



15 June 2017

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

The highlight of the past fortnight was the Year 8 Reflection Day which focussed on students working together in small groups to either cook food or make clothing items which have now been passed onto the many needy families in our community.

I congratulate the students for the positive way they approached the faith in action day and to Mrs Marie Bagh and the staff who worked so productively with the students.

### Year 7 Camp

I recently visited the Year 7 Camp at Portsea and was most impressed with the way the students were willing to 'have a go' at the physical challenges they were confronted with. The students were very supportive of each other which was most pleasing to see.

Congratulations to Anthony Montemurro and the staff and students who participated in what proved to be a most successful camp.

### Semester 1 Reports

Our teaching staff are busily finalising their Semester 1 reports which will be able to be accessed on our College website from Friday 30 June.

The reports will give parents a clear indication of their children's progress in the first semester and from Year 5 and upwards, their contribution to the co-curricular program.

All students would have received this week their Semester 2 Timetable which begins next Monday, 19 June.

### Marymede Early Learning Centre

I was delighted with the number of families who attended the Marymede Early Learning Centre Information Evening which was held last Tuesday.

I hope the information presented has given prospective families a good understanding of the vision of our Early Learning Centre and we look forward to its opening in February next year.

### Term 3

Advance notice that our staff will be involved in Professional Development in-services on Monday 17 July. Classes resume for all students on Tuesday 18 July.

### Mid-Year Exams

Our Years 9-11 students will be receiving their exam results next week. I hope those students who worked consistently throughout the semester reap the results they deserve. Some students who may not have been focussed in their approach need to reflect on how they can improve on their performance in Semester 2.

### Staff News

Congratulations to Nicole, Travis and James Pegler on the safe arrival of their twin boys, Jake and Jeremy last week. Nicole and her new sons are doing well.

### Condolences

It is with sadness that I inform the Marymede Catholic College Community of the passing last week of one of our parents, Mr. Clark Bani. I ask you to please keep Rosanna and her sons George, Mark-Anthony and Michael in your prayers at this sad time.

Kind Regards,

**Mr. Michael Kenny**  
**Principal**

# CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

## Campus News

### Williamsons Road East Pedestrian and Traffic Changes from Term 3: 18 July 2017

Marymede is in constant contact with the Communications Officer for Area 1 of Mernda Rail. They have provided the following update for your consideration. We do encourage changing drop-off / pick-up arrangements for those who use Old Plenty Road, as this will become increasingly less accessible. Its primary use should be for pedestrian access from public transport on Plenty Road.

Construction of the new Marymede station has begun and there will be significant changes to the drop off/pick up area on the Williamsons Road (east) from the start of Term 3.

From July 18 onwards most of Williamsons Road (east) will be closed to vehicles to create a safe construction area for the new station and pedestrian underpass. Pedestrian access to the school will be maintained via a securely fenced asphalt path around the work site (please review the attached map).

A shorter drop-off/pick-up zone and turn around point will be created at the Old Plenty Road end of Williamsons Road. The shortened space will accommodate up to **15** parked vehicles at a time. **Parents who use this drop off/pick up area are encouraged to consider alternative safe locations for pickup/drop off.** These pedestrian and vehicle access changes will remain in place **until April 2018.** Following this Williamsons Road will be **permanently** reconfigured to create a kiss n' ride drop off area for the new station.

Please be extra cautious when moving through this area and to follow detour signage and instructions of project staff. Project staff will be providing information on June 22 to community members who use the drop-off / pick-up area opposite the College, and will be available on this day for Q&A at Gate C of the construction site.

Over the school holidays (**1 July to 16 July**) Williamsons Road East from *Old Plenty Road* will be closed to all vehicle and pedestrian access. Parents needing to drop off and pick up students during the school holidays are advised to use drop off/pick up areas directly adjacent to the College.

For more information about the project visit the link below.

<http://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/rail-projects/merndarail>



## Sustainable Practices at Marymede

During the Year 8 Reflection day last week, one of our Maintenance team members – Vince Prezioso – took a group of students on a tour of how Marymede captures rain water for use in the plumbing systems of our toilets. Generally, the system works well, however at times can be blocked by rubbish being placed directly in toilets, or by litter being washed into the system.

This is another great reason for students to ensure their rubbish goes in the bin and isn't dropped in transit from one area to another. Many of these students restored some of the garden areas around buildings, again removing litter and rehabilitating rock garden beds.



