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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome back for Term 2. I trust everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. Autumn is certainly a beautiful time of year and Melbourne is aglow with autumnal colours. The College grounds and ovals are picturesque and I thank our Grounds and Maintenance staff for their hard work in maintaining our outdoor facilities at such a high standard.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

It was pleasing to see many parents and students attend day one of interviews on Tuesday. I trust you found them worthwhile and informative. Our second day of P/T/S Interviews for Secondary parents and students only will take place on Monday 18 April from 4.00pm-7.00pm in the Fitness Centre. Bookings can be made via the College website.

Staff Professional Development Day - 11 April

Last Monday, our staff participated in a Professional Development Day facilitated by Mr. Chris Bence from Catholic Education Melbourne. The theme of the sessions that Chris led centred round the College's Vision and Mission Statements. Staff feedback has been very positive and Chris will continue to work with the college as part of his role as Secondary Principal Consultant for the Northern Region of Catholic Education Melbourne.

Year 7, 2017 Enrolments

Year 7 offers for 2017 will be posted home on Friday 22 April. At the recent interviews, we impressed upon families that Marymede Catholic College is a Christian and Catholic school striving to be true to the Gospel. When families accept a place here, parents sign a form indicating their total support of the College and agree that their child will become fully involved in its life.

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Chisholm House for once again winning the Secondary Guild Athletics Carnival which was held on Monday 21 March. The Carnival is another College event that encourages a sense of belonging and being part of a House. I was impressed with the way our students represented their Houses.

Year 9 Outdoor Adventure Camp

We wish the Year 9 students and staff participating in the Outdoor Adventure Camp in weeks two and three of Term 2 an enjoyable experience. It will be a challenging experience but one which will give our students a real sense of achievement both individually and in their teams.

Winter Uniform

All students are required to be in their full winter uniform from Tuesday 26 April. If the weather is cool prior to this date and students wish to wear their winter uniforms they will be able to do so.

Staffing

We welcome back from Maternity Leave Mrs Manuela Rositano. Mrs Rositano will taking over from Mrs Julie Iglesias who will be taking Maternity Leave early in Term 2. We also welcome to the college Ms Katie Lydiate who will be replacing Mrs Melissa Beckett in Year 2.5.

Before and After School Supervision

The college have staff rostered on yard duty from 8.20am each morning. After school, staff are on duty until 3.40pm.

I ask that parents please take careful note of the yard duty supervision times. If there is a need to drop children at school outside of these times, parents are asked to please contact Camp Australia to ensure that their child is being supervised.

I thank parents in anticipation of your support.

ANZAC DAY

I hope that at some stage on April 25, our students will reflect on the sacrifices that have been made in wars since the landing in Gallipoli in 1915. It is not pure chance but sacrifice which has made us the fortunate country we are today and ANZAC Day is a day to remember this.

Kind Regards,

Mr Michael Kenny Principal

CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

Year 9 Challenge Camps 2016

We have our Year 9 students heading off in the next two weeks for a 3 day challenge camp in the Eildon region. Facilitated by the Outdoor Education Group and dedicated Marymede staff, the Year 9's will hike, bike-ride, navigate water and rope challenges, set-up camp and prepare their own meals. Student reports will feature in the next newsletter.

ANZAC Day Commemorations

The Secondary School will commemorate ANZAC Day on Tuesday 19th April at our regular Assembly time. Student Leaders will lead our acknowledgement of those who have served in the armed forces and lost their lives, as well as our prayers for peace in our communities – local and global.

The Primary School will commemorate ANZAC Day on Friday April 22 with Year Level liturgies in the Chapel throughout the day.

Lest we Forget.

Parents and Friends – Mother's Day Celebration – Thursday 5th May, 6.30pm

Advanced 'save the date' notification of our upcoming Mother's Day Evening in the Fitness Centre. For mum's, grandmothers, aunties...the P&F have an evening of laughter and some pampering planned. Arrange for someone to be at home with the children and come along. Comedian Monica Dullard will guarantee to entertain and there will be a market stall set-up for you to peruse. Further details will be sent home for bookings shortly.

Ms Julia Wake Campus Co-ordinator Prep - Year 12

HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION PREP – YEAR 12

Faith and Mission News

Welcome back to Term 2 and I hope each and every family had a restful break and celebrated the joy of Jesus' resurrection.

