



27 June 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Sacred Heart Mass and Marymede Early Learning Centre Opening

The two highlights of the past fortnight were our Prep to Year 12 Mass of the Sacred Heart which was held in the Fitness Centre last Tuesday morning. It was a wonderful sight to see the amount of food items donated by our College Community. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is very appreciative of the generosity shown by our Marymede families. Thank you to Mrs Melinda Muir and the staff who supported her in preparing for this very spiritual celebration.

The Marymede Early Learning Centre was officially opened this morning. I was delighted that Archbishop Denis Hart and the Director of Catholic Education in Victoria, Mr Stephen Elder, were in attendance. We are the first Diocesan owned Prep-12 Catholic College in Victoria to have an Early Learning Centre.

I have received many positive comments from parents who have their children enrolled in the Early Learning Centre and I am very excited about the Learning and Teaching Program on offer to our three and four year old students.

Staff News

We welcome back from Maternity Leave Mrs Rochelle Coyle and Mrs Laura Gazeas from the beginning of Term 3. We also welcome to the College Mrs Kathryn Dunston who will be teaching in the English and Humanities Domains.

Mr Vincent Doherty and Ms Maureen O'Hara will be returning home to Ireland for personal reasons and we hope that they will be back at Marymede in 2019. I take this opportunity to thank Vincent and Maureen for the significant contribution they have made to our College over the past five years.

Year 7 Premier League

Congratulations to the Year 7 Boys AFL team who were the undefeated Premiers this term. We also congratulate the Boys Soccer and Volley Ball teams and the Girls Netball teams on making their Grand Finals. A big thank you to our Head of Sport Mrs Ann-Marie O'Hare, the coaches and all the Year 7 students who represented the College in the Premier League Competition this term.

LOTE News

We wish staff members Ms Ashleigh Klar, Mr Richard Cosway and the Year 10 and 11 students studying Japanese who will be travelling to Japan next Monday an enjoyable experience both in their homestay and at schools Takakura High and Okazaki City.

2019 Subject Selection

When we return next term, our Year 10 students will begin the process of choosing their subjects for next year. To this end I encourage students and their parents to read the Subject Selection Handbook which is now available to be accessed on the College website.

Semester 1 Reports

A reminder to parents that Semester 1 Reports will be able to be accessed tomorrow, Friday 29 June from the Parent Access Module on the College website. The report will give parents a clear indication of their child's progress in the first semester. I thank staff for their efforts in preparing the reports.

Years 10-12 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews - 23 July

We will be holding Parent/Teacher/Student interview for our Years 10-12 students and their parents on Monday 23 July from 4.00pm-7.00pm. More information to come when we return next term.

Student Attendance

We wish to advise a change to the legislative requirements related to the way in which the College follows up and reports unexplained absences of students.

From Now On

- Parents of students who are going to be absent are required to ring the College on the absence line (03 9407-9090) or email absentees@marymede.vic.edu.au prior to 8.30am to inform the College of the absence.
- If an absence is not reported by parents, an SMS message is sent to parents by the Attendance Officer requesting contact to be made to confirm the absence.
- Parents who do not respond to the first SMS message will receive a second SMS message requesting confirmation of the absence.
- If there is still no response to the second SMS, the Attendance Officer will ring parents directly and send an email requiring parents to confirm the absence.
- In the event that parents cannot be contacted by phone or do not respond to the email, the Attendance Officer will endeavour to make contact with the emergency contact person/s listed in the student's records.
- If the Attendance Officer does not receive confirmation of the absence, he/she will seek advice from the Director of Primary, Director of Secondary, the Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching or the Principal.
- In cases where there is a serious concern regarding the welfare of a student, the College may contact Victoria Police.

Additionally, the College will:

- Continue to regularly monitor student absences.
- Continue to maintain records of unexplained absences.
- Determine whether contact with the parents/guardians needs to be made in relation to a student's absence.

We ask all parents to review the updated Attendance Policy on the College website and/or to read pages 12A, 13A and 14A of the Student Planner in relation to the process of informing the College of absences, follow up of attendance by parents and teachers, lateness and early dismissal procedures.

Student Grooming

During the holidays, some students may experiment with hair colours and styles I ask parents to please ensure that your children return next term with hair neat and tidy and if coloured, of one natural tone.

