



26 April 2019

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome back for Term 2 and I trust everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

### Staffing

We farewell Mr. Garry Gleeson, who has accepted a position at Our Lady of Mercy College. I thank Garry for his time with us and wish him every happiness at his new school.

We welcome new staff members Samantha Evans (Humanities/Media) and Jennifer Warwick (English) to our College and wish them a happy and rewarding time with us.

Welcome back to our Careers Coordinator, Mrs Carol Fisher, who returned from Long Service Leave on Tuesday. I would like to thank Mr. Gary Hickey for stepping into Carol's role in Term 1.

Mr. Jeremy Guzman will be on Long Service Leave in Term 2. I would like to wish Jeremy a relaxing break. Ms Tegan Hopkins will be Acting Visual Arts Domain Leader during Jeremy's leave.

Mrs Elsie Macellari has stepped down as McAuley House Coordinator. I would like to thank Elsie for her work in this role during Term 1. I am pleased to announce that Mr. Jeremy Baldwin has been appointed to this position for the remainder of 2019.

Today we farewell Kathy Difrancesco as she prepares for the birth of her first child. We wish Kathy a restful period over the next few weeks. Kathy plans to return in 2020.

### Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

It was pleasing to see many parents and students attend the recent Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews. I trust that both students and parents found them worthwhile and informative.

Secondary parents and students have another opportunity to meet with their teachers on Wednesday 1 May from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. Bookings can be made via the College website.

### ANZAC Day – 25 April

I hope that yesterday our students reflected on the sacrifices that have been made in wars since the landing in Gallipoli in 1915. It is not pure chance but 'sacrifices' which has made us the fortunate country we are today, and ANZAC Day is a time to remember this.

Thank you to Ms Julia Wake and the group of Marymede students who represented the College at the Whittlesea ANZAC Day March yesterday.

### Winter Uniform

All students are expected to be in their full winter uniform from next Monday 29 April.

### Athletics Carnivals

We look forward to our Primary Athletics Carnival next Monday 29 April and the Secondary Athletics Carnival on Friday 3 May. I am delighted that media star Brian Taylor will again be commentating at the Secondary Carnival. I encourage all students to become involved, either by competing or supporting their House.

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

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

By the end of primary school, students will have spent up to 8 000 hours at school; by the end of secondary school the figure is closer to 15 000 hours. Researchers believe that this immersive experience enables student to provide valuable feedback to teachers that enable them to continue to improve their teaching practice. In other words, as natural observers of the classroom, students have unique insights to offer their teachers about the ways in which they can seek to continually

improve classroom relationships, quality learning, engagement and classroom management practices.

Education is always evolving and there are always opportunities for talented teachers to challenge themselves to continue to enhance and evolve their practices. As such, this term, we have implemented a school-wide process in which teachers will collect student feedback in order to set goals for their own professional development.

Over the next three weeks, teachers will select a class they teach to complete a survey about their classroom experiences. Teachers will review the feedback they receive and, from this, identify a key focus to further enhance their teaching practices in the classroom. Over the course of the year, they will develop, trial and imbed a range of strategies in the classroom to work toward this goal. They will have opportunities to be supported by a colleague to discuss their goal and review their progress.

Teachers have been involved in developing the survey students will be completing; for students in Year 3-12, this 25-question survey will be completed online, while students in Prep-2 will complete a shorter and simpler survey developed by each of the Year Level teams. I would take the opportunity to commend our staff on their openness to this new process; while it can be challenging for teachers to open themselves up to feedback from students, our teachers have embraced the opportunity to collect feedback with great enthusiasm.

In addition to the positive outcomes of collecting meaningful feedback for the teachers, we are hopeful that this new process will also have important benefits for our students. There is significant evidence that giving students opportunity to share their unique knowledge and perspectives about their school has an empowering and motivating effect on them. When schools value students' voices, they better enable students to participate constructively in their own education. We look forward to seeing students from Prep to 12 embrace this opportunity to provide balanced, fair and constructive feedback on their experiences.

**Ms. Tracey Kift**

**Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12**

## DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION

### Pray for Peace in Sri Lanka

Our condolences to our Sri Lankan brothers and sisters, who have witnessed and experienced such loss on Easter Sunday. As a community of faith we offer our prayers for peace and acknowledge those who have experienced personal loss. Our Chapel has been available for students to light a candle and offer their own prayers throughout this week.



### Sacrament of Reconciliation 2019

Next Thursday evening many of our Year 3's celebrate the sacrament of First Reconciliation. Fr John Murphy, Fr Martin Ashe, Fr Shymon and Fr Anthony Girolami will be listening, blessing and praying with our children. We appreciate the time our Year 3 Teachers and Ms Malusu have spent preparing for this sacrament.

### Project Compassion 2019 – Fundraising Target reached!

I am pleased to announce that our community fundraising for Caritas, both on-line and at school, has exceed \$5,500.00 for 2019.

