From the Headmaster

It is with much excitement and anticipation that I welcome all members of the Marcellin community to the 2015 academic year. This is the 92nd year of quality Marist education at the College and so we begin our year with a sense of gratitude for the work that has gone before us, along with a sense of great hope and expectation for the year to come.

What a marvellous College we have here. In my early weeks I have already personally experienced, or certainly heard about, many of the things that Marcellin is well known for in the broader community – being a welcoming and hospitable place; promoting a strong Marist charism; achieving outstanding academic results; having a talented and committed staff; and being a College where boys so obviously have a great love for and loyalty to their school. It has been a wonderful start to the year and I thank all in the community for their warm welcome. I look forward to meeting as many people as possible over the coming weeks and months.

The College scriptural theme for this year comes from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians (2Cor13:11).

Try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you

Staff will refer to this passage and break it open a little during the course of the year but by way of introducing the theme I would like to reflect on a story from this week.

Like so many of you no doubt, I was delighted to hear last Monday that Australian journalist Peter Greste had been released from prison in Cairo and was on his way back home. Four hundred days in a Cairo prison after a farcical trial would be enough to make anyone bitter, but two things struck me as I listened to his first interview, recorded in Cyprus by Al Jazeera just hours after his release. The first was that, while he was understandably relieved and even ecstatic to be free, he had enormous concern for his colleagues whom he left behind in prison. This made his release somewhat stressful in a sense as these men had become ‘his brothers’. The second thing I noted was his explanation of how he was able to achieve this. I suppose I was particularly drawn to his reference to ‘staying fit spiritually’. In a school which has as one of its highest priorities to encourage the boys to develop their faith and understand that they are spiritual as well as physical beings, I think the message that one has to nurture one’s spirituality as well as one’s physical and mental capacity is a critical one.

Within our Marist tradition, and more specifically here at Marcellin, we continually strive to create opportunities for our students and staff to develop their ‘spiritual fitness’. This is part of our mission. St Marcellin himself taught the first brothers that ‘to make Jesus known and loved is the aim of our vocation’. In order to do this, it is imperative that opportunities to discern His presence are part of our everyday routine. This happens not only through the Religious Education program, prayer and meditation, it also happens through our Solidarity programs where the boys interact with those on the margins and in need of support.
For me, the two observations outlined earlier from Peter Greste’s interview spoke volumes, not only about the man himself, but about what is important for all of us when we strip away the distractions of life and become focussed on what really matters. Peter Greste’s dignity and compassion under such trying circumstances are an inspiration for us all and a reminder of what we should value in life, namely, a deep respect for our fellow human beings and a commitment to develop our humanity in its entirety. God wants us to be the best people we can be but we need to take some responsibility in achieving that. We should always ‘try to grow perfect and help one another’.

With many blessings for the fortnight ahead.

Mr John Hickey
Headmaster

From the Deputy Headmaster

Welcome back to students and their families as we begin 2015.

The day before school started for Years 8-12, Our Year 11 Peer Support Leaders (listed on Page 3), attended Heffron Park to assist the new Year 7 cohort enter high school. With such good will and enthusiasm, these young men ran the Peer Support Program on a very wet day and helped with the induction of our newest students. My thanks go to each of these students, as well as Mr Fitzgerald and the Year 7 team for their hard work in ensuring a smooth start to Year 7.

All students have received their diaries, which are a critical form of communication for teachers, students and their parents/guardians. I strongly recommend that all families familiarise themselves with the procedures and policies contained in the student diary. Students need to pay particular attention to our College expectations, uniform and hair policy, the mobile phone policy and the ICT policy.

I spoke to all students last week and will continue to do so this year about attending to the “little things” and getting involved at Marcellin to ensure a successful and rewarding year. I would like to wish everyone well as we begin 2015.

If you have any concerns or questions throughout the coming year, please do not hesitate to contact your son’s Homeroom teacher.

