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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

The highlight of the past fortnight was the Marymede Catholic College Community Mass which was celebrated at 8am on Friday June 12 in the Chapel. More than 80 students, parents and staff were in attendance - a wonderful first up result. Our next Community Mass will be held on Friday July 17 and I welcome the presence of our parents.

Years 9-12 Mid-Year Exams

Our Years 9-12 students received their examination results this past week and I hope those students who worked consistently throughout the semester reaped the results they deserved. Students who may not have been focused in their approach need to reflect during the coming holidays on how they can improve their attitude to study in Semester Two.

Year 6 Canberra Trip

Reports from staff and students who participated in the first Year 6 Canberra excursion have been very positive. I hope in particular our Year 6 students have come home with an increased understanding about the history of our great nation.

Semester One Reports

Semester One reports can be accessed on our College website from today. They will give parents a clear indication of their children's progress in this first semester. Parent/Teacher/Student interviews in the Secondary School for Years 11 and 12 students and Year 10 students undertaking a Unit 1/2 subject, will take place on Monday July 27 from 2pm to 8pm in the College Fitness Centre. I urge parents to make bookings to meet with their sons'/daughters' teachers.

2016 Subject Selections

Early in Term Three, our Year 10 students will choose their subjects for next year. It is important they make informed choices. To this end, I encourage students and parents to read their Subject Selections Handbook during the holidays, which can be accessed online.

Staff News

I ask that you please keep the following staff who have recently suffered the loss of loved family members in your prayers: Ms Stavroula Tsembas (father), Mr Jack Gleeson (mother), Miss Corinne Niall (grandmother) and Mrs Deb Holman (father). May they all rest in eternal peace.

Student Grooming

During the holidays some students may experiment with hair colours and styles. I ask parents to please ensure that your children return next term with their hair neat and tidy and, if coloured, of one natural tone.

School Holidays

I wish all staff and students a relaxing holiday. Our staff will be involved in Professional Development in-services on Monday July 13. Classes resume for all students on Tuesday July 14.

Kind Regards,

Mr Michael Kenny
Principal

FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

With these words of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Matthew, read by Bishop Terry Curtin at our Mass of the Sacred Heart on Thursday, we brought a long school term to a close. Jesus' words provided comfort in knowing that we have done our best as a learning community of faith rising to many challenges including examinations, sporting and other co-curricular events, fundraising for the victims of the Nepal Earthquake and other needs, Guild Feast Day Masses, Reflection Days, camps and supporting The Winter Appeal food collection for StVincent de Paul.

At term's end, we pray:

Christ, Teacher and Lord, bless all in this school
As we seek to end our school term with the grace you so
generously provide.
We give thanks for the students, the teachers, the support and
Administration staff,
And all who have contributed
To the school year thus far, of nurturing and growth.
We affirm all the positive moments,
Of insight, of the excitement of learning,
Of accomplishment, of creativity,
Of laughter, of a sense of community.
We recognize the times of struggle,
Of difficult work, of misunderstanding,
Even of failure and we give these to You for transformation,
So they can become seeds that will find fertile soil.
As we leave for the term break, may we take with us

The knowledge that You will keep us all
In your embrace so we may rest and be restored
And so we can continue in the ongoing discovery
of Your Love. Amen.

Ms Judeline Wadhvani
Head of Faith & Mission (P-12)

2016 Philippines Immersion Programme

This program was launched at the end of Term Two to our Year 10 cohort. Mr Kenny introduced the aim of the Immersion programme: to develop our scholars into people with a growing awareness of justice and equality of opportunity for people in the developing world. Mr Kevin Meese, Diocesan Director for Catholic Mission, spoke to Year 10s about another Catholic secondary school's program taking place in December 2015. A Parent Information evening will be held in the middle of Term Three. In the meantime, parents can access an information brochure at the following link.

