From the Headmaster

It has always been a mystery to me as to why my father was so vehemently conservative in his politics. Don’t be deceived that hailing from Dover Heights meant being a Liberal voter was a foregone conclusion. When Mum and Dad grew up there this now elite part of Sydney was a sand hills wasteland occupied by middle class workers like my grandfathers, one of whom was a stonemason and the other a plasterer. Skilled men, but with nothing of the white collar wealth that now characterises this serenely picturesque suburb perched on the precipice that divides the harbour from the open seas.

The close alignment of the Labor Party with the trade union movement helped me understand my father’s bitter distaste for more socialist style politics as I watched him as a building site foreman battle the rolling strikes that near crippled the building industry in the mid to late 1970s. But even before then, when power shifted from Liberal to Labor in 1972, my father ‘tut-tutted’ as he poured over the evening papers and read of the reforms of Labor after twenty-three years of Liberal dominance.

So you will understand why I kept my fascination with the newly elected Gough Whitlam all to myself. I was only in Grade 5 but Media Studies had not long been introduced into the school curriculum and in the avant-garde ‘open plan’ primary school I was attending my opinionated feminist teacher taught us the skills needed to critique the media. So when Gough swept to power and began implementing his reforms within minutes of being sworn into government, Grade 5 in Dundas Valley in Sydney’s western suburbs was analysing everything that was reported about him. At night I listened to Dad lament the rise of the ‘commos’ and at day I listened to Miss Bollard express excitement about a bold new future. I liked and respected my Dad, but I was captivated by Miss Bollard who in turn nurtured my captivation for Gough Whitlam.

In recent days we have been saturated with a plethora of articles and news reports in the print and electronic media on the passing last week of Gough Whitlam, but as a Catholic school educator it would be remiss of me not to comment on the man whom Fr Frank Brennan described as a “dedicated leader of the nation, and visionary servant of the people in the great south land of the Holy Spirit.” And didn’t Gough have energy and spirit! Too fired up to wait to choose and appoint a Cabinet, the very day after his election win he presented himself to the Governor General with only one other, Lance Barnard, and had the government sworn into office. The reforms began almost instantly, they were sweeping and their impact has lasted for decades:

1. Recognising land rights for indigenous peoples
2. Establishing relationships with China
3. Championing the rights of women on several fronts
4. Universal healthcare through the establishment of Medicare
5. Abolition of the death penalty
6. A new national anthem
7. University education for everyone, not just the elite

continued over...
Malcolm Fraser, the man from the other side of politics who was to replace him as Prime Minister, developed a warm admiration for Gough and in their old age they became friends. Malcolm asserts that Gough gave Australia purpose and identity in a ‘brave new world’. He ignited and excited a nation that had been all too slow to respond to the cultural-revolution that had changed the rest of the world in the 1960s.

As I ponder the man with whom I have had a fascination since the age of 10, there are two other things that stand out. Within six months of taking office Gough commissioned, received and acted on the ‘Karmel Report’ into education. He commissioned Professor Peter Karmel to undertake an inquiry into education believing it to be the preeminent way of creating a nation where there was equality of opportunity. Karmel found huge disparities in education and among his findings was the confirmation that Catholic schools were among the most under-resourced in the country. Br Kelvin Canavan remembers the almost immediate impact of Gough’s decision to improve the situation:

“The benefits of the long-awaited funding increases were felt immediately. Additional teachers were employed and class sizes reduced. Teacher salaries came in line with colleagues in government schools. Programs to meet specific needs of students were introduced and teachers had access to a range of Commonwealth-funded professional development courses. The survival fears of the 1960s were quickly replaced by a new optimism, and the decline in Catholic school enrolments was soon arrested with the opening of new schools in growth areas.”

Our Catholic schools owe a lot to the decisions and actions of this bold national leader.

Finally, I cannot conclude my comments about Gough without highlighting the delightful relationship he had with his much admired wife, Margaret. Gough’s passionate commitment to the feminist agenda saw Margaret assume a prominent place as ‘First Lady’ in a way none other had before her. That in itself is significant, but just as significant to me is the warmth and fidelity of a relationship that survived seventy years until Margaret’s passing just two years ago.

The Whitlams were fine citizens of this country - may they rest in peace.

Br David Hall FMS
Headmaster

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**Student Detail Verification Forms**

The Student Detail Verification forms have been posted to the residential guardian of all students.

The deadline for returning the forms is Tuesday, 4 November. Failure to return the form will mean that your son will be billed as the first child in a Catholic school, which may effect sibling discount entitlements.

For further information please contact me at the Front Office on 9398 6355.

