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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

The VCAA Unit 3 and 4 exams are in full swing for the Year 12s and some Year 11 students. This can be a difficult time for students and families and I encourage parents to spoil their son or daughter with a favourite meal or simply let them know how proud you are of them.

Changing of the Guard

The “changing of the guard” has taken place at the College with the recent appointment of our 2016 Student Leaders. I gain great energy from listening to their dreams and aspirations as they prepare for their final year of schooling.

Year 10 and 11 Exams

In just over two weeks, our Years 10 and 11 students will begin their exams. I urge them to spend time thoroughly revising, whether by going over notes, doing additional reading or attempting questions from past exam papers.

Secondary Awards Evening – November 12

We look forward to a large crowd in attendance at our Annual Awards Evening which will be held in the Fitness Centre on Thursday November 12 commencing at 7.00pm. I recommend parents arrive 15 minutes early to allow time to park and walk to the centre.

The Awards Evening acknowledges students in Years 7 to 11 who have excelled through their academic achievement, commitment to their studies or through their contribution in another way at Marymede. We also celebrate excellence in the Performing Arts as our College Choir and Musicians perform. All Years 7 to 11 students are expected to attend in full school uniform. I look forward to this significant Marymede Catholic College celebration.

Year 4 First Holy Communion – November 8

This Sunday, our Year 4 students will be making their First Holy Communion at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in the City. This spiritual celebration is one of the most important events in the lives of young students. We will keep them all in our prayers throughout this week.

Year 5 Camp

This week our Year 5 students and their teachers have been away together on camp in Kangarooie. I look forward to chatting to the students about their highlights of the camp upon their return to school on Monday.

Staffing

Next Monday November 9 Tracey Kift, Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching P-12 begins in this newly created role at our College. Tracey is a very experienced educator having been an English Domain Leader at Loyola College and more recently the Director of Learning and Teaching at Assumption College. We wish Tracey a long and enjoyable career at Marymede.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

The month of November marks an important transition as we prepare to conclude Ordinary Time in a few weeks. We started with the celebration of All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2) and will conclude with the feast of Christ the King on November 22 before entering the Season of Advent on Sunday 29 November.

All Saints Day, the day on which Catholics celebrate all the saints, known and unknown, is a surprisingly old feast. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honoured.

Often overshadowed by the two days preceding it, All Hallows Eve (also known as Halloween in secular terms) (October 31) and All Saints Day (November 1), All Souls Day is an important celebration in the Roman Catholic Church remembering all of those who have died and now are in Purgatory, being cleansed of their sins before entering fully into Heaven.

In school, Purgatory was taught to us as a place of “good fire” where souls were cleansed before they entered Heaven en masse each year on All Souls Day. It conjured up a visual image of souls becoming white as driven snow through this process and the mass exodus of souls to Heaven – something that brought relief as we contemplated good and bad choices as young people. Former Pope Benedict XVI, describes Purgatory more as a process of inner cleansing before the final destination of eternal life rather than a physical place. It provides a more credible understanding of Purgatory and All Souls Day.

On All Souls Day we pray for our loved ones and all those who have gone before us. One of the most commonly recited prayers for the departed is:

“Eternal rest grant unto them (Name of person), O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them (him/her). May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”

YEAR 12 GRADUATION LITURGY AND CEREMONY

21 October at St Francis of Assisi Parish, Middle Park



Drew Roberts, Sports Captain reads from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians



Staff read "You Are Very Special" Reflection to Year 12 class of 2015



Year 12s singing Marymede Anthem for the final time



College Captains Marisa Bellina and Michael Manoussakis delivering their final speech

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

HEAD OF SECONDARY

Term 4 Schedule

As we come to the final weeks of classes, examinations, reporting and orientation it is crucial that our young people focus on their learning and doing their best in preparing for 2016. The following table is a summary of events and expectations:

