



28 March 2019

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

The first term holidays are only a week away and I encourage all members of our Marymede Community to reflect upon the significance of Easter over the break.

The death and resurrection of Jesus are important for all Christians, bringing hope and meaning to our lives as we reflect on Christ's example of how to live in the light of His sacrifice. Jesus offers forgiveness and hope of eternal life. It is a time to reconnect to Him and His teachings.

### Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews – 4 April

The Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews will take place next Thursday from 2.30pm-8.00pm. Classes finish at 1.30pm on this day to allow the interviews to start at 2.30pm.

I urge parents to meet with your child's teacher(s). It is important that students attend the interviews with their parents so that they can be involved in discussions regarding their progress.

### Secondary House Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival was held at the Oak Park Aquatic Centre on Monday 18 March. Congratulations to all students who competed and to Marcellin House on winning the carnival. I also congratulate our Head of Sport, Mrs Ann-Marie O'Hare and the House Coordinators for ensuring the carnival was such a success.

### SACCSS Swimming Carnival

Last Tuesday, our Secondary Swimming Team competed in the SACCSS Swimming Carnival, which was held at MSAC (State Swimming Centre). I congratulate all the students on their efforts and thank our coaches for their commitment to the weekly training sessions.

### Year 7 Camp

Last Thursday, I attended the Year 7 Camp which was held at Camp Marysville. I was most impressed with the way many of our students were prepared to take on the physical challenges which were asked of them.

A big thank you to Mrs Melinda Muir and the staff who attended for giving of their time to support our students. My hope is that our students have returned from the camp having established friendships with a number of students in both their House and the year level.

### Winter Uniform

Given the interrupted start in the first week of Term 2, I am happy to delay the wearing of the full winter uniform until Monday 29 April.

### Student Grooming

During the holidays, some students may choose to experiment with hair colours and styles. I ask parents to please ensure that your children return next term with their hair meeting the grooming standards which were outlined in my first Newsletter of the year. I thank you for your support.

### Open Day – 31 March

Our Open Day will be held on Sunday 31 March from 11.0am to 2.00pm. It is always a fantastic day as the staff and students showcase the magnificent facilities we have at Marymede Catholic College to prospective families.

### Term 1

Reflecting back on a busy Term 1, I congratulate staff and the vast majority of the students for the way they have begun the 2019 school year.

I trust that all our students are enjoying their time at school and that our Years 5-12 students in particular have by now established good study patterns at home.

Our senior students have the opportunity over the holidays to evaluate what has been achieved and in some cases, put in strategies to improve.

Classes conclude for all students next Thursday 4 April at 1.30pm. The staff will be involved in a Professional Development Day on Friday 5 April.

Classes resume for Term 2 on Tuesday 23 April.

I wish all members of our Marymede Community an enjoyable vacation.

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

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

### National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

Each year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy available at the link below.

<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal. If you have any questions about the NCCD,

please contact a member of the Marymede NCCD team comprising of:

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### **Ms Tracey Kift** **Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12**

## DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION

### Sacrament of Reconciliation 2019

During this Lenten time many of our Year 3s are preparing for their First Reconciliation. The family workshops last week, facilitated by the beautiful Maria Forde, provided an opportunity for children and their parents to discuss what is important to them, the nature of the Sacrament and how we are all imperfect, but called to be the best we can be. Many thanks to our Year 3 teachers, Laura Gazeas and Laetitia Malusu for their welcome and attention to our families.

In this time of Lent it is significant to reflect on our relationships and take the time to heal any fractures. Our God forgives.



### Project Compassion 2019 – Fundraising Initiatives

Across the final weeks of Term 1, students and staff will be busily fundraising for Project Compassion. Thank you to those who have already donated on-line using the links from the last newsletter. For your information and for discussion with your children the following activities will be run across the remainder of Term 1, with each activity/product being up to \$5.00:

- Home-made Rocky Road: Wed 3 and Thu 4 April. No nuts, but possible traces of nuts. (Ingredients: Chocolate, Popping Candy, Marshmallows, M&M's, Mars Bar, Pretzels, Natural Confectionary Lollies – full list will be available at the stall.);
- Cans of soft drink being sold at lunchtime;
- Easter Egg Hunt;
- Chocolate Eggs;
- Fantastic Noodles for Sale;
- Icy-poles (Berri Quelch – reconstituted fruit juices, colours, flavours and preservatives.)
- Weekly Water Bucket Challenge – In teams of 4, students carry a water bucket on their head in a relay for 5 minutes. Those with the least water spilled, win! This activity reminds us how lucky we are to have easy access to clean water, when there are some children in the world who need to fetch and carry water from a river.

If you have any concerns with your child accessing any of these fundraising initiatives, please discuss this with them and let their class / tutor teacher know. If you would like to make a donation on-line please access the link below:

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/marymedecc>



## VCAL Responsive Ministry

Last week our Year 11 VCAL R.E Class got out the needle and thread and made mittens for Koalas and other animals who have burnt paws from the recent fires in Gippsland, both Bunyip and Dargo. These mittens have gone to shelters housing the animals before they are able to return to the bush. Year 7/8 Textiles skills were recalled and students chatted as they focused on their sewing – it was a positive community vibe.



