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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

When asked when we feel closest to God, many describe an encounter with nature - a quiet forest, a sunrise or sunset, a surging ocean – as a moment of peace and stillness when they connect with the spiritual. I know myself it is in these moments of solitude and beauty that something connects deep down and I recognise God's presence in my life.

I remember attending a spiritual retreat with fellow Catholic Secondary Principals and learning about the Indigenous experience of Dadirri - connecting with nature. The gift of Dadirri is an inner deep listening and guiet awareness recognising the deep spirit inside each of us.

In the busyness of everyday life, it is too easy to ignore the call to be still and to connect to the spirit within. We need to make time for the Spirit of God within each of us. We cannot listen to the sound of this deep, inner calling unless we find places in our lives for silence. The sound is the Word of God-Jesus.

### Year 5 Camp

We wish the Year 5 students and staff who are participating in the adventure camp at Lady Northcote next week an enjoyable time away together. The camp will provide our students with the opportunity to tackle a number of physical challenges over the three days. I look forward to seeing our students working together in their teams.

### Mid-Year Exams

Our Years 9-12 students will be receiving their exam results next week. I hope those students who worked consistently throughout the semester reap the results they deserve. Some students who may not have been focussed in their approach need to reflect on how they can improve on their performance in Semester 2.

## Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 Reports will be available to parents on PAM from Friday 24 June. They will give parents a clear indication of their children's progress and in the Secondary School, their contribution to the co-curricular program. Thank you to our staff for their efforts in preparing the reports.

## The Wedding Singer

I congratulate the students and staff involved in the musical production 'The Wedding Singer'. It was a high quality production which clearly our students loved being involved in. There is no doubt that we have a large number of talented Performing Arts students.

### Staff Report Writing Day – June 10

Tomorrow, a report writing day for our teaching staff has been planned and consequently, there will be no classes running on this day.

#### **End of Term**

A reminder that Term 2 ends on Friday 24 June at 3.15pm. I ask for parental support in keeping their children at school until this final day.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny **Principal** 

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND **TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12**

### Reports

Semester One reports will be available on PAM from the last day of term, June 24. The Semester Reports aim to provide parents with a snapshot of the understandings, skills and knowledge their child has demonstrated in the different areas of the curriculum, as well as describe opportunities for improvement or future learning. All parents are encouraged to access the reports and to contact their child's teacher at the beginning of Term 3 if they need to discuss any elements of their child's learning.

For parents of Year 11 and 12 students, the VCE Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews on July 18 will be an invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's report and their performance in this week's examinations.

As part of our commitment to continuing to improve the communication between school and home, we are conducting a review of our Semester Reports. This review will identify opportunities to improve the content and format of reports to ensure they communicate effectively and provide parents with the information they want. We will be inviting all parents to complete a survey to provide us with feedback about the current report format as well possible alternatives. This survey will be emailed out to families to coincide with the opening of semester reports; we would value the input of all parents to ensure we develop the best possible format for P-12 Semester Reports going forward.

#### Semester 2

Students from Prep to Year 12 will shortly receive Semester 2 timetables that will take effect from Tuesday June 14. For students who participate in semester-long subjects – Year 7 to 10 students in particular – they will commence their Semester 2 subjects next Tuesday, while for primary students the changes may be limited to which subjects are scheduled on which days.

Students in Years 9-11 wishing to change a subject for Semester 2 will be able to apply for a change up until the final day of this term. Students wishing to apply for a change of subject should collect the Change of Subject Application form from the Founders Office and return the completed form to Mr Rovetto by June 24. No applications will be accepted after the Term 2 holidays.

# Ms Tracey Kift Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep - Year 12

## CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

### House Assemblies May 31 2016

Marymede was host to a number of Indigenous guests last week, coinciding with Reconciliation Week, who presented rich and engaging conversation around the Stolen Generations and the negative impact of colonisation on the Indigenous way of life.

**Chanel:** Heard the story of a woman who was taken from her mother and placed in an orphanage as a baby.

**Chisholm:** Bryan Andy, a Yorta Yorta man, presented the History of colonisation through artworks. He is the cultural liaison officer for Whittlesea Council.

**McAuley and McCormack:** Heard of the impact of removal from family from a young age and the dysfunction not knowing your identity can cause.

**Marcellin**: Debbie spoke of the importance of people finding their family and the significance of reconciliation for peace and harmony in our land.

