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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

The VCE Unit 3 and 4 Exams have ended and I congratulate our students for the hard work and level of commitment they have shown over the last few trying weeks. They now anxiously await their results which will be released in mid-December. Thank you to our VCE Coordinator Mrs Laura Thompson for coordinating this examination period.

First Holy Communion

I congratulate our Year 4 students who received their First Holy Communion at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday November 8. Thank you to Mrs Melinda Muir and the Year 4 teachers for their work in preparing the students for this most significant spiritual celebration. I hope our families were proud of their son/daughter on such a special day.

Secondary Awards Evening

Thank you to the students and parents who attended our Annual Awards Evening on Thursday November 12. It is always special as we acknowledge those Year 7-12 students who have excelled academically or made a valuable contribution in some other way to the life of Marymede or in the wider community. I also enjoyed listening to our musicians and singers and hearing the report from the Chair of the College Board, Mrs Jo-Anne Mazzeo.

My one disappointment was that some of our students, knowing it was a compulsory school event, chose with the support of their parents to not attend on the evening. From my experience, the most successful way to build a strong school spirit is through 100% student attendance at significant school events such as the Awards Evening.

I want to build a strong school community spirit at Marymede where everyone feels welcome and willingly gives of their time to support the College. I am happy to meet with any parents who wish to discuss further the expectation I have of our students about their commitment to the College.

Year 9 Exams

These exams begin next Monday and as I have said before, those who have worked consistently and made their studies a priority throughout the year can approach their exams with confidence.

2016 Year 11 and 12 Students

Next week, our Year 11 and 12 2016 students will have their orientation days. These classes are compulsory for senior students returning to the College next year.

Marymede Annual Fete – Saturday November 21

A reminder that the Fete is on Saturday from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Thank you to the Parents' and Friends Committee who have worked tirelessly in the lead-up to this highly anticipated fun-filled day. I hope to see many members of our community at the Fete and I am looking forward to what promises to be a great day for our College.

Last Day of School

It has been an exciting year at Marymede Catholic College and our final Newsletter for 2016 will be emailed on Thursday December 3. I ask for parental support to ensure students' full attendance and committed attitude to their work, right to the end of term.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

"I am the resurrection and the life. They who believe in me shall live, even if they die". John 11:25

Last weekend, I was contemplating a restful time, after six weeks of a school term which appears to be spinning by faster than we can envisage. I was also contemplating the end of Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Year of the Church as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christ the King this Sunday (November 22) before moving on to the season of Advent. However, that hope was overshadowed by the news of the carnage in Paris all over the media, leaving the world yet again in shock at the loss of innocent lives. It raises the question: To whom can we turn for solace in our grieving and in our praying for the bereaved?

Martin Luther King Jr said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only love can do that; hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that". We know that King was a man of deep faith in God, which gave him the courage to press on with his mission to ensure a better life, a better future for the African-American people.

Against the backdrop of continuing violence and loss of life, as we approach the feast of Christ the King and prepare to await the birth of the Prince of Peace, let us ponder what his kingship really means for us. Almost all references to Jesus' kingship

occur within the passion narratives. Jesus says 'You say I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' (John 18:37)

It would be hard to envision modern-day kings or queens who would love their people so much that they would be prepared to die for them. What we get in Jesus as King is one who was utterly faithful to us even to the end.

Let us then keep our eyes on Christ our King who loved people more than materialistic things, who spoke the truth with love and who died that we might live.

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

2016 College Captains Report On Mission-Aaction For Marymede Day

This year as a P-12 school we embarked on a special way to celebrate our College Feast Day. We decided on Mission-Action to be our guiding light in fundraising for a Catholic charity. All students and staff went to work in Guild teams in Secondary School and Year Level Teams in Primary School. The objective was to raise as much money as we could possibly do in two hours after celebration of Mass.

We had a lot of fun, ate a lot of food and took part in the activities on offer. The question on our lips was – how much do you think we have raised? Well we had to wait for a while to get this answer because bills needed to first be paid before we could arrive at our final figure.

