

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of Marcellin,

Spirit Like the Wind

*"The wind blows wherever it wishes; you hear the sound it makes,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going.
It is like that with everyone who is born of the spirit".*

John 3:8.

The term spirit is bandied around a lot. We often hear of school spirit, team spirit - it can be used to describe a spirited individual or effort. But what is it? The above metaphor comparing spirit and wind is used by John to give an insight into the mystery of the Holy Spirit. He was referring to the spirit of God touching a group of frightened and lost apostles, giving them the strength to go out and do His work even at the risk of losing their lives.

Likewise, school spirit cannot be seen but it can be felt and its effects are awesome. It is inextricably linked to tradition, community, pride, culture and success. Also, in a religious context it can be tied to religious formation - in our case the Marist Charism. This Marist spirit is inherent in our school spirit. It is the spirit which inspired Marcellin Champagnat to devote his life to Jesus and the boys he taught and cared for. Modelled on the mother of Jesus, this spirit shapes the way we do things. To deny it is to deny our past, our history, our tradition.

The overall spirit in this school is second to none. It is continually displayed in all that we do, whether it is sport, cultural pursuits, school gatherings or liturgies. It signifies the strength of our community, its solidarity and common purpose. However, it is most significant in the relationships found in the College between staff, students and parents. This is particularly evident between the boys themselves. The care and loyalty that they display for each other is quite remarkable.

To keep this spirit alive we need to constantly nurture it and the values from which it is constructed. Boys, by nature, need values to be explicitly stated and displayed. This has been shown with the success of our annual banners, in promoting 'respect' as the key value of the school. Beliefs and values which are integral to our spirit must be continually reinforced. Why? Because school spirit, like the wind is illusive and unless clearly articulated and constantly highlighted, can be lost.



With best wishes



Mr Les Salisbury
Deputy Headmaster

Cyber Safety

The Police have issued a warning through the Catholic Education Office regarding a dangerous chat site. We are hesitant to publish the name of the site in case curious boys might access it. However, if any parents have concerns about their son accessing chat lines in general and want the name of the site please contact the College.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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

ACADEMIC AWARD WINNERS



Ryan Hunt and Marc Pizzinato
Year 7



Matteo Grassi
Year 8



Maui Haumono and Alex Rana
Year 9



Sean Molina and Callum Good
Year 10

CONGRATULATIONS

Year 7 student Timothy Ryan was in the U14B Basketball 'Rockets' team at the JAAM Basketball which won their grand final. Year 8 student William Unicomb Laird received the Most Valued Player in the U14 'Kicks' team at the JAAM Basketball. He was also the top scorer and U14 Steals Leader.

In the U16 JAAM Basketball finals Anthony Chovan (Year 10) was the top scorer, Corey Jones (Year 10) was the Most Valued Player, and Scott Johnstone (Year 10) had the Highest Steals.

Year 10 student Callum Good has been an outstanding member of the South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club and has been nominated Junior Lifesaver of the Year 2010-2011.

TERM 3 CALENDAR EVENTS

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| Monday 12th September | • Year 10 Trial Exams commence. Conclude Thursday 15th September. |
| Tuesday 20th September | • College Sports Photo day has moved from 8th to 20th September due to an administrative issue with our photographers. Boys are to wear sports uniform on the day. |
| Thursday 22nd September | • Year 12 Graduation Day. Final Day of Lessons for Term 3. |
| Monday 10th October | • Term 4 commences. |
| Friday 28th October | • Walkathon. |

TRIVIA NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who attended the Trivia night and to the individuals and businesses who donated prizes. The night was an overwhelming success. The amount raised was over \$27,000. We will know the official amount raised when all monies have been counted. A special mention to Marian Romeo, Kim Said and Lila Saady for their tireless efforts in making the night a success. Congratulations to the following winners of the P&F Raffle:

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| 1st Ticket Number 4847 Yvette Hall | 4th Ticket Number 0320 John Taumoepenu (David 7.3) |
| 2nd Ticket Number 06 Adrienne Turner (Callan 7.1) | 5th Ticket Number 2640 Josephine Daly (Kian 10.1) |
| 3rd Ticket Number 2909 Louisa Svejkar (Fabian 10.4) | |

Mrs Lisa Stirling, Marcellin P&F President

EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Ex-Students Annual Mass and Lunch was on Saturday 27th August. Mass at the College was presided over by Fr Max Blumenthal. Special thanks to Mr Anthony Boys, Mr Bill Kostovski, Mr Ian Laing and the student musicians and choir for their involvement in the Mass. Lunch followed at the Coogee Surf Club. Around 90 'Old Boys' attended. Many graduating classes were represented on the day with the class of 1996 being one of the largest groups as they were celebrating their 15 year reunion. Included amongst the gathering were ex Principals and Captains of the College, current student leaders, and a number of Marist Brothers. Association President Michael Daley addressed the group on behalf of the Committee. Br David and College Captain Jackson Garlick spoke on behalf of the College. Mr Michael Daley and Mr Barry MacNamara were awarded with Life Membership of the Association in recognition of many years of service. A great day was had by all, catching up with mates from years past. Thanks to the Committee for their organisation of the day and to everyone who attended. We look forward to another great day next year.