Romero: Local Wurundjeri Elder, Uncle Ian Hunter, took students through a smoking ceremony and his family ties to William Barak.

Our Director of Student Wellbeing, Judeline Wadhwani, and student House Leaders were gracious hosts and extended our Marian hospitality beautifully.



## Parents and Friends – Thankyou to our College Supporters

The following local business' and individuals provided donations in support of the Trivia Night last month. We appreciate their generous donations of vouchers, memberships and hampers totalling well over \$5000.

Major Sponsor - Jetts Gym - Plenty Valley
Groove train - Plenty Valley
Woolworths - Plenty Valley
My Fine Foods - Plenty Valley
Lush Skin and Body
The Promenade Café - South Morang
Bulla Dairy Foods
Individual P&F Committee Members

The Parents and Friends Committee is dedicated to providing opportunities to get our families together and continue to strengthen our Marymede Community. Stay tuned for upcoming events across Term 3 and Term 4.



## 10th Anniversary Marymede Week – 8 – August 12

### From little things big things grow

For your family calendar and planning in Term 3, please note the following significant events for P - 12:

- Monday August 8: Marymede Mission Action Day Supporting Catholic Social Justice charities all students will be involved in planning, conducting and participating in activities from 11.00am.
- Tuesday August 9: Whole School Assembly Fitness Centre, 10.00am.
- 3. **Wednesday August 10**: Founder's Evening celebration for current parents and staff.
- Friday August 12: Whole School Marymede Day Mass – St Patrick's Cathedral 11.00am, followed by BBQ lunch.

Parent Volunteers sought to assist with cooking a BBQ lunch for 1800 people on Friday August 12. If any member of our community is able assist and also source a large 'trailer' BBQ, please contact Julia Wake on 9407 9000 or julia.wake@marymede.vic.edu.au We will need a Parent Army of helpers on this day, as all our staff and students will be at the Cathedral.

Greater detail for each of these events will be communicated via CareMonkey.

Ms Julia Wake Campus Co-ordinator Prep – Year 12

## ACTING HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION PREP – YEAR 12

## St Vincent de Paul Winter Food Appeal

In this year of Mercy, Pope Francis has called us to be merciful like our Father and through our actions be of service to others.

It is with this message in mind that we are delighted to launch the College's annual Vinnies Winter Food Appeal. All students are asked to come together in support of our local community and give a 'hand up' to those doing it tougher than ourselves by donating food and toiletries items. Please see the attached advertisement for what each year level is asked to bring.

# Marymede Vinnies Food Drive 2016

This term Marymede Catholic College is helping donate food and toiletries to St. Vincent De Paul and we need your help.



Prep, Years 1, 2, 11 & 12 Bottles, cans & jars

(eg:Cans of food/fruit, sauces, jams & other spreads)

Year 3, 4, 9 & 10- <u>Dry Food</u> (eg. Rice, Biscuits, Cereal, Pasta, Noodles)





Year 5, 6, 7 & 8 <u>Tolletries</u> (eg. Soap, Shampoo, Tollet Paper, Tissue boxes, Toothbrushes & Toothpaste)

These donations will help St Vincent De Paul assist people in our community and give them a hand up.







## A Call To Show Solidarity In June - Pope Francis

Everyone belongs to one human family, regardless of their national, religious, ethnic, economic, political and ideological differences. Everyone has an obligation to promote the rights and development of all peoples across communities, nations, and the world, irrespective of national boundaries. Pope Francis has asked us to show solidarity by reaching out to those who are most marginalized within our community.

Please take the time to view this short clip and listen to the message from Pope Francis:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLw0y7A90pg

## Term 2 Upcoming Faith and Mission Events

- Weekly Community Mass Wednesday 8am in the Chapel of Annunciation
- Year 11 Justice Awareness Day Tuesday June 14
- Prep Year 12 Marcellin Feast Day Thursday June
   16
- Prep Year 12 Mass of the Sacred Heart Thursday June 23

Mrs Melinda Muir Acting Head of Faith and Mission Prep – Year 12

## ACTING DIRECTOR OF STUDENT WELLBEING

## National Reconciliation Week 26 May – 3 June 2016

The week's celebrations started with Morning Prayer on National Sorry Day May 26, prepared and led on the College PA system, by our senior student leaders Julia Cavasinni (Faith & Mission), Larissa Skenderis and Nanette Mangoba (Cultural Leaders). At the invitation of the Whittlesea Council, 23 student leaders across Primary and Secondary schools accompanied Ms Wadhwani & Mrs Muir for the Sorry Day celebrations at the Great Hall of the Council's offices.

