We find that in the period of time following Valentine’s Day there are still remnants of the day in shop windows and department stores. From reduced priced chocolates to withering roses, these items are meant to demonstrate our love and care for those around us. Whilst some may disagree with the commercialisation, the day stands as a reminder to us all that love is all around us. However, for this simple man, love is far too complicated an issue to unpack or to fully comprehend, so I would prefer to focus on the heart - the universal symbol of love.

It seems that many people have wonderful and inspiring things to say about the heart. We read from our Marist Spirituality that “our hearts long to find happiness, to believe that we can find love and share in the blessings of life. But we also fear hurt and betrayal and so are tentative in our relationships and involvements.” Much of the wisdom surrounds the heart’s wonderful capacity to demonstrate compassion and generosity. However we also hear of a hard heart, one that shows no sympathy or care for the individual.

In recent weeks, I have understood the heart in two different ways.

During the summer holidays I, along with some senior students, attended the Marist Youth Festival in Sydney: a three day gathering of Marist youth from across Australia. The theme of the festival, was “Just Living – Hearts without Borders”. MYF 2015 was a wonderful experience. Three days for two hundred Young Marists to celebrate their faith, deepen their discipleship, heighten their sense of justice, experience community as part of the Marist spiritual family, and be inspired to make a difference in their Church and their world. The highlight was a series of keynote addresses from Br Emili Turu, the Superior General of the Marist Brothers, and so the successor of Saint Marcellin. He challenged us all to have a heart that is not limited by borders but rather a heart open to the entire world.

The second representation of the heart was evident at our Commencement Mass. As part of the opening ritual, the key symbols of the College were processed to the sacred space. Six boys and a member of staff carried the College Hearts. These silver hearts, which reside in our prayer room, contain the names of every College staff and student. They are symbolic of the famous saying of St Marcellin “I leave you in the sacred hearts of Mary and Jesus.”

Our heart is where we create space for those we love and also for God. For some people “God is nowhere”. Although, if these people reimagined their lives and change the space in their hearts I’m sure they would find that “God is now here.”
From the Deputy Headmaster

The season of Lent consists of the 40 days, not including Sundays before Easter. Lent is a time to prepare for the holiest time of the Christian year by fasting, praying and giving. Many people give something up for Lent (such as food, watching TV, etc.) or do something to bring them closer to God, such as donating to worthy charities or doing something for somebody else.

I had the pleasure of giving the Homily at our Ash Wednesday celebration this week. I have asked each of our students to perform two key tasks during Lent. I would like them to give generously from their pockets to raise money for our three charities. I have also asked that our boys give generously of themselves and commit to three ‘things’ they can do throughout Lent to assist their families at home. My hope is that, particularly during Lent, the Marcellin community can all make a difference in the lives of others. All students have been asked to write their three commitments down in their diaries and show their parents before honouring these at home.

On a completely different note, our new learning facilities, classrooms and library (The Devlin Centre) are truly amazing. I am delighted to see boys working hard in an environment that is conducive to learning. Our senior students have been invited to use The Devlin Centre on Tuesdays and Wednesdays up until 8.00pm to work in collaboration with one another in their study and revision. It is wonderful to see that after only two weeks of operation, many students are there studying right up until doors close at 8.00pm.

Have a nice week ahead.

Leadership by Example

Ordinarily as A-Grade Basketball coach I would not usually put down in words the following, however I want to acknowledge the outstanding spirit and sportsmanship of the boys in A-Grade in their semi-final loss on Thursday, 12 February against Marist College Kogarah. Several of our A Grade Basketball team are College leaders, including Joshua Dever, Luke Dever, Pearse Dolan, Joshua Parker and Ben Davis.

The team, lead by Luke McKaig, gave their all, playing tough, fair basketball. Even in the final three seconds when a crucial call by the referee went against us, the boys were calm and extremely respectful with no questioning of the referee. They lost the game 39-38, but many watching the game admired their true sportsmanship and attitude.

This group of boys have been lucky enough to win several basketball premierships, including the last two A-Grade Premierships. I have seen these boys as gracious, humble winners and now I have seen an even more impressive side – as gracious losers. Despite his bitter disappointment, Joshua Dever was the first to go over to Kogarah and congratulate them; he led by example. I expect high standards from these boys and in defeat they were truly A Grade!

Parents and onlookers approached me after the game to congratulate their wonderful conduct and sportsmanship.

