

20 February 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of Marymede Catholic College,

Last Wednesday February 18, our staff and students gathered in their Guilds and Year Levels for a Liturgy to mark Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Our foreheads were marked with ashes to remind us of our Lenten task of finding time to reflect on how we can be better people and do more for others. I regularly ask students to reflect on how they can do better. As we begin our Lenten journey, it is an appropriate time to stop and ask ourselves – How do we treat others? Do we show everyone the greatest respect, care and support? If not, then what can we change or improve?

Opening School Mass

Our Opening School Mass on Thursday February 12 was a wonderful celebration of welcoming. Our new College Chaplain Fr. Martin Ashe emphasised to the students and staff in his homily that we are all of equal importance in the eyes of God. I spoke to the students and encouraged them to set goals for the year ahead. There is no greater satisfaction than requiring commitment and sacrifices along the way. Our staff will always be there to offer support to students. Thank you to staff members Ms Judeline Wadhvani and Mrs Melinda Muir for their work in preparing this significant whole school celebration.

Induction of Senior Student Leaders

We inducted our Senior Student Leaders at a Secondary Assembly recently. I congratulate the students on being appointed to lead the student body. The greatest responsibility of our leaders is to serve. This service includes tasks such as providing a listening ear or helping someone feel safe. It also includes the responsibility of making our school a better place for those who will follow us.

Guild Swimming Carnival

Our Guild Swimming Carnival was held at Northcote Aquatic Centre on Tuesday February 10. Congratulations to all students who competed and Marcellin Guild on winning the carnival. I also congratulate Mr. Steven Scagliarini and the Heads of Guilds for their work in ensuring the carnival was such a success. The Swimming Carnival is another event at the College that encourages school spirit and a sense of belonging.

Bridge Inn Swimming

Congratulations to Mr. Gerard Large and the Primary Swimming team on winning the Bridge Inn Swimming

competition on Monday 16. It is pleasing to see the Primary students work so hard to achieve this great result.

Year 12 Retreat February 23-25

Our Year 12 Retreat will take place at Cowes, Phillip Island next week. Students are encouraged to leave behind the everyday issues of study, work and sport to take time to focus on the important relationships in their lives. It is a time of great value to our young people as they begin to prepare for life after school. I wish them a peaceful and rewarding time.

VCE 2014

On Monday February 9 we held an assembly for the VCE Class of 2014 students who achieved a 40+ Study Score. The overall average study score was 30 (this is the state median study score) and 100% of students who applied to University were successful. Our College Dux, Hayley Bix, is pictured below receiving her award from the College.



Nurse Bank – Paid Casual Relief Work

We are looking to create a Casual Nurse Bank to cover our School Nurses, Meaghan and Kate when the need arises. If you are a Registered Nurse Division 1 or Division 2 (medication endorsed) or hold a Level 2 First Aid certificate, have a current Working with Children Check and are available to relieve while Meaghan or Kate are attending school events please submit a Curriculum Vitae to Ms Lee Campbell, Executive Assistant to the Principal along with the days you are available. Applications can be mailed to the College or emailed to: lee.campbell@marymede.vic.edu.au.

Emergency Alert, the National Telephone Warning System

This system will be used to warn people of an emergency occurring near their vicinity. The warnings are sent as text messages to mobiles located near the emergency and a recorded message to landline telephones in the area. With the growing number of children now having their own mobile

phone, it is essential that they know what to do if they receive an emergency telephone warning. Similarly, that they know how to respond if they answer the home phone when a warning comes.

The flyer attached to this Newsletter has been developed in conjunction with CFA, Life Saving Victoria and the Department of Justice. The Department requests that schools inform all students of the warning system, to assist in preparing them to respond when they receive such a message on their mobile phone.

Year 7, 2016 Enrolments

A reminder to parents who have children currently in Year 6, that the last day to lodge an enrolment application at Marymede Catholic College is Friday February 27.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

ASH WEDNESDAY

I was reading an article by Fr Michael Tate about Ash Wednesday which contains a beautiful analogy to stardust, which I thought of sharing with you.

