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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of Marymede Catholic College,

It is wonderful to have started the 2015 school year and I again welcome all into the Marymede Catholic College Community. The buildings have come alive once more and new growth, new energies and new hopes have burst into life in all directions.

There is much to look forward to and a great deal of individual planning and goal setting required by students to ensure each takes on the responsibility to achieve his or her best in 2015.

Staff have high expectations and we are looking for all students to set high standards and take advantage of the opportunities presented to them.

Contacting Us

If you have any concerns about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact the College. If your child says he or she is having trouble in class, then please contact the class teacher. The Primary Year Level Coordinators or Secondary Heads of Guild should be contacted about more serious issues, which sometimes may be confidential. There may be occasions when the issues warrant the involvement of Senior Members of the College.

Positions of Leadership

For your information, below is the list of staff who hold a Position of Leadership in 2015:

Executive Team

Michael Kenny – Principal
Robyn Roberts – Deputy Principal Secondary
Liz Crane – Deputy Principal Primary
Paul Romanin – Business Manager
Judeline Wadhvani – Head of Faith and Mission (P-12)

Combined Leadership Team (P-12)

Michael Kenny – Principal
Robyn Roberts – Deputy Principal Secondary
Liz Crane – Deputy Principal Primary
Paul Romanin – Business Manager
Judeline Wadhvani – Head of Faith and Mission (P-12)
Julia Wake – Head of Secondary
Andrea Agnew – Head of Learning and Teaching (7-12)
Stavroula Tsembras – Director of ICT
Riccardo Luele – Head of Religious Education Secondary
Alison Besselaar – Head of Primary

Nicole Pegler – Head of Learning and Teaching (P-6)
Melinda Muir – Head of Faith and Mission (P-6)

Secondary Heads of Guilds

Andrea Zappulla – Head of Chanel
Rochelle Coyle – Head of Chisholm
Allison Lemar – Head of McAuley
Corinne Niall – Head of McCormack
Vinny Doherty – Head of Marcellin
Carla Esposito – Head of Romero

Secondary Heads of Domains

David Adamson – Careers Coordinator
Angie Bedford – Head of Drama
Marisa Bortolotto – Head of Science
Vicki Bunce – Head of Resource Centre
Kevin Carville – Head of Music
Moiria Christie – Head of English
Lindsay Cooper – Head of Mathematics
Maria Daniele – Head of LOTE
David De Silva – VCAL Coordinator
Derek McConn – Head of Health and Physical Education
Simone McGill – Youth Ministry Coordinator
Riccardo Luele – Head of Religious Education
Adrian Montana – Head of Visual Art and Technology
Mark Russell – Head of Humanities
Steven Scagliarini – Head of Sport
Robyn Thomson – Learning Enhancement Coordinator (7-12)
Laura Thompson – VCE Coordinator

Primary Positions

Christie Ramaekers – Year Level Coordinator (Prep)
Laetitia Malusu – Year Level Coordinator (Yr. 1)
Norah Jacombs – Year Level Coordinator (Yr. 2)
Jacqueline Tjorpatzis – Year Level Coordinator (Yr. 3)
Aisling Gormley – Year Level Coordinator (Yr. 4)
Majella O'Neill – Year Level Coordinator (Yr. 5)
Anna Damigella – Year Level Coordinator (Yr. 6)
Maree Mullen – Head of Literacy (P-6)
Kaylene Wright – Head of Numeracy (P-6)
Gerard Large – Primary Guild Coordinator
Sandra Sartor – Learning Enhancement Coordinator (P-6)

2014 Semester 2 Reports

A reminder that parents can access their child's 2014 Semester 2 report via the College Website. All families were sent a pin number in Term 4 last year. Please contact the College if you are having difficulty in downloading your child's report.

2015 Student Leadership Teams

Congratulations to the following students:

Secondary

Marisa Bellina and Michael Manoussakis – College Captains
Evelin Thomas and Sandra Kirolos – Captains of Faith and Liturgy

Sarah Kristelly and Lita Ansell – Captains of Social Justice
Krishal Deo – Captain of Stewardship

Michael Nativo – College Community Leader

Nakita Costanzo – Captain of Public Speaking and Debating
Scarlet Aylward – Captain of Performing Arts

Nanette Mangoba – Captain of Music

Elise Chan – Captain of Visual Arts

Drew Roberts and Keely Henderson – Captains of Sport
James Henderson and Tia Katopodis – Marymede Student

Council

Guild Captains

Natalia Poposka and Mikayla Di Mauro – Chanel
Peter McGarvey and Maddy McInerney - Chisholm

Damian Santinon and Daniel Ferella – Marcellin

Akhil Joshy and Katia El-Azar – McAuley

Adrian Pieri and Larissa Skenderis – McCormack

Frank Korakis and Taylah Metaxas – Romero

Guild Leaders

Kamaria Brancato and Jacob Talevski – Chanel
Quinn Roberts and Tanisha De Silva – Chisholm

