

# MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

One of the advantages of being in education for so long is that you begin to develop the intuition of more readily identifying the trends that characterise the context in which we are schooling young people. One current trend that is unsettling me, and that I have written about before, is the growing sense of entitlement that seems to characterise too many of our boys, and even some of our parents. This notion of getting what I want simply because I desire it was played out in the commentary that followed the recent media coverage of a Victorian girl and her mother who are suing Geelong Grammar because the girl didn't gain entry into the university Law course that she wanted to undertake. A number of the blog comments that responded to the story lamented that the case had made it to the courts and suggested that this was yet another example of 'I should be able to have what I want, when I want it,' and particularly if I have the money to pay for it. Other blogs suggested that our overly litigious society is the direct result of the ME culture where what I want for ME always takes precedence over the other, or as we term it in Catholic lexicon, the common good.



I notice it from time to time when I come across selfish boys, and often enough such boys are the product of an upbringing that has imbued them with a view that their rights and their advancement is to be protected at all costs. Sometimes in interviews with parents of boys like this, Mum or Dad, or both, will insist that it is their job to promote their boy and my job to look out for the needs of all boys. Not quite. Sure, it's the responsibility of every parent to nurture their son but critical to the healthy development of all boys is not only an appreciation of their own worth but also an appreciation, even a responsibility for the development of others. The Founder of Marist education, St Marcellin Champagnat, insisted that it was the job of every Marist school, to form *good Christians and good citizens*.

Citizenship is about appreciating the duties and obligations that we have to one another and developing behaviours that ensure this duty is lived out. This Friday, at our Champagnat Day Assembly, thirty-six boys will be bestowed with the Champagnat Award. It is the Award that holds the highest place of honour at MCR. It is an Award that recognises boys who have exemplified what it means to be a *good Christian and a good citizen*. The heartening thing is that when I called for nominations from Year Coordinators they found themselves faced with a very demanding task; there

were many boys who could be seriously considered for this Award – more boys than there were awards to give. I found this comforting and it was a helpful reminder to me that the number of solid citizens at the College far outweighed the number of selfish boys who have an unhealthy sense of entitlement.

At our Assembly on Friday, when these Awards will be presented, we will honour one of our most prominent Old Boys, Lionel Bowen, who passed away in April and was honoured with a State funeral at which every Prime Minister since 1983 was present. Lionel served in many prominent positions in government, including Deputy Prime Minister, and was a fine exemplar of what it meant to be a good Christian and a good citizen. For Lionel they were inseparable – Christian and Citizen – and when asked to contribute to a book that came to be named *Why*

*I am still a Catholic*, Lionel identified the issue of justice and the common good as the preeminent thing. It was law that eventually took Lionel into politics and in his contribution to the book he mused:

"In the process of understanding law and the question of justice, you find the basic principles of what Christianity is about and the contribution it makes.

The real issue of justice is how to have laws that are fair and reasonable and, if they're not fair and reasonable, how to alter them. **Justice means that everybody is entitled to a fair share of what you'd call the world's goods and a reasonable life**, though that doesn't always happen. And something needed to be done about that." In the same chapter he went on to suggest that the Australian concept of mateship helps us bring together Christian ideals and citizenship: "In Australia, one advantage we have is the concept of 'mateship'. There is a common understanding of what our purpose in life is, how we are all in the one stream, how we are not above each other."<sup>1</sup>

We need more Lionel Bowens. Our hope is that every boy who graduates from MCR does so with a sense that his life will not only be good for him, but that it will also contribute to the building up of the common good. Without this understanding there is no hope for any of us.

With my best wishes,

Br David Hall FMS  
Headmaster

<sup>1</sup> <http://onlinecatholics.acu.edu.au/issue21/commwhy.html>

# NOTICES AND NEWS

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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



Ruben Sondjaja  
Year 12  
CCC Golf Boys  
Team



Joshua Dever  
Year 9  
CCC AFL Northern  
Team



Benjamin Davis  
Year 9  
CCC AFL Northern  
Team

## RED SHIELD APPEAL - YEAR 10 STUDENTS

The Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal took place on the weekend of the 19th and 20th May. Year 10 students collected in the local Randwick area on Saturday and Sunday morning as part of their Community Service program. The total amount collected in the Randwick area was \$24,000 of which \$9,000 was collected by Marcellin students. This was an outstanding effort by the boys.

*Mr Damian Chase, Social Justice Coordinator*

The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal is a great way of volunteering in the community. It creates a sense of working towards a goal which makes a real difference in the community for a lot of people. Furthermore, the friendly way in which most of the community responded to us gave us a sense that we were doing something worthwhile.

*Cameron Wells, Year 10 Student*

Last Saturday I spent the day collecting money for the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal. During the day I learnt many things about the Salvation Army that I didn't know. They are very well respected in the community for the work they do in helping the needy. All of the boys enjoyed the experience and had fun helping the community.

