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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

It was with a great deal of pleasure that we witnessed the beautiful College events leading up to Mother's Day last Sunday. I am sure that all our Mothers had a wonderful day.

Last Friday our Prep classes held a special Assembly during which they sang and read about what was special about their Mothers. The rest of the Primary classes welcomed their Mothers to their classrooms and held their own special program.

Our Years 7 and 8 classes held a special Mother's Day liturgy of prayers and the presentation of a rose for each Mother, Grandmother and significant person. This was held in our Chapel. The liturgy is an initiative of our Head of Faith and Mission Ms Judeline Wadhvani and Head of Religious Education Mr Riccardo Luele.

The liturgy was followed by a wonderful Morning Tea organised by our Parents' and Friends Committee who worked so hard to make the day a memorable one for our Mothers.

Marymede Catholic College Scholarship Program

I would like to remind you that applications for our Scholarship Program close on Friday May 23. Details of the Scholarships on offer and application forms are located on our website. It is pleasing to see that we already have a good number of applications and we encourage all parents and students to consider this opportunity that is now available.

The Scholarship testing day will be held on Saturday May 31 commencing 8.30am. Those candidates that are short listed will be interviewed shortly thereafter and the successful students and their parents will be informed before the end of this term.

"Annie" Production

This week sees our Musical Production "Annie". I am looking forward to seeing a performance with my wife Mary, our daughter and grandchildren. I would like to congratulate the cast and the many staff under the direction of Miss Angie Bedford for all their hard work to showcase the talent of our students at Marymede Catholic College. A full list of acknowledgements will be in the next edition of the Newsletter.

SACCSS Cross Country

Last week saw our Cross Country Team compete in SACCSS Cross Country at Brimbank Park, Keilor. I would like to congratulate the team and their Coaches, Ms Annemarie Kane and Mr James Paraskeva for the preparation of the team and the wholehearted effort of our students.

Next week will see our athletes in action in the Association of Co-educational Schools Athletics Carnival. We wish our team well.

Naplan

This week saw the annual Naplan test being conducted for our Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. These tests provide both the parents and the school a snap shot of how our students compare with their counterparts in other schools across the State.

Parents will be provided with a report of how their children performed against the national average. The College will receive data that will be able to further assist us to improve the teaching and learning given to our students.

Staff News

I wish to congratulate two of our staff members on the recent birth of their children:

Mrs Libby Audley and husband Luke on the arrival of their daughter Eleanor Margaret and Mrs Uma Devadas and her husband Biju on the arrival of their son, who is yet to be named.

I know that these new arrivals have already given much joy to both families.

Paul D'Astoli
Principal

FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

"feed my lambs, feed my sheep" (John 21:15-17)

We are in the third week of Easter, when we continue to recall and reflect on the significance of the Resurrection appearances of Jesus Christ and their relevance to us in the 21st Century as we grapple with so many conflicting and time-consuming demands.

In the dawn by the seashore, going about their business of bringing in the catch, heavy of heart no doubt following the death of their best friend and mentor whom they acknowledged at different times as Rabbi and Lord and following a breakfast of bread and fish, Peter is asked by Jesus whether he loves Jesus. Peter replies with a resolute: "Yes Lord; you know that I love

you.” (v.15). Each time, Jesus tells him to feed his lambs and his sheep.” What would these words signify for us today? Who are the lambs and sheep we are being asked to look after?

Last Thursday Year 11 students and RE teachers attended a Reflection Day with a difference. We visited seven outreach organisations in the city of Melbourne that on a daily basis feed the lambs and sheep of this city and do this in a spirit of service and generosity, with the utmost respect for the dignity of each person they serve. Throughout the time spent at each of these places, we encountered first-hand the need of so many people living on the margins of society, who but for the dedication of the volunteers at these outreach places, would have no place in which to be “fed” in a range of ways from actual meals, to the feeding of their intellect and creativity, their need for companionship and communication. We even met at one of these places, the gentleman who we were told was the “architect of Superannuation” in the Labor Government in the 1980s.