Hamritha Rameshkumar and James Manoussakis – Marcellin

James Tsafkas and Britney Kotevski – McAuley

Julian Zaccari and Ricardo Krstevski – McCormack

Jordan Gualano and Carmel Mileto – Romero

Year Level Captains

Paul Nicolaidis and Alex Mastrilli – Year 8

Simran Rainu and Ajay Jay – Year 9

George Brown and Mary-Grace Nicolazzo – Year 10

(Year 7 Captains will be announced in the coming weeks)

Primary

Nandana Nair and Jarrod Taylor – Primary Leaders

Guild Leaders

Alanah Farrugia-Snell and Nuwin Fernando – Chisholm

Christy Dimovski and Christopher Markovski – Chanel

Jarnai Brancalone and Mitchell Antonello – Marcellin

Brittany Zahra and Samuel Vermeulen – McAuley

Chideraa Obani and Carly Pizzato – McCormack

Charlotte Large and Jake Mitkovski – Romero

Grooming and Personal Presentation

It is my expectation that our students will present themselves well at all times and wear the College uniform with pride and in an acceptable manner. I ask for parental support to ensure that the high grooming standard of our College is maintained.

I would like to mention specifically:

Jewellery

Apart from watches and a chain with a small crucifix, no other jewellery is to be worn at school. This includes bracelets, rings etc.

Body Piercings

Students may wear one plain earring per ear in the ear lobe (no spacers or dermals). No other objects are permitted in the eye brow, nose, lip etc.

Hair

Extreme hair styles are not permitted. These include dreadlocks, Mohican style cuts, extreme long or short styles (Level 3 is the minimum hair length). Hair is to be of one natural colouring.

Facial Hair

Boys are expected to be clean shaven at all times.

Girls Dresses

Some of our female students may have grown over the holidays. I ask that you check the length of your dress before returning to school to ensure that it touches the knee.

Once again, I ask for parental assistance in these matters. I thank you for supporting us in meeting our grooming expectations.

Guild Swimming Carnival – February 10

A sense of belonging and of being part of a Guild is encouraged among the students by each event such as the Secondary Inter-Guild Swimming Carnival. It will be held next Tuesday, February 10 at the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre at 9.00am. I ask for parental support to ensure that all students are at the Carnival. Parents are most welcome to join us and support your son or daughter's Guild.

Opening of the Year Mass – February 12

Next Thursday, all of our Years 1-12 students and staff will be attending our Opening School Mass which will be celebrated in the Fitness Centre at 9.30am. Our Celebrant will be Rev. Martin Ashe and we are delighted that he will be our College Chaplain in 2015.

Year 6 Transition in Secondary Information Evening – February 19

Parents of current Year 6 students are invited to a Secondary Information Evening to be held in the VCE Wing commencing at 7.00pm. Senior Members of staff will be in attendance to answer any of your questions.

Secondary Students – Later Finish to the Day

The Secondary timetable was extended by 7 minutes this week to ensure we meet the minimum requirement of 300 minutes per day of face-to-face teaching time.

This has now resulted in the Secondary students finishing each day at 3.10pm.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused, however, I had to move quickly as we are mandated to meet the minimum requirement.

Condolences

I would like to offer our thoughts and prayers to staff members Ms Marisa Bortolotto on the recent passing of her Mother and Mrs Jenny Priest on the recent passing of her Father.

Our deepest sympathies are also extended to the Petrucci family on the recent passing of Ms Laura D'Amico, mother of Damien (Year 10) and Jonathan (Year 12).

Eternal rest grant to them, Oh Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

"For the Son of Man came not to serve but to be served"
(Mark 10:45)

With these words of Jesus Christ as the basis of his sharing with the College Executive, Leadership teams and Student Leaders, our new Principal Mr Michael Kenny invited us to join him in realising his vision of servant leadership as we enter our tenth year as a Catholic school formed in the way of Mary. The gospel passage from which these words of Christ are drawn is controversial like everything about the Markan Jesus who is "straight-talking" and says it as He must. When James and John who aspire to high echelons of leadership among the disciples ask Jesus to sit "one at your right hand and the other at your left", his answer to them is blunt: "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink" referring to the excruciatingly painful journey he must take as one who came to serve and not be served, to give his life in order that we may enjoy life to the fullest. They must be prepared for suffering in their leadership, be servant leaders if they are to be his disciples.

Our new Bishop Rev Terence Curtin celebrated our Staff New Beginnings Mass on Wednesday 28 January with an inspiring homily likening our work as teachers and support staff to the work of the sower, being mindful that the seed of our teaching and nurture falls on good soil: the minds and hearts of the students entrusted to our care and eventually bears fruit.