*Kosta Botsikas, Year 10 Student*

## GET INTO VET PROGRAM

In conjunction with Randwick TAFE Marcellin is involved in a project called 'Get Into VET'. The aim of the program is to help students in Years 10 and 11 evaluate future options including TVET, TAFE studies, apprenticeships and employment possibilities. It especially meets the needs of boys who are in two minds about continuing through to the end of Year 12.

Ten students in Year 10 are undertaking the course this term. James Maroon, Connor Mirotsos, Michael Polieri, Andres Rossini and William Tavener are doing the 'Introduction to Fitness Training' module every Friday for nine weeks. Jorge Barrales, Padraig Doherty, Blake Paine and Joshua Potts have just completed the 'Building Skills' program which was conducted every Thursday and Friday over 6 weeks. William Finch is nearing the end of the 'Working With Children' course held on a Wednesday over 8 weeks.

All of the boys have learnt a whole range of new skills from the content of the different courses, and the experience of attending a tertiary institution can't be duplicated at school. The coordinator at Randwick TAFE has been highly complementary of the way our students have conducted themselves and they, in turn, have been nothing but positive in their feedback. The College hopes to expand on the partnership with the prospect of a Certificate 2 in Building being available in Term 3.

*Mr Paul Leary, Transition Coordinator*

## PARENTS IN TOUCH

Our recent Parents in Touch saw approximately 80 parents in attendance. Guest speaker Fr Richard Leonard SJ delivered a very informative and entertaining presentation entitled 'How can we live in a media saturated world'. Although he provided some very sobering thoughts on the ills of the influence of the media on our boys, he also sought to put some myths to rest. He encouraged parents to engage with their sons in a dialogue about appropriate use and management of their online activities.

Mr Chris Shields our Director of Teaching & M-Learning set the scene early in the evening with an update on the online learning platform at MCR. He outlined the current use of technology in teaching and learning, and forecast some future possibilities and directions for the ongoing development of student resources. My thanks to all who came along – your support of these parent evenings is very much appreciated.

*Mr Brian Vane-Tempest, Director of Development and Communications*



Fr Richard Leonard SJ

# NOTICES AND NEWS

## TERM 2 CALENDAR EVENTS

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| <b>Friday 1st June</b>     | • Champagnat Awards Presentation Assembly.                         |
| <b>Monday 4th June</b>     | • School Photo Day. Refer to note below.                           |
| <b>Friday 8th June</b>     | • Champagnat Mass - Champagnat Day Activities.                     |
| <b>Friday 8th June</b>     | • Marist Regional Gathering 4.30-6.30pm (see website for details). |
| <b>Monday 11th June</b>    | • Queen's Birthday Public Holiday.                                 |
| <b>Tuesday 12th June</b>   | • Years 7, 8 and 9 Exams commence. Conclude Friday 15th June.      |
| <b>Tuesday 19th June</b>   | • Year 10 Senior Subject Information Night.                        |
| <b>Wednesday 27th June</b> | • Years 10/11 Parent Teacher Evening - 3.45-8.30pm.                |
| <b>Friday 29th June</b>    | • Last day of Term 1.  |

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School photo day will be held next Monday 4th June. Boys are to be dressed in full College uniform. Photo envelopes were sent home with your son earlier in the week, however, these envelopes did not reflect the package that is now available for \$30. New envelopes will be sent home with your son tomorrow. Boys who are purchasing photos are to bring their money in the envelope provided on photo day. No money is to be given to reception.

## TERM 3 CALENDAR EVENTS

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| <b>Monday 16th July</b>    | • Term 3 commences.                            |
| <b>Wednesday 18th July</b> | • Year 7 Parent Teacher Evening 3.45pm-7.30pm. |

## Financial Hardship Bursary

On Friday 31st August 2012 Marcellin College will be holding a fundraising Trivia Night to support the John Hennessy Financial Hardship Bursary and we would be grateful for your support. We are seeking donations to auction and raffle from individuals and businesses. If you are able to assist with a donation for one of our major or minor prizes, it would be greatly appreciated. Please email [secretary@marcellin.nsw.edu.au](mailto:secretary@marcellin.nsw.edu.au) if you are able to assist in any way. We will provide more details in upcoming newsletters and on the College website in the P&F section. Last year's Trivia Night was a great success filled with fun, games, laughter and trivia. We hope to see you at this year's event.

*Mr Nick Malcolm, P & F President*



## CHESS UPDATE

Throughout Term 2 twenty Marcellin students represented the College in the Metropolitan Secondary Schools Chess Teams Competition at the Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels. The students played games against Sydney Technical College, Tempe High School, Ascham and Cranbrook. As the term progresses we are demonstrating improvements in our skills and the strategies employed, and hope to match the successes of last year.

