

17 July 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of our Marymede Community,

Welcome back, everyone. I hope the holidays were enjoyable, gave families an opportunity to spend more time together and invigorate their relationships. As we embark upon the all-important second half of the school year, I trust that our students have resumed their studies in a focused and committed manner.

This term will be busy with many activities including the Primary Guild Walk to School and Secondary School Walkathon, Primary School Family Maths night, Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews, a Parent Seminar 'The Challenge of Parenthood Today', Reconciliation Family Workshops, Marymede Day, Open Day, Instrumental Music Concert, Year 11 Formal and finally, the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Staff News

Mrs Sandra Sartor is taking family leave this term and Mr Brendan O'Neill has concluded his contract at the College. We welcome their replacements Ms Linda Storto and Mr Paul Grech to the College. We also welcome Mrs Joanne Cheer who will be teaching Year 1.4 and Mrs Carmel Delzoppo who will be teaching Mathematics in the Secondary School.

Additionally, commencing in 2016, Ms Tracey Kift has been appointed as the new Deputy Principal (Prep-Year 12) Learning and Teaching.

Sporting Results

Congratulations to a number of the senior Primary sporting teams who progressed to the next round after winning their round robin division last term. Well done to the Open Netball and AFL teams on winning their Grand Finals in the last week of Term Two. It is the first Open Premiership the College has won which is a fantastic achievement.

Years 10 and 11 2016 Curriculum Parent Information Evening

I was delighted with the number of current Years 9 and 10 parents who attended an Information Evening late last term to introduce the new Trade Skills Centre and the Vocational Education and Training courses the College intends to offer next year. This new facility will help to ensure our College is able to offer the breadth of subjects to cater for all of our students' interests.

My Movements

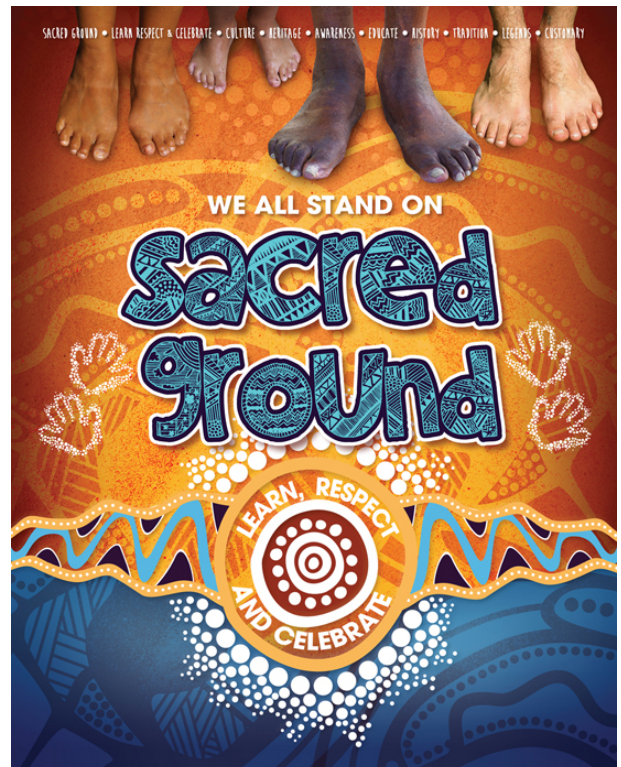
I am currently overseas and will be attending an International Principal's Conference in Helsinki as part of my Professional Renewal Leave. The theme of the conference is 'Leading Educational Change' and I am looking forward to listening to the keynote speakers and the opportunity to engage with Principals from other countries.

I will return to school on Monday August 10. In my absence, Mrs Robyn Roberts will be the Acting Principal.

Kind Regards,

Mr Michael Kenny
Principal

FAITH AND MISSION NEWS



Celebrating
NAIDOC Week
www.naidoc.org.au

Artwork
We all stand on Sacred Ground
Artist
Lynette Chubb
This artwork is a combination of my photography, drawing, and digital design work, representing the ages and colours of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and their strong spiritual and cultural connection to the land and the sun. The artwork is a celebration of the diversity, and the many spiritual and cultural connections of the significant sites and traditions, and the role of Ancestress should be the one to lead the way for the future and the past.

