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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

The Year So Far

Classes are well and truly underway and new staff and students are getting on with the business of learning. In the early days, our upper primary and secondary students should be organising their studies by doing homework, background reading and forward planning.

The level of time committed varies with each year level, but the valuable skills of time management, organisation and task completion are pertinent to all students.

New Staff

We welcome the following staff to our College and wish them an enjoyable and successful time with us:

- David Brick – Director of Students (9-12), VCE Biology
- Kaitlin Callanan – Romero Tutor, Yrs. 7, 8, 10 and VCE English, Yr. 9 Religious Education
- Stacey- Louise Camilleri – Marcellin Tutor, Yrs. 6, 7, 8, 10 Music, VCE Music Performance
- Mark Chapman – Product Design & Technology Assistant
- Carla Conte – Yr. 5, Yr. 7 Humanities
- Sarani Don – Chisholm Tutor, Yrs. 7, 8, 9 Mathematics, Yrs. 9, 10 Science
- Claudia Gacovski – Yr. 6, Yr. 7 Health & Physical Education
- Jeremy Ives – Performing Arts Domain Leader P-12, McAuley Tutor, Primary Performing Arts, Yr. 7 Drama, Yr. 9 Project Based Learning, VCE Drama, VCE Health & Human Development

- Emma Kiely – Marcellin Tutor, Yr. 7 Drama, Yr. 9 Dance, VET Dance
- Michael Lacy – IT Manager
- Ellen Lane – Performing Arts Assistant
- Vanessa Montalti – Yr. 2
- Lisa Murray – Learning Enhancement Coordinator (P-4), Yr. 4 Numeracy, Yr. 7 Skills
- Erin Murray – Yr. 6, Yr. 7 Religious Education
- Therese Nguyen – Yrs. 7 & 8 Science, Yrs. 8, 9 & 10 Mathematics,
- Danielle Oakley – Learning Support Officer
- Marie O'Brien – Head of the Calthorpe Resource Centre, Yr. 9 Design Technology (Textiles)
- Melissa Parker – Romero Tutor, Yr. 8 Information Technology, Yrs. 9 & 10 Digital Technologies, VCE Business Management
- Owen Phillips – McCormack Tutor, Yrs. 8, 9, 10 & VCE English
- Julie Plymin – McCormack Tutor, Yr. 6 Science, Yrs. 7, 8 & 10 Science
- Carola Scatizzi – Primary Italian
- Narelle Stone – Deputy Principal, St. Mary's College for Hearing Impaired Students
- Robert van Meurs – Yr. 7 Design & Creative Technologies, Yr. 10 Design Technology (Wood), VET Building & Construction

Opening School Mass

Our Opening School Mass on Tuesday 5 February was a wonderful celebration of welcoming. Our College Chaplain, Fr. Martin Ashe, talked in his homily about the importance of everyone at Marymede feeling that they are a part of our Christian and Catholic Community. We continually talk to our students about belonging and getting involved in the life of our College.

Thank you to staff members Ms Julia Wake, Mr. Matthew Carpenter, Ms Stacey-Louise Camilleri and Ms Natalie Oman

for their work in preparing this significant whole school celebration.

Induction of Student Leaders

We recently inducted our Student Leaders for the 2019 school year. I congratulate the students on being appointed to lead the student body. The greatest responsibility of our leaders is to serve. This service includes tasks such as providing a listening ear or helping someone feel safe. It also includes the responsibility of making our school a better place for those who will follow.

Year 12 Retreat

Our Year 12 Retreat will take place at Phillip Island in the week beginning Monday 25 February. Students are encouraged to leave behind the everyday issues of study, work and sport to focus on the important relationships in their lives. It is an opportunity of great value to our young people as they begin preparing for life after school and students regularly say that it is the highlight of Year 12. I wish both staff and students a peaceful, rewarding and enjoyable time away.