Faith and Mission Events

- February 12 – Opening of the 2015 School Year Mass and Commissioning Ceremony of Mr Michael Kenny, our new Principal
- February 18 – Ash Wednesday. Liturgy in Guilds from 8.40 – 9.15.
Please note, there will be no meat based items for

sale in the school canteen on this day which is a day of fasting and abstinence.

- Year 12 Retreat, CYC The Island, Cowes, Phillip Island. February 23 to 25.

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

Alumni Voice

Our Student Leadership Council 2014 set the bar very high for student leadership at the College. Kiana Rigney our Co-Captain Faith & Liturgy who was awarded the Archbishop's Award for her exemplary service to the College reminisces about her experiences of the Crossroads Pilgrimage to Central Australia last November offered to Year 12 scholars across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.



"Oh wow" No words for the Crossroads pilgrimage that I experienced at the end of 2014. For those of you who are wondering about this event, Crossroads is an alternate option to Schoolies for Year 12 Graduates where selected participants are able to travel to Central Australia and participate in mission work in local communities.

On November 26 I was fortunate enough to have been one of those few people who were selected and all I can say is "Wow" We travelled to Alice Springs, Santa Teresa, Kata Tjuta, Uluru and gave help to the Aboriginal people in each of these communities. Yes, I did celebrate finishing school with my closest friends; however I am so proud that I had been a part of such a great journey. Over the past 12 or so days, 16 of us fought through Central Australia's 45+ degrees of heat, battled monstrous mountains, donated limbs to sacred land (referring to the bruises and cuts some people received whilst walking on rough surfaces), celebrated Mass, volunteered in the local communities, took up the challenge of what felt like cooking for an army of troops and devoted our time to those in need as well as gave our time to acknowledging God's presence.

I came home proud of my accomplishments. I came home wanting to do more and wanting to make a change. I came home feeling blessed that I could be a part of something incredible. I came home excited for future opportunities that may come my way as attending both World Youth Day in Rio De Janeiro last year and Crossroads this year had been indescribable experiences. Students, if you are given an opportunity to help those in need or travel on such a journey that I have been a part of, then I honestly urge you to take the experience as you may end up regretting not seizing the chance in the end.

As I wish you a happy and successful year at Marymede Catholic College, I leave you with this final quote that has truly inspired me: "You were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

Miss. Kiana Rigney
Co-Captain Faith & Liturgy 2014

SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Work Experience Year 10

Welcome to the new school year. The students are already well underway with their Year 10 work experience having begun last term. Work Experience is a compulsory part of Year 10 and it is undertaken during one of the school holiday periods.

Students going on work experience:

- must be at least 15 years old
- must first complete a **Work Experience Arrangement Form** and then see me to discuss their plans to see if they meet the school's guidelines
- are responsible for finding an employer for their work experience and arranging suitable dates with the employer
- must ensure ALL paperwork is satisfactorily completed and returned **no later than two weeks before** work experience begins.
- must realize that work experience cannot go ahead until all the paperwork is done and two SAFE@WORK modules are completed.

San Carlo Community Service Project for Year 11 and 12 Student

We would like to offer the opportunity for your student to participate in an after school community service activity at San Carlo Home for the Aged in South Morang, every Tuesday after school. Students will be engaging in a range of activities which may including, running quizzes, playing board games, music, reading the newspaper, gardening, and card making; this may be with a small group of residents or one-on-one. Active involvement in the program is a great way to learn new skills, be part of the community, and can help with entrance to university. If students are interested they will need to collect a letter and form from me in the careers office.

Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date. Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office. Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC27248'

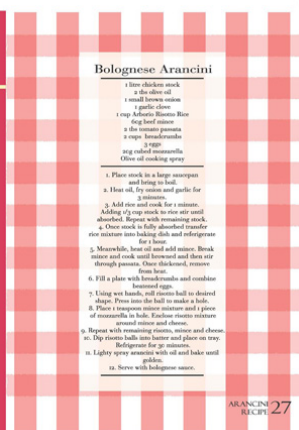
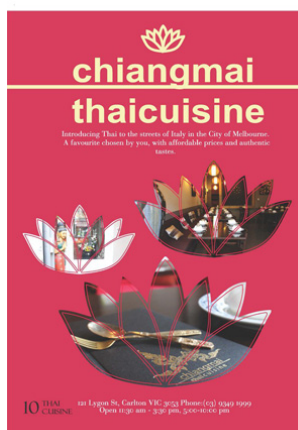
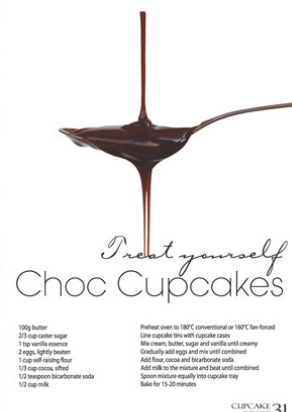
If you have any questions please feel free to contact me

Mr. David Adamson
Careers Coordinator

Pioneering Achievements in Media

Congratulations to Breanna Gatto (Class of 2014) who was shortlisted for Top Designs (Media) in this year's VCE Season of Excellence. Unfortunately her magazine didn't make the final selection but to be shortlisted is still an outstanding achievement.

