



29 June 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

The highlight of the past fortnight was the Marymede P-12 Mass of the Sacred Heart which was held in the Fitness Centre last Tuesday morning. It was a wonderful sight to see the amount of food items donated by our College community. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is very appreciative of the generosity shown by our Marymede families.

Staff News

Our Head of English, Mrs Rochelle Coyle, is now on Maternity Leave. We wish her a restful time in the lead up to the birth of her first child. Ms Elly Lanza will be replacing Rochelle as Head of English.

We also welcome Lucy Adams to the college. Lucy will be teaching Arts and Textiles.

After five years as Head of Religious Education, Mr. Riccardo luele has decided to step down from this role and return full-time to the classroom. We thank Riccardo for his commitment to this position. Mr. Kevin Carville will be replacing Riccardo as Head of Religious Education 7-12.

P-12 Student Assembly

Last week we had our P-12 Student Assembly in the Fitness Centre. I was most impressed with the breadth of co-curricular activities which the students have been involved in this term. The Primary School Choir were a 'big hit' with both staff and students.

Sporting Update:

Year 7 Premier League Grand Finals

Congratulations to the Yr. 7 Girls Volleyball Team who were the undefeated Premiers of the season. We also congratulate the

Girls Basketball Team and the Boys Soccer Team on making their Grand Finals.

A big thank you to our Head of Sport, Ms Ann-Marie Kane, the coaches and all Yr. 7 students who represented the college in the Premier League competition this term.

Northern Metropolitan Regional Cross Country Competition

Last week, nine Senior Primary students competed in the Northern Metropolitan Regional Cross Country Competition. Congratulations to the students who participated and in particular, I acknowledge the performance of Matthew Sabatino who finished seventh and has qualified for the State Finals for the third consecutive year.

Federal Government Funding

The Turnbull Government's school funding package was passed by Parliament late last week. It was agreed that funding arrangements for Catholic schools will be rolled over for 12 months while a review of the SES (Socio Economic Status) scoring system takes place. All Catholic schools for next year will be funded at an SES of 101.

Students with disability funding will commence being determined through NCCD (National Disability Data Collection) from next year. Catholic schools in Victoria will be \$16 million worse off because of the change to NCCD next year. This represents a reduction of current disability funding of 9.7%.

I thank parents who have written to their local member over the past eight weeks as your efforts have been incredibly effective in emphasizing the importance of choice for all families in school education.

The Catholic Education sector will continue to work with families to achieve fair funding for all schools and students.

2018 Subject Selections

Early in Term 3, our current Yr. 10 students will begin the process of choosing their subjects for next year. To this end, I encourage students and parents to read their Subject Selection

Handbook which will be able to be accessed online during the holidays.

Secondary School Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews – 24 July

A reminder to parents of Yrs. 11 & 12 students and Yr. 10 students studying a Unit 1 & 2 subject this year, that Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews will take place on Monday 24 July from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. More information to come in the first Newsletter of Term 3.

Semester 1 Reports

A reminder to parents that Semester 1 Reports will be able to be accessed tomorrow, Friday 30 June, from the Parent Access Module on the College Website. The reports will give parents a clear indication of their children's progress in the first semester.

I thank staff for their efforts in preparing the reports.

Student Grooming

During the holidays, some students may experiment with hair colours and styles. I ask parents to please ensure that your children return next term with their hair neat and tidy and if coloured, of one natural tone.

School Holidays

I wish all staff and students a relaxing holiday. Our staff will be involved in Professional Development in-services on Monday 17 July. Classes resume for all students on Tuesday 18 July.

At Term's End We Pray:

Lord, bless all in the school
as we set to end our school term with the grace you so
generously provide.

We give thanks for the students, the teachers, the support and
administrative staff
and all who have contributed to the school year thus far, of
nurturing and growth.

We affirm all the positive moments,
of insight, of the excitement of learning,
of accomplishment, of creativity,
of laughter, of a sense of community.

We recognise the times of struggle,
of difficult work, of misunderstanding,
even of failure and we give these to you for transformation
so they become seeds that will find fertile soil.

As we leave for the term break, may we take with us
the knowledge that You will keep us all in Your embrace
so we may rest and be restored.

And so we can continue in the ongoing discovery of Your
Love.

Amen

**Kind Regards,
Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal**

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Term 3

Next term, our current Year 8-11 students will begin the process of looking ahead to the subjects they will study in 2018. For our Year 8's, this will be the opportunity to select the electives they would like to study, while our Year 10-12 students will have choices to make across their entire program of study. At the same time, most of our Year 12's will be looking forward to their post-school pathways and many will be submitting VTAC applications to apply for university courses.

