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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of another exciting Term at Marymede Catholic College. It gives me great pleasure to introduce the new format of our Newsletter. This is part of a program to highlight the strengths of the College and provide the best information to our parents and the broader Marymede Community.

I am also excited to announce the launch of our new and improved College Website which will go live in the coming weeks.

I trust that you and your family enjoyed the Easter Break and participated in the Liturgies associated with the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Last week on Anzac Day, we also remembered the Servicemen and Women who served their country and gave their lives to enable us to enjoy our beautiful country and all it has to offer us.

Marymede Catholic College Scholarship Program

This week via our Website we have opened applications for our Scholarship Program for 2014-15. We will be offering Scholarships for Year 5, Year 7 and Year 9. The Scholarships will be awarded for Academic Excellence, General Excellence and Music Excellence.

Please see the College Website for the links to the online Application Forms. Applications will close on Friday May 23. The Scholarship testing day will be held on Saturday May 31 commencing 8.30am. Those candidates that are short listed will be interviewed shortly after and the successful students and their parents will be informed of the outcome before the end of this Term. I encourage as many of you as possible to apply for this new program.

Annie Production

In coming weeks we will see the fruits of a great deal of hard work and dedication with the performances of *Annie*. I wish the cast and crew all the best and I am sure that it will be a great show.

Internship – Australian Catholics Magazine

At the start of April, Emily Maney (Year 10), Nanette Mangoba (Year 10) and Connor Nelson (Year 11) applied for the 2014 Australian Catholics Media Internship Program, which offers students a unique opportunity to be a guest Editor of the Spring edition of the Australian Catholics Magazine.

I am extremely delighted and excited to announce that Emily Maney is one of six students to be chosen for the Internship Team. There were a large number of applicants from Catholic schools across Melbourne which was mostly made up of Year 11 students. Emily will be spending a week at Jesuit Communications from May 19-23 where she will be gaining hands-on experience and developing her skills in journalism and publishing.

Connor and Nanette have been invited to write for the magazine in future editions and there is also the possibility of them undertaking a shared work experience later in the year.

It is also great to receive feedback like this from the Internship Co-ordinator: *"I was particularly impressed with your students' confidence. The Media and Drama programs must be very effective."*



Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Last week and this week, the first of our Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews took place in both the Secondary and Primary Schools. The interviews were an opportunity to give parents and students feedback on how they are progressing with their studies. We were able to highlight strengths and offer positive suggestions on how further improvement can be made.

Staff News

On Wednesday we said goodbye to Uma Devadas from the Accounts Department as she prepares for the birth of her third child. Uma will be on Maternity Leave for six months. We wish Uma and her family all the best for the upcoming birth in May.

We welcome a number of new staff to the College this Term:

- Lindsay Cooper – Head of Mathematics in the Secondary School;
- Maureen O’Hara - Teaching in the area of Students with Special Needs in the Secondary School;
- Sharon Bluett - Replacement contract teaching position in the Secondary School for Term 2;
- Amanda Giardina – Education Support Services part-time administrative role in the Resource Centre;
- Susan Gepp - Education Support Services full-time Maternity Leave replacement position in the Accounts Department;
- Daniella Gamboni - Learning Support Assistant in the Primary School until the end of this year.

I am sure that all new staff will be made very welcome to Marymede Catholic College.

Paul D’Astoli
Principal

FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

FAITH AND MISSION (P-12) NEWS

From ashes to the dawn of hope and peace

We have journeyed with Christ from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday; from ashes to the dawn of eternal life with its everlasting joy, hope and peace. Our Lenten journey may be finished but as we commence the third week after Easter, the message of Christ’s resurrection is as relevant in the ordinariness of our daily life as it was during the six weeks of Lent; the message of being loving people at home and being diligent and honest in our workplace, walking the extra mile with our students and our teachers, living lives with responsibility to the environment, and sharing our resources with the needy, standing up for social justice, consciously using inclusive language, treating all those who come or aspire to come to our country, with the dignity and respect that their humanity deserves and trying to understand and live in harmony with people of other faiths

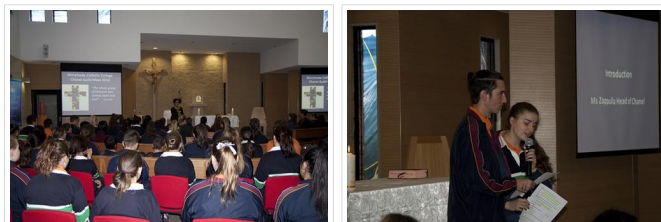
At Easter, we have the death of the One, Jesus Christ, for the sake of many. He dies so that we do not have to. Although we die physically, the point of Easter is that Jesus in his perfection has suffered this terrible fate so that the rest of us in our imperfection may be spared the experience. We have the possibility, opportunity and promise of a new and abiding relationship with God.

