

29 May 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Saturday June 6 is the feast day of St. Marcellin Champagnat –founder of the Marist Brothers Order. In the Secondary School, Marcellin Guild will be celebrating this special day on Thursday June 18 with a Mass and a shared lunch for the students and staff. It is important for us to acknowledge Marcellin's great contribution to Catholic education and the values expressed by Marcellin of humility, simplicity, modesty and love of work are as valuable in our students today as ever.

Crunch Time

It is week 15 of the semester which some may call 'crunch time', with our Years 10, 11 and 12 students sitting their end of semester examinations next week and our Year 9 students the following week. It is also a time where major pieces of assessment are due from our senior students. Most students will reap the rewards of their dedicated study as they work through this peak time without too much stress and hassle.

For some who find this time difficult, it usually stems from a lack of organisation. We can all help by encouraging careful planning and by breaking the many study or assessment tasks into manageable segments, so the time and effort is put into work rather than students being overwhelmed.

Our Co-curricular Program

Co-curricular activities such as music performance and ensembles, theatre, other creative endeavours and sport are an integral part of College life. These are all important ways in which the gifts of every student can be nurtured and shared. I urge our students to make a strong commitment to the co-curricular life of the College as, from my experience, it helps to build a strong school spirit. I ask that students please commit to rehearsals, training and the competition matches and maintain regular communication with their teacher, coach or the Head of Sport.

Staff News

Congratulations to Derek McConn and his wife Deirdre on the birth of their first child, Cadhla Maisy.

Report Writing Day – June 5

A reminder to our Primary school parents that Friday June 5 is a report writing day for the Primary staff and, consequently, no Primary school classes will be running on this day.

The Secondary staff will have their report writing day on Friday June 19.

Prep 2016 Enrolment Interviews

Interviews for Prep 2016 will take place in the Calthorpe Resource Centre on Wednesday June 3 from 4.00pm to 6.00pm. Letters have been posted with the details for making bookings on-line via the PTO on-line booking system on the College's website. I am delighted with the number of applications we received for 2016 which indicates strong support in the community for the quality education we offer at Marymede Catholic College.

Marymede Skills Centre – Starts construction on Monday 1 June 2015

Marymede Catholic College is pleased to announce that the construction of the Skills Centre will commence on Monday 1 June 2015. During this period of construction access via Gate A will continue however restricted parking is available in this area. Please see below diagram of restricted access area during the construction period.

The Trade Skills Centre is expected to be completed by the commencement of the 2016 School year.

- See more at: <http://marymede.vic.edu.au/news/tradeskillscentredesign#sthash.OqqYY3lf.dpuf>





Kind Regards,

Mr Michael Kenny
Principal

FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June)

“So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister and then come and offer your gift.” (Matthew 5:24)

Empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit received at Pentecost last Sunday, the challenge for us is: how do we allow the Spirit to provoke action embodying fullness of life for all people. Jesus Christ’s challenging words enable us to consider the importance of National Reconciliation Week, if we want to be reconciled to Christ. His teaching provokes response in thought and action: Who do I need to be reconciled with? What am I doing to enable this reconciliation?

We remember that May 27 and June 3 are important dates in Australia’s history. May 27 marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum when Australians voted to remove clauses in the Australian Constitution discriminating against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. June 3 marks the 1992 Mabo decision when the High Court of Australia recognised native title - that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ rights over their lands endures British colonisation.

So we acknowledge that we gather every day on the land of the Wurundjeri Willum people. We pay respect to their elders past and present, for they hold the memories, the culture and the wisdom upon which our nation’s future will be built.

RECONCILIATION PRAYER

Lord, open up our hearts,
so that we may hear the message you teach:
of a world in which the wrongs of the past are recognised;
a world in which a reconciled people walk and talk together
sharing stories;
a world in which all burn with the desire to have your peace
and justice reign.
We ask this in the name of our Ascended Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Let it be done, according to your word.
Mary our good mother, pray for us.