“Billions of years ago the universe was erupted into existence. God created a tremendous burst of energy and matter, a fantastic fireball, light and energy, a starburst of immense potential.

And now, billions of years later, we are the descendants of that starburst. We are star-dust, but very special, very beautiful stardust, loved by God into existence, sustained in existence by God’s love.

Scientists tell us that the stars, including our sun, will all run out of energy and lack all life. In something of the same way, our bodies will collapse at the end of our earthly lives into inert dust.

The Ashes on our forehead remind us of the extinction of our life.

However, we recall that Jesus’ death on the cross was only the start of a fantastic three days, which finished with his victory over death. His body was transfigured by divine energy like a new sunburst, a new starburst, a new creation, we call ‘the Resurrection’.

This is also our destiny desired by the Loving God. Our bodies are to become lively stardust again.”

We are invited on Ash Wednesday and during the 40 days of Lent, to do three traditional things:

Prayer - Thank God for our existence as earthlings with a fantastic destiny.

Fasting - Live a little more simply for the traditional forty days. Let us purposefully focus on how we consume food; to do so respectfully and with less wastage. Let us consider giving up some of the things to which we have become seriously addicted like social media.

Almsgiving - Be generous during Project Compassion, whose theme this year is “Food for Life”

So, on Ash Wednesday let us have the ashes put on our foreheads because we are the most beautiful stardust ever created by God, destined to share in his divine glory.

Thank you to our Guild Captains for having led the Ash Wednesday Liturgy in respective Guilds with much reverence with the support of their peers, Guild Tutors and Head of Guild.

Opening Of The 2015 School Year Mass

Celebrated on February 12, this was a special occasion of many New Beginnings for our College community in welcoming:

- Fr Martin Ashe as College Chaplain;
- Mr Michael Kenny as our College Principal;
- Ms Nidhi Hennequin, Ms Antonietta Sabatino, Ms Elizabeth Milani, Ms Melinda Muir, Ms Natalie Oman, Mr Frank Stranieri and Ms Annmarie Kane as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist;
- All our new scholars and staff

Our Primary and Secondary Staff Choirs came together in leading the College community in a most joyful manner with the singing and instrumental accompaniment for which we thank Mr Kevin Carville, Head of Music, Ms Natalie Oman, Head of Primary Music and Mr Sava Djukic, Music Teacher and all student singers and musicians involved.



Faith and Mission Calendar

- Year 12 Retreat February 23 to 25 – CYC The Island, Phillip Island
- Chisholm Guild Mass –February 10 11.30 am, Chapel
- “From Crib to Cross”, Secondary School Lent Liturgy – 23rd February, 9.00 – 10.00 am, Fitness Centre
- Romero Guild Mass –February 25 , 11.30 am, Chapel
- Year 11 Justice Awareness Day –March 26 , various venues

Ms. Judeline Wadhvani
Head of Faith & Mission

HEAD OF SECONDARY

Year 7 Update

1. Our Year 7’s had a session with our College Psychologist and student wellbeing team early in the term on responding to bullying. Steve Mead explained the short-term reactive brain and the long-term focused brain as a mechanism for explaining resilience and dealing with obstacles. This will be followed up this week and next with a second session in core groups.

2. Year 7 Camp details and program – students were sent an email with login access to the Outdoor education group website. <http://www.oeg.org.au/>

School Login: Marymede, Password: transition7

The all important gear list is available and any supplementary medical management plans also is available on the website.

Year 7 students should arrive at normal school time on the day of departure. Medications should be handed into the nurses by **Thursday March 12, clearly labelled with student identification.**

Please contact your child's Head of Guild with any particular concerns.

Year 9 Update

All Year 9 students will receive their camp letters and forms this week. All are to be returned by Thursday February 26.