Below is a selection of pages from Breanna's magazine. She took all of the photos herself and created the layouts in Adobe Illustrator.





Jeremy Guzman
Media Teacher

Guild Swimming Carnival

We will be conducting our Guild Swimming Carnival on Tuesday February 10, to be held at the Northcote Aquatic Centre. This will be a fun day for the students to support their Guilds and for our swimmers to excel in the pool.

Any parents are more than welcome to come and support on the day.

After our carnival, students selected into the swim squad will be invited to attend morning swimming sessions. These will be held each Wednesday morning from 7:00am to 8:00am at the Mill Park Swimming Centre (YMCA). A light breakfast will also be provided after training. It is the expectation that the students make their own way to the pool and be collected by parents after the session and taken to school for the start of the day.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the Head of Sport, Mr Steve Scagliarini on 0439561658 or by email steven.scagliarini@marymede.vic.edu.au

We look forward to a great year of sport at Marymede Catholic College this year.

Mr. Steven Scagliarini
Head of Sport

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL PRIMARY

Welcome back to the 2015 school year. I hope you had a relaxing holiday and an opportunity to spend time with your family and friends. I would like to particularly welcome to the

College community our 2015 prep students along with all the newly enrolled primary students and their families.

There has been no change to the start and finish times for Primary School students for 2015. The first warning bell for students to move to their line up areas rings at 8.45am and at 8.48am all primary pastoral teachers will escort the students into their houses and homerooms to unpack and prepare for learning. Period one commences at 9.00am. The school day concludes for primary students at 3.15pm. We seek your support in continuing to ensure your children arrive on time each morning and are promptly collected at the end of the school day.

As has been our standard practice, the primary students have three supervised eating times in their Homerooms. The first is a fruit snack time at the end of period one. The second eating time is towards the end of period two prior to the recess break. The third eating time is towards the end of period four prior to the lunch play break. The actual length of the eating times are determined by the teachers and year level coordinator, in keeping with the age of the students.

I commend to you the primary learning and teaching and faith and mission information below and ask you to note the upcoming Primary Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 3 March and the dates for the 2015 Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

2015 is shaping up to be another great year of learning for the primary students at Marymede Catholic College and I look forward to continuing our partnership of striving together to ensure the best outcomes for all students.

Mrs. Liz Crane
Deputy Principal Primary

HEAD OF PRIMARY

Primary Student Services

The Primary Student Services Team consists of:

Head of Primary/Head of Student Services - Alison Besselaar

Year 2.4 Pastoral Teacher/ Learning Enhancement Coordinator - Sandra Sartor

Primary School Counsellor - Amy Ross
School Psychologist - Stephen Meade
Learning Support Assistant - Danuta Cowper
Learning Support Assistant - Rachel Brown
Learning Support Assistant - Danielle Gamboni
Administrative support - Toni Cavaliere

Throughout the year you may have reason to contact or be contacted by members of the team. We are looking forward to further developing our relationships with you and sharing the learning journey of your child.

For students who are receiving funding Alison will be working with families of students whose funding is to be reviewed in 2015 and any new applications for funding. Sandra will be working with families of students who have on-going funding.

Welcome To The 2015 Academic Year

It has been wonderful to note the great energy that staff and students have brought to the school after having relaxing and reenergizing holidays. Many of us have commented on how nice it is to have some routine back in our lives, however this has required dusting off the alarms and setting them again. As we start the year it is important that our students establish good routines and staff have been working with classes to identify and develop very consistent habits and routines that are reflective of our school goals. Please discuss with your children what this means to them and how you can support their learning at home.

It has been very pleasing to see students across the school settling very quickly into school life in new year levels with different teachers and different classrooms. Students are wearing their uniforms with pride and are demonstrating a genuine joy to be at school. Thank you for supporting and preparing them in their commencement of the 2015 academic year.

During the course of the year you will have many opportunities to engage in activities with your children and some of you may even become classroom helpers. These are wonderful times to enjoy being part of your child's education and I encourage you to participate, if and when possible. Please read notices and newsletters and check our website and facebook to keep well informed of upcoming events.

If you need to speak with a teacher about your child please make an appointment to ensure that the best time and place for communicating together can be arranged. I am sure that you will appreciate that teachers are very busy from before they greet their students in the morning to well after your children have gone home in the afternoon so arranging a meeting time is the practice that we implement.

2015 is sure to be a wonderful year in the Primary School at Marymede Catholic College.