Mr Peter Buxton
Deputy Headmaster
Welcome Year 7

AETerna Non Caduca
The Eternal not the Transitory

Commencement Mass
Friday, 13 February
Marist Centre @9.30am
All members of the Marcellin community are warmly invited

PARENTS & FRIENDS
AGM

Wednesday, 11 February
@6.30pm

THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
All: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
All: Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary

And the Word was made Flesh.
All: And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord,
Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection.
Through the same Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

PEER SUPPORT LEADERS 2015

Anson Antony
Tim Ryan
Nathan Trist
Bobby Nader
Peter Faddoul
Remar John Leron
Kelan Raffo
Jorge Hatzigiannis
Thomas King
Lucas Toms
James Katakouzinos
Nathaniel Sharpley
Patrick Stellino
Joseph Mezzatesta
Julian Breznik
Laurie Golsby
Dominic Maher
Alexander Drury
Derek Daquel
Seamus Harte
Jake Murray
James Leong
Nicholas Mougios
Christopher Katsinas
Luke Lerdwichagul
Alejandro Munoz
Francis Devine
Thomas Chichester
Luke Robson
Nicholas Pavlakis
Billy Zaletel
Ethan Whitty
Henry Hughes
Liam Conolly
Ethan O’Neill
Daniel Bassil
Zachary Callaghan
2015 College Appointments

College Executive

Headmaster
Deputy Headmaster (2nd IC)
Student Welfare Coordinator (3rd IC)
Religious Education Coordinator
Director of Teaching & M-Learning
Director of Development & Communications

Mr John Hickey
Mr Peter Buxton
Mr Paul Daley
Mr Ian Laing
Mr Chris Shields
Ms Jane Evans

Year Coordinators

Year 7  Mr Matthew Fitzgerald
Year 8  Ms Sharon Moore
Year 9  Mr Christopher Behan
Year 10 Mr Paul MacGee
Year 11 Mr Paul Daley
Year 12 Mrs Patricia Kratochvil

Key Learning Area (KLA) Leaders

English  Ms Annette Emms
HSIE  Mr Anthony Burke
Mathematics  Mr Jacob Gibbons
PDHPE  Mr Christopher O’Connell
Religious Education  Mr Ian Laing
Science  Ms Jeannie Scevity
TAS  Ms Peta Bourke

Welcome New Staff

Mr Chris Behan  Mr John Hickey
Mrs Lisa Cummins  Ms Louise Landing
Ms Lisa Farrelly  Mr Justin McHugh
Ms Hayley Flowers  Mr Anthony Noyes
Ms Daniela Gamma  Ms Mara Watts
Mr Thomas Gardiner  Mr Scott Wilkie

Year 7 Orientation

Year 7 Orientation was held on Wednesday, 28 January at Heffron Park. Despite the rain, the boys enjoyed the day, making new friends and meeting the Year 11 Peer Support team.
**Headmaster’s Assembly**

The first Headmaster’s Assembly for 2015 was held on Friday, 6 February, with the Marist Centre full to the brim with parents, Old Boys, staff and students.

The Year 7 cohort was officially welcomed, and individual subject first placegetters from Years 7-9 2014 were recognised. We also congratulated our Year 11 students who achieved a Band 6 in HSC Mathematics in 2014.

A highlight of the assembly was the presence of 35 of the 43 graduates from the Class of 2014 who excelled in their HSC with a Band 6 /E4 result.

**Photos:**
1. Mr John Hickey presenting Miguel Vila, Class of 2014 graduate, with a trophy for receiving the highest ATAR in the HSC.
2-6: Some of the many students who placed first in their subjects for Semester 2, 2014.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday Liturgy
18 February @11.10am
2014 HSC Results

Marcellin College congratulates the HSC Class of 2014 for the best HSC results ever! In an extraordinary performance, 26 out of 27 courses were above state average. There are also three boys on the HSC Merit list. Well done to all boys and their teachers on these outstanding results.