## Upcoming Faith & Mission Events

- Earth Hour – Saturday 30 March (Focus on Stewardship of Creation)
- Year 3 Reflection Day – Wednesday 3 April
- Prep Easter play – Thursday 4 April, 9.00am – Chapel

- Year 1 – 6 Lent Liturgy – Thursday 4 April, 10.10am Fitness Centre
- Year 7 – 12 Lent Liturgy – Thursday 4 April, 9.10am Fitness Centre
- Easter Holy Thursday 18 April – Easter Sunday 21 April.

**Ms Julia Wake**  
**Director of Faith and Mission**

## DIRECTORS OF STUDENTS

### Mernda Rail

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Mernda Rail have informed the College that students are not tapping on and off, jumping barricades and not always demonstrating rail etiquette when using the service. Therefore, in addition to the College staff members who are on duty at the train station, Metro have informed us that there will be inspectors both in and out of uniform who will be patrolling the train line in the future. Students found to be breaking the law by not paying for travel will be fined.

Please have a conversation with your child about the appropriate behaviour expected on the transport service we now have available to us and students are to be respectful and following procedures by tapping on and off to pay for travel. We thank the many students who are using the train appropriately and please know that your actions are not unnoticed.

**Thank you**  
**Directors of Students**

## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Secondary House Swimming Carnival

Monday 18 March saw the Secondary House Swimming Carnival take place in the newly opened Oak Park Aquatic Centre. Having cancelled our original date due to poor weather earlier in the term we could not have had better weather to the rescheduled event. The new facilities and location were a fantastic addition to the day and allowed a record number of students to participate in both competitive races and novelty events.

Starting off the day we had the 'point swim' which saw students line up to represent their House and try to get an early lead for the day. In the midst of the 50m competitive races of freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly, students were also able to compete in novelty noodle relays and tunnel ball races. Seeing the number of students willing to participate and have a try was fantastic! Individual year level champions will be awarded very soon.

Congratulations to all swimmers who represented their Houses. In the end Marcellin reclaimed their top spot by a small margin of 8 points over both Chisholm and McAuley.

## The overall results were;

- 1st Marcellin – 403 points
- 2nd Chisholm & McAuley – 395 points
- 4th McCormack – 364 points
- 5th Chanel – 363 points
- 6th Romero – 340 points

A huge thanks to all staff for their support on the day and to the HPE team for officiating the day.

**Ms Ann-Marie O'Hare**  
**Head of Sport**

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Primary Sport

#### Easter Eggstravaganza

On Tuesday 2 April the Prep and Year 1 students will participate in the Easter Bonnet Parade. Parents are asked to make a simple Easter hat with their child at home. The parade will be held in the Fitness Centre between 9.15am to 10.00am. Parents are welcome to attend.

Throughout the last week of Term 1 the Primary Students will participate in the Easter Eggstravaganza. The Year 2-6 students will participate in some fun Easter games such as Easter Egg Hunt, Egg and Spoon Races and Bunny Hop Competitions just to name a few.

All students are required to wear House uniform on Thursday 4 April for the Easter Eggstravaganza



#### Marymede Flames Basketball Club

Marymede Flames Basketball Club are running the Aussie Hoops Program. This 4-week program is designed for beginners who are 5-10 years of age and would like to learn the basic skills of basketball within a fun environment. The program will be held in the Marymede Fitness Centre starting 2 May 2019. If you are interested, please see the attached flyer and email [registrations@marymedebasketballclub.com.au](mailto:registrations@marymedebasketballclub.com.au)

#### Auskick@Marymede

The AFL NAB Auskick program will begin at Marymede Catholic College in Term 2 starting Friday 10 May. The sessions will run 3.30pm - 4.30pm and students will meet under the Primary Basketball Court Shelter. The cost of the 6-week program is

\$65 which includes an Auskick pack. The program is offered to all students in Years Prep, One and Two. If you would like to participate, please see the attached flyer.

#### Athletics Carnival Year 3-6

The Senior Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at Marymede Catholic College on Monday 29 April from 9.00am - 1.00pm. All students will need to wear their House uniform and cap. Please bring a plastic bag with their fruit, recess snack and water bottle labelled with their name. Parents are welcome to attend the carnival.

**Mr Gerard Large**  
**Head of Primary Sport**

## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

### Student's Personal Learning Achievements – Term 1 Reflection

The end of Term 1 brings an opportunity for students to pause and reflect on their achievements over the past 10 weeks. Parents are strongly encouraged to review each child's mid-semester report with them, and to celebrate student's areas of strength, as well as discuss areas for improvement. The Mid-Semester Reports are now available via the Parent Access Module (PAM) on SIMON.

