



12 October 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome back everyone. I hope our students had an enjoyable holiday and have returned ready to give of their best this term.

For our Year 12 students, the end is near and their focus should be on completing their time at school in the most positive manner possible. This means ensuring all work is completed and for our VCE students, the process of revision and exam preparation is well underway. My thoughts and prayers are with all of our Year 12 students at this time.

We will hold a College Assembly to farewell them in the Fitness Centre on Tuesday 24 October at 2.00pm.

Year 12 Graduation

The Year 12 Graduation Liturgy will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Church Mill Park on Wednesday 25 October at 5.30pm. We look forward to the spiritual celebration to mark the end of our Year 12s schooling which will be followed by the alcohol free Valedictory Dinner at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre.

2018 Re-Enrolment Forms

A reminder to our parents that the date for the return of the Re-Enrolment Forms has passed. I ask parents who intend for their children to return to Marymede in 2018 and who have yet to complete the form, to please do so as a high priority. We have families on waiting lists in some year levels who are anxious to find out if they are to be offered a place at our College for next year.

2019 Year 7 Enrolments

In a previous Newsletter, I wrote about Catholic Education Melbourne moving forward the Year 7 Enrolment dates to August of this year. Parents who have children currently in Grade 5 and are wishing to enrol their child at Marymede for

their secondary education in 2019 are asked to submit their enrolment forms by the end of this week.

I have been very happy with the number of enrolment applications we have received thus far.

Sports Awards Evening

Last night we celebrated Marymede's inaugural Sports Awards Evening. The aim of our get together was to acknowledge the efforts of our students who have represented the College in sport in 2017. Our special guest was Channel 7 media personality, Brian Taylor. I was pleased to see the large numbers of parents that attended to support the College on this occasion.

2018 Prep Parents Information Evening

A reminder to the parents of our 2018 Prep children that an Information Evening will take place next Monday 16 October in the Auditorium commencing at 7.00pm. I look forward to welcoming our new parents into our College Community.

Term 4

This term promises to be an exciting and busy one at Marymede Catholic College. I encourage parents to regularly check the College Calendar to ensure that you do not miss any wonderful opportunities to share in your child's school experience.

End of Year Awards/Celebration of Learning Evenings

Our Primary Celebration of Learning, Year 6 Graduation and Years 5 & 6 Awards and Secondary Awards will be celebrated in the Fitness Centre on the following dates:

Secondary Awards (Years 7-11) – Monday 27/11 (7.00pm)

Primary Celebration of Learning (Prep-4) – Monday 11/12 (6.30pm)

Year 6 Graduation and Years 5 & 6 Awards – Wednesday 13/12 (6.30pm)

These nights are significant events in the College Calendar and as such, we expect all of our Prep-Year 11 students to attend. The nights promise to be a real celebration of excellence in all

areas of school life. By attending, parents will be expressing their support for all that is done on behalf of their children at Marymede.

Sacrament of Eucharist – 15 October

I look forward to attending the Sacrament of Eucharist this Sunday at St. Patrick's Cathedral in East Melbourne commencing at 2.30pm. It is such a special time for our Year 4 students, their parents and other family members.

I thank our staff for the work they have done in preparing the students for this day.

2018 Senior Student Leaders

Below is the list of the Senior Student Leaders for 2018:

- College Captains** – Gabriella Agosta & Ebadat Dhillon
- Chanel House Captain** – Renee Verna & Kamaria Brancato
- Chisholm House Captain** – Mark-Anthony Bains & Reece Parkin
- Marcellin House Captain** – Sofie Temelkovska & Benjamin Cole
- McAuley House Captain** – James Tsafkas & Jack Roach
- McCormack House Captain** – Taylor Popovski & Rikki Powell
- Romero House Captain** – Jordan Gualano & Panashe Mutusva
- Faith & Mission Captains** – Morgan Brand and Tatenda Muranda
- Performing Arts Captain** – Helsen Cross
- Music Captain** – Laura Daniele
- LOTE Captain** – Sarah Mizzi
- Sport Captains** – Maksim Ilic & Hamritha Rameshkumar

Congratulations to all of the 2018 Senior Student Leaders.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

In an interview by Arne Rubinstein entitled 'The Master of Reinvention', renowned Australian psychological Michael Carr-Gregg spoke passionately about the importance of sadness, disappointment and grief in children's development. As a parent, we often find it difficult to see our children suffering and instinctively respond by attempting to change the circumstances that are upsetting them. But Michael Carr-Gregg warns that this is counter-productive.