- 96.3% of courses (26 of 27 courses) above state average (148 HSC students)
- In 81% of courses (22 of 27 courses) a Band 6 result was achieved by one or more student.
- A total of 385 Band 5 & 6 results (2nd highest ever).
- 46 students received a Band 6 (or equivalent) result in one or more subject, and 20 students with two or more Band 6 results (exactly same as 2013)
- 23 of 27 courses had a higher % of Band 5 & 6 results in comparison to the state.
- 3 students on HSC High Achievers Merit List (all Band 6 or equivalent results): Shaun Buckton, Ronan O’Hara and Miguel Vila

Congratulations 2014 HSC High Achievers - Band 6/ E4 results

Important Dates Term 1 & Term 2

**TERM 1**
- Wed, 11 February: P&F AGM
- Friday, 13 February: Commencement Mass
- Wed, 18 February: Ash Wednesday
- 2 - 12 March: Year 12 Examinations
- Friday, 6 March: MCC Swimming Carnival (compulsory Yrs 7 & 11)
- 15 - 20 March: Year 12 Retreat
- 19 March: YR 7 & 11 Sen Subject Evening
- 19 March: TERM 1 concludes
- Thursday, 2 April: Term 1 concludes

**TERM 2**
- Monday, 20 April: Yr 12 Parent/Teacher Night
- Monday, 27 April: College Athletics Carnival
- Wednesday, 6 May: ANZAC Day Ceremony
- Friday, 8 May: Year 8 Family Mass
- 12 - 14 May: NAPLAN (Years 7 & 9)
- 18 - 28 May: Year 11 Examinations
- Wednesday, 20 May: Parents In Touch
- 25 - 28 May: Year 10 Examinations
- Friday, 29 May: Staff Development Day
- 1 - 3 June: Years 7 - 9 Examinations
- Friday, 5 June: Champagnat Day
- Tuesday, 16 June: College Photo Day
- Wednesday, 24 June: Yrs 10-11 Sen Subject Evening
- Friday, 26 June: Yr 10 Subject Select. Interviews
- Term 2 concludes
Meet and Greet
Change in Fee Billing System

All families should have received a letter from the College regarding the change to the fee billing system for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

There will now be an option of 4 payment plans - annually, in three term installments, monthly or fortnightly. Families who are already on a payment plan need to contact the College to confirm if they will change their arrangements or stay on the same plan.

Families are asked to complete the form and return it to the school as soon as possible. Parents wishing to discuss payment structures are welcome to contact myself or Mrs Marlene Smith at the Front Office on 9398 6355.

Mrs Sharon Elliot
Bursar

Year 11 SOLIDARITY
Student / Parent Information Evening
Tuesday, 10 February @6.30pm

Careers

Welcome back! As the New Year gets underway I would like to draw your attention to a few important items on the Careers/VET calendar at Marcellin College.

- The School University Visits are taking place again this year with many dates already booked in. All universities will visit the school on Tuesdays at lunch time. The first visit be in March. The dates are accessible via the school calendar. The program was very well received last year, and it is highly recommended that students attend.
- Year 10 Work Experience programme will continue again this year. Students should begin to secure an employer, especially those wishing to gain experience in a high interest area, through a university program, or through any other large corporations.
- Year 11 VET Hospitality and Construction will undertake two weeks of Work Placement this year. First in Term 2 and then again in Term 4. The dates are on the calendar and will be confirmed with students closer to the date.
- There will be two opportunities for students in Years 9-12 to undertake the White Card Safety Course this year. The first course is scheduled for Term 2.

For the latest career news, students should come to my office or contact me at: john.cuthbertson@syd.catholic.edu.au

Mr John Cuthbertson
Careers & VET Coordinator
UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
Tuesday 8.00am - 11:15am
Thursday 8.00am - 1:00pm
Price list and more details on College website: Phone 9398-6822
MCR Swimming Carnival
Welcome back to all parents and students for 2015, particularly those in Year 7. Term 1 will again prove to be a busy period in relation to sport. We are currently involved in the 2014/15 Summer MCC sport competition, with the final round matches against Ashfield played last week. Our teams performed extremely well, winning nine of the eleven matches contested (all results included below).