**Ms Julia Wake**  
**Campus Co-ordinator.**

## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Performing Arts

#### Year 7 Drama & Year 8 Dance – Semester Two begins Monday June 19

A big thank you to the students of 7B, 7D and 7F for their hard work in Drama this semester, and to the students 8B, 8D and 8F for their participation in Dance. We encourage you to continue your studies in Drama and Dance at Year 9 level.

Welcome to 7A, 7C and 7E to Drama this semester, and to 8A, 8C and 8E to Dance. Students in Year 7 Drama should bring a dedicated exercise book, display book, their laptop and diary to all classes. Year 8 Dance students are permitted to wear the full College P.E. uniform to and from school on days when they have scheduled Dance classes. They should bring a dedicated exercise book, display book, their laptop, diary and a water bottle to all classes.

#### Sessional Dance – Semester Two

Are you interested in joining Sessional Dance in Semester 2?

Marymede Catholic College is keen to develop a thriving Dance program. Students will be taught by professional dancers as well as dedicated and experienced teachers.

Lessons are in groups of up to 20 students according to level from Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. The classes will be 60 minutes in duration once a week.

Students in Sessional Dance classes will be specifically taught technical skills in order to improve their dance ability to prepare them for the dance industry and assist them with electing to study VET Dance in VCE.

Students enrolled in core Dance (all Year 8 students) and elective Dance (Year 9 and Year 11 – VET) are strongly

encouraged to elect Sessional Dance to assist them with developing their movement repertoire; it is a different course to classroom Dance.

The College currently offers group dance lessons for: Hip-Hop, Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Contemporary and Lyrical Dance.

Sessional Dance is a paid co-curricular activity, and more information will be provided when you email Mr. Jai Cameron. If you are interested please email Mr. Jai Cameron (jai.cameron@marymede.vic.edu.au) by 3:30pm Wednesday June 21.

### VCE Drama Ensemble Performance Evening

On Thursday June 1, the VCE Drama class presented their ensemble performance SAC to an audience of family and friends. Working with the film *Little Shop of Horrors* and the Faustian legend as stimulus, the students took on the role of movie producers focusing on issues relating to making a “deal with the devil”. Thank you to those who attended, Jai Cameron for administrative support and to Mr Jeremy Guzman for the attached images.



**Ms Angie Bedford**  
**Head of Performing Arts**

### Secondary Student Social Justice Day



*Students listening to the key note speaker at ACU*

On Monday May 29, I was fortunate enough to attend the Secondary Student Social Justice Day. This inaugural event was held by the Justice Education in Catholic Schools (JECS) committee and it was held at Australian Catholic University. Four of our Year 12 student leaders attended, Allen Shaji, Angelique Milevski, Olivia Capodicasa and Kaitlyn Van Amelsvoort. They each attended two different workshops, followed by a beautifully prepared lunch and African drumming. It was an honour to be part of the day, our student leaders really shone brightly on the day. Congratulations on such a successful day.

Their insights are outlined below:

**Mrs Kathy Di Francesco**  
**Secondary Classroom Teacher**

The Social Justice excursion was an experience that inspired me and reminded me of how fortunate I am to be attending Marymede. My St Vincent de Paul Society workshop, left the greatest impact on me. The presenter explained the history of St Vincent de Paul, along with their aims as an organisation; to provide people who are currently facing hardships a ‘one-up’. He emphasised the importance of a ‘one-up’, as it ensures that we are keeping the dignity of those who are struggling intact. Ultimately, the experience reminded me of how fortunate we are at Marymede to have a supportive and caring community. I hope that Marymede can further spread their community spirit to others in need, to encourage all of us to put our faith into action.

**Miss Angelique Milevski**  
**Year 12 Student**

In one of the workshops we were introduced to Catholic care where we were brought aware to the rehabilitation programs sought out in youth detention centres in order to help youth. They help them to come back into society to do well and brake the pattern of addiction homelessness and criminal involvement. These programs also help give them a sense of hope faith, dignity and a shed of light that there is more to life than the cards that they have been dealt with.

**Miss Olivia Capodicasa**  
**Year 12 Student**

### Year 10 - Carlton Football Club Careers Presentation



Carlton Football Club players Blaine Boekhorst (#12), Daniel Gorringer (#25), Andrew Gallucci (#45) and Lachlan Plowman (#20) came to talk to the Year 10 students about their career, life goals and challenges on and off the field.