Many of our students came away reflecting deeply on how a lot of less fortunate people live. Importantly, many of them came away with a determination to volunteer their services to the needy people with whom they had interacted. Term 3 should see a good amount of student outreach taking place so that we can be aware that we have started taking small steps towards following the message of Christ: **“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Matt 25:40)**

Parents And Extended Families – Dates For Your Diary

- McCormack Guild Mass - Tuesday May 20 (Chapel)
- Marcellin Guild Mass – Thursday June 19 (Chapel)
- Sacred heart Mass –Thursday June 26 – 9.30 am (Secondary); 12.00 pm (Primary) – Fitness Centre

Forthcoming Events

- Reflection Day - Year 9 (May 21) – Holy Cross Centre Templestowe
- Year 12 Residential Retreat – June 16-18 – Rutherford Park Retreat Blampied (near Daylesford)

Judeline Wadhvani

Head of Faith and Mission (P-12)

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL SECONDARY

Successful Leaders

We often read about successful leaders in society and the ‘talents or qualities’ they possess which enabled their success. Within a Secondary School education, our mission is to educate young people to achieve success. However, success does not just happen. It requires tenacity, perseverance, resilience, courage and persistence.

This week, I have reflected on the life of Tommy Hafey. Many of our young people at Marymede Catholic College will not know this legendary man, coach, father, husband, friend and motivational speaker, but I would like to think that his personal mantra on being a successful human being becomes part of

their way of life. Tommy Hafey’s simple, yet powerful mantra; *“Desire plus Dedication plus Discipline plus Determination equals your Destination”* is worth taking the time to reflect on.

How does anyone measure success?

How can we work in harmony together to ensure your son’s/ daughter’s, our students, are successful, not only at school, in the workplace, but as human beings, future citizens and leaders of Australia.

What does a successful destination look like for our students?

Here at Marymede Catholic College, we would hope that for our students success also means they have a deep sense and understanding of the injustices within their community, country and world. In addition, they actively champion against the injustices faced by those suffering because of poverty, war and prejudice.

As parents and educators, our impact and effect on ensuring the students at Marymede Catholic College reach their successful destination will be far more powerful if we join together in partnership to ensure the message of success is heard and lived by every student.

Finally, I commend to you for your consideration and reflection on what a successful life can look like if we follow Tommy Hafey’s personal mantra; *“Desire plus Dedication plus Discipline plus Determination equals your Destination”*

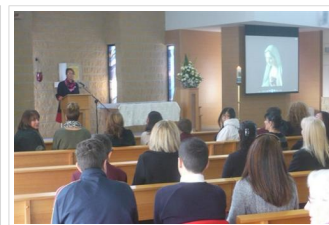
Mother’s Day Celebrations

My sincere thanks and gratitude to our wonderful Parents’ and Friends Committee for providing an opportunity to celebrate our very special mums last Friday, May 9.

It is worth noting that most of the morning tea was prepared by our mums, at no cost to the College. We thank them for their generosity.

Special thanks to Mr Conor Fennell, along with our Parents’ and Friends who made all of the lovely scones.

Friday morning was a significant moment in the story at Marymede Catholic College. Over 350 mothers, grandmothers, aunties and special friends shared memories, highlights and the joy of being significant women in the lives of our children.



Robyn Roberts

Deputy Principal Secondary

SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

“ANNIE” Underway

As you read this Newsletter the dedicated team of staff, students and parents are bringing to life our College production.

I have had the pleasure of supporting this team of parents and staff members and have been witness to the logistics, organisation and intricate details of putting together a professional standard show. Our young people involved in the cast and crew have developed many skills in commitment, leadership, creativity and much more – an unquestionable learning experience. Co-ordination of drama, dance and music, props, mics and costumes...we ought to all be proud of this achievement.

Next Round of Immunisations

The Immunisation Program for all Year 7, Year 9 Boys and all Year 10 is as follows:

Monday March 24	Year 7 HPV Dose 1 Year 9 Boys HPV Dose 1
Monday May 26	Year 7 HPV Dose 2 Year 9 Boys HPV Dose 2 Year 10 Boostrix
Wednesday November 5	Year 7 HPV Dose 3 & Chickenpox Year 9 Boys HPV Dose 3 Year 10 Boostrix catch-up.

