There used to be a saying among the Brothers, heard most often around the time when teaching and principal appointments to schools were being announced. “Congratulations, you got the big cheese,” was the phrase used to describe Brothers who were appointed Headmaster of the flagship schools; the highly esteemed schools that were strong performers. Marcellin Randwick was a ‘big cheese’. So it might come as a surprise to you that when our Provincial Superior asked me to go to Randwick, rather than jump at the offer, I asked for time to think about it. Such stalling tactics in religious life are the polite way of saying “No”.

It wasn’t that I didn’t hold MCR in great esteem but I thought such a strong, well-regarded school would surely attract any number of willing and eager leaders and my skills might be better used at a school that was struggling. Even in a world of instant, easy communication being on the other side of the planet in Chicago meant that I was out of the reach of the Provincial so I just let his invitation rest in the back of my mind.

He did what most religious superiors do. He eventually got back to me and this time he was less invitational and more persuasive. I didn’t accept, but I did say that when next he met with his Council and they still wanted me to go to Randwick I would. He didn’t get back to me but not long after I read in the Brothers daily email communication that I had been appointed Headmaster at Marcellin.

In religious life we call this process discernment and while I make light of the human tactics involved it is a genuine process of trying to make the right decision and to do so attentive to what we think will be best in realising God’s reign in the world. I am grateful for the process of discernment because my appointment has turned out to be one of the most fulfilling and enjoyable experiences of my life. More importantly, it has been a period of professional, personal and spiritual growth.

Thank you for showing me the face of God.

Thank you for growing me. Thank you for accepting me. Thank you for trusting me. Thank you for encouraging me. Thank you for supporting me.

Thank you for showing me the face of God.

Wishing you the abundant blessings you have given me.

Br David Hall FMS - HEADMASTER
Farewell Br David

AETerna Non Caduca
The Eternal not the Transitory
Farewell Br David

AETERNA NON CADUCA
The Eternal not the Transitory
From the Deputy Headmaster

A new design and fabric House Shirt has been produced and will be sold through the Uniform Shop. All students need to purchase a new shirt to begin the New Year. My advice is to get in early and purchase the new House Shirt to avoid your size being out of stock.

School begins for Year 8-12 on Thursday, 29 January 2015. Close to this date, parents need to log into their Sentral portal so that your son can print off his new timetable. All students are expected at school on this day in their summer uniform (not sports uniform) and with their new timetable, printed from home.

I have listed below some important dates to finish this year and for the start of next.

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<td>Monday, 15 December</td>
<td>Years 7-9 Picnic Day (compulsory attendance)</td>
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<td>Tuesday, 16 December</td>
<td>House champions and full attendance students at Wet’n’Wild</td>
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<td>Wednesday, 17 December</td>
<td>Parent feedback interviews</td>
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<td>Wednesday, 28 January</td>
<td>Year 7 Orientation (Peer Support Leaders required)</td>
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<td>Thursday, 29 January</td>
<td>Years 7-12 first day (Day 5, no sport, school uniform required)</td>
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<td>Friday, 30 January</td>
<td>Swimming Carnival at Botany Aquatic Centre (NB: new venue for 2015)</td>
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I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a restful break. Remember to look after each other over the holidays, especially at Christmas.

The Angelus Bells

On Monday, 8 December at 12 noon the bells rang out for the first time at Marcellin College.

Staff, students, Old Boys and parents gathered after our final Headmaster’s Assembly for 2014 to pray the Angelus together in the Courtyard.
2015 Booklists

The Booklists detailing the textbooks required for Years 8-11, 2015 have been issued to students. Ordering can be done online through Campion Booksellers via their website: www.campion.com.au

There is also a facility to order over the phone. Where possible each book will have an electronic component. This will enable boys to better manage the load of their school bag.

As we move towards the full implementation of Phase One of the National Curriculum it is vitally important that all boys have the correct editions of the textbooks nominated, and this is guaranteed through our arrangement with Campion. Students entering Year 7 in 2015 have been issued with their list, and our 2015 HSC cohort have already purchased their texts.

Ordering must take place by Friday 12 December to ensure delivery early next year. Orders can still be placed online after this date, but Campion do not guarantee delivery by the start of the 2015 school year. Please note that all orders must include postage, as no books are being delivered to the College in 2015 due to restrictions in place with our building project. Please read the online instructions carefully as some texts are retained from this year.

Ordering details at: www.campion.com.au Select Marcellin College Randwick and enter the College Code: AA93

Have a fabulous Christmas and summer break, and see you in 2015.

Mr Chris Shields - Director of Teaching & M-Learning

2002 - 2013 Yearbooks

The College has additional copies of the 2002 -2013 Yearbooks.

