



7 December 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

As the year draws to a close, I have been reflecting on what has occurred in the last 12 months. I believe 2017 has been a very positive year for the college.

The highlights include the successful Primary Sacramental Program and Secondary Senior Retreats, the regular attendance of staff, students and parents at our weekly Community Masses, the way our Year 12 students led the college this year, the success of the LOTE Exchange Program with the Japanese students from the Okazaki City region embracing their time with us, the number of parents who attended the Family House BBQs held earlier in the year, the willingness of many of our Grandparents to come along to our recent Grandparent's lunch, the Years 5 and 6 students enjoying the new subjects introduced as part of the rotations, the success of our Inaugural Middle School Musical 'Seussical Jr.', the success of our sporting teams at both local and state levels, the showcasing of our Performing Arts students at the recent Top Acts Concert, the willingness of so many of our students to apply for Student Leadership positions at both Primary and Secondary and finally, the continued improvement in the way many of our students are wearing the college uniform.

Italian LOTE Exchange

I am delighted to report that we have established an exchange program with students from the Italian school, Scuola Media, Stefano da Putignano, Bari. A number of our Years 10 and 11 Italian students will be attending classes at our sister school in late November next year and then visiting some of the most famous cities in Italy which include Rome, Florence, Venice and Milan. We anticipate about 20 students from Scuola Media will come to our school in July of 2019.



Michael Kenny and Principal Maria Anna Buttiglione

Marymede Early Learning Centre

Site preparation works have commenced on the Marymede Early Learning Centre. We are very excited about this project and look forward to being able to offer 3 and 4 year old children in our local area a quality pre-school education.

A big thank you to our Business Manager, Paul Romanin for the many hours he has spent over the past 12 months meeting with various Government departments to obtain approval for the Marymede Early Learning Centre to be built. We are one of only a few Catholic schools in Victoria to be given approval to establish an ELC.

Student News

Congratulations to Jack Petruccelle who was recently drafted at pick 38 by the West Coast Eagles in the AFL National Draft. We wish Jack all the very best in his future career as an AFL footballer.

Farewell to Staff

The sad part of the year's end is the inevitable farewell to those staff who are moving on from the college for a variety of reasons. I particularly want to acknowledge long standing staff members Riccardo Luele, Anne Luttick, Allison Lemar, Norah Jacombs and Ina Wels for their contribution to our college over many years. I also thank other departing staff members for

their commitment to Marymede Catholic College and wish them every happiness and success at their new school.

Christmas Holidays

The College Office will close on Friday 22 December and reopen on Monday 8 January 2018.

2018 School Year and Key Dates

Key dates for the commencement of 2018 are as follows:

Years 7-12

Students Commence - Wednesday 31 January

Years 3-6

Testing by appointment – Wednesday 31 January – Thursday 1 February

Students Commence – Friday 2 February

Prep-2

Meet the teacher by appointment – Wednesday 31 January - Friday 2 February

Students Commence – Monday 5 February

(All Preps attend half days with the exception of Wednesday 7, 14 and 21 February which is testing by appointment)

All Preps commence full days from – 26 February

Teachers return on Monday 29 January to take part in Professional Development programs to prepare for the academic year. Term 1 ends for students on Wednesday 28 March. Teaching staff will take part in Professional Development on Thursday 29 March.

Christmas Greetings

In the final Newsletter for the year, I thank all our staff, students, parents and community members for their support throughout 2107. I wish every family a happy and safe Christmas and may our God continue to bless us all.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Enhanced Learning Stream – Year 7 2018

We recently sent out letters to the 27 students selected for the Year 7 2018 Enhanced Learning Stream. The selection process for this class proved very difficult given the abundance of high performing students in the Year 6 level – both from Marymede and amongst the students enrolling from other primary schools. Ultimately, a combination of students' PAT Comprehension and Mathematics online assessments, 2016 NAPLAN data and teacher feedback was used to determine which students were offered places. However, given that a number of very capable and high achieving students missed out on places in the class, our strong emphasis will continue to be on ensuring that students are challenged with work tailored to their abilities

within mainstream classes as well as in the Enhanced Learning class.