National Days – January - February

January 26 - Australia Day



Australia Day is celebrated on January 26 and commemorates the first landing in Australia by Captain Arthur Phillip. Between January 18 and 20, 1788, the First Fleet of 11 ships sailed into Botany Bay to set up a penal colony there but the bay proved to be unsuitable. Captain Phillip took a team north and named the area on the south shore of Port Jackson as Sydney Cove. The formal establishment of the colony occurred two weeks later on February 7.

Many people become citizens of Australia on Australia Day at Citizenship Ceremonies across the nation. It is also the day that the Australian Government awards the Order of Australia to selected Australians, which is 'an Australian society of honor for according recognition to Australian citizens and other persons for achievement or meritorious service'.

February 4 - Sri Lanka's Independence Day



Sri Lanka's Independence Day commemorates its internal political independence from British rule on this day in 1948.

The day is a national holiday in Sri Lanka celebrated all over the country through flag-hoisting ceremonies, dances, parades and performances. Usually, the main celebration takes place in Colombo, where the President raises the national flag and delivers a nationally televised speech.

February 6 – New Zealand Waitangi Day



February 6 is Waitangi Day in New Zealand. The day acknowledges the Treaty between Maori and the British Crown which was signed in 1840, at Waitangi in the Bay of Islands. Each year there are formal events at Waitangi to commemorate the signing of the Treaty and acknowledge the establishment of New Zealand as a British Colony.

Waitangi Day, or New Zealand day as it has been referred to at various times, is usually celebrated by New Zealanders as an opportunity to enjoy summer at the beach and a BBQ. More recently it might include gathering together at local events which highlight and showcase the range of cultural heritages now present in New Zealand.

Head of Primary
Mrs. Alison Besselaar

PRIMARY FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

I am really excited to be Head of Primary Faith and Mission and to have the opportunity to support the students, staff and families at Marymede, in the area of Religious Education, and in particular our Sacramental Program.

The celebration for Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sunday April 26 2015 at 2.30pm at St Patricks Cathedral.

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be held on Sunday November 8 2015 at 2.30pm at St Patricks Cathedral.

Dates for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and family workshops for all sacraments will be published shortly.

Melinda Muir
Head Of Primary Faith and Mission

PRIMARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Welcome back to Marymede for another great year.

This year will provide many opportunities for students and families to work together in understanding your child's learning.

This will begin with a curriculum information evening hosted by each year

level, on Tuesday March 3 between 5.00-8.30pm. A schedule indicating times and locations will be distributed shortly.

In 2015, students will continue to have the opportunity to learn with both their pastoral teachers and specialist teachers. Students in Prep to Year 4 will be taught by a specialist teacher for LOTE (Italian) Visual Arts, Performing Arts, some Physical Education, Library and Health/Wellbeing lessons.

Students in Year 5 and Year 6 will have a specialist teacher for LOTE (Italian), Music, Performing Arts, some Physical Education, Library and Health/Wellbeing lessons.

As has been our past practice, reporting to parents will occur formally, four times per year.

Parent/ teacher / student interviews will be held in the beginning of Term 2 and towards the end of Term 3. You will be able to book appointment times with teachers through PTO closer to the date.

Written reports are available via the PAM online at the end of Terms 2 and 4. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral teacher to arrange a meeting if you have any concerns throughout the term.

Mrs. Nicole Pegler
Head of Primary Teaching and Learning

Literacy & Numeracy Testing

Literacy pre-testing for Years 1 to 6 was conducted on Friday, January 30 and Monday, February 2.

I would like to thank parents and students for their support during these days. It was lovely to see the students again and they were very enthusiastic and put in such a great effort after having a long break.

Thank you to the teachers and staff for their preparation in ensuring these days were productive and beneficial for our students. The valuable information obtained during the interviews will inform our teaching and learning programs.

Primary School Home Reading Program & Classroom Helpers Training Session

We are looking forward to seeing many parent volunteers in the Primary School this year.

You may like to assist our students and teachers here at Marymede Catholic College in the following ways:

- **Home Reading Program** (Years 1 to 2) assisting students to return their books and monitor and record their text selections. This program commences from Monday, February 9 from 8:48am until 9:00am

The Prep Home Reading program will commence in March.

- **Classroom Assistant** - working with students during Literacy sessions commencing from Term 2
- **Resource Centre Assistant**- covering books, laminating games, making resources. (A separate

training session will be held for this and dates will be advised through the College Newsletter.

Assisting in these programs provides the opportunity for parents to share in the educational development of students and brings benefits to all those involved.

If you would like to assist with the Home Reading Program please add your name to the rosters displayed on the Prep, Year one and Year 2 classroom windows. If you have any questions please contact Ms Maree Mullen or Mrs Leanne Easdon on 9407 9000

If you are volunteering in any capacity at the College, you will need to obtain a **Working with Children Check (WWC)**. Your WWC will need to be displayed at all times. Display badges can be collected from the Primary School Office when signing in as a volunteer.