If you would like to obtain a copy, please contact John Finley on 9398 6355.
Capital Works Timeline - The Devlin Centre and Merv Cross Rooms #1 & #2

June 2014

August 2014

October 2014

December 2014

Inside The Devlin Centre - 9 December 2014

UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING HOURS
JANUARY 2015

Price list and more details on College website: Phone 9398-6822

Wednesday 21st: 8.30am - 2.00pm
Friday 23rd: 8.30am - 2.00pm
Tuesday 27th: 8.00am - 2.00pm

Thursday 22nd: 8.30am - 2.00pm
Saturday 24th: 8.30am - 11.30am
Wednesday 28th: 8.00am - 12.00pm
MCR Student Memorial Board

The College is in the process of placing a memorial board in the Prayer Room. This board is in memory of those boys who have passed away whilst being a student at MCR. To date, the College has the following details of their passing.

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<td>Douglas Hussey</td>
<td>28/12/1936</td>
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<td>Leo Wright</td>
<td>03/03/1938</td>
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<td>Jimmy Kenny</td>
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<td>Will Ross</td>
<td>05/03/1943</td>
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<td>Gilbert Bocabarteille</td>
<td>25/04/1946</td>
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<td>Patrick O’Flaherty</td>
<td>25/12/1948</td>
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<td>Graeme Cook</td>
<td>? 1958</td>
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<td>Michael Wilkins</td>
<td>24/02/1968</td>
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<td>Greg Burg</td>
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<td>Graham Corbett</td>
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<td>Daniel Romeo</td>
<td>17/10/2013</td>
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If you find any inaccuracies in this information, or there are boys names missing, could you please email these details to Mrs Jane Evans jane.evans@syd.catholic.edu.au

I thank you for your assistance with this.

Mr Brian Vane-Tempest
Director of Development & Communications

Christmas Carols at Little Sisters of the Poor

Year 9 students Paul Escorrido, Stephen Seguna and Matthew Lombardi, along with Ms DeFrancesco, Mr Ross and Mrs Kratochvil provided some Christmas joy to the residents at Little Sisters of the Poor on Thursday, 11 December.

The trio entertained with a range of musical items including Christmas Carols, modern pop and guitar solos. Ms Bourke’s Year 9 TAS students also made some Christmas gifts in the workshops for the occasion and these were distributed amongst the residents.

Mrs Trish Kratochvil
Year 10 Coordinator

Above: Paul Escorrido, Stephen Seguna and Matthew Lombardi performing at Little Sisters of the Poor
High Achievements in the Australasian Mathematics Assessment

In August, 241 Marcellin students in Years 7 – 11 competed in the Australasian Mathematics Assessment. Our students performed extremely well, with 32 Distinctions and 99 Credits being awarded.

The following students especially deserve to be congratulated on their outstanding efforts.

**Distinctions - top 10% of the State**

**Year 7**

Left to right: Sterling Bayaca, Gian Cornale, Patrick Galea, Thomas Go, Darian Gunawan, Adam Mattioli, Maximos Minenko, Lawrence Nguyen, Edward Simmonds

**Year 8**

Rory Dolan, Zak Pluta, Thomas Stellino

**Year 10**

Cooper Killorn, Eamon Moroney, Philipp Trupke

**Year 11**

Benjamin McDonald, Thomas Thurn, Samuel Tjugito, Declan White

**Year 9**

Nicholas Bollard, Oisin Brady, Darren Cheng, Fionn Geraghty, Alex Jackson

Lucas Leung, Cormac Murray, Kurt Murray, Declan O’Connell, Braden Raffo

Cristian Speranza, Matthew Sulistyo, Timotheus Tjokrowidjaja

Ms Jane Evans
Mathematics Coordinator
**Dicey Year 9 Maths**

Recently in Mr O’Donnelly’s Year 9 Maths class we have been looking at Probability. We have been investigating through practical trials and smartboard activities how results from experiments relate to the theory involved.

Did you know that your chances of choosing the correct Lotto numbers in a standard game are approximately 7 million to 1!

Kurt Murray  
Year 9.1

Photos: Bayden Riley and Timotheus Tjokrowidjaja use smartboards to investigate probability (top right), whilst Jonathan Mitsias, Angus Fraser and Jarrod Terry (right) roll the dice.

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**Marine Excursion**

On Wednesday, 3 December the Year 11 Marine Studies class went down to La Perouse to practise skills we had learnt in our lessons this term.

We left school at 12:30pm and Mr Leary drove us. We had all our fishing equipment and the bait fish which we had filleted the previous week in our assessment task.

We arrived at Frenchmans Bay and made the fishing traces, tied them to the lines and practiced our casting technique. After this, we cast out, hoping we would catch something and patiently waited. Sean Douglas was fortunate to catch his first fish on his first cast! Whilst I lost a fish, I did manage to catch a crab at the end of the day.

Over the course of this term we have learnt many useful skills which we will be able to use in our future. Thank you to Mr Cuthbertson and Mr Mullaly for organising this excursion.

Ben Callanan  
Year 11

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Above: Mr Mullaly and Ben Callanan catching a crab on the Year 11 Marine excursion

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**COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS**

**ST. THERESE CHURCH, MASCOT**

**CORNER CAMDUN AND SUTHERLAND STREETS, MACCOT NSW 2020**

**Experience the unique preparation for the coming of Jesus through the Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Dawn Masses:**

**December 16 - 24, 2014**

5:00 am - Dawn Masses for Finucane School (Schools).