#### Some of our leaders reflect

The celebrations started with the digeridoo being played and then we listened to Uncle Ian Hunter, who told us one of his stories as part of the traditional Welcome to Country. Some of the Council staff said the Acknowledgment to Country in different languages: Italian, Macedonian, and Hindi and an Indigenous language. After the speeches, Uncle Ian Hunter Ied the Smoking Ceremony. He burned eucalyptus leaves as an Indigenous tradition. Later on we had some refreshments and went into the Councils meeting room where we watched a video made by one of the Indigenous Choirs. Following this, we learned how to play some Indigenous games.

#### Nuwin Fernando, Year 7

The ceremony itself was very reflective and provided an insight into the rich history and culture of our Aboriginal people. We listened to many speakers both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, as they explained their experiences with racism and the long lasting impact the Stolen Generation has had on their family, heritage and themselves.

The day was very important to the Aboriginal community, which was evident from the activities in which we participated and in the respect and attitude of the presenters. At various times during the presentation, we were requested as the audience, to say Sorry in unison for all the wrongs done to the members of the Stolen Generation.

## Miss Emily Dove, Miss Renee Verna and Miss Karan Ladher, Year 10 Students



Student Leaders at the Council prior to the commencement of the celebrations



With the mayor in the Sorry Space, around the coolamon after the Smoking Ceremony

by Uncle Ian Hunter, Wurundjeri elder and tribal landowner



Leaders enjoy sitting around the table in the Grand Hall where the Mayor and Councillors regularly meet

## **House Assemblies May 31**

The House Assemblies provided the opportunity for our College to host Aboriginal speakers from the Whittlesea Council as well as survivors of the Stolen Generation through the Connecting Home organisation.

Uncle Ian Hunter local Wurundjeri elder and traditional landowner performed a Smoking Ceremony and shared his story with Romero

Members of the Stolen Generation Debbie Kerr and Kerry Fox shared their story and journey of healing with Chanel, McCormack and McAuley

Karen Mahoney spoke to Marcellin House about the role of Aboriginal people in Australia's history and Bryan Andy spoke to Chisholm about 'History in Pictures' a series of artworks designed by Aboriginal artists, each against the theme of government policies pertaining to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs.

A great hour of listening and learning was had by all.

The vote of thanks proposed to Karen Mahoney provides an insight into what the students and staff gained from her presentation:

"The key point that we are really going to take away from your presentation is that we cannot change or right the wrongs. Rather we can individually acknowledge our part in taking steps towards reconciliation for the future through a better understanding of the truth as well as about the Aboriginal people's culture and connection to the land"

Mr Sheldon Chetty Marcellin House Captain The guest speakers met with the House Co-ordinators and Senior student leaders over morning tea, to continue conversations from the presentations.



Uncle Ian Hunter doing a Smoking Ceremony for Romero
House



Stolen Generation survivor Debbie Kerr shares her story with Chanel House



Ryan Andy, Aboriginal Liaison Office, speaks to Chisholm House



Stolen Generation survivor Kerry Fox shares his experience of being stolen, with McAuley & McCormack Houses



Karen Mahoney, artist, Yingadi Immersion Co-ordinator and volunteer at Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

Ms Judeline Wadhwani Acting Director of Student Wellbeing Year 7 – 12

## HEAD OF SECONDARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Year 12 Religious Education Seminar Series

This semester as part of the year 12 RE Seminar series program, students have been privy to presentations from the following key guest speakers who presented to them on a range of very interesting issues/life skills:

## • Thomas King – Animal Activist (Animals Australia)

Thomas has been recognised as one of Australia's most accomplished young change makers and was last year recognised as Victoria's 2015 Young Australian of the Year. Thomas cares deeply about creating a kinder, more sustainable world and believes young people have a crucial role to play. In fact his personal story is proof of just how much young people can achieve. Thomas spoke to students about the importance of caring for all living animals and particularly animals affected by factory farming in Australia. He challenged students to consider what values matter most to them, to live out those values and to follow their passions to make a positive impact on the world.