Working with Children application forms are available from participating Australia Post outlets or by submitting the Application Form Request on the Department of Justice website. Additional information is available from the Department of Justice website at www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren.

Classroom Helpers Training Course

I will be conducting a Classroom Helpers Training Course for parents wishing to assist in classrooms during Literacy sessions. A training session has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 at 9:00am until approximately 10:45am. Details will be published in the College Newsletter closer to the date. To volunteer in classrooms you will need to have attended a classroom helper's course within the last 3 years.

I look forward to meeting and working with all our parent volunteers.

Mrs. Maree Mullen
Head of Literacy Primary School

The Marymede Gift

On the last day of Term 4 December 12 2014, the 2nd running of the Marymede Gift took place on the College Athletics Track. Students qualified by running races prior to the day. Heats were then run with the fastest Boy and Girl from Year 3,4,5 and 6 competing in a handicapped race.



Tobenna Obani Year 3 and Miceala Bianco won the 2014 Marymede Gift.



The Teachers then raced the Guild Leaders in the Annual Staff v Student Christmas Tree Decorating Race, much to the joy of the Staff and the dismay of the students



Then we had a recap of the Years Guild Events with the overall Winner Marcellin being announced and presented with the Guild Shield.



Guild Events Term 1

Walk to School Day Friday 13 February
Easter Extravaganza 27 March

Swim Training

For those who received a note at the conclusion of 2014. Swimming Training is 7:00am - 8:00am at Mill Park YMCA February 5 and the February 10.

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Music Department

A very warm welcome to 2015, and what a year we have planned in the Music Department!

Firstly, we welcome Mr Sava Djukic as our newest member of the teaching team in the Music Department. Here is Mr Djukic with his Year 7 class introducing some rhythmic games in a

whole class workshop activity. It was wonderful to see so many happy students in the department today!



Instrumental Music Program

Marymede Catholic College has a vibrant music department with a strong team of professional musicians as well as dedicated and experienced teachers. Together with new facilities, Marymede is well equipped to provide every student with outstanding opportunities to develop their musical talents.

Why Learn a Musical Instrument

With so many different instruments to choose from, learning a musical instrument is fun and enjoyable, and more importantly it can significantly improve the development of social, emotional and academic abilities. Here are just some of the benefits of learning a musical instrument: Promotes time management and organisational skills; Increases memory capacity; Enhances coordination; Improves Mathematical ability; Improves reading and comprehension skills; Promotes resilience and perseverance; Improves your concentration and listening skills; Relieves stress; Provides a sense of achievement; Promotes social skills

Instruments

The college currently offers private instrumental music lessons for: Voice, Piano, Keyboard, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion / Drum Kit, Guitar and Bass Guitar.

Enrolment

To enrol in the Instrumental Music Program, parents should complete an 'Instrumental Music Enrolment Form', sign a copy of the 'Terms and Conditions' form and hand this in to the College's Main Office.

Instrumental Music Enrolment Forms can be downloaded from the College's Website under ENROLMENTS – APPLICATION FORMS.

Mr. Kevin Carville
Head of Music

Business Office

Design Technology Classroom

During the Christmas period the College organised the placement of a New Design & Technology classroom space, which is currently being finalised. Fit-out is due for completion in the coming days.

The previous room will be converted in to a second Food Technology workroom during the term 2, in readiness for the commencement of Term 3.



Three Big Changes To The Vaccine Program

In 2015 three major changes to the vaccine program will impact on parents of secondary school students:

1. The Whittlesea City Council's immunisation service may contact you about the secondary school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parent contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school Nurse on 9407-9000 by 28 February 2015 if you do not want your contact details given to the Whittlesea City Council.
2. In 2015 only, the vaccine that protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough will be offered to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. From 2016, this vaccine will be offered to Year 7 students only. This will provide earlier protection from these diseases.
3. The time-limited human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine program for Year 9 boys was completed in December 2014. HPV vaccine will continue to be offered to all students (both male and female) in Year 7 from 2015.

Look out for the vaccine consent form/s coming home from school with your child. You need to read, complete and return the form/s regardless of whether your child is being immunised at school.

To learn more about the changes, the diseases, the vaccines, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

Secondary School Vaccine Program

Transfer of contact information to local council

The secondary school vaccine program helps ensure students and communities are protected from diseases such as diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, human papillomavirus and chicken pox.

Local councils deliver the program and schools distribute the vaccine consent forms.

Recently the *Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009* were amended to authorise schools to release parent and student information to local councils so that councils can follow up with parents after the consent forms have been distributed.