In other words, through the death of Jesus comes life and hope, a new understanding of life as God intended from the beginning of time. The world has been changed, with the original purpose of creation – a relationship with God has been renewed. So as we proclaim Christ in the words of Thomas the apostle when recognition dawned on him: **“My Lord and my God” (John 20:28)**, may our lives always and truly be filled with the peace, joy and hope of the Resurrection.

CELEBRATIONS

Successful Spirit of Guild Masses

Following the huge success of the Romero and Chisholm Guild Masses evidenced by the number of “Fresh Faces” who took part in various roles during Mass, turned up for rehearsal and displayed exemplary Guild Spirit through their reverent and enthusiastic manner during each of the Masses, Chanel Guild Mass followed suit this week. Fr Joseph Olickal, our new Chaplain in addition to Fr Maurie Cooney always invites the participation of the students during his homily through the enactment of little vignettes or stories with a strong message relevant to the theme of the Mass. We thank Fr Joseph for his support.



PARENTS AND EXTENDED FAMILIES - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- McCormack Guild Mass - Tuesday 20 May
- Marcellin Guild Mass – Thursday 19 June

Forthcoming Events:

- Reflection Days - Year 11 (8 May); Year 9 (21 May)
- Catholic Family Week 5 – 11 May.

Senior Student Leaders Jaya Sharma, Calin Sinclair, Navjit Sidhu, Annie Sprague and Jack Kerr who have formally been appointed Family Week Ambassadors by CatholicCare will lead a variety of activities for their peers like the Lap-a-thon and Coin-a-thon and participate in the Mother’s Day Liturgy and Morning Tea on May 9.

Judeline Wadhvani
Head of Faith and Mission (P-12)

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL PRIMARY

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you enjoyed the Easter break and had the opportunity to spend time with your family and friends. Welcome to the newly enrolled students and their families who have joined our community this Term and to the newly-appointed staff members.

Please be advised that Amy Ross, College Psychologist has relocated from the Chapel building to the student wellbeing offices in House 5. Amy works closely with many primary students and their families. Her presence in House 5 will enhance access to her by the primary students, staff and families.

As you will read, there are many and varied activities and events planned for this Term, a number of which are summarised as follows. Today is a Guild Day for the Primary students. They had the opportunity to participate in the termly Guild Walk to School Day and to be part of their Guild Assemblies, led by the Guild Student Leaders and teachers. This Term our Football

and Netball teams, along with the Cross Country teams, will be training and playing in the Guild and Interschool competitions.

The Year 4 students and teachers have commenced preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist to be held on Sunday 20 July at 2.00pm at St Patricks Cathedral. As part of this preparation the College will be conducting Eucharist Family Workshops next Tuesday 6 May at 5.00pm and 7.00pm in the College Chapel. These workshops will be facilitated by our College Chaplain Fr Maurie Cooney.

The Year 6 students are off to Canberra this Term. On Thursday 8 May at 7.00pm we welcome the parents of the current Year 6 students to the Auditorium for the Year 6 Camp Information Session. Following the great success of our 2013 Year 6 Camp, this year we are again offering our Year 6 students the wonderful opportunity to participate in an educational tour to Canberra, in the latter part of the Term. Full details will be disseminated at the Information Session.

Mothers are very important people in our lives. To celebrate our mothers, the Prep students will be holding a very special assembly for their mothers in the Auditorium on Friday 9 May at 9.15am. The Parents and Friends Committee will be hosting a Morning Tea for the mothers of all College students in the Fitness Centre at 10.00am on Friday 9 May. Mothers of all Primary students are welcome to visit their child/children's classrooms from 9.00am onwards, before proceeding down to the Fitness Centre for Morning Tea at 10.00am.

The annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commences on Tuesday 13 May for students in Years 3 and Year 5. These cohorts of primary students are being well-prepared for the national assessments by their teachers.

Earlier this week we held a Prep 2015 Twilight Information Session and Tours for prospective parents. Applications close on 16 May and the Interviews of 2015 Prep applicants and their families will be held on Wednesday 4 June.

The excitement among the students and staff is building up to the opening night, on Thursday 15 May of 'Annie', our 2014 College Production. Be sure to get in early to secure your tickets.

CYBER SAFETY MESSAGE

Marymede Catholic College takes the issue of the Cyber safety of students very seriously and have taken a proactive approach to this confronting issue over several years. In 2011 and again in October 2013 all Upper Primary students participated in workshops with Susan McLean, Australian's foremost expert in Cyber safety. Through the Primary wellbeing programs, at each year level, all Primary students are explicitly taught strategies for keeping themselves safe online.

All Primary parents also had the opportunity to attend an evening Cyber safety Parent Workshop. The information from the Cyber safety Parent Workshops remains on the College website at

<http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/news-and-events/5/article/51/cybersafety-seminar/>

and can also be found on Susan McLean's website at www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au

Whereas inappropriate behaviour online, mostly occurs at home, as a school we need to work to resolve issues where the student's online behaviour affects their relationships within the school community.

It is of concern to myself, the teachers and College Leaders, that a small number of students in the Upper Primary years, under the age of 13, have been using social media sites (such as Kik), placing themselves in danger of being exposed to inappropriate content, cyber bullying and harassment, 'sexting' and identity theft. As parents, you have a crucial role to play in the minimising of cyberbullying, 'sexting' and harassing behaviours online.

Sites such as Kik, Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat, iTunes, YouTube and others have rules that require their users to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account. Providing false information to create an account is a violation of each site's Terms and Conditions of Use which must not be violated. These rules are in place for very good reasons and we expect students at Marymede Catholic College and their parents to obey them. It is our policy and expectation that parents and their children uphold the State and Commonwealth Laws, as well as the guidelines set by social networking sites, with regard to their child's use of such sites.

Whilst the internet offers users wonderful benefits, the dangers for young children using sites that are clearly not designed for them cannot be ignored. We teach children to be respectful and not to lie. We expect all members of our school community to assist us in ensuring that they do not allow children to lie in order to access online sites. All sites allow adults to close 'fake' accounts as well as allowing others who care for children to report them as under age users.

Each site will have a 'help' facility where you can navigate to the correct part of the account to report an underage user. If this is proving difficult then a simple 'delete' my account will suffice.

We look forward to your continued support in the education of your children and with this very important child safety issue.

Liz Crane
Deputy Principal Primary

SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

NAPLAN

A letter was sent home recently regarding the annual NAPLAN tests which students in Years 7 and 9 will sit from Tuesday 13 May– Thursday 15 May. These tests cover Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy Skills. Testing will take place in Period 1 (and some of Period 2) in normal classrooms. If a student is sick on one of these days but would like to do the test they have missed, they will need to see me and I will arrange a time for them to do it on Friday 16 May.

The only items permitted in the test room are pens and pencils, a pencil sharpener and eraser and a calculator for one of the Numeracy tests. Please ensure that your son/daughter has this equipment organised.

Holidays During Term Time

Parents wishing to arrange holidays for students during Term need to notify the Deputy Principal (Secondary) for authorisation, specifying the time of absence and return dates.

It is not school policy to provide students with work at this time. However, students can always access school email accounts and Learning Areas (on Simon) where they can access assignments and worksheets in most subject areas. Unfortunately, these students will miss valuable in class instruction, explanation, discussion and feedback and they will have to request an extension in advance for any assignments that are due while they are absent.

Andrea Agnew

Head of Learning and Teaching 7-12



PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

YEAR 11 and 12 Drama

The Years 11 and 12 Students have commenced their Ensemble Performance tasks, focusing on the theme of 'A Centenary of Migration'. The ensembles will be presented Monday 26 May at 5:00pm in the Auditorium. All welcome.

