Dear Parents, Students, Staff, and Friends of Marcellin,

At the P&F AGM at the start of the year, Br David and the Executive outlined our three year strategic plan, ‘Onwards and Upwards’, of which we are in the second year of implementation. Crucial to that plan is M-Learning – the College’s learning platform. That evening, the Executive, in turn, spoke about the three main elements of that platform. We made the point that M-Learning encompasses all that we do and aim to do in terms of teaching and learning at Marcellin – it informs both our present practice and future plans. It is truly an authentic mission statement.

For our part, Mr Paul Daley, the Student Welfare Coordinator, and I assume direct responsibility for implementing the first two platforms - mutually respectful relationships and a calm, structured learning environment. Marcellin, for a number of years has had an enviable record of success. I believe these two pastoral platforms underpin this success.

Contemporary research into the way boys best learn, is also at the heart of our work. Such research points to boys needing structure and clear parameters to provide a foundation where learning can occur. Another accepted truism is that developing boys need positive male role models who show them by observable behaviour what it is to be male. From this flows the importance of relationships in boy’s learning.

Boys need to be in an environment where they feel they are valued and are liked. It doesn’t mean that they will not be held to account or reprimanded if they do the wrong thing, but such ‘speed bumps’ can be overcome by positive and durable relationships with their teachers.

The third element of M-Learning - ‘active learning that is ICT rich’ is clearly dependent on such structure and relationships. When we were devising our approach to active learning, we visited a number of schools where new approaches to pedagogy were happening. It was obvious that some creative attempts at innovation were failing simply because the students lacked structure and discipline.

Over the last twelve months there has been a significant shift in teaching and learning practice at Marcellin.

Extensive professional development of staff and the rollout of laptops to every student have spearheaded this shift. This has happened so far without any obvious threat to our ‘structured, disciplined and ordered environment.’

Together, Paul and I lead the pastoral team made up of Year Coordinators, Assistant Year Coordinators and the new School Counsellor, Ms Alanna McGee, who on a daily basis, work together to maintain these two key elements of this environment.

God Bless,

Mr Les Salisbury
Deputy Headmaster
NOTICES AND NEWS

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

Miguel Vila
Year 10
An excellent rendition of the Last Post at the Anzac Day service at Marcellin College. Miguel is in the Concert Band, Stage Band, Year 10 Elective Music class, Music tuition at Marcellin and often performs at assembly.

Abraham Irhia
Year 10
Awarded $300 and a certificate in The Randwick Youth Film Festival for his short film ‘Beyond the Blue Colour’.

James Leong
Year 8

Benjamin Thornton
Year 11
Won a Silver medal in the U17 Surf Race at the Australian Surf Life Saving championships held in Queensland.

TERM 2 CALENDAR EVENTS

Wednesday 2nd May
• Year 12 Parent Teacher Evening 3.45pm-8.30pm.

Wednesday 9th May
• Family & Son Mass 7.30pm. Year 8 to attend.

Tuesday 15th May
• NAPLAN Years 7 & 9 commences. Concludes Friday 18th May.

Monday 21st May
• Year 11 Preliminary Exams. Concludes Thursday 31st May.

Tuesday 22nd May
• Parents in Touch. A note will be sent home with your son shortly.

ITALIAN TRIP

The Italian tour of Italy was a unique and unforgettable experience for the 25 Marcellin College students involved. The language students lived with their host family and attended school in Rome whilst the Ancient History students visited historical sites such as the Trevi Fountain, The Roman Forum, the Palatine Hill and the Spanish steps.

Guided tours gave our group amazing insights into the history and wonders of the Colosseum and Vatican, including a Papal Audience in St Peter’s Square. We visited Venice and Florence; and toured Pompeii and Herculaneum, both destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD.

Overall, the tour was full of highlights and the students, who were a credit to both their school and their families, gained an insight into the wonderful culture and history of Italy. Special thanks to Mrs Fede whose vision and planning made the trip a reality. Visit our blog at www.ciaomarcellin.blogspot.com for more details, photos and videos of the tour.

Mr Paul Daley, Year 12 Coordinator

NAPLAN TESTS

In 2012 the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will again take place for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools from Tuesday 15th-Thursday 17th May. This program, which has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers, will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. Years 7 and 9 at Marcellin College will be involved in the NAPLAN testing.

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* Language Conventions incorporates spelling, grammar and punctuation.
** Numeracy incorporates number, algebra, function and pattern, space, measurement, chance and data.

Mr Chris Shields, Director of Teaching and MLearning
This year the traditional ANZAC Day ceremony was held on Friday 27th April. Marcellin College students and staff took the time to pause to remember in a very special, personal way, those 31 ex-students of Marcellin who gave their lives in the service of their country. Each of these 31 men has his own story, but they all had this in common - they were all educated at Marcellin by the Marist Brothers. The names of these men are listed on plaques at the base of the memorial statue of Saint Marcellin Champagnat in the courtyard. This statue was erected by the Ex-Student’s Association in the late 1940s to honour those sons of Marcellin who made the supreme sacrifice in war. This year also saw the inclusion of members of the Coogee/Randwick RSL who were guests of the College to help commemorate the sacrifices of local men and women during war time.

The ceremony included prayers, readings, reflection, laying of the wreaths, a brief address by one of our distinguished guests as well as the traditional Ode and Last Post.

In addition to the traditional ceremony 31 current students symbolically represented each of the 31 ex-students who gave their lives for their country. The boys are to be congratulated on the great reverence with which they participated in the ceremony. Many ex-students present expressed their delight in having the chance to talk with students about their experiences during the morning tea that followed the ceremony.

Mr Garry McDonald, ANZAC Day Coordinator
GOLF AND TENNIS
The Marcellin College Golf and Tennis Championships were held on 5th April. Congratulations to all the boys who competed and well done to all our champions on the day. Squads for both the Golf and Tennis teams will be announced later this term. Boys will train and playoff for final positions in our teams to play in the MCC Championships at the beginning of Term 3.

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MCC WINTER SPORTS - ROUND 1 RESULTS

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COMMUNITY NEWS

School Funding - Data Collection: The Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has requested that the school provide them with details of all students’ residential addresses (not student names) and students’ level of education (primary or secondary). This information assists DEEWR in administering funding to our Catholic systemic schools. As we do not provide family or student names to DEEWR, we can assure you that the data provided will in no way identify either the student or the family. A notice from DEEWR that provides further information on this data collection can be found on the DEEWR website at https://ssp.deewr.gov.au/ssp/help/html/ses/documents/PrivacyNotice.pdf. If you have any questions after reading the DEEWR notice, please call the DEEWR SES Funding helpline on 1800 677 027 (free call).

Retreat Morning for Men: Speaker Patrick Madrid Saturday 19th May 8am at St Patrick’s Cathedral Paramatta. RSVP/enquiries: Imfevents@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5290.