Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students,

It is now a month since the Beaconsfield mine accident was first reported. The “exclusive” stories have hit the news stands and prime time slots on television. Interest is high in all of the details of the rescue, from the most complicated use of explosives to the most mundane of feeding and personal hygiene arrangements. The miners, now on a first name basis with TV presenters, have gained celebrity status throughout the country. Everyone wants a taste of the drama and a chance to feel the resilience and spirit of the major players. The media has been only too happy to oblige.

What has interested me in particular is the difference in the media coverage of post-trauma events to that given in the nightly news grabs. Reporters seem to have lost interest in the significant energy put into the community prayer for those trapped and for the rescuers working to free them during the event. Night by night we saw groups of people in the small community gathering to pray. They were joined by many all over the country, including students and teachers here, praying daily for all those involved in the rescue and recovery efforts. Community prayer is a recognition that miracles do happen. Hope is still alive. Miracles seldom happen, however, unless people gather in prayer firm in their belief that God has a hand in the outcome. Why is it once it’s all over that we overlook the significance of that hand?

Here at Marcellin we have been working hard to make experiences of community prayer a part of all that we do together, at our assemblies, in our classes, at our staff meetings, year group meetings, Friday morning prayer and of course at our masses, the most recent of which was the Parent and Son Mass. The Parent and Son Mass was hosted by Year 8 in Week Two at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Randwick. The theme of the mass was “Come As You Are” and Fr Chris Murphy, who so generously supports us, was the celebrant. We were once again blessed by the presence of the Marcellin Singers, a group of men and women with special ties to the Marcellin community. Each year they share their talents with us and renew their friendship with the College. The mass is a wonderful opportunity for parents, grandparents and special friends of the boys to receive a blessing for the year ahead and all that they do in support of their families. It’s a chance for us to be grateful for the people who love us most and who by their care, concern and support give us a mirror into God’s unconditional, endless love for us, in spite of our shortcomings, just as we are.

The Parent and Son Mass is made all the more special by the singing the boys do for their parents. This is done at the Thanksgiving part of the mass, when, having just received Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, we are indeed thanking God for all of his goodness to us. There is plenty of talent in this year’s Year 8 group and their rendition of You Raise Me Up was a credit to them and to Mr Andrew Martin who prepared them.

As with the media in their reporting of events in Beaconsfield, community prayer experiences can easily become distant events, lost in the coverage of all of the rest of life’s busy activity. The challenge for us all is to turn the blessings we receive from our community prayer into personal and community action. We are called to take God’s goodness to us out to others. In the coming weeks our Year 11 students will be making their Ministry Week selections for Term 3. This is the perfect opportunity for our boys to have an experience of putting themselves at the service of others in the community. Not everyone will be trapped in a wire basket 300 metres underground, but many experience for very long and lonely periods the confines and pressures of dementia, physical disability, mental illness, homelessness, drug addiction and terminal illness. Ministry is prayer in action. It is nearly always demanding and challenging and requires a certain mental toughness to persevere in difficult and unfamiliar situations. Our boys gain a new understanding of “coming as you are.” Genuine kindness, care and concern is liberating for those who receive it and for the boys who can manage to give it, as God gives it to all of us, unconditionally.

As the Beaconsfield hype dies down, unlike the media, we remember the power of prayer in that small community and in our own, linking us with each other in God’s embrace. We remember what the experience has taught those who were involved in it – not to take for granted those we love, to involve ourselves with enthusiasm in their lives and to love them just as they are.

Best wishes and God Bless,

Carole Wark,
Co-ordinator of Pastoral Ministry
Congratulations to all these boys on their Special Achievements in a number of different fields. Well done!

John Ligori
Year 9
Selected for the U15 Rugby League MCC rep squad and U15 Junior Bunnies Squad

Chad Edwards
Year 9
Selected for the U15 Rugby League MCC rep squad

Stephen Buckle
Year 10
Selected for the U15 Rugby League MCC rep squad and U15 Junior Bunnies Squad

Daniel Bergmann
Year 9
Selected for the U15 Rugby League MCC rep squad and U15 Junior Bunnies Squad

John Toumoulupe
Year 9
Selected for the U15 Rugby League MCC rep squad and U15 Junior Bunnies Squad

Zac Johnson
Year 7
Selected for the U13 Junior Bunnies Squad

Nicholas Bannehr
Year 8
Selected for the U13 Junior Bunnies Squad

Michael Christie
Year 8
Selected for the U13 Junior Bunnies Squad

Jack Watts
Year 7
Selected for the U13 Junior Bunnies Squad

Liam Phelan
Year 7
Selected for the U13 Junior Bunnies Squad

Jack O’Brien
Year 8
Selected for the U13 Junior Bunnies Squad

Marcus O’Neill
Year 8
Selected for the U13 Junior Bunnies Squad

Aaron O’Brien
Year 8
Selected for the U13 Junior Bunnies Squad

Jake Moraghan
Year 7
Selected for the U13 Junior Bunnies Squad

Matthew Evans
Year 8
Selected for the U14 Junior Bunnies Squad

Dean McDonald
Year 8
Selected for the U14 Junior Bunnies Squad

Stephen Palmier
Year 9
Selected for the U14 Junior Bunnies Squad

James Natoli
Year 9
Selected for the U15 Junior Bunnies Squad

Matt Richardson
Year 9
Selected for the U15 Junior Bunnies Squad

Emmanuel Giuffre
Year 8
Selected for U15 CCC Touch Championships to be played in Port Macquarie in June

Charlie Moubarak
Year 11
Selected for Opens CCC Touch Championships to be played in Port Macquarie in June

Dane Propoggia
Year 11
In tennis won Division 1 Coogee Competition, A1/1 Sunday Men’s, Division 1 Harvey Norman Competition and semi-finalist Western Suburb Open Doubles
Parents in Touch Meeting
The next Parents in Touch meeting will be held on Wednesday 31st May at 7.30pm in the Marist Centre. The focus for the meeting is the topic of Drug Education and will include a presentation from Mr Shane Duff, Drug and Alcohol Advisor from the Catholic Education Office. The presentation will cover the following areas:

- Drug trends.
- Resilience & risk taking.
- Parenting strategies.