YEAR 9 and 10 Drama

The Years 9 and 10 students have also begun work on Ensemble tasks. The Year 9 students are creating a ten minute performance based on the theme of 'Acceptance' for the CEOM Student Wellbeing Drama Festival. Historically, Marymede Catholic College has received wonderful feedback on our performances and look forward to the same this year.

The Year 10 students are creating short Ensembles for their Semester 1 Performance Examination based on the Black Saturday Bushfires. The students' playmaking process is based on the work of Verbatim Theatre / Documentary Drama which uses real life experiences to create Drama.

Annie Rehearsals

During the Term 1 holidays, the Annie Secondary Cast spent two days putting the show together. It was satisfying to see the final touches of direction, music and choreography. Ms Dahl's dog Marley ('Sandy') joined us and revealed he has been practising lots at home.

Sunday rehearsals commenced over the long weekend, as we worked towards finishing our final number, 'N.Y.C.'. Mr Guzman joined us to take cast photographs for the program.

This week all students received a comprehensive pack outlining arrangements for final rehearsals and production week. This booklet should be the only document referred to from now on. As production staff are incredibly busy practically 24/7 in the lead up to Annie, we ask that you consult this guide before

contacting us as it should answer all your questions. Below are the key dates listed in that document:

Sunday rehearsal 1 Marymede	Sunday 27th April 10am-4pm 9.45am-4.30pm: Adult Ensemble/ Dancers, Annie, Warbucks, Grace 11am-3.30pm: All backstage crew members 1.30pm-4.30pm: Roosevelt, Drake Everyone else is not required today and should revise at home.
Sunday rehearsal 2 Marymede	Sunday 4th May All <u>Secondary</u> cast and crew required 9am-5pm Final costume call, full runs through, set construction, painting etc. Sunday 4th May All <u>Primary</u> cast required 11.30am-2.30pm Final rehearsal
Saturday rehearsal and Sitz Probe Marymede	Saturday 10th May All <u>Secondary</u> cast and crew required 9am – 5pm Final run through, sitz probe, set construction, painting etc. Saturday 10th May All <u>Primary</u> cast required 9am-1pm Final run through
Bump In & Tech Run PRACC	Monday 12th May All <u>Secondary</u> cast and crew required 8.45am-4pm Do not go to school meet at PRACC at 8.45am Please bring own cold/lunch snacks/ water bottle with pop top Please bring any personal costume/ makeup items
Dress Rehearsals PRACC	Tuesday 13th May All <u>Secondary</u> cast and crew required 9.30am-9.30pm Do not go to school meet at PRACC at 9.30am Pizza dinner will be provided for Secondary cast/crew Please bring own cold/lunch snacks/ water bottle with pop top Tuesday 13th May All <u>Primary</u> cast required 3.15pm-5.30pm Bus will be provided from MmCC to PRACC departing at 3.15pm Parents to pick up students at 5.30pm at PRACC
School Preview Performance PRACC	Wednesday 14th May All <u>Secondary</u> cast and crew required 9.30am-3.30pm Do not go to school – meet at PRACC at 9.30am Please bring own cold/lunch snacks/ water bottle with pop top
Show 1	Thursday 15th May

PRACC	All <u>Secondary</u> cast and crew required 5:00pm-11:00pm (approximately) All <u>Puppies Primary</u> cast required 6:30pm-11:00pm (approximately) School as usual today
Show 2 PRACC	Friday 16th May All <u>Secondary</u> cast and crew required 5:00pm-11:00pm (approximately) All <u>Kittens Primary</u> cast required 6:30pm-11:00pm (approximately) School as usual today
Show 3 & Bump Out PRACC	Saturday 17th May All <u>Secondary</u> cast and crew required 2:00pm-9:00pm (approximately) All <u>Ducks Primary</u> cast required 4:00pm-11:00pm (approximately)

Annie Tee Shirts

Please note tee shirts may be worn to school with the College PE Uniform during production week only (May 12-19). Casual clothes/Annie tee shirt may be worn on weekend and holiday rehearsals.

Annie Ticket Bookings

Ticket bookings are online only and opened over the school holidays. At the time of writing, we have sold nearly 50% of tickets. Please book ASAP so that you don't miss out.