Mr Luke MacNamara, Ex-Student's Secretary



Br David with ex-students

NOTICES AND NEWS

YEAR 11 MINISTRY WEEK

Ministry week is an integral part of the Outreach/Social Justice program and offers all Year 11 boys an opportunity to develop their leadership skills and put into action values which are central to the Marcellin community and the Marist charism. The program places the boys in a wide variety of situations which expose them to some unfamiliar and, in many cases, challenging circumstances. From Monday to Thursday they worked in St Vincent de Paul and Salvation Army stores, helped out in day care centres and nursing homes, and assisted the developmentally disabled in workshops and rehabilitation facilities.

Many encouraged primary school children in classrooms and the playground, assisted at the Jewish Museum, worked with indigenous kids, helped out at the Marist Brothers farm at Mittagong, or spent time at the Berne School with lads their own age who were experiencing difficulties at home and in their own school. Friday the boys gathered at Marcellin Fields for Mass celebrated by Fr O'Brien from OLSH Randwick. The reflections offered by a number of students about their experiences during the week were insightful and moving. *Mr Paul Leary, Social Justice Coordinator*



Dr Tony Madeley, Mr Anthony Boys and Year 11 students at Mittagong

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YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Over 160 students ventured into the workforce during Week 4 and tried their hand at a variety of career paths including law, retail, trades, real estate and information technology. Reports back from employers about our students were extremely positive and complimentary. I believe the students have gained some valuable insight into what life after school can be like.

Mr Ben Proctor, Work Experience Coordinator

Student work experience recollections.....

During week four, I participated in the work experience program at Inner West Spinal and Sports Injury Centre, Stanmore. I was surrounded by chiropractic specialists, podiatrists, secretaries and naturopaths. I was able to observe and take part in a variety of roles performed by these people and get a taste of a possible future career path in the health and sports science industry. This work experience taught me the skills and qualities necessary to be an active member of the labour force. Some of these included punctuality, professionalism with clients, applying the right dress code and managerial skills. I highly encourage the continuation of this program as it is extremely beneficial to any student looking to get the best out of it.

Jake Richards, Year 10 Student

Victor Chang was one of Australia's best heart surgeons and thousands of Australians have him and his team to thank for saving their lives. Victor was killed over 20 years ago, but today his legacy lives on. At the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute I met an array of people ranging from doctors of their fields (Biology, Biophysics, Biochemistry), and students completing their Phd in Medicine. During the week I was able to greatly deepen my knowledge in these fields as I observed and was able to assist in a variety of experiments/projects dealing with numerous types of cells, DNA, RNA and proteins. I did hands on work in the extraction of different dna/rna/protein samples and was able to assist in the polymer chain reaction (amplification) of these samples in hosts ranging from bacterium to insect cells. Highlights of my week included paralyzing a pod of small fish which had been genetically modified to be transparent (don't worry, they weren't harmed), using a chemical that acted in a very similar way to the tetrodotoxin, then placing these fish under a microscope to be able to see the fish's blood cells being pumped through its body by its basic, double chambered heart. Another major highlight was being able to sit in on a meeting where one member of the institute was sharing his successful results in his study of the pressure channels of cells which live at extreme pressures (mostly the ocean floor). The most incredible part of my week was when I was allowed to 'play' with liquid nitrogen.

Ben Hayek, Year 10 Student

SCIENCE ENRICHMENT EXCURSION

Over three days during Term 3, some boys from Years 9.1 and 9.4 participated in a Science Enrichment program with other Catholic schools at Kogarah Marist.

The program focused on climate change and Australia's response to the issue. On Tuesday 23rd August the students took part in a mock parliamentary debate, with Shaun Buxton playing the part of Tony Abbott, Linus Gibson being the Speaker of the House. 'Member Kosta Botsikas' was on the side of the farmers while 'Member Cameron Wells' and 'Member Matt Kelly' were on the side of taxing petrol.