Event	Who is involved	Expectations
Unit 3/4 VCAA Examinations continue until 18th November	Year 12 students	Students attend examinations in full summer uniform with ID Card, well prepared.
Final Term 4 Assembly Period 4, 12th November	All Students Year 7 – 11 and College staff.	Students attend in full summer uniform.
College Awards Evening 12th November, 7.00pm	All Students Year 7 – 11 and College staff. Parents welcome.	Compulsory attendance for all students, wearing full summer uniform, groomed appropriately.
Year 10 and 11 Examinations 16th – 20th November	Year 10 and 11 Students	Students attend examinations in full summer uniform with ID Card, well prepared.
2016 Senior (Year 12) VCAL Orientation Thursday 19th November	Current Year 11 VCAL students.	This will be their last day of classes.
2016 VCE Orientation and Commencement Program Monday 23rd November – Friday 27th November	Current Year 10 and 11 students undertaking VCE in 2016	2016 VCE classes begin. VCE classes conclude on Friday 27th November.
2016 Intermediate (Year 11) VCAL Orientation Monday 23, Tuesday 24 and Thursday 26 November.	Current Year 10 students going into VCAL in 2016	Thursday 26 November will be this group's last day of classes.
Year 10 Advent Liturgy Thursday 26th November 12.30pm in the Chapel.	Current Year 10 students.	
Year 11 Advent Liturgy Thursday 26th November 2.10pm in the Chapel.	Current Year 11 students.	
Year 9 Examinations Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November.	Year 9 Students.	Students attend examinations in full summer uniform with ID Card, well prepared.
Year 9 REMAR Seminar Day	Year 9 Students	

SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

11 Drama Solo Performance Evening

On Monday 26th October, the Year 11 Drama class presented their final performance for 2015 – devised non-naturalistic solos. A range of characters were presented, including 'The Household Appliance', 'The Wartime Entertainer' (based on the film 'The Sapphires') and the personification of Luna Park's 'Mr. Moon'.

Thank-you to Ms Emma Kiely for cross marking and to Mr Jeremy Guzman for the wonderful photography.



The Wedding Singer Auditions

Thank-you to the students who auditioned for The Wedding Singer last week and continued with call backs this week. I look forward to announcing the cast in the next newsletter.

We could use more males from Years 7-11. Please contact me if you're interested.

Ms Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts

Iris: The 3rd Annual Media Showcase

The world premiere of Marymede's top Media work created by the highest-achieving students is coming soon!

Event	Who is involved	Expectations
Friday 27th November		
Year 9 City Experience and 2016 Computer Roll out program. Monday 30th November to Friday 4th December	Year 9 Students	9.1 – 9.4 Attend City Experience Monday and Tuesday. 9.5 – 9.8 Attend City Experience Wednesday and Thursday. All students to represent Marymede well in the community.
Year 7 and 8 Activities Week Monday 30th November to Friday 4th December	Year 7 and 8 Students	Program inclusive of excursions and incursions. All students to represent Marymede well in the community.
Last day of classes for Year 7 – 9 students, Friday 4th December.		Students will present for Advent Liturgy in full summer uniform.

Year 6-7 Orientation Day – Monday 7th December

All 2016 student leaders have been invited to participate in this day with all our Year 7 2016 students and students new to Marymede in Year 8 - 12. They will need to wear full school uniform.

Examination Schedule

Included in this newsletter are the schedules and expectations for Year 9, 10 and 11 Examinations. Students have been emailed these documents already.

Booklists and 2016 Subject Allocations

I have been working on student subject allocations for 2016. Once these are finalised they will be distributed to students along with booklists for 2016. Current Year 10 and 11 students will receive these prior to VCE and VCAL orientation. For the commencement program, our Year 12 VCE teachers will be using *edrolo* an on-line resource, with the College financially supporting subscription to this resource for four subjects for each VCE Unit 3/4 student. Students will be given holiday homework using *edrolo*. As such, there is no need to rush to buy texts for the commencement program.

I look forward to greeting all our families at the upcoming Awards evening.

Ms Julia Wake
Head of Secondary School / Head of Learning and Teaching

THE 3RD ANNUAL MEDIA SHOWCASE

IRIS

NOVEMBER 23, 2015
7PM | COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

RED CARPET EVENT
WITH FREE POPCORN & FAIRY FLOSS



Mr Jeremy Guzman
Secondary Teacher

Classic Catch Competition

On Wednesday at lunch time, the Classic Catch competition kicked off with students from the primary and secondary keen to get involved; including a couple of staff members. The competition worked by having a number of stations set up and after each successful catch from each station, participants would progress to more difficult stations. Stations ranged from testing reaction time and speed, as well as catching ability. At the conclusion of week ones classic catch comp we had two students who were lucky enough to have gone through the stations and set the record with six classic catches.

The Classic Catch Competition will be back next Wednesday with some exciting new stations and more fun for the students and some staff at lunch time. We hope to see more students on the oval testing their classic catch ability.



