



2 March 2017

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Yesterday our students and staff gathered in their House Year Levels for an Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Our foreheads were marked with ashes reminding us of our Lenten task of finding time to reflect on how we can be better people and do more for others.

I regularly ask our students to reflect on how they can do better. As we begin our Lenten journey, it is an appropriate time to stop and ask ourselves – How do we treat others? Do we show everyone the greatest respect, care and support? If not, then what can we change or improve?

### Year 12 Retreat – 27 February-1 March

I attended the Year 12 Retreat last Tuesday and was very impressed with the way our students embraced this time away together. The opportunity to escape the rush and urgency of everyday living does not come often enough, yet the need to give time to our inner selves and nurture our spiritual dimension is important. I hope the memories of these days will prove valuable to our Year 12s as they face the rigour of the remaining months of this year.

### Catholic Education Week

In the week beginning Sunday 12 March, all Catholic schools in Victoria will be celebrating Catholic Education Week. The theme for this year is 'Moved by the Love of Christ.'

Our Director of Faith & Mission P-12, Mrs Melinda Muir and a group of both Primary and Secondary students will take part in the celebration to be held in the city on St. Patrick's Day which will include Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

At Marymede Catholic College we take seriously our primary purpose of nurturing our students' faith. Christian teachings are central to our work and the challenge for us is to continually ensure that they are included in all we do.

### Year 7 2018 Enrolment Interviews – 8 March

Next Wednesday afternoon, a core of experienced staff members will be interviewing families applying for a Year 7 place in 2018. We have received a record number of enrolment applications and it is likely that we will be adding an extra stream at Year 7 next year. First round offers will be posted home in the last week of April.

### House Welcome BBQs – 14 & 15 March

A reminder that our House welcoming BBQs will take place in two weeks' time. It is a great opportunity for our Marymede families and staff to come together as a school community. I look forward to chatting with our parents and welcoming our new families to our college.

### Staff News

I am delighted to announce the following staff who have recently become parents, some for the first time – Mrs Michelle Carlile (William and Lachlan), Mrs Nat Savage (Brody), Mr. Liam McCormack (Darcy) and Mrs Libby Audley (Hamish).

As mentioned in a previous Newsletter, we have a number of new staff this year. I am pleased to report that they have all settled quickly into our college and are making strong connections with your children. The upcoming House BBQs will give parents a good opportunity to say hello.

Kind Regards,

**Mr. Michael Kenny**  
**Principal**

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

### New in 2017 – Year 5 & 6 Rotations

Amongst the many exciting new programs we have introduced this year is our sensation Year 5 and Year 6 Rotations. While we were excited about the prospect of this program in its planning phase last year, the reality has exceeded our expectations and

it is great to see the Year 5's and 6's heading for their Rotation classes with such enthusiasm and confidence.

In these Rotations, students have the opportunity to have five 8-week long immersive learning experiences across the course of the year. These immersions are taken by secondary specialists and utilise the wonderful dedicated learning spaces available on a P-12 campus. These units not only give our senior Primary students a taste of secondary school learning experiences but allow them access to some areas of study not commonly available to primary students.

This year, the Rotations include:

**Design and Technology:** Our Year 5's are studying Food Technology with Ms Georgina Savaglia, while our Year 6's are studying Wood with Ms Robin Panousieris. Have a look at Ms Panousieris' report on these classes in the Primary News section of this newsletter!

**Science:** Both the Year 5's and Year 6's are benefitting from their work in science with our VCE Chemistry teacher, Ms Elsie Macellari. As you can see from the photos, the Year 6's have had the chance to experiment with circuits in their study of energy, producing speakers and sirens and all sorts of noisy things! The Year 5's have been enjoying learning about water and getting 'hands on' inside and outside the lab.



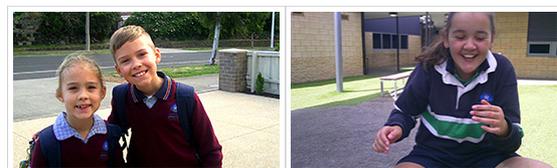
*The Year 5's experimenting with water*



*The Year 6's learning about electricity*

**Japanese:** The Year 5's and 6's are enjoying a Japanese immersion using the latest teaching approach: a gesture-based approach to language learning that is called, in teacher circles, Accelerative Integrative Methodology. I get the impression from the students that it's also a lot of fun.