This means that we will provide your local council with your contact details and a local council representative may contact you with vaccine program information. If you do not wish for your details to be provided to your local council, please advise me in writing before close of business 28 February 2015.

If you are unable to contact me by the above date you will need to contact the officer responsible for the vaccine program at your local council in the event that you have queries about your contact details.

Every day immunisation saves lives and makes it possible for Victorians to live free from the illness and the disability caused by many infectious diseases. All Victorian secondary students can receive these vaccines for free through the school-based program.

The next step will be to return the student's vaccine consent forms to the school. Without returning a consent form, a student may miss the opportunity to be vaccinated. It is important the consent forms are completed and returned to the school, regardless of whether you agree that the student will be vaccinated or not as part of the school-based program.

For further information please go to the following links:

- www.marymede.vic.edu.au/sites/default/files/Privacy%20Policy.pdf
- <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/contact/Pages/complainschool.aspx>

Mr. Paul Romanin
Business Manager

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

2015 sees Marymede welcome in excess of 230 new students to the College. We would like to extend our welcome to the follow students and their families:

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Jehansa Agampodi, Catalina Alateras, Jacob Antony, Ricky Ardesi, Chloe Battista, Jessica Bibis, Jake Bocevski, Molly Borg, Jordan Brown, Tristan Buraundi, Mitchell Camacho, Nathan Cholakovski, William Collis, Isabella Comeau, Alessia Condello, Brodie Crisp, Sienna Csaszar, Olivia De Agostino, Maya De Amicis, Tristan De Santo, Lucas De Santo, Vikasini Elango, Isaac Emsovski, Ava Falcone, Revekah Fernando, Ayana Fernando, Aviv Fernando, Laura Flint, Noah Fortuna, Zara Georgiou, Joshua Gerada, Nicholas Gerard, Zach Giannakopoulos, Kaylan Ginimalage, Ryan Gospic, Oscar Gray, Insa Gu, Sienna Guarino, Ava Hanlan, Alicia Harris, Nathan Healy, Rehmat Hundal, Milla Ioannou, Cruz Josevski, James Katavic, Matthew Kocev, Ava La Rosa, Kiara Lazzara, Caelan Lee, Zarah Lehmann, Federica Lembo, Jorge Leon-Vizcaino, Mason Loche, Lucas Macheda, Maci Madin, Dillon Mahanayake, Jeremy Maillard, Renae Martin, Natalie Mauriello, Rylee Mcbain, Khyall Mdehwa, Samuel Metelovski, Lily Micallef, Damian Michail, Jacinta Mifsud, Aidan Mponda, Sienna Murdaca, Zack Nardoza, Monique Nativo, Jack Nativo, Adrian Naumovski, Jamal Nhemachena, Alannah O'Connor, Ryleigh O'Neill, Henri Overmars, Alex Parisi, Cole Parsakia, Isabel Patricio, Max Payne, Cooper Pinney, Claudia Popovic, Seth Popovski, Annalise Rades, Joel Reidy, Liliana Ripley, Samuel Ristevski, Naman Sandhu, Sanchay Sangwan, Olivia Scott, William Scott, Olivia Seneca, Aidan Shaji, Rhea Sharma, Aaron Shibu, Geeta Shukla, Olivia Sinni, Andrew Sirianni, Jack Smith-Godfrey, Joseph Solimando, Akshaj Srivastava, Adrian

Stojanoski, Mia-Rose Sukovski, Olivia Sunu, Caleb Szeremeta, Lucas Szeremeta, Madison Tambolash, Alexandra Tarpkos, Araz Tavakol, Talia Tavella, Sebastian Tawadros, Elissa Thoranathel Shaji, Elaine Tijo, Jordan Traficante, Zac Trajkovski, Billy Triantafylidis, Yulia Trivailo, Tia Tsandefskis, Ava Turano, Amaya Van Krieken, Chloe Vangeli, Lola Velianis, Sarah Zagami, Jacob Zdunic, Alan Dileep, Caleb Hyatt, Daoud Akram, Jason Chirisa, Larissa Chirisa, Skye Cross, Feba George, Kayla Marychurch, Piper Mclennan, Michaela Mponda, William Van Krieken, Kalin Ahuonbar, Kush Bonsrey, Luv Bonsrey, Molly Johnston, Aryan Joshi, Jasmine Khuu, Hennessy Manansala, Christopher Sekrevski, Sofia Soeterboek, Eishman Brar, Regan Cross, Torren Garrett, Jacinta Hyatt, Ann Joseph, Deanna Marychurch, Jordan Micevski, Solin Nurianbi, Jiya Shahi, Stephen Sibanda, Akshansh Srivastava, Sienna Van Krieken, Shipal Ahuonbar, Taya Hepburn, William Johnston, Manreet Kaur, Diandra Mponda, Isabelle Sekrevski, Supriya Adhikari, Ethan Cross, Jesse Hardie, Ky Mclennan, Candace Roach, Kevin Srichaikul