School Holidays

I wish all of our staff and families a relaxing holiday and hope that you are able to keep warm now the colder weather has set in. Classes resume for all students on Monday 16 July.

Kind regards

Mr Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Subject Selection 2019

In Term 3, students currently in Years 7-11 will begin the process of lodging their preferences for the subjects they will study in 2019. For Year 7s, this will mean nominating which language – Italian or Japanese – they want to study next year; for Year 8s, this will be the opportunity to identify the electives they would like to study. Our Year 10-12 students have choices to make about most of the subjects they will study in 2019. Next term, our Year 12s will be looking toward post-school pathways, and many will be submit VTAC applications to apply for university courses.

To support parents and students with these exciting and potentially challenging choices, we will have a number of important Information Evenings that will provide the key information and advice needed to assist families with these important decisions:

Year 10 2018 Subject Information Evening- Monday July 23 (7-8pm)

Year 11 2018 Subject/Pathway Information Evening – Monday July 30 (7-8pm)

VTAC Information Evening – Tuesday August 7 (7-8pm)

Year 9 2018 Elective Information Evening – Monday August 20 (7-8pm)

We would encourage all parents to attend these important selection processes to ensure you feel confident to support your child through these applications.

For students in Years 9-11 wanting to start looking at the subject offerings available next year, the 2019 Senior Certificates Subject Information Handbook – outlining the Year 11 and 12 studies on offer – and the 2019 Year 10 Subject Information Handbook are both now available on SIMON and the College Website.

Reports

Thank-you to our teaching staff for the considerable time and effort they have put into finalising semester reports.

The reports will be available to students and parents from this Friday via SIMON and PAM.

We strongly encourage all parents to read through the reports and discuss the feedback with your son(s) or daughter(s). You are welcome to contact teachers at the beginning of next term if you would like to follow up any of the feedback in the report.

Some common questions that arise with reports relate to interpreting the information about the Achievement Standards on the Reports. The reports show a red T-shaped line that reflects the typical progress of students in a year level. For instance, as shown below, students in Year 5 are expected to be working towards a Level 5 Standard throughout their Year 5 year, typically achieving level 5 at the end of the year. Midway through the year, the vertical line sits midway between Level 4 and Level 5 (at 4.5); however, the achievement standards recognise that there is variation in student learning and acknowledge students as working 'At Standard' if they are performing anywhere in the 6-month range between Level 4 and 4.5.



The letters P, C and N, as displayed within the circles on the graph offer further indications about their learning progress. P shows where the student was placed in their previous report (6 months earlier) and C shows where they are placed currently. In cases where an N is displayed, a student has generally continued to progress but has not yet achieved the next stage of progress toward the standard.

Trial and Resit Examinations

Our Year 12 students will be in at the College between July 2-4 for trial examinations and some of our Year 10 & 11 students will be attending examination resits on July 2. The first examination on July 2 begins at 8.45am and students should be campus no later than 8.30am; marshalling will commence at 8.30am and all students will be seated in the examination venue by 8.40am to begin reading time at 8.45am.

A reminder to all students involved in examinations to attend the College in their full winter school uniform. As the canteen will be closed, students should bring their own food and drink if they are required on campus for more than one session. Students involved in the examinations are only required on campus when they have an examination.

Results from the Unit 3 Examinations and Year 10 & 11 Examination resits will be available in Term 3. Unit 3 Trial Examination results will be available via SIMON & PAM by Week 3 of the Term, while resit results will be emailed to parents in early August.

If any Year 10 or 11 students have received an unsatisfactory examination result but have not been offered the opportunity to resit, they are encouraged to contact me to make arrangements to resit these examinations. In the absence of a resit, students' original examination mark will stand and may impact on their approval to their chosen pathway and or subjects.

All the best to all students involved in these examinations next week and in their final study and preparation over the next few days.

Ms Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep – Year 12

HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION

2018 Winter Warmers Appeal

Our deepest thanks to all families within our Marymede community for supporting the winter warmers appeal.

These items that were graciously donated by our college will definitely give a hand up to many families within our local community.

At our Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass which was celebrated on Tuesday June 26, members from our local St Vincent de Paul Society were present to collect the items donated. The Feast of the Sacred Heart reminds us that we are called to the fullness of life, by being of service to others, through the love of Jesus.

