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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome back everyone. I hope our students had an enjoyable holiday and have returned ready to give of their best this term. For our Year 12 students, it is a challenging time and their focus should be on completing their time at school in the most positive manner possible. This means ensuring all work is completed and, for our VCE students, the process of revision and exam preparation is well under way. It is important that all issues relating to managing the exam period and performing well in exams are being considered and taken care of. My thoughts and prayers are with them. We will hold a College Assembly to farewell them in the Fitness Centre on Tuesday October 20 at 2.10pm.

### Year 12 Graduation – October 21

The Year 12 Graduation Liturgy will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mill Park on Wednesday October 21 at 5.30pm. We look forward to this spiritual celebration to mark the end of our Year 12s schooling and the alcohol free Valedictory Dinner at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre.

### Literacy and Numeracy Testing

Our 170 Year 7, 2016 students will sit Literacy and Numeracy testing at our College in the next week. Year 6 Marymede students will sit their tests next Wednesday, October 14 during class time. Students coming from other schools to start their Secondary School life at Marymede will undertake their tests on Saturday, October 17 at 9.00am. The results will help our Year 7 teachers plan for our students' learning needs next year.

### 2016 Re-Enrolment Forms

A reminder to our parents that re-enrolment forms are due to be returned to the school office today, Friday, October 9. I ask parents yet to complete the form to please do so early next week. The return of these forms helps the College to determine its budget and staffing needs for next year.

### Overseas Exchange Program

I thank Mrs Maria Daniele and Mrs Robyn Roberts for accompanying our Year 9 and 10 Italian and Art students to Italy recently. The reports back to me have indicated that the tour was very successful and our students were fine ambassadors for Marymede. I look forward to hearing back from the students about their experiences in Italy.

### Year 11 and 12 2016 Transition Classes

I remind our current Year 10 and 11 students who are returning to Marymede next year of transition classes from November 23-27. This program is the official commencement of 2016 classes and students are expected to attend.

### Year 7 2016 Parent Information Evening

Thank you to those parents of current Year 6 students who attended the Information Evening last Wednesday. I hope our parents found the presentations informative and felt comfortable asking questions in the House groups. I am a firm believer in the importance of a strong staff and parent partnership in helping our children reach their full potential at Marymede.

### Parking – Student Pick-Up

I have been contacted by a local resident who has raised the issue of parents congesting the surrounding streets when picking up students. It has been reported that parents have been parking in front of driveways and on either side of Embling Avenue which is blocking the road. This makes it difficult for the residents to access their homes. Residents have complained to the City of Whittlesea in an attempt to make these areas no parking zones, however, this is yet to be finalised. Parents are asked to please consider the negative impact this has on our local residents and be mindful of their capacity to access their properties. I ask that you park in designated parking zones or use the drop off/pick up zone. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Kind Regards,

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

## FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

**“Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid”  
(John 14:27)**

As a learning community of faith, we reflect on the final weeks of our Year 12 students: What legacy are these fine scholars leaving? What aspects of their formation at Marymede Catholic College are they likely to remember most vividly in years to come?

I had the privilege of attending the Australian Council for Educational Leadership Conference: Courage & Commitment To Lead, in the second week of the holidays. World-class thought leaders presented inspiring keynote addresses to an audience of 1,200 senior educators from all over Australia, New Zealand and other countries. The common thread in their presentations was the ‘moral purpose’ of education: ensuring

that every student had equity to achieve at their best, every day in every lesson.

So where does a Catholic school draw inspiration for its moral purpose, in educating daily, the young hearts and minds to aspire to achieve the best they can? How does it focus its attention daily on the unrelenting task of preparing students for a life of compassionate citizenship?

Our source is always Jesus Christ whose words “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life” (John 14:6) guide our daily endeavour. It is with great joy and pride that we walk the final steps of the scholastic journey of faith with our Year 12 students, wishing them the peace, love and joy of Christ in their preparation for their final exams, the ‘waiting period’ before their results and various placements and for their life as young adults entering a world they are ready to embrace.

May God bless you and keep you;  
May God make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
May God uncover his face to you, and give you peace.  
(Numbers 6:24-26)

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

## SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

### Performing Arts Week

Marymede celebrated its first ever Performing Arts Week during the last week of Term Three. Highlights included the Top Acts Performing Arts Concert featuring students from Years 7-12 sharing exemplary drama and dance work, as well as the presentation on the 12 Drama Solos. Popular lunchtime activities included creating puppets from recycled materials and a big dance central party on the last day of term. Thank you to Ms Emma Kiely and Scarlet Aylward for their assistance planning the week.