Student Voice

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE INTERNSHIP

In the tradition of successful internships for Marymede Catholic College students, I undertook an internship at the *Australian Catholics Magazine*. In total there were six girls, four from Melbourne, whilst the other two joined us via Skype and telephone from Sydney and Queensland. We were tasked with creating and editing the August 2015 issue of the magazine to the theme of: 'Count your blessings and make your blessings count'. The biggest challenge we faced was deciding what to include in the magazine. Our aim was to appeal to our peers and ensure the issue had a distinctive, youthful, and vibrant flair. We, ultimately, wanted to do our schools, ourselves and the people at the *Australian Catholics Magazine* proud.

The whole internship was an extraordinary experience. I am so grateful that I was given a chance to develop my independence, confidence and professional writing skills. I am also lucky to have also made five new friends and to have had the opportunity to meet leaders in the field of media and communication. I have returned from the internship with a greater understanding of how magazines work and I look forward to seeing our work in print later this year.

Miss Angelique Milevski
Year 10

SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Extra-Curricular Ski Weekend

A reminder that all Years 8-12 students have the opportunity to attend an extra-curricular ski weekend at Mt Hotham from 3.30pm Friday August 14 to 9pm Sunday August 16.

There will be a lunchtime meeting on Thursday June 4 in FB001 for interested students and a parent information night in the weeks to follow. For more information please contact Andrea Zappulla andrea.zappulla@marymede.vic.edu.au

Ms Andrea Zappulla
Head of Chanel

Alex George Speaks to Young Aspiring Directors

This semester, the Year 10 Media students have been learning about narratives and lyrical imagery in music videos and, to wrap up the unit, they participated in a Masterclass with Australian video artist Alex George last week. We were also joined by Miss Angie Bedford and the Year 10 and 11 Drama classes.

Alex screened some of the music videos he has directed for Sydney-based bands RUFUS and Wolf Tide and discussed the techniques he uses to create visual narratives. He also test screened a video he is currently working on for Yuma X and the students were able to give him audience feedback on the edit.

Hearing about Alex's creative process – from concept and treatment to final video – inspired the students giving them unique insight into the media industry.



Masterclass with Alex George



Film still from 'Spoke the Words' by Wolf Tide (Directed by Alex George)

Mr Jeremy Guzman
Teacher of Media

Marymede Catholic College HPE Week 2015

Health and PE Week recently took place with the theme 'Keep fit, make a difference' running through a series of events.

Monday kicked off with our Year 10s participating in an Alternative Games Excursion. Various workshops took place around Melbourne with students choosing between ultimate Frisbee lawn bowls, adventure running, dance and yoga, and rock climbing. Tuesday was our First Aid Responder Day with Vic Lifesaving taking all our Year 7s through a First Aid introductory course and all our VET Sport and Rec students completing their Level 2 in First Aid.



Year 7 and VET Sport and Rec students participate in First Aid activities

On Wednesday and Thursday, our Year 9s work in tandem with Disability Sports Australia participating in wheelchair basketball workshops.



Year 9 students participate in a Wheelchair Basketball Workshop

Friday was another busy day with Year 8s completing their Orienteering program in the beautiful surroundings of Hawkstowe Park. Staff were also active across the week taking part in a series of activities to promote a healthy active workplace including healthy lunch competitions, morning boot camps and staff versus student games.



Staff prize winners

The HPE department would like to congratulate all staff and students who participated across the week and we all look forward to a great week in 2016. Remember to 'keep fit and make a difference'!

Mr Derek McConn
Head of Health and Physical Education Secondary

PRIMARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Family Maths Night: Tuesday July 21, 5-7pm

Throughout this term Preps to Year 5s have been working on various exciting mathematics projects investigating a range of interesting topics from rearing chickens to melting solids. These projects will be submitted to the Victorian Maths Talent Quest a little later in July, along with the projects from many other schools from across Victoria.

There has been some wonderful investigation and exploration taking place and so all parents, carers and grandparents are invited to come along to your child's classroom on the evening of Tuesday July 21 and share this great learning experience.

