

MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK



NEWSLETTER

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

Standards

A small number of parents balked at supplying a doctor's certificate for missing the last day of Term 2. I thought I would use this article to explain the College position. For the past decade this school has been excelling in all areas. For a comprehensive boys' school, it has achieved excellent academic results. Its prowess in the sporting arena has also been remarkable – it has totally dominated the MCC competition made up of similar schools. Likewise, in all forms of cultural pursuits it has achieved above what should normally be expected from a non-selective school, for example winning state-wide debating competitions. Besides these obvious indications of a school travelling well, I believe on the whole, it has happy students who enjoy coming to school.

This has not occurred by accident. It has relied on strong leadership from Br Bill and now Br David, a dedicated staff and a strict adherence to standards and expectations. When we enforce a standard whether it is in regards to uniform, hair, punctuality, attendance or behaviour, we do so to give every individual the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential. What might seem pedantic or 'over the top' in certain instances is done to instill in our students, discipline, a good work ethic and behavioural habits which will set them up for success in their future lives.

The policy of requesting medical certificates could be seen as questioning the integrity of parents. That is not our aim. We want to send a clear message to the boys that being at school, regardless of the day, is important. Further, that to be part of our school requires a commitment of participation and honesty. Compared to most schools our attendance figures are exceptional. For example, we held a swimming carnival a couple of years ago in extremely challenging weather conditions. Out of 930 boys we had nine students absent. Some schools in good weather struggle to get fifty percent of their student population to attend such carnivals. Similar poor attendance on break-up days is also the norm in the other schools.

We have a school that we should all be proud of. We set high standards and our boys continue to meet these standards. We also have an extremely supportive parent body – the most supportive of any school I have taught in. At our recent 'Conversation with the Headmaster', parents overwhelmingly endorsed our approach to discipline and standards. Below is a sample of this support:

"Marcellin College has an excellent policy of instilling accountability in our boys. I believe this is essential to encourage maturity and responsibility in all aspects of their life."

"Keep the boys wanting to come to school and wanting to achieve."

"Clear expectations."

"Self control, punctuality, respect."

Thus we make no apology for continually raising the bar and striving for excellence - this is what makes Marcellin the exceptional school that it is.

God bless and thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes

Mr Les Salisbury
Deputy Headmaster



FROM THE HEADMASTER

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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

SPORTS AWARD WINNERS



Daniel Jewiss (Referee), Daniel Mifsud, Marko Bozic, Scott Gray, Matthew McKenzie, Alec Faulkner, Claudio Fabiano, Jarrod Kenny, Michael Polieri and Rick Herron, Soccer Awards



Don Riley,
Soccer Award



Jaiden Brown and
Nat Butcher, U13 Div 1
Rugby League Awards



Thomas McCusker and
Anthony La Rosa, U13 Div 2B
Rugby League Awards



Christian Lozada, Abaina Davis, James Bassil, Benjamin Gordon
and James Moran, Athletics Awards



Cameron Murray,
Athletics Award



Blake Hurley and Cheyne Whitelaw,
U15 Rugby League Awards



Jayden Azzopardi and Brandon Austin,
U13 Div 2A Rugby League Awards



Tom Perrin and Jaya Murdita,
U14 Rugby League Awards



Lars Roy and Jackson Garlick,
A Grade Rugby League Awards



Nathan Morris and Lachlan Maroon,
B Grade Rugby League Awards

CONGRATULATIONS

Cameron Murray, Jai McGrath and Jayden Azzopardi played in the U12 Div 1 Mascot Jets and were undefeated premiers winning against South Eastern by 24 - 4.

TERM 3 CALENDAR EVENTS

Thursday 9th September

- Year 11 Preliminary Exams commence. Conclude Friday 17th September.

Saturday 11th September

- Ex-Students Mass and Lunch (see College website for details).

Monday 13th September

- Year 10 Trial Exams commence. Conclude Friday 17th September.

Thursday 16th September

- MCC Volleyball.

Thursday 23rd September

- Graduation Day for Year 12 and final day of lessons for Term 3.

Friday 24th September

- Last day of Term 3 - Staff Inservice Day.

Friday 29th October

- Walkathon. Helpers urgently needed, please refer to newsletter insert.