To book:

- Find the link on the College website or book directly at: <http://www.trybooking.com/EPXQ>
- Tickets are priced at Adult \$26, Concession (Pensioner/Post-Secondary Student/Concession Card holder) \$22 and Child / School Student (Primary/Secondary student or child aged 2-18) \$18.
- Please note that proof of concession will be checked at the venue. Please do not book tickets for yourself or other patrons unless the person occupying the seat shows a valid card (student card, Health Care Card – unless obviously a child), otherwise they will need to pay for an Adult ticket on the night.
- Online bookings will close at 3:00pm (11.30am for Saturday 5:00pm show) for performances on that evening. Remaining tickets will be available at the Theatre cash only.

If you have any questions regarding tickets, please email Jenny.Priest@marymede.vic.edu.au .

Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts
Producer and Director, Annie

CAREERS NEWS

Important Dates

This Term will be very busy term for Careers

- Year 10 Thursday 8 May Age Careers Expo. Please check that your young person has completed and returned the Permission Form.
- Year 12 VCE Wednesday 21 May Tertiary Information Session and University Experience Day at LaTrobe University. Please check that your young person has completed and returned the Permission Form.
- Year 10 and 11 Thursday 22 May Marymede Careers Expo
- Year 10 9-13 June Work Experience.

Please check out the Marymede Careers website at <http://www.marymedecareers.com/>

and while you are there have a look at the latest Careers Newsletter, which comes out fortnightly. It is packed with the latest news, course, and open and experience days.

Parents Talking Career Choices

Positive and encouraging parental influence can produce great results and boost a child's confidence in making Career choices. However parents may feel hesitant about their ability to provide their child with the support, attention or advice they think is needed.

The Australian Government Department of Education publishes a brochure, titled 'Parents talking Career Choices' which may assist parents to provide their children with career advice. The 2014 English version is now available to download from the myfuture website. It includes advice on the best ways for parents to support their child's Career planning and identifies relevant resources and websites.

The 2013 brochure is also available in 24 other languages.

Essentials for Working Teenagers

There are lots of issues to consider if your teenager is starting work, from tax rules to balancing work and school commitments. Here are the top things we think you should know as a parent of a working teenager.

Paying Tax

- Your teenager will need a tax file number (TFN), otherwise their employer will be required to withhold up to 50% of their income in tax.
- If your child is 12 years of age or younger a parent will be required to sign the application form and they will need to provide two forms of identification.

The easiest way for them to get a tax file number is through the Secondary School TFN Program. The school will verify the child's identity for you. Forms can be collected from and completed forms returned to the Careers Office.

- The tax free threshold for 2012/13 financial year is \$18,200. If the child's income is under this they will not be taxed.

- Your child must remember to claim the tax free threshold on their tax file number declaration but remember this can only be claimed for one employer.
- If the payment summary received from the employer at the end of the financial year shows that your child is under the threshold but has paid some tax, they can lodge a return to get a refund of some or all of the money.

Superannuation

- To be eligible to have contributions made by an employer while you are under the age of 18 the child must work a 30 hour week and earn over \$450 gross in a calendar month (this may occur over school holidays).
- If your child falls into this category, the compulsory amount of Superannuation to be paid into their super account by their employer is 9% of their earnings.

Opening a Bank Account

- Your child will need to open a Bank Account so their employer can pay them directly.
- They can apply to open a Bank Account online.
- They will need to provide their TFN during the application process or take it to the branch later.
- If this is their first account with the bank they will need to attend the bank with 100 points of identification. This can be their birth certificate or passport as primary ID which is worth 70 points. A Learners Permit, Student ID card and Medicare Card should see them clear to 100 points.

Time Management

- Discuss with your teenager a realistic start time for work, to allow enough time between finishing school and getting to work. This way they won't be late or stressed about getting there on time.
- Discuss also how much work they would like to do and what is a good balance between work time and school time. Do not forget kids need time to socialise and to do nothing at all to recharge their batteries.
- You could help them create a timetable of work and homework to ensure they have enough time to complete everything and not neglect either responsibility.

PREMIER'S SPIRIT OF ANZAC PRIZE

Premier's Spirit of ANZAC Prize

Marymede Catholic College is delighted to welcome back Michael Manoussakis (Year 11) from his study tour as part of the Victorian Premier's 'Spirit of ANZAC Prize' 2014-15. He travelled to Turkey, Greece, Belgium and France visiting sites where Australians have served. His experiences of entering the competition will be presented at the Senior School Assembly next week.