Mrs Sharon Elliot - Bursar

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**Walkathon 2014**

I would like to congratulate the boys on their amazing effort to raise $61,689.48 in this year’s Walkathon.

We now need the boys to have their pledged money returned by Wednesday, 5 November. All money is to be returned in the form of cash or cheque in an envelope with the student’s name and homeroom on the front. Currently we only have $15,000 returned.

Many thanks to all the parents who assisted on the day.

Mr Matthew Fitzgerald - Walkathon Coordinator
From the Deputy Headmaster

Over the past few weeks, there has been a lot of noise and disruption in the playground due to building works. On top of this, the canteen has been replaced by a mobile van taking up more space in the school. I’d like to thank staff and students for their patience during this time. I particularly appreciate the smooth way in which everyone has adapted to the changes when required and without much notice. The good news is that the end is in sight, and the anticipation is almost over. The end will certainly crown the work.

I have spoken to students at Year Meetings this term about high standards. As the end draws near, it is essential that students step up their standard in order to perform and finish at their best. I would expect and hope that homework, as well as study and revision, is being attended to every night. Learning at this stage is critical and what is being taught in the classroom needs to be practiced and consolidated at home. I would also encourage parents to keep in contact with your son’s Homeroom Teacher via email for any advice or concerns.

Now is also a timely reminder about haircut standards. Hair needs to be above the collar, not touching the eyebrows and not covering the ears.

Mr Peter Buxton
Deputy Headmaster

Mass of Initiation

On Wednesday 29 October, seven Marcellin students saw the fruition of a term and half of faith formation with the Mass of Initiation. The beautiful and reverent mass was celebrated by Fr Peter Hearn at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

The boys received one, two or three of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be received at a later date. Congratulations to Aidan Dunne, Campbell Garlick, Ryan Carroll, Joshua Douglas, Kevin Martins, Liam Shaddock and Cooper Stevens, for choosing to enrich your faith and recognising that we are all together the face of God.

Thank you Br David, Mr Laing and Mr Mullaly for supporting the boys on the evening, and for offering encouragement along the way.

Mrs Mary Ivancic
Sacramental Program Coordinator

TERM 4 CALENDAR EVENTS

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Above: Congratulations to the boys who received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
Year 10 Road Safety Excursion

On 22 October, the Year 10 cohort attended the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness at Sydney Olympic Park, run by various volunteers of Rotary Club of NSW. The RYDA program was developed in direct response to the fact that the ‘age group of 17 to 25 year olds represent 13% of our driving population, but represent 25% of motor vehicle crashes.’

Attempting to reverse this alarming statistic, the renowned program which addresses over 50,000 students in Australia and New Zealand; delivers road safety information targeting attitude and awareness of younger drivers and their passengers. After a brief introduction into the program and being split into the homeroom groups, the students dispersed to 6 different stations; each addressing a key point in our future driving experience.

Despite the fact that a majority of the Year 10 students have their Learner Licences and have knowledge on the subject of Road Safety, it is safe to say that every attendee absorbed a substantial amount of information. Whether it was measuring the 3-second crash avoidance space in the Braking Distance practical, or detailing the difference between Comprehensive and Third Party Cover insurance; almost every aspect concerning first time driving was covered.

Representatives from L Trent Driving School, Blake - a humbled paraplegic crash survivor, a local Policewoman and many Rotary Volunteers made the day worth the $18.50, providing seemingly limitless driving tips and manoeuvres; empowering us with the motto of My Life, My Choice. This refers to how when behind the wheel, it is indeed our choices and our decisions which will be the difference between a fatal crash and smooth Sunday drive.

If there was anything to be taken from the event it was that the greater part of our lives are ahead of us, and as one driver instructor put simply; “becoming a statistic is not the lasting image many people want to be remembered for.”

Kelan Raffo
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MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK

PRESENTING

BR DAVID’S
FAREWELL COCKTAIL PARTY

THURS, 11 DEC 2014 | COOGE EE SURF CLUB

6.30 - 10.30PM | 7.00PM FORMALITIES
COMPLIMENTARY ADULT ONLY EVENT | SMART CASUAL

RSVP: maryanne.davis@syd.catholic.edu.au

THERE WILL BE A WISHING WELL TO LEAVE A MESSAGE, CARD OR MONETARY GIFT
New Buildings – New Names

Our previous upper level rooftop playground has been extended and converted into a second Hall. This space will be used for exams, multi-purpose learning activities, Year group meetings and activities, and Parent meetings. We have named this space the GREENSTEAD HALL.

The old Library has been extended and refurbished and will be known as THE DEVLIN CENTRE.

