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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Last Friday 1750 students, over 150 staff and a small parent contingent celebrated mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in East Melbourne as part of our 10th year celebrations. Our celebrant was Archbishop Denis Hart and he was assisted by Fr. Martin Ashe and Fr. John Murphy.

It was a fantastic sight to see the cathedral packed with members of the Marymede College Community. I would like to also acknowledge the presence of the past three Principals, Mr Paul Herrick, Mr. Paul Fumei and Mr. Paul D'Astoli and our Delegated Canonical Administrators, Sr. Beth Calthorpe, Mr. Rob Clancy, Mr. Frank FitzGerald and Fr. Martin Ashe. The behaviour of the students at mass was outstanding.

I felt very privileged to be the current Principal of Marymede as we celebrated the history of the college from its humble beginnings in 2006 to today as a thriving P-12 Catholic College.

Open Day – 28 August

The college will be holding its annual Open Day this Sunday 28 August from 11.00am to 2.00pm and we are anticipating a large turn-out of interested families. I encourage parents to tour our very attractive facilities with our student guides. If you know of friends considering Marymede for their children, please encourage them to come along.

Please note that students P-12 will finish at 1.30pm next Friday 26 August to allow time for the staff to set up classrooms and displays for Open Day.

Year 11 Retreat

Our Year 11s were recently involved in a two-day Spiritual Leadership Retreat. The feedback from both venues has been extremely positive. I thank our Acting Head of Faith and Mission (P-12) Mrs Melinda Muir for her organisation and the staff and students who attended for their positive contribution.

Senior Primary Boys' Soccer and T-Ball Teams

Congratulations to both the Senior Primary Boys' Soccer and T-Ball Teams and their coaches, Ms Alison Lappin and Mr. Gerard Large on progressing through to the State Finals. We wish them every success going forward.

Parent-College Partnership

I am a strong advocate of the college and home working in partnership together. I have been pleased with the number of parents who this year have attended Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews, Sacramental Workshops and in recent weeks, Subject Information Evenings. Parental attendance at these functions is a strong indication of their willingness to become involved in their child's education.

I have asked the teaching staff to make contact with parents to keep them updated with the progress of their children. I know that parents have appreciated the contact via phone or email. I now ask that parents wishing to meet with a staff member or a Senior Leadership staff member, to firstly contact the College to book an appointment which is mutually convenient to both the staff member and parent. In some cases, straight after school is not the best time for our teaching staff as they are often required to attend staff and year level meetings.

I thank parents for their willingness to work closely with our teaching staff to support their child's education at Marymede.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

NAPLAN Results

Families in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will shortly receive students' individual NAPLAN results in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Numeracy.

As a school, the NAPLAN results are a very useful source of data that, when used in combination with a range of other data sources, can give us feedback about the effectiveness of our literacy and numeracy programs. While there is often variation between individual cohorts of student and results can vary up or down slightly based on the nature of the specific group of student, the long-term (five year) data trends provide us with a useful gauge to the overall growth we are achieving for our students.

Overall, this year's results reinforced Marymede's consistent performance in Years 5, 7 and 9, as well as indicating a fantastic jump in our Grade 3 results across the board – in Literacy and Numeracy. With the Grade 3 cohort achieving the strongest results in five years, there is strong evidence that the focus on strategically building comprehension skills in line alongside word recognition and fluency in the junior years, rather than 'racing' students through reading levels simply because they can decode the words is achieving positive outcomes for our students.

The NAPLAN results for individual students can also be a very useful gauge of their progress and we would encourage all parents to read the information they receive about NAPLAN carefully. In some cases, the results may flag the need for greater support in literacy or numeracy; in other cases, it may indicate the need for extension work to fully meet the learning needs of a student.