By stepping in to prevent our kids from experiencing adverse situations, he says, we fall into the trap of 'helicopter gunship parenting' or, in other words, end up risking damaging rather than helping our kids in their development. By removing the obstacle we risk robbing them of essential learning opportunities to develop resilience and confidence in their capacity to cope with adversity, but we worse still we risk

confirming their own self-doubts by showing that we don't have faith in their ability to cope.

Instead, he says, we need to allow them to 'face, overcome, and be strengthened by adversity'. Rather than swoop in to remove the challenge or obstacle that causes them distress, we often need to hold back, to listen to them, spend time as a sounding board to explore the strategies they can use to tackle the challenge, and to be the charismatic adult voice reassuring them that they have the capacity and strength to surmount the difficulty.

2018 Class Groups

Planning for 2018 Year 1-9 class groups is already underway and there will be a great deal of time and care dedicated to constructing class groups that allow students the best opportunities to learn, the chance to form relationships with new teachers and peers, and the opportunity to feel safe and valued.

Constructing balanced, effective classes is a complex task and students are placed in a particular group for a myriad of reasons. As such, it is important to make sure families are aware that we cannot take requests for students to be placed with particular friends or receive requests to change class lists after they are finalized.

By this stage in the year, you can feel very confident that the teachers know your child well and will make informed and considered recommendations about where they should be placed. If there are particular concerns you think your child's teacher or co-ordinator may not be aware of, I would encourage parents to contact their child's teacher (in primary) or House Co-ordinator (in secondary) to ensure they have all the information they need prior to the groups being finalized.

As students move from one year level to the next and transition from a familiar class group to a new combination of students and new teachers, the prospect of making new connections can be a daunting and sometimes emotional one for some students. Change is inevitably unnerving for everyone at times and for parents, it can be difficult to see your child upset or distressed about moving into a class without familiar friends. It may be beneficial to begin a conversation over the next few weeks with your child about viewing these changes optimistically and conveying your sense of confidence that they will be able to manage this change. As we observe each year, the vast majority of students who are initially concerned about a new class and the prospect of making connections are able to settle in, make new connections and, by the Term 1 break indicate that they are comfortable and content within the group.

Year 12 Examinations and 'Swat Vac'

Year 12 students begin their final examinations in just under three weeks. Having completed trial examinations this week, parents of Year 12 students will be able to access trial examination results on PAM as they are uploaded over the next two weeks. We will also be sending out a schedule of revision workshops that will be offered to students to assist their preparations after classes finish on October 24. We would encourage students to attend these workshops to complement their study at home. They should attend these workshops in

school uniform as with any other time they are on campus up until the conclusion of their final examination.

Year 10 & 11 Examinations

Year 10 & 11 students received their examination schedule this week. Examinations take place from November 16-21. With the examination period just 5 weeks away, students are encouraged to begin their study program and preparation in order to ensure they are well-prepared for these final assessments. Any students in Year 10 & 11 enrolled in VCAL or unscored VCE in 2018, have the option to seek an exemption from the examinations in order to complete a work placement during the examination period; any students considering this option should begin looking for a placement with a suitable employer and contact Mrs Fisher regarding the placement details.