Speech Night

Thank-you to our secondary families for their support of Speech Night on Monday November 27. It was fantastic to see such a huge improvement in the attendance at the evening and the night was a wonderful celebration of the talents and achievements of our students and of the College as a whole in the past year.

2018 Key Learning & Teaching Dates

We have had a number of families this year make arrangements for overseas trips outside of school holiday times and, in particular, in late Term 4 prior to the conclusion of the school year. While we appreciate that there are times when such arrangements are unavoidable, this can be problematic as holidays in term time frequently impact on secondary students' studies and their availability to complete examinations or attend the VCE Commencement program. To assist with planning for 2018, I would highlight the following key Learning & Teaching dates for next year:

NAPLAN (2018 Years 3, 5, 7, & 9) - May 15, 16 & 17
Year 9, 10 & 11 Semester 1 Examinations - June 12 - 15

VCAA GAT (2018 Unit 3 & 4 students) - June 13
Unit 3 Trial Examinations - July 2-4

Year 10 -11 Semester 1 Examination Resits - July 2

Unit 3 & 4 Trial Examinations - October 8 – 10

Year 10 – 11 Semester 2 Examinations - TBC

VCE Commencement Program - TBC

Year 9 Semester 2 Examinations - December 4 - 6

Ms Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep – Year 12

ACTING HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION

Christmas Care Appeal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A friendly reminder to support our Christmas Care Appeal by donating goods and products related to your child's allocated House Group before Friday 8 December. Your gifts can be placed in the relevant boxes in Founders Building. If you are attending the Carols by Candlelight on 7 December, you are welcome to bring a gift and place it in the boxes displayed.

Please refer to your child's House Group below for gift ideas and a brief description of each appeal. Please note, there is no need to wrap any products.

Contact Mrs Marie Bagh (Acting Director Faith and Mission, Secondary) if you need further information.

We thank you in advance for your wonderful and generous support over the year with Faith and Mission Social Justice.

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House Charity	The House Charity need assistance with....
Chanel: Catholic Mission	Catholic Mission is needing donations of good quality, almost new children's books that are not torn or written in. Catholic Mission will take the books to Myanmar, Burma, where they are training teachers and establishing a school. The donated books will be used in their library for primary students.
Chisolm: The Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project	The Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP) require practical support like groceries and cleaning products. The following donated gift items will be of great support to BASP who will use these gifts to make up Christmas hampers for families seeking asylum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coles Gift Card • Nuts, dates, dried foods • Cooking oil • Colouring books and pencils, children's books (year level and age) • Cleaning products, cleaning sponges, • Nappies (toddler age) • Children's activity books
McAuley: The Sisters of Mercy - Mercy Works	Asylum Seeker Resource Centre: Top TEN items to support people seeking asylum living in our community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • basmati rice • tinned tuna/fish in oil • tinned tomatoes & tomato paste • pasta & pasta sauce • spreads: honey, peanut butter, tahini, jam • raw nuts & dried fruit • family pack biscuits • coconut cream • tea bags & ground or instant coffee • shampoo and dishwashing liquid
McCormack: Catholic Care	To assist the Refugee community in Eltham, Dandenong and Melton through the Refugee Settlement Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supermarket vouchers • basmati rice • tinned tuna/fish in oil • tinned tomatoes & tomato paste • pasta & pasta sauce • spreads: honey, peanut butter, tahini, jam • raw nuts & dried fruit