**Visual Arts:** The Year 5's are getting creative in Studio Arts with Mr Paul Grech and our Year 6's are developing their artistic lens with Ms Tegan Hopkins, looking at 'Humans of Marymede' focussing on the people in our families and the Marymede community. Ms Hopkins recently sent through the photos that accompany this article, commenting that students were already producing excellent work as they cropped their photos and used the 'Rule of Thirds' to capture the 'real person' and make the audience 'feel' something through their images.



*Beautiful photography by our Year 6's in Media*

**Digital Technology:** Finally, the Year 5's and 6's are also working with our technology guru and VCE teacher, Ms Kylie Buttigieg, on an introduction to simple programming that will see them create their own digital game by the end of their 8-week unit. Ms Buttigieg has commented on how impressed she is with the Year 5 and Year 6 students' motivation, their problem solving strategies and on how quickly they have grasped concepts that would typically be introduced in the secondary school!

## Preps

This week our preps complete their first 5-day week of school. It has been great to so many of our youngest students bubbling with excitement in the mornings when they head into Prep House and feeling positive about coming to school each day.

It has been equally positive to see how our parents have responded when their child has had an anxious morning or a moment of upset in their early days of Prep. It can be extraordinarily difficult as a parent to watch your 5- or 6-year old upset when you are dropping them off at school and it has been fantastic to see parents have responded to these natural moments of anxiety by reassuring their child that they will have a great day, saying goodbye and leaving the teachers to take them into class. By responding in this way, parents are demonstrating to their child a confidence and belief in their ability to deal with the situation which in turn supports the development of their resilience; building resilience is an essential part of a child's development if they are to feel confident and capable of managing the obstacles life will throw at them with confidence.

Inevitably, these moments of upset pass rapidly once they are inside and children settle quickly in their classroom and within a very short time are happily engaged in classroom activities and learning play.

As the Preps move into full weeks of school, however, you are more likely to see tired and emotional 5- and 6-year olds over the next few weeks. Maintaining a regular sleep pattern for your son or daughter this term will be essential to managing their energy levels. Experts recommend between 10-12 hours of sleep per day for primary students and this sleep is not only essential to them managing their emotions but also to

maintaining concentration, organisation, motor control and being able to think creatively and problem solve. Increasingly experts suggest REM sleep is key to the learning process as the brain utilises sleep time to consolidate and store the complex concepts 'learned' during the day, in particularly language and maths concepts.

**Ms Tracey Kift**  
**Deputy Principal – Learning & Teaching (P-12)**

## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Seussical Jr. 2017

Congratulations to the attached students who have been selected for the cast of Seussical Jr. The Artistic Team were incredibly impressed by their level of preparation and enthusiasm.

All cast members were emailed very important information regarding communication, rehearsal schedules, Caremonkey permission and general expectations. Parents/Guardians are asked to read over this carefully with their child and action any requests.

If you have any questions, please email [jai.Cameron@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:jai.Cameron@marymede.vic.edu.au).

### Performing Arts Class Captains Term 1 2017

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to lead their classes in Drama or Dance this term:

- 7B Drama** – Alicia Bokhaazi & Janith Wendakoon Mudiyansele
- 7D Drama** – Declan Nhemachena & Jazmyn Tuazon
- 7F Drama** – Nikita Patney & Antonio Bentovski
- 8D Dance** – Salma Othman & Ethan Cross
- 8E Dance** – Jacob Ibralebbe & Felicity Loutas
- 8F Dance** – Kaiya Camilleri & Tyrell Mdahwa

**Ms Angie Bedford**  
**Head of Performing Arts**

### Secondary House Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday February 14, the House Swimming Carnival was held at Northcote Aquatic Centre. What seemed at first to be a cold day for swimming, turned out to be an enjoyable event for all participants and supporters. As students arrived they were delighted to discover that the water was warmer than anticipated. Students representing each House swam to their best ability in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly events to try earn points for their House team. While students raced in the pool many others encouraged and cheered from the sideline. Although every single student that competed gave it their best, Marcellin celebrated as they were victorious for the 5th year in a row. On behalf of the Sports Department we congratulate each and every swimmer and supporter for their participation.

**Mr Connor Fitzgerald and Miss Jacinta Costanzo**  
**Sports Captains 2017**

### Marymede Soccer Academy

Marymede Catholic College's Sport Department is now accepting applications for positions in the 'Marymede Soccer Academy' for 2017 for students in Years 6-11. This is an opportunity for Marymede's elite soccer athletes to take their sporting performance to the next level through participation soccer specific clinics running across Term 1, 2, 3 and 4. We are looking for students who are enthusiastic and committed to soccer as well as those with outstanding talent who have made a significant contribution to sport at Marymede, in their local community, regionally, state wide or nationally.

