



16 August 2018

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

### Marymede Day – 17 August

Tomorrow is Marymede Day and I have always regarded this day as the most important event on our school calendar. It gives both staff and students the opportunity to come together as a school community in celebration of who we are and reflect on all that has been achieved in the relatively short history of our College.

### Year 11 Retreat

Our Year 11s were recently involved in a two-day Christian Leadership Retreat. I attended all three retreat sites and was impressed with the openness of our students in their conversations with each other and with their staff leader. I hope that a number of the students seriously consider applying for one of the leadership positions on offer. Thank you to Mrs Melinda Muir for her organisation and the staff who attended for their enthusiastic support of the program.

### Planning for 2019

Planning is underway for next year. I draw this to your attention as you might not be aware that planning for the new school year is done months ahead. I am currently interviewing staff about their plans for next year and by the end of this term I hope to have a clearer picture of staff availability.

We also use this time to project our budget for the following year, which is critical to the organisation of the College. To this end, I ask parents to please return promptly to the College the 2019 Re-Enrolment Forms which are being sent out soon.

### Enrolments for 2019

We have received a large number of enrolment applications across all year levels for next year. We now only have a limited number of vacancies in some year levels for 2019. If you know

of any families considering Marymede for their children, please encourage them to submit an enrolment application as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

### Security

Many of our families are now aware that the Mernda railway line will begin operating from Sunday 26 August. We are delighted that a railway station (Middle Gorge) has been built across the road from our College as this will provide easier access to Marymede for our families. We are also aware of the need to upgrade our security around the College and measures are being put in place to ensure the safety of our children at the College. We will provide more information to our parents in our next Newsletter.

### Albert Einstein

This morning, Marymede joined with local Catholic Primary schools St. Joseph's Mernda, St. Paul the Apostle Doreen and St. Mary's Whittlesea to attempt to break the world record for the number of Albert Einstein look-alikes. A big thank you to our Registrar Mr. Matthew Luczek for his organisation of this event and to the abovementioned three schools for their support of this initiative.

### Staff Professional Development – 8 October

We have changed our Staff Professional Development day which was originally earmarked for Monday 8 October (Day 1, Term 4) to the last day of Term 3, Friday 21 September. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause to our families, but it was felt that with Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews scheduled for Thursday 20 September, the following day would be a better fit for our Staff PD day. School will now begin in Term 4 on Monday 8 October for all students.

Kind Regards,

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

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

### School Improvement Surveys

Each year, our staff and a sample of our students and parents participate in a detailed survey designed to assist the College in our commitment to continuous improvement. The survey results are a fantastic tool that enable us to identify the areas that are working well and those areas in which there are opportunities to grow. Our staff will complete the survey after school on Monday August 27, while a selection of students from Years 3-12 will complete the survey throughout that week. We will also be sending home surveys to a random sample of our families – around half of our families will receive a survey – and we are eager to have as many responses as possible in order to ensure that we have an accurate snapshot of the views of our parents and guardians. If you have any questions about the School Improvement Survey, please feel free to contact me.

### Year 9 2018 Subject Selection Information Evening

A reminder that parents of our current Year 8 students are invited to attend a subject selection information session on Monday August 20 from 7-8pm in the Auditorium. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible on that evening to ensure you are aware of the opportunities available for your sons and daughters through the Year 9 elective program.

**Tracey Kift**

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

## DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY

### Term 3

Term 3 is well and truly underway and gathering momentum as students continue to engage in innovative and creative experiences that are certainly stretching their imaginations and skills.

Thank you to those parents who have made a time to follow up Semester 2 reports. Please ensure that if you do have any questions or concerns that you make a time to speak with the teacher.

### CHILD SAFETY

Marymede is committed to providing a safe environment for all members of the community. Part of this vision is to promote positive and respectful relationships between people. Some of our goals are to:

- ensure that students speak politely to each other. This means NO SWEARING OR RACIAL SLURS.
- Apply a consistent 'hands off' policy at all times. Any touch by another person can sometimes be misunderstood or misinterpreted. At other times, particularly with younger children, the intention of the person is to be friendly towards another person but it ends up being too rough or hurtful.

