



14 July 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome back everyone. I hope the holidays were enjoyable, gave families an opportunity to spend more time together and invigorate their relationships. As we embark upon the all-important second half of the school year, I trust that our students have resumed their studies in a focussed and committed manner.

This term will be busy with the highlight being Marymede Week where the College will officially celebrate its ten year anniversary. To mark this occasion, all of our students and staff will be celebrating mass together at St. Patrick's Cathedral in East Melbourne on Friday 12 August. This is a compulsory school event and promises to be a wonderful school community experience.

Staff News

Mrs Laura Thompson is taking study leave for the remainder of the year, whilst our Food Technology Assistant Mrs Negra Nenadic has informed us she is resigning, effective immediately. We welcome the following staff members to our community: Ms Megan Richardson (replacing Mrs Thompson), Jack Mather (PE/Science), Sue Kift (Mathematics/RE), Sheba Gurm (Science) and Ms Stephanie Tonietto (Year 3.5). We also welcome Natasha Jacobs, who is Nurse Kate Harland's replacement.

We wish our new staff every happiness and success at Marymede Catholic College.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews – 18 July

A reminder to parents of VCE students Units 1-4 (this also includes Year 10 students undertaking a Unit 1-2 subject) and Years 11 and 12 VCAL students that Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews have been scheduled for next Monday 18 July from

4.00pm to 7.00pm in the College Fitness Centre. Bookings can be made via the Parent Access Module (PAM).

Year 11 2017 Parent Information Evening – 18 July

I strongly encourage all of our parents of current Year 10 students to attend the Year 11 2017 Parent Information Evening next Monday which will be held in the College Auditorium from 7.00pm. The best decision about subject selections and courses are made when students and parents have been fully briefed about all of the pathways available.

Year 7 2018 Information Evening – July 19

I welcome current parents of Year 5 students to our Year 7 2018 Information Evening which will be held in the Upper VCE rooms from 7.00pm. A number of our senior staff will be in attendance to outline what is on offer at Marymede in our Secondary School and to answer any of your questions.

Sporting Results

Congratulations to the Senior Primary AFL Team who have progressed to the next round after winning their Bridge Inn division last term. Well done to the Year 7 Girls Volleyball and Year 7 Boys Soccer Teams in winning their Grand Finals.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Report Survey

Thankyou to the many families who responded to our survey on the Semester 1 Reports; we have received 153 responses already and these offered some really valuable insights into key areas for development and improvement in our reporting processes. The survey will be open for only a few more days if any families would still like to respond via the following URL:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NVXLNP9>

From next week, we will begin utilising your feedback and the feedback from our teachers to develop a new and improved format for reporting to be used from Semester 2.

Subject Selection

For Year 8-11 students, Term 3 is Subject Selection term and students will be provided with extensive resources over the coming weeks to assist them in making important decisions about the subjects they will study in 2017.

The Year 10 and Senior Certificates Subject Handbooks are available via SIMON and PAM from this week, while the Year 9 Elective booklet will be available from next week. Students are encouraged to spend some time looking through the relevant booklet with their parents and discussing the subjects they are interested in choosing in 2017 in preparation for this important process.

All students involved in subject selection will enter their subject preferences via the online subject selection portal and login details will be provided to students as their portal becomes available.

While the current Year 11's will have access to Careers counselling as required as they confirm their subjects for Year 12, for each of the other year levels involved in subject selection, there will also be a number of key dates of which students and parents need to be aware. Additional information about these key dates will be provided at the Information Evenings for each year level. We would strongly encourage all parents to attend to ensure they are aware of all of the options available to students at each of these year levels.

Current Year 10's

July 18 (Period 4): Senior Certificates Overview Assembly

July 18 (7-8pm): Senior Certificates (VCE/VET/VCAL) Information Evening

July 28: Online subject selection portal opens

August 1: Subject Counselling Interviews

August 8: Online subject selection portal closes

August 9: Deadline for signed subject selection receipt to be submitted

Current Year 9's

July 27 (Period 5): Year 10 Subject Selection Assembly

July 27 (7-8pm): Year 10 and VCE/VET Acceleration Information Evening

July 28: VCE and VET Acceleration Applications open and Online subject selection portal opens

August 5: VCE and VET Acceleration Applications close

August 8: Online subject selection portal closes

August 9: Deadline for signed subject selection receipt to be submitted

Current Year 8's

August 15 (Period 1): Year 9 Subject Selection Assembly

August 15 (7-8pm): Year 9 Information Evening

August 17: Online subject selection portal opens

August 29: Online subject selection portal closes

August 30: Deadline for signed subject selection receipt to be submitted

100 Days of School

Next week our 2016 Preps will celebrate reaching their first 100 days of school; this is a significant milestone and a wonderful opportunity for families to reflect on the challenges their child has already faced and conquered, the progress and learning they have achieved, and the wonderful opportunities that lie ahead.