Consent cards will be sent home with students. These all need to be returned with a YES or NO by Wednesday May 21.

School Photos – Monday May 19

All Secondary Students will have Tutor Group and individual photos taken on Monday 19 from 9.00am. Presentation:

- Full Winter Uniform including School Jumper and Blazer;
- Tie, neatly knotted with top shirt button done up;
- No make-up or excess jewellery; earrings to be a silver or gold sleeper or stud in the lobe of the ear;
- Long hair to be tied back; extreme difference in length of hair (e.g. short undercut with long hair on top) to be rectified; hair colour natural.

A Year 7 and a Year 12 Group photo will be taken also.

Students not presenting well in uniform will not have their photo taken. Photo envelopes are to be brought with students on the day.

Marymede – An ‘I Can’ Pilot School In 2014

Along with Camberwell Grammar, St Bernadette’s Catholic Primary School in Ivanhoe, the Northern School for Autism and a number of other schools, Marymede will be launching a mentoring program for our young people diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The goals of this program include developing self-confidence, awareness and use of positive language (‘I CAN’) in promoting the special skills and interests our young people with differences have. We are supported by the ‘I CAN’ Network, founded by Chris Varney. An information evening will be held later this term for parents and students and trained mentors will be involved in a start-up workshop with our young people.

Continued Parental Support and Communication

Our students are maturing into fine young men and women, with greater awareness of the impact and consequences of the choices they make. Our Tutor Teachers, Heads of Guild and subject teachers are dedicated to providing our students with opportunities to take responsibility for their own learning and participate in all activities that can contribute to their personal growth and wellbeing. As parents/ guardians, your support for the measures associated with these opportunities is vital.

Students are well aware of the methods of communication and are well informed of events and expectations. Where a student falls short of meeting expectations, there are consequences:

- Uniform or behavioural breach can result in a Friday afternoon detention;
- Bringing the College into disrepute can result in a suspension;
- Missing an assessment task deadline results in a Wednesday Academic detention;
- Disrespect of others can result in a restorative action/ mediation with a focus on repairing damage to relationships.

This is a snapshot of actions and consequences. Where appropriate, parents are included in the restorative process. Please communicate with your child’s Tutor Teacher and/or Head of Guild in regard to anything that relates to their learning experience at Marymede.

Resource for VCE Units 3 and 4

<https://edrolo.com.au/>

The College has taken the step of investing in this VCE resource - edrolo. All students undertaking a Unit 3 and 4 sequence and their teachers have been registered to use this resource. Training for teachers and Year 12 students occurred this week. Features include:

- Aligned to VCAA VCE study designs;
- Videos on key knowledge prepared by assessors and teachers in the field of study;
- Sample exam questions, quizzes and self-reflection tools;
- Teachers can track students and their use of the resource and answers to questions;
- Can be set as homework tasks and used if a teacher is absent;
- Supplementary text references provided.

Some studies are still undergoing development and will have features progressively uploaded. Students will be emailed supplementary material and updates from edrolo.

Julia Wake
Head of Secondary

Chisholm News

Chisholm this year we believe is a very lucky Guild; not only do we have Drew and myself as Guild Captains in 2014, but we also have both College Captains Calin Sinclair and Jaya

Sharma, Sport Captain Jordan Ferraro and Co-Captain of Faith and Liturgy Kiana Rigney. Though these people listed are our recognised leaders, Drew and I believe that our whole Guild shows leadership - each person in their own special way - which brings us together, not only just a Guild, but as a family.

A lot has happened in the previous months; Chisholm held a fundraiser for 'Habitat for Humanity' and raised the significant amount of \$378.00 by selling chocolate bars, bags of lollies and lollypops to students and teachers. At the end of the date, selected Chisholm students were cupid and sent out to inform students were liked by a person in the school or had a secret admirer. We would like to thank everyone for his or her participation in the event.