December 15, 2014

7:00 am - MERCY NIGHT (Feel God’s love and forgiveness).

December 20, 2014

7:00 pm - Spanish Christmas Mass

December 21, 2014

12:00 pm - Filipino Christmas Mass

**December 24, 2014**

6:00 pm - Christmas pageant (Mass for the whole family).

9:00 pm - Vigil Mass in a quieter mood.

12:00 am - Midnight Mass. BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST!!!

December 25, 2014

8:00 am - Italian Misses.

10:00 am - Chinese Mass.

12:00 am - Christmas Lunch - you don’t have to be a Macedonian to come! Parishes Parishes Centre, 39 Sutherland St. Mascot.

6:00 pm - Mass.

**Merry Christmas and Blessed 2015**
Staff Farewells

We bid farewell and thank the following staff for their service at Marcellin College.

- Br David Hall
- Mr Damian Chase
- Mr Brian Vane-Tempest
- Mr Dave Ferguson
- Mrs Susan Eichorn
- Mr Bill Kostovski
- Mr Steve Davidson
- Ms Melissa Gerke
- Ms Ellen Behan
- Ms Debra Moore
- Mr Gabrielle Turchi
- Mr Dale Clarke
- Ms Lisa Penkils

The following staff will be on leave in 2015.

- Mrs Tegan Evans
- Ms Amy Parish
- Ms Naleen-Helen Greenwood
- Mrs Donna Rugless

We are delighted with the quality of the newly appointed staff for next year. All appointments will be announced in the first newsletter of 2015.

2015 College Appointments

College Executive

Headmaster Mr John Hickey
Deputy Headmaster (2nd IC) Mr Peter Buxton
Student Welfare Coordinator (3rd IC) Mr Paul Daley
Religious Education Coordinator Mr Ian Laing
Director of Teaching & M-Learning Mr Christopher Shields
Director of Development & Communications 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

Above: Year 8 students Jack Wapshott, Jack Rheinberger, and Campbell Garlick with the many donations received for the St Vincent Christmas Appeal and the Matthew Talbot hostel hampers.

At this time of year it was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and awareness our students have brought to the Christmas Appeal. Thank you to all who donated. These gifts will be distributed to people who otherwise might not have gifts or food this Christmas.

Mr Damian Chase
Solidarity Coordinator
**From the Sports Coordinator**

**MCC SUMMER SEASON**

The MCC Summer season has finished up for 2014 as we approach the Christmas holiday break. Six rounds have now been completed, with all of our representative teams in strong contention to qualify for the finals.

On Thursday, 27 November we took on Ryde in Round 1, which had been ‘washed out’ earlier in the term. Our teams were again dominant over our opposition, winning ten out of the twelve matches played. On another excellent day for Marcellin sport, all of our Basketball and Cricket teams were victorious and our Squash team won their fourth consecutive match. Our strongest results came from the B Grade Basketball, U16 Cricket & U15 Touch. This was a great way to conclude our summer competition for 2014, with Round 7 and Finals to be played early in Term 1 next year. My thanks and congratulations to all players and coaches for their efforts and results so far in the Summer competition.

**DOWNIE TROPHY CRICKET**

Marcellin won the toss and sent St Mary’s in to bat first on a damp wicket. They only managed to score a total of 40 runs, bowled out in the 29th over of the day. All of the Marcellin bowlers performed extremely well. Fionn Geraghty finished with the best figures of 4/9 followed by Tom McCusker with 3/5 and Declan White with 2/6.

Going into bat, Marcellin wasted no time with the batsmen playing their shots and getting the runs in the 10th over with just one wicket down. Cooper Smith top scored with 19 runs not out. Marcellin will now travel to play Aberdeen in the quarter finals early next year.

Final Result: Marcellin College 1/41 defeated St Mary’s Cathedral 10/40

Mr Jacob Gibbons - Coach

**SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT - Joshua Mellick**

Joshua Mellick (Year 8) has been chosen in one of four teams from NSW U/14 Boys Cricket to participate in the State Challenges to be played at Dubbo in January 2015. The State Challenge competition is a key component in the cricket pathway from the newly formed partnership with Cricket Australia, Cricket NSW and Cricket ACT.

Joshua will represent his region after being selected from the South Eastern Cricket Association. Congratulations Joshua and good luck!

**SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT - Old Boy Jordan Foote**

**SYDNEY SWANS 2015 ROOKIE**

Congratulations to Class of 2013 graduate Jordan Foote, who has been drafted by the Sydney Swans in the 2014 AFL Rookie Draft. Jordan joins fellow Class of 2013 graduate Abaina Davis at the Swans for the 2015 season.

Mr Luke MacNamara
Sports Coordinator

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**New House T-shirts**

In 2015 new house T-Shirts will be introduced. They are available from the Uniform Shop and cost $24.00.

Champagnat House will become Bowen House in 2015.
Farewell Br David

You will be missed!