



College Bulletin: Term 3 - 2014

Term 3 has now concluded and we look forward to the final months of 2014. Below are some important updates regarding matters at Marymede Catholic College.

Communication

Marymede continually works to improve and ensure the efficiency of all forms of communication between the College and its families. Our College eNewsletter is now being distributed via email every fortnight, and has been very popular with the Marymede Community.

Term 3 saw a range of communication methods used for communication between the College and its families including: emails, posted letters, telephone calls, SMS messaging, the College website and the College Facebook page. In most cases, email remains the most effective and efficient method of communication, and therefore we advise families to check their emails on a regular basis to keep up to date with correspondence from the College. Those without a valid email address submitted, will risk missing out on valuable news and information.

Over the Term 3 holidays the College will be upgrading its main administration software and as a result, may be asking parents for additional information to ensure our database runs as efficiently as possible. In the coming weeks the College will also be introducing additional communication systems that will be of benefit to families. These include our 'PAM' (Parent Access Module), accessed via the College Website, providing families with information relating to Student timetables, attendance records, academic reports and daily messages. Another system soon to be implemented is 'Care Monkey'. This is an online application which allows families to maintain health and wellbeing information relating to their child/children, in addition to providing online permission forms and notices. The final system that will be made available to parents will be the addition of the Marymede Catholic College 'Schoolstream' app for mobile devices. This will provide users with news alerts, important events and other information relating to the daily life of the College.

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, alternatively you may also wish to email the change to registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au. Maintaining current contact details is essential to ensure that communication to and from the College remains possible and efficient.

Facilities Update

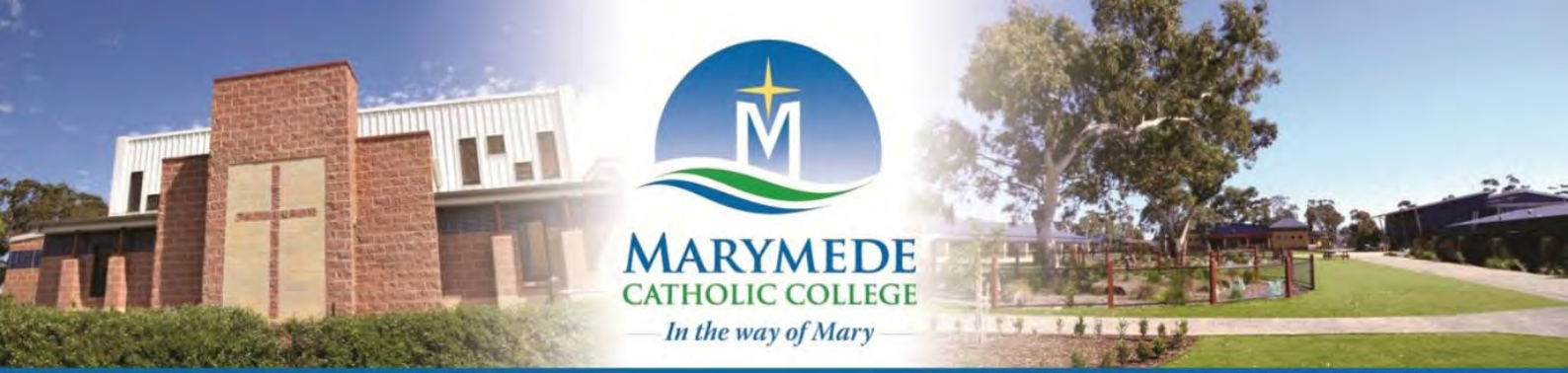
Throughout Term 3, works commenced on the renovation and upgrade of all Primary School bathrooms. House 3 is now complete and work is continuing on the remaining Primary School houses, with an anticipated completion date of early Term 4.

To ensure the safety of all members of the Marymede Community, speed humps were installed along roadways near Gates F and G. We will also be installing another speed hump along the exit roadway of Gate C. These speed bumps have been designed to comply with AS (Australian Standards) 2890.1. The recommended speed limit in these areas is 10km/h.

During the Term 2 holiday break, works were completed on the re-surfacing of the Primary School multipurpose courts. These courts have been in full use throughout Term 3 and the new surface is extremely popular with our Primary School students. In Term 4 works will commence on the re-surfacing of the decking area surrounding the Primary School courtyard.