It is great to see what our community can do when we work together. A very big thank you to all the families for the generosity you have shown. Let us continue to live out the message of Pope Francis to show Mercy and compassion to all. In whatever way, great or small, that we can touch someone's heart with even a little bit of love, we are all being Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

Upcoming ROMERO Feast Day

Romero House will be celebrating its **Feast Day on Friday 20 July, 2018.**

Romero House is excited to be celebrating its Feast Day as it is an opportunity for students across the College to come together as a community, honouring their Patron, Archbishop Oscar Romero, build House Spirit and get to know one another.

To promote House spirit and identity, we ask that all Romero students wear their purple house top and sports uniform on this day.

Romero House Leaders have met with Mr Kenny and he has approved Romero students to wear one additional purple accessory eg: purple ribbon, purple socks, purple bandanna on the feast day.

Students in Romero House will celebrate Mass in the Chapel of Annunciation.

Romero Community Mass

Romero families are also invited to attend **College Community Mass on Wednesday 18 July in the Chapel of Annunciation at 8am.** This is an opportunity to celebrate what is great about Romero House as a community. We hope to see you there with your families.

Year 11 Christian Leadership Retreat

Matthew 25:35-36, 40 - 'For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes

and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Today we live in a world where people are often distracted by their own needs and wants. The Year 11 Christian Leadership Retreat is an opportunity for our students to reflect on how they can live their life in a way that is supportive, inclusive and respectful of all in our world as was explained in the above verse by Matthew. The experience will allow students to look at the model of Servant Leadership which Jesus modelled and encouraged us to follow. Reflection on personal goals and discussions around opportunities for formal leadership roles within the College in 2019 will also take place.

The College is excited to be working with the students during this two day program.

Dates: Thursday August 2 – Friday August 3.

Venue: Students will attend one of three venues.

Finish time: To make the most of this two-day retreat students will be returning to the College at 5pm on Friday August 3. Mr Kenny met with students early last week to inform and prepare them to make arrangements for a late return to school.

Further details will be provided in your child's CareMonkey permission form. Should you have any questions regarding the retreat, please feel free to contact Mrs Melinda Muir at melinda.muir@marymede.vic.edu.au

Mrs Melinda Muir
Director of Faith and Mission Prep – Year 12

DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY

Term 2

It is hard to believe that another term has gone by. Thank you to all our families for their wonderful support they give to their children in all areas of schooling. This term has seen the students participate in a number of activities, programs and initiatives across the school which allow them to develop academically, emotionally, physically, socially and spiritually.

Grooming

Holidays are traditionally a great time for catching up on school related chores such as updating school uniform, restocking stationery and haircuts. A reminder that hair is not be cut shorter than a number 3 blade and this includes hairstyles where the sides and back of the hair are cut shorter than the top of the hair, or where patterns have been shaved into the hair.

A reminder too that earrings need to be simple with no stones or gems.

See the student planner for more guidelines regarding hairstyles and grooming.

Personal Property

We ask that all items brought to school by students need to be clearly labelled. It is our strong recommendation to all

parents from Prep-Year 12 that toys, equipment or items that are valuable or hold a special meaning for the student or family are not to be brought to school and not to be taken outside at recess or lunchtime.

Early Arrival of Primary Students

We currently have a number of Primary students arriving to school quite early, some before 8.00 am. I wish to remind parents that active supervision by teachers for Primary students commences at 8.20 am. If you need to drop off children before this time you may need to consider enrolling them at OSHC (before school care). For those Primary students who continue to arrive before 8.00am, I will be following up with parents.

I wish all families a safe and happy holiday, where you have many opportunities for some well-deserved rest, relaxation and the recharging of your 'batteries'.

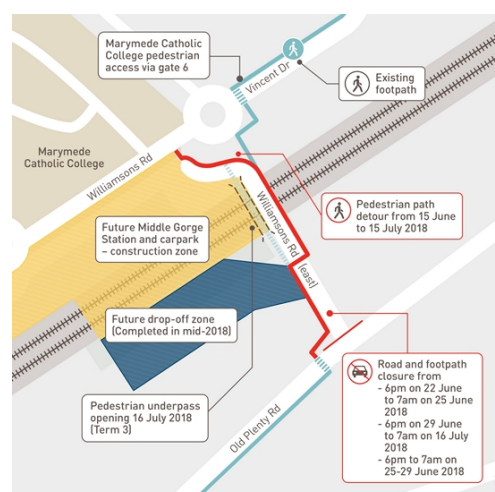
Ms Rosemary Bennett
Director of Primary

CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR Prep – Year 12

Mernda Rail Access Update

There has been amazing progress on the railway extension. On the weekend of June 29 to July 1, the South Morang Line from Clifton Hill will be closed for commissioning. During this time rail vehicles and trains will be operational, testing the line. As previously mentioned, access between Old Plenty Road and Williamsons Rd will be closed over the school holidays to finish the underpass. The underpass should be fully operational by the time Term 3 begins on Monday July 16.