Miss Jenny Dove
A-Grade Basketball Coach
Ash Wednesday Liturgy

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
Saturday, 28 March & Saturday, 18 April   8.30am - 10.30am
Tuesday   8.00am - 11:15am   |   Thursday   8.00am - 1:00pm

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

Lenten Appeal
The Lenten period has arrived and is a time of renewal for us all. We reflect on what it means to be a voice for those who are struggling by responding in a meaningful way. We can do this by giving generously to our Lenten Appeal which directly funds sustainable projects in many communities locally, nationally and internationally. We have so much to offer and to restore human dignity is indeed a wonderful gift.

Collections will take place every Tuesday and Friday in Homeroom during Lent. Every student is asked to contribute to our Lenten Appeal. I ask all students to give generously and approach this in a positive way.

The three organisations we will be supporting through our Lenten Appeal include:

• Marist Solidarity supporting our Marist family throughout Asia and the Pacific. We will be directly supporting projects in local communities that provide life-changing opportunities. These projects have a special focus on educational and employment opportunities for young people on the margins of society.

• Project Compassion 2015 focuses on Food for Life. It throws a spotlight on global food issues and how Caritas Australia is empowering the world’s poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life.

• The St Vincent de Paul Society. Part of the mission of the St Vincent de Paul Society is to ‘go where the need is’. They are committed to speak out and actively support social injustice and poverty locally, nationally and internationally.

As members of the wider Marist family, we have a responsibility to become aware of both the scope and importance of what Marist means today; in the words of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, "every diocese of the world is our concern".

Year 11 Immersion
We are very excited this year of having four Immersion experiences available to our Year 11 students as part of their Ministry program. This year we will continue our Immersions to Bowraville in NSW and Thursday Island in the Torres Strait. We have also added an international Immersion to West Bengal in India and one to Central Australia.

An immersion experience enriches the learning of our students, giving them the opportunity to work with other young people who live in communities very different from our own. Such opportunities develop solidarity with others, as students gain a greater insight and appreciation of the struggles that other people face. Through sharing and working together the boys return to Marcellin not only enriched by such experiences personally, but also with a greater desire to work for the common good.

Mrs Trish Kratochvil
Solidarity Coordinator
Parents & Friends AGM

Last Wednesday evening the Annual General Meeting for the Parents & Friends was held in our new Greenstead Hall. The evening began with introductions from the College Executive, who explained each of their roles and responsibilities. Fr Greg Morgan, our Year 12 chaplain, and College Counsellor, Mr Carl Beattie, also had the opportunity to introduce themselves and talk about their involvement with our students.

The election for the new Parents and Friends Committee was also held at the meeting, and we would like to thank the following people for their generosity and commitment to Marcellin College in 2015.

PRESIDENT: Marian Romeo
VICE PRESIDENT: David Power
SECRETARY: Katie Thornton

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Wendy Law
Gabrielle Michael
Kristina Karasulas
Sheridan Horne
Nick Malcolm
Christine Foote
Adele Cornale
Holly Siles
Mario Pasciuto
Sheila Douglas
Cordelia Rowswell
Paula Pellegrini
Jamie Shelton
Lizzie Milligan
Michelle Glekis

Ms Jane Evans
Director of Development & Communications

Important Dates Term 1 & Term 2

TERM 1
2 - 12 March
Friday, 6 March
15 - 20 March
19 March
Thursday, 2 April

TERM 2
Monday, 20 April
Wednesday, 22 April
Friday, 24 April
Monday, 27 April
Wednesday, 6 May
Friday, 8 May

Year 12 Examinations
Staff Development Day
Year 12 Retreat
MCC Swimming Carnival
(compulsory Yrs 7 & 11)
Term 1 concludes

12 - 14 May
18 - 28 May
Wednesday, 20 May
25 - 28 May
Friday, 29 May
1 - 3 June
Friday, 5 June
Tuesday, 16 June

NAPLAN (Years 7 & 9)
Year 11 Examinations
Parents In Touch
Year 10 Examinations
Staff Development Day
Years 7 - 9 Examinations
Champagnat Day
College Photo Day
Yrs 10-11 Sen Subject Evening
Yr 10 Subject Select. Interviews
Term 2 concludes
From the Director of Teaching & M-Learning

At our recent Headmaster's Assembly the College celebrated the achievements of 2014 HSC High Achievers and our Year 7-9 students from Semester 2 2014.

Students who received a Band 6 (a HSC mark of 90 or higher) or achieved an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) of over 90 from our 2014 HSC group were invited back to the Assembly to be congratulated by the College community. Forty two of the forty six high achievers were on hand to receive a College certificate from Headmaster, Mr John Hickey. Of the 46 students, three students deserve special mention. These students, Miguel Vila, Ronan O'Hara and Shaun Buckton were part of the NSW BOSTES All Rounders Merit List having achieved Band 6 results in all of their subjects. Miguel scored the College's highest ATAR, an outstanding 99.5. In doing so, Miguel became the inaugural recipient of the College's highest ATAR trophy. This award, yet to be named, is to be a perpetual one awarded to the student from the HSC cohort with the highest ATAR.