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season lets reflect on the phrase "Let him Easter in us." In fact, this is a great way to look at the real truth, the transforming reality of Easter. Let Easter get into us.

Let Easter come and live where we live.

Let Easter permeate our souls.

Let Him Easter in us, and be a dayspring to the dimness of us

Isn't that really what we all desire most? Easter as a verb, as something that transforms our present lives, as something that gives us new life now, as something that gives us hope and meaning and courage. Isn't that what every human heart longs for? Let him Easter in us.

I pray that we all allow Easter to live in us.

Prep – Year 12 Choicez Media Parent Engagement Seminar: Raising Teens in a Hyper-Sexualized Society

Date: Wednesday May 4 Time: 7.00pm - 8.30pm

This parent night aims to address the intimate questions that parents have while empowering them to be an influential presence in their children's lives.

We encourage all families to come along and be part of this valuable experience.

Term 2 Upcoming Faith and Mission Events:

- Year 6 Confirmation Sunday April 17
- Prep Year 12 Chanel Feast Day Thursday April 26
- Prep Year 12 Parent Engagement Seminar run by Your Choicez – Wednesday May 4
- Year 10 Reflection Day Thursday May 5
- Prep –Year 12 McCormack Feast Day Thursday May 19
- Prep Year 12 Marcellin Feast Day Thursday June 16
- Prep Year 12 Mass of the Sacred Heart Thursday June 23

Mrs Melinda Muir

Acting Head of Faith and Mission Prep - Year 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) Visual Arts Exhibition

Congratulations and well done to Claire D'Avoine (Year 12), Courtney Johnson (Year 10) and Leah Vasiliadis (Year 10) who had their work selected for this year's CEM Visual Arts Exhibition. Claire, Courtney and Leah's artwork and soft toys (pictured below) were seen by thousands of people at the Catholic Leadership Centre from Tuesday March 15 to Saturday March 19. This also marks the first time that Textiles at Marymede has been represented at the exhibition.

Thank you to Mr Adrian Montana and Ms Anne Luttick for the guidance and inspiration they have given to these young artists and designers.





Claire D'Avoine with her artwork titled 'Many Tribes, One Heart'

'Celebrate' by Leah Vasiliadis and ' Play Safe' by Courtney Johnson

Mr Jeremy Guzman Head of Visual Arts

Debating Results - March Round 1

Grade A Team – "That the media should not be permitted to report on criminal cases until after the trial".

Olivia Hughes, Marc Daniele, Gemma Parsons. Marymede Catholic College 223 points to Mill Park Secondary College 225 points.

Grade B Beam – "That we should legalise Uber"
Ajay Jay, Ricardo Kristevski, Michael Cappola.

Marymede Catholic College - 226 points to Parade College - 227 points.

Grade C Team – "That we should not permit the sale of alcohol after midnight".

Hannah Falzon, Gabriella Agosta, Laura Daniele.

Marymede Catholic College - 226 points to Catholic ladies College - 227 points

Grade D Team – "That Australia should become a republic". Jackson McDonald (Best speaker), Evelyn Kunwar, Chloe Falzon.

Marymede Catholic College - 226 points to Catholic ladies College - 227 points.

My congratulations and best wishes to all students and their teacher-coaches for their preparation of strong debates in Round 1.

Mr Adrian Montana
Debating Co-ordinator 2016

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Year 6 Design and Technology

A new subject, Design and Technology, was introduced in Year 6 this year. A subject that few other schools in the state could offer at this level, because the facilities and expertise does not exist for these schools but at Marymede we are fortunate to be a Prep to Year 12 school and therefore can expand our student's experiences.

Students will spend the entire year working through the Product design process to create and make products that they can take home. They use a variety of drawing skills, tools and equipment to make products that will challenge both their creativity and their technical skills.

It started with a difficult design idea – to make a unique cross for Easter and their Confirmation. The enthusiasm with which the students entered this challenge has been rewarding and the wide range of design ideas totally unexpected.

As their teacher, I have been swept up in their sheer delight of experiencing all that is new and can't wait for Term 2 when I know they will continue to surprise me.









Food Technology Classes For Primary Students - Another New Curriculum Initiative In 2016

Primary students will experience the joy of using our brand new, multi coloured Food Technology rooms throughout this year and into the future as Marymede once again is able to offer a totally unique experience to our Primary students that most schools can only dream of.