House Charity	The House Charity need assistance with....
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • family pack biscuits • oil • coconut cream • tea bags & ground or instant coffee • shampoo and dishwashing liquid
Romero: St Mary's House of Welcome	St Mary's House of Welcome is a support centre for disadvantaged people experiencing homelessness, poverty and mental health issues. Currently their pantry is depleted and require general perishable foods, for breakfasts and lunch, including long life milk, cereals, noodles, pasta and pasta sauces, baby formula (for 2-year-old plus), couscous, and other easy to cook items.
Marcellin: Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS)	The Marist School in Bangladesh is a community made up of families who work on the tea plantations and are virtually slaves. We are asking that students bring in a gold coin donation and participate in House games so that the money raised will be used for an infrastructure project in Bangladesh through a partnership with the Marist brothers in Bangladesh.

Mrs Marie Bagh
Acting Director Faith and Mission

STUDENT WELLBEING

Cyber Safety Tips

As you are aware new technology and apps are coming out all of the time. As a school we remain vigilant and proactive to ensure the safety of our students. There is a new app out at the moment called "Yellow", which is a relationship platform for young people. We ask for your support in having discussions with your children and teens about what types of apps they are accessing on their phones, and encouraging them to talk with you if they feel uncomfortable about any online behaviour.

Young people can be quite sensitive and embarrassed when these conversations are brought up by adults, so it can be helpful when talking to your child to take a non-judgmental and sensitive approach. This will help your child to feel more comfortable and increase the likelihood that they may come to you with these types of concerns when they arise if they feel free from being judged or punished for their behaviour.

For more information about Cyber Safety tips and discussions you can have with your child or teen please see the link below:

<https://www.generationnext.com.au/2012/02/15-useful-cyber-safety-tips-for-parents-of-13-15-yos/>

Ms Sasha Preece
Head of Counselling

CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

Family Movie Night 25 November

It was a beautiful Saturday evening when Marymede Families came together to watch a movie on the big screen in the Fitness Centre. This is an event we can build upon each year and maybe have a Term 2 and Term 3 movie night. The sound system was sensational, and we weren't affected by the rain!

Primary and Secondary children enjoyed the movie and the munchies that were available. Both the P&F Committee and Year 11 Students heading off to the Philippines this week fundraised for communities here and abroad. Congratulations to those families who were winners for the Annual Major Raffle.

Marymede will host a fete as its major community event next year on Saturday November 10 and there will be call for volunteers to form a Fete Committee.



Lockers

By the last day of classes, students should have cleaned out their locker, ensuring that the lock is provided to their House Co-ordinator. Students will be allocated lockers with their Marymede lock at the beginning of next year. Any materials left in lockers will be disposed of by our maintenance team. Please ensure no rubbish or belongings are left behind.

Uniform Shop

All female students should be in the new dress ready for the beginning of Term 1, 2018. Please check the website for opening hours over the holidays:

<http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/quick/uniformshop>

Parent Volunteers

Thank-you to the 90+ volunteers who have assisted our College Community over the year. From classroom assistance, to excursions, events, canteen and Parents & Friends, your input is invaluable and appreciated.

Transition 2018 – Year 7 – Orientation Day Tuesday 12 December

Where: Students are to meet outside the College Auditorium by 8.45am.

What to Bring: A small bag with water bottle, lunch and pencil case.

What to wear: Current House colour PE uniform.

Close of day: For current Marymede students, normal finishing time of **3.15pm** will apply.

For external students, there will be a computer device collection and orientation from **2.30 – 3.30pm**.

God Bless you all as you head into the Christmas Holidays.

Ms Julia Wake
Campus Co-ordinator Prep – Year 12

WHOLE SCHOOL

Iris: The 5th Annual Media Showcase

The world premiere of the highest-achieving student work from Years 6-12 Media and the Marymede Film School was held on the November 22.