We all Stand on Sacred Ground:
Learn, Respect & Celebrate
1-10-2015

Source: google images

NAIDOC WEEK - 5 – 12 July

Theme: We Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate

NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islander Day Observance Committee) has its origins in the Aboriginal groups of the 1920s

who sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians.

Last Sunday at St Francis Xavier church in the city, the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry celebrated a beautiful Mass to mark the end of NAIDOC Week and to farewell Vicki (Walker) Clark known to many of us in Catholic Education over the years, for her inspirational work towards Reconciliation.

The Mass was a moving celebration of Australians, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, gathered as one body in Christ to acknowledge His love binding us together.

The Marymede community acknowledges the custodial presence on the land we occupy and the contribution of the Aboriginal people to our nation and to the Catholic Church. We pledge our efforts towards Reconciliation as we pray:

THE ABORIGINAL CREED

We believe
That this ancient land,
With all its unique creatures, is a precious gift
From a loving God,
Who's mercy is over all his works.

We believe
In God's care
For aboriginal people who treasure it
Through unnumbered generations:
The one who grieves in their suffering
And rejoices in every noble aspiration.

We believe
In God's compassion
For the patchwork of refugees
Who for two hundred years
Have come to this continent
Looking for a place to call their home.

We believe
In God's steadfast love
this nation and all its children,
That God is creating a new people
From many races, colours and gifts,
To fulfil a high destiny.

We believe
That the best way forward
If the way revealed by Jesus Christ,
Of faith, hope and love,
Where no needy person is neglected
And no bidding of the Holy Spirit ignored.

Ms Judeline Wadhvani
Head of Faith & Mission (P-12)

1000-LETTERBOX DROP – JUSTICE ACTION BY MCATH

Justice Awareness continues to be a focus for the College and, late last term, Year 12 students and their RE teachers undertook a '1000-Letterbox Drop' campaign in the College neighbourhood. The aim of the action was to raise community awareness about the evils of Human Trafficking - a campaign which came about from the hard work and determination of MCATH.

'MCATH' (Marymede Catholic College Against Trafficking in Humans) was founded in 2014 after the Year 12 Religion and Society classes learnt about Human Trafficking. Students were shocked to hear the extent to which human trafficking occurs, in Melbourne and across Australia. After hearing Sr Joan Kennedy (a Presentation nun and member of Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) speak as part of our Inspirational Catholic Speakers Program last year, a group of dedicated Year 12s decided to form MCATH to raise justice awareness at the College.

The group designed four posters (see some of these below) and a brochure which launched MCATH, aiming to spread their message throughout the wider community. In 2015, MCATH designed an official logo and decided to pursue a campaign in which 1000 informative flyers would be delivered to letterboxes around our local neighbourhood.

MCATH Co-ordinator Ms. Kathy Vlahusic was invited by ACRATH to present the work of MCATH at a Professional Learning Day for all teachers in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. ACRATH also asked the College for permission to present the group's justice awareness posters on its national website.

In addition to the letterbox campaign, MCATH will present its aims and objectives to students at an upcoming assembly with a view to encouraging more students to join and further the cause. Justice awareness posters will be delivered to every Tutor Group in a bid to raise further awareness.

The group continues to work closely with ACRATH, remaining informed about global, national and local issues in human trafficking, whilst focusing on diverse groups and needs. You can read more about the work of ACRATH by visiting <http://acrath.org.au/>





Ms Kathy Vlahusic
MCATH Co-ordinator

HEAD OF SECONDARY

Student Leadership Term 3

Our Student Leaders, formal and informal, across the College are actively engaged in planning and participating in events throughout this term starting with the Term 3 Assembly on July 20 followed by the College Walkathon. As always, Marymede Day, the College Open Day and the College Footy Day will all depend on the great work of our Secondary School student leaders. Please note that attendance at the College Open Day (Sunday, August 30) is compulsory for student leaders.

Alongside these major events, some student leaders are also involved in the upcoming student leadership symposium. 2015 also includes the inaugural Year 11 Christian Leadership Retreat for all our Year 11s as they transition into the Year 12 leaders of 2016.