With the range of fresh delicious fruit available, a taste sensation was created by the Year 5 students as they worked with colour, shape, aroma and flavour to create their own fruit skewers.

The range of teaching opportunities presented by this task are broad as students may have used fruit they have not tasted or seen before hence new experiences and discussions about nutrition suddenly became more interesting because ... they were able to eat their classwork.

With our attractive and well equipped facilities and experienced teaching staff that include Georgina Naguib and Jane Morriss as well as our ever vigilant Food Assistant Negra Nenadic, the program will be one for the students to remember and hopeful try out their skills and knowledge at home.





Ms Robin Panousieris
Technology Coordinator and Teacher

Primary Sport News

Aus Kick

Aus kick at Marymede starts this Friday. Students are to meet on the main soccer oval where the sessions will begin at 3.30 – parents are responsible for the supervision of their children. Students do not have to wear proper football attire. T – shirt or football jumper and shorts/trackpants is recommended. The Aus kick packs will now be delivered straight to your home once payment has been processed online. Parent participation is welcome and encouraged to improve the smooth running of the program. If you have any questions please email Mrs Miles at liz.miles@marymede.vic.edu.au.

Walk to School Day

Reminder: Walk to School Day is Friday April 22. Please meet at the corner of Williamsons Road and Great Eastern Way at 8.00am. Students and family members who walk to school will get points for their House.

Bridge Inn Football and Netball

Bridge Inn Competition starts Friday April 22. Students will be playing at the Lakes Primary School 5-9 Campus for Netball and at the Lakes Reserve for football. Games will kick off approximately 9.15am. Parents are welcome to attend. Students will be travelling via bus. Please make sure you have responded via Care Monkey so your child can participate in this event.

T-Ball and Soccer Uniforms

Can all students please return their t-ball and soccer uniforms to Mrs Miles as soon as possible.

Easter Plays

In the last week of Term 1 our Year 6 students performed Easter plays in front of the entire College. It was such a big production and many hours went into rehearsing, costume preparation and prop design and manufacture.

Well done to the Year 6 teachers and students for putting on such a professional performance and teaching the students through drama the Easter story.





Easter Extravaganza

The last day of Term 2 was a busy day filled with Easter plays, Bonnet parades, Egg and Spoon races and Easter egg hunts and other easter activities. Thank you to all parents and students for putting in so much time and effort into the Easter bonnets that went on parade in the Fitness Centre. The students looked amazing.





Easter Extravaganza Awards

We also awarded house points for the Easter activities. Congratulations on McCormack for being the overall winners. The results are as follows:

1st place - McCormack 2nd place - Chisholm 3rd place - McAuley 4th place - Chanel 5th place - Marcellin 6th place - Romero





The overall Primary House ladder at the end of Term 1 is as follows:

1st place - McCormack 2nd place - Marcellin 3rd place - McAuley 4th place - Chanel 5th place - Chisholm 6th place - Romero

Sport and Recreation Classes

It's great to see the senior school sport and recreation classes helping out with the Prep and Year 1 primary house sports program.



Mr Gerard Large
Guild Coordinator

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

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

Sophia Moutsatos Isabella Moutsatos Joshua Assaad Isabella Bassiere Thomas Ivanovski Connor Bedford Maks Ilic

2017 Enrolments

First round letters of offer for Year 7, 2017 will be posted home to families on Friday April 22.

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

Morning Tea with the Principal – Term 2

Our Term 2 Morning Tea with the Principal will take place on Tuesday May 18 at 9.00am. Invitations will be emailed home in the coming weeks.

School Bus Service

The College will be monitoring the efficiency of our chartered Bus service throughout Term 2 with a view to ensuring that the service is running at its optimum level ensuring that all students arrive to School on time every day.

Term 2 Bus passes will be made available to families at a cost of \$415 for a FULL pass and \$250 for a ONE-WAY pass. Casual passes will still be available subject to availability at a cost of \$4 each way. Any student without a valid paid in full bus pass (either full or casual) will not be permitted onto the bus under any circumstances. For further information regarding the School Bus service please contact the College on 9407-9000.

10th Year Anniversary Pins

Students who did not attend our recent House BBQ's in Term 1 have now received their 10th Year Anniversary pins in class this week. We strongly encourage all students to wear their badge with pride.

Mr Matthew Luczek Registrar