NOTICES AND NEWS

YEAR 12 MUSIC SHOWCASE

Last Wednesday our Year 12 Music students came together for one last show – their HSC Showcase evening. Each boy is required to prepare four pieces of music for their HSC in the form of performances or compositions. At the Showcase each student presented two of their pieces for an audience of family and friends. This was an excellent opportunity for the students to fine-tune their pieces and to gain some last-minute experience performing before an audience. We wish the boys all the best of luck for their HSC performance exam this Friday 10th September. *Mrs Fiona Ulrick, Music Coordinator*



SCHOOL SKI TRIP

On Friday 6th August, 41 boys and 4 staff ventured to the Snowy Mountains for the annual Marcellin College ski weekend. For many of the boys this was their first experience in the snow and I'm sure that the entire weekend exceeded all expectations for both beginner and advanced skiers alike. We were truly blessed to find some of the best skiing conditions of the season with 50cm of fresh snow falling in the week before we arrived, followed by beautiful sunny crisp days on Saturday and Sunday. We returned to school at about 11.30pm on Sunday night exhausted but happy. All the boys are now counting the days until we can do it all again next year. A special thank you to Mr Laing, Mr Gibbons and Mr Howe for their help and support with the boys over the weekend. *Mr Stephen Roemling, TAS Coordinator*



SPECIAL VISITOR - ANDY GRIFFITHS

Students from local primary schools joined Year 7 students from Marcellin College for a presentation from bestselling children's author, Andy Griffiths, in the Marist Centre on Thursday 2nd September. Andy is the author of over twenty books including the Just series, the Bum series, the Schooling Around series, The Cat on the Mat is Flat and The Bad Book. He has appeared on ABC television and has won over sixty children's choice awards. Students were able to meet Andy and have copies of their books signed after the event.

Ms Amy Parish, Assistant English Coordinator



MARY MACKILLOP CANONISATION

In October this year the Canonisation of Mary Mackillop will take place. In support of this, the College held a mufti day on Friday 27th August to raise funds for the Canonisation process. The tally counted so far is \$2649.

Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart have launched a nationwide Appeal for the Canonisation ceremony of Mary Mackillop in Rome and official celebrations around Australia and the world. Donations can be made at any time leading up to the Canonisation, either by emailing info@sosj.org.au or by phoning the National Call Centre on 1800 753 959 - open between 9am to 7pm, Monday to Friday or by using the link below to donate online: <https://www.sosj.org.au/support-our-work/content.cfm?loadref+193>



SPORT AND NEWS

MCC ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Thursday 26th August the Marcellin Athletics team competed at the MCC Athletics Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park. The boys did a terrific job winning thirty of the eighty-four events and were placed second fourteen times.

Marcellin finished first or second in over half the events, winning the Juvenile, Junior and Senior trophies as well as increasing our tally of Aggregate trophies to eight. We won the Aggregate trophy by over 300 points.



ATHLETICS TROPHIES

Final scores were: AGGREGATE 1234 points, JUVENILE 577 points, JUNIOR 445 points, SENIOR 212 points

ATHLETICS RECORDS

Special mention to Christian Lozada who broke the MCC U16 110 metre hurdle record in a time of 14.81 seconds.

In addition to this, the following boys broke school records:

James Bassil - Under 13 Triple Jump,
Fraser Graham - Under 14 Discus,
Jacob Burke - Under 16 Discus.

Well done to all athletes for their excellent results and thank you to Mr Laing, Mr Leary, Mr Fitzgerald and Mr Ross for coaching the boys.



ATHLETICS TEAM

SPORTS NEWS

The sporting focus now shifts towards Volleyball and our Summer sports. The Volleyball team continue to train hard and will compete at Homebush on the 16th September from 9am. We wish these boys the best of luck on the day. The Summer sport nominations, Basketball, Cricket, Squash and Touch Football, have now been called for and boys began training on Tuesday. The first official trial will take place in Week 1 of Term 4 on Thursday 14th October and competition begins in Week 2 next term. Good luck to all boys trialling for a position in our Summer squads.

Last Friday, we highlighted all the teams who competed in the winter season. Well done to all the Rugby League and Soccer teams and congratulations to all boys who received an award on the day.

WINTER SPORTS ASSEMBLY - AWARD WINNERS

Athletics	Age Champion	Rugby League	Best Forward	Best Back	Soccer	Most Improved	Best and Fairest
U12	Cameron Murray	U13 Div 1	Nat Butcher	Jaiden Brown	U13	Rick Herron	Michael Polieri
U13	James Bassil	U13 Div 2A	Brandon Austin	Jayden Azzopardi	U14	Jarrold Kenny	Claudio Fabiano
U14	Abaina Davis	U13 Div 2B	Anthony La Rosa	Thomas McCusker	U15	Alec Faulkner	Matthew McKenzie
U15	Benjamin Gordon	U14	Jaya Murdita	Tom Perrin	B Grade	Don Riley	Scott Gray
U16	Christian Lozada	U15	Cheyne Whitelaw	Blake Hurley	A Grade	Marko Bozic	Daniel Mifsud
Opens	James Moran	B Grade	Nathan Morris	Lachlan Maroon			
		A Grade	Jackson Garlick	Lars Roy			

Mr Robert Capizzi, Sport Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Uniform Shop: Opening hours Tuesday 8am-11.15am and Thursday 8am-1pm.

Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers: Free workshop for parents and supervising drivers at Randwick City Council on 15 September at 6.30pm. For bookings call 9399 0786.