Camp 1 April 20 – 22: 9.1, 9.2, 9.8 and ½ of 9.6

Camp 2 April 27 – 29: 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.7 and ½ 9.6

This camp is compulsory for all Year 9 students. The groups have been arranged this way to minimise disruption to the classroom programs and cater for staffing. They have heard from current Year 10 students this week about the challenge and the fun!

The Outdoor Education Group website login details will be provided to the students this week.

The Parent information evening is scheduled for **Monday March 23**, with at least one parent / guardian per family expected to attend.

General Reminders

1. Early leave passes: These are granted by the Head of Guild each morning upon sighting a sound reason for leaving – ie. Specialist appointment. Early leave passes will not be granted for appointments that can be made outside of school time. Student must show their pass to administration staff at the Secondary School office or main student office to be signed out.
2. Student drivers must make themselves known to Mrs Roberts – Deputy Principal, for policy and processes associated with independent driving and parking.

We have had a great start to the year with our Secondary students, thanking you all for your ongoing support.

Mrs. Julia Wake
Head of Secondary

SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Homework Timetables

All students in Years 7 – 10 have received via email a copy of their Core Group's Homework Timetable. I have asked that all students write their allocated homework subjects daily into their planner for the entire term. This will help them be organised and plan in advance when they receive long dated assignments.

While it's clear that homework is a critical part of the learning process, research has shown that too much homework can be counter-productive for students at all levels. Therefore, a homework timetable will assist students and parents organise their time and fit in homework, sporting and family commitments. Students should not be up late working on homework but this happens when they procrastinate if distracted by social media.

Homework can be assigned for a range of reasons and we believe that homework is valuable because it: allows for practising, extending and consolidating work done in class; teaches students how to plan and organise their time; develops students' research skills; establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline which will serve the students for the rest of their lives; reaffirms the role of parents and caregivers as partners in education; provides parents and caregivers with insights into what is being taught in the classroom and the progress of their child; challenges and extends gifted and talented children.

Meeting Deadlines Year 7 – 10

While it is the School's wish that students, where possible, not be denied satisfactory completion of a course for presenting work late, due dates must be absolute.

Teachers have organisational deadlines to meet, and at key dates during the year these cannot be extended. Teachers will prepare a Semester plan at the start of the year and at the start of Semester Two for all classes indicating approximate dates for all assessment tasks. Thereafter, teachers will set due dates for all pieces of work when the task is given to students so that legitimate requests for extension of time to be granted without causing undue pressure for teachers or students. If for some legitimate reason, such as:

- anticipated other commitments;
- accident or illness of student; unforeseen other commitments;
- accident, illness or death of a family member;

a student can fill in an extension form and if it is approved by the subject teacher, a new deadline will be negotiated. We do ask that a parent makes contact with the subject teacher when an extension is required if it occurs on or after the due date.

If an assignment is not submitted on the due date with no legitimate reason, the student will receive an academic detention which will take place on the following Wednesday after school. Hopefully, this will only happen on rare occasions but meeting deadlines is a life skill and an equity issue for all. In addition, when students undertake their VCE studies it is vital that they meet all deadlines or their final result could be adversely affected. Please refer to the attached information which outlines the process.

Ms. Andrea Agnew
Head of Learning and Teaching

Senior School Guild Swimming Carnival

A very successful Guild Swimming Carnival was completed on February 10th at the Northcote Aquatic Centre, with fantastic participation by the Marymede Catholic College Students. Many

of our swimmers excelled and many others particularly our Year 7's had the opportunity to compete in a swimming race for the first time. The Ten Minute Point Swim was again very popular and hotly contested by both Students and Teachers, as over 1000 laps were swum during this event!

Congratulations to Marcellin Guild, who were victorious as the Champion Guild for the second year in a row.

Final results:

- 1st Place – Marcellin 263 points
- 2nd Place – McCormack 219 points
- 3rd Place – Chanel 214 points
- 4th Place – Romero 212 points
- 5th Place – Chisholm 208 points
- 6th Place – McAuley 199 points

Congratulation to Students who broke records in their event this year and the following is a list of all out current record holders. Individual Champion Medallions will be awarded at the Senior School Assembly in the near future. Stay posted.