Not only was our fundraising fantastic but Chisholm was lucky to have an excellent Feast Day, in which we were able to celebrate our Guild Mass on the Friday and have the lunch with the whole Guild on the Monday so all members of our Guild could be a part of the celebrations. Our senior students showed their excellent leadership in helping Mr. Kennedy and all our teachers with preparing all the food and making sure that our Feast Day ran smoothly. The burgers and chips were a success and after our wonderful lunch was consumed, Chisholm students were entertained with console games like FIFA and Need for Speed.

Although Chisholm had this Feast Day, this was not the highlight of our Guild success. We celebrated a glorious victory worthy of retelling. *Guild Athletics*. What a success. Teagan and I, prior to the event, addressed the whole Guild to inform everyone that Guild Athletics was something we were very passionate about. We made sure we had every event filled, as was advised by Mr. McConn, his advice being that if there were participants in every event we would either place or be first. This gave Teagan and I a mission to make sure we had students for every event. On the day, our performance on the track and field was fantastic; we had all students from Years 7 to Year 12 interacting with each other and we had students making sure they were going to race. Some boys were even competing for a spot in the relay. We had students taking other students places if they were injured or feeling unwell. *Every event was filled*. And now looking back, we are proud to say, we did it. Chisholm's hard work finally paid off. *We won*. We hope Chisholm continues this reign of success forever. We are no longer the under dogs. And we have come back to reclaim our title.

A significant upcoming event for Chisholm is our volunteering day for Habitat for Humanity that will occur on June 21 in which a group of volunteers will accompany Mr. Kennedy in assisting the building of homes for those less fortunate. We hope that the day is an opportunity for others in the Guild to give back to people and show that they are grateful for what they have as others are struggling.

We would like to thank Mr. Kennedy for all his hard work and we believe he just does a terrific job as our Head of Guild. He has a heart of gold and as a Guild we appreciate all that you do for us.



Teagan Carlton and Drew Roberts Marymede Students

Chanel News

This year has been an exciting year for Chanel. From collecting loose change to donate to UNICEF, to celebrating among the tropics on our Feast Day, we certainly have been busy.

As leaders of Chanel, Trent and I have been very proud of our Guild achievements over the past term and have been very busy organising our Feast Day, Guild events and fundraisers. Last Tuesday we celebrated our Feast Day which was a day full of community, friendship and celebration. We had a lovely mass and would like to thank Ms Wadhvani for her efforts in preparing the service as well as the students who took part in the readings.

Following this, we had our tropical themed feast with a scrumptious fish and chip lunch, lollies, raffles, our traditional piñata and as a Guild produced a memorable canvas of handprints of all Chanel members, different shades of orange representing each year level. Thank you goes to Miss Zappulla for organising a truly successful and enjoyable day for everyone.

Earlier this year our fundraiser for UNICEF's 'Day for Change' was one of the best we have had yet. Everyone was asked to donate any loose silver change which as many of you would have seen in Warrun Common, created a bold silver coined banner spelling 'UNICEF.' Overall we raised \$270.00 of which \$30.00 was raised out of five cent pieces alone. Thank you to everyone that donated for this great cause in giving disadvantaged children a right to an education.

Participation in the Swimming and Athletic Carnivals was to be implored and we trust that all involved had a fun filled time, as some photos can attest to.

During the Lenten Season, Chanel came up with the idea of holding a Street Style Soccer Tournament in recognition of the FIFA World Cup that will be held in Brazil in June this year.

Students from across the College formed small sided teams and played against one another in hopes of being scouted to play against the Teachers Team. There was tremendous talent showcased on the day and we look forward to the second exhibition match against the teachers following a 2-2 draw.

We are proud to be part of a Guild such as Chanel and hope that successive year levels can have as much fun as we have had in leading the Guild.



Trent Rebeiro and Maree Theofan
Marymede Students

Year 9 Challenge Camp 2014

My name is Ivana Miodic and I am here to tell you a little about what took place recently involving most Year 9 students at our Challenge Camp. We were led by the Outdoor Education group at their bush camps around Eildon. Most of the Year 9s didn't know what to expect when we arrived on-site. Some were worried, some were looking forward to camp and some just didn't know what to expect.

