



St Marcellin

## College Update #1



### What a Wonderful Year

At the end of 2023, as the newly appointed Principal of Madora Bay Catholic College, as it was then known, I was both excited and nervous about the year ahead of me. I needn't have been nervous, and the excitement hasn't stopped.

From the very first day, the support from Catholic Education Western Australia was palpable and evident in every area of the work needed. One of the very first things to happen was the naming of our College. I couldn't have been happier when St Marcellin Catholic College was announced! What an incredible gift to be given, with a rich and deep story to embed in our new community.

What's so special to me is that this story, over 200 years old, is incredibly relatable, remarkably contemporary and it's a most humble and gentle one. I couldn't think of a better way to begin a foundation community.

The vision for our College began then!

It's been a year of hard work and deep fulfillment. I am incredibly grateful to a wonderful Administration Team and Assistant Principal, who have jumped headfirst into foundation life with gusto and passion.

Thanks must also go to you, our wonderful families, who saw something in our story that resonated, and began enrolling your children when we were still an empty patch of land! We are humbled by your trust.

Our College Vision and Mission has been nowhere more evident than in the year that has been, as we have leant on our Strong Minds and Gentle Hearts to slowly bring St Marcellin to life. In making sense of this motto, I am drawn to two beautiful Gospel verses which guide our development of this Marist motto.

**"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love" Ephesians 4:2**

**"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9**

It is my prayer, this Christmas season, and at the end of our establishment year at St Marcellin Catholic College, that we will be guided by these words, strengthened in our faith and ready to embrace the journey ahead.

Anita



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As we close out our year of establishment, I'd like to warmly welcome our 2025 staff to the College.

#### Assistant Principal - Junior School

Mrs Kylie Day

#### Educators

Mrs Leanne Lewis  
Mrs Leyna Weir  
Mrs Roxanne Wallis  
Mrs Megan Van Oss  
Mrs Olivia Alonso  
Ms Candice Carson  
Mrs Erica Duffield

#### Educator Assistants

Mrs Mary Mulry  
Mrs Jacquie Walker  
Mrs Amy Smith  
Miss Emma Eastwell  
Mrs Laura Digney  
Mrs Clare Bookless  
Mrs Sharon Deacon

#### Support Staff

Mrs Ann Fitzpatrick - Administration Officer  
Miss Elizabeth McConkey - Finance Officer  
Mrs Ioanna Baylee - Enrolment Officer  
Mr Phil Tindall - Maintenance and Grounds



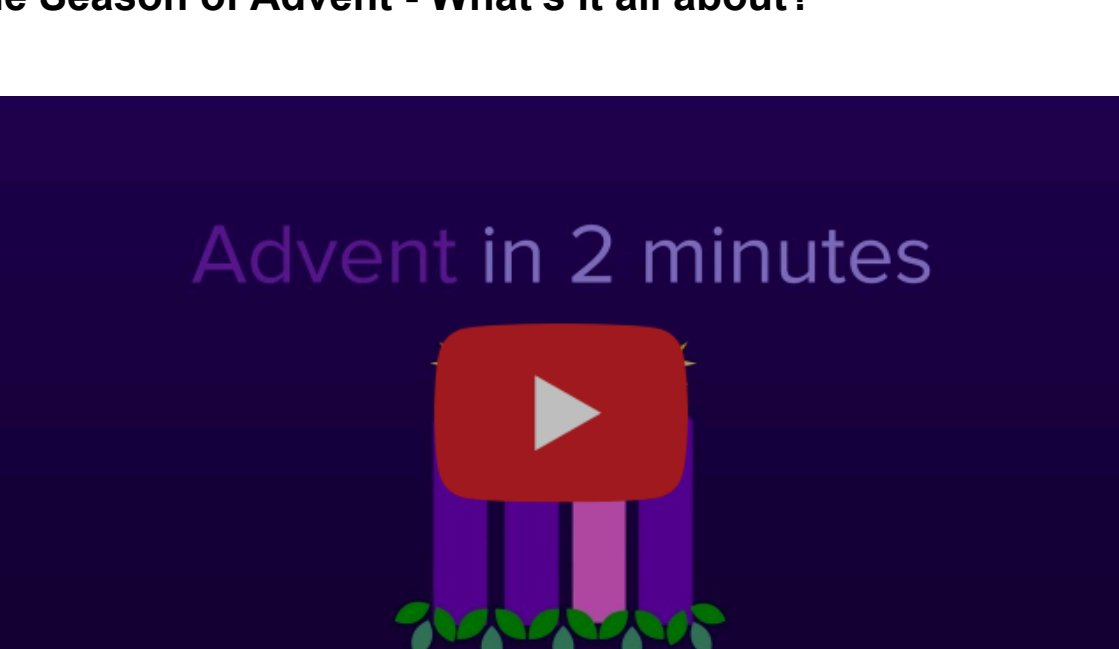
### What is Next?