Parent/Teacher/Student (PTS) interviews provide a great opportunity for a three-way conversation between parents, teachers and students. It is highly recommended that students attend these interviews with their parent/guardian. This semester interview sessions for Prep – 12 are being held on April 4 & 24, with an addition session for Years 7 – 12 on May 1. Parents are encouraged to book now via PAM to secure their interview times.

For the beginning of Term 2, all Year 7 – 12 students should have a set specific, measurable, action-oriented, relevant, time-bound goals. These should have arisen from student's honest reflection of their achievements from Term 1. Goals may be subject related, for example 'to contribute at least once to each class discussion in Humanities in Term 2'; or more general, for example 'to use a lifestyle planner which has set times each day for homework and study, to assist with completing set tasks before the due date this term'. Setting goals and regularly reviewing them often provides students with a sense of purpose.

All Year 4 – 6 students will have a Seesaw for Schools digital portfolio from the beginning of Term 2. The purpose of these portfolios is that they will be with students during their primary years, showing student's progress over time, building a record of their learning.

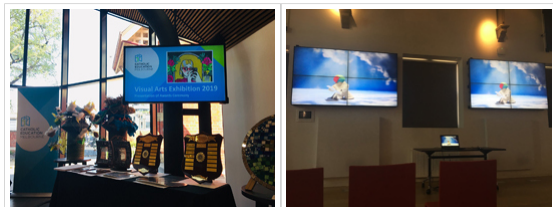
**Mrs Debra Molloy**  
**Learning & Teaching**  
**Coordinator P – 6**

**Ms Nikole Cymbalak**  
**Learning & Teaching**  
**Coordinator 7 – 12**

## Student Success in the Visual Arts

It is with great excitement that I inform the Marymede Community that Andrew Fu (Class of 2018) was awarded the inaugural Film Excellence Prize for the Secondary School category at the 2019 CEM Visual Arts Exhibition. This is also the first time that a Marymede Catholic College or St Mary's College for the Deaf student has won an award at the exhibition.

Below are some pictures from the awards presentation, which was held on the 17 March at the Catholic Leadership Centre.



**Mr Jeremy Guzman**  
**Head of Visual Arts P-12**

## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Marymede Catholic College is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6 September 2019.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc>

If you would like more information about the school's participation, please contact a member of the Resource Centre team. Our email address is [library@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:library@marymede.vic.edu.au)

**Marie O'Brien**  
**Head of the Calthorpe Resource Centre**

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE



Get into the vacation mindset with fun activities at Holiday Club. It's almost school holiday time and you know what that means – **Holiday Club!** Join us for a fun time with positive learning outcomes in **Jungle Jam!** Here's some of the activities that we could have in store for you:

**GOING HUTS**

Our adventure through the jungle wouldn't be complete without some jungle friends.

Today we'll each select from a range of different animals and build them a home to live.

This isn't just any home though, this home is ALIVE! We'll plant some fast-growing grass seeds on our huts so that we can watch them grow.

**THE JUNGLE BAKE OFF**

In the depths of the jungle, using only the sun's rays, we're going to build an oven and eat cookies today!

Today we're going to put our skills to the test and create a home-made solar powered oven. You can even take it home at the end of the day!

All that work will make us hungry, so we'll bake some healthy cookies in our ovens once we're done.

**ENTER THE JUNGLE LAB**

Get your science kit on, today we're entering the Jungle Lab. It's slimy. It's oozy. IT'S CLEAN!

Discover the chemistry as we measure, mix and mould our very own animal eggs (bath bombs and soaps with an animal figure inside). The fun continues at home where you can watch your animal eggs hatch before your very own eyes.

**Book now.** To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays and join in the fun, visit: [www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs).

You can also call our friendly Customer Care Team on **1300 105 343** - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

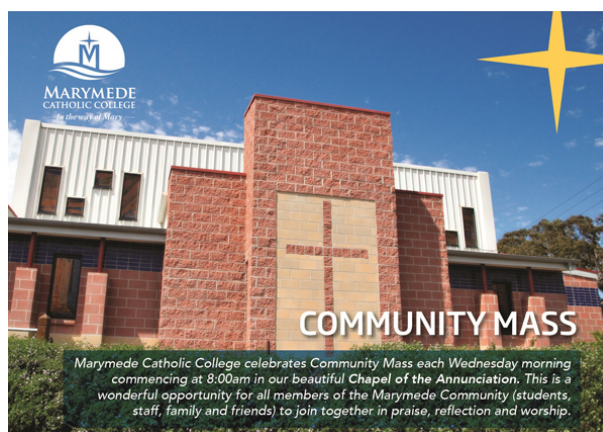
We look forward to seeing you and your family at **Jungle Jam**.

The Camp Australia Team



To find locations near you and to book, visit [www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs](http://www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs)

## COMMUNITY MASS



*“Here I am the servant of  
the Lord. Let it be  
with me according  
to your word.”  
(Luke 1:38)*