- Promote effective strategies for resolving conflict and managing emotions. The school cannot support the advice given to some students by their parents to hit back. Rather, we strongly encourage students to think about how they can manage what is happening that makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable and to seek assistance from a staff member. In the first instance, this would be the yard duty teacher or their class teacher.

We ask that you speak to your children about these expectations.

### SOCIAL MEDIA/USE OF ICT:

Increasingly we are becoming concerned with the number of students continuing to access Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat despite the age restrictions and safety guidelines given for these sites. This extends to students' use of apps and games such as Fortnite and Roblox. The College continues to strongly recommend that all parents follow the age restrictions on these sites.

Additionally, the College is supporting these restrictions and safety guidelines by discouraging student engagement in these sites/games by not allowing students to:

- Talk about these sites in class and whilst at school
- Write and read about these sites or about characters or events within these sites/games in class.
- Engage in oral language activities such as 'Show and Tell' about any of these sites/games
- Play with any toy or game connected to these sites/games whilst at school
- Use an image related to these sites/games at school or as a screen saver

We thank you for support in promoting Child Safety at the College

**Mrs Rosemary Bennett**

**Director of Primary**

## CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

### Marymede Day 2018 – 13th Year of Celebration

If you have not been able to purchase Marymede Day tickets via trybooking, some will be on sale from the Founder's Building office for \$1.00 each. We appreciate our Alumni students and parents who have offered their time to support the food preparation and House Activities for this special day.

### Mernda Rail Access Update

The presentation to our Year 5 – 12 Assembly last week by Kelli Williams informed students of the features of Middle Gorge Station and gave an overview of safe travel practices. Kelli reinforced respect for the public space, which is quite literally at our doorstep.

**Mernda Rail Sneak Peek Event:** Sunday 19 August - 12noon until 3pm

Come and be one of the first people to travel on the new Mernda rail line. Explore Middle Gorge, Hawkstowe and Mernda Stations before their official opening on Sunday 26 August, months ahead of schedule.

For more information visit [levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/merndasneakpeek](http://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/merndasneakpeek)

- Free shuttle train between South Morang and Mernda stations
- Free food provided by local businesses
- Entertainment by local performers and schools
- Plenty of family fun, from jumping castles to face painting.

Kelli has provided the following links for your information about the project and travel on Metro Trains:

### [Middle Gorge Project](#)

<https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/projects/mernda-rail-extension-project/middlegorge-station>

### [Registering a myki](#)

<https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/myki/manage-your-myki-online/>

### [Travel information](#)

#### **PTV website:**

<https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/>

#### **Journey Planner:**

<https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/journey>

### [Authorised Officers](#)

<https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/general-information/authorised-officers/>

### [Metro Trains – Train services and a link to careers](#)

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

### [Free public transport apps](#)

PTV – Public Transport Victoria (includes Journey Planner)

Metro Notify

There will be further information sessions for students at various year levels across the remainder of the year.

### **Ms Julia Wake**

#### **Campus Co-ordinator Prep – Year 12**

## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

### [VET Dance Mock Audition Day](#)

My experience at the AusDance mock auditions was amazing. It helped me as well as the rest of my classmates in VET Dance gain valuable experiences and knowledge on how to conduct ourselves in an audition setting. One of the things that stood out the most was the hard work and determination that the judges and choreographers said that they went through to get

to where they are as well as their future aspirations in the dance industry.

Overall it was an amazing day full of a lot of learning, happiness, and laughter. AusDance mock auditions are truly amazing as they teach us about the auditions that we will have to face in the future if we continue in the dance industry. The mock auditions make ourselves familiar with the realistic process that we will eventually have to go through. I recommend any dancers to challenge themselves and go to the AusDance mock auditions because they really help give you an accurate scenario of what a dancer would go through in an audition.

### **Miss Talia Cincotta** **VET Dance Student**

### [Marymede Catholic College Top Acts Performing Arts Concert- Tickets Now on Sale](#)

Marymede Catholic College will hold the fourth annual Top Acts Performing Arts Concert on Friday, September 14 at 7.00pm. This event will celebrate top performances developed by Marymede Catholic College Drama, Dance and Music students. The Top Acts Performing Arts Concert will be held at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre, South Morang.

Performers include Primary Choir, Sessional Dance, VET Dance, Drum Line, Soloists, DJs and more.