### 2016 College Musical

We are delighted to announce that the 2016 Marymede Catholic College Secondary Musical will be ‘The Wedding Singer’.



It's 1985 and rock-star wannabe Robbie Hart is New Jersey's favourite wedding singer. He's the life of the party, until his fiancée leaves him at the altar. Shot through the heart, Robbie makes every wedding as disastrous as his own. Enter Julia, a winsome waitress who wins his affection. But Julia is about to be married to a Wall Street shark, and, unless Robbie can pull off the performance of a decade, the girl of his dreams will be gone forever.

With a brand new score that pays loving homage to the pop songs of the 1980s, ‘The Wedding Singer’ takes us back to a time when hair was big, greed was good, collars were up, and a wedding singer might just be the coolest guy in the room.

‘The Wedding Singer’ features a large chorus with many featured roles for actors who sing, and dancers who act.

Students in Years 6-11 will be eligible to audition in the next few weeks. Interested students should keep their eye on their emails for full information.

**Ms Angie Bedford**  
**Head of Performing Arts**

### Year 11 Media Excursion to Family Feud

On September 8, the Year 11 Media class visited Media City Melbourne and were part of the studio audience for Channel 10's ‘Family Feud’. It was a surreal moment as we were able to talk to the crew members as well as Grant Denyer himself, who offered us advice about what to expect in the media industry. As a part of our unit, we learnt more about the Australian media industry and how television programs are produced. We were able to see and understand the stress and the joy media professionals experience when filming a TV show. The excursion was a great experience, full of fun and amazement and it really strengthened our passion for media.

Fun fact: Did you know they film three episodes in one day and they are aired on television one month later? Our episodes will air from October 11.



**Tonia Ciccone and Emily Hawke**  
**Year 11 Media**

### Tournament of Minds

Marymede's Applied Technology team was awarded Honours at the Tournament of Minds State Finals, which was held on September 13 at La Trobe University. They were required to complete a long-term challenge in only three hours and they presented their solution to the judges, peers, and proud parents and teachers. This is an incredible achievement and, once again, the students have shaped Marymede history. The team members, ‘The Magnificent Seven’, are Noel Augustine, Hannah Falzon, Ajay Jay, Daniel Nicolo, Daniel Sabatino, Massimo Sartor and Timothy Triantafillakos. Congratulations to all involved!



**Mr Jeremy Guzman**  
**Applied Technology Team Facilitator**

## Chess Competition

Every year our senior school enters three teams to compete in chess, this year the competition was held at Salesian College, Sunbury.

The moment I walked in, I saw lots familiar student who have competed with us in the past. The atmosphere around me was so unreal, looking around I saw people practising chess, the pieces moved so quickly I was amazed at how fast their thinking skills were.

This experience puts into perspective that there are lots of people playing at a high level of skill. If anyone at Marymede enjoys chess, I encourage you train harder and compete in the chess competition next year. Discover new experiences like I did, and try new things outside of our school's fence. It was an experience I will remember for the rest of my career, thank you Mr Paraskeva for this opportunity.



**James Christou**  
**Chess Captain**

## SACCSS Tennis Tournament

On Thursday, September 10, twelve students headed to Melbourne Park to represent the College in the SACCSS Doubles Tennis Tournament. We had two pairs go through to finals: Kai Di Mauro (Year 8) and Kunwar Sarwara (Year 7) made it through to the semi-finals of the Junior Boys A section; Naomi Petrovska and Tara Johnson (both Year 9) were runners up in the Grand Final of the Intermediate Girls B section. All twelve students showed great sportsmanship and determination throughout the day and should all be very proud of their achievements regardless. Well done!

**Ms Megan Milner**  
**HPE**

## HEAD OF PRIMARY

### Term Four

Welcome to Term 4. I trust that you have all enjoyed a lovely couple of weeks sharing special times with family and friends. This term promises to be exciting and busy at Marymede Catholic College and I encourage you to check the school calendar regularly to ensure you don't miss any wonderful opportunities to share in your child's school experiences.

### Uniform

During fourth term, all students wear their summer uniform and are expected to wear a hat while they are outside. This includes when travelling to and from school. If a student does not have a hat, or chooses not to wear a hat, they will be required to remain in a shaded area and will not be able to play in open, outside areas, such as the soccer pitch.

Wearing the school uniform, including hairstyles and wearing of jewellery, correctly reflects the respect and pride students have in their school and themselves. Please assist your child to maintain appropriate wearing of the school uniform and presentation of themselves.