However, it is always important to remember that NAPLAN is just one set of tests, completed in one week and like any data, an individual student's NAPLAN results should never be considered in isolation. In education, we often speak about 'triangulating' data in order to have a reliable picture of a child's achievement – in other words, looking at a minimum of three pieces of data in order to verify the standard a child is achieving. NAPLAN can be a very useful piece of data in this 'triangle' but, like any other individual test, a student's performance can be affected by numerous factors on the day – health, focus, mood, the environment in which they complete the test, the experiences they have had at home or school immediately before the test and so on. For students in primary school in particular, the unfamiliar nature of a multiple-choice test completing in silence and isolation can sometimes lead to a less accurate picture of their understanding.

NAPLAN data should be considered alongside the feedback from your child's teacher(s), the work your child completes in class or at home, and assessments completed throughout the year. In addition, in Term 4, students in Grade 3 and 5 (along with students in Prep-2, 4 and 6) will complete additional diagnostic testing in Reading and Mathematics to continue to build the picture of their achievement and their learning needs in the form of Progressive Achievement Test (PAT) testing. Similarly testing will be conducted in the secondary school. All of this data together will provide the most reliable picture of your child's standard in literacy and numeracy and provides both you and your child's teacher with a clear understanding of their achievements and learning needs.

If you have any questions, concerns or queries about your child's performance on the NAPLAN testing or if you would like to discuss how the NAPLAN results align with the other sources

of data about your child's achievement, please contact your child's classroom teacher, in primary, or their English and/or Mathematics teacher, in secondary.

An Historical Win

Congratulations to Year 10 student, Ajay Jay, for winning the state division of the Australian History Competition. Having achieved a high distinction for his performance in the competition, we look forward to seeing Ajay presented with his competition medal at our next secondary school assembly.

Ms Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep –Year 12

DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY

Year Six students Bound For Canberra

Year Six students from Marymede will soon be undertaking an educational camp in Canberra, our National Capital. While on tour they will participate in a variety of educational programmes focussed on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

This year the Year Six group will go in 3 groups;

Group 1 will commence on Monday 29 August and conclude on Friday September 2.

Group 2, the camp will commence Monday 5 September and conclude on Friday September 9.

Group 3, the camp will commence Monday 12 September and conclude Friday September 16.

It will be a five-day educational camp with the students being away for four nights. This camping experience is a further opportunity for the students to develop independence, resilience and self-confidence, in a supportive environment. Additionally, the trip to Canberra will further develop the students' knowledge and understanding of Australian society and consolidate what is being taught in class in the Civics and Citizenship and Integrated studies programs.

The students will be visiting many attractions including; the old and new Parliament House, the Australian Electoral Centre, the Australian War Memorial, the High Court of Australia, the National Gallery of Australia, the Australian Institute of Sport, the Australian National Museum, Government House and Questacon.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist the College in meeting the costs of the tour, the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per attending student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme, toward the travel expenses. This contribution will be paid to the College upon completion of the educational tour. The College would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

We are confident that the Year 6 camp and educational tours will be a rewarding experience for all students.

Year 6 Teachers and 2016 Camp Staff

ACTING HEAD OF STUDENT WELLBEING

Child Safety Standards

As a follow up to the Ministerial Order 870, all schools in the Archdiocese were expected to comply with the requirements and ensure adequate child safety standards that were communicated to all members of the learning community.

Marymede Catholic College places a high emphasis on its daily duty of care to all students, staff and of all members of the community and supports the Ministerial Order.

The appointed Child Protections Officers at the College are:

Ms. Jacqueline Tjorpatzis, Student Wellbeing
Co-ordinator (Primary)
jacqueline.tjorpatzis@marymede.vic.edu.au

Ms. Judeline Wadhvani, Acting Director Student
Wellbeing (7-12)
judeline.wadhvani@marymede.vic.edu.au

If you have any queries about Child Safety at the College, please do not hesitate to contact either of us at any time.