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

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL SECONDARY

Parent Curriculum Information Night

Parents play such a significant role in guiding and supporting sons/daughters in their subject selection and pathways. Therefore, please add Thursday 25 June to your home calendar as attendance is compulsory.

The purpose of the evening is to present all 2016 subject offerings for Year 10 and 11. This will include information on VET, VCAL and VCE subjects and pathways. Information about the Trade Skills Centre will also be available as VET Engineering, Furniture Making and Carpentry will be offered in 2016.

We are excited to offer a diverse and rigorous senior curriculum and, with the introduction of the Trade Skills Centre, our students will experience skills and knowledge allowing accessible pathways for the 21st century.

Please confirm your attendance through
rsvp@marymede.vic.edu.au

I am looking forward to meeting all Year 9 and 10, 2015 parents and guardians.

Mrs Robyn Roberts
Deputy Principal Secondary

HEAD OF SECONDARY

ELEVATE – Study Skills Support for Year 10 and 11 Students

On Thursday May 28, all Year 10 students and Year 11 VCE students had a workshop with our regular Elevate presenters in preparation for the upcoming examinations and beyond. Tips on organisation, locations to study, note-taking, practice questions and motivation were presented by young people not too long out of school.

I urge all students to make further use of these sessions by accessing the web resources from elevateeducation.com. Students can login to register - Username: STUDENT, Password: PACCO

Year 12 Homestudy

To meet our duty of care in monitoring attendance, it is important that those students who have been granted the privilege of Homestudy are actually at home during those times. If transport is a concern, any student choosing to stay on campus must come off Homestudy and be marked as present in their study class in order to be accounted for in the case of an emergency.

Communication

Please be sure to access the Parent Access Module (PAM) to stay abreast of daily messages and communications to students. Teachers will often email parents with any feedback that is of note.

Year 10 Homestudy P5 Thursday June 4.

Please be advised that Year 10's will be dismissed at lunchtime (1.27pm) on Thursday June 4. The Fitness Centre will be out of action due to exam set-up, therefore not available for Year 10 Guild sport. Year 10 students would benefit from this additional time to prepare for their exams beginning 8.30am Friday June 5.

Should your son/daughter not be able to leave the College Grounds at this time, he/she can access the Resource Centre for private study. Please advise your child's tutor teacher if this will be the case so that we can account for their attendance.

Ms Julia Wake
Head of Secondary School

HEAD OF SECONDARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Parents/Guardians of students in Years 5-10,

- Do you take the time to stop to wonder what it is that your son/daughter is learning from you?
- What are the essentials that a son/daughter needs from his/her father and mother?
- What are some of the rules for dads of sons/daughters?
- How can you help your son/daughter achieve authentic maturity? How will you recognise this in him/her?
- How are we teaching our children how to live?

If you would like to learn more about the importance of parenting teenagers or children on the cusp of adolescence, then I strongly encourage you to attend the following seminar series on offer by the College in collaboration with menALIVE Ministry:

THE CHALLENGE OF PARENTHOOD TODAY - A TWO PART SEMINAR SERIES FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN YEARS 5-10

Please refer to the details on the flyer attached for information on how to register at your earliest convenience.

Thank you to those parents who have already registered their attendance and I look forward to seeing as many of you at these two evening events as possible.

God Bless,

Mr Riccardo Iuele
Head of Religious Education Secondary



A COMPLETE EDUCATION
A PREP TO YEAR 12 CATHOLIC CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE

THE CHALLENGE OF PARENTHOOD TODAY
A TWO-PART SEMINAR SERIES FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN YEARS 5-10

TERM 2 - Wednesday 10 June 2015: Raising Teens & Identifying the Challenge
TERM 3 - Wednesday 12 August 2015: How do we respond? Launch of "The Father Factor"

Presented by
Robert Falzon
(Co-founder of menALIVE & Co-author of The Father Factor)