## • Rev Dr Elio Capra SDB - Christian Meditation

Our students are very fortunate to have had Fr Elio return to the College again this year to present to them. In the lead up to their mid-year exams, Fr Elio presented students with the following key benefits of practicing Meditation every day and centering themselves in prayer:

If you would like to try centering yourself in prayer a few minutes each day with your son/daughter the following steps will guide you:

In a very special way, silently say: "Welcome, Holy Spirit, pray with us and in us today":

Step 1: Choose your secret-sacred word

**Step 2:** Place your chairs in a circle if others join you to pray. If you're praying all by yourself, that's okay. Parents or adults may light a candle, just for as long as they stay.

**Step 3:** Be still. Be silent. Eyes closed. Closed door. Feet on the floor. Lips sealed. Straight on the seat.

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**Step 4:** Silently say your secret word in your heart. Rest within. Sit and wait.

God is there inside you, in the quiet. Rest within.

**Step 5:** When you find yourself thinking of something else, that's okay. Just say the secret word again, silently and slowly in your heart.

Then...Let those other thoughts float right out of your head.

**Step 6:** Six minutes of silence. A journey to the center of you with God. That is the time the journey will take you.

**Step 7:** Six minutes later you may open your eyes, and say out loud the "Our Father" prayer.

God Bless.

Mr Riccardo luele Head of Secondary Religious Education

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS**

## The Wedding Singer

I can say without hesitation that *The Wedding Singer* was a resounding success. I have been inundated with comments and emails from the Marymede community praising the hard work of the cast, crew and staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many staff volunteers who supported the production, in particular Ms Simone McGill, Ms Emma Kiely, Mr Sava Djukic, Ms Marisa Bortolotto and Ms Judita Turco.

At the final performance, I publically acknowledged the special achievements on and off-stage of the following students:

**Director's Excellence Award: 2016:** Nanette Mangoba and Michael Kyrifidis

**Director's Awards:** Vincent Nativo, Adam Kostov, Chloe Radovic, Ella Rudge, Anthony Pandolfo, Isabella Tasevski, Mathew Mather, Elysha Mason, Helsen Cross, Larissa Skenderis and Mary Pargas

**Special Director's Award:** Laura Mantagaris, for ongoing service to the backstage crew

**The Inaugural Best Newcomer Award**: Ky McLennan **Stage Manager's Awards**: Eilish Driver and Gemma Parsons

Please take the time to look through the gallery of images taken by Mrs Sharon Bluett and Ms Kelly Hack.





Ms Angie Bedford Head of Performing Arts Director/Producer of The Wedding Singer

## VCAL Visit To Lort Smith Animal Hospital 2016

On May 19, four year 12 VCAL students visited the Lort Smith Animal Hospital as part of their VCAL Personal Development Skills project.

We saw dogs and cats come in. Most were scared and confused. We met two staff members - Georgia and Sarah. They firstly took us upstairs and showed us the cats. In the cat area we saw different cats. We saw big and small animals. After that they took us to the kennels (the dog area) and we saw dogs that were in cages with toys, blankets, food, water and a bed.

We met another staff member and she told us about the the five freedoms for animals. She told us what they need most at the hospital. The items needed most were toys, tin food, dry food, cat litter, scratching posts, kennels, towels and blankets. After that we went back down and asked Georgia and Sarah if we could interview them and video the interview. They said yes so we went outside and asked them some questions. We videoed it on the school iPad.

From June 6–21, we will be collecting donations of animal food, blankets, toys, towels, blankets, cat litter, and scratching posts from students and we will be passing these onto Lort Smith Animal Hospital. If you wish to donate an item, please deliver to Mrs Priest at the Senior Secondary School office.

## Ms Michelle Carlile Psychology, Health and Human Development and VCAL Personal Development Skills

#### **Australian Music Exams**

Congratulations to the following Year 10 Music students on receiving excellent results in the Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB) Theory of Music Examinations:

Helsen Cross (High Distinction)
Sarah Mizzi (High Distinction)
Nicholas Savanjika (High Distinction)
Simran Rainu (High Distinction)
Laura Daniele (High Distinction)
Emily Dove (Honours)
Jacob Cardamone (Honours)
Tatenda Muranda (Honours)
Morgan Brand (Honours)
Samuel McDonald (Credit)

### **Instrumental Music Program**

The College currently offers private instrumental music lessons for: Voice, Piano, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion / Drum Kit, Guitar and Bass Guitar.