This milestone also offers the opportunity to reflect on the patterns that you and your child have developed over their first 100 days – which ones are working well? And which ones could it be time to change?

In particular, I would encourage families to consider the patterns they have developed around reading regularly and allowing the students' increasing independence.

For families who have already established a pattern of reading most nights, this is a fantastic practice and a great message to your child about the importance placed on their learning and their progress. For those who have struggled to establish this pattern, I would encourage you to chat to the Prep teacher to get support about how to make progress in this area.

Similarly, for those parents already encouraging their child to carry their own bag, to participate in thinking about what they need to take to school, who farewell them at the door of the Prep building and support them in gaining that increased independence, hopefully, you will have already seen the rewards for your child in terms of their resilience and confidence.

Having been a Prep parent myself last year and facing the prospect of being a Prep parent for the second time in 2017, I appreciate the extent to which parents live out their first 100 days of school with their child, wishing for the very best and experiencing every bump in the road so acutely. The 100 days celebration is also a chance to celebrate surviving your first 100 days as a Prep parent.

Work Experience

Just over 40 of our Year 10 students took up the opportunity over the Term 2 break to gain some invaluable work experience. We were very fortunate to have Mrs Carol Fisher, a highly experienced VET Coordinator and Structured Work Placement Coordinator – and good friend to the College – available to make contact with the employers and, where possible, the students themselves during their placement.

Carol reported back that the feedback from employers was very positive about our Year 10's and the way they embraced these new and sometimes challenging experiences. One employer was so impressed by very talented Year 10 student Massimo Gamboni – who assisted in painting a mural at the Rumbles Play Centre in Epping, creating a fantastic picture in the Cheltenham Kids Space and participating in leading a cartoon workshop – that he sent in these fabulous pictures of Massimo's time on his placement. Congratulations to all students for their efforts on their placements.



Ms Tracey Kift
Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep – Year 12

CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

Marymede Catholic College Parents' and Friends Committee – 10th Year Anniversary Survey

As Marymede celebrates its 10th Anniversary we feel it is timely to seek feedback from the community we support. The Parents' and Friends (P&F) Committee strives to develop a real sense of community between parents, teachers and students and works closely with the staff, especially the Principal, to achieve this goal.

The committee organises events, not for only fundraising outcomes, but to encourage active participation and interaction with parents in the life of their child/children's education. The P & F Committee assists with providing additional resources for students and the school environment.

We're conducting a brief survey which will only take a few minutes to complete and your input would be greatly appreciated. Please click the link below to start the survey. We thank you for your participation.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Marymede_PandF_Survey

This survey will also be emailed to all families this week, please be sure to check your all your email folders to access it. The closing date for survey responses will be Wednesday July 20.

Early Dismissal of Students – Friday August 26, 1.30pm.

All students, with the exception of Marymede Open Day tour guides and student leaders, will be dismissed at 1.30pm on Friday August 26, to facilitate preparation and setting up for our Open Day on Sunday August 28.

For secondary students, Period 5 on this Friday has been swapped with the Assembly period on Tuesday August 23so no class time is missed.

Marymede Parent Seminar 3 - Mental Health & Adolescents – Tuesday August 23, 7.00pm

Our College Psychologists and Counsellors are pleased to offer the next Parent Seminar for all parents who are interested on Tuesday August 23, 7.00 – 8.30pm in the College Auditorium. This is timely given the winter season and is in the lead up

to our Senior (Year 12) students finalising their studies. Further information will be emailed to all families shortly.