TIME: 7.00pm - 8.30pm VENUE: Auditorium
RSVP: rspv@marymede.vic.edu.au by Friday 5 June, 2015.
Spaces limited - Early bookings essential.
PLEASE NOTE: This is an adult only event

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SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

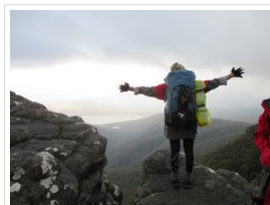
Grampians Hike and Climb

Students studying Unit 1 Outdoor and Environmental Studies and Year 10 Outdoor Education braved chilly conditions when bushwalking in the Grampians during Week 5.

Exploring the Major Mitchell Plateau, Year 10s encountered snow and then had a steep scramble to reach the campsite. Day 2 began with magnificent panoramic views, before a descent to the Stockyard Saddle and the Jimmy Creek Campground.

The Year 11s travelled past the majestic 'Grand Canyon' and Pinnacle lookout, setting a great pace over Mt Rosea. Day 2 continued through Borough Huts and then on a fireline track to reach Brabuk Culture Centre.

The Grampians provided an excellent backdrop to meet the educational outcomes in both programs. Year 10s practised and refined skills in navigation and bushwalking. Year 11s sought to understand the area's ecological, historical and economical value. On the final day, Year 11s put theory into practice with the addition of rock climbing and abseiling allowing them to explore concepts of risk and how technology has improved this sport's accessibility. The College would like to thank staff involved in running this program.





Extra-Curricular Ski Weekend

The College is excited to announce that 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.

The program includes two days of skiing or snowboarding (lessons, hire and lift pass), accommodation at Bright Chalet, all meals, supervision from Marymede staff and all transfers. The program will cost \$425.50, which will need to be paid upfront to secure a place and is non-refundable.

To be considered, students must display responsibility and endeavour in their studies and a history of involvement and participation in the full life of the College. Students must commit to attending all scheduled classes on Monday August 17 and be aware that refunds will not be offered on the basis of sport finals. Please discuss this opportunity at home, considering the financial requirements and possible enterprising ways to fund attendance.

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

Voice of Youth

For the second year running, Marymede have success in the Rostrum 'Voice of Youth' Public Speaking in both Junior and Section Sections.

Congratulations to Ajay Jay (Year 9), who won the Junior Section and Olivia Hughes (Year 11), who won the Senior Section on Sunday May 19. Both students will compete in the State Finals at St Kevin's, Toorak, on Sunday June 21. We are very proud of this Marymede achievement.

Both students presented a prepared speech on a set topic and were selected in their respective heats to proceed to the semi-finals. In the semi-finals, they presented their prepared speech and a three minute impromptu response. Competition was fierce with students from schools including St Monica's, Scotch College, Lauriston Girls, Brunswick Secondary and St Kevin's. There were 24 speakers in the Junior Section and 16 in the Senior Section.



*Olivia with Kylie Campbell, Ajay with Rostrum award
Rostrum 'Voice of Youth'
Victorian Convenor*



You are welcome to come and support Marymede Catholic College at the State Final.

Marymede Representation at the ANZAC Commemoration at Gallipoli 2015

April 25, 2015 marked the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli Landing and Marymede was privileged to have James Manoussakis (Year 9) as a representative in Turkey. James attended the Dawn Service at ANZAC Cove, witnessing this event attended by dignitaries from around the world and thousands of Australians including descendants of the original ANZACs. The ceremony was, by his account, most moving in such a significant setting, with its air of formality and ceremony. At the conclusion of the Dawn Service he moved to Lone Pine for quieter but still powerful service.

James is now privileged to be the custodian of a piece of Australian history that will be part of its folklore.