The former Merv Cross room has been extended and can be divided into two learning spaces which will be known as MERV CROSS 1 and MERV CROSS 2.

The classrooms on the periphery of the Marist Centre are being converted into Hospitality and Food Technology learning spaces and will be known as LA VALLA.

We are yet to name the final three new spaces in our capital works project:
- The new Canteen
- The Drama Studio which will also double as a stage for the Marist Centre. (This space is a conversion of the storerooms at the Avoca St end of the Marist Centre.)
- The new rooftop playground which incorporates the lower level of the previous rooftop playground and has been extended.

We are seeking suggestions for the names of these new spaces. If you have any ideas, please email Mr Brian Vane-Tempest: brian.vanetempest@syd.catholic.edu.au We will be considering all suggestions offered at the Executive Meeting on Thursday, 20 November.

GREENSTEAD HALL

Named in memory of a horse, house and hall.

Curiously, the name of the Greenstead Hall can be traced back to a famous racehorse and sire of the 1920s. Greenstead, a winner of major races at the time, many at Randwick racecourse, also developed a reputation post racing as a very successful sire of subsequent champions.

How the name became connected with Marcellin College is worth noting. In the mid nineteenth century the property we now know as Marcellin College and the Brothers residences, Glanmire and Seabird, was originally named Brisbane Villa. When it was later purchased by Herbert Shackleford Gibson he renamed the property Greenstead, after the champion racehorse.

The first building of the College was known as the Greenstead Hall after the name of the property. Quite fitting then, that this relocated Greenstead Hall looks out to the racecourse where the mighty Greenstead strode as a champion on his stage.

THE DEVLIN CENTRE

William Charles Ralph Devlin
7 May 1922 – 21 March 1945

Named in memory of our Old Boys who died in war

William Devlin is an Old Boy of the College, graduating in 1935. At the age of 19 he enlisted in the Army and served during World War II in the 2/1st Battalion (Infantry). Toward the end of the war he was imprisoned in a POW Camp in Berlin and only two days before the Camp was liberated he was killed by his captors. He died in defence of a fellow prisoner.

The tragedy of his death, on the brink of freedom, and exhibiting such honour and selflessness has meant that William Devlin’s name has been chosen to represent all Old Boys of Marcellin who have died in war.

Lest we forget.
Macquarie University School Chess Challenge

On 26 October, six intrepid chess stars gave up a very sunny Sunday to represent Marcellin in the Macquarie University Schools Chess Challenge. Each team of three boys played 7 rounds, with the rounds progressively becoming more challenging. Our teams put in a most creditable performance and everyone enjoyed the day. We thank all the parents who came along in support.

**Year 7 Team** (pictured right)
Sterling Bayaca, Gian Cornale, Patrick Galea

**Year 9 Team**
Nicholas Cartmer, Darren Cheng, Connor Eivers

Miss Joanne Thompson
Chess Coordinator

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**MERV CROSS ROOMS 1 & 2**

Named after Dr Mervyn Cross,  
Old Boy 1951-1958

Mervyn Cross is an Old Boy of the College, graduating in 1958. He was College Captain in 1957. During his years as a student he was a proven leader in the academic and sporting spheres of the College. After leaving school he was admitted to the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sydney.

Merv Cross is widely recognised as the leading Orthopaedic surgeon among professional sporting codes in Australia. He has been a longstanding contributor to the development of the College both with his time as a member of the Ex Students Association and as a generous benefactor. His passion for learning and helping others was recognised in 1995 when he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for services to Medicine.

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**THE LAVALLA CENTRE**

The place of the first Marist community in France

The Lavalla Centre is the place where boys gather together to learn about Food Technology and Hospitality. They plan, prepare and create meals that they share. They sit around the tables in a spirit of communion with one another. The first Marists did the same thing. They sat around the table at Lavalla to share in ones company and to celebrate their works.

We read from *Water from the Rock*:

“For the community today that Marcellin created, the table at La Valla is also a powerful symbol of family and service. Made by Champagnat himself, that table may be seen as the embodiment of his efforts to create a community dedicated to the Lord. Furthermore, to share more intimately with the first Brothers, the Founder abandoned the relative comfort of the presbytery to live with those first Brothers. Life-together, expressed through family spirit, is an integral part of his vision.”
THE NEWMAN STREAM SYMPOSIUM

WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER
4.00 - 6.00PM
MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK

Student demonstrations showcasing innovative, creative and interesting activities from every key learning area

RSVP: jennifer.dove@syd.catholic.edu.au
2014 Annual College Walkathon
Thank you parents, students and staff
From the Sports Coordinator

MCC SUMMER SEASON

Last week we competed against North Shore in Round 2 of the summer season. We had a great day, claiming victory in ten of the twelve matches contested. Both our Touch & Cricket teams achieved ‘clean sweeps’, winning every match played. Our most dominant victories came from the U14 Basketball, U15 Touch & A Grade Cricket.