To enrol in the Instrumental Music Program, parents should 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

## From Pallet To Plate - New Curriculum Initiative For Year 6 Program





It started with chooks and herbs and evolved into a pilot program that combines Design and Technology – wood and food, Science and numeracy. Year 6 students are making vertical gardens from sustainably sourced wooden pallets and will grow winter vegetables. Whilst doing this the lessons cover a range of learning opportunities such as gaining mechanical advantage, measuring, sustainability, plant and animal health etc.

Winter vegetables will be cooked into delicious dishes in Food Technology providing educational opportunities to discuss chemical changes, measuring as well as the textures, aromas, colours and tastes of different vegetables and spices.

This couldn't happen in any other school as Marymede Catholic College has both the teachers and the facilities to encourage students to grow their own produce in vertical gardens they have made and then cook a range of dishes using winter vegetables, whilst learning key aspects of science, maths and engineering.





## Ms Robin Panousieris Technology Faculty Coordinator

## Secondary Health and Physical Education update

It has been a busy term in the Health and Physical Education department at Marymede. As the term draws to a close it is timely to reflect upon these unique learning experiences and opportunities.

On April 29, the Unit 3 Physical Education students attended an energy systems laboratory and worshop at Exercsie Research Australia, a purpose built facilty for elite athletes and performance. The session was lead by Dr. Melissa Arkinstall, who is a key author of the Macmillan VCE PE text book. The workshop allowed students to explore energy systems, LIP, oxygen deficit, uptake and EPOC as well as mechanisms of fatigue and recovery and even allowed several of our students to test their VO2 max using direct methods of testing and peak power tests.

On May 11 - 13, students studying Unit 3 Outdoor and Environmental Studies took part in a 3 day hike along the Great Ocean Walk as part of their exploration into contemporary relationships with outdoor environments. It was a chilly and

wet three days away but filled with many stories, laughter and mateship. Students travelled approximately 40 kilometres along the 'Shipwreck Coast' and were able to spend some time with a local Park Ranger who was able to share how our current interactions with the park influence the way with think about nature and our future impacts upon it. The trip was an integral part of the students' studies, allowing them to have specific examples ready to use in their upcoming assessment task and exams.

The College also celebrated HPE week from May 30 – June 3. There were several activities that ran across the week including, Wheeltalk sessions, a guest speaker from the Resilience Project, an excursion to Latitude Trampoline Park and lastly an orienteering day at Hawkestowe Park. All of the programs were designed to fit in and around a student's current studies, challenging them to push beyond personal barriers and develop personal and social skills. I would like to thank all staff and students for their involvement in a very successful week.





Miss Andrea Zappulla Head of Health and Physical Education

#### Year 7 and 8 Junior SACCS Girls AFL Football

On Monday May 23, the Junior Girls SACCS AFL team arrived at school nice and early (6:50am) to get on the bus to Salesian College in Sunbury. All the girls were chatting and laughing, excited for the footy-filled day to come. When we arrived, we were assigned jumpers, and then warmed up on the famous Rupertswood oval. Our first game was against Penola, which we won 15-7. A good first game, but it was straight into the next game against the home side, Salesian, which we lost 9-13. We had a snack, then faced CRC North Keilor, which we lost 0-21. For our last game against Mackillop, we put up a good fight but we lost 11-13. Overall, the day was excellent, even though we lost three games. The experience was amazing, and I hope that the girls and I will enjoy the tournament even more in years to come. We would like to thank all the teachers and student helpers on the day, especially Adrian Chiodo for his valuable coaching advice.







Miss Grace Wake Year 7 Student

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

## **Bridge Inn Cross Country**

Marymede had a successful day at the Bridge Inn Cross Country Competition winning every age group and being crowned the overall cross country champions in our district. We were proud to see 27 students progress to the Whittlesea Woodlands division which took place on Tuesday May 31. Four districts competed on the day and Marymede had 9 students progress to regionals which is on Wednesday June 15 at Bundoora Park.





## **Hockey Clinic**

In House sports last week all the Year 5 and Year 2 students were fortunate enough to participate in a Hockey clinic run by Ken from Greensborough Hockey club. If you child is interested in playing hockey the club are running clinics over the school holidays. Please see attached flyer for details.





## Volleyball

Marymede registered 5 teams into the Bridge Inn Volleyball tournament which was held at Marymede on June 1. Over 240 students from 8 schools participated on the day in a round robin competition.