It is also an opportunity for families and children alike to see what other classes have been doing and to share in mathematics related activities and solve problems together.

While the students up to Year 5 have been preparing for the Maths Talent Quest, the Year 6s and their teachers have been

working alongside the Year 7s in a project with Melbourne University and Catholic Education Melbourne to explore current practice in the teaching of mathematics and deepening mathematical understanding. The Year 6 teachers and students would also like to share their learning and exploration with you.

This promises to be a great night and we look forward to seeing you there and sharing these experiences with you.

Ms Kaylene Wright
Numeracy Coordinator

Sports News

Enrolments are currently being taken for the 10 week **Soccer Clinic** which starts in third term at Marymede. To register please log in to footballstaracademy.com.au and search Marymede.

Marymede were fortunate to have six students selected to attend the **State Soccer Trials** to try out for the School Sports Victoria state soccer team:

Chris Markovski Christy Dimovski Deon Roumeliotis
 Isabelle Spiteri Jake Markovski Victoria Kyriasis

Congratulations to Christy Dimovski, Chris Markovski and Deon Roumeliotis who made it through to the third round. Unfortunately Deon became injured so was unable to participate. Christy and Chris were unsuccessful in making it through to the final round though we are very proud of their efforts.

Marymede also put in an outstanding effort **Northern Metro Cross Country** which took place on Wednesday June 17. Fifteen students from Years 4, 5, and 6 participated and Marymede had the highest number of students who qualified at this level compared to the other schools in the competition. All students performed well and improved on their placings from previous years. As a result of their outstanding efforts, Marymede has made the State Finals!

Congratulations to Matthew Sabatino (2nd place), Micaela Bianco (10th place) and Jisele Brancaleone (12th place) who all qualified for the State Finals and we wish all three students the best of luck.





Mr Gerard Large
Guild Coordinator

Classroom Helpers' - Prep Classrooms

The Classroom Helpers' Program for our Prep classes will commence in Term Three.

If you have attended a Parent Helper's Training course within the last 3 years and hold a current 'Working with Children Check' you may like to volunteer your time in the Prep classes.

We are looking for parent helpers during the Literacy block from 9-10.45am each day. If you are able to volunteer, your time would be much appreciated. Please note that it will not be possible to bring young children into the classrooms.

Please be aware that all classroom helpers are required by law to have a current Working with Children Check, therefore, you will need to present your WWC certificate to Leanne Easdon at the Primary School office prior to commencing as a parent helper.

I would like to thank all our parent volunteers who have assisted with our Literacy Program in the Primary School over the last two terms. We value your support and appreciate your time.

Sunshine Online Home Reading Resource

As part of our Literacy Program we have a subscription to a reading resource called Sunshine Online. Many students are already familiar with this resource and are accessing it at school and at home.

You access the website via the link below to use with your children particularly now during holidays.

Parent login from home:

<http://www.sunshineonline.com.au>

Username: homereading Password: homereading

Ms Maree Mullen
Head of Literacy Primary School

REGISTRAR NEWS

2016 Enrolments

Prep 2016 first round letters of offer have been posted. The final date for acceptance of offers into Prep 2016 is Friday July 3,

2015. We look forward to welcoming many new siblings and new families into the College community in 2016.

Applications for Year 7, 2017 are now open and will close February 26, 2016. For further information please contact the College.

Open Day

We encourage all families to attend our upcoming Open Day on Sunday August 30, 11am-2pm. Open Day is a great opportunity to immerse yourself in the Marymede community. There will be plenty of activities for children to take part in on the day, along with a free sausage sizzle lunch in Wurun Common.

Afternoon Tea with the Principal

The Term Three Afternoon Tea with the Principal will be held on Wednesday August 19 from 2.10-3.30pm. Further information regarding this event will be sent to families in the coming weeks.

Email Addresses

During the first week of school holidays, the College will email the Term Two College Bulletin to all families. Please ensure you have a valid, current and working email address submitted with the College.