Yesterday we played Bankstown in Round 3 of the competition. With byes in Squash, A Grade Cricket & U14 Cricket, we contested nine matches. In a fantastic overall effort, all of the nine teams that played came away with a victory. Every basketball team scored plenty of points, while our U16 Cricket, U14 Touch & B Grade Touch were particularly impressive.

Congratulations to all summer teams on a great start to the season. All results from Rounds 2 and 3 are included on Page 11 of this newsletter.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

ATHLETICS - JAMES BASSIL

James Bassil (Graduating Class of 2014) competed recently at the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships. James competed in the U17 Triple Jump, where he jumped an amazing 14.07m, which would have broken this year’s MCC Open Triple Jump record (which he did equal at 14.02m). His performance in this event has been nothing short of remarkable as he has broken or equalled the MCC record for the past 3 years. Congratulations James!

RUGBY - OLD BOY MICHAEL CHEIKA COACH OF WALLABIES

We were fortunate to have as a special guest at our Winter Sports Assembly last year; old boy and NSW Waratahs coach Mr Michael Cheika. Under the guidance of Michael, the Waratahs went on to claim the 2014 Super Rugby title for the first time in their history.

Last week Michael was also appointed to the position of head coach of the Wallabies. It is great that an Old Boy of Marcellin has gone on to achieve such success in the field of Rugby.

Mr Luke MacNamara
Sports Coordinator

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CLASS OF 1974 REUNION

7 NOVEMBER 2014
6.00PM MASS IN THE COLLEGE CHAPEL
DINNER AT RANDWICK LABOR CLUB 7.00PM
Contact MICHAEL BRYDON on 9315 7748
michael.brydon@health.nsw.gov.au

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.
May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.
## MCC SPORT SUMMER SEASON RESULTS

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### ENCORE

Each year the NSW Board of Studies and the Department of Education and Communities present ENCORE. The Encore Concert is a musical concert that is held in the Sydney Opera House. Performers involved in Encore are Year 12 students of the previous year who have studied Music 1, Music 2 and/or Music Extension and have achieved outstanding results in performance or music composition.

Current Year 12 students Samuel Yee and Alan Gojak have been nominated for possible inclusion in the 2015 Encore concert. We wish Samuel and Alan all the very best in qualifying for next year’s Encore Concert.

Miss Anita De Francesco
Music Teacher

31 OCTOBER 2014
SCHOOL FEES
School Fees are now overdue. If you have outstanding fees, please contact Mrs Sharon Elliot, the College Bursar, on 9398 6355.

LOST PROPERTY
If your son has lost articles of school clothing, bags or books, please have him check Lost Property at the Front Office. Items will be kept until the end of term.

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES...
- There are 150 systemic Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney
- Catholic school students represent 22% of all enrolments in NSW
- In 2014, almost 70,000 students attend a Sydney Catholic school
- Across NSW and the ACT, the number is around 240,000
- In the Archdiocese of Sydney, there are more than 1,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- Every Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student in a Sydney Catholic school is offered a bursary
- Almost 6% of all students have identified as having Special Needs
- About 60% of families of students in Sydney Catholic schools are from backgrounds other than English
- About 42% of students have an ESL background
- There are around 6,000 teachers as part of a total staff of almost 9,500

ABOUT THE FUNDING OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS...
- Catholic systemic schools operate on less money than State and Independent schools
- Students in Catholic schools receive, on average, less total funding per student than students in State schools. This includes what Catholic schools receive in school fees
- 32% of all Sydney Catholic schools have an SES score of lower than 100
- By any measure, Catholic schools are high achieving. NAPLAN and HSC results are consistently above State and national averages
- According to data provided by ACARA, every child being educated in a Catholic systemic school saves the government $2,251 (source: NSWDBC 2013)

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FOUR KEY MESSAGES FOR YOUR LOCAL MEMBER!
- Catholic schools are helping to build the schools of the future in growing population areas. They ensure the same level of government schools in planning, development and infrastructure costs.
- Students with Special Needs require more funding now.
- In order to build the Australian Curriculum, the Federal Government needs to continue to support Catholic Education for funding trade-skills centres and school-based apprenticeships.
- Refuges and asylum seekers need to be treated with dignity. No child should ever be placed in immigration detention.

MEMBER FOR COOGEE
Mr Bruce Neville NOTLEY-SMITH, MP