

MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



NEWSLETTER

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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

M-LEARNING
Marcellin Learning

Mutually respectful
relationships

A structured, disciplined
and ordered environment

Active learning
that is ICT rich

The way we learn at MCR

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

Won the Most Outstanding U14 LifeSaver award for Coogee Minnows 2011-2012.



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*



Students and teachers at the Colosseum

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.

Year Level	Tuesday 15th May	Wednesday 16th May	Thursday 17th May
Year 7 and Year 9	Language Conventions* 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy** 40 minutes x 2 (80 minutes in total) Students undertake two numeracy tests. Calculators are permitted to be used in one of these tests only.

* Language Conventions incorporates spelling, grammar and punctuation.

** Numeracy incorporates number, algebra, function and pattern, space, measurement, chance and data.

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ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

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



LEST WE FORGET



SPORT AND NEWS

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.

Age Champions	U13	U14	U15	U16	OPEN
Tennis	Stephen Young	Pearse Dolan	Oliver Poidevin-Albert	Daniel Nelson	Daniel Hahn
Golf	Peter Anasta	Kell O'Brien	Matthew Power	Daniel Francis	Adam Pustetto



RUGBY LEAGUE AND SOCCER

The A Grade and Under 15 Rugby League as well as the A and B Grade Soccer played their Round 5 fixture against North Shore on 5th April. As these are official games, they were also used as trials for boys to be selected in the respective Combined MCC teams which will compete in Week 5. Congratulations to the following boys on their selections:

A Grade Rugby League: Luke Dooner, Bronson Garlick, Jason Gray, Blake Hurley, Jake O'Sullivan, Ethan Natoli, Alexander Sorge, Alexander Thomas and Cheyne Whitelaw.

Under 15 Rugby League: Jaiden Brown, Nat Butcher, Ryan Larrosa and Connor Mirotsos.

A Grade Soccer: Marko Bozic, Liam Langford-Clarke, Claudio Fabiano, Adrian Lara and Daniel Mifsud.

Round 1 of the Winter season got underway last week in emphatic fashion. Marcellin College won every game against La Salle College Bankstown in both Rugby League and Soccer. Round 2 continues this Thursday against Ashfield.

NSWCCC BASKETBALL

Last Friday and Saturday, the Years 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12 Basketball teams competed in the CCC Basketball championships at Penrith. The Year 9/10 and Year 11/12 boys competed well and finished just outside of the semis. Well done to all the boys and in particular our Year 7/8 team who were awarded Bronze medals on the day. They were unlucky losing their semi final in the last minute. Special thanks to our coaches Ms Dove, Mrs Spencer, Mr Farrugia and Mr Chase for helping out each day.

MCC WINTER SPORTS - ROUND 1 RESULTS

Soccer	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 Div 1	Under 13 Div 2
	Opposition	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown	BYE	Bankstown	BYE
	Result	W: 3-0	W: 3-1	W: 2-1		W: 5-0	
	Player of Match	Daniel Mifsud	Philippe Khederlian	Connor Shaddock		Aaron Lewis	

Rugby League	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 D1	Under 13 D2A	Under 13 D2B
	Opposition	Bankstown	BYE	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown	Bankstown	BYE
	Result	W: 32-8		W: 50-0	W: 48-4	W: 30-12	W: 50-0	
	Player of Match	Jyi Seymour		William Last Ryan Larrosa	Jed Bouris	Jonathan Mitsias	Willam Molofaha	

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mr Robert Capizzi, Sports Coordinator

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.