So whom did we decide as the recipient of our fundraising efforts? During our weeks of planning in Term 3, we looked at which of the Catholic charities we would support and we did not need to look too far. Vinnies emerged as the most popular choice given that the Vinnies team looks after people with needs of various kinds through the generous commitment of their volunteers. Vinnies provides a huge range of support services to the most disadvantaged in our community in living out the teaching of Jesus Christ "Love one another, as I have loved you".

We are very pleased to announce that with all bills paid, we managed to reach our target of \$10,000. We were joined by Mr Kenny and our Primary School Captains Jarrod Taylor and Nandana Nair to present the cheque to Mr Wileman, representative of Vinnies, Mernda Conference at our Year 5-12 Assembly on Thursday November 19.



Primary Captain Nandana Nair shaking hands with Mr Wileman



Receiving the cheque from College Captains Adrian and Betsey



Thanking the Marymede community on behalf of Vinnies

Adrian Pieri & Betsey Rasia
2016 College Captains

SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Year 10 Drama 'The Suitcase Series'

The 2015 Year 10 Drama class recently became the first participants from Marymede Catholic College in 'The Suitcase Series' at the Malthouse Theatre, Southbank. Students worked hard this semester with the theme of Climate Change and the stimulus play 'normal.suburban.planetary.meltdown' to develop a twenty minute performance called 'Adaya'. They presented their work on the Beckett Theatre stage and received feedback from professional actor Naomi Rukavina who praised the creativity of the work.



The Year 10 Drama class before their performance



Year 10 students with actress Naomi Rukavina

The Wedding Singer Cast List

Congratulations to the students who have been cast in "The Wedding Singer" and thank you to Ms Emma Kiely, Mr Sava Djukic and Ms Simone McGill for their assistance over the two week audition process. Rehearsals for most students will commence in 2016. Students should keep an eye on their emails for further information.

Ms Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts

Eight Marymede Catholic College Students Accepted into the LaTrobe University VCE Plus Program

VCE Plus is an opportunity for high achieving and self-motivated VCE students to complete two first year university subjects and have them recognised as part of their VCE Studies. Students

enrolled in VCE Plus choose a pair of first year university subjects to study whilst completing Year 12. Congratulations to the following Year 11 students that received offers to undertake the VCE Plus Program at LaTrobe in 2016.

Adrian Pieri	Engineering
Ysabel Dungca	Law
Mantaj Sekhon	Astronomy
James Galvin	Accounting
Chloe Coniglio	Law
Anirudh Suresh Nair	Accounting
Emily Maney	Journalism
Jordon Conte	Engineering

Mr David Adamson
Careers Coordinator

Victorian All Schools

Last weekend Keely Henderson (Year 12) competed in her last Victorian All Schools Athletics competition representing Marymede. Keely competed in the U/20's 100m event and got silver with a time of 13.07 seconds. She has been an outstanding contributor to the life of the College, in particular for her sporting endeavours and we thank her for her contribution as the 2015 Sports Captain. We wish Keely all the best in her future aspirations and we hope to see her again back on the Stawell Gift track.



2015 Secondary Sports Wrap Up

It has been an exciting year for Sport at Marymede with the senior teams having premiership success in Netball, AFL, Volleyball and Hockey. With Sport for 2015 coming to a close, we are already training for the 2016 year as we anticipate even greater success. Training will now be either before or after school with student commitment at the forefront of the Sporting Program. Competition and Training schedule for 2016 is now complete and can be accessed on the College website via the link below. Congratulations on a great year and thank you to all staff and students who represented the College with pride and excellent sportsmanship.

<http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/secondary/sport>

Mrs Natalie Savage
Head of Sport

World War 1: A History in 100 Stories

On November 11, at Melbourne Museum Monash University launched 'World War 1: A History in 100 Stories' written by Bruce Scates, Rebecca Wheatley and Laura James. One of the '100 Stories' is about Peter Rados whom Michael Manoussakis, Year 12, adopted as his digger when he won the Victorian 'Spirit of ANZAC' Prize in 2013-14. The research undertaken by Michael was instrumental to Peter Rados' story being told in this extraordinary history that tells the truth about war. This contribution to this unique view of World War 1 is a significant achievement.



