Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students,

On reflection it was the teachers who interacted with me and who modelled what they taught who were the ones that made a lasting impression on me. Right back to Year 2 I can clearly remember Sister John, a Good Samaritan nun, who taught with much energy and passion. She was also personable and led by example. I still recall the bottle drives she ran to collect valuable funds for our school. I could give many other such examples and no doubt you also could recount such memories as well.

In the book “Adam’s Return” written by Richard Rohr we see a similar message being conveyed. He says: “Lifestyle and relatedness is more important than words, or as Francis of Assisi is supposed to have said, “Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary use words.” We may reach out through media and technology or through our written or spoken message, but we finally transform and initiate each other through who we are. Transformed people tend to transform people. In fact, we tend to be able to lead people only as far as we ourselves have gone.” (page 52).

He tells us that it is relationships that change us more than ideas. We cannot really do something until we have seen someone else do it. You do not know what patience is until you have met one truly patient person. You do not know what love is until you have observed how a loving person loves.

Relationship and example go hand in hand when building a culture of achievement and acceptance. It is a theme I constantly place before staff and one I am thoroughly convinced is central to a vibrant school community. While students may respond to authority out of respect, more often than not, much more will be achieved when authority is based on mutual respect, relationship and example.

I am certain this was why Marcellin Champagnat had such a significant influence on so many people during his ministry. He modelled the way he wanted his brothers to interact with their students. Champagnat would visit the sick, care for the poor and on one occasion even gave away his mattress to a needy family. From all I have read about Champagnat it is clear to see why he had such a significant impact on those connected to his Parish. He cared for those he ministered to and they responded accordingly.

In the Gospel of Matthew we are told to “always treat others as you would like them to treat you” (Matthew 7:12).

It is not necessary to highlight our achievement or the good deeds we are doing, thus bringing attention to ourselves. We are encouraged to do good but “not to parade our good deeds to attract notice” (Matthew 6:1).

As we move closer to the season of Advent, preparing for Jesus to enter into our lives may we give some thought to the way we interact with one another and to the way we bring hope to those with whom we make contact.

May we be people who transform others and convey the Gospel message by our actions and relationships with one another.

With best wishes

Br Bill Sullivan, fms
Headmaster

If you want to teach young people, first you must love them. You must love them all equally.

Marcellin Champagnat
“The Golden Rule”

“Love your students... pray for them, and work to earn their respect.”

Marcellin Champagnat
from the headmaster

Congratulations to all these boys on their Special Achievements in a number of different fields. Well done!

Kenrick Setiobudi
Year 9
U15’s doubles winner and 3rd U15 singles, Australian Badminton Academy Junior Open, 3rd in D grade Men’s doubles Sydney Olympic Park Open

James McKenzie
Year 8
Selected in the Randwick Petersham Cricket Club Greenshield Team

Thomas Holland
Year 10
Selected in the Randwick Petersham Cricket Club Greenshield Team

Scott Gray
Year 8
Selected in the Randwick Petersham Greenshield ‘train on’ squad

Sam Robson
Year 11
Selected in the NSW U19 team to play in the Australian Championships in Adelaide in December

Walkathon

With the task of raising $45,000 for our school, the quest for cash began in earnest at the start of this term. The weather on the day was absolutely perfect walkathon weather - sunny but not too hot - a surprise after we’d experienced a few days of unseasonably cold and rainy weather, right up until the day before. According to last tally count on the morning of the Walkathon the boys have pledged an amazing $49,400! All monies pledged will need to be brought in by the end of this week.

The theme of this year’s walkathon was Heroes and Villains and there were some quite imaginative costumes on display - though not all practical for a 20 kilometre walk! However this did not deter any of the boys and everyone managed to make it to the finish line for a well-earned barbeque lunch at Clovelly.