Marymede Catholic College's Child Safety Standards and Code of Conduct can be accessed at the following links:

<http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/sites/default/files/Our%20Child%20Protection%20and%20Safety%20Policy.pdf>

<http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/sites/default/files/Child%20Safety%20Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf>

Ms Judeline Wadhvani
Acting Director
Student Wellbeing
Year 7-12

Ms Jacqueline Tjorpatzis
Student Wellbeing
Co-ordinator
Prep – Year 6

CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

Emergency Management Plan

Earlier this term the Secondary School had an observed Lockdown practice drill in the Secondary school. It was not advertised to the school community when it would take place. We are mandated to run staff and students through emergency procedures to minimise panic and distress in the event of a real emergency. In an emergency drill, or real situation, the focus of the College is on its duty of care to our students. We seek your support in reminding your children to not use their phones in an emergency situation, this can create additional stressors. Incoming phone calls are not able to be taken in an emergency drill nor real circumstance.

We work with our Emergency Management support company, Dynamiq, to regularly review our emergency management plans. To ensure the integrity of our emergency responses the College will continue to run unannounced drills.

Early Dismissal Friday August 26

As per correspondence in previous editions of the College Newsletter, all students from Prep to Year 12 will be dismissed at **1.30pm on Friday 26 August**. This early dismissal will assist in facilitating the setup for our Open Day on Sunday 28 August. Please ensure you make arrangements for the collection/transport of your children at this time.

Camp Australia will be available to provide after-School care for students in Prep to Year 6 from 1.30pm onwards. To arrange, please contact Camp Australia. All 3 Marymede chartered bus services will depart from 1.45pm.

Student leaders and volunteers for Sunday's Open Day will remain at the College to take part in a briefing session from 1.45pm – 2.30pm on the day and will be with our Campus Coordinator Ms. Julia Wake and College Registrar Mr. Matthew Luczek.

Healthy Together Children's Evaluation (HTCE) 2016 – Year 8 and Year 10 Students

All Year 8 and 10 students have been notified of this research taking place early next week. Teachers will accompany classes on Monday and Tuesday, students have been emailed the schedule for each day.

Ms Julia Wake
Campus Coordinator
Prep - Year 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Year 7 Drama Captains

With the commencement of semester two, three new classes are undertaking Drama at Year 7 level. Congratulations to the following students who have been appointed as Drama Captains for Term 3:

- 7.2 Ethaniel Mhute and Mitchell Popovski
- 7.4 Grace Wake and Matthew Agosta
- 7.6 Ivana Ilic and Xander Barbosa

Top Class Performing Arts Concert

The second annual Marymede Catholic College Top Acts Performing Arts Concert will be held on Thursday November 3, in the College Auditorium. Soon, students who have produced exemplary work in Dance and Drama, including Sessional Dance and Dance Club, will be invited to present their piece on this evening. Please note this date in your diary.

Ms Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts

Celebrating 10 Years of Marymede

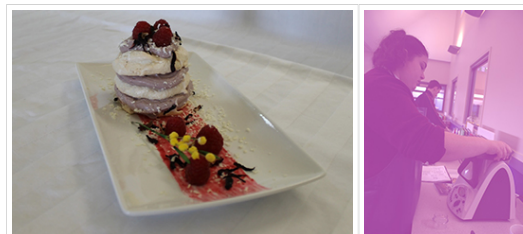
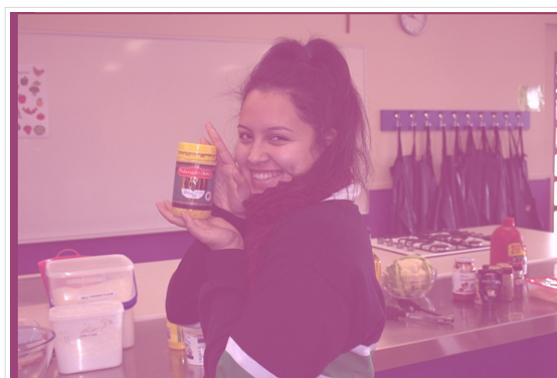
Celebrating 10 Years of Marymede Catholic College presented various opportunities which included showcasing both the physical expansion of the school and the diverse range of subjects the students are fortunate enough to study.