School Bus – Semester Two

The College is currently taking deposits for the Semester Two School Bus Service. The service timetable and routes will not change from Semester One. The cost for a FULL Bus Pass is \$600 per student, the cost for a ONE WAY Bus Pass is \$350 per student. For more information regarding the Bus service please contact the College.

Mr Matthew Luczek
Registrar

BUSINESS OFFICE

Finance News

The Victorian Government have unveiled a \$148 million initiative called the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities. The CSEF will run over four years.

Camps, sports and excursions are all inclusive within the College fees paid by all families, therefore, this payment can be used to offset the cost of school fees. Payments will go directly to the school but be tied to the relevant student.

\$125 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students and \$225 per year for eligible secondary school students.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered primary or secondary school must meet the following requirements on the first day of Term 2 OR on the first day of Term 3:

1. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 (that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or an eligible Centrelink

Health Care Card (HCC) or a Pensioner Concession Card (PCC)) OR be a temporary foster parent, and;

- Submit an application to the College by the due date - 26 June 2015.

Parents receiving a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income-tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with (a) and (b) above.

If you are eligible for this payment, please complete and return the attached form and a copy of your Card to the College Reception.

Mr Paul Romanin
Business Manager

CANTEEN NEWS

A friendly reminder that lunch orders for either Primary or Secondary students are placed online at www.flexischools.com.au. Orders are accepted until 9pm the night prior to your order.

The canteen is always looking for volunteers. As an incentive, our volunteers' children enjoy a complimentary lunch order the day they are rostered on. Please email us at canteen@marymede.vic.edu.au if you think you may be able to assist.

Ms Kate Quinn and Mrs Connie Ibrahim
Canteen Managers

Upcoming Events

This is a snapshot of upcoming events across the College for the next few weeks to aid in your planning and organisation at home.

Term 3	
Week 1	
13/07/2015	Staff Professional Learning Day - Student Free Day
14/07/2015	All students commence Term 3
	Yr 10 Subject Selection Assembly (for Yr 11 2016)
	Yr 11 Legal Studies Excursion, 9am-4.30pm, Marngoneet Correctional Centre, Lara
15/07/2015	AIM - Academic Improvement at Marymede, 3.15-4.15pm, Resource Centre
16/07/2015	Marymede Snow Program Parent Info Session. 6-6.30pm
	Yr 11, 2016 Parent Information Evening, 7pm-9pm, VCE Centre
	Yr 10 Accelerated Students to Yr 11 2016 Parent Information Evening

Term 3	
17/07/2015	VCE Visual Arts Excursion (variety of Galleries)
	PS Guild Walk to School Day
	Year 5/6 Football Round 2 – Epping Reserve
	School Community Mass, 8am, Chapel
20/07/2015	Marymede Catholic College Walkathon
	Soccer Round 2 Whittlesea/Woodlands Division Girls & Boys 5/6, RMIT Bundoora
Week 2	
21/07/2015	Year 9 Premier League R1, BYE
	T-Ball Round 2, Mill Park Softball Diamond
	Student Leadership Council, 8.20am-8.55am
	PS Family Maths Night, 5-7pm, Primary Houses and Auditorium
22/07/2015	SACCSS Senior Girls Soccer
	AIM - Academic Improvement at Marymede, 3.15-4.15pm, Resource Centre
	Yr 12 Biology Excursion, 8.15am-3.30pm, Melbourne University
	Yr 7 Reflection Day, Eltham/Templestowe
	P & F Committee Meeting, CH01
23/07/2015	SACCSS Senior Boys Soccer
	Yr 10 students conclude classes, 1.28pm
	Yr 11, 2016 Student Subject Counselling, 2-7pm, VCE Centre
24/07/2015	PS Jnr Hooptime, Year 3/4 boys and girls – Mill Park Basketball Stadium
	Yr 11 Careers Expo, 8.45am-3.15pm, Melbourne Convention Centre