Victorian student representatives, including James, at ANZAC Cove ceremony

Mrs Laura Wilcox and Mrs Moira Christie
Enrichment Team

Debating News

If you have pondered the arguments surrounding the contentious question: 'should unvaccinated children be allowed to attend public schools?', then ask Marymede's A level

debating team! Recently, Olivia Hughes (Year 11), Gemma Parsons (Year 11) and Alana Baldacchino (Year 11) argued against Assumption College's A level team and, in the process, won their debating round handsomely. In addition, Alana Baldacchino was named 'Best Speaker'.

Our A team is en route to reach the Round Five play-off in a very strong position. Good luck to Ms Allison Lemar and the members of her team for Round 4 to be held on Monday evening, June 1.

Mr Adrian Montana
Debating Co-ordinator

College Captains

My name is Marisa and, along with Michael Manoussakis (who is currently in Canada with the National Youth Science Forum), we acknowledge the honour of receiving the leadership role as College Captains at Marymede.

As College Captain, I have been willing and prepared to take on the responsibilities given to me because I want to act as a voice for the student body. Through this role, we want to build Marymede's reputation into the wider community so we can be recognised as a unique and positive school with students who are eager to learn. We truly believe that each student has the potential to achieve greatness. This is why I want to help students take on every opportunity they are given in order to excel and succeed in their studies. Our advice to students at Marymede is to live out their high school experience to the fullest so when they reach the end of Year 12, they will have no regrets. Looking back at my own experiences, I am proud of my involvement at the college and I hope that each student will have these similar feelings once they reach the end of secondary school.

Miss Marisa Bellina
College Captain

PRIMARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Parent Helpers Required

We are looking for more parent helpers to assist our Year 2 teachers and students during period one (9am-10am) each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Parents who have completed the Parent Helper's Training course at this College within the last three years and hold a current Working with Children Check can assist in any Prep to Year 2 classroom but we are currently looking for assistance in Year 2. If you think you can help, please contact me or Mrs Leanne Easdon at the Primary School Office on 9407 9000.

Thank you to all parents volunteering their time in various ways. We also look forward to having parent helpers in the Prep classrooms commencing in Term 3.

Maree Mullen
Head of Primary School Literacy

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Evening of Music

On Monday May 18 the Music Department celebrated an 'Evening of Music'. It was a spectacular evening with an array of talent displayed from Years 2 to 12. Thank you to Mr Jeremy Guzman and his VET Media students Jesse Azzopardi, Alec Prestia-Cook and Shojan Tse for recording the event.



Our co-curricular program is up and running with Concert Band, Sing Squad, Junior Jammers, Liturgical Choir, Guitar Ensemble and Drumline as student favourites this semester. Here are a few photographs of the students participating in these groups.



On Friday May 22, Mr Djukic and I took 14 students from our Liturgical Choir to the Catholic Leadership Centre at the Catholic Education Office in Melbourne. Students participated in Liturgical Music Workshops hosted by the Notre Dame Folk Choir currently touring Australia. The following students are congratulated for their wonderful participation on the day: Gabriella Agosta, Morgan Brand, Olivia Capodicasa, Laura Daniele, Chloe Falzon, Alexander Kosmas, Nanette Mangoba, Sarah Mizzi, Tatenda Muranda, Joshua Newton, Simran Rainu, Grace Sibanda, Destiny Withers, Aberdeen Withers.

Mr Kevin Carville
Head of Music

Knit-A-Square is back for 2015

The Square Knit Circle is regrouping in 2015 for its fourth year of tremendous work. Last year, our 700+ knitted squares, were sent to Kascare's branch in South Africa and stitched into lovely blankets used to keep orphaned or abandoned children, often suffering from AIDS, warm.



From Monday June 1, we are aiming even higher. Students are sought to learn to knit or crochet 20cm squares to be sent Kascare's expanding branch in Zimbabwe, one of the poorest countries in the world. According to UNICEF, Zimbabwe has the highest proportion of orphans in its population – around a million. As many as one in four children in Zimbabwe are orphaned as a result of parents dying from AIDS.