The Year 10 Food Technology: International Cuisine student's catered for and served the food at the Foundation Parent Evening. The food was of a very high and professional standard

as 25 dishes from different cultures were created which ranged from Indian inspired Tandoori Chicken Sticks to Lebanese Koftas.

Students worked all day to ensure that the taste, aromas and presentation were appealing resulting in an evening that was declared by all to be a success. As the Year 10 Food Technology teacher I was impressed as were the parents, staff and our Principal Mr. Kenny who all complemented the professionalism of the students and delicious dishes they produced and served.

With this opportunity to display the creative culinary talents of the students came a confidence to undertake more events. Marymede has definitely come of age



Mrs Jane Morriss
VCE Food Studies Teacher



Mrs Georgina Savaglia
Food Technology Teacher

New and improved VCE Food Studies starts in 2017

The VCE Food Technology study has changed for the better, in my opinion, as it has become a course that will appeal to more students at Marymede, especially if you are looking at a career in allied health, consumer science, dietetics or hospitality or just want to improve your knowledge and skills related to food preparation so that you are more confident about inviting people over for dinner or impressing your parents with your hidden talents.

VCE Food Studies gives students the chance to explore food issues relevant to today and best news is that there is an increased focus on practical food skills so that you can not only understand more about food, health and wellbeing but learn through practicing your food preparation skills and knowledge.

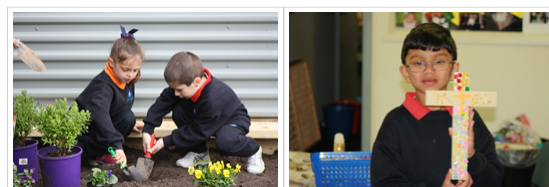
Sustainability and ethical considerations in Australian and global food production are researched which links in well with other VCE subjects such as Geography. For example, the use and management of water and land; ecology; farming practices and the challenges of food security.

For more information about VCE Food Studies please see Mrs Morriss.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Mission Action Day

Mission Action day was jam packed with lots with of activities for the Prep to Year 3 students to choose from. Some students participated in tile making using clay which will become a mosaic commemorating the 10th anniversary of Marymede. Some students made and decorated timber crosses, whilst others entertained us at the Talent Quest. A new garden was planted near the prep house and sport activities, make and create and cookie decorating were also some other favourites. Thanks to DJ Mr Nealon who hosted the disco.



Mr Gerard Large
Head of Primary Houses and Sport

Prep Father's Day Assembly Reminder

Dear Fathers (If unavailable Grandfathers or Uncles)

You are invited to the Prep Father's Day Assembly.

When: Friday September 2, 9:15am – 10:15 am
(approximately)

Where: Auditorium (located near the college Chapel)

We hope you can celebrate this very special morning with us.

Ms Rita Casonato

Prep 1 Teacher & Year Level Coordinator

Book Week

A reminder that the Prep - Year6 Book Week Parade will be celebrated on Friday August 26. The Parade will commence at 11.45 a.m. in the Fitness Centre. Parents are welcome to come along to the Parade.

This year's theme is 'Australia: Story, Country'. Our theme celebrates the stories of Australia, past and present.

Favourite characters from story books should provide the inspiration for costumes.

Students are encouraged to come along to school dressed up in their costumes as there will be no time to allow students to get changed.

We are all very excited about our Parade and can't wait to see you all there!!

Mrs. Elizabeth Milani

Literacy Coordinator and Year 3 Teacher

Attention 2016 Premiers' Reading Challenge Participants

This is a friendly reminder that the Premiers' Reading Challenge for this year concludes at Marymede Catholic College on Friday September 2. Please make sure that all Premiers' Reading Challenge reading records have been submitted online by the end of this date to ensure you receive your certificate of successful completion of the challenge. For any queries regarding the Premiers' Reading Challenge please contact the library staff on telephone number (03) 99568593 or email: library@marymede.vic.edu.au.