With hard work and commitment to training over the closing weeks of the summer season, our boys are sure to perform well and continue our proud tradition in the MCC competition. We wish all teams the best of luck in the upcoming finals.

College Cross Country Championships
The College Cross Country Championships were held last week. The U12, U13 and U14s competed at Coral Sea and the U15 & U16s ran at Heffron Park. The Aggregate trophy for total point score across all age groups was won by Ignatius, in one of the closest results in recent years.

1st – Ignatius 957   2nd – Bowen 942   3rd – Anselm 852   4th – Fallon 548

Special Achievement – Cricket
Last Monday, the Downie Trophy cricket team left on a wet morning and travelled to Singleton to play in the Quarter Final against st Joseph’s High School Aberdeen. This was the same game we had lost the last two years in the competition.

Aberdeen won the toss and elected to bat first. Declan White struck early taking two wickets in his second over putting us in a good position. Aberdeen fought back and built a good partnership but runs were hard to come by with some tight bowling. After 34 overs they were 3/95. Marcellin continued to apply pressure and Aberdeen collapsed, all out for 114 runs. Thomas Chichester took three wickets and Declan took another two finishing with figures of 4/9. The Marcellin batsmen made easy work of Aberdeen’s total, chasing it down in the 31st over. Ryan Danne finished with 46 runs and Adam Docos 43 runs.

Congratulations boys on making the Semi-Final!

Mr Jacob Gibbons - Coach

College Swimming Carnival
On Friday 30 January, the 92nd Annual Swimming Carnival was held at Botany Aquatic Centre. This carnival is always a highlight on the College sporting calendar, and even more so this year with a new venue and a new carnival format. All age groups rotated through six events on the day, maximising participation for all boys. Fortunately the weather was kind to us as the carnival was held under bright blue skies. I was most impressed with the spirit the boys demonstrated through their effort to dress proudly in their house colours and compete in large numbers throughout the day. Well done to all who were involved in the smooth running of the carnival.

Thank you class parents for supplying and organising lunch for the staff. Well done to the newly named Bowen House, led on the day by Luke Dever who took out the carnival from Fallon in second place.

Congratulations to Alejandro Belmont for breaking the U/14 50m Freestyle record with a new time of 26.97 seconds, and to Cormac Guthrie for breaking the U/16 50m Freestyle record with a new time of 26.09 seconds The Swimming team was announced last week and they began training today at Botany Aquatic Centre (7.00am). They will train each Monday,
Wednesday and Friday leading up to the MCC Championships on Thursday 19 March.

**COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS:**

Bowen – 1330     Fallon – 1164
Anselm – 931     Ignatius – 926

U12:
1st – Jackson Dennett (Ignatius – 54 points)
2nd – Anthony Sinapi (Bowen – 48 points)
3rd – Brock Punton (Bowen – 46 points)

U13:
1st – Kyle O’Sullivan (Bowen – 44 points)
2nd – Marcus Littlejohn (Bowen – 36 points)
3rd – Ryan Wilkes (Anselm – 35 points)

U14:
1st – Alejandro Belmont Camacho (Fallon – 70 points)
2nd – Lachlan Rheinberger (Fallon – 44 points)
3rd – John Licitra (Fallon – 26 points)

**CCC Representation**

For elite athletes wishing to apply for CCC sports, information is on the NSWCCC website. When registering for a sport, I would ask that only elite sportsmen apply for a particular sport. If you do nominate, please provide correspondence to myself or Mr Mullaly and notify the staff in the Front Office that you will be away on the specified days. If you have any queries about this, please contact me.

Mr Luke MacNamara
Sports Coordinator