The College also acknowledged the 92 boys from Years 7-9 last year, 2014 who finished in first place in their class subject or course during Semester 2. Congratulations to our award winners, and let's hope 2015 holds as many highlights as those celebrated at our assembly.

Mr Chris Shields - Director of Teaching and M-Learning
Science

Last week Year 7.3 Science students had their first Science experiment at the College. The class was learning how to work safely in the laboratory and how to recognize a chemical reaction. The boys observed colour changes in acids and bases using universal indicator, and particularly enjoyed seeing the balloons inflate when gas was formed as a result of a chemical reaction.

Mrs Adonis - Science teacher

MATHS HELP CLUB

Every now and then we all need a little help along the way.

Do you find Maths challenging and sometimes forget the basics, or lose your way when working through more challenging questions? Take heart because extra help is available to you every Friday at lunchtime in The Devlin Centre.

Come along with any questions and gain a greater understanding of Maths in a relaxed environment. It’s also a great way to stay in touch with topics as exams start approaching.

Bring your lunch along. We hope to see you there!

The Maths Department
MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK NEWSLETTER

Parent helpers required for Canteen

Our new College Canteen is a big hit with the boys. To ensure the boys can smoothly and quickly purchase their recess and lunch, we are asking for volunteers to lend a hand between 9.30am - 1.30pm.

If you can assist, please contact Rose on 0410 481 150 or email rose@totalcanteensolutions.com.au

Thank you for your support.

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**MARCELLIN CANTEEN MENU**

**BREAKFAST**
- Bacon Roll (A) $3.50
- Egg Roll (A) $3.50
- Rice & Egg Paella (A) $4.00
- Breakfast Meal Deal (A) $5.50
- Eggs & bacon roll or omelette & small flavoured milk $5.50
- Toasted banana bread & small flavoured milk $5.50
- Toasted ham, cheese & tomato sandwich & small flavoured milk $6.00
- Cheese $3.50
- Ham & cheese $3.50
- Jam or honey $2.00
- Coffee $2.00

**SAGE**
- Fresh Fruit Salad (50g) $4.00
- Seasonal Fresh & yoghurt $4.00
- Yogurt & muesli (110g) (GF) $4.00
- TopSell & Barista (165g) (GF) $4.50
- TopSell coffee drink $3.50

**ASSORTED**
- assorted $5.50
- Smoothies (G) $4.00

**COLD BAR**
- Chicken Terrine (50g) $3.50
- Tuna (50g) (GF) $3.50
- California Roll (50g) $3.50
- Vegetable (50g) (GF) $2.50
- Vietnamese rice paper roll (50g) $4.00

**SWEET CHILLI CHICKEN, SALAD & SIDE**
- Chicken Caesar, croutons, bacon, cheese & Caesar dressing $5.50
- Salad: Chicken, ham, cheese, tomatoes, vegetable, seed dressing $5.50
- Chicken & ham, tomatoes, seed dressing $5.50
- Single wrap $3.50

**GOURMET BURGER (A)**
- Fresh beef, onion, big sauce, beetroot, tomato, lettuce ......... $5.00
- Chicken Caesar Burger (A) $4.50
- Grilled Chicken, lettuce, tomato, spinach, seed dressing $5.00
- Veggie Burger (A) $4.50
- Chicken & beef patty, spinach, sauce, lettuce, tomato, olives $4.50
- Veggie Pesto Burger (A) $4.50
- Chicken & beef patty, pesto, sauce, lettuce, tomato, olives $4.50
- Pesto Sauce $0.50
- Mayonnaise $0.50
- Tomato $0.50
- Spinach $0.50
- Avocado $0.50
- Roast Turkey $0.50
- Chicken $0.50
- Egg $0.50
- Mustard $0.50
- Mayonnaise $0.50
- Swiss cheese $0.50
- Pepper jack $0.50
- Tomato $0.50
- Lettuce $0.50
- Ranch $0.50

**BEVERAGES - COLD DRINKS**
- Water (500ml) $3.00
- Spring Water (500ml) $1.00
- Spring Water Sports Cap 330ml $1.50
- Flavoured Sports Water $3.00
- Nat. Lemonade 500ml $3.00
- Nat. Lime 500ml $3.00
- Nat. Blood Orange $3.00
- Nat. Cherry $3.00
- Nat. Raspberry $3.00

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**SAVOURY**

**SAGE**
- Beans (50g) $4.00
- Beans, rice, curry, rice, chicken, lentil, beef, curry $4.00
- Salami, cheese, salad, wrap, rice, salad, vegetables, salad, rice, salad, chicken, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, salad, 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Fees and Changes to Fee Billing System

All fees were emailed and posted to families on Friday, 6 February. If you have not received the fees, please contact the College.