Ms Julia Wake
Campus Co-ordinator Prep - Year 12

ACTING HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION PREP – YEAR 12

Mass of the Sacred Heart

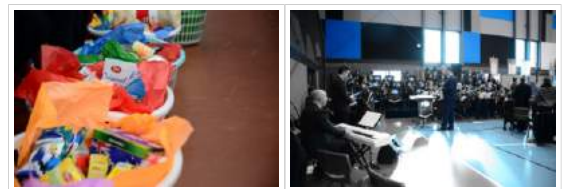
We were thrilled to have our College Chaplain Fr Martin Ashe as our celebrant with us at the mass of the Sacred Heart on Thursday June 23. The mass is always an exciting event in our school calendar.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart reminds us that we are called to the fullness of life, by being of service to others, through the love of Jesus.

During the mass the College come together and present the non-perishable food and house hold items we had been collecting as part of our Term 2 fundraising for the St Vincent de Paul Society.

These items that were graciously donated by our College will definitely give a hand up to many families within our local community. A very big thank you to all the families for the generosity you have shown.

Let us continue to live out the message of Pope Francis to show Mercy and compassion to all. In whatever way, great or small, that we can touch someone's heart with even a little bit of love, we are all being Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.



Term 3 Upcoming Faith and Mission Events:

- **Weekly Community Mass** – Wednesday 8am in the Chapel of Annunciation
- **Year 9 Reflection Day** - Wednesday July 20
- **Prep** – Year 12 McAuley Feast Day – Thursday August 4
- **Prep** – Year 12 Marymede Mission Action Day – Monday August 8

- **Prep** – Year 12 Marymede Day Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral – Friday August 12
- **Year 11 Christian Leadership Retreat** – Monday August 22 to Tuesday August 23
- **Year 3 Reconciliation Liturgies** – Wednesday August 24 and Thursday August 25

Mrs Melinda Muir

Acting Head of Faith and Mission Prep – Year 12

ACTING DIRECTOR OF STUDENT WELLBEING PREP – YEAR 12

It Is Important To Be At School Every Day

“Missing an average of ten days of school a term adds up to missing two full years of schooling by the end of Year 10” (Department of Education and Training)

<https://www.education.gov.au/it-important-be-school-every-day-0>

As we commence a new school term, it is timely to encourage all students to consider the importance of attending school every day. There is ample researched evidence to prove the positive outcomes of regular school attendance. On the bright side, are the many opportunities for fun-filled learning that occur every day. Top tips from teachers each day in the classroom are invaluable resources for successful learning.

Parents please see the attached flyer which provides useful information about the value of making every school day count. Importantly, please ensure that you call the Attendance Line to inform us if your child is unable to attend school on the day, in order that teachers are aware of the absence and can arrange to email work home in the event of a longer absence due to illness.

Learning Potential is a new free app for parents. Learning Potential is packed with useful tips and inspiring ways you can be more involved in your child’s learning.

Researchers around the world agree that when parents are involved in their children’s learning, it can have very positive impacts on education outcomes.

Learning Potential is designed to help you to be part of your child’s learning and make the most of the time you spend together, from the high chair to high school.

You can download Learning Potential from the App Store and Google Play or go to Australia.gov.au/learning-potential for more information

Ms Judeline Wadhvani

Acting Director of Student Wellbeing Prep – Year 12

Student Leadership at Marymede Catholic College

“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve” (Matthew 20:28)

At Marymede Catholic College we are proud of “Christian Service focused” student leadership that is nurtured to its

potential each year. In 2016, thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of Mr Scott Byrne, Year 3 Co-ordinator, we are privileged to envision a 3-12 leadership and see it come to fruition. It has been a pleasure to bring a diverse group of leaders full of bright ideas to have conversations with one another, listen attentively and make plans for creating the environment which they want to see in school.

Early in Term 2, nearly 103 leaders from Years 3 - 12 partook of a shared lunch in the foyer of the Performing Arts Building. Feeling content from their feasting, they settled down to some serious sharing of ideas with Secondary House Captains and House Tutor Leaders. A couple of weeks later, Mr Byrne invited the Specialist Area Senior Leaders to go over to House 3, to work with their Primary counterparts in the areas of Environment, Student Action, Communication and Student Wellbeing. In the upcoming weeks, our Year 3 - 12 leadership will collaborate on planning for Mission-Action Day to raise as much money as we can for our 6 House charities.

Throughout Semester 1, Year 12 leaders have taken turns in successfully anchoring our Secondary School Assemblies, presenting various events, awards and House Reports. 2016 has also seen the introduction of House Tutor Leaders at Years 7-11, with the aim of increasing House spirit and participation in the spiritual and co-curricular life of the College.