Some things we had to do and deal with was making and preparing breakfast, lunch and dinner as a group; we also did many fun activities like the low ropes, challenging water activities and problem solving, mountain bike riding and swinging across the lake. We hiked through the bush with our gear in packs and we also had to sleep and make our own tents in sometimes cold and rainy weather – this was OK though – we had gear to keep us dry. By night time it was pitch black and we only had our torch for light. For some this might have been the very first time they have ever experienced this kind of challenge.

But after all the excitement we can sit and reflect on the fun times we shared, the people we got to know better and thank the staff at the Outdoor Education Program for a wonderful time. And as a Year 9 group we would like to thank all the staff who came and shared with us our wonderful journey.

We would like to acknowledge some Year 9 students who were outstanding in their leadership. These students really stood out and led by example, some of them rising above any fears they had and giving everything a good go.



Connor Fitzgerald, Milly Turner, Mary-Grace Nicolazzo, George Brown, Ricki Josevski, Hayden Cox, Jordyn Cullen and Jesse Azzopardi
Marymede Students

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

“Annie” Opens This Thursday

After months of rehearsals, over 100 students from Years 5 to 12 and two dogs will be on or off stage at the Plenty Ranges Arts Centre for our production of “Annie”. This production is the result of a great deal of hard work from numerous staff and students.

On Saturday May 10, we held our final dress rehearsal at school and the Sitz Probe – “sitting rehearsal” – the first run through with the orchestra. Audiences are certainly in for a treat.

A reminder for all participating students: Your Annie ‘Moving into the Theatre’ booklet should be the only documented 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 remaining key dates listed in that document:

<p>Show 2 PRACC</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Show 3 & Bump Out PRACC</p>	<p>Saturday 17th May All <u>Secondary</u> cast and crew required 2:00pm-9:00pm (approximately) All <u>Ducks Primary</u> cast required 4pm-11.00pm (approximately)</p>

“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 rehearsal/performances.

“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 3pm (11.30am for Saturday 5pm 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”

DAV Debating 2014

We have now finished our second round of DAV Debating at Loyola College for 2014. All teams participated enthusiastically and passionately this round, displaying an eagerness to improve on their first round performances. This time, we had two teams victorious (Year 8 and Year 12) with the other teams improving in each category. The results were:

- A Grade (Year 12) **Topic:** 'That we should give higher order animals limited human rights' *Marymede Catholic College 1 226 V St. Helena College 1 225*
Best Speaker: Our very own Katherine Argyriou
- B Grade (Year 11) **Topic:** 'That we should ban volunteer tourism' *Viewbank College 1 225 V Marymede Catholic College 1 224*
- C Grade (Year 10) **Topic:** 'That we should not grant developing countries the right to host major international sporting events' *Loyola College 5 225 V Marymede Catholic College 1 222*
- D Grade (Year 8 & 9) **Topic:** 'That we should punish sporting teams for their fans violent behaviour' *St. Monica's College 5 226 V Marymede Catholic College 1 223*
- D Grade (Year 8 & 9) **Topic:** 'That we should punish sporting teams for their fans violent behaviour' *Marymede Catholic College 2 222 V Loyola College 3 221*
Best Speaker: Our very own Rick Krstevski

Round 3 will be on **Monday May 19** for all teams at **Loyola College, Grimshaw Street Watsonia**. Please note that Years 11 and 12 teams must arrive at 5:45pm as they will be receiving a secret topic. It was great to see parents there supporting the teams. A heartfelt thanks goes to the coaches Miss Kathy Vlahusic, Miss Ashleigh Klar, Miss Allison Lemar, Mr Conor Fennell and Mr Adrian Montana for their expertise with the teams. Thanks also to Miss Kelly Hack for attending to offer support to the Year 12s. All parents are invited to attend future rounds.

Future DAV Debates

Round 4: Monday July 21; Round 5: Monday August 4.