Congratulations to Marymede Boys A Team who were victorious in a nail biter against Hazelglen and have progressed to the next round

The A and B girl's team were both very competitive and came runners up.

It was a fun day by all.





## **Primary Interschool Sports**

Congratulations to the Primary Football and Netball teams who have qualified for the grand final in the Bridge Inn Competition which will be held at Marymede on Friday June 17. We wish both teams the best of luck.

## Mr Gerard Large Head of Primary Sport

## **Brainstorm Productions - Being Brave**

On Monday May 23, the Prep students were treated to a Performance by the cast of Brainstorm Productions. The show touched on topics of dealing with bullying, emotional wellbeing, developing positive relationships and accepting change. It aimed to give students strategies to deal with their emotions through communication, persistence and positive self-talk. The students loved joining in with the songs, as well as watching the performers dance and change into different characters.

Here are a few photos of the students enjoying the show.







Ms Rita Casonato
Prep 1 Teacher and Year Level Coordinator

## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

## Knit-A-Square Is Back For 2016

The "Knit a Square" Circle is extremely excited to be regrouping for 2016 to carry on the tremendous work we have been conducting since 2011.

In November last year, 700+ knitted squares, were packed into water-tight shipping envelopes, sent to KasCare's branch in South Africa and stitched into lovely blankets.

The Marymde community should feel extremely proud of the generous contribution in providing the warmth of a blanket to children who are orphaned, abandoned or children with AIDS. There are currently 14.8 million orphans in Sub-Saharan Africa. KasCare supports orphans and vulnerable children throughout this region with woollen blankets, hats and clothing.



#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP?**

You can become involved in two very important ways. Firstly, if you have the skills to knit or crochet a 20cm by 20cm square, start knitting immediately OR attend regular lunchtime sessions beginning on Thursday June 9 in House 6 multipurpose area to learn how to knit or to sit and knit/crochet as a group. If you require any further information please call Jane or Jenny at the school or via email jane.morriss@marymede.vic.edu.au or Rjenny.priest@marymede.vic.edu.au

Alternatively, we would welcome any donations of wool or knitting needles; of any colour, size or type. These can be dropped off at the main reception during office hours.



For more information log on to the 'Knit a Square' website or call the school and request to speak with Jane Morriss or Jenny Priest. Thanking you in anticipation of a record number of squares being sent to Africa this year.

http://www.knit-a-square.com/

Ms Jane Morriss Secondary Teacher

## **REGISTRAR NEWS**

#### 2017 Enrolments

First round offer for Prep 2017 were posted to families last week. I am pleased to announce once again that our Prep 2017 cohort will be at full capacity. All families are expected to return their acceptance paperwork and enrolment deposits to the College by no later than Friday June 17, 2016. Once accepted, families may collect their free Prep 2017 t-shirt from the Main Office.

### 2018 Enrolments

Applications for Year 7 and Prep in 2018 are also now open and will close in February and May respectively. Additionally, applications for Year 7 2019 are open now and will close in August 2017. This is a significant change to previous enrolment processes and will affect students who currently attend an external Primary School and are a sibling of a current Secondary student at the College.

Current Year 4 and 5 students at Marymede Catholic College will be advised of the re-enrolment processes for Year 7 in the coming months.

## **School Bus Service**

Unfortunately our Bus service experienced some recent delays during their morning run as a result of inclement weather and traffic conditions. We have followed these matters up with Dysons and hope to ensure a consistent and efficient service moving into Semester 2. When delays occur and are communicated to the College via Dysons, we will contact families via SMS to advise.

Information regarding the Semester 2 Bus service will be mailed home to current users of the service in the coming weeks.

For further information regarding the School Bus service please do not hesitate to contact the College on 9407-9000.

## 10th Year Anniversary College Reunion

As part of our 10th Year Anniversary Celebrations, the College will be holding a reunion for all past graduates on Friday September 2, 2016 at Sagi Bar in Northcote. We will be reaching out to our Alumni in the coming weeks with invitations. In the meantime, if this event is of interest to a member of your family who graduated Year 12 at Marymede Catholic College, please advise them to contact me.

## **Open Day**

I am excited to inform all families that our 2016 Open Day will take place on Sunday August 28 between the hours of 11.00am – 2.00pm. Open Day continues to be a great Marymede Community annual event which offers plenty to both new and existing families. Further information regarding School tours and activities on offer on the day will be communicated to families in the coming weeks.

Mr Matthew Luczek Registrar