As we immerse ourselves in the final preparations for our College, welcoming families to orientation events, preparing for our first Christmas party, finalising the logistics for our move to Madora Bay Primary School and watching our new College take shape day by day, we can't help but feel a sense of pride in what has been achieved thus far.

Next week, we will welcome our 2025 staff for their induction to St Marcellin Catholic College and before we know it, we will open the doors on our very first day as a new community. We can't wait!



### The Season of Advent - What's it all about?



#### Upcoming College Events

Christmas on the Green is fast approaching.

Don't forget to RSVP if you haven't already!



In this season of Advent, a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Our Lord's birth on Christmas, [why not start an advent calendar at home.](#)

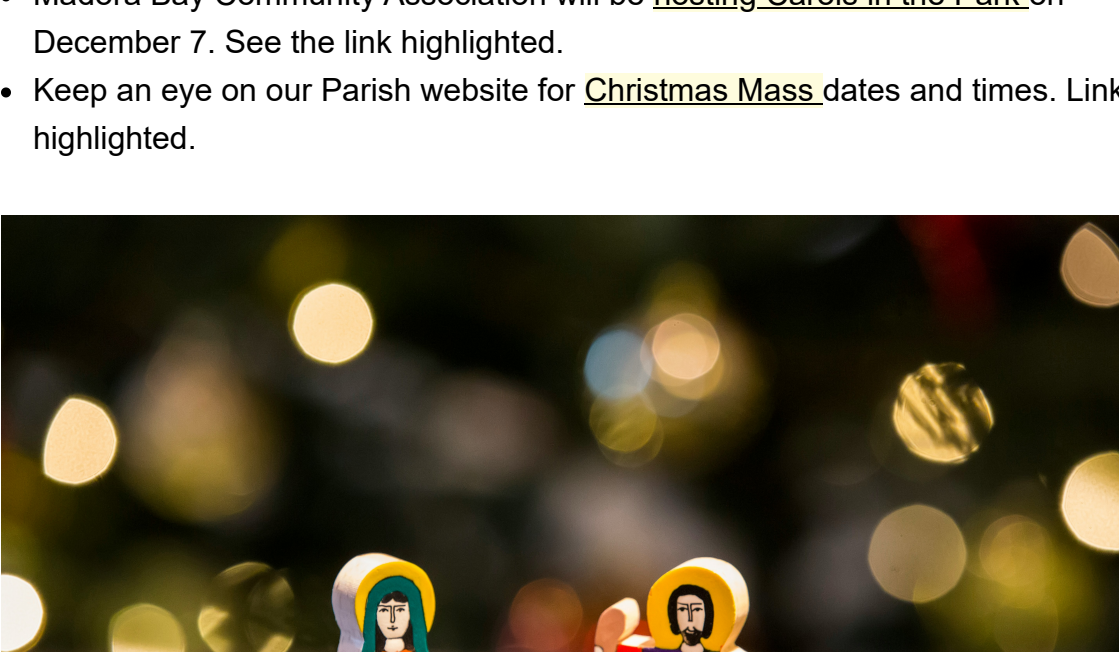
### Upcoming Uniform Shop Dates and Times

There are two more dates coming up for our uniform shop at 3 Rapallo Grove. Come and visit for sizing and ordering on Tuesday Dec 10 from 11.30am to 3.30pm and Friday Dec 13 from 12.30pm - 3.30pm. Further dates in January coming soon.



### Community Events

- Madora Bay Community Association will be [hosting Carols in the Park](#) on December 7. See the link highlighted.
- Keep an eye on our Parish website for [Christmas Mass](#) dates and times. Link highlighted.



#### Prayer

Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.

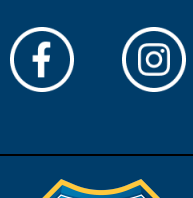
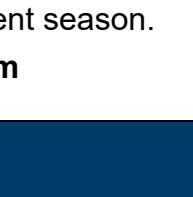
Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on this world.

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St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Have a blessed and hope-filled Advent season.

St Marcellin Catholic College Team



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