If you require any further information on the DAV Debating, please contact me via: Corinne.niall@marymede.vic.edu.au

Corinne Niall
Debating Co-ordinator

"Language Perfect" to Help Further Extend Our Students In Their Language Studies

Marymede Language students will be participating in the language perfect world championships, which sees over 300,000 students in over 16 countries competing against each other between May 19-29. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to compete for personal, school and country glory all through learning languages.

It is also the world's largest online languages competition with \$25,000 worth of prizes available and every student who earns more than 500 points will get a personalised certificate.

Students can learn any content from any of the official languages. They need to translate words into English or back into the target language to score points.

The competition is a continuous event over the ten days; there is no limit to the number of times that a student can log-in and earn points.

For more information please see link below:

<http://www.languageperfect.com/worldchamps/SiteShell.html>

I had the opportunity to meet some teachers and Education Professionals from around Australia and the world at the Education Language Perfect conference a couple of weeks ago. Some feedback about the program from the keynote speakers follows:

'Students' participation and persistence at a task has led to such an outstanding success'

'Many students have a greater appreciation of the beauty and joy of another language'

Learn, compete, win. Let the WORLD championships begin.

Carla Esposito
Head of Romero Guild
Italian and Humanities Teacher

Media Excursion

On May 1, Marymede's first VCE Media class visited Top Screen at ACMI in Melbourne's CBD. Top Screen is a program that exhibits a range of short films, documentaries, animations and music videos created by past Year 12 Media students across Victoria. In preparation for our upcoming SAT, our class was given the opportunity to sit amongst our Year 12 competitors and watch the spectacular final products produced by the 2013 VCE Media students. This excursion assisted us in recognising the effort required for this task and it inspired us to strive and do our very best, giving us a goal in which we aspire to reach; being selected for Top Screen in 2014.

After our morning at ACMI, Mr. Guzman allowed us to film and photograph the surrounding nature of Melbourne's beautiful city. The video footage and photographs that were taken will contribute to our production exercises - a component of the SAT - which are due in a couple of weeks. This task requires an extraordinary amount of effort and hard work, however with the support of our wonderful teacher and of our fellow class mates I am sure we will achieve outstanding results.



Breanna Gatto
Year 12 Media Student

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL PRIMARY

Survey of Parents of Students In Prep To Year 4

At the end of each school year it has, in the past, been our practice to hold a Celebration of Learning event for student in Prep to Year 4 and their families. We are seeking your preference and would appreciate your response to the following survey questions:

1. At what time, would you prefer the 2014 Celebrations of Learning event/s?
MORNING / AFTERNOON / EVENING
2. In 2014, which of the following is your preference?
YEAR LEVEL EVENTS / COMBINED PREP TO YEAR 4 EVENT

In 2013, the first year of Marymede Primary, the students in Years 5 and 6 and their families participated in the Primary Graduation Mass and Ceremony. This will continue in 2014 for the current Years 5 and 6 students and their families.

<http://marymedecc.schoolzinewalletters.com/2014-prep-to-year-4-awards-and-celebration-of-learning-events>

Liz Crane
Deputy Principal Primary

HEAD OF PRIMARY NEWS

Drop Off and Pick Up Of Primary Students

Well done to Jacob, Jacob and Dylan for demonstrating integrity when using the Drop-off and Pick-up area in the Primary School. After they had been dropped off, they walked to the end of the central pathway, stopped and waited. They greeted the teacher with a bright 'good morning' and waited for instructions to cross the road under the supervision of the teacher. Well done to these three boys for setting a very good example to others.

When using the Pick-up and Drop-off area please remember to move forward in the queues when there is space between you and the car in front. This allows other cars to move into the areas.

In order to keep our students safe, I ask that all students who are to be picked up after school in the pick-up area, are to wait under the tree (where the seats are) at the crossing nearest the

Primary Office. This is a staff supervised area. They are not to wait, or be picked up from the Prep House.

Your consideration and understanding is very much appreciated.



School Photos May 19

School photos, being Pastoral Groups and individual photos, will take place on Monday May 19 for all Primary students. On this day, all Primary School students need to be dressed in their full Winter Uniform. If your child has a Sport and/or Physical Education lesson on Monday May 19, they are to bring their runners in their school bag to change for this lesson. Primary students do not need to bring their sports uniform to change, they are to remain in their Winter Uniform for the day.