Tickets are now on sale via TryBooking:

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



### **Ms. Angie Bedford**

#### **Head of Performing Arts Prep – Year 12**

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Book Week Character Parade

Students will be celebrating Book Week @ Marymede in the Primary School during the week beginning Monday 20 August until Friday 24 August.

To complete our Book Week celebrations, we will be having a Character Parade for all year levels Prep – Year 6 on Friday 24 August from 11 30 am. The Parade will take place in the Fitness Centre.

The staff and students would love to see parents and family members attend on this day.

This year's theme is 'Find Your Treasure'. Treasure is usually thought of as an object or objects of great value or worth, often lost until rediscovered.

Favourite characters from story books should provide the inspiration for costumes.

Please feel free to contact myself or your child's classroom teacher if you have any further questions.

We look forward to celebrating Book Week as a Marymede Community.

**Ms Elizabeth Milani**  
**Literacy Co-ordinator Prep – Year 6**

### 100 Days of Prep

On Thursday, August 2, our Prep students celebrated their 100th day of school. Many of you may have noticed our College's youngest students arrive to school looking a little more aged than usual. The day was filled with engaging activities centred around the theme of '100'. The dress up component was by far the most memorable part of the day!!!

Thank you to all of our Prep families for embracing the day. The children looked amazing and enjoyed spending the day reflecting on the past 6 months.

Congratulations to our 2018 Prep students on reaching this milestone! It was such a memorable day and we look forward to all the learning, excitement and fun that is yet to come in 2018.



**Ms Christie Ramaekers**  
**Prep Transition Coordinator**  
**Classroom Teacher Prep 2**

### Prep Father's Day Assembly

Dear Fathers (or, if Dads are unavailable, Grandfathers or Uncles)

You are invited to the Prep Father's Day Assembly.

**When:** Friday August 31

**Time:** 9:15am – 10:15 am (approximately)

**Where:** Auditorium (located near the College Chapel)

We hope you can celebrate this very special morning with us.

### Prep Teachers

## PATHWAYS

### VTAC

Over the past two weeks I have met with Year 12 students so they can all open a VTAC account. Students in Year 9, 10 and 11 completed their on line subject selection. It has been a very hectic two weeks but extremely satisfying as I see our Year 12 student take their final steps towards their future post year 12. I see excited students being able to pick subjects that they love, enjoy and do well at for future study. I believe if you love what you do, you will do well at it. When we are busy at a job we don't enjoy it is called stress, when you are flat out in a job you love, it's called passion.

### List of Early Closing Dates

- Dates to Diarise in Term 3
- News from the University of Melbourne
- Guaranteed Entry Scheme
- Access Melbourne
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### Monash Entry Schemes

- The Monash Guarantee
- Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS)

**ANU Roadshow – Melbourne**  
**2018 Study Overseas Expo**  
**Teaching Matrices**

### Upcoming Open Days 2018

To book a meeting:

<https://calendly.com/carol-fisher-1>

**Mrs Carol Fisher**  
**Careers Coordinator**

## WHOLE SCHOOL

### Romero Feast Day

It has been a busy start for the Romero House in Term 3 at Marymede. The students from P-12 celebrated our Romero Feast Week with various types of activities, in the lead up to our feast day on Friday, July 20 to recognise, celebrate and commemorate the life of our House Patron Oscar Romero. House Spirit was clearly evident throughout the course of the week, where both primary and secondary students gathered in the Chapel of Annunciation for our beautiful House Mass conducted by Father Cruz to celebrate Oscar Romero's life, which followed by all Romero students congregating together for a luncheon to honour his life at lunchtime on the day in the College Fitness Centre. Alongside the celebrations as a house we were able to present our gifts and donations to St Mary's House of Welcome, our house charity. It was fantastic to hear from Rebecca, a volunteer from St Mary's, who informed us of all the great work that they do every day and how our work will go a long way in aiding those living rough in the streets of Melbourne. The inviting message was the simplicity that Rebecca put it in, inviting us to 'Just say hi and give a smile' and how the key to solving social justice issues is just to take 'one bite at a time'.



**Mr Panashe Mutusva and Mr Jordan Gualano  
Romero House Captains 2018**

## COMMUNITY MASS