To assist parents and students with these choices, we will have a number of essential Information Evenings that will provide the key information and advice needed to navigate these important decisions:

Year 10 2018 Subject Information Evening- July 25
(7:00 – 8:00pm)

Year 11 2018 Subject/Pathway Information Evening –
July 31 (7:00pm – 8:00pm)

VTAC Information Evening – August 8 (7:00pm –
8:00pm)

Year 9 2018 Elective Information Evening – TBC

We would encourage all parents with students undertaking these important selection processes to attend these evenings to ensure you feel confident to support your child through these applications.

The Senior Certificates Handbook, which contains information on the subjects and pathways available for students in Year 11 and 12 in 2018, will be available via SIMON and PAM from next week. This year, we have updated the format of the handbook to include direct feedback from the students currently enrolled in each study and the teachers taking these studies in order to give 2018 students a better sense of what each subject entails. The handbook also includes links to the VCAA study designs for each subject in order to give students easy access to the details descriptions of learning outcomes and key requirements.

The Year 10 Subject Selection Handbook and Year 9 Elective Handbook will be available early in Term 3; students and parents will be emailed when this handbooks are uploaded to SIMON and PAM.

Reports

Our teaching staff have put considerable time and effort into finalising semester reports and these will be available to families from this Friday. We would encourage all parents to read through the reports and to contact teachers at the beginning of next term if they would like to follow up any of the feedback in the report. It may be beneficial to use the reports as the opportunity for a reflective conversation with your son(s) or daughter(s) about what went well this semester and how they can make semester 2 can be even better. This sort of positive goal setting is a fantastic habit for students to get into; with the freedom to acknowledge mistakes and the opportunity and encouragement to identify very clear and tangible steps to learn from them.

Trial and Resit Examinations

Our Year 12 students will be in at the College between July 4-6 for trial examinations and some of our Year 10 & 11 students will be attending examination re-sits on July 4. The first examination on July 4 begins at 8.45am and students should be campus from 8.30am to be marshalled.

A reminder to all students involved in examinations to attend the College in their school uniform and, as the canteen will be closed, they should bring their own food and drink if they are here for more than one session. Students involved in the examinations are only required on campus when they have an examination.

Results from both the Unit 3 Examinations and Year 10 & 11 Examination re-sits will be available in Term 3. Unit 3 Trial Examination results will be available via SIMON & PAM by Week 3 of the Term, while resit results will be emailed to parents in early August.

All the best to all students involved in these examinations next week and in their final study and preparation over the next few days.

Ms Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep – Year 12

ACTING DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY

Primary Achievements

As the Term Two draws to a close, I would like to acknowledge and celebrate with you all the achievements of the Primary School students in many areas of the curriculum and in school life. These include:

- the joyful, yet reverent celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Year 3. Congratulations and thank you to the staff and families involved for supporting the students in their faith journey.
- the opportunity for our Year 1 students to visit the Collingwood Children's Farm in order to extend their understandings of animals and their place in the natural world. This year level have recently become the proud 'parents' of several chicks!
- the way in which our Year 6 students engaged confidently and thoughtfully in their presentations based on the impacts of human behaviour on the Natural World
- the mature and enthusiastic way in which our Year 5 students engaged with the structured activities and tours of the various galleries as part of their excursion to the Melbourne Museum.
- the initiative demonstrated by the Year 4 students as they strive to make a difference in the world by researching waste at Marymede and seeking solutions to the problem on a local and global scale.
- the resilience of the Year Prep students as they continue to grow and develop their sense of 'self' in all that they do at school, including the very settled

way in which they attended and participated in their first Year Prep - Year 12 Whole School Assembly.

- the way in which our Year 2 students actively listened and engaged with the key speaker and 'Chester' her pet dog as they learnt about being responsible and kind pet owners. The students and Chester demonstrated excellent behaviour!

Additionally, I acknowledge and congratulate:

- our sporting teams and the determined way in which they represent our school.
- our Primary Choir and their commitment to performing for audiences so that school celebrations 'come to life'.
- the students brave enough to take on challenging tasks such as the Premier's Reading Challenge, Maths Olympiad and Tournament of Minds programs.
- the students who represent their peers on the Student Representative Council by bravely and honestly speaking up when they see a need.
- the students who add to school spirit by their continued participation in, and enjoyment of the co-curricular program at the school.
- the sensitivity and compassion shown by our students in exploring global issues as part of World Refugee Week and the whole school celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

All of these events contribute to our success as a learning community and makes us all very proud to be a part of this great College. Thank you to the many staff and families that make these achievements possible through many hours of dedicated service to our College.