As our children know, these funds go towards projects empowering poor and disadvantaged communities to build improved lives. Many thanks for your generosity and the fundraising efforts of our students and staff.

### ANZAC Day Whittlesea Parade

A number of our students and staff attended the Whittlesea Parade on ANZAC Day. These students honour the lives lost in battle and honour working towards peace in their own lives and communities. Lest we Forget.

### Upcoming Faith & Mission Events

- Orthodox Holy Week – Thursday 25th April – Monday 29th April.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation – Thursday 2nd May.
- McCormack House Feast Day Mass – Monday 13th May.
- Catholic Care Family Week – Wednesday 15th – 22nd May. (Community Mass dedicated to families – all welcome.)
- Chanel House Feast Day Mass – Tuesday 21st May.
- Year 10 Reflection Day (RealTalk) – Tuesday 28th May
- 'RealTalk' Parent Evening – Tuesday 28th May, 7.00pm.
- Year 8 Reflection Day (RealTalk) – Wednesday 29th May.
- Marcellin House Feast Day Mass – Monday 3rd June.
- First Eucharist Family Evening – Wednesday 12th June.

- Year 4 Reflection Day (Eucharist) – Monday 17th June.
- Sacrament on First Holy Communion – Saturday 22nd June.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Term 2 – Year 7 to 12 Learning & Teaching Calendar of Activities

In the Secondary School, students will be involved in several Learning & Teaching activities which aim to provide them with opportunities to develop subject specific skills, consolidate their knowledge and understanding, as well as improve their preparation, organisation and reflection abilities. Students are encouraged to speak with their subject teacher or Tutor teacher should they have any questions.

### Calendar of Activities

#### PTS Interviews - May 1

The third session of Parent/Teacher/Student interviews for this semester will be for Year 7 – 12 students only. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's progress, as well as areas for improvement. Bookings can be made via PAM (Parent Access Module). If you have any difficulties logging in to PAM, please contact the IT Helpdesk on 9407 9000.

#### NAPLAN - May 14 – 16

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. For more information, visit this link:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

#### Year 9 – 11 Examinations - June 11 – 14

These examinations provide students with an opportunity to experience formal testing situations, where they undertake papers which encompasses more than one area of study per subject. The aim is to expose students, over several years, to the structure of examinations conducted by VCAA. Year 9 students will undertake examinations in their core subjects only, with Year 10 & 11 students undertaking examinations in all timetabled subjects for the semester. Year 9 students and parents will receive a study guide in the coming weeks to support their first set of examinations. All students are encouraged to seek assistance from their subject teacher or domain leader in the first instance. More information relating to examinations will be provided to students in the coming weeks.

### Semester Changeover

Semester 2 commences on June 17 for all Year 7 – 12 students. Students who are undertaking semester-long subjects are encouraged to organise themselves well before the semester changeover, ensuring they are ready to learn from their first lesson of Semester 2.

### Semester Reports

Student reports for Semester 1 will be available online via PAM to parents at the end of Term 2.

**Ms Nikole Cymbalak**

**Learning & Teaching Coordinator 7 – 12**

### The National Schools' Constitutional Convention, 2019

On the 19th, 20th and 21st of March I had the honour of representing Marymede Catholic College at the annual National Schools' Constitutional Convention in Canberra. It was an amazing experience filled with lots of outstanding moments.

On the 19th of March, I, together with 25 other lucky students from across Victoria, landed in Canberra. In Australia's capital we met up with delegates from other states and territories. Our first day consisted of a trip to the Canberra museum, which is where we were able to look around and engage in some fascinating conversations with students who had the same passions as us. We then left the museum and went to Parliament House, and had guest speakers, The Hon. Tony Smith, MP, Speaker for the House of Representatives and guest speaker The Hon. Dr Andrew Leigh MP, Federal Member for Fenner.

On Day Two we departed from our hotel for the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House. Once we arrived we had a number of guest speakers who gave us some insight into what a preamble for a constitution is.

On the last day of the Convention, we had a "referendum" and chose a new preamble for the constitution. We then had a tour of the museum.

This would have to be have been one of the best experiences for me. I would highly recommend doing Legal Studies and applying for participation in the National Schools' Constitutional Convention.

I would to thank Miss Esposito for helping me to achieve my goal of attending the Constitutional Convention.

**Ashleigh Rogers, Year 12**



### Unit 3 Legal Studies Courts Excursion

On Tuesday 2nd April, the Year 12 Legal Studies class, along with Ms Jephson and Ms Esposito, went to the city to visit the County and Supreme Courts. They had discussions with two experienced County Court judges (a rarity), who gave them a wonderful insight into the law and the cases they observed

during the day. The students were also able to see both courts in action by observing multiple cases of varying degrees of severity. Overall, it was an invaluable and enriching learning experience for all.



