

Tuesday 22nd May

- Parents in Touch commences 7.30pm. "How Can We Live in a Media Saturated Culture?"

Monday 28th May

- Year 10 Exams. Concludes Thursday 31st May.

Friday 1st June

- Champagnat Awards Assembly.

Monday 4th June

- School Photo Day.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are reminded that if their son is sick to please call the **absentee line on 9398 8009** before 8.30am on each morning of absence. The absentee line is separate to the main reception line so please make a note of this number.

LENTEN COLLECTION

It is with great pride that we announce the College raised \$26,657.35 during the Lenten period. The organisations we will continue to support are Marist Asia Pacific Solidarity, Caritas Australia and St Vincent De Paul Society.

DEBATING

This week Marcellin competed against Marist College Pagewood in the second round of CSDA Debating. The students from both schools spoke very well, with the Year 7-10 debates focusing on the topic of 'The Environment' and the Seniors speaking to 'The need for Performing Arts in the curriculum'. The results in Round 2 were very favourable with Marcellin College winning five out of the six debates. This week, Marcellin hosts Waverley College in Round 3 and we hope to continue our improvement through the season.

Mr Stephen Davidson, Debating Coordinator

GUEST SPEAKER JERSEY SIEGAL

On Thursday 3rd May, Year 11 was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to meet Jersey Siegal, a Humanitarian Logistics Manager working across the globe in nations that need him the most. Jersey's job is to make sure doctors and nurses in the most remote areas across the globe receive the essential medical equipment required to treat their patients and save lives. However this is not as easy as it may seem.

Jersey travels through nations with civil unrest or experiencing natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions. He must improvise on many occasions to guarantee his supplies reach their target. Whether it's building a bridge from scratch with palm trees or organising the removal of land mines so his convoy can pass. Despite the trouble he often experiences he persists because he knows that if he didn't, innocent people would die. Jersey was involved in the Boxing Day 2004 Tsunami recovery phase as Logistics Delegate for the Red Cross in Sumatra. He has also worked in third world nations such as the Congo and travelled into the heart of war torn nations such as Afghanistan.

As Jersey made his way around the room telling his unforgettable tales, he looked into many boys' eyes with a feeling of urgency and passion for a job he loves doing. The boys of Year 11 began to realise the responsibility upon this man's shoulders and the gravity of his choices. We began to get a sense of his determination and will to never give up. At the end of his remarkable presentation there was a flourish of questions from all boys. A sincere interest in the life of this inspirational man was realised. We could all sense his passion and drive. It stood testament to the amazing success he has had around the world.

Tom Pantle, Year 11 Student

FAMILY MASS

Fr Prasad Rao MSC presided at the Parent and Son Mass hosted by the staff and students of Year 8. A special focus for the Mass was that of 'love' and 'trust' and how valuable these elements are in the family. In our Marist Charism, the family is considered to be central to the development and growth of young men.

In a touching tribute, Andrew Lambrou led his classmates in 'Watch Over Me' dedicated to the parents; one small way to show how much love and gratitude that exists for our parents; a special moment at a very special Mass.

Following Mass, many parents joined together in a light supper. Special thanks to Mr Kostovski and Miss DeFrancesco for their leadership and arrangement of the musicians.

Mr Anthony Boys, Religious Education Coordinator



Year 8 students at the Mass

SPORT AND NEWS

The Summer Sports Assembly was held last Friday. Yves Silviera from the finishing class of 2005 was the special guest at assembly. Yves was School Vice Captain and was involved in many extra curricular activities. We thank Yves for making himself available. Congratulations to all the boys who received awards for the Summer representative season.