Families can be proud of the excellent facilities available to them at Marymede and can be assured that the College Master Plan is continually updated to ensure all students, staff and parents are provided with a complete education in the best educational environment possible. Recently, the College uploaded some aerial photography of our College grounds which show the amazing works that have been completed since the College was established. These photos can be found by visiting: <http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/news/marymedefromthesky>





2015 School Fees

During Term 3 the College released the School Fees and Levies for 2015. The 2015 Fee Structure can be found by visiting <http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/news/2015schoolfeesandlevies>.

We also remind families who have not yet returned the re-enrolment form for 2015 to confirm the enrolment of their child or children for 2015. The re-enrolment form is also an affirmation of each family's commitment to support the values and principles of the College as well as to pay the tuition fees and levies in full and by the designated dates. Students who are not returning to the College in 2015 are required to inform the College immediately and collect an Exit form from the Main Office.

Catholic Identity:

Term 3 saw robust participation in the spiritual life of the College by our students and staff who continue to believe in our College Theme "Everything is possible for the person who has faith" (Mark 9:23). Our *Inspirational Catholic Speakers Programme* featured Fr Bob Maguire who immediately found a place in the heart of our Year 12s as they listened to his views on the theme of Encountering Conflict. The talk was followed by Mass, described by many students as "The best Mass they had attended." as they assembled to take photos with Fr Bob.

Faith in Action was evident through the *Prayer Tables in Classrooms Project*, a joint venture between Faith & Mission, Design Technology (Wood) and Media. Mr Ronan Kennedy, Head of Chisholm Guild and Woodwork teacher led a team of 30 students across the Guilds to make 30 prayer tables within a day. These tables were blessed by Archbishop Denis Hart at the Blessing and Opening of the VCE Centre and will be placed in each Tutor room, to form the focal point for daily morning Prayer. Another resource we were very fortunate to borrow from the Office of Evangelisation, Archdiocese of Melbourne was the *Walking Rosary*, a visually delightful treat which enables silent praying of the rosary whilst walking around each of the beads, made up by t-lights inside filigree vases mounted along forty metres of beads, forming the rosary chain. Finally a group of Year 12 students and leaders responded to their study of the evils of the global social issue of Human Trafficking and formed the *ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Human Trafficking Support Group)* to raise awareness both within the College and outside about the blot on human dignity that this trade brings.

Additionally, both the Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Year 4 Sacrament of Eucharist took place throughout Term 3. Both events were an extremely special, and sacred experience for all families involved.

Scholarships

During Term 3 Marymede Catholic College had the honour of informing 23 students from Years 4, 6, 7 and 8 that they had been successful in obtaining a Scholarship for either 2014 or 2015. Scholarships have been awarded in the categories of Academic Excellence, General Excellence and Music Excellence. The Scholarship Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday October 10.

We congratulate these students on their achievement and commend all students who applied for Scholarships.

2015 Starting Dates

The 2015 starting dates were released in Term 3 and can be viewed at: <http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/news/startingdates2015>





Enrolments

Year 7 2016 applications are now open and will close on February 27, 2015. Prep 2016 applications are also open and will close in May 2015. The demand for places at Marymede is both strong and growing with a significant amount of new families seeking enrolment in 2015. Marymede continues to be a leading provider of education in the Northern suburbs. Our College adheres to enrolment policies set out by the Catholic Education Office Melbourne. Our 2015 Transition Programs will also continue throughout Term 4, with Orientation Days and information sessions scheduled to take place in the coming weeks.

School Bus

Marymede Catholic College continues to endeavor to keep families informed on all matters relating to the School Bus Service. Where advised by delays from Dysons, the College will contact families using the service via SMS. The School Bus service will continue in Term 4 and is now growing increasingly popular among the Marymede Community. Term 4 'Full' Bus Passes will be available at a cost of \$350.00. With Term 4 'One Way' Bus Passes priced at \$200. Alternatively, casual Bus passes are available at \$4 each way. Bus 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.