**Ms Yanna Jephson**

**Mrs Jane Darrou**  
**Head of Humanities**

### 12 VCAL PDS Excursion

On Thursday 28th March, the Year 12 VCAL class went to Strike Melbourne Central, there were three groups of different students to partake in the Escape Room, while a group was doing that, the other two groups were doing bowling just outside, nearing the end of the day, we all grouped together to play multiple games of laser tag. The skills we were achieving were communication, taking leadership roles during the escape room and traveling.

Thanks to Ms Bedford for helping organise it and Ms Karaula and Ms Rogers for coming along.

**Jonathan Newton and Jason Pandelidis (Year 12 VCAL)**



## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Athletics Carnival Year 3-6

The Primary Athletics Carnival for students in Years 3-6 will be held at Marymede Catholic College on Monday April 29, 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. Students will eat lunch back in the classroom

Parents are welcome to attend the carnival.

### Easter Eggstravaganza

The Primary students had a great Easter week competing for House points in the Easter Eggstravaganza. Congratulations to Chanel who were the overall winners.



### Easter Bonnet Parade

Thank you to all the students and families from the ELC, Year Prep and Year 1 who put in a lot of effort in making an Easter Bonnet for the parade. The students had a great time and we appreciated all the families who attended on the day.



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

### Prep Mother's Day Assembly

On Friday 10th May, the Prep students will be sharing a special Mother's Day assembly for their mothers.

The assembly will be held in the Auditorium between 9am and 10am.

All mothers from Prep are invited and encouraged to attend this wonderful celebration with their child / children.

For those mothers who are unable to attend, you are more welcome to invite an aunt, grandmother or other significant person in your child's life.

**Kind Regards,**  
**Prep Team**

## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

### Knit-A-Square Is Back For 2019

The Square Knit Circle is extremely excited to be regrouping for 2019 to carry on the tremendous work we have been conducting since 2011.

In November last year, our 800+ knitted squares were packed into water-tight shipping envelopes, sent to Kascare's branch in South Africa and stitched into lovely blankets. The Marymede community contributed enough squares to warm children in

the South Africa who would otherwise have been freezing. We feel extremely proud that our small contribution will become wonderful blankets, used to keep orphaned, abandoned or children with AIDS, warm.



### Where To From Here

Knitting club is every Tuesday lunch time, we hope to regroup bigger and better. Students are currently being sought to learn to knit or crochet 20cm squares that will be sent Zimbabwe, officially the poorest country in the

World and Kascare's expanding branch.

With nearly 1,000,000 orphans alive in 2009, Zimbabwe has the highest number of orphans, in proportion to its population, than any other country in the world, according to UNICEF. As many as one in four children in Zimbabwe are orphaned as a result of parents dying from AIDS.

### How Can You Help

You can become involved in two very important ways.

If you have the skills to knit or crochet a 20cm by 20cm square, please call Mrs Jenny Priest at the school or via email: [Jenny.priest@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:Jenny.priest@marymede.vic.edu.au),

Alternatively, we are welcoming all wool or knitting needles donations of any colour, size or type, with the drop off of wool or squares to be made at the Student Reception area.

For more information log on to

<http://www.knit-a-square.com/>

**Mrs Jenny Priest**  
**Student Reception**

## PATHWAYS

### Careers News

It is wonderful to be back at Marymede after my long service break. I look forward to meeting with students and parents. There is a link on our SIMON homepage where students and parents can make appointments to meet with me. You can also find this link on the Marymede Careers website:

<https://www.marymedecareers.com/>

Please find below a link to the newest edition of our Careers Newsletter

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

## REGISTRAR NEWS

## BUSINESS MANAGER

## PARENT'S AND FRIENDS'

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The safety and wellbeing of our students at Marymede is very important to us. We are very fortunate at Marymede Catholic College to have an on-site provider of Before and After School Care provided by Camp Australia.

This service provided by and administered enables parents/guardians to access care for their primary school aged child/ren in the mornings and afternoons outside of the times that teachers are on supervision duty in the College grounds.

Before School Care provided by Camp Australia runs from 6:30am – 8:45am, Monday to Friday and After School Care runs from 3:15pm – 6:00pm, Monday to Friday. Before and after these times, there is no supervision provided by the College on the College grounds.

The teachers commence their yard duty supervision in the playground at 8:20am and it concludes at 3:40pm. Unless a student is attending Before School Care and/or After School Care, no students should be on the College campus before 8:20am or after 3:40pm.

Any primary student who is on the College campus before 8:20am will be taken to Before School care where they will be supervised until 8:45am. Camp Australia will charge parents for supervision of their child/ren.

The same applies to any students who are not collected from the College campus by 3:40pm. They will be taken to After School care, where they will be supervised until they are collected by a parent/guardian. Camp Australia will charge parents for supervision.

Primary students are unable to use the College Library as a before or after hours supervision area, unless they are supervised by a Parent or Guardian. Primary students with Secondary school siblings are unable to be supervised by their Secondary school sibling in the library and would also need to abide by the above.

For further information about Camp Australia services please visit their website [www.campaustalia.com.au](http://www.campaustalia.com.au)

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