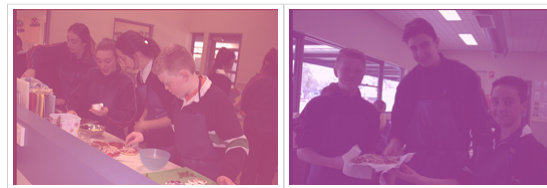
Library Staff

Primary and Secondary Students Work Closely Together Whenever the Opportunity Is Presented

The importance of a smooth transfer from primary to secondary school is a reality at Marymede. The opportunities to interact with the secondary students are created in a number of different ways particularly in the Technology faculty. The Year 6 classes are discovering the importance of learning the skills associated with the tools and equipment in the Food Technology area as well as improving their understanding of the nutritional value of food.

This term the Year 6 students worked alongside of the Year 10 students, demonstrating the bond between both primary and secondary school students at Marymede. The Year 6 Design

& Technologies: Food course complements and supports the secondary school curriculum as it is built on the existing work and good practice, particularly the Licence to Cook programme in Year 8.



Mrs Georgina Savaglia

Food Technology Teacher

Interschool Sports

What a week it has been for sport at Marymede. Both the Primary Tee-ball and Soccer teams competed in the Northern Metropolitan Regional Competition and have both advanced to the state finals currently ranking both teams in the top 8 schools in Victoria.

Marymede has never progressed this far in soccer and we wish Alison Lappin and her team all the best for August 31. State Tee-Ball will be played in Cheltenham on September 7.



Netball Clinic

As Netball is such a popular sport at Marymede, we will be hosting a Net – Set – Go Program on Fridays after school from 3.30 – 4.30pm. The program caters for students Prep to Year 3. Please watch the next newsletter for registration details.

Mr Gerard Large

Head of Primary Houses and Sport

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

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

Brandon Coleman – Year 10

Chanelle Coleman – Year 10

Change of Contact Details on Re-Enrolment Forms

A reminder to all families that you are required to complete the change in contact details section of your re-enrolment form ONLY if changes have been made recently to your details which have not been communicated to the College. If your details are up to date then you do not need to complete this section of the form.

Please note ALL families are required to return their 2017 re-enrolment forms to the Main Office by Friday 9 September.

Open Day

Our 2016 Open Day will take place this 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. There will be a range of exciting activities on offer to children in attendance on the day in addition to a free sausage sizzle and showbag for every family.

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.

A reminder to current Year 5 families that Year 7 2018 Intention Forms are due back to the College by Friday September 23.

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.

Mr Matthew Luczek
Registrar

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Father's Day Evening –August 31

We look forward to a wonderful evening of activities and hospitality for children and their Dad's next Wednesday Night. Please see the flyer sent home with your child, or on our facebook page for further details

Ms Julia Wake
Campus Co-ordinator Prep - Year 12

CANTEEN NEWS

We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank our small number of volunteers, Coral De Fazio, Laura Colella, Rosanna Ragona, Rita Savanjika, Michelle Nardoza, Mel Scrimizzi and Mary Pini who assist us in the Canteen on a regular basis. These volunteers ensure that lunch orders are delivered to our students on time. A big thank you to Laura, Mel, and Anna Chiodo who assisted us in packing 350 lunch orders on Marymede Mission Action Day.

We would also like to take this opportunity to advise parents that there will be a number of new hot food items available on flexi-schools. Keep an eye out for the new items when ordering.

The Canteen is always looking for new volunteers. Volunteering any spare time to assist us is greatly appreciated and is a great way to meet new people.

As a thank you, your child/children will enjoy a free lunch order. Please feel free to pop in and have a chat with us if you might be interested.

Ms Kate Quinn and Connie Ibrahim
Canteen Managers

MARYMEDE UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform shop trading hours term 3

Mondays 8am to 12pm

Tuesdays 12pm to 5pm

Thursdays 12pm to 5pm

Our next Saturday trade will be

Saturday the 3rd of September 9.30am to 12.30pm