Swimming Records

Event – 50M FREESTYLE	Record	Record Holder	Year
Year 7 Male	37.62	Jack Anderson (CHA)	2014
Year 7 Female	32.24	Monique Bothma (MCA)	2014
Year 8 Male	33.81	Jack Anderson (CHA)	2015
Year 8 Female	33.41	Hayley Hoystead (MCA)	2014
Year 9 Male	29.98	Massimo Sartor (CHI)	2015
Year 9 Female	31.34	Hayley Hoystead (MCA)	2015
Year 10 Male	28.58	Mitchell Rohr (CHA)	2014
Year 10 Female	34.19	Lauren Hughes (MAR)	2014
Senior Male	28.43	Mitchell Rohr (CHA)	2015
Senior Female	36.84	Lauren Hughes (MAR)	2015

Event – 50M BACKSTROKE	Record	Record Holder	Year
Year 7 Male	44.00	Benjamin Cole (MAR)	2013
Year 7 Female	39.81	Monique Bothma (MCA)	2014

Event – 50M BACKSTROKE	Record	Record Holder	Year
Year 8 Male	41.96	Benjamin Cole (MAR)	2014
Year 8 Female	44.82	Monique Bothma (MCA)	2015
Year 9 Male	35.45	Mitchell Rohr (CHA)	2013
Year 9 Female	44.50	Alexandria Verdi (ROM)	2015
Year 10 Male	33.13	Mitchell Rohr (CHA)	2014
Year 10 Female	39.28	Hayley Hoystead (MCA)	2015
Senior Male	32.84	Mitchell Rohr (CHA)	2015
Senior Female	48.25	Natalie De Jesus (ROM)	2013

Event – 50M BREASTSTROKE	Record	Record Holder	Year
Year 7 Male	46.15	Louis Xuereb (MAR)	2014
Year 7 Female	48.13	Olivia Antonello (MAR)	2014
Year 8 Male	44.85	James Manoussakis (MAR)	2014
Year 8 Female	44.66	Hayley Hoystead (MCA)	2014
Year 9 Male	46.06	James Manoussakis (MAR)	2015
Year 9 Female	49.57	Lauren Hughes (MAR)	2013
Year 10 Male	47.29	Michael Manoussakis (MAR)	2013
Year 10 Female	45.10	B. Musgrave	2013
Senior Male	39.76	Mitchell Rohr (CHA)	2015
Senior Female	49.09	Lauren Hughes (MAR)	2015

Event – 50M BUTTERFLY	Record	Record Holder	Year
Open Male	27.45	Michael Manoussakis (MAR)	2014

Event – 50M BUTTERFLY	Record	Record Holder	Year
Open Female	34.32	Monique Bothma	2015

Miss. Rebecca Stellini
AFL Trainee & PE Assisstant

School Immunisation Program Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

Immunisation consent cards will be mailed out to parents and guardians this week.

Immunisations will take place at school on:

First Visit March 24-

Year 7- HPV

Year 9 and 10- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis booster

Second Visit June 3-

Year 7- 2nd dose of HPV and Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis booster.

Year 8 Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis booster

Third Visit October 7-

Year 7- 3rd dose of HPV and chicken pox vaccine

All consent cards MUST be filled in and returned to the college. If you child is not receiving the required vaccine the consent cards still need to be returned with the NO, I do not consent box ticked. Chicken pox consent cards for year 7's will be mailed out closer to the 3rd visit. Please ensure all consent cards are returned to student reception/sick bay by no later than Monday 9th March.

Meaghan Voumard
Kate Harland
College Nurses

HEAD OF PRIMARY

Objects for Recycling Please

Across the primary school we have many opportunities to recycle a variety of materials. If you have any of the following that are cluttering up your cupboards can you please send them to school with your children and they will be put to good use. They are sure to return to you in a very different form.