Michael Manoussakis with Monash University's 'World War One: a history in 100 stories'

Mrs Moira Christie
Head of English

Iris: The 3rd Annual Media Showcase

You are cordially invited to attend a one-night only screening of student films and animations. Iris will showcase outstanding media products created by the highest-achieving Year 9-12 Media and VET Media students, and members of the Marymede Film School. The program includes short films, music videos, documentaries, news stories, movie trailers, 2D animations and exemplary work produced by VCE Media graduates.

Watch the official trailer for Iris below:

<http://1drv.ms/1OLM6Nq>

Please join us on Monday November 23 in the College Auditorium and help us celebrate the creative accomplishments of the Media students at Marymede Catholic College.

Walk the red carpet from 6pm and marvel at the artworks on display in the Performing Arts Foyer.

The top Whittlesea Show prize winners and a selection of other terrific work from Textiles, Wood, Visual Communication Design and Art will also be exhibited on the night.

Free popcorn and fairy floss will be served as you talk to the filmmakers and artists before the world premiere at 7.00pm in the Theatre.

The dress code for Iris is black and white, semi-formal.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Jeremy Guzman
Media Teacher

HEAD OF PRIMARY

Celebrations of Learning, Awards and Mass

Please place the following dates in your diaries. We all anticipate these events with great excitement and look forward to sharing these events with you.

Monday December 7 6.00pm – 7.00pm Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Celebration of Learning

7.30pm – 8.30pm Year 3 and Year 4 Celebration of Learning

Wednesday December 9 7.00pm – 8.30pm Year 5 and Year 6 Mass and Awards Evening

These events will be held in the College Fitness Centre.

2016 Orientation

On December 7 (to coincide with Year 6 to Year 7 transition) students in Prep to Year 5 will have an orientation experience. During this time they will enjoy being in the environment of their 2016 Year level, they will attend an assembly led by the current 2015 teachers and visit 2016 classrooms to complete an activity. This is a very exciting time for students as they get to explore the new surroundings.

Grandparents Picnic October 30

Once again we have enjoyed a very happy event with grandparents and special friends. The excitement of students and visitors was electric. This year was the first year to meet in Guild groups and this provided easily identified meeting places for visitors and students. We had groups of multiple generations, visitors who had travelled from near and far and groups that included students who did not have special visitors to the event. Thank you to everyone for making it such a wonderful event.



City of Whittlesea Student Recognition

On October 30 Chelsea Harrop received a Certificate of Recognition for her contribution to the community from the Mayor of Whittlesea Council at a public presentation ceremony. She also received a cheque for \$100.00. Chelsea has contributed considerable time and money to supporting the RSPCA. Through her actions Chelsea has been a wonderful role model for her peers. She is to be commended on her achievements.

Pictured below are Chelsea, her parents and her cousin and also Connie, who attended on behalf of her daughter, Marisa Bellina, who also received recognition for her contributions to the community.



Ms Alison Besselaar
Head of Primary

PRIMARY FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

Sacrament of First Eucharist

On Sunday November 8, the Year 4 students celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Through receiving the body of Christ our students have strengthened their relationship with God. This significant day was made special with the love and support of our Marymede community, extended families and friends.

At Marymede Catholic College we are looking forward to continuing to support our students on their faith journey.

Our sincere thanks to our dedicated College Chaplain Fr Martin Ashe and Fr John Murphy who con-celebrated the Mass. Thank you also to the staff who supported the students on their journey.



The 2015 Eucharist Candidates and Staff

Mrs Melinda Muir
Head of Faith and Mission Primary

PRIMARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Poetry 5.3

The Wind

The wind blew like life is unlimited.
The grass blew like a broom gently sweeping the ground
as light as a feather.
The leaves falling from the trees as if it was
uncontrollable.