Please refer to the attached maps and communication from Mernda Rail.



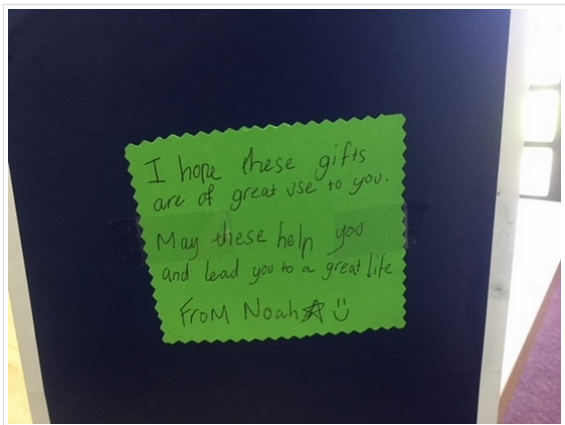
Marymede Day 2018 – 13th Year of Celebration!

It is a significant Marymede Day this year, with our Foundation Students and Families who began in Prep in 2006, finishing their schooling in Year 12 this year.

This is our Feast Day – the Feast of the Assumption of Mary – Wednesday August 15. It is a compulsory school day for all students, including VET and VCAL students and will begin with a whole College Mass in the Fitness Centre at 9.15am.

Students and staff are beginning to prepare for the day. If you would like to assist with food stalls or activities with your child's House, please express interest via email to Julia.wake@marymede.vic.edu.au. This is our main fundraiser for our House Charities – all of whom depend on what funds we can provide and make a tangible difference to those struggling in our community and abroad.

The message from one of our students who donated for the Vinnies Winter Warmer appeal expresses the importance of a generous College Community:



Julia Wake
Campus Co-ordinator Prep - Year 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Japanese Exchange Student Hosting Update

This is an urgent call for anyone who might be able to assist in hosting a Japanese student from 22 July - 4 August for all, or part of the time, we have either 1 boy or girl who still requires a home in July. It is possible to split this time between buddies. If you are able to assist please contact Ms Ashleigh Klar Ashleigh.klar@marymede.vic.edu.au as soon as possible.

Applications for the Okazaki student 6 day in October are still open.

Ms Ashleigh Klar
Head of Languages

SACCSS Year 7 Premier League

Congratulations to all Year 7 Students who were involved in a sporting team this term. We had a successful run with four of our teams making the Grand Final! Boys Volleyball fought hard against Kolbe but unfortunately didn't get the win, their fame went to a fourth set and Marymede were narrowly defeated 26-26. The boys' soccer after winning in extra time 2- 1 in the prelim couldn't get over the line to beat St. Monica's in the Grand Final.

The netball girls after many impressive wins throughout the rounds were unfortunate to miss out against Mackillop in the Grand Final.



However, the footy boys put on a display all season and did not disappoint in their Grand Final against Salesian. They showed everyone why they are undefeated, winning by a massive 80 points! We're so proud of all our Year 7 Premier League teams and can't wait to watch the young talent grow!



Ms Bridgette Taylor-Gray
Sports Assistant

Marcellin Week

On the week beginning June 4, Marcellin House commenced what was to be a successful and new concept called Marcellin Week. Throughout the week, we engaged students and staff in a range of activities that raised awareness on the fantastic social action that is being carried out by our House Charity, Marist Solidarity, in developing countries. These activities invited students from both Primary and Secondary school to participate and discover what Marist Solidarity is all about. The theme for 2018 is "Unlock Education" and students and staff engaged in an activity where they competed to see who could unlock the most padlocks in the fastest time. This created awareness of the lack of educational opportunities for young people in those developing countries.