Thanks to all the parents and staff who helped man checkpoints and pitched in serving food and drink at the conclusion of the walk. Their help ensures such events are a success for the whole College community.
Annual Music Concert and Art Exhibition

The Marcellin College Annual Music Concert and Art Exhibition is approaching! It is always a pleasure to hear the musical performances of groups here at Marcellin, but the Annual Concert audience this year can particularly look forward to the performances of the Concert Band and Vocal Ensemble. The Concert Band has moved to a new level of musicality this year, with a weekly rehearsal under the baton of conductor John Dunstan. A highlight of the year for the group was an afternoon concert and workshop with a touring band from St. Augustines, a Marist school from Cairns. The newly formed College Vocal Ensemble will also be singing at the Annual Concert. The Ensemble rehearses every Friday afternoon with their tutor Daniel Mifsud and the school community has enjoyed their numerous performances during the course of the year. In addition to these groups, the Annual Concert will feature performances by talented individuals and elective-music classes. As always, the talking points of the Annual Concert are sure to be the ‘special’ video featuring some members of staff, and the all-singing, all-dancing performance by the Year 11 music class. As well as the music performances, the evening will feature a display of art works by students from Years Seven to Twelve. All in all, the Annual Music Concert and Art Exhibition is a must-see event for lovers of the creative arts!

Mr Andrew Martin, Creative Arts Coordinator.

Venue: Marist Centre

Time: Exhibition opens at 6:30pm, music performances from 7:00pm–8:00pm, exhibition closes at 8:30pm.

Lost Property

At the recent Year 10 dance, there was a mix-up with a student inadvertently picking up the wrong jacket. Could parents please check their son’s jackets, particularly those which are pinstriped and if it is the incorrect one, please contact Mr. Rob Capizzi.

Ex-Students Sporting Honours

Marcellin College has a proud sporting history. This tradition was enhanced in the first Rugby League Tri Nations game for 2006 with ex-students Reni Maitua playing for Australia and Iosia Soliola in the New Zealand team. This is a tremendous achievement for both Reni and Iosia. The College is rightly proud of this feat. Both players have been regulars in first grade for their clubs during the past few seasons and selection in the respective national teams is a testimony to their professionalism and dedication to their sport. The College plans to recognise all international sports representatives both past and present with an honour board displayed in a prominent area of the school. Anyone who is aware of past students representing a sport at the international level can contact Mr. Brian Vane-Tempest at the College via email: brian.vanetempest@marcellin.nsw.edu.au

Ex-Students Golf Day 2007

Advance notice to all ex-students of the Annual Golf Day to be held on Sunday 11th February 2007 at St Michaels Golf Club, Little Bay. Start time 12 noon (11.30am check in time). Field limited to 40 players so please advise of your attendance in advance as soon as possible. For bookings and further details contact Peter Sinclair 9665 6020, Ted Barr 9399 8506 or Barry MacNamara 9344 4215 (work) or 9399 5640 (home). Cost is $50 per head which includes green fees and post match nibbles and snacks. Golf carts are available for an extra fee. Contact the club on 9311 0068 for details and bookings if you wish to book a cart. All welcome!

Reminder

Parents are reminded to return Student Verification forms to the College as soon as possible. It is essential to complete BOTH sides of this form, giving details of siblings attending Catholic schools as this determines the fee billing for the forthcoming year. If you fail to inform us that you have other children at Catholic schools, your son will be charged at ‘first child’ rate otherwise. If you have returned your form and not completed these details regarding siblings, please contact the College so the information can be changed.

Uniform Shop News

Senior Blazers / Jackets – SPECIAL OPENING AFTER YEAR 10 PRIZE GIVING

All sizes of senior blazers are available at the school uniform shop. Sizes 10-17 cost $166.00 and sizes 18 – 30 cost $170.00. The shop is open in term time on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.00–11.15 am. The shop will be open after the Year 10 Prize Giving on Friday 8th December from 10.30 so that parents and sons can buy blazers together. The uniform shop accepts EFTPOS.

Opening Hours January 2007 - week prior to school commencing:

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### Basketball 2006/07

Above: Round 2 vs Pagewood  
Right: Round 3 vs Wahroonga  
In both these rounds, MCR scored comprehensive wins from all Grades. Congratulations to all MCC teams on their efforts to date in the 2006/07 summer season.