Primary SRC Student Action group with Learning Excellence Leader Olivia, Faith & Mission Leader Julia and Chisholm House Captain Chloe



Primary SRC Wellbeing group with College Captain Adrian Student Wellbeing Leader Brittany



Primary SRC Communications Group with Cultural Leader Matthew



Primary SRC Environment Group with Environment Leader Emma



Leadership is serious business: listening and learning to value opinions and ideas

Ms Judeline Wadhvani
Acting Director Student Wellbeing Prep – Year 12

Mr Scott Byrne
Year 3 Level Co-ordinator

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Youth Media Festival

On Saturday July 2, six students from the VCE Media class represented Marymede as delegates at the Youth Media Festival, a conference of ideas and collaboration between students and young content makers from all over Australia. The event, which is only held every few years, was hosted at ACMI. During the one-day festival, Jacinta Costanzo (Year 11), Nanette Mangoba (Year 12), Mathew Mather (Year 12), Tino Mubayiwa (Year 12), Gemma Parsons (Year 12) and Emma Wardell (Year 12) participated in photography and screen acting workshops; they attended Q &As with the cast and crew of Blackfella Films 'Ready for This' and comedy screenwriters Benjamin Law and Peter Ivan ('The Family Law', 'Oddball'); and they also listened to a keynote presentation by Luma Pictures, the visual effects company that worked on the Marvel Studios film, 'Ant-Man'.

This is how the students described their experience:

"The festival was very informative. The sessions gave me an insight into the world of film and have helped me better understand how to approach my Media studies."

- **Gemma**

"It was a great learning experience for me about the world of media. I would definitely recommend students to take this opportunity if given to them!"

- **Nanette**

"The Youth Media Festival taught me about working in the media industry by listening to professionals, including a screenwriter who has worked on 'Neighbours'."

- **Jacinta**



L-R: Gemma Parsons, Mathew Mather, Jacinta Costanzo, Emma Wardell, Nanette Mangoba.



L-R: Tino Mubayiwa, Mathew Mather, Gemma Parsons, Nanette Mangoba, Emma Wardell.



In the audience for the 'Ready For This' Q&A.

Mr Jeremy Guzman
Head of Visual Arts

From the Career Room

Year 9 Subject selection for 2017 including VET and VCE Acceleration

Year 9 students, parents are invited and encouraged to attend a special evening, on Wednesday July 27 at 7pm in the Auditorium, to discuss subjects and pathways for Year 10, and become familiar with the patterns and subject choices that are available to students.

Year 10 Course and Subject selection for 2017

Year 11 2017 Course and Subject selection Information Evening is on Monday 18th July at 7pm in the Auditorium.

All year 10 Parents and students are encouraged to attend, as important information will be explained about VCE, VCAL, VET, career pathways and the selection process. Staff will be available to answer questions after the presentation. This is an important and key moment for all year 10 students

Subject selection Interviews are planned for Monday August 1 from 12:30 pm to 6:00 pm in the library. Parents can book their interview time from Monday July 18 by using the online booking service, information will be emailed out to parents before this date about how to use this. It is expected that all parents and students attend this interview and each student must be accompanied by a parent or Guardian.

Year 12 VTAC Parent and Student Information Night

Tuesday August 16, at 7pm in the Auditorium will be information about the application process for University and TAFE 2016/2017 and this is an excellent opportunity to have your questions answered.

Mr David Adamson
Head of Careers

Secondary Sport

The Year 7 Premier League has come to a close but it has ended on a high. They had a great season playing their first ever Premier League with four teams making it into the finals round. The Girls Soccer and Boys Volleyball team unfortunately lost in very close games in the semi-finals. The Boys Soccer and Girls Volleyball won their semi-finals and made it into the grand final against St Monica's. Both teams dominated with the Boys Soccer winning 5-0 and Girls Volleyball winning 3 sets to 1 set.

Overall Marymede came second in Year 7 Premier League which is a fantastic result.



Senior AFL and Netball season has come to a close. Netball had some tough opposition but were competitive playing in Division 1. Senior AFL were also very competitive playing in Division 1 by winning challenging matches though just missing out on finals.



