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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. It is 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 the P/T/S Interviews at the end of last term. I trust you found them worthwhile and informative.

Secondary parents and students have another opportunity to meet with their teachers on Monday 24 April from 4.00pm to 7.00pm in the Fitness Centre. Bookings can be made via the college website.

### Year 7 2018

Year 7 offers for 2018 will be posted home next Thursday 27 April. When parents accept a place at Marymede, they sign a form indicating their total support of the college and agree their child will become fully involved in its life. We are confident that we will be adding an entire stream at Year 7 next year.

### Prep 2018 Enrolments

A reminder to all families that Prep applications for 2018 close on Monday 1 May. We anticipate that there will be strong demand for prep places.

### Year 9 Outdoor Adventure Camp

We wish the Year 9 students and staff participating in the Outdoor Adventure Camp an enjoyable experience next week. It will be a challenging experience but one which will give our students a real sense of achievement.

## Staffing

We welcome the following staff to our college and wish them an enjoyable and rewarding time:

### Primary

**Lisa Di Falco** (Year 1)  
**Filiz Kaplan** (Year 3)  
**Norah Jacombs** (Year 3)  
**Chantal Tabet** (Year 4)

### Secondary

**Kristina Karaula** (RE / PE)

We also welcome back Kylie Willis from Long Service Leave and we wish Corinne Niall all the best for her Long Service Leave for the duration of Term 2.

We are pleased to announce the following staff replacement appointments:

**Sava Djukic:** Acting McCormack House Coordinator (Term 2)  
**Laetitia Malusu:** Religious Education Coordinator P-6 (Terms 2-4)  
**Marie Bagh:** Acting Director of Faith & Mission 7-12 (Terms 2-4)  
**Kevin Carville:** Acting Director of Faith & Mission 7-12 (Terms 2-4)

## Winter Uniform

All students are expected to be in their full winter uniform from next Wednesday 26 April.

## Buildings Update

I am delighted to announce that Raysett Pty. Ltd. were successful in their tender for the construction of the two new Science Laboratories and four new classrooms project. We are confident that the new facilities will be ready for use by the commencement of the 2018 school year.

## Early Learning Centre

In the first week of the holidays, I invited feedback from all Marymede parents on the possibility of establishing an Early Learning Centre at the college. To assist us in gauging public interest, if you have a pre-school aged child (0-4 years old), I invite you to complete the short survey via the link on our Facebook page.

The results of this survey will enable us to make an informed decision about the way forward in the future growth of Marymede Catholic College. I look forward to sharing the outcome of this in due course.

## Year 6 Confirmation – 23 April

Many of our Year 6 students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday at St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. It is a wonderful sight to see the Cathedral filled to capacity with our Marymede families. A big thank you to our Director of Faith & Mission P-12, Melinda Muir for the many hours she has spent preparing for this very spiritual experience for our students.

## ANZAC DAY – 25 April

I hope that at some stage next Tuesday our students 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**

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

### NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit the annual NAPLAN tests on May 9-11.

The NAPLAN results provide the College and families with useful information about students' progress in literacy and numeracy. However, it is also essential to remember that NAPLAN is just one set of tests in one week and cannot be considered in isolation. Teachers use a range of data to measure student achievement and NAPLAN should not cause students anxiety. Students should aim to apply themselves to the tests but, at the same time, keep in mind that their abilities, skills and intelligence are much broader than can be measured by NAPLAN.

As a school, Marymede does not aim to prepare students for NAPLAN specifically. We seek to provide students with personalised and challenging literacy and numeracy programs in line with the Victorian Curriculum. We will spend a small amount of time familiarizing students in Year 3, 5 and 7 with the format of the tests to ensure that the experience is not overwhelming or difficult and that they understand how to respond to the types of questions they will encounter.

If you have any concerns about the upcoming NAPLAN tests, please contact your child's pastoral teacher or myself.