Years 9 and 10 students are encouraged to consider entering the 2014-15 competition that of course will have the added

significance of being the Centenary of the Gallipoli Landing at ANZAC Cove. Please visit the website (<http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/index.php/veterans/premiers-spirit-of-anzac-prize/premiers-spirit-of-anzac-prize-2013-14>) for further information or speak directly to Michael. It would be wonderful to have Marymede represented on the study tour next year. Contact your History teacher if you are interested in this exciting opportunity.



The Spirit of ANZAC students at East Mudros Military Cemetery, Lemnos, Greece



The Spirit of ANZAC students among the crowd at the Last Post Ceremony, Menin Gate, Belgium

SECONDARY SPORT

GUILD ATHLETICS DAY

Last Wednesday on 23 April the Guilds competed in the 2014 Guild Athletics day. It was a very successful day with all the students enjoying it very much. Well done to all the students for competing for their respective Guilds and cheering all day long. Congratulations to Chisholm who were this year's winners of the day.



YEAR 10 BASKETBALL TEAM

On Thursday the 24 of April the Year 10 Boys Basketball Team travelled to Diamond Valley Basketball Stadium to compete against Penola for the Premier League Title. Huge congratulations to the boys who came out 21 point winners on the day. It was a fantastic effort not losing a game all season. The boys represented Marymede exceptionally well and played the game in the right spirit all day. Congratulations boys.



YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION TO THE MURRAY DARLING BASIN

The Year 12 Geography excursion to the Murray Darling Basin allowed a first-hand encounter between Marymede Catholic College students and the 'Basin People' in their natural habitat. This led to an incredibly intellectual conversation that brought their vast education and cultural identity to the forefront. Tim and Luke were lucky enough to have the opportunity to have an in depth discussion about the threats to their livelihood and the responses to conflicts in the area.

Our guest speaker Paul asked the students to officially become casual Murray Goulburn Safety inspectors for recreational facilities and discuss future management plans for their use. Paul then gave a short but intense presentation about the use of the Murray Goulburn Weir and the distribution of water and the conflict that results.

Sharing an excursion with Penola Catholic College provided an opportunity to assess the competition and decide that in fact they felt they were in pretty good stead. In saying this some of them have decided to meet up for future study dates.

Some of the highlights of this trip other than the education values themselves were. Meeting Black Caviar, meeting the Basin Doppelganger, meeting Shrek and learning the true meaning of photo-bombing, playing spot the llama and learning to know and love Woolamaia the Class Penguin. The most important thing the students learnt was that despite having an expert from the area come and speak to them, that they had done so much work in class that they knew it all anyway.



We found great irony in the fact that our driver had unique navigational skills whilst on a Geography Excursion. At one point we thought we were lost but really it was just the beginning of our new "BASIN LIFE".

Kelly Hack
Geography Teacher

PRIMARY FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

2014 FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILY WORKSHOP

Please keep the Year 4 students in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist. The First Eucharist Masses will be held at St Patricks Cathedral at 2:00pm.

As indicated in earlier communication, the Family Workshops for students preparing to celebrate their First Eucharist will be held on **Tuesday May 3 at 5:00pm and 7:00pm** in the College Chapel. Thank you to all the parents of students making this Sacrament for returning your form indicating which workshop you will be attending. Fr Maurie Cooney will lead these workshops, supported by myself and the Year 4 teachers.

ANZAC DAY

Last Thursday the Primary School acknowledged Anzac Day with a Prayer Service. We recognised the sacrifices of our Servicemen and Women in the various wars and conflicts our country has been involved in over the years and in current times.

Marymede Catholic College was represented at the Whittlesea ANZAC Day March by our Primary Leaders Anugi Perera and Nicholas Vermeullen, who laid a wreath on behalf of the College community.

Mrs Nicole Pegler
Head of Primary Faith and Mission

Whittlesea ANZAC Day March

On ANZAC Day, April 26, we, Anugi Perera and Nicholas Vermeulen, were chosen to walk in the ANZAC Day March through Whittlesea. It was a beautiful day when we arrived at the Bowls Club, our starting destination.