In closing, I would like to wish all staff and families a very peaceful and restful holiday and look forward to the new term with excitement and vigour.

Ms Rosemary Bennett

Acting Director of Primary

CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

Reminder: Closure of Drop-off /Pick-up Zone From Old Plenty Road

Over the school holidays (**1 July to 16 July**) access to Williamsons Road *from Old Plenty Road* will be closed to all vehicle and pedestrian access. Parents needing to drop off and pick up students during the school holidays are advised to use drop off/pick up areas directly adjacent to the school. At the beginning of Term 3, the drop-off / pick-up area will be significantly reduced, please source an alternate arrangement if you can.

<http://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/rail-projects/merndarail>

Marymede Day – Tuesday 15 August

Advance notice of our Feast Day this year. All students are expected to attend and celebrate the day. We will have a Prep – Year 12 Mass in the morning, then move into student co-ordinated Mission Action activities and food stalls for Years 3 – 12 (Prep – Year 2 will have their own festivities planned), followed by various talent shows across the Year Levels.

Ms Julia Wake
Campus Co-ordinator

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Marcellin Feast Day

On Monday June 5, Marcellin House celebrated the Feast Day of our patron, Saint Marcellin Champagnat. The day started with mass in the Chapel of Annunciation, where all Marcellin students from Prep to Year 12 gathered together to reflect on the life of Marcellin Champagnat. The mass was touching and allowed for everyone to remember Marcellin's important work which encouraged us to find our calling to help others. Lunchtime kicked off with music and a feast of pizza and donuts, before all the students dived into the activities on offer. Highlights from the afternoon include a photo-booth, a handball and hula-hoop competition, as well as face painting. These were all well-received, especially by the Primary students who had a great time.



The most popular activity on the day was the face painting, as many students were seen lurking around with stars and moustaches, and anything from a tiger to Batman. The day was a hit, with many smiling faces when the Period 5 bell rang. All the activities were run by Secondary Marcellin students, who gave up their own time to make the day run smoothly. The day could not have run as efficiently as it did without the help of numerous secondary Marcellin students, tutor leaders and tutor teachers who all worked together, as well as Mr Doherty who put in a great deal of time and work before and on the day. We wish everyone the best of luck for many more fun and memorable Marcellin Feast Days.

Miss Maya Dove and Mr Steven Azzopardi
Marcellin House Captains

VCE Drama Solo Examination Workshop Day

On June 21, the VCE Drama class participated in a Student Performance Exam Workshop at Drama Victoria in Abbotsford Convent. We started off the day with a lecture from the Chief Assessor, Bronwyn Egan, who went through the criteria of our solo examinations in detail, explaining the new rules and giving us tips and advice on what we should do to succeed and maintain marks which could easily be lost. This lecture was insightful and helped us to understand what the assessors are

looking for, helping to eliminate any simple mistakes we might have made otherwise.

After this presentation, we watched two Top Acts students from last year, performing their solo exam. This helped us gain an insight into what A+ work looks like, as well as seeing how other people can interpret the structures differently to what we would have personally interpreted. We were given the opportunity to ask questions to the actors about their experiences creating their solos, and for advice on how to manage creating our own. This helped to give us an understanding of the process of creating our solos, and assisted in giving us different ways to build on our own solos.

After lunch, we did warm-up activities with students from other schools, beginning to create ideas on how we can manipulate our bodies to create characters. We then got into small groups, creating a small montage of images as a task, before splitting up into smaller groups based off of what structure we had chosen to work on for our exam. We then worked together to brainstorm ideas and create a small piece of our solo performance. This workshop experience helped us to get out of our comfort zones and create ideas which we can use in our final exam. It assisted in our confidence and creativity, and made our Drama class feel more prepared to approach the daunting task of creating and performing our own solo performance.

Ms Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts

Term 2 Secondary Sports Wrap Up

In what has been an incredibly busy term of sports at Marymede Catholic College, students represented the college from Year 7 to 12. As already mentioned in earlier newsletters we had the Secondary School Athletics Carnival in week one and the following students were awarded as year level champions.