### Who is delivering the Marymede High Performance Academy?

The program will be delivered by, Soccer Coach, David O'Connor. David has been an integral part of the development of the MSA last year as head coach. David currently runs his own soccer academy and has worked with successful SACCSS Premier League winners for a number of years at Marymede Catholic College.

### When will the sessions commence:

Students in Year 6 and 7 will commence on Wednesday March 8 from 3:15pm – 4:30pm.

Students in Year 8-11 will be notified of their start date via email (most likely Monday/Thursday from Term 2).

Sessions will run once a week on day specified.

### Requirements:

Participants will be expected to attend all sessions across each program. Failure to attend on 2 occasions without notification via email will result in removal from the program.

If you have any further questions please contact, 9407 9000 or email [annmarie.kane@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:annmarie.kane@marymede.vic.edu.au)

**Ms Ann-Marie Kane**  
**Head of Sport**

### Lions Youth of the Year

Marymede Catholic College is very proud to announce that Gabriella Agosta (Year 11) has won the Warringal-Heidelberg Lions Club final of the Lions Youth of the Year Competition, outclassing four Year 12 students from various schools in the northern suburbs. Gabriella was interviewed by three judges and presented a prepared speech of five minutes and two impromptu speeches of two minutes each, responding to questions based on current affairs. She will now compete in the Zone final on March 4. Congratulations Gabriella on this achievement and we wish you all the best in the coming round.

**Mrs Laura Wilcox**  
**Public Speaking Co-ordinator**

# PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

## Languages News

### Year 5 and Year 6 Japanese

As part of the Year 5 and Year 6 Japanese Rotation the students are undertaking their learning in Japanese using the Accelerated Integrated Method (AIM). Klar Sensei (Miss Ashleigh Klar), is teaching the students gestures combined with words to assist in the retention of the language. Students are learning up to 100 common classroom Japanese words and are practising speaking them through gestures and various activities. A list of the words can be found using the link below if you wish encourage them to use Japanese at home. Or perhaps, they can teach you some words too! Our Year 7 students are currently using a similar approach to learn introductory Japanese and will next term begin to learn the Japanese Alphabet. We look forward to any feedback about your child's Japanese language use at home.

[https://quizlet.com/\\_35nfrh](https://quizlet.com/_35nfrh)

## Overseas Exchanges

We are in the early stages of planning Study Tours of both Italy and Japan in 2018. Students currently studying Italian or Japanese at Year 9 or 10 will be eligible to apply for these programs. Further information will be distributed to students and families later this term.

## Italian Visitors

In April, an Italian Language Assistant will join us until December this year. In Term 3, a student from Liceo Pico will attend Marymede for four weeks. Our visitors will support our Italian teachers in Primary and Secondary and give our students the chance to meet and learn from native Italian speakers.

**Ms Allison Lemar**  
**Head of Languages**

## Bridge Inn District Swim Carnival

On Monday March 20, twenty nine Marymede students from Years 4-6 competed in the District Swim Carnival held at Northcote Aquatic Centre. There was a lot of depth in the team this year, qualifying to the next round in every relay alongside some terrific results in the individual events. Marymede won the 10 years, 11 years and 12 years age group crowning us the overall Bridge Inn Swimming Champions for 2017. We wish the students who have qualified to the Division Carnival on March 6 all the best.



## Bridge Inn Soccer

Our primary boys and girls soccer teams have had a great start to the year winning convincingly in the first three rounds against The Lakes, St Joseph's Mernda and Hazelglen College. Our

next game will be played at Marymede on March 3 against Al Siraat Epping, who have joined the Bridge Inn District this year.



## Bridge Inn Cricket

This year the Bridge Inn district have entered into a weekly Cricket competition. Marymede have a boys and a girls team and play against different schools each week. Both teams have had 2 wins and 1 loss. Next game will be held at Marymede on Friday March 3.