We value their efforts and we are seeing growth in maturity and leadership capabilities across the College.

Term 3 Reminders:

We appreciate all those who meet our uniform expectation as per the regulations explained in the student diary. All students must present themselves in a well-groomed manner and are accountable for this. Excellent personal presentation and meeting the expectations of a workplace are both transferable skills.

Subject selection interviews are occurring on Thursday July 23 and the Year 10 students will be dismissed at 1.30pm to accommodate this event.

VCE Parent-Student-Teacher interviews take place on Monday July 23 between 2pm and 8pm. All students Years 7 to 12 will be dismissed at 1.15pm.

Finally, Year 12 Homestudy for selected students will be in operation this term. Once approved, students who have homestudy may stay at home for those periods and sign in and out at the Secondary School office.

Attendance

All student attendance and non-attendance is recorded on SIMON and accessible via the Parent Access Module. It is a legal requirement that parents/guardians provide a written reason for lateness or non-attendance to the Tutor Teacher in addition to calling the absentee line. Attendance data is submitted to the Department of Education & Training.

VCE and VCAL Information Evening feedback

Congratulations to Mrs Agnew, Mr Adamson, Mr De Silva, our Heads of Domain and our VCE and VCAL teachers for presenting their learning areas so well for our Year 9, 10 and 11 students at the end of last term at our VCE and VCAL information evening. Our students have had every opportunity to be well informed.

Ms Julia Wake
Head of Secondary School

SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Extra-Curricular Ski Weekend

A reminder that all Years 8-12 students have the opportunity to attend an extra-curricular ski weekend at Mt Hotham from 3.30pm Friday August 14 to 9pm Sunday August 16.

There will be parent information night in the coming weeks. For more information please contact Andrea Zappulla andrea.zappulla@marymede.vic.edu.au

Ms Andrea Zappulla
Head of Chanel

Marymede Senior Netball

The Marymede senior netballers arrived at the State Netball centre on Grand Final day exuding confidence after an undefeated season, but taking nothing for granted.

A tough contest with Penola was expected and teams ended the first quarter locked at 6 goals each. The Marymede girls had a strong second quarter and their increased tenacity at the ball was rewarded with a halftime lead.

With the dynamic goaling duo of Nicole Hackney and Kaitlyn Van Amelsvoort, it was difficult for Penola to stop Marymede's run in a dominant second half. The final buzzer sounded with Marymede defeating Penola 31-24!

Laura Castles starred in the game, taking crucial intercepts at key moments and her exceptional effort earned her the Most Valuable Player award.

The momentousness of this achievement should be recognised as the girls brought home the Premiership Cup for the first time in Marymede Catholic College's history. Congratulations to all the girls and thank you to all the staff that gave up their time to help make this triumph possible.



Ms Tegan Hopkins
Secondary Teacher

ACMI Hothouse

From June 29- July 3, I and nine other students in Years 10-12 from around Victoria participated in the ACMI Hothouse program. Hothouse is a week-long intensive program that provides career inspiration by giving students the opportunity to get hands-on experience with industry professionals. This year's theme was documentary filmmaking and over the week we were divided into two groups with each group assigned a topic to research and produce a documentary about.

With access to state-of-the-art production facilities, my team created an informative documentary on street art. We were able to interview multiple people ranging from Shadow Attorney-General John Pesutto to an anonymous urban artist. We were mentored by Atalanti Dionysus, a professional documentarian, and also had a videoconference with *Bully* director Lee Hirsch in New York.

I enjoyed meeting new people and gained some good friends as well as an insight into what it's like to create a professional documentary. I learnt about idea development, scripting, interviewing, location shooting and editing and would highly recommend any aspiring filmmakers or anyone with an interest in the film and television industry to apply for Hothouse next year.

Daniel Sim
Year 12 Media Student

PRIMARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Chess News

Congratulations to Hazel D'Souza in Year 5.4 who competed in the Victorian Primary Zonal Chess competition! Hazel came third in the overall competition and first in the girls section. She was awarded the Girls' Gold Medal (High Distinction) and will now compete in the State Girls Finals later in the year. We wish her every success as she participates in this event.