Ms Rebecca Stellini
AFL Trainee

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL PRIMARY

Nothing Fishy About the Year 7 Art Day

A brilliant day was had by all Year 7 students yesterday. Inspired by the Japanese Koi No Bori Festival or 'Children's Day' in Japan, students worked with teachers and two visiting artists Clare Walton and Molly Braddon to make celebratory fish – a Japanese symbol of strength and resilience. The goals of the day included an opportunity for deeper learning about the arts of another culture, a sustained activity in Art, self-discipline in order to complete a sculpture in a day, team work, problem solving and finally the enjoyment of achieving success!

Over the next week you will be able to see some of these fish displayed around the school.

Many thanks to the teachers who co-ordinated groups on the day – Susie Kitsoulis, Anmarie Kane, Alex Rokas, Anne Luttick, Liz Natoli, Vincent Doherty, Liam McCormack and our Art technician Julie D'Avoine.



Making the fish



Job almost complete



A brilliant outcome!

Mr Adrian Montana
Head of Visual Arts and Design Technology

PRIMARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Primary Sports News

State Athletics

On Monday 26th October 7 primary students attended the state athletics carnival. It was the first time Marymede had this many students who qualified at state level and the students definitely did us proud.

Amisha Muragathas Year 6 finished 6th discus
Tobenna Obani Year 4 finished 7th 100m
Micaela Bianco Year 6 finished 10th 800m

Matt Sabatino Year 4 finished 11th 1500m
Chideraa Obani, Micaela Bianco, Imogen Garland and
Christy Dimovski Year 6 finished 13th 4 x 100m Relay.



Guild Swimming

On the 25th November Marymede are holding their Swimming Carnival. This is a non-compulsory event. It is the first process for team selection for the interschool sports swimming squad which is held in February 2016. We ask that any student who attends can confidently swim 100m continuously. A permission form will be available for your child and needs to be returned by November 7.

Primary Sports Tops

Could all families please make sure they return immediately any sports singlets that your child may have borrowed for interschool sports.

Soccer Trial

Football Star Academy are providing Marymede students with a free soccer clinic. If you are interested in signing up your child for a 10 week program please come down and have a trial. The clinic is capped at 20 students aged 5-7 which we will be held on November 7 3.30-4.30 and 20 students aged 8-12 which will be held on Friday November 13th 3.30-4.30. A form will be sent home with your child this week.

Mr Gerard Large
Head of Primary Sport and Guild

Time

It's been a while since Year 5.3 were in the Newsletter. Here's a brief update on what we have been doing lately. In Numeracy, we have been creating projects on the topic of 'Time'. We have investigated different time zones around the world and how we can convert from twelve-hour to twenty-four hour time. Naomi Ordano represented the Year Fives at the Maths Talent Quest Presentation ceremony at Latrobe University where she was awarded a Distinction for her project on Guitars. In Reading and Writing, we have read some inspiring poetry and we are becoming poets ourselves by trying to write some poetry. Here are a few poems from us.



Hope you enjoy reading!

Typical Tuesday Morn by Isaac Krstina

It started on a typical Tuesday morn,
Little did they know later that they would mourn,
When the two planes hit the towers,
Glass, stone and brick showers,

Some of the people died on impact,
But some of the others soon realized they were trapped,
It was a hard decision no one person could call,
But some of them took hands and decided to fall,

But then the towers shook and they knew their time was
done,

2 Towers at the start and at the end there were none,
On that day it was not so fun,
No not that fun, that day in 2001.

The Light by Cassandra Sonza

Look there!

Where?

Just over there!

I don't see it.

Well just try.

A light???

Yes a light named Delight I mean

It's an angel.

Well just look and you will see.

It's my mother is it?

Mr Steven Wintrip
Primary Teacher

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

Marymede Catholic College welcomes the following new students who commenced over the past months, and their families to the College:

Jacob Leddin – Year 7
Lucky Sanjaikla – Year 1
Amy Zhou – Year 8

School Bus Service - 2016

The College will be sending home correspondence relating to the 2016 Bus Service in the coming weeks. We will be continuing our existing service with Dysons (subject to numbers) and will be taking deposits and registrations for Bus passes prior to the conclusion of Term 4.

Alumni Gathering

The College will hold an Alumni gathering for all past graduates on Tuesday December 1, 2015. If you know of any past graduate who is unaware of the upcoming event please ask them to contact the College.

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.

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 back to the Main Office as soon as possible. To collect an Exit Form please visit the Main Office.

Mr Matthew Luczek
Registrar

UNIFORM SHOP

Term 4 Uniform Shop Trading Hours:

Mondays 8am to 2pm

Tuesdays 12pm to 5pm

Wednesdays 8am to 11am then 2pm to 5pm

Thursdays 12pm to 5pm

Next Saturday trade:

Saturday 7th November 9.30am to 12.30pm