Our Yr 11 and 12 students participated in a Drug Summit with Mr Duff in Term 1. I encourage as many parents as possible to come along to this evening. Your son should have received a separate note with a reply slip which was due to be returned today. If you have not indicated you will be attending and still wish to do so, please email paul.forrester@marcellin.nsw.edu.au

School Photo Day
Advanced School Photographers will be photographing all students at our school on **WEDNESDAY 31st MAY**. Each student will receive an envelope explaining products available and this is to be returned on Photo Day with correct payment enclosed for each student and handed to the photographers. Please ensure your son is dressed in full winter uniform including blazer for the school photo day.

School Bus Zones
Parents are reminded to avoid dropping off and picking up students in bus zones outside the school. Not only is this practice illegal, but it impairs the flow of traffic through the already congested streets of Randwick during peak hour. An alternate route for those dropping off students would be to use Belmore Road and turn into Short Street to drop their sons near Randwick Village and then proceed along Avoca Street. Parents using the Alison Road area for dropping off could stop in The Avenue near the police station and pedestrian crossing and continue along Alison Road. There have been a few instances of emergency vehicles being unable to proceed, particularly via Avoca Street as stationary vehicles outside the College have stopped the flow of traffic. Please consider the safety of our students and the public when dropping off or collecting your son from the College.

Year 12 Literacy Program 2006
Throughout terms 2 and 3, Year 12 students participate in literacy workshops every Thursday afternoon. The aim of the program is to develop the writing skills of our students, specific to the requirements of the Higher School Certificate.

Every subject has two workshops allocated throughout the term. Each week students receive a booklet specific to the workshop subject. Using the booklets, staff instructs students in the finer points of extended response writing. The students are also encouraged to use the material for reference in normal classes and skills practice when studying. By the end of terms 2 and 3, Year 12 students have a literacy booklet for each of their HSC subjects.

The structure of the literacy booklets is highly visual with emphasis on writing styles and language skills. The material has been developed in this way to ensure the various learning styles of our boys are catered for. We feel the Year 12 Literacy Workshops have contributed to improved results across Key Learning Areas. One particular outcome has been the increased confidence of our students. By breaking down the components of HSC extended writing tasks in each subject, the boys feel more capable of constructing an answer in a logical, fluent and organised way.

I feel confident the class of 2006 will take full advantage of the learning opportunities presented in the literacy workshops and wish the boys well throughout the year. Special thanks to the members of the Literacy Committee, Miss Hayley Marsden, Mrs Liz Webster and Ms Susan Donovan for their hard work and dedication.

Miss Jenny Dove, Literacy Co-ordinator

Parish and Community Notices

**Parish News for our Male Community**

"Men Alive" - Finally, an opportunity for Randwick Catholic men to come together to learn about their faith. Don’t miss this opportunity! 27th and 28th May at the Chevalier Centre, Roma Street, Kensington. Contact Brett on 0430 019 078 or email peterjblomgren@yahoo.com.au or visit www.menAlive.org.au for further details.

**Waverley Musical**
The Waverley Lugar Brae players are presenting 'My Fair Lady' for a limited season with shows still remaining this week until Saturday. For bookings phone 9389 5361. Tickets are not available at the door so make sure you call first to book.

**Calling all Performers!**
South Eastern Musicals are presenting ‘School House Rock Live - The Musical’ in September - all singing and dancing musical. It’s not too late to be a part of this production. Call Natalie for more information on 9349 7888 or 0402 787 905.

**Australian Ballet School Auditions**
The Australian Ballet School is conducting auditions in Sydney on 13th-15th June for young people wishing to pursue vocational dancing. Details: (03) 9669 2807 or www.australianballetschool.com.au
The first three weeks of Term 2 have seen many Marcellin students recognized for their outstanding achievements across many different sporting fields. These achievements include:

- A Grade Basketballers winning the CCC Regional Championships. This magnificent result along with their efforts at the Marist Championships shows the incredible talents that this team possesses. We wish the team the best of luck in the CCC Open Championships later in the term.
- Emmanuel Giuffre (U/15), Connor Higgins and Charlie Moubarak (Opens) were selected in the MCC Touch teams to compete in the CCC Championships in Port Macquarie in Week 6.
- Brad Walker has been selected in the CCC Opens Soccer Championships to compete in the NSW All Schools Championships in Week 8. A truly magnificent achievement to make such a team.
- We wish Andrew Goodieson and Macleay Lewis all the best as they compete for the U/16 CCC Northern Zone team to compete in CCC AFL Championships in Barooga in Week 6.

In the MCC Competition all teams are well placed after Round 4. The upcoming rounds include:
- Round 5 vs Kogarah 25th May
- Round 6 vs Ashfield 1st June
- Round 7 vs North Shore 8th June

For your diary some important events later this term include:
- College Athletics Carnival Monday 19th June
- Thursday 22nd June MCC Winter Semi-Finals

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**Soccer results**

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