Scraps or balls of wool	Scraps or skeins of embroidery threads
Greeting cards (birthdays, Christmas, confirmation etc) (picture section without personal messages on the back)	Calendar pictures/ photographs
Gift bags	Wrapping paper

Fabric remnants	Curtain/ upholstery/ wallpaper samples
Cereal boxes	Well cleaned margarine containers

Alison Besselaar
Head of Primary

PRIMARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Classroom Helpers' Training Course-Literacy

The Classroom Helpers' Training Course for Literacy will be conducted on Tuesday, March 24 commencing at 9:00am until approximately 11:00am for parents wishing to volunteer in classrooms during Literacy Sessions. Participation in the training session will enable you to support and develop an understanding of the Primary School Literacy Program. To volunteer in classrooms you will need to have attended a classroom helpers' course within the last 3 years.

If you would like to attend this session, it is imperative that you register due to the seating available to us in the Resource Centre. You can register by completing the Expression of Interest form at the Primary School Office or by contacting Mrs Leanne Easdon on 9407 9000. Please note that it will not be possible to bring young children to the session.

Parents who have registered for the training session are asked to meet Ms Mullen outside the Primary School office at 8.55am on Tuesday, March 24 and we will walk to the Calthorpe Resource Centre together.

After the session you will have the opportunity to indicate your availability on classroom timetables. The Parent Helpers' Program will commence in classrooms as of Term 2.

Please note that all classroom helpers are required by law to have a current Working with Children Check (WWC), 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 look forward to meeting you and working with you.

Mrs. Maree Mullen
Head of Literacy Primary School

Primary Visual Arts

A warm welcome to new and familiar students – may we all have a creative and inspiring year whilst "Taking Part In Art' in 2015!

We are seeking expressions of interest from parents who would like to be involved with the Visual Arts for the Primary School Students at Marymede Catholic College.

At times assistance would be incredibly helpful during class time when students are engaged in activities such as painting, making play-doh, constructing and modelling.

In addition to this assistance before or after school in maintaining an orderly art room would be hugely beneficial to both staff and students who use this room. Cleaning, tidying and sorting out of equipment are necessary in continuing to have an efficient and organised room.

If you are interested and available could you please send an email to: natalie.oman@marymede.vic.edu.au .

Could you include your general availability as well as contact telephone numbers? If you are interested in assisting with classes you will require a Working with Children Check which can be obtained by accessing forms online and then taking these to the post office. Alternatively you can inquire directly at the post office.

Miss Natalie Oman
Visual Arts Teacher

Sport News

Friday, February 13 was our first walk to school day for 2015.

We had a fantastic turnout with 544 primary students participating in the event each obtaining a point for their guild.

The guild ladder as it stands from the Walk to school day is as follows

1st Romero
2nd McCormack
3rd Marcellin
Equal 4th Chisolm and Chanel
6th McAuley

The next Walk to School Day is April 17, so let's see if we can break the 600 barrier!



Interschool Swimming

Congratulations to all the students in the Marymede Swim Team for being the overall Champions at the Bridge Inn swimming carnival on Monday February 16. Marymede won every age group and 25 students have progressed to the next round which is on Monday 2nd March.

Thankyou to all the parents who assisted on the day.



Mr. Gerrard Large
Head of Primary Sport

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Music Department

Congratulations...

To the following Secondary College students who along with the Primary School Choir led the music and singing at our Opening College Mass on Thursday 12th February. A celebratory Pizza Lunch has been arranged for you on Thursday 19th February.

Adam Argyros, Aleigha Walters, Alexander Kosmas, Ben Palazzi, Betsey Rasia, Cassandra Panozzo, Celine D'Abate, Christopher Xerri, Clarissa Polifroni, Connor Nelson, Damian Santinon, Daniel Preziuso, Destiny Withers, Gabriella Agosta, Jamison O'Loughlin, Jasmine Egan, Jordan Conte, Joshua Newton, Laura Daniele, Madalyn Egan, Makayla Rizzo, Melvin Mangoba, Morgan Brand, Nanette Mangoba, Paul Nicolaidis, Paulene Roflo, Sarah Mizzi, Scarlet Aylward, Sheryl Varghese, Simran Rainu, Tatenda Muranda.