Ms Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep – Year 12

ACTING HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION



TRIVIA NIGHT
7PM FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER
SILENT AUCTIONS, GAMES, PRIZES, MUSIC AND MORE!
\$10 PER TICKET **\$80** PER TABLE OF EIGHT
BOOKINGS: <https://www.trybooking.com/SEYL> BY NO LATER THAN MONDAY 16 OCTOBER
MARYMEDE CATHOLIC COLLEGE FITNESS CENTRE
60 WILLIAMSONS ROAD SOUTH MORANG



ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE NIGHT GO DIRECTLY TO SUPPORTING OUR PHILIPPINES IMMERSION PROGRAM AND REMAR SOLIDARITY CAMP TO ALICE SPRINGS



The Catholic Man Breakfast Series

On Thursday September 14, Chirag Charan Singh, Ebadat Dhillon, Ajay Jay, James Manoussakis, James Tsafkas, Joshua Ibrahim and Ricardo Krstevski, along with Mr Luke Robinson attended the Catholic Man Breakfast Series, hosted by Archbishop Denis Hart. The event was organised by menALIVE, a 'national catholic ministry for men' and is a great opportunity for young men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith. Here is Ajay Jay and Ebadat's account of the morning...

"During a brief introductory presentation everyone introduced themselves, with Mr Robinson being particularly entertaining and making the entire room burst into laughter. After a short prayer the breakfast commenced and everyone enjoyed a fulfilling meal. It was then time for the main program of the event, a talk with Stephen Lawrence, 1991 Hawthorn Premiership player. Having had a commendable career as a footballer and then successfully transitioning to the education industry, Lawrence discussed at length about how his faith, family and football intertwined with each other. He commented on the challenges he faced growing up, shared some poignant stories concerning his journey in faith and brought a few smiles to people's faces with his amusing experiences as a footballer. In addition, he presented his views on contemporary issues such as the legalisation of same sex-marriage and how the pervading atmosphere of secularism in Australia is challenging the values of Australian culture. The most valuable message he imparted, most would say, is that one should not be afraid to stand up for what is right and just because that is the defining hallmark of a leader. Following the talk, a chance to converse with Archbishop Hart and take a photo with him was not missed. It was a wonderful way to start the day off.



The Catholic Man Breakfast Series

Mr Ajay Jay and Mr Ebadat Dhillon
Secondary Students

CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

Term 4

Term four is always an amazing term for a myriad of events and activities across the College. We have First Holy Communion, Year 4 sleepover, Year 5 Camp and Year 6 Canberra Trip to name a few in the Primary years.

In Secondary we have Graduation Week, Exhibitions, Year 9 Reflection Day and immersion experiences. Across the College we have an Inaugural House Community Picnic, Marymede Movie Night and Major Raffle, Carols by Candlelight and Celebration of Learning Evenings. Please check the College Calendar Regularly!

Upcoming Events:

Year 7 Immunisation – 19 October

The final round of Immunisations are next Thursday 19 October. Please ensure you have submitted your immunisation cards to the nurses.

Year 12 – Graduation 2017

All the details of the events pertaining to Year 12 Students have been placed on Caremonkey. Please check the College Calendar for events and times now to begin family preparations.

Key dates for Graduation Week include:

Tuesday 24 October

- Year 12 Mass
- House Farewells – extended Tutor time;
- Farewell Assembly and Leadership handover – 2.15pm – 3.15pm.

Wednesday 25 October

- Year 12 Breakfast - 7.30am Fitness Centre
- Parade – 9.00am Fitness Centre
- Graduation Liturgy – 5:30pm St Francis of Assisi Mill Park Parish (5.00pm gather).
- Valedictory Dinner – 7:00pm Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre.

Inaugural House Community Picnic – Grandparents invited!

We had a wonderful Grandparents Picnic a couple of years ago at the College. Members of the Parents & Friends Committee raised this with College Principal Michael Kenny to re-introduce. To make it a whole College community event, we will have a picnic for students and Grandparents on **Thursday November 9, 12.45pm – 2.15pm**. Each House will have a designated area and everybody will BYO Picnic and blanket. The canteen will not be open on this day. We will send a flyer home with more specific details closer to the date.

Celebrations of Learning

Secondary Awards Evening: Monday 27 November (Compulsory attendance for Students 7 – 12)

Celebration of Learning (Prep – 4): Monday 11 December

Celebration of Learning and Liturgy (Year 5 & 6): Wednesday 13 December

Ms Julia Wake

Campus Co-ordinator Prep – Year 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Book Week Writing Competition Winners!