## Examinations

For our Year 9 - 12 students, Term 2 is the study and examination term. **From June 13 to 16**, our Year 9 - 11 students will undertake their Semester 1 examinations and, while potentially stressful, starting to study now will assist students in feeling confident and prepared to perform at their best. Student in Years 9-11 this week will receive their examination timetable in early May and key information about semester examinations to assist them in starting to study and prepare for these upcoming assessments.

In the final year of VCE, the October-November examinations make up 50% of a students' final score in a subject and has some influence over their marks in school-assessed assessments, too. Becoming successful at examinations is a skill that is developed and mastered over time. As a result, it is essential for students to practice their examination and study skills in Years 9-11, to ensure that by the time they reach Year 12 they possess excellent study skills and a proficient approach to exam in order to fulfil their potential.

Given this, students' results in their Year 10 & 11 examinations are a key factor in approving their subject choices for next year, when subject selection commences in Term 3. Students will only be guaranteed approval in their selected studies in 2018 if they have achieved a minimum of 60% in the examination of the related study or studies in Semester 1 2017. Students should also be aware that they must achieve a minimum of 50% in both their English and Religious Education examinations in order to be approved to commence or continue in VCE.

***Students who struggle to achieve a satisfactory result will have the opportunity to resit examinations*** on school on Tuesday July 4 (the first Tuesday of the Term 2 holidays) and, while the original mark will appear on semester reports, the resit mark will be considered in the subject selection process.

For Year 12 students and Year 11 students completing accelerated studies, their first set of trial examinations will take place from July 4-7. These exams have been scheduled during the first week of the term break in order to ensure the best opportunity for students to test their knowledge of the Unit 3 content without missing out on valuable class time. These trial examinations are compulsory for all students completing scored assessment.

## New in 2017 – Specialisation in Year 3 and 4

This year, Year 3 and 4 teachers have taken on the challenge of specialising in an aspect of the curriculum in order to further deepen the learning of our students in their middle-primary years. The 'specialising' teacher then takes each of the grades in their year level for two periods a fortnight for focused learning, enabling all classes, access to deep learning and a consistent experience in the Domains of Science, Technology, Social & Emotional Learning, and Health & Physical Education. While these areas of the curriculum are also integrated through the students' core studies with their classroom teachers, these specialist periods allow for a focused study in these key areas. This initiative has also enabled ongoing professional learning as

well as tapping the hidden passions of many of our primary teachers.

### Our specialising teachers in Year 3 and 4 this year are:

**Science** - Ms Joanne Cheer (Year 3) and Ms Anne Nangle (Year 4)

**Technology** - Ms Laetitia Malusu (Year 3) and Ms Margie Hough (Year 4)

**Social & Emotional Learning:** Ms Jacqueline Tjorpatzis/ Mrs Anita Evans (Year 3) and Ms Rosemary Bennett (Year 4)

**Health & Physical Education:** Ms Nidhi Hennequin and Ms Simona Fazzolari (Year 3) and Anna Damigella and Josette Brancalone (Year 4)

### Ms Tracey Kift

**Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep – Year 12**

## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Chess Club

Marymede Catholic College's Chess team played at St Monica's College on 24 March in a hotly contested eight round chess invitational. With over sixty players entering the competition Marymede found itself overall winners after a display of overall tactical brilliance with Marymede Catholic College taking out five of the top six positions; in order of ranking these were Hazel D'Souza, Steven Armeen, Mustafa Masalawala, Peter Tsalacopoulos and Amal George. Hazel being the overall winner being unbeaten all day.

During Term 3, on August 21, Marymede Catholic College will be hosting the SACCSS Chess Tournament at the College with hundreds of players expected to contest the tournament.