College Canteen

The College Canteen would like to thank and acknowledge the large number of parent volunteers who assisted throughout Term 3. To view a current and up-to-date Canteen menu please visit: www.marymede.vic.edu.au/quick/canteen. To register for the Canteen online ordering service, please visit www.flexischools.com.au. We remind families the College Canteen is now open on Saturdays from 8.00am - 3.00pm to cater for those families attending Saturday sport. We are currently seeking volunteers to assist each day in the Canteen throughout Term 4; any parents interested can email canteen@marymede.vic.edu.au.

Facebook Page

The College Facebook page continues to be a strong source of communication to parents, students and the wider community regarding up-to-date news and events occurring on a daily basis here at our College. It is great to see so many members of our College Community actively engage with the page. Please note that a Facebook account is NOT required to view the page. We encourage all parents to visit and 'like' the Facebook page however the page is not to be used as an open forum on school related matters. Marymede reserves the right to remove any comments that are deemed to be inappropriate from the page.

College Open Day

The Marymede Catholic College Open Day & Creativity Festival, took part on Sunday August 31, 2014. This year saw two great events take place in one day. Open Day, which allowed the community to meet our Students, Staff and take tours of the College facilities, and our Creativity Festival, which saw over 15 fun, FREE creative workshops available for children to take part all day. The College was blessed with a bright sunny day, and the event saw in excess of 500 people walk through the gates, a College record. Creative Workshops were largely popular with children who visited, with 'Cake Boss' our Cupcake decorating workshop by far the most popular. Other activities saw children make pom-pom creatures, keyrings, learn Gaelic football, work with electricity and robots, plus a whole lot more. Our College tours were led superbly by our Student Leaders along with other Student volunteers from both Primary and Secondary School.

College Fete

The 2013 Marymede Fete was a huge success and the College looks forward to the 2014 Fete with great enthusiasm. The 2014 Marymede Fete will take place on Saturday November 22. The Parents & Friends Committee is currently seeking donations, sponsors and volunteers for the 2014 event. Any families wishing to contribute can contact paf@marymede.vic.edu.au





Term 4, 2014 will commence on Tuesday October 7, (students to wear full College **Summer** uniform)

Term 4 Important Dates

- Tuesday October 7 – All Students Commence Term 4
- Thursday October 9 – Year 7 2015 Transition Parent Information Evening – 7.00pm
- Friday October 10 – Scholarship Awards Ceremony
- Monday October 13 – Friday October 17 – Year 9 City Experience
- Monday October 13 – Year 12 Students Conclude 1.23pm
- Wednesday October 15 – Prep 2015 Parent Information Evening
- Friday October 17 – Year 4 Overnight Stay
- Saturday October 16 – Year 6 Robert Allwell Placement Testing
- Tuesday October 21 – Confirmation Family Workshop - 5.00pm & 7.00pm
- Tuesday October 21 – Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
- Wednesday October 22 – Year 12 Students Conclude 1.23pm
- Thursday October 23 – Prep 2015 Orientation Day (Prep 2014 Student Free Day)
- Thursday October 23 – Year 12 Breakfast and Parade
- Tuesday October 28 – Primary School Grandparents and Special Friends Day of Celebration
- Wednesday October 29 – VCAA Examinations Commence
- Monday November 3 – Student Free Day (P-12)
- Tuesday November 4 – Melbourne Cup PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Wednesday November 5 – Year 7 (all) and Year 9 (boys) Immunisations
- Sunday November 16 – Sacrament of Confirmation
- Monday November 17 – 2015 VCE Commencement
- Thursday November 20 – Prep 2015 Orientation Session
- Thursday November 20 – Valedictory Dinner
- Saturday November 22 – Marymede Fete
- Wednesday November 26 – Prep 2015 Orientation Session
- Friday November 28 – Year 10 & 11 Students Conclude 2014
- Thursday December 4 – Carols by Candlelight
- Thursday December 4 – Year 7-9 Students Conclude 2014 (1.23pm)
- Friday December 5 – Primary School Guild Athletics Carnival
- Monday December 8 – Primary School Celebration of Learning & Awards Night (P-2 – 6.00pm / 3-4 – 7.30pm)
- Tuesday December 9 – Year 7 2015 Orientation Day
- Wednesday December 10 – Year 6 Graduation and Ceremony (Years 5 & 6 ONLY)
- Friday December 12 – Primary Students (P-6) Conclude 2014 12.30pm

(For more dates along with a full College Calendar please visit our website at www.marymede.vic.edu.au)

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