Ms Rosemary Bennett
Primary Teacher

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

Marymede Catholic College welcomes the following new students who commenced this past week and their families to the College:

- Jeremy Chintadripeta – Year 3
- Priscilla Chintadripeta – Year 5
- Riley Edwards-Kendrick – Year 9
- Blessmol Jose – Year 4
- Issabel Jose – Year 3
- Joshua Matthews – Year 8

Enrolments

Applications for Year 7, 2017 are now open and will close on February 26, 2016. For further information please contact the College.

In the coming weeks all Year 5 students will receive their 'Year 7 2017 Intention Form' and information regarding the application/re-enrolment process for Year 7, 2017.

Open Day

We encourage all families to attend our upcoming Open Day on Sunday, August 30, 11am-2pm. Open Day is a great opportunity to immerse yourself in the Marymede community. There will be plenty of activities for children to take part in on the day, along with a free sausage sizzle lunch in Wurun Common. For more information please visit www.marymede.vic.edu.au/openday2015

School Bus – Semester 2

The date for final payment of all Semester 2 Bus Passes (in full) is Friday, July 31.

Mr Matthew Luczek
Registrar

Upcoming Events

Here is a snapshot of upcoming events across the College for the next few weeks to aid in your planning and organisation at home.

Week 2	
21/07/ 2015	Year 9 Premier League R1, BYE
	Student Leadership Council, 8.20am-8.55am
	PS Family Maths Night, 5-7pm, Primary Houses and Auditorium
22/07/ 2015	SACCSS Senior Girls Soccer
	AIM - Academic Improvement at Marymede, 3.15-4.15pm, Resource Centre
	Yr 12 Biology Excursion, 8.15am-3.30pm, Melbourne University
	Yr 7 Reflection Day, Eltham/Templestowe
	P & F Committee Meeting, CH01

23/07/ 2015	SACCSS Senior Boys Soccer
	Yr 10 students conclude classes, 1.28pm
	Yr 11, 2016 Student Subject Counselling, 2-7pm, VCE Centre
24/07/ 2015	PS Jnr Hooptime
	Yr 11 Careers Expo, 8.45am-3.15pm, Melbourne Convention Centre
Week 3	
27/07/ 2015	Yr 10 Accelerated, all Yr 11&12 P/T/S Progress Interviews, 2-8pm, VCE Wing
	Yr 7-12 students conclude 1.15pm
28/07/ 2015	UNSW ICAS English Competition
	Year 9 Premier League R2, v St Monica's, Home
29/07/ 2015	Yr 5, 2015 Secondary School Experience
	Yr 7, 2017 Parent Information Evening, 7-8pm, VCE Centre
	AIM - Academic Improvement at Marymede, 3.15-4.15pm, Resource Centre
30/07/ 2015	Australian Mathematics Competition (Yrs 7-12)
	SACCSS Senior Futsal
31/07/ 2015	School Community Mass, 8am, Chapel
	Yr 12 Drama Solo Exam Workshop, Malthouse Theatre
	Web Preferences for subjects 2016 closes 4pm
1/08/ 2015	P & F Gala Night, 7-11pm, Ballara Receptions, Eltham
Week 4	
3-7/08/ 2015	Marymede Catholic College Writers' Festival
3-5/08/ 2015	Yr 11 Outdoor & Environmental Students Snow Camp (TBC)
3/08/ 2015	Yr 9 Assembly
4/08/ 2015	Year 9 Premier League R3, v Salesian, Home
	Student Leadership Council, 8-8.40am
	Writers Festival Guest Speaker - Yr 9
5/08/ 2015	SACCSS Junior Hockey and Senior Girls Soccer
	Year 11 Biology Excursion, Barwon Heads/Queenscliff
	Writers Festival Guest Speaker - Yr 11 and Yr 10
	Ministry Team meeting, 3.30-4.45pm, FB03
	AIM - Academic Improvement at Marymede, 3.15-4.15pm, Resource Centre

6/08/ 2015	Writers Festival Guest Speaker - Yr 8
7/08/ 2015	Bridge Inn Volleyball/Rounders
	Writers Festival Guest Speaker - Yr 7