The photographers will return on Monday May 26 to take photos of those students and staff who are absent on Monday May 19 and photos of siblings (family photos).

If your child is absent from school on Monday 19 May, they need to wear their full Winter Uniform on Monday May 26 for their photo.

Mother's Day

On Friday May 9, the Primary School was buzzing with an influx of visitors (Mums, Dads, Grandparents and younger siblings) to share the celebrations of Mother's Day. Classrooms were open for parents to enter and participate in activities with their children; some classes held assemblies while others were outside enjoying sporting activities. The atmosphere in the school was one of a great sense of community with family groups and friendship groups enjoying fellowship. There were also opportunities for making new friends. Thank you to all staff who prepared for this event in a way that ensured the engagement of all of our students and visitors.

A huge thank you goes to the Parents' and Friends Committee for providing opportunities for students to purchase a Mother's Day gift at their stalls. The selection was amazing and I am sure that the gifts delighted the Mothers who received them. Further to this, the Parents' and Friends provided a wonderful morning tea following the class visits on Friday May 9 which was very well attended. The atmosphere was joyous (as indicated by the noise level) and many parents took the opportunity to express their gratitude and thanks to the school, the teachers and the Parents' and Friends Committee for making their Mother's Day a very special one.

Thank you to the members of our Parents' and Friends Committee for embracing and initiating many opportunities to bring our school community together.



Alison Besselaar
Head of Primary

Social Skills Groups in the Primary School

We now have three Social Skills Groups operating in the Primary School. The Year 6 Program is being conducted by Mr. Steve Meade and the Year 2 and Year 3 groups are being conducted by Miss Amy Ross. The programs run for ten weeks. Groups will receive one thirty minute session per week. Over the course of the year the Social Skills Program will operate to provide access to students across all year levels in the Primary School.

This is a wonderful program and provides further support for the needs of our students.

KidsMatter and Smiling Mind

On Monday May 5, Miss Amy Ross (Primary School Psychologist) presented a workshop to all Primary staff about 'Mindfulness Meditation'. Teachers had first-hand experience of a short meditation session and have been encouraged to use sessions from the program with their classes.

'How can Mindfulness meditation benefit student wellbeing and learning?

International literature and clinical trial reveal that mindfulness can help reduce and prevent depression in adolescents, specifically within school settings. What's more, mindfulness has the two-fold effect of supporting academic pursuits and is demonstrated to aid learning, memory processing and emotion regulation. In addition, Mindfulness Meditation has been shown to: reduce stress, increase resilience, increase positive emotions, boost self-esteem and improve attention and focus.' KidsMatter and Smiling Mind.

If you are interested in finding out more about the program you can access the free app at www.smilingmind.com.au

Alison Besselaar
Student Services P-6

PRIMARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Reading Stars

25 Nights

Aidan Wright, Andreas Tsementzis, Lauren Aliquo, Marc Lando, Damien Rades, Leah Preziuso, Kiara Longo, Emily Thanasios, Natalia Panetta, Hanna Sojan, Con Karakassis, Kavith De Silva, Jessica Ebrall, Danae Yankos, Essa Al Noobi, Massimo Gallo-Troiano, Madison Stojkovska, Fiona Laiju, James Coles, Tobenna Obani

50 Nights

Julia Patricio, Gemma Bzdel, Martin Krstevski, Jude De Nittis, Elizabeth Jay, Tania Santhosh, Fraser Armstrong, Marcus Cutajar, , Tiana Grech, Annaliese Alateras, Isabella Alessandrino, Sukham Aulakh, Ned Bokhaazi, Ryan Cholakovski, Kristian Giuliano, Izaac Gvero, Lucas Keferevski, Mareikura McGinty, Jacqueline Misquitta, Isabella Monar, Tyler O'Connor, Toby Pinney, Alicia Reidy, Tori Sinni, Mia Sirianni, Alana Stojanoski, James Atanasovski, Cruz Fraumano, Marcus Gospic, Kristina Jakovac, Lily Karakassis, Chantal Kirolos, Oliver Large, Ciara Marino, Ryan Martin, Marama McGinty, Rachel Moawad, Hudson Mueller, Arpitha Nair, William Nyman, Matthew Silvi, Cooper Williams, Jessica Ebrall, Danae Yankos, Con Karakassis