Firstly, the players told us their story about how they made the AFL and the common thing was that they were drafted late and had a ‘plan B’. These players all went with their ‘plan B’ until they got drafted and even though they are playing AFL, they are still working or studying. This is because the football club require the players to do something outside of footy whether that’s a second job or getting a degree at university.

We got to ask the players any questions we had ranging from their inspiration for playing football to their favourite team as a kid to their diet and weight training program.

We learnt a lot from this experience.

**Mr Jackson Mansell**  
**Year 10 Student**

The Carlton players spoke about their experiences at school. They also answered our questions about their training regime, diet and preparation for games and how they deal with their nerves and doubts.

It was a great presentation for people who are considering going into a career in professional sport and want to know what their life might be like and, also a great insight to the life of an AFL player.

**Miss Hannah Falzon**  
**Year 10 Student**

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Primary Sport



### Primary Interschool Sport

June 2 2017

- Football Marymede 50 vs Morang Sth 1
- Netball A Team Marymede 34 vs Morang Sth 0
- Netball B Team Marymede 11 vs Morang Sth 0

June 9 2017

- Football Marymede 70 vs Whittlesea 1
- Netball A Team Marymede 18 vs Whittlesea 19
- Netball B Team Marymede 4 vs Whittlesea 5

Congratulations to the Primary Football team who were undefeated in the Home and Away season and were crowned the Bridge Inn Football Champions. They will compete at the Division Competition on Thursday July 20.



### Ten Pin Bowling

The Year 6 students have participated in a Ten Pin Bowling Clinic at Epping Ten Pin Centre as part of their Friday House Sport. The students had two accredited coaches instructing them on the skills of the game.



### Marymede Flames Basketball Club

Marymede Flames are offering a free coaching clinic to any Prep or Year One student on June 23 at 3.30pm in the Fitness Centre. To register please fill in the form attached and hand it in Primary School Reception. Numbers are limited.

#### MARYMEDE FLAMES BASKETBALL CLUB



**FREE BASKETBALL CLINIC**  
**PREP & YEAR 1 STUDENTS**



You child is invited to attend a free basketball clinic at the Marymede Flames Basketball Club.

Date: Friday June 23, 2017  
Venue: Marymede Fitness Centre  
Time: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Please register below and return the completed form to the Primary School office by **Monday June 19**. Further information please email [registrations@marymedebasketballclub.com.au](mailto:registrations@marymedebasketballclub.com.au)



**(Number of students limited to 50)**

-----REGISTRATION FORM-----

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents email address \_\_\_\_\_

(All students must be present with an adult)

### St Joseph's Friendly Football and Netball Game

The date has been changed to Friday 23 June. Care Monkey will be amended.

## Melbourne United Basketball Clinic

The Year 3 students were fortunate to participate in a Melbourne United Basketball Clinic run by Warrick Giddy who played with the Melbourne Tigers. The students had a great time learning new skills and competing against each other in shoot outs.



**Mr Gerard Large**  
**Head of Primary Sport**

## WHOLE SCHOOL

### Knit-A-Square Is Back For 2017

The Square Knit Circle is extremely excited to be regrouping for 2017 to carry on the tremendous work we have been conducting since 2011.

In November last year, our 500+ knitted squares were packed into water-tight shipping envelopes, sent to Kascare's branch in South Africa and stitched into lovely blankets. The Marymede community contributed enough squares to warm children in the South Africa who would otherwise have been freezing. We feel extremely proud that our small contribution will become wonderful blankets, used to keep orphaned, abandoned or children with AIDS, warm.



### Where to from here

Knitting club is every Wednesday lunch time, we hope to regroup bigger and better. Students are currently being sought to learn to knit or crochet 20cm squares that will be sent Zimbabwe, officially the poorest country in the

World and Kascare's expanding branch.

With nearly 1,000,000 orphans alive in 2009, Zimbabwe has the highest number of orphans, in proportion to its population, than any other country in the world, according to UNICEF. As many as one in four children in Zimbabwe are orphaned as a result of parents dying from AIDS.

## How Can You Help

You can become involved in two very important ways.

If you have the skills to knit or crochet a 20cm by 20cm square, please call Mrs Jenny Priest at the school or via email, [jenny.priest@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:jenny.priest@marymede.vic.edu.au).

Alternatively, we are welcoming all wool or knitting needles donations of any colour, size or type, with the drop off of wool or squares to be made at the Primary Reception area.

For more information log on to the Knit-a-Square website.

<http://www.knit-a-square.com/>

**Mrs Jenny Priest**  
**Primary Office**

## COMMUNITY MASS