Ms Melissa Gerke, Science Enrichment Coordinator



MCC ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The MCC Athletics carnival was held on Thursday 25th August. At our Winter Sports Assembly last week, I spoke briefly about how I regularly report on the highs our sportsmen go through and the many titles we win, but I don't often mention the lows. At the Athletics carnival the boys found out that not being fully committed means we don't deliver on our aspirations. The depth of talent that we have at the College often goes a long way to winning our titles, and if just one person does not prepare well, the result can mean that the team can suffer. After winning eight straight Aggregate trophies this was the case. Some of the boys became complacent and the ultimate price paid for this is that we came home empty handed. This is a strong message for all to be fully committed next time, especially with training. However, we had many exceptional performances such as Josh Dever in the 1500m event who broke the record by 9 seconds in a new time of 4m24.8s. Johnathan Tufuga broke the School Discus U14 record by over three and a half metres with a throw of 36.98m. Eighteen boys have now qualified to represent the MCC at the CCC Athletics Carnival. I'd like to thank our Athletics coaches Mr Gardiner, Mr Proctor, Mr Leary, Mr Ross, Mr MacNamara, Mr Fitzgerald and Mr Laing for the extra time they devoted to our Athletes.

CCC BASKETBALL

For the first time Marcellin College entered two junior teams in the CCC Basketball, a combined Year 7/8 team and a combined Year 9/10 team. The boys were outstanding in the way they carried themselves over the two days. Special thanks to Ms Dove and Mr Lobo for their expertise and the time they devoted to the teams. Both teams made the semi finals. This is an extraordinary achievement for these boys to be ranked in the top 4 Catholic Basketball teams across the state.

CCC RUGBY LEAGUE

Last week the A Grade team played their quarter final match against Patrician Brothers Blacktown. The boys were valiant in defeat losing their match against a much bigger and stronger team, 40 to 4. The best player was Alex Sorge. The team had an excellent season winning the A Grade Premiership and being ranked in the top 8 Catholic schools in NSW. Well done to the boys and Mr O'Connell, Mr Leary and Mr Gardiner for the time they have invested with the senior boys this season.

CCC ALL SCHOOLS AFL CHALLENGE

Every Friday night we have a Yr 7/8 team and a Yr 11/12 team competing in the AFL Challenge. The Juniors were too quick and strong for their opponents Newington College winning their first match 73 points to 10. Josh Dever was judged the best player, however, the Seniors were just edged out by Newington 52 to 42. Liam Job was the man of the match.

MCC VOLLEYBALL

The U15 and Open Volleyball teams competed in the MCC Championships at Homebush last Thursday. After winning both trophies for the first time last year, the boys were keen to defend their titles. After the Round Robin competition both teams qualified for, and won the semi final. The U15s lost their final to North Shore 3 sets to nil. Giuseppe Giuffre was judged Best and Fairest. The Opens lost their final against Bankstown 3 sets to 1. Jack Erickson was judged Best and Fairest. Thanks to Mr Proctor and Mr Laing for the extra training sessions they organised, often on Friday afternoons, making sure the boys were well prepared for competition.

WINTER SPORTS ASSEMBLY

Our special guest at the Winter season sport awards was Mr Michael Whitney, TV personality, former Australian fast bowler and father of Fergus in Year 11. Interviewed by staff member Mr Mitchell Dryden, Michael spoke about three values he upholds in the organisation as President of Randwick/Petersham Cricket Club; Respect, Trust and Humility. These are similar to the messages the staff of the College regularly try to impress upon the boys. Mr Dryden highlighted Michael's efforts in the 87/88 test series against New Zealand where he saved the third test by batting out the innings. Michael was tenacious and focused in saving the test for Australia. He commented on how proud he was speaking at our assembly but was even more thrilled that he could do it in front of his son Fergus. We sincerely thank Mr Whitney for taking time out of his busy schedule and for being so honest in sharing many insights. Congratulations to all the award winners for the Winter season.

WINTER SPORTS ASSEMBLY - AWARD WINNERS

Athletics	Age Champion	Soccer	Most Improved	Best and Fairest	Rugby League	Best Forward	Best Back
U12	Evan Davis	U13	Cooper Killorn	Alex Kyriacou	U13 Div 1	Jed Bouris	Bailey Alchin
U13	Alex Kyriacou	U14	Jacob Siles	Michael Polieri	U13 Div 2A	Jack Thornton	Luke Johnson
U14	Johnathan Tufuga	U15	Conor Docherty	Claudio Fabiano	U13 Div 2B	Luke Reid	Timothy Barron
U15	Nicholas Giannopoulos	B Grade	Christian Lozada	Harreson Baldwin	U14	Joshua Natoli	Johnathan Tufuga
U16	Benjamin Gordon	A Grade	James Hamilton	Brayden Sorge	U15	Jarrold Stevens	Joshua Ellison
Opens	Christian Lozada	Volleyball	Most Improved	Best and Fairest	B Grade	Nicholas Ostrovksy	Thomas Cogin
		U15	Bradley Littlefair	Giuseppe Giuffre	A Grade	Aaron Gray	Andrew Norton
		Opens	Jacob Burke	Jack Erickson			

Mr Robert Capizzi, Sport Coordinator