Important Dates

Monday March 16

Musical Futures Australia Professional Development Day for Classroom Music Teachers at Marymede Catholic College. For more information please go to:
<http://www.musicalfuturesaustralia.org/register-for-2015-training-here.html>

Monday May 18

Instrumental Music Program Concert to be held in the College Auditorium at 6:30pm

Monday June 15

VCE Music Performance Evening to be held in the College Auditorium at 6:30pm

Monday August 31

Instrumental Music Program Concert to be held in the College Auditorium at 6:30pm

Thursday December 3

Marymede Catholic College Presents: Carols by Candlelight. This annual event will begin at 6:30pm in College Fitness Centre

Private Instrumental Music Program

This is a reminder that the college currently offers private instrumental music lessons for: Voice, Piano, Keyboard, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion / Drum Kit, Guitar and Bass Guitar.

Enrolment

Applications are now closed for Semester 1. To enrol in the College's Instrumental Music Program in Semester 2, please complete an 'Instrumental Music Enrolment Form', sign a copy of the 'Terms and Conditions' form and hand this in to the College's Main Office.

Instrumental Music Enrolment Forms can be downloaded from the College's Website under ENROLMENTS – APPLICATION FORMS.

Mr. Kevin Carville
Head of Music

Business Office

CDF Student Banking – Parent Volunteer

The College is looking for a willing Parent to co-ordinate the CDF student banking in the Primary school. If you have a flare for the banking system and assist young children in managing their "first" bank account, then this is for you.

The School Agency is a "deposit only" agency, which allows students to make deposits into savings accounts at the school on a specific banking day each week.

Withdrawals cannot be processed at the school; however they can be arranged with the help of the agency.

If you require further information, please contact CDF (9411-4200) or contact the College Reception.

Mr. Paul Romanin
Business Manager

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

Marymede Catholic College welcomes the following new students who commenced this past week and their families to the College:

Max Luong – Prep
Demi Cao – Year 4
Dan Bui – Year 7
Mary Luong – Year 8
Leon Arsov – Year 10
Denice Dao – Year 10

2016 Enrolments

Applications for Year 7 2016 will close next February 27, 2015.

Applications for Prep 2016 are now open and will close on May 15, 2015.

Year 7 2016 Information Evening

This past Thursday, we held our Year 7 2016 Information Evening, which saw a number of families in attendance. We thank those families who joined us on the evening and look forward to the exciting times ahead as we move into the transition phase for Year 7, 2016.

Family 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, alternatively you may also wish to email the change to registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au .

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 and will continue to do so in 2015. 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 or email registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au .

School Bus Service

A reminder that final payments for Semester 1 Bus Passes are due by no later than Friday February 27. Bus Passes will be passed onto students during the week. Any family interested in using the College Bus service should visit www.marymede.vic.edu.au to gain information on the service, or alternatively contact the Main Office on 9407-9000.

Mr. Matthew Luczek
Registrar

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Menu During Lent

During the 2015 Lent period, the College Canteen will not be selling (Over counter or Online) any meat items to Staff or Students on Ash Wednesday (18 February) and each Friday (from February 20 to March 27).

During this period the Canteen will however, be selling Sushi, Rice Paper Rolls, Fish Burgers and Fish Wraps.

All other days not listed above, the regular Canteen Menu will apply.

Ms. Kate Quinn

Mrs. Connie Ibrahim

Canteen Managers

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform store is open

Mondays 8am to 2pm

Tuesdays 12pm to 5pm

Wednesdays 8am to 11am then 2pm to 5pm (until end of February)

Thursdays 12pm to 5pm

Our next Saturday trade will be
Saturday March 7, 9.30am to 12.30pm