Please note that the dates the fees are due are written on the bottom of the statement, so please do not panic when you see an annual amount on your statement.

The fee billing system for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney has changed. There will now be an option of 4 payment plans - annually, in three term instalments, 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.

Parents wishing to discuss payment structures are welcome to contact me at the College on 9398 6355.

Mrs Sharon Elliot
Bursar

Careers

A number of universities will visit Marcellin College throughout the year to provide the senior students with information about their respective universities. All students are welcome to attend. Each visit is on a Tuesday during the lunch break so that students do not miss out on any class time.

UTS                                                     Tuesday, 24 March
University of Sydney                     Tuesday, 31 March
University of Western Sydney         Tuesday, 21 April
Australian Catholic University       Tuesday, 28 April
Notre Dame                              Tuesday, 2 June
UNSW                                               Tuesday, 9 June
University of Canberra                 TBC
Australian National University       TBC
Macquarie University                   TBC

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
Legal Studies Excursion

On Wednesday, 18 February, the Year 12 Legal Studies class travelled to the heart of the NSW justice System; the Downing Centre. Legal Studies teachers Ms Landing and Ms Kratochvil accompanied our class, where we observed a range of legal trials and hearings before the local and district courts. We saw a number of people coming before the magistrates and experienced first hand the workings of a courtroom, including the diverse roles of the legal personnel.

We sat in on committal hearings and ongoing cases - and witnessed a Zimbabwean activist being physically removed from the courtroom for excessive noise and slanderous language. Perhaps the most interesting trial we came across was the hearing of two men charged with arson. In this case, we saw video evidence presented (in the form of an interrogation recording) and saw the jury hard at work.

Ultimately, we gained a greater understanding of the criminal trial process. This knowledge will not only be invaluable in the coming months for our school assessments, but it is also important for us as citizens to have an understanding of how our judicial system operates.

Sam Bailey
Year 12.5

MCC Summer Grand Finals

Above: Congratulations to the MCR Squash team, representing Marcellin in the 2015 MCC Summer Sport competition. The boys played the strong North Shore team in the grand final at Willoughby on 19 February. North Shore won the day 1105 - 571.
MCC Summer Grand Finals

Above and right: Congratulations to the U14 Basketball team for their victory against De La Salle Ashfield.

Above: The B Grade basketball team winning the 2015 trophy. The boys won against North Shore, 44-19.

Below: The U14 Cricket team, with Ms Thompson and Mr Mullaly after their grand final game yesterday against Lewisham.
From the Sports Coordinator

MCC SUMMER SEASON - GRAND FINAL DAY

At the completion of the rounds of the MCC Summer season last week, Marcellin qualified for eleven of the twelve semi finals. Such outstanding and consistent performances across all age groups meant that all aggregate trophies for Touch, Basketball and Cricket returned to Randwick for 2015. Our Cricketers were particularly dominant, finishing the rounds on top of the table in all three age divisions.

Yesterday seven teams took to the courts, fields and pitches to contest Summer MCC Grand Finals in basketball, cricket, squash and tennis. All those involved continued the strong tradition this College has in performing well in the Summer Season.

Our A Grade Cricket team were outstanding in limiting the North Shore batsmen, winning the match by ten wickets. Both our U14 & B Grade Basketball teams were victorious and brought home the premiership trophy after dominant performances against Ashfield and North Shore respectively. Once again Marcellin was well represented in Touch. Both the U15s and B Grade won their matches by comfortable margins, and were very worthy Premiers. Well done to our Squash and U14 Cricket teams which both competed in grand finals. Whilst the result did not go their way, they were fine representatives of the College and should be proud of their results this season. All in all, we claimed five premierships from the twelve competitions contested over the summer.

Congratulations to all MCC representatives and coaches for their efforts and excellent results throughout the season.

UPCOMING SPORT – TERM 1

Tuesday, 3rd March  North Shore Invitational Swimming Carnival
Thursday, 5th March  Marcellin College Golf & Tennis Championships
Thursday, 12th March  MCC Golf and Tennis Championships
Thursday, 19th March  MCC Swimming Carnival
Thursday, 26th March  MCC Cross Country Carnival

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