You can help by being involved in two very practical ways. If you have the skills to knit or crochet a 20cm by 20cm square, please contact Andrea Zappulla by phone or email (andrea.zappulla@marymede.vic.edu.au), start knitting right away or attend regular lunchtime session to learn how.

Alternatively, we welcome all wool donations (any colour, size , type) which can be dropped off at the Main Reception.



For further information, go to <http://www.knit-a-square.com/> or contact Andrea Zappulla.

Ms Andrea Zappulla
Head of Chanel

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

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

Jacob Coscarella – Year 9

2016 Enrolments

Prep 2016 application interviews will take place next Wednesday June 3 from 4-6pm. Families were sent a letter containing login details and instructions on how to book their 15 minute interview.

The final date for acceptance of Year 7 2016 offers was Friday May 8, 2015. Any Marymede family who has not yet accepted their position is expected to contact the College as soon as possible. Due to substantial demand, positions not yet accepted may be offered to students on our waiting list.

Applications for Year 7, 2017 are now open and will close on February 26, 2015. For further information please contact the College.

School Tours

Our next scheduled School Tour will take place on Thursday June 18 commencing at 9.30am.

Scholarships

Scholarship applications have now closed. Students who have applied for a Scholarship will sit their upcoming Scholarship exam on Saturday May 30.

Mr Matthew Luczek
Registrar

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

UNIFORM SHOP

Marymede Uniform Store trading hours for term 2 are:

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

Due to the long weekend in June our next Saturday trade will be:

Saturday the 13th of June 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Upcoming Events

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

Week 8	
1/06/2015	SACCSS Snr AFL
	Yr 9 Reflection Day, On campus
2/06/2015	Student Leadership Council, 8.20am-8.55am, R004

	2015 Yrs 10 & 11 Careers Fair, Periods 3-5, On campus
3/06/2015	Bridge Inn Cross Country
	St Francis Student Visit to Marymede
	UNSW ICAS Science Competition
	Yr 7 Premier League R6, v Salesian, Home
	Yr 7 & 8 Vaccinations
	2016 Prep Family Interviews, 4.00pm-6.00pm, Resource Centre
4/06/2015	Dante Aligheri Italian Poetry Competition (Yrs 9-12)
	Secondary School Assembly, Period 3
5/06/2015	P-6 Student Free Day (Report Writing Day)
	PS Bridge Inn Football/Netball Grand Final wash out
	Yr 10 & 11 Examinations and Unit 3 Mid-Yr Examinations
Week 9	
8/06/2015	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
9-12/06/2015	Yr 10 & 11 Examinations and Unit 3 Mid-Yr Examinations
10/06/2015	Yr 7 Premier League Finals
10/06/2015	GAT Exam, 9.00am-12.15pm, Upper VCE
	AIM - Academic Improvement at Marymede, 3.10pm-4.15pm, Resource Centre
11/06/2015	Woodlands/Whittlesea Cross Country
	Yr 12 PE Enhancement Program excursion, RMIT
12/06/2015	Morning Tea with the Principal, VC112/VC113
15/06/2015	Yr 6 Camp - Group 1, Canberra
	Yr 9 Core Exams
Week 10	
	Semester Two: Unit 2 and Unit 4 commences
16/06/2015	SACCSS Senior Boys Soccer vs Melton and Senior Netball
	Student Leadership Council, 8.20am-8.55am
17/06/2015	NMR Cross Country

	Yr 7 Premier League Grand Final
	AIM - Academic Improvement at Marymede, 3.10pm-4.15pm, Resource Centre
18/06/2015	School Tour, 9.30am-10.30am, Auditorium Foyer
	Marcellin Guild Mass, 12.25pm, Chapel
	Yr 9 VET Experience (Media/Sport and Rec), 2.10pm-3.10pm
19/06/2015	Yr 7-12 Student Free Day
	SS Report Writing Day (on/off campus)
	Yr 5 Excursion to Leisure City, Epping