*Mrs Theresa Brungs, Assistant Chess Coordinator*

Marcellin has been victorious in the last two chess matches against Ascham winning a 3-1 game with the only defeat due to a forfeit, with Matthew Kelly winning a rarely seen 4-move checkmate. Congratulations to the boys for their hard efforts so far into the tournament and to keep it up. A big thank you to Mrs Fede and Mrs Brungs for supervising the Chess teams and thank you to Mr Ferguson for his time and effort driving the boys to their venues.

*Mic Escorrido, Senior Team Chess Coordinator*

## REGIONAL DIRECTOR VISIT

On Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th May Mr Frank Malloy, Sydney Regional Director of Marist Schools Australia visited the College. Mr Malloy was at MCR to meet with the College leadership team, staff, students and parents. It was an opportunity for members of the College community to share with Mr Malloy their insights into the way the school operates, and lives out its mission for Catholic and in particular Marist education.

His visit was very well received and reminds us of a critical time in Marist ministries with the pending formation of the new Province of Australia in December of this year. Thank you to all members of the MCR community who participated in Mr Malloy's visit. This was another vindication of the tremendous family spirit that is so prevalent at Marcellin.

*Mr Brian Vane-Tempest, Director of Development and Communications*



*Mr Frank Malloy and Mr Paul MacGee*

# SPORT AND NEWS

## MCC RUGBY LEAGUE

Last Friday and Saturday, the MCC U15 and Opens Rugby League teams played in the NSWCCC Rugby League trials at St Mary's. The U15s finished second and the Opens finished first in their respective pools, however both teams lost the final in two close and tough encounters. Congratulations to Nat Butcher and Jaiden Brown (U15); and Alexander Thomas (Opens) in gaining selection into the NSWCCC teams. Cheyenne Whitelaw was also selected as a shadow player for the Opens team.

## MCC SOCCER

Marko Bozic and Daniel Mifsud have also been trialling to gain selection into the MCC Opens Soccer team over the last three weeks. They were selected in the team and played in the NSWCCC Soccer competition on Monday and Tuesday. Well done and congratulations to all boys who have trialled for these teams over the last five or six weeks. Their hard work and commitment to each of the sports has definitely paid off with their selections into these representative teams.

## MCC RUGBY UNION

Last week saw a number of boys trialling for rep teams in addition to playing Round 5 of the MCC competition against North Shore. The MCC Rugby Union U16 and U18 teams competed in the NSWCCC competition at Richmond last Monday and Tuesday. Both teams performed well. Congratulations to Joshua Ellison in the U16s who gained selection in the NSWCCC team.



## MCC WINTER SPORTS - ROUND 4 RESULTS

	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 Div 1	Under 13 Div 2
Soccer	Opposition	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood
	Result	D: 2-2	W: 5-1	W: 3-2	W: 5-0	W: 4-1	W: 7-0
	Player of Match	Claudio Fabiano	Dylan Cartwright	Jacob Siles	Conor Quilligan	Aaron Lewis	Stephen Young

	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 D1	Under 13 D2A	Under 13 D2B
Rugby League	Opposition	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood	Pagewood
	Result	W: 40-4	W: 50-0	L: 4-38	W: 52-0	W: 20-4	L: 4-16	W: 24-4
	Player of Match	Alexander Thomas	Jack Harrison	Jaydan Tuohy	Mitchell Pepper	Charlie Nye	Cooper Stevens Josh Douglas	William McCormick

## MCC WINTER SPORTS - ROUND 5 RESULTS

	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 Div 1	Under 13 Div 2
Soccer	Opposition	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
	Result	L: 2-3	D: 0-0	L: 0-3	W: 4-0	W: 2-1	W: 3-0
	Player of Match	Daniel Mifsud	Jake Oliveira	Ewaldo Setiobudi	Harrison Hayek	Philipp Trupke	Thomas Whiting

	Team	A Grade	B Grade	Under 15	Under 14	Under 13 D1	Under 13 D2A	Under 13 D2B
Rugby League	Opposition	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore	North Shore
	Result	W: 52-0	W: 30-0	W: 50-0	W: 52-10	W: 52-0	W: 36-0	L: 0-24
	Player of Match	Bronson Garlick	Andrew Maratta	Jaiden Brown	Harrison White	Harrison Smith	Charbel Assaf	Fionn Geraghty

Round 6 of the MCC competition continues this week against Kogarah. All teams are well placed at this stage of the season, and with two games remaining before semi finals, boys must continue to work and train hard to cement a place in the finals.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

*Mr Robert Capizzi, Sports Coordinator*

**Marcellin Ex-students reunion:** The class of 1972 - 40 year reunion (School Certificate 1970, Higher School Certificate 1972) will be held on Saturday 18th August from 5pm onwards at Coogee Diggers R.S.L Club cnr Byron and Carr Streets, Coogee. Contacts: Fred Schilt 0402209637, Mark Simon 0408608735, Frank Esparraga 0429124062 and Mark Gilmore 0430389901.