Year 7 Male Champion - **Joe Muranda**
Year 7 Female Champion - **Shante Pisani, Jennifer Roussos and Jisele Brancalone**
Year 8 Male Champion - **Deon Roumeliotis**
Year 8 Female Champion - **Grace Wake and Sara Ismail**
Year 9 Male Champion - **Ben Mansell**
Year 9 Female Champion - **Indiana Bodley**
Year 10 Male Champion - **Reuben Hayes**
Year 10 Female Champion - **Julia Milevski**
Year 11 Male Champion - **Connor Green**
Year 11 Female Champion - **Hamritha Rameshkumar**
Year 12 Male Champion - **Jack Petrucelle**
Year 12 Female Champion - **Jacinta Costanzo**

In addition to the Year level winners we would also recognise the efforts of the best Male and Female athletes on the day. The 2017 overall Female Champion is awarded to Indiana Bodley Year 9 and the overall Male Champion is Jack Petrucelle Year 12.



Congratulations to all students awarded year level Champion.

The Year 7's participated in SACCSS premier league for the first time. This involved representing the college in the following sports; volleyball, soccer, basketball, netball, and AFL. Students represented the college by playing weekly matches against other SACCSS schools in the Northern Pool. The Year 7 teams were incredibly successful with the Boys Soccer, Girls Basketball and Girls Volleyball all making the Grand Final. The girl's volleyball team winning the flag in the Grand Final played at Marymede on June 21. Congratulations to all Year 7's.



In senior sport the Boys Footy and Girls Netball teams have also been playing weekly sport. The girls Netball team has made it through to the Grand Final being played on the last week of term. Congratulations to the senior girls and Ms Barton on this fantastic achievement.

In addition, Marymede has been involved in several Futsal competitions. Including intermediate SACCSS where the girls made it to finals but were unfortunately unsuccessful.

Congratulations to all students who represented Marymede in interschool sports this term.

Interstate Netball and AFL Games

During the final week of term 2 Marymede is playing host to two interstate teams. On Thursday June 29, students from Melville Senior High School, Western Australia are visiting Marymede to play against the Junior and Senior Netball teams. This is a fantastic opportunity for the girls who have been selected to play for Marymede. In addition to the games starting from 1:00pm, our visitors will also join Ms Barton and the academy for their afternoon training session. Good luck to all girls involved.

In addition, on Friday June 30, Marymede is hosting North Beach Junior Football Club, Western Australia. This will be a footy exhibition where teams will be representing Marymede from Year 6, Year 7 and a combined Year 8 and 9. Students

involved will have the opportunity to interact and play against our interstate teams. Games will commence at 12:30pm NBJFC v's Year 7's, 1:30pm NBJFC v's Year 6's, and 2:30pm NBJFC v's Year 8 and 9. Parents are more than welcome to attend and support the Marymede teams at this exhibition on the last day of term.

Ms Ann-Marie Kane
Head of Sport

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Primary Cross Country

Congratulations to Matthew Sabatino who has qualified for the 2017 State Cross Country Championships for the third consecutive year. We would also like to acknowledge the other 8 students who competed at Regionals yesterday. They displayed a huge commitment to their training and was great to see their improvement over the year.

Rhianna Bennett	Jordan Tarpkos
Sienna Murphy	Jordan Dimovski
Alla Bourke	Benji Quattrone
Ravindu Wendakoon	Matthew Sabatino
Lucas Keferevski	

Thankyou also to Vula Sheens for her assistance at training.



Current Primary House Ladder

1st Place	Marcellin
2nd Place	McCormack
3rd Place (Equal)	Chisholm & McAuley
5th Place	Chanel
6th Place	Romero

Term 3 Sport Dates

July 20	Division Football
July 24	Division Soccer
July 25	Division Tee Ball
July 28	Year 4 Hoop Time Basketball
August 25	Bridge Inn Athletics (selected students only)

Mr Gerard Large
Head of Primary Sport

PATHWAYS

Year 10 Careers

In this week's careers newsletter that we email to students in Year 10, 11 and 12, you will see an article about the Spot Jobs

Career Expo to be held in July. We will be taking all Year 10 students to this Expo on the first Friday back to school in Term 3, Friday July 21.

In preparation for the Year 10 students to make informed decisions on their subject selection for 2018 we are discussing "Where to Now?" in their Year 10 Career classes on Tuesday afternoons. On Tuesday June 27, each student was given the "Where to Now?" booklet and the "VTAC Year 10 Guide" magazine. Parents of Year 10 students, please make time to sit with your child and go through the options they have for Year 11 using the information in both publications.