### Grandparents Day October 30, 12.30 – 1.30pm

We will welcome grandparents (or in the event of grandparents not being able to attend, a special friend) on to the school grounds at 12.30pm for this special event. Weather permitting, Grandparents Day will take place outdoors. Students will gather outside in their Guild groups in designated areas identifiable by Guild shelters and students in their Guild uniforms. Grandparents are asked to provide a wrapper-free picnic lunch to share with their grandchildren although we must ask that food is not shared with any other children. Grandparents may like to bring a picnic rug or picnic chairs to sit on.

In the event of adverse weather, Grandparents Day will be held indoors and signage will assist in directing visitors to each Guild area. Please ensure that grandparents/special friends are aware of the guild your children are in before the event as this will assist us in ushering them to the designated areas.

We look forward to sharing this special celebration.

**Alison Besselaar**  
**Head of Primary**

## PRIMARY FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

### Sacrament of First Reconciliation

During the preparation of Reconciliation, Year 3 students have been reflecting on and making stronger their relationships with family, friends and most importantly God. Forgiving and asking for forgiveness is all part of being in relationships.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation was celebrated on Wednesday and Thursday, September 16-17 at the College Chapel of Annunciation by our Year 3 Penitents.

We know forgiving is all about relationships and it was great to see so many families and friends supporting the Penitents as they celebrated their First Reconciliation. Thank you for being active and present in the students spiritual journey.



We thank our College Chaplain, Fr Martin Ashe, along with Fr Anthony Girolami, Fr John Murphy, Fr Varghese Kattikatt, Fr Martin Jeramias and Fr Mick McEntee who together supported the Sacrament, heard the confessions of the Penitents and, in Christ's name, forgave.

Finally, thank you for all the work done by the Year 3 teachers and support staff to make the liturgies successful.

**Melinda Muir**  
**Head of Faith and Mission (P-6)**

## PRIMARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

### Rebel Sport Promotion

Families shopping at any Rebel Sport can ask for a Season Pass and have it linked to Marymede. Every time you shop in the store the school will obtain points which we can then use to purchase equipment. Your involvement is greatly appreciated.

### Soccer News

If your child is interested in participating in the Football Star Academy soccer program for Term 4, please see the attached flyer or contact FSA via email:

[vic34.football@sportstaracademy.com.au](mailto:vic34.football@sportstaracademy.com.au)

### Division Athletics Carnival

Marymede participated in the Division Athletics Carnival on September 15. We had a successful day with 34 of the 40 students progressing to Regionals. This is the highest number of students Marymede has ever progressed to the third round. We wish them all luck as they endeavour to qualify for State Finals.



### Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Chisholm on having the highest number of participants in the Premiers Reading Challenge. As a result Chisholm were awarded the inaugural Book of Colour and gained guild points.

### Art Award

Congratulations to Romero and Chanel for winning the Marymede Day Art Award. Students were asked to design a mascot for their guild and Romero and Chanel had the highest number of participants and have consequently both earned guild points.



### Theatre Sports

Years 3 and Year 4 students participated in Theatre Sports on Marymede Day. Guild points were collated and the results saw Romero being the overall champions.



### Walk To School

Just a reminder that Walk to School is on Friday, October 16. Please remember to wear guild uniform on this day.

**Mr Gerard Large**  
**Guild Coordinator**

### Primary Victorian Zonal Chess Tournament

Congratulations to both Heidi and Hazel D'Souza who participated once more in the Primary Victorian Zonal Chess Tournament towards the end of last term.

We are delighted to announce that both Heidi (Year 3.3) and Hazel (Year 5.4) performed extremely well earning themselves Gold medals for their age group.

They have now qualified for the Victoria State Semi-Final which will be held later in Term 4. Congratulations Hazel and Heidi and good luck for the semi-finals!

**Ms Antonietta Sabatino**  
**Primary Teacher**

## REGISTRAR NEWS

### 2017 Enrolment Applications

Applications for Year 7, 2017 are now open and will close on February 26, 2016.

Applications for Prep 2017 are also open and will close on May 2, 2016.

Year 7, 2017 Transition Interviews for current Marymede Year 5 students will take place across October 28 and November 18, families will be sent information regarding these interviews in the coming days.

For more information regarding the application and enrolment process please do not hesitate to contact the College.

## Exit Forms

Any family not returning to the College in 2016 is required to complete an Exit Form and return it back to the Main Office as soon as possible. To collect an Exit Form, please visit the Main Office.

## Email Addresses

There has been several important College emails sent out over the past fortnight. This may be a good time to confirm or update your email details with the College. To submit an email address or check your existing email address, please contact the College or email [registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au).

**Matthew Luczek**  
**Registrar**

## UNIFORM SHOP

### Term 4 Uniform Store trading hours

Mondays 8am to 2pm  
Tuesdays 12pm to 5pm  
Thursdays 12pm to 5pm