## House Cross Country

Marymede has just completed the House Cross Country for all Year 4-6 classes. We were thrilled with the efforts the students put in to earn points for their House. The overall House Cross Country winners were McCormack

Congratulations to the following students who were place getters in their Year levels:

### Year 4 Girls

- 1st place** Alexis Madden
- 2nd place** Alla Bourke
- 3rd place** Mackenzie Newport

### Year 4 Boys

- 1st place** Tyler Sepecan
- 2nd place** Sam Miles
- 3rd place** Lucas Keferevski

### Year 5 Girls

- 1st place** Rhianna Bennett
- 2nd place** Olivia Sheens
- 3rd place** Charli Reading

### Year 5 Boys

- 1st place** Benji Quattrone
- 2nd place** Christian Petlevski
- 3rd place** Marcus Barrasso

## Year 6 Girls

- 1st place Sienna Murphy
- 2nd place Regan Cross
- 3rd place Anoushka Domalappally

## Year 6 Boys

- 1st place Matthew Sabatino
- 2nd place Brodie Scrimizzi
- 3rd place Tobenna Obani



## Football Star Academy

This week, the Year 6 students were treated to Part 1 of a soccer clinic run by Football Star Academy this week in House Sport. Football Star Academy are the providers we use for soccer coaching for our Primary School students. If your child is interested in soccer coaching please contact Gabor at the link below or call 1300 372 300

<http://www.footballstaracademy.com.au>

**Mr Gerard Large**  
**Sport and House Co-Ordinator**

## The New Year 5 and 6 Rotation Program



Innovation and creativity are the hallmark of education at Marymede Catholic College, hence this year a number of Secondary teachers are working with the Year 5 and 6 students. The classes are in the secondary school classrooms and are normally subjects that secondary students would experience.

In the Technology faculty students in Year 5 are totally loving eating the outcomes of their lesson in Design and Technologies: Food. In Digital Technologies I caught them flying paper planes ... as part of coding. What a great way to explain the importance of following the steps in a code! The class had to work out which steps in paper plan making were incorrect and only use the correct steps to achieve success.

The Year 6 students are also decoding the coding and working through Design and Technologies; Wood.

Primary education has changed for the better since I was at school that's for sure, and Marymede are leaders in this change.

**Ms Robin Panousieris**  
**Technology Coordinator**

## PATHWAYS

Hello, my name is Carol Fisher and I am the new Careers Coordinator here at Marymede Catholic College for 2017. I look forward to assisting students and parents as we walk along the students' pathway to their future together. Rather than asking your child, "What do you want to be when you leave school?" may I suggest you ask, "Where would you like to start?" These days the path is not so much a straight path or road but think of it more as crazy paving or a complex super highway. We are living in a fast changing world. The jobs that many of our current students will have in the future have not been invented yet. The best tool we can give our students is the ability to learn and be lifelong learners. In the words of Charles Darwin "It is not the strongest of our species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."

I encourage students to find Work Experience, or if they are completing a VET subject, to get Structured Workplace Learning during any of the school holidays. It is extremely important to get the appropriate paper work filled out, signed and back to the Pathways Team at least 2 weeks before the start date so that the student is covered for Work Cover. The forms for this can be found on our Careers Website. You will also find on the Career website a link to book a time with me if required. My work days are Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Links to the Careers Website can be found on SIMON and PAM.

<http://www.marymedecareers.com/>

Remember, "A dream becomes a goal when action is taken towards achieving it!"

**Mrs Carol Fisher**  
**Careers Coordinator**

## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

On Friday February 17, the Romero House celebrated the Feast Day of Oscar Romero, our House Patron. The school was decorated purple for the day and House spirit was alive. The day began with a wonderful mass lead by Father Martin Ashe in the Chapel of Annunciation, where all Romero students from Prep to Year 12 and Romero staff gathered. The life of Oscar Romero was celebrated as the house came together and reflected on his many efforts to stand up for the poor. At lunchtime, all Romero students gathered together in the Fitness Centre for a pizza lunch. This was a great way to interact with students in the Romero House from other Year Levels, and build on our House theme of 'Relationships, Respect, Rise, Romero 2017'. We also enjoyed face painting, ball games and listening and dancing to music. The day was a huge success with the students embracing the opportunity to reflect on a great man's life and the legacy he left behind. Thank you to everyone involved in setting up the day and to Ms Esposito for all of her efforts. We look forward to the Romero House BBQ on Tuesday 14 March, to increase our House spirit even more.



**Miss Chelsea Ford and Miss Sienna Cater  
2017 Year 12 Romero House Captains**

## REGISTRAR NEWS

### Year 6 Transition Day – Next Wednesday

Next