75 Nights

Brianna London, Jude De Nittis

Primary Chess Club Term 1 Result

With the absence of some regular Year 6 Chess players due to Soccer practice, new students to Chess took full advantage to secure top positions in the Term 1 tournament. The leaders were: 3rd Adrian Cardamone; 2nd Imogen Garland; and 1st Abhay Sharma.

The Primary Chess Club welcomes all students interested in playing Chess.

Michael Pahoff
Chess Club

Primary Guild News

Walk to School Day

Over 450 students, along with parents and younger siblings braved the cold and walked to school.

Guild placings from the walk were: Equal 1st Romero and Chisholm; 3rd McCormack; 4th Marcellin; 5th McAuley; 6th Chanel.



Current Guild Ladder

1st Marcellin	2nd Chisholm	3rd Romero	4th McCormack	5th Chanel	6th McAuley
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Round 1 Football and Netball Results

Round 1 Marymede 70 V The Lakes 8 Netball Premier
Marymede 25 V The Lakes 3

Participation Netball Marymede 8 V The Lakes 4

Hooptime News

Jnr 25/7 (Years 3s and 4s) Snr 5/9 (Years 5's and 6's)

Students are currently completing Basketball Units in Guild and HPE time. Students will be chosen from those lessons to attend lunchtime training to select the final team.

Whilst appreciative of the role The Marymede Flames Basketball Club plays in the development of the majority of our students, teams will be selected at the discretion of the Marymede Teaching Staff and may differ from the teams chosen for the Flames.

Both Jnr teams will be selected towards the end of this term. The Snr Boys team will be also be chosen by the end of this term. The Snr Girls team will be chosen in the early weeks of Term 3.

Competition Day

At both Jnr and Snr level Marymede will enter a Male and Female All Star Team. Students from bottom Year Levels are eligible to be selected in the team. All students chosen will receive court time throughout the tournament but it may not be even, depending on individual performances and the state of the match.

Mixed Teams

Marymede will select two mixed teams to play in the lower level Hooptime competitions. Students will only be chosen from the top age levels to fill these teams, i.e Year 6s in the Snrs and Year 4s in the Jnrs. Even court time will be given in these teams.

Hooptime Progression

The only teams that will progress should they be successful on the day will be the Jnr All Stars. Should the Snr All Stars be successful in winning they will follow the School Sports Victoria path and progress to the Whittlesea/Woodlands Division. We will not be competing in two separate Basketball competitions concurrently.

Gerard Large

Head of Primary Sports and Guilds

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Absentee / Sibling Photo Day

Monday May 26 is when students who are absent on Monday May 19 and sibling/family photos will be taken at the College.

Unlike previous years, there is no need to pre-order sibling/family photos, nor is there an obligation to order or purchase sibling/family photos prior to photo day.

The College has close to 500 families with siblings. The timing and co-ordination for taking all of these photos requires extensive planning.

Families who wish for their children to have a sibling/family photo, are required to register their interest by sending an email which includes their family name and the names and year levels of their children to be photographed to rsvp@marymede.vic.edu.au by 3.00pm on Tuesday May 20. Only those families who respond by this time will have their sibling/family photo taken on Monday May 26.

Once your sibling/family photo is taken, your eldest child will be given a card by Aussie School Photos containing instructions and a unique code for your family. Seventy two hours after photo day, you can view your proofs on their website and should you choose to, place an order directly with them.

Students who are having a photo taken on Monday May 26 are to wear their full College Winter Uniform.

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 to submit the new information.

2015 Enrolments

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 Secondary School in 2015. Prep enrolments for 2015 have now close. The date for application interviews is Wednesday June 4. We will be in contact with families in the coming weeks regarding this process.

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.

School Bus Service

Marymede 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