There is plenty to look forward to in Term 3 with the Year 9's starting their Premier League campaign and the SACSS Athletics carnival not too far away with students training hard. We look forward to another successful term in the Secondary sport.

MsVanessa Clifford
AFL Trainee

'Girls Write Up' Excursion

Friday June 17, proved a certainly interesting day for the group of 11 Year 11 students who attended the 'Girls Write Up' excursion, hosted by the Stella Prize organisation. Held at the Queen Victoria Women's Centre, the "wordfest for teens" offered an opportunity for empowerment and liberation through the means of writing. A range of topics were covered, from gender-based discrimination to the influence that our writing can have. Author Fiona Wood remarked that "the job of writing, is rewriting"; it was this kind of advice that incited a sense of determination, toying with the passion that so many of us have for writing, motivating us to be brave and to put our own work out there. Whilst strong feminist overtones may have

initially seemed daunting, it soon became apparent that we were addressing real issues, challenging societal expectations and paving the way for change.

We were lectured by a number of renowned feminists, such as Clementine Ford and Rebecca Shaw, who encouraged us to support and accept each other, to embrace our own unique characteristics, to stand firm in our beliefs, and to realise that "the things that you have to say matter". The raw emotion and inspiring words of our speakers made for a memorable day.



Year 11 students enjoying the excursion

Miss Milly Turner
Year 11 Student

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The Year 3 Dinner

On Thursday June 9, the year 3's at Marymede went to the Year 3 Dinner in the Fitness Centre. We had to wait for everyone so that we could have our dinner. After all the kids came we had the choice of a hot dog or macaroni and cheese. After dinner we had Zooper Doopers. I got an orange flavoured Zooper Dooper.

Next, we saw a science show and Ben showed us some awesome effects on the topic liquid nitrogen. My favourite effect was when we heard the loudest balloon POP ever.

After that, we participated in a magic show. Alex was the magician and there were so many tricks that were amazing. My favourite magic trick was the funny animal drawing trick. It was so funny.

The disco was next and it was so cool. I danced with my friends Jacqueline, Kiara, Bianca, Sara and Tania. Mr Nealon was the DJ. Mrs Milani danced with us as well as Mrs Hennequin. At about 8.00pm our parents picked us up and we went home. We all had such a great time thank-you Year 3 teachers and staff.



Miss Mackenzie Newport & Miss Jacqueline Misquitta Yer 3.4 Student

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Help Make History– Art Club

Every Wednesday after school in Term Three from 3.30 to 4.30 pm.

Students from Years 4 to 12 are invited to take part in making a ceramic wall panel that celebrates the 10 year anniversary of Marymede Catholic College. Students will work collaboratively to design and make clay sections of a large ceramic wall piece that will be displayed proudly at the school over the coming years.

This Art Club special takes place in the school's ceramics room SS04 every Wednesday after school. Students are welcome to drop in on a casual basis to help out or to come along regularly each week. The sessions will be run by Mr Montana (Secondary teacher) and Mr Gretch (Primary teacher).

For further information, please contact Mr Montana.

Junior Secondary Debating Program 2016

From Tuesday October 11 to Wednesday November 2, selected students in Years 7 and 8 will be taking part in debating introductory training, skills workshops, rebuttal seminars and demonstration debates. These four weekly sessions will be run by the Debating Association of Victoria and are held in the evening and off campus.

For further information, please contact Mr Montana, debating co-ordinator.

Mr Adrian Montana
Debating and Art Club Co-ordinator

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

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

Sandra Panamthathu - Year 2
Gurshan Bhangu - Year 3
Delara Siganporia - Year 3
April Robertson - Year 8
Brooke McCormack - Year 9

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.

Year 5 Secondary School Experience

Next Tuesday, students in Year 5 will take part in the 'Year 5 Secondary School Experience' as part of the College's Secondary School Transition program. This is an exciting opportunity for students to become more familiar with the opportunities that await them in Year 7, 2018.

All Year 5 parents are expected to attend the Year 7, 2018 information Evening that night (Tuesday 19 July) commencing at 7.00pm in the Auditorium.

School Bus Service

Deposits for your child's Semester 2 Bus are due on Friday July 15 with final payments due on Friday August 19.

The cost for Bus passes in Semester 2 is as follows:

FULL PASS: \$630 (Deposit: \$170)

ONE-WAY PASS: \$375 (Deposit: \$95)

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