

23 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 marking Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Our foreheads were marked with ashes reminding 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 in his homily that we are all of equal importance in the eyes of God. I spoke to the students, encouraging 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 recently inducted our Senior Student Leaders at a Secondary Assembly. 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 and details about this enjoyable day can be found later in the newsletter. 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.

Bridge Inn Swimming

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

competition on Monday. 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 an opportunity of great value to our young people as they begin preparing 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. Marymede's overall average Study Score was 30 (this is also 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 attend school events, please submit a Curriculum Vitae to Ms Lee Campbell, Executive Assistant to the Principal along with 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 emergencies occurring near their vicinity. 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 should they receive such a message on their mobile phone.

Year 7, 2016 Enrolments

A reminder to parents who have Year 6 children, 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

Fr. Michael Tate wrote about Ash Wednesday:

"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.

...billions of years later, we are the descendants of that starburst. We are star-dust...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."

During the forty days of Lent, we are invited to do three traditional things:

Prayer:	Thank God for our existence as earthlings with a fantastic destiny.
Fasting:	Live a little more simply. Purposefully and respectfully focus on how we consume food, with less wastage. Consider giving up some things we really can live without, such as social media.
Almsgiving:	Be generous during Project Compassion, whose 2015 theme is 'Food for Life'.

Thank you to our Guild Captains for having led their Guild's Ash Wednesday Liturgy with reverence supported by their peers, Guild Tutors and Head of Guild.

Opening Of The 2015 School Year Mass

Celebrated on February 12, along with our new staff and students, we also welcomed new Extraordinary Members of the Eucharist: Ms Nidhi Hennequin, Ms Antonietta Sabatino, Ms Elizabeth Milani, Ms Melinda Muir, Ms Natalie Oman, Mr Frank Stranieri and Ms Annmarie Kane.

Our Staff Choirs joyfully led the College community supported with 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 – February 23, 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 Wadhwani
Head of Faith & Mission

HEAD OF SECONDARY

Year 7 Update

Our Year 7s recently had a session with Stephen Meade, our College Psychologist, and the student wellbeing team on responding to bullying. Stephen explained the short-term reactive brain and the long-term focused brain as a mechanism for explaining resilience and managing obstacles. We will explore this further in core group sessions.

The Year 7 Camp is approaching and it promises to be a great experience for everyone involved. Information about what to pack, supplementary medical management plans, and the program are available on the Outdoor education group website: <http://www.oeg.org.au/> (school login: Marymede; password: transition7)

Students should arrive at normal school time on the day of departure. Medications should be handed in to the nurses by **Thursday March 12, clearly labelled with student identification.**

If you have any queries, please contact your child's Head of Guild.

Year 9 Update

The Year 9 Camp is coming up in April and the students have already heard from the Year 10s about the challenge and fun of this great experience!

The camp dates are as follows:

Camp 1	April 20-22	9.1, 9.2, 9.8 and half of 9.6
Camp 2	April 27-29	9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.7 and half of 9.6

All Year 9 students will receive their camp letters and forms this week and, as attendance is compulsory, all forms must be returned by Thursday February 26.

The Parent information evening is scheduled for **Monday March 23**, and your child will benefit when at least one parent/guardian attends this essential meeting. Further information will also be available on the Outdoor Education website with login details being provided to students this week.

General Reminders

Early Leave Passes are granted by Heads of Guild each morning when provided with a sound reason for leaving in writing from parents/guardians – for example, for Specialist appointments. Marymede Catholic College stands alongside you in our commitment of ensuring that students are present and involved in their learning at every opportunity, therefore, Early Leave Passes will not be granted for appointments which can be made outside of school time or in school holidays. To sign out, students must show their pass to administration staff at the Secondary School Office or Main Student office.

To ensure the wellbeing and safety of all students, **student drivers** need to make themselves known to Mrs Robyn Roberts, Deputy Principal Secondary, for policy and processes associated with independent driving and parking.

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

Mrs Julia Wake
Head of Secondary

SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Homework

Homework plays a critical part in the learning process and can be assigned for a range of reasons. 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 research skills; establishes life-long habits of study, concentration and self-discipline; reaffirms the role of parents and caregivers as partners in education and provides them with insights into what is being taught in the classroom and the progress of their child; challenges and extends gifted and talented children.

Homework has clear merits, but, in order to ensure a well-balanced lifestyle, young people also need to have adequate time for leisure and active recreation. To support this balance, Marymede provides all core groups from Years 7-10 with a **Homework Timetable**. By using these in conjunction with the Student Planner, students will have the opportunity to practice self- management, organisational skills and forward planning, particularly when they receive long-dated school assignments.

Please find copies of all homework timetables in the Flyer and Document Section.

Meeting Deadlines Year 7 – 10

Marymede is committed to enabling students to be able to satisfactorily complete a course even when work is presented late but it is our expectation that due dates are observed in all but the most exceptional circumstances.

To support our students in their planning, all subject teachers provide a semester plan at the beginning of each semester indicating approximate dates for all assessment tasks. For all other tasks, teachers will set due dates when tasks are commenced so that legitimate requests for time extensions can be granted without causing undue pressure for teachers or students. We anticipate that such reasons might include other organised commitments; accident or illness of student or of a family member.