2019 Secondary Significant Dates

On Tuesday 29 January, all secondary parents were emailed correspondence stating the secondary significant dates and the College's expectation of student attendance. I have just confirmed that last week, media personality Brian Taylor will once again be commentating at our Secondary Athletics Carnival on Friday 3 May. Brian was a big hit with the students last year and I am confident that that will again be the case this year.

Please note the following dates again for your diaries:

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| • Opening of the School Year Mass | Tuesday 5 February |
| • House Swimming Carnival | Tuesday 12 February |
| • Year 10 Challenge Camp | Wednesday 13 February – Friday 15 February |
| • Year 12 Retreat | Monday 25 February – Wednesday 27 February |
| • Year 7 Camp | Wednesday 20 March – Friday 22 March |
| • House Athletics Carnival | Friday 3 May |
| • Year 8 Reflection Day | Tuesday 28 May |
| • Year 10 Reflection Day | Wednesday 29 May |
| • Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass | Thursday 27 June |
| • Year 11 Christian Leadership Retreat | Thursday 1 August – Friday 2 August |
| • Marymede Day | Friday 16 August |
| • Year 9 Reflection Day | Friday 25 October |

- Secondary Awards Evening

Tuesday 19 November
(7pm-9pm)

10th Anniversary of Black Saturday

Last Sunday, staff member Mr. John Milides and a group of students attended the Kinglake Ranges Combined Churches Black Saturday 10th Anniversary Memorial Service at St. Peter's Church in Kinglake. I congratulate John and the students for representing Marymede at what would have been a very emotional service.

RIP

I ask the Marymede Community to please keep in your prayers two of our staff members, Ms Lisa Murray and Mr. Isaac Ndanema, who both lost their fathers recently.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Student Forum

90 students from Grade 5 to Year 12 were invited to participate in a student forum held this week to discuss their views on a range of topics. Amongst the topics discussed were student safety and classroom behaviour, their experiences of learning and teaching, student motivation and engagement, and student wellbeing and morale. It was fantastic to see the students embrace the opportunity to talk about their experiences of school and offer constructive suggestions to continue to enhance the College. I will be collating their feedback to share with teachers and the College leadership team, looking for opportunities to implement a number of key suggestions.

We look forward to providing students with other similar experiences to share their view about the practices of the school and contribute their valuable insights to support the College to continually improve and enhance the learning and wellbeing of all students

Ms Tracey Kift
Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching Prep – Year 12

DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS

Welcome to 2019 at Marymede Catholic College.

The students in Prep to Year 4 have had an excellent start to the school year, with the support of our school community.

My name is Laura Gazeas and I am the Director of Students for Prep to Year 4. My role at the College is to oversee the wellbeing of the students, along with the support of your child's Pastoral Teacher. I am looking forward to working in

partnership with you to help your child to reach their full potential.

Ms Laura Gazeas

Director of Students Prep – Year 4

WHOLE SCHOOL

The Lion King Jr. Auditions Next Week

The Artistic Team of *The Lion King Jr.* are on the hunt for an enthusiastic cast of performers.

Audition bookings are now open Years 5-9 students. An information session was held on Monday 11 February. If your child was unable to attend they can consult the attached information pack for all the crucial details. As it is a big (but rewarding) time commitment, it is essential that families read through the information together and consult their calendar before booking an audition.

Bookings via TryBooking (link in the attached pack) are essential and close this coming Monday 18 February.

We anticipate high numbers of auditionees so encourage you to book as soon as possible.

Co-Curriculum News

I am delighted to be taking on a new role this year as Cultural Co-Curricular Coordinator. In this role, my goal is to work with staff and students to develop and offer a rich and exciting co-curriculum program.

Co-curriculum is learning and opportunities that occur outside of class time. Some successful programs at Marymede Catholic College have included Tournament of Minds and the Primary Choir. Co-curriculum can complement classroom learning, as well as allow students to pursue different interests.

Later this term a Prep – Year 12 Co-Curricular Handbook will be distributed. In the meantime, some activities like the Primary Choir and *The Lion King Jr.* have just started.

Ms Angie Bedford

Director/Producer *The Lion King Jr.*

COMMUNITY MASS