**Mr James Paraskeva**  
**Chisholm 4 Tutor**

### Year 7 and 8 House Cross Country

On March 21, students from Year 7 and 8 participated in the secondary House cross country carnival. Students competed over a 2km course and represented their houses with enthusiasm and pride. The top finishers were;

#### Year 7 Boys

- 1st – Seth Jackson
- 2nd – Jackson Armstrong
- 3rd – Adrian Mall
- 4th – Damian Trenevski

#### Year 7 Girls

- 1st – Isabelle Spiteri
- 2nd – Taylah Scrimizzi
- 3rd – Jisele Brancalone
- 4th – Chloe Scrimizzi

#### Year 8 Boys

- 1st – Deon Roumeliotis
- 2nd – Jake Mitovski

- 3rd – Ethan Cross
- 4th – Daniel Cincotta

#### Year 8 Girls

- 1st – Micaela Bianco
- 2nd – Grace Wake
- 3rd – Isabella Acker
- 4th – Sara Ismail

A great morning of competition saw the house teams finish in the following places;

- 1st – Marcellin – 198points
- 2nd – Romero – 170 points
- 3rd – Chisholm – 148 points
- 4th – McAuley – 130points
- 5th – McCormack – 88 points
- 6th – Chanel – 66 points

Many thanks to all the students who competed for their House, to Mr Large for pacing and all staff who helped marshal and officiate the races.



**Ms Ann-Marie Kane**  
**Head of Sport**

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Primary Sport

#### Marymede Auskick

The Marymede Auskick Program is on again for 2017 starting Term 2 for any Boy or Girl in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2. The session will run for 6 weeks and cost of the program will be \$65. It will be held Friday nights after school from 3.30pm-4.30pm on the main soccer pitch. Parents are encouraged to assist to help make the sessions run smoothly.

To register please log in to the link below and search Marymede. All payments and registration details must be completed online to ensure the students receive their Auskick participation pack.

<http://www.aflauskick.com.au/>

#### Session Dates

- Friday April 28
- Friday May 5

Friday May 12  
Friday May 19 – **NO SESSION**  
Friday May 26  
Friday June 2  
Friday June 9

## Tee Ball

Congratulations to the Primary Boys and Girls Tee Ball teams who won the Bridge Inn Competition. Ten schools participated in a round robin competition and both our teams were undefeated. They have now progressed to the division competition which is on Tuesday July 25. Good luck to both teams.



## Upcoming Dates for Term 2

**April 24** - Primary Bridge Inn Volleyball  
**May 16** - Primary District Cross Country Round 1  
**May 31** - Primary Division Cross Country Round 2  
**June 21** - Primary Regional Cross Country Round 3

**Mr Gerard Large**  
**House Co-ordinator**

## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

### Seussical Jr. Parent/ Guardian Volunteers Request:

The *Seussical Jr.* team are seeking Parent/Guardian volunteers to assist with supervision and dressing room duties during the Production Week 23 May- 27 May. Volunteers may also assist with the application of hair/makeup if confident (not an essential skill!).

If you are interested in assisting, please email Mr. Jai Cameron [jai.cameron@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:jai.cameron@marymede.vic.edu.au) to receive a form. Expressions of interest close Friday April 28.

### Seussical Jr. Costumes:

On Friday April 21, all cast members attended a meeting where they received crucial information about Costumes and other matters in the lead up to the show. Parents are asked to read the pack very carefully and assist the production week by working with your child to source items requested by the dates outlined. The majority of costumes are being made/purchased by Marymede Catholic College.

Any members of the Marymede community who would like to assist with basic sewing, alterations and embellishments are welcome to email [Jai.Cameron@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:Jai.Cameron@marymede.vic.edu.au), Thank you in advance for your assistance.

### Seussical Jr. DVD:

We are very lucky that the rights holders for *Seussical Jr.* have allowed us to purchase rights to film the show and make

it available on DVD. We have organised a professional videographer who will film the Friday night show.

The cost of each DVD is \$35 which covers the 2 videographers, editing costs, licensing costs, delivery etc. If you would like to purchase a DVD, you have until Friday May 12 to make your purchase via:

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

### Seussical Jr. Backstage Crew Callout!

We are on the hunt for a Backstage Crew of students from Year 5 – Year 9, who would like to assist backstage with *Seussical Jr.*

Crew members will assist in a variety of areas in the lead up to the show with after school training sessions. During the Production Week, crew members will be allocated a specific role such as makeup artist, microphone technician, follow-spot operator, dresser, onstage crew (moving sets), props manager etc.