SUMMER SPORTS AWARD RECIPIENTS

Cricket	A Grade	Under 16	Under 14	Squash	
Best Batsman	Jack Erickson	Nikolas Tsoukalas	Anthony Halikas	Most Improved	Ewaldo Setiobudi
Best Bowler	Matthew Buxton	Ryan Danne	Thomas Chichester	Best and Fairest	Pearse Dolan

Basketball	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
Most Improved	Michael Hallam	Jack Ringwood	Sean O'Byrne	Alexander Drury
Most Valuable Player	Jonni Mei-Edwards	Callum Christopher-Lane	Benjamin Davis	Derek Daquel

Swimming	Cross Country	Tennis	Golf	
Opens	Benjamin Thornton/Sam Disalvo	Kel Hambly	Daniel Hahn	Adam Pustetto
Under 16	Luke Irvine	Jordan Foote	Daniel Nelson	Daniel Francis
Under 15	Jake Irvine	Joshua Dever	Oliver Poidevin-Albert	Matthew Power
Under 14	Benjamin Gordon	Harrison Lewis	Pearse Dolan	Kell O'Brien
Under 13	James Gordon	Stephen Young	Stephen Young	Peter Anasta
Under 12	Arthur Mourant	Liam Shaddock		

Touch Football	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14
Most Improved	Fergus Whitney	Jack Harrison	Padraig Doherty	Bailey Alchin
Best and Fairest	Blake Hurley	Zachary Bataille	Thomas Wong	Lachlan Lam



The Winter competition is in full swing now. The Rugby League boys performed well against Lewisham last week, however the Soccer teams had some mixed results. Training continues this week and the Round 4 games are against Pagewood. Best of luck to all boys and coaches this week.

MCC WINTER SPORTS - ROUND 2 RESULTS

Soccer	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 Div 1	Under 13 Div 2
Opposition	Ashfield	BYE	Ashfield	Ashfield	Ashfield	BYE	
Result	W: 3-0		L: 1-3	W: 2-1	L: 1-2		
Player of Match	Albert Williams Marck Bozic		Luke Bond	Cooper Killorn	Andre Goncalves		

Rugby League	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 D1	Under 13 D2A	Under 13 D2B
Opposition	Ashfield	BYE	Ashfield	Ashfield	Ashfield	MCR D2B	MCR D2A	
Result	W: 32-8		W: 12-4	W: 34-12	W: 46-6	W: 28-16	L: 16-28	
Player of Match	Jyi Seymour		Nat Butcher	Callan Turner	Jack Pacey	Tali Toetu'u Charlie Poche	Dylan Jurd	

MCC WINTER SPORTS - ROUND 3 RESULTS

Soccer	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 Div 1	Under 13 Div 2
Opposition	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	Lewisham	
Result	D: 1-1	L: 0-2	L: 0-7	W: 2-1	L: 0-4	D: 4-4	
Player of Match	Daniel Mifsud	Adrian Maglione	Jacob Siles	Connor Shaddock	Daniel Abruzzese	Angus Fraser	

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	Lewisham	
Result	W: 24-0	W: 16-8	W: 26-18	W: 14-12	D: 16-16	L: 10-20	W: 46-0	
Player of Match	Raphael Masache	Joshua Ellison	Nat Butcher	Lachlan Lam	Campbell Graham	Tali Toetu'u Charlie Poche	William McCormick	

Mr Robert Capizzi, Sports Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marcellin Ex-students reunion: The class of 1972 are planning a reunion. Fred Schilt 0402209637 freds@waverley.nsw.gov.au or Mark Simon 0408608735 or Frank Esparago 0429124062.

Regional Gathering of Marists: Friday 8th June, Marcellin College, 4.30pm-6.30pm. This is an important initiative for the direction of Marists in Australia and an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and ideas. Br David will be also be presenting. RSVP Jenny Dove by 30th May at dovej@marcellin.nsw.edu.au or 9398 6355.

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register: Families are invited to register their child with vision impairment with the data base at www.vifamilynetwork.org.au. Data collected will be used to improve services for children and by researchers who work in the area of eye disease and disorders of vision. Call 9872 0303.