Early in Term 3, every Year 10 student will be given an appointment time to come and see me, to discuss the options for 2018, including subject selection. If parents would like to come to this 15 minute appointment with their child, they are more than welcome to attend. Just check with your child what date and time their appointment is. It has been emailed to each Year 10 student.

Think about options such as VCE VET or a School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship (SBAT.) These kinds of apprenticeships allow students to begin training toward their chosen career while still at school. They can focus their education and training on particular goals and objectives, complete the first stage of a full apprenticeship and work while at school. Students can complete a SBAT as part of a VCE or as part of a VCAL course. Students can start an SBAT once they turn 15 years old, and when they have an employer. If you think that an SBAT or VCE VET subject may suit your child, please contact Mr. Gary Hickey at the College for further information.

Holiday Activities

During the holidays, various organisation run activities for Year 10 to 12 students. University experience days allow students to get a feel for university life. These days are usually free but students need to register as soon as possible. Universities offering such experiences these holidays are as follows:

3 - 6 July	RMIT Experience Days
4 July	ACU Experience Day
4 July	Animal and Veterinary Science MyDay, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga.
6 July	Experience La Trobe University
4 - 6 July	DeakInspire Days, Burwood (4 July), Geelong Waurn Ponds (6 July), Register ASAP.
6 - 7 July (Year 11)	UniExperience, University of Melbourne. This is an overnight experience for rural students.
7 July	A Day at Melbourne, University of Melbourne. The next tour will be run on Thursday 29 June Click here for information and to register.

Juris Doctor (JD) Showcase – University of Melbourne, July 4

This showcase is designed to give Year 10 to 12 students an interactive experience, combining sample law classes on topics of interest with information about Melbourne Law School and the JD degree.

At this one-day workshop, expert teachers will hold master classes on legal issues.

Program highlights include:

- Panel discussion with JD students
- Two Melbourne JD Sample Seminars
- Dispute Resolution interactive session

Students can register here for this showcase.

Careers with animals

Are you in Years 7 – 12? Do you want to work with animals? The following programs will run during the holidays.

Keeper for a day

Are you an aspiring Zookeeper? Find out what it takes to care for an amazing array of animals at both Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo. Learn how you can help us to fight extinction and be a hero for wildlife.

Vet for a day

Join our heroes, our veterinary staff, who work on real cases involving Healesville Sanctuary's animals, endangered species and injured wildlife.

<http://bit.ly/2pMDPPA>

Mrs Carol Fisher
Careers Practitioner.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Catholic Schools Funding Arrangement (Gonski 2.0) Update

The Turnbull Government's school funding package was passed by the Parliament in the early hours of this morning, after securing support from 10 of the 12 Crossbench members of the Senate.

This now means that the government's hastily developed funding legislation has been adopted without sufficient scrutiny.

Any failures with this funding model will lie solely with the Minister for Education, Simon Birmingham. The lack of consultation before making the government's funding announcement, and in the weeks following, will begin to show as we examine the details of the legislation and determine our response over the coming weeks and months.

There is still a great deal of uncertainty about what arrangements are now in place for our schools, but the affordability and accessibility of Catholic schools will continue to be at front of mind.

Funding position

Funding arrangements for Catholic schools are supposed to be rolled over for twelve months while a review of the SES scoring system takes place.

The government has given no indication of what elements will actually be rolled over with the exception of system-weighted average funding. This means that all schools will be funded at an SES of 101.

If this is the only concession we have from the government at this stage, funding for Victorian Catholic schools will only increase by \$5.3 million in 2018.

SES scoring system review

The Turnbull Government did commit to a review of the SES scoring system. At this stage, there are no guarantees as to how this long overdue review will be conducted, but we do expect it to be conducted independent of government.

We have also made it clear that we expect parental capacity to contribute to be considered as part of the SES review, but have received no firm commitments on this at this stage.

Students with disability funding

Students with disability funding will commence being determined through the NCCD from next year. As the government has indicated, the use of the NCCD data will increase annually over the next decade.

Despite the Minister indicating that NCCD data was flawed, Catholic schools in Victoria will be \$16 million worse off because of the change to NCCD next year. This represents a reduction of current disability funding of 9.7%.

Independent schools in Victoria will see SWD funding increase by 92.2% as a result of the government's changes.

Carpark

The College has progressed with the design of the new carpark, it is anticipated that construction will commence later this year in readiness for 2018. We are anticipating that the new parking area will cater for 129 parking bays and assist with traffic flow in and around this area.

Mr Paul Romanin
Business Manager

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