Interested students are required to attend the Crew Information Session on Monday April 24 at lunchtime in the Theatre. If you have any questions in the meantime, please email Ms Marisa Bortolotto: [Marisa.Bortolotto@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:Marisa.Bortolotto@marymede.vic.edu.au) who manages the Crew.

### Seussical Jr. Tickets – On sale Monday April 24 !



*Seussical Jr.* tickets will be on sale from Monday April 24. With a cast of over 70 students aged from Year 5-9 the show is sure to be a sell-out. Playing for three shows only at Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre, South Morang on Thursday May 25 at 7:30pm, Friday May 26 at 7:30pm and Saturday May 27 at 5:00pm.

Ticket booking information can be found at:

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

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

### Top Class Dance

Recently, the VET Dance class went on an excursion to Top Class Dance. Top Class Dance is a display of the A+ performances from VCE and VET in 2016. The purpose of this excursion was to get an idea of what an A+ performance looks like and what criteria you need to meet to be able to get a high score. What I gained from this excursion was the different ideas people come up with and also the way people use their skills in different ways. The way that the performers used emotion and their flexibility was amazing and they carried that through the different styles they portrayed. I would recommend this performance concert to anyone who is currently doing VCE or VET Dance or anyone who is thinking of picking up the subject. It is a great performance concert to go to and see what you can achieve in the course.



Students arriving at Melbourne Recital Centre



Students happily inspired by the routines post show



Vocal Concert

**Miss Courtney Johnson**  
**Year 11 VET Dance Student (1st Year)**

**Music Department**

Term 1 was indeed very busy in the Music Department. The Concert Band is growing with students joining from Year 7 and we have now established a Beginners Band who are directed by our Woodwind specialist Ms Laird every Tuesday afternoon.

Our Concert Program for 2017 began with a Drum Concert hosted by our Percussion specialist Ms Zucco on Friday February 24. This high-energy concert featured solo, duo and ensemble student performances.



Drum Concert

On Friday March 24 we had our first Secondary School Assembly and the students were entertained by Paulene Roflo in Year 12 who performed 'Lego House' by Ed Sheeran, followed by Adam Argyros, Giovanni Sawali, Daniel Preziuso, Samuel McDonald, George El-Azar, Helsen Cross and Anthony Triantafillakos, who make up our senior Rock Band, performed 'Sweet Child O' Mine' by Guns N' Roses.



Paulene Roflo



Senior Rock Band

On Wednesday March 29, we were treated to our first Vocal Concert of the year. Mr Latham presented and accompanied his vocal students as they presented songs they are currently working on.

We are certainly looking forward to an exciting Term 2. Here are some of the main upcoming music events...

- **Tuesday May 9 2017:** Woodwind Concert (College Auditorium 6:00pm)
- **Thursday June 8 2017:** VCE Music Performance Evening (College Auditorium 6:30pm)
- **Friday June 16 2017:** Drum Concert (College Auditorium 6:00pm)
- **Tuesday June 20 2017:** An Evening of Music (College Auditorium 6:30pm)
- **Wednesday June 28 2017:** Vocal Concert (6:00pm)

**Private Instrumental Music Lessons 2017**

Please note that we are currently accepting applications for students wishing to enrol in the College's Private Instrumental Music Program from Semester 2. Information regarding the program and the process of enrolment can be found on our college website under Application Forms.

**Mr Kevin Carville**  
**Head of Music**

**REGISTRAR NEWS**

**New Students**

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

- Nigel Tee
- Lara Ferguson
- Parneet Saini
- Massimo Capitanio
- Pasindu Wendakoon
- Ravindu Wendakoon

**2018 Enrolments**

First round letters of offer for Year 7, 2018 will be posted home to families on Thursday April 27.

Applications for Prep 2018 are closing soon on May 1, 2017.

Applications for Year 7, 2019 (for any student currently attending at external Primary School ONLY) will close on August 25, 2017.

## 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.

**Mr Matthew Luczek**  
**Registrar**