A few weeks ago, the College held what many consider the academic and social highlight of the College calendar year: Book Week. Among the bevy of spelling, dress-up, speaking and hotly debated events that took place, there was the writing competition.

This year the competition was divided into a Year's 7-9 competition, and a Year's 10-12 competition, with an overall winner decided from both. The stimulus was this year's theme of "Escape to Everywhere"

The winner for Year's 7 – 9 was Chloe Falzon

The winner for Year's 10 – 12 was Ajay Jay

The overall winner was Ajay Jay.

The winners were announced at the recent School Assembly, and they will receive their certificate at a later date.

Thanks to staff and students for their support this year.

Book Week 2018 will be even bigger.

Ms Elly Lanza
Head of English

VCE Visual Arts & Design Exhibition 2017

An invitation to the
Marymede Catholic College

VCE
VISUAL ARTS
AND DESIGN
EXHIBITION
2017

October 16th – 20th
Calthorpe Gallery
(Resource Centre Foyer)



Pictured work by Sienna Byrne, Product Design & Technology: Textiles



Pictured work by Olivia Mack, Studio Arts

Opening Night

Wednesday October 18th
3.30pm – 5.00pm
All are welcome to attend

Enjoy refreshments and the opportunity to acknowledge our creative young designers and artists

Mr Jeremy Guzman
Head of Visual Arts

Ms Robin Panousieris
Head of Technology

Success for Aspiring Filmmaker

Congratulations to Damon Rudge (Year 11) whose short film was selected for the ReelOzInd Australia Indonesia Film Festival in the Youth Filmmaker category! His film, 'Afraid of everything. Did it anyway.', was created for a Media assignment and received its world premiere on September 27 at ACMI in Melbourne and Yogyakarta in Indonesia. The film festival offers a platform for Australians and Indonesians to come together and share their stories through the compelling and creative medium of short film.

Damon's science-fiction film stars his sister, Ella Rudge (Year 8), in the lead role. Ella's character, Alice, finds herself surrounded by her fears in an abstract world, but still decides to explore them even though she knows the inevitable future that is right before her.

Damon's short film can now be viewed on the ReelOzInd Australia Indonesia Film Festival website. I invite you to vote for

'Afraid of Everything. Did it Anyway.' in the People's Choice Award. Only one vote is allowed per day.

<http://reelozind.com/en/shortlisted-films/>



Damon Rudge and Mr Guzman at the opening night of ReelOzInd

Mr Jeremy Guzman
Head of Visual Arts

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

AMEB Examinations – A Smashing Success

On Monday October 10, seventeen primary and secondary students completed their AMEB piano examination here at the College. This is a Marymede record for the highest amount of enrolments in an AMEB examination ever. I would like to congratulate all staff and students involved.

Mr. Sava Djukic
Music Co-ordinator

MARYMEDE TOP ACTS TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Marymede Catholic College will hold the third annual Top Acts Performing Arts Concert on Thursday, November 9 at 7.30pm. This event will celebrate top performances developed by Marymede Catholic College Drama, Dance and Music students. For the first time, the event will be held at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre, South Morang.

More than 120 students will be involved and tickets are now on sale via TryBooking. All tickets are \$15 each

<https://www.trybooking.com/SEZY>

Book in early as tickets are sure to sell out quickly!

If you have any further questions please contact our producer Mr. Jai Cameron via email at jai.cameron@marymede.vic.edu.au

Ms Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts Prep – Year 12

Knit-A-Square

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students, mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers for all your knitting this year. You all have made this a great project to work on.

We have exceeded last year's amount with the last count 700+ Knitted squares, we will be packing and shipping them to Kascare's branch in South Africa in late October if you have any squares could you please have them at the College by Friday 27 October.

Knit-A-Square will be back in Term 2 2018 and I am looking forward to working with you all again.

Thank you again

Mrs Jenny Priest
Primary Office

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