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Lourdes Ah-Kiau, Abdelwadoud Al-Asali, Ann Anil, Dimitris Bachos, Tayla Bagnato, Harrison Balazsy, Daniel Bauce, Jack Bowlen, Brynie Camilleri, Benito Caro, Kyah Cater, Jacob Coates, Verity Colosimo, Nicholas Cretchley, Ellie Cvetkova, Natalia Divitcos, Samuel Edwards, Joshua Ford, Claudia Forte, Joshua Fusco, Liam Henderson, Sara Izev, Daniel Jamalian, Amish Joseph, Brandon Josevski, Avtrit Kumar, Zachary Limogiannis, Liam Males, Jasmine Micevski, Carla Misurelli, Kiara Moss, Fadziso Mutusva, Yara Nazaryan, Aleksandar Nestoroski, Melissa Nicolo, Samuel Parsons, Renee Perry, Mia Poblete-Katsouris, Lachlan Potter, Thomas Riding, Olivia Roberts, Stephanie Sallas, Simarjit Sandhu, Pedia Sibanda, Mason Smith, Hayley Smyth, Jesse Stojanovski, Anamika Sudhi Nair, Chloe Topouzis, Peter Tsalacopoulos, Jessie Turner, Alastair Vathakos, Daniel Vingta, Olivia Wosgien, Chelsea Garraway, Ali Maghnie, Mia Markowicz, Roban Chugha, Jawal Daoud, Grace Sibanda, Raul Batres-Bustamante, Courtney Hyatt, Rebecca Ivory, David Lughii, Tsungayi Masawi, Chloe Coniglio, Taneisha Fredericks, Casey Janic, Nikayla Van Krieken, Jerry Licata

2016 Enrolments

Applications for Year 7 2016 are now open and will close on February 27, 2015.

Applications for Prep 2016 are now open and will close on May 15, 2015.

Year 7 2016 Information Evening

The College will hold a Year 7 2016 Information Evening on Thursday February 19 from 7.00pm located upstairs in the VCE Wing. This will be an opportunity to revisit the enrolment processes and transition programs for Year 7 2016, with applications closing the following week.

Prep 2015

It is a legal requirement for parents to provide an immunisation status certificate when enrolling their child at Primary School. Could parents of Prep 2015 students please ensure that your child's certificate has been submitted to the College. If you

are uncertain whether or not the College has a copy of your child's certificate please phone 9407-9000 or email registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au

Family Contact Details

Should you have a change in contact details such as home address, phone numbers or email address, please contact the Main Office on 9407-9000 to submit the new information, alternatively you may also wish to email the change to registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au .

College Facebook Page

Be sure to 'like' the official Marymede Catholic College Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/marymedecatholiccollege to keep up with exciting news and events at the College. The page is updated regularly and is a great form of communication between the College and community. Please be reminded that it is NOT a requirement for a parent to have their own Facebook account in order to view the College page. Information and news can be read by simply visiting the above link.

Email Addresses

Our College uses email as a major form of communication to families and will continue to do so in 2015. Please ensure that your family has supplied the College with a valid and current email address to avoid missing out on valuable information regarding news and events. It is a College requirement for all families to have a minimum of one valid, working email address. To submit an email address or check your existing email address, please contact the College or email registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au .

School Bus Service

Any family interested in using the College Bus service should visit www.marymede.vic.edu.au to gain information on the service, or alternatively contact the Main Office on 9407-9000.

Mr. Matthew Luczek
Registrar

CANTEEN NEWS

Good Afternoon All

We hope you all had an enjoyable break.

A very big welcome to all our new families. For those of you that are unsure with how to place a lunch order we hope you find the following information helpful.

For Primary Students lunch orders are placed online via www.flexischools.com.au. Your child's details need to be registered before an order can be placed. This process is very user friendly, however if you have any questions we are happy to help. Please note the following:

- All lunch orders need to be placed by 9PM the night before.
- Prep to Year 3 have their lunch orders delivered to their class room.
- Year 4 to Year 6 have lunch monitors pick up and deliver lunches to their classroom.

- Years 4 to 6 have access to canteen services at lunch time only.
- Years 4 to Year 12 are able to have their id cards registered via www.flexischools.com.au which enables cashless transactions (daily limits can be applied).

For Secondary Students we encourage online orders for sandwiches/wraps made to order, or for any hot pasta dishes.

We would like to advise that our popular Raspberry and Black liquorice straps are unavailable for purchase as the supplier has ceased the manufacturing of these items. We are in the process of seeking an alternative.

The Canteen is open after school until 3.45pm for drinks, ice-creams and snacks.

If there are any questions in regards to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the Canteen.

Ms. Kate Quinn

Mrs. Connie Ibrahim

Canteen Managers