YEAR 6

Eishman Brar
Olivia Foreman
Paul Roflo

YEAR 8

Madison Andonovski
Jarryd Cairns
Chideraa Obani
Anthony Pandolfo
Claudia Pironi
Ella Rudge
Brittany Zahra

YEAR 9

Lauren Chan
Natalie De Bono
Jacob Fitzgerald
Stefan Garro
Liam Isherwood
Ebony Maillard
April Robertson
Stephanie Sallas
Isabella Sassone

YEAR 10

Adam Argyros
Julian Bosco
Liam Fahy
Jacob Francisco
Adrian Garro
Lucas Gatto
Jack Graham
Shamal Krishnan
Jackson Mansell
Alex Mastrilli
Jason Pandelidis

Nicholas Peterson
Andrew Skenderis
Ethan Stuttard
Adrian Zaccari

YEAR 11

Lenny Alaniz
Joseph D'Souza
Daniel Nicolo
Sofia Razal
Jack Roach
Damon Rudge
Deepal Singh
Jack Stickland
Tahlia Thomas
Julian Zaccari

YEAR 12

Jacinta Costanzo
Breanna Dimitrievski
Angeliqwe Milevski

MARYMEDE FILM SCHOOL

Lukas Opasinov
Ashan Perera
Paul Roflo
Stephen Sibanda

SPEAKERS

Mr Jeremy Guzman, Head of Visual Arts
Jacinta Costanzo, VCE Media Class of 2017



My sincere thanks to the following staff and students for their assistance on the night: Ms Angie Bedford, Mr Jai Cameron, Mrs Julie D'Avoine, Mr Paul Grech, Mr Aaron Syrjanen, Christopher Chrisidis (Year 11) and Damon Rudge (Year 11).

Student Success

I am very pleased to inform the Marymede community that three students have been successful in having their artworks selected for judging at the 2018 CEM Visual Arts Exhibition.

The works listed below will be exhibited at the Catholic Leadership Centre from March 13-19.

- Hunger by Dina Gris (Year 11)
- Races and Faces by Dina Gris (Year 11)
- Hand, Flowers by Olivia Mack (Year 12)
- Torso, Flowers by Olivia Mack (Year 12)
- Una Luca Piu by Daniel Prezioso (Year 10)

A big congratulations to Dina, Olivia and Daniel, and to their teachers, Mr Liam McCormack and Mr Paul Grech for this excellent achievement.

Mr Jeremy Guzman
Head of Visual Arts

Marymede Catholic College's Carols By Candlelight!

Marymede Catholic College's *Carols by Candlelight* will be held in the Fitness Centre from 6pm on Thursday the 7 of December. Last minute tickets are available at the door for \$5. We advise all patrons to arrive early in order to secure a park and enjoy the provided BBQ.



2018 College Musical- Xanadu

Hot off its announcement *Xanadu* will be the 7-12 Musical in 2018.

Slap on your roller skates, pump up the glitter, and get hip to the muses in *Xanadu*, the laugh-out-loud musical stage adaptation of the 1980 film. *Xanadu* follows Clio, the lovely and precocious Greek muse who decides to put on some rollerskates, legwarmers, and an Australian accent in order to help Sonny Malone, a chalk artist with half a brain and a heart of gold, rediscover his own creativity. With both help and hindrance from the other muses -- and from a clarinet-ist-turned-real estate mogul named Danny Maguire -- Sonny and Clio work to rebuild their "apex of the arts": a roller disco. *Xanadu* is the rare musical with a big heart, an even bigger funny bone, and a tongue stuck firmly in its cheek.

Stay tuned in 2018 for more information.



2018 Music Instrumental Music Form:

We are now accepting Primary and Secondary students for 2018 private or shared music instrumental lessons.

We offer private and shared lessons in voice, piano, flute, clarinet, saxophone, violin, trumpet, trombone, drums and guitar.

All existing students will need to complete a new form.

All forms are due back by February 9, 2018. Spots are being filled fast in order to guarantee a spot we suggest handing them in prior to the conclusion of term 4.

More information can be found in the attached sheet

Ms Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts

COMMUNITY MASS