The building shook like a sea saw on a playground.
 When you go outside the wind would pick you up
 imagining you were flying.
 It's like the wind is talking to you. Only you. No one else
 but you.
 What could it be saying?

Miss Imola Tavella

5.3 Student

The Night of the Incident

One dark thundery night
 I saw something in my sight
 It was after 2:00am and I was in a fright
 I stayed up all night reading a book
 Then thought in my head
 And remembered what my mother had said.
 Nothing good happens after 2:00am
 The door slammed shut
 I started to panic
 It was all happening so fast
 The lights started flickering
 My eyes got blurry.
 While my head got dizzy
 I ran to the front door
 As I opened it, appeared a man
 He said "sorry to give you a great scare
 I was wondering do you have a phone in there"

Miss Jazmyn Tuazon

5.3 Student

Sport Report

This week the Year 1 students are practising for the annual Guild Athletics Carnival. The Athletics Carnival will be held on December 4 and students will participate in running races, hurdles and a variety of mini games. It is a great day for the students and we welcome all parents to attend.



Volleyball

Congratulations to our Year 6 girls who came runners up in the Northern Metropolitan Regionl Final for Volleyball. This result places them between 9th and 16th in the State. Big thanks to Alison Lappin and Anthony Falcone for coaching the girls and giving up their time to train the girls during the last two terms.



Mr Gerard Large
Guild Coordinator

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Music Department

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB) results:

Brianna Parisi: Preliminary Piano (A Honours)
 Isabella Folino: Grade 1 Piano (A Honours)
 Lauren Chan: Grade 1 Piano (A Honours)

On Sunday November 8, the following students from the College's Liturgical Choir helped to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist Mass by leading the singing at St Patrick's Cathedral. We congratulate the following 11 students for their witness and support of the faith life of the College:

Morgan Brand, Olivia Capodicasa, Celine D'Abate, Laura Daniele, Chloe Falzon, Alexander Kosmas, Sarah Mizzi, Tatenda Muranda, Simran Rainu, Paulene Roflo, Nanette Mangoba.



Liturgical Choristers at Holy Eucharist Mass

Preparations are in full swing for our upcoming Carols by Candlelight. Students participating in this annual event should have received a letter. Please see Mr Carville if you have not received one. Please note that tickets are now available from Trybooking.com via the following link:

<http://www.trybooking.com/167672>

They are going fast... Only 400 seats available so get in quick.

Private Instrumental Lessons 2016

Please note that this Newsletter contains very important information regarding the process and procedure for enrolment / re-enrolment in the College's Private Instrumental Music Program in 2016. Please read the information carefully, and

should you require any clarification please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Angie Dalglish (Music Administrative Assistant) at music@marymede.vic.edu.au

Mr Kevin Carville
Head of Music

School Attendance

Please report your child's absence from school by phoning the absenteeism line on 9407 9090 or email to absentees@marymede.vic.edu.au

Mrs Angie Dalglish
Attendance Officer P-12

REGISTRAR NEWS

School Bus Service - 2016

Last week the College emailed to all families correspondence regarding the 2016 Bus service. We ask that any family interested in using the service in 2016 visit the link sent out in the email and register your details. This information will greatly assist Dysons in planning and preparing our 2016 Bus Routes. We will be taking deposits and registrations for bus passes prior to the conclusion of Term 4.

Alumni Gathering

The College will hold an Alumni gathering for all past graduates on Tuesday December 1, 2015. If you know of any past graduate who is unaware of the upcoming event please ask them to contact the College.

2017 Enrolment Applications

Applications for Year 7, 2017 are now open and will close on February 26, 2016.

Applications for Prep 2017 are also open and will close on May 2, 2016.

For more information regarding the application and enrolment process please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Exit Forms

Any family not returning to the College in 2016 is required to complete an Exit Form and return back to the Main Office as soon as possible. To collect an Exit Form please visit the Main Office.

Mr Matthew Luczek
Registrar