On Thursday June 7, Marcellin House held their Feast Day for 2018, in which we came together as a community and celebrated the life and work of our house patron, St. Marcellin Champagnat. The day was filled with fun, food and laughter and is sure to be something Sophie and I, along with the rest of Marcellin house, will cherish the memories of going into the future.



**Mr Benjamin Cole and Miss Sophie Temelkovska
Marcellin House Captains**

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Bridge Inn Volleyball

Congratulations to the Primary Boys, Girls and Mixed Volleyball teams who were all undefeated at last week's Bridge Inn Competition. The Boys and Girls teams will progress to the next round in term 4.



Prep Soccer Clinic

Last Thursday Football Star Academy hosted a soccer clinic for our Prep students. The students had a great time learning new skills and competing in a modified game. Football Star Academy provide soccer training after school on Thursdays for Primary students as well as clinics over the school holidays. If you are interested, please see attached flyer and email:

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



Hockey

Greensborough Hockey Club are inviting Marymede students to come down and participate in the Hookin2Hockey which is an introductory program for new participants, giving them a fun and safe environment to develop and learn the fundamentals of hockey. If you are interested in Hockey or your child has enjoyed one of the Hockey Clinics at school and would like to participate, please email erika.newbegin@greensboroughhockeyclub.com.au

Primary Interschool Sport Update

Semester 1 has been a successful time for our Primary Interschool Sports Teams

Congratulations to the following teams who have progressed to Divisional or Regional Competitions:

- Boys and Girls Football
- Boys and Girls Volleyball
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Boys Cricket
- Girls Netball
- Boys Tee Ball

We look forward to term 3 which hosts Basketball, Athletics and 2nd/3rd rounds of the sports listed above.

**Mr Gerard Large
Head of Primary Sport**

RISK AND COMPLIANCE

Administrating of Medication

From the beginning of Term 3, 2018 Marymede Catholic College will change the way it administers medication to ensure the best possible care for our students. The College recognises the care and safety required for students receiving medication and, therefore, no staff including our Nursing staff will be supplying or administering any minor analgesics such as Nurofen® or antihistamine medications to our students. Minor pain relief such as Panadol® will still be available. If a parent/carer would like their child/ren to receive Nurofen® or antihistamine medications, you will need to provide written authorisation with a supply of the medication to the College in a snaplock bag that is clearly marked and kept in the First Aid Room.

Prescribed medication for a student will only be administered where a student's parent/carer has provided written permission to the College with direction from a General Practitioner.

Where possible it will be requested for students to self-administer in front of the College Nurse and where assistance is required two staff members (including the Nurse) will be required to administer the medication to the student.

As our students' safety is the utmost importance, we thank you for your understanding in adhering to this policy.

**Mrs Michelle Jones
Risk and Compliance**

REGISTRAR NEWS

Kindergarten Enrolment in 2019 – Applications Closing Soon

Please be advised that applications for 3 and 4 Year Old Kindergarten at Marymede Early Learning Centre in 2019 will close this Friday June 29.

Through partnership with Marymede Catholic College, Marymede Early Learning Centre aims to enhance and expand the opportunities and resources available to each child enrolled whilst ensuring an ideal transition into Primary School; supporting children to be independent thinkers, socially confident, and excited to learn.

Any family interested in enrolling their child into Kindergarten at Marymede Early Learning Centre is strongly encouraged to contact the Centre via kindergarten@marymede.vic.edu.au

Mr Matthew Luczek
Registrar

WHOLE SCHOOL

Marymede's Got Talent

Marymede's Got Talent is a yearly showcase to show the amazing talents of our Year 5 to 12 students. There will be prizes to be won and it will definitely be a day to remember!

If you can sing like Beyoncé or Rap like Kendrick Lamar, give it a go. We have demonstrated how talented we are in sporting, music and performing arts events and this is another chance to show your skills.

Get started now and rehearse your talents. We want to see the best of Marymede's talent.

The auditions will be on Thursday the 19 July for Dance, Tuesday the 24 July for Music and Variety act auditions on Thursday 26 July.

If you are interested in auditioning for Marymede's Got Talent, we are taking sign-ups via TryBooking:

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

Any further questions please email Mr. Jai Cameron at jai.cameron@marymede.vic.edu.au

Mr Helsen Cross and Miss Laura Daniele
Year 12 Cultural Captains

COMMUNITY MASS