In such cases, students are welcome to complete an extension form and, if approved by the subject teacher, a new deadline will be negotiated. Should an extension need to be sought after a due date, we do ask that a parent/guardian makes contact with the subject teacher.

When students have unsubmitted work without cause, Marymede will assist the student by requiring their attendance at an academic detention the following Wednesday after school. By having a clear consequence, students are supported to develop the lifelong skills of organisation and meeting deadlines while also allowing the College to retain equity in its assessment provision. Students undertaking VCE student should also be aware that not meeting deadlines which adversely affect their final result.

Ms. Andrea Agnew
Head of Learning and Teaching

Senior School Guild Swimming Carnival

The Secondary School had a very successful Guild Swimming Carnival on February 10 at the Northcote Aquatic Centre, and, as another event at the College that encourages school spirit and a sense of belonging, it was great to see such fantastic participation. Many swimmers excelled and many others, particularly Year 7s, had the opportunity to compete in a swimming race for the first time. The Ten Minute Point Swim was very popular and hotly contested by both students and teachers, with over 1000 laps swum!

Congratulations to Marcellin Guild, who were victorious as the Champion Guild for the second year running.

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 this year's record-breaking students; following is a list of all our current record holders. Individual Champion Medallions will be awarded at an upcoming Senior School Assembly.

Swimming Records

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

Event – 50M BACKSTROKE	Record (secs)	Record Holder	Year
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 (secs)	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 (secs)	Record Holder	Year
Open Male	27.45	Michael Manoussakis (MAR)	2014
Open Female	34.32	Monique Bothma (MCA)	2015

Miss Rebecca Stellini
AFL Trainee & PE Assisstant

School Immunisation Program Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

Immunisations will take place at school as follows:

March 24	Year 7	HPV (1st dose)
	Year 9 and 10	Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis booster
June 3	Year 7	HPV (2nd dose), Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis booster
	Year 8	Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis booster
October 7	Year 7	HPV (3rd dose), chicken pox vaccine

Immunisation consent cards will be mailed out to parents and guardians this week. All consent cards MUST be filled in and returned to the College. If your 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 7s will be mailed out closer to the third visit. Please ensure all consent cards are returned to Student Reception/ Sick Bay by Monday March 9.

Meaghan Voumard
Kate Harland
College Nurses

HEAD OF PRIMARY

Request for Objects for Recycling

Across the Primary School we have many opportunities to recycle a variety of materials. If you have any of the following cluttering up your cupboards, 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 (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 9:00am until approximately 11:00am for parents wishing to volunteer during classroom Literacy Sessions. Classroom volunteers need to have attended such a session within the last three years and participation will enable you to support and develop an understanding of the Primary School Literacy Program.

If you would like to attend, please be aware that numbers are limited so register early 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.

Registered attendees should meet Ms Mullen outside the Primary School Office at 8.55am to walk to the session location in the Calthorpe Resource Centre together. Opportunity to indicate your availability on classroom timetables will occur after the session concludes. The Classroom Helpers' Program will commence in classrooms as of Term Two.

Please note that by law all Classroom Helpers are required 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 in Term Two.

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 '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 in maintaining an efficient and organised art room by cleaning, tidying and sorting out of equipment before or after school would be of great service to both staff and students who use this room.

If you are interested and available could you please send an email indicating your general availability and contact telephone numbers to: natalie.oman@marymede.vic.edu.au.

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 a Post Office or, alternatively, you can inquire directly at a Post Office.

Miss Natalie Oman
Visual Arts Teacher

Sport News

Friday February 13 was our first Walk To School Day for 2015 and we had a fantastic turnout with 544 primary students participating and each obtaining a point for their guild.

The Guild Ladder is currently:

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

The next Walk To School Day is Friday 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 Sarnival on Monday February 16. Marymede won every age group and 25 students have progressed to the next round on Monday March 2.

Thank you to all the parents who provided invaluable assistance on the day.



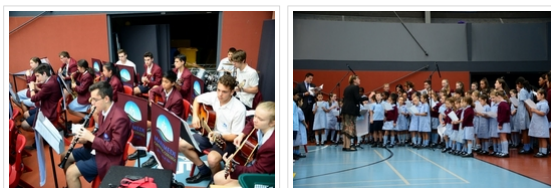
Mr. Gerard Large
Head of Primary Sport

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Music Department

Congratulation 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 February 12. A celebratory Pizza Lunch has been arranged for you on Thursday February 19.

Adam Argyros, Aleigha Walters, Alexander Kosmas, Ben Palazzi, Betsey Rasia, Cassandra Panozzo, Celine D'Abate, Christopher Xerri, Clarissa Polifroni, Connar Nelson, Damian Santinon, Daniel Prezioso, 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 One. To enrol in the College's Instrumental Music Program in Semester Two, 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 flair for the banking system and an interest in assisting young children in managing their 'first' bank account, then please apply.

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, with a number of families in attendance. We thank those families who joined us 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: 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 College news and events. 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 One Bus Passes are due by Friday February 27. Bus Passes will be passed on to students during this 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 Lent period, the College Canteen will not be selling any meat items to staff or students on Ash Wednesday (18 February) and each Friday (from February 20 to March 27) either over the counter or online.

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