The March started at 2.30pm with us holding wreaths and marching to the beat of the band playing. The 'Whittlesea Arch Memorial' was our first stop. We laid our wreath down in front of two crosses beside each other. The Last Post was played and everyone paid their respects to friends, relatives and everyone who has made the ultimate sacrifice in war.

The March continued through Whittlesea to the 'Soldier Memorial' which is another Memorial in Whittlesea. Again schools and former Army Veterans laid wreaths and flowers to honour the soldiers. The Last Post was played again in addition to the Australian and New Zealand National Anthems.

We felt honoured to take part in the day and represent the Marymede College Community.

Anugi Perera and Nicholas Vermeulen
Primary School Leaders

PRIMARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2014 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May 2014. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and Principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 16 May 2014.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN Report. The Report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

I am confident that the information you receive as a result of your child's participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child's progress in literacy and Numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

Reading Stars

25 nights

Eliana Cavar, Christian Melchiorre, Samuel D'Agostino, Cayla Roumeliotis, Christian Nicolaou, Chloe Daniele, Chloe Dias

50 nights

Nerissa Diaz, Suchiti Sangwan, Veronica Leon- Vizcaino, Yeshine Agampodi, Joshua Marturano.

Mrs Nicole Pegler

Head of Primary Learning and Teaching

PRIMARY GUILD NEWS

Easter Extravaganza

Congratulations to the Year 6 team for the excellent Easter Play they performed on the last day of Term 1. Many Year 5 students are already looking forward to being part of the Play in 2015 and accepting the responsibility of passing on the Easter Story to rest of the school.

Marcellin continued on their winning ways taking home the Easter Guild Bunny.

Current Ladder at the beginning of Term 2

1st Marcellin
2nd Chanel and Chisholm
3rd Romero
4th McAuley
5th McCormack



REGISTRAR NEWS

Family Contact Details

During Term 1 the College sent home Student/Family Information Forms to be updated with any new contact details. Should you have a change in contact details such as home address, phone numbers or email address, please contact the Main Office on 9407-9000 or registrar@marymed.vic.edu.au to submit the new information.

2015 Enrolments

Year 7, 2015 offers have been mailed home and the final date for acceptance of all offers is Friday May 9, 2014. We will be in contact with families shortly regarding the transition process for Year 7 2015, which will take place in the coming months. We look forward to welcoming a new cohort of families into the Secondary School in 2015. Prep Enrolments for 2015 are now open and will close on May 16, 2014. Application forms can be found at the Main Office or on our College website.

College Facebook Page

Be sure to 'like' the official Marymede Catholic College Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/marymedecatholiccollege to keep up with exciting news and events at the College. The page is updated regularly and is a great form of communication between the College and community. Please be reminded that it is NOT a requirement for a parent to have their own Facebook account in order to view the College page. Information and news can be read by simply visiting the above link.

Email Addresses

Our College uses email as a major form of communication to families. Please ensure that your family has supplied the College with a valid and current email address to avoid missing out on valuable information regarding news and events. It is a College requirement for all families to have a minimum of one valid, working email address. To submit an email address or check your existing email address, please contact the College at registrar@marymed.vic.edu.au

School Bus Service

Marymede Catholic College is now running three chartered buses to and from the College each day. This will provide students with a more effective and efficient service compared to the previous two bus system. As a result of the change, the College now has 'full pass' seats available on each route. Term 2 Bus Passes are available at a cost of \$350.00. These will be allocated to students on a first come, first serve basis. The new timetables and routes can be found on our College Website. For further information regarding the School Bus service please contact the College on 9407-9000.

Matthew Luczek
Registrar

CANTEEN NEWS

We would like to take this opportunity to advise you of some exciting changes happening in the Canteen. The Canteen is now open daily from 8.00am to 8.30am offering a light breakfast consisting of cereal, toast and smoothies. All other items (except for hot food) are also available for purchase. The Canteen is also selling a variety of Sushi on a daily basis. Please note due to food safety issues, Sushi is unavailable as a lunch order on Flexi School. We apologise for any inconvenience.

We are still seeking volunteers to assist us in the Canteen. It does not have to be a full day - a few hours of your time would be appreciated. It is a great way to meet new people. We are lucky enough to have a wonderful team of ladies that will make you feel at ease.

Kate and Connie
Canteen Co-Supervisors