



1 June 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Next Monday 5 June, Marcellin House will be celebrating the feast day of St. Marcellin Champagnat – founder of the Marist Brother Order.

It is important for our Marymede Community to acknowledge Marcellin's significant contribution to Catholic education and that the values expressed by Marcellin of humility, simplicity, modesty and love of work are as valuable to our students today as ever.

College Junior Musical Production – 'Seussical Jr.'

I congratulate staff members Ms Angie Bedford, Ms Judita Turco, Mr. Sava Djukic, the large number of support staff and our talented students who performed on stage, worked backstage or played in the band. Seussical Jr. was a high quality production which clearly our students loved being involved in.

Thank you to those in our college community who attended and I hope you enjoyed the show as much as I did. There is no doubt that we have a large number of very talented Performing Arts students at our college.

Prep 2018 Enrolment Interviews

Thank you to the many parents who attended our 2018 Prep Interviews last Wednesday 24 May. The college is in the fortunate position of receiving more enrolment applications than we have places available.

Letters have been posted out today offering 130 families a Prep place for next year. We do ask that parents please return the acceptance form as soon as possible to help the college finalise our Prep enrolment offers for next year.

I am also pleased to report that we are at capacity for Year 7 in 2018 and are in the fortunate position of having a waiting list.

Crunch Time

It is now Week 16 of the semester which some may call crunch time with our Years 9-11 students sitting their end of semester exams in a little over a week. It is also a time where major pieces of assessment are due from our Year 12 students.

Students will reap the rewards of their dedicated study as they work through this peak time without too much stress and hassle. I encourage students to plan carefully and seek their teachers' help when problems arise.

Holidays in Term Time

I have noticed in my time at Marymede Catholic College that there has been an increasing number of students absent from school in term time due to family holidays. I do acknowledge the importance of families having time away together, however I believe it is important to also point out to our parents that the most effective teaching and learning takes place in the classroom. The importance of the relationship between the teacher and his/her students can never be underestimated.

Staffing

We wish Mrs Meaghan Voumard a restful time in the lead-up up to the birth of her second child. Meaghan will be on Maternity Leave for the remainder of 2017.

College Car Park

I am pleased to be able to inform parents that in Term 4 work will begin on expanding the current car park behind the Prep building and creating an additional exit route.

I acknowledge the current car park situation is not ideal at peak times. I ask for parent support in following the signs and directions which have been put in place to allow the traffic to flow. It is important to be patient and courteous to other parents and our staff on crossing duty.

I also ask parents that if you are collecting your child/children from the Sick Bay, that you park your car at either Gate A, B, E or F.

I thank parents for your anticipated support.

Marymede Early Learning Centre 2018

A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 13 June to talk to parents who have three and four year old children next year about the Marymede Early Learning Centre which will be in operation from 2018.

We anticipate that there will be strong demand from families in the South Morang area and other nearby suburbs for a place in the Marymede Early Learning Centre.

I look forward to chatting to our prospective Early Learning Centre parents on the night.

Kind Regards

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

GAT

On June 14, all students enrolled in a scored Unit 3 subject – that is, a VCE subject with an external examination at the end of this year - will sit the General Achievement Test (GAT). The GAT is a three hour examination that includes multiple choice questions and two writing tasks. The test examines students' written communication and their understanding of mathematics, science and technology, humanities, the arts and social sciences.

While the GAT does not contribute directly to students' final ATAR, it is an important piece of assessment and operates as a student's 'insurance policy' in a number of ways. Firstly, if a student is incapacitated at the time of the final exams and needs to apply for a derived score – that is, a score determined in the absence of completing the final exam – the GAT will be a key point of reference. In addition, as VCAA seek to convert students' scores in a subject to a ranking on a bell curve, the GAT is a key point of reference in separating out students with similar results. As such, while the GAT score is not a part of the ATAR, it can exert notable influence on the final score.

As the GAT is designed to compare the general abilities of all students completing their VCE across the State, it is not strictly an examination that students can study for. However, becoming familiar with the format and types of questions and tasks in the GAT is beneficial. Students are encouraged to have a look at previous year's GAT papers at:

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/gat/gat.aspx>

Semester 2

On June 19, two weeks before the end of term, Semester 2 begins across the College. For any students studying a one-semester subject, they will move into their second

semester subjects from this date. Single semester subjects occur for:

- Prep-4 students who study 1 semester of Visual Arts and 1 semester of Performing Arts;
- Year 7 & 8 students who have a 1 semester studies in the Technology, Visual Arts and Dance & Drama Arts;
- Year 9s' elective studies; and
- Year 10 studies in most studies.

Ms Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep – Year 12

ACTING HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION

St Vincent de Paul Food Drive P-12

Thank you to those families who have already sent food items for our St Vincent de Paul Food Drive. We still do need more!

We are calling to all families to donate a food items to be collected by the Vinnies Group at our Mass of the Sacred Heart on Tuesday June 27 2017. We would like an abundance of food to give them so that they can be distributed to needy families.

Please continue to support this social justice project and send through the following items with your children.

Years 5, 6, 7 & 8 - Toiletries: Soaps; Shampoo/Conditioner; Toilet Paper; Tissue Boxes; Toothbrushes; Toothpaste

Years 3, 4, 9 & 10 - Dry Food Items: Rice; Biscuits; Cereal; Pasta; Noodles

Prep, Years 1, 2, 11 & 12 - Bottles, Cans and Jars: Cans of Food/Fruit; Sauces; Jams and Other Spreads

Donated items can be delivered to the Founders Building Office or Primary Office by June 22, 2017 in preparation for Mass on June 27. We thank you for your support.

Marie Bagh Acting Director Faith and Mission (Secondary)

Kevin Carville Acting Director Faith and Mission (Secondary)

Laetitia Malusu Acting REC (Primary)

Why we donate food items to St Vincent de Paul Society

Many of us have heard of St Vincent de Paul, and all of Marymede students have been told to contribute to the organisation, but, do you actually know what you're donating to when you are asked to bring in non-perishable items and toiletries?

St Vincent strives to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. Their society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering "a hand" to those in need. They do this by respecting people's dignity, sharing hope, and encouraging them to take control of their own lives.

The food and toiletries that you donate will go to the homeless and those living below the expected standard of living. Cans of tomatoes, pasta, tins of fruit and other non-perishable items are items that most of us might take for granted, but, to families who are financially struggling, it could mean the world. St Vincent de Paul wants to be there to give these people a head start on the right track to life. So, when you are asked to donate food items, think of how your small contribution can impact someone's life for the better.

Please support the Marymede Vinnies Food Drive.

Miss Alannah Petrou – Year 10
Chisholm House

National Sorry Day – Whittlesea Council

Friday 26 May, 2017 marked the 20th anniversary of the 'Bringing them Home' report and the establishment of National Sorry Day. A group of Marymede students from both primary and secondary gathered together for the short walk to the Whittlesea Council to commemorate this day at the beginning of reconciliation week.

When we arrived we were greeted by Liam Gallagher who was MC for the day and led a conversation panel with three outstanding young aboriginal women who shared their thoughts and ideas on the issues faced by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The audience was a mix of all age-groups and cultures.

After this we came together as a whole and took a walk following Uncle Herb's footsteps around the venues' park areas to say sorry to the Traditional Custodians of our land. Following this we experienced a smoke ceremony with Uncle Ian Hunter (pictured with us) igniting the eucalyptus leaves in the traditional way to respect the elders that were present with us in this special moment.

The Marymede students present gained a real depth and understanding of a culture before us, taking away a greater appreciation of the land we live on, and the people who belong to it.



Miss Olivia Capodicasa
Faith & Mission Leader

CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

Old Plenty Rd Access to Bus Stops – Traffic Safety

With increased truck and construction traffic, students have been requested to ensure that they use all established crossings and not 'jay-walk' across Old Plenty Road. Staff are vigilant on duty, and at times have observed students placing themselves at risk by not using the crossings.

Parents picking up children from Old Plenty Road are requested to drive slowly and safely with this increased traffic.

The College is in regular communication with John Holland Constructions around changes and issues which arise. They have been informed of the peak traffic times and have assured the College of using appropriate traffic management strategies to ensure the safety of children around the construction area.

Immunisations – Year 7

The next round of immunisations will be Thursday 15 June.

Ms Julia Wake
Campus Co-ordinator Prep - Year 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Rostrum 'Voice of Youth' Public Speaking

On Sunday May 21, Morgan Brand - Year 11, Chloe Falzon - Year 9, and Alannah Mazzeo - Year 7, represented Marymede Catholic College at the regional heats of the Rostrum 'Voice of Youth' Public Speaking Competition.

It was the first time any of the girls had participated in Rostrum and they were a credit to the College. All of the girls spoke beautifully, presenting on the topics *Making History*, *Against the Odds* and *People Matter*.

Chloe was runner-up in the Junior category after her thought-provoking speech on the difficulties faced by racial minorities. Well done to Morgan, Chloe and Alannah on their fine efforts and achievements.



Morgan, Chloe and Alannah with representatives from Rostrum Victoria

Mrs Laura Wilcox
Public Speaking Co-ordinator

2017 Philippines Immersion Tour



meet the 2017 PHILIPPINES IMMERSION TEAM



**LOOK FOR ONE OF THESE FACES AND ASK US ABOUT
OUR MISSION TO THE PHILIPPINES.**

***This December, we will be undertaking a global cross-cultural experience;
an opportunity to put Christ's mission into action through
justice, love, and prayer.***

***We would greatly appreciate your support by helping us raise money for the
communities that we will be visiting.***

***Stay tuned for more details about our fundraising initiatives. All proceeds
from these activities will be donated to those in need in the Philippines.***

Watch this space for 'balita' (Tagalog for 'news') about our Immersion Tour.

**Ms Kelly Hack and Mr Jeremy Guzman
Philippines Immersion Team Leaders**

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Primary Sport

Interschool Football

- 19 May Marymede 78 vs Hazelglen 0
26 May Marymede 45 vs St Mary's 14

Interschool Netball A Team

- 19 May Marymede 26 vs Hazelglen 7
26 May Marymede 12 vs St Mary's 14

Interschool Netball B Team

- 19 May Marymede 7 vs Hazelglen 5
26 May Marymede 13 vs St Marys 2



Bridge Inn Cross Country

Marymede competed in the Bridge Inn Cross Country on Tuesday May 16. Sixty students were picked for the team and they have been training twice a week since March. We are proud to announce that Marymede were the Bridge Inn Champions for the 6th consecutive year winning 10 years, and 11 years age group and runners up in the 12 – 13 age group.

Twenty five students finished in the top 10 of their age group progressing through to the Division round on May 31. Matthew Sabatino won his age group for the 3rd consecutive year. The Boys 10 Year olds performed extraordinarily well with Marymede students filling the first 5 places. Tyler Sepecan led the way coming 1st.

Other placegetters on the day were;

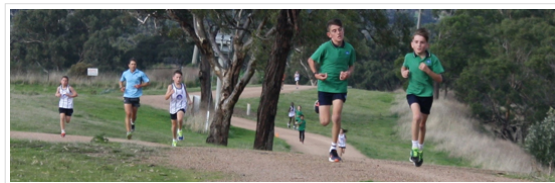
Boys - 10 year old - Jordan Tarpkos - 2nd & Lucas Keferevski - 3rd

Girls - 10 year old - Amelia Petrovski - 2nd

Boys - 11 year old - Benji Quattrone - 2nd & Brodie Scrimizzi - 3rd

Girls - 11 year old - Rhianna Bennett - 2nd & Olivia Sheens - 3rd

Girls - 12 year old - Sienna Murphy - 2nd



Division Interschool Competition Dates

Volleyball Boys - TBA

Football Boys - Friday July 21

Soccer Girls & Boys - Monday 24 July

Teeball Girls & Boys - Tuesday 25 July

Bridge Inn Athletics - Friday 25 August

**Mr Gerard Large
Head of Primary Sport**

WHOLE SCHOOL

'Seussical Jr.'

Thank-you to all the staff, students, families and wider Marymede Catholic College community who came along to support Seussical Jr. Putting on a show on this scale is a huge effort, and the three performances were the results of months of planning and hard work by over 100 staff and students.

At Marymede Catholic College, we are blessed with experienced and talented staff. There are too many to mention here, but I would like to acknowledge the Artistic Team of

Mr Sava Djukic and Ms Judita Turco, ably supported by Ms Stephanie Tonietto, Mr Daniel Nealon, Ms Natalie Oman and Mr Anthony Amerena. Off-stage Ms Marisa Bortolotto and Ms Elle Clark have trained our wonderful backstage crew, and Ms Alana Smith has led costume construction.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to Mr Jai Cameron who has taken on the tireless role of Assistant Producer with finesse. There would be no Seussical Jr. without Jai's hard work.

After Saturday's performance, I presented the following awards in recognition of students who went above and beyond in the rehearsal process.

Director's Excellence Awards: Ella Rudge and Jarnai Brancaloneo

Best Newcomer Award: April Robertson

Director's Awards: Ivana Ilic, Lucy Pegoraro, Daniel Sabatino, Jennifer Roussos, Stefan Busevski, Nandana Nair, Alessia Kyrifidis, Jasmine Khuu, Claudia Pironi, Cassandra Rukweza

Stage Manager's Awards: Jarrod Taylor and Olivia Grossi

Please enjoy the attached gallery of images taken by our Media and Design Guru, Mr Jeremy Guzman.



Time to Shine 2018: Auditions Now Open

Auditions are now open for *Time to Shine!* Current students in Year 6-11 who will be attending a Catholic secondary school in 2018 are invited to audition. Singers and dancers interested in auditioning for Time to Shine 2018 are asked to upload a short audition film to the website below by Friday 30 June 2017.

<http://www.cem.edu.au/news-events/gala-audition>

For all enquiries, please contact Ms Bronwyn Egan, Events Coordinator, at Catholic Education Melbourne on 9267 0228 or began@cem.edu.au.

Ms Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts

PARENT'S AND FRIENDS

Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 13 June, where events and dates will be confirmed for the remainder of the year.

Ms Julia Wake
Campus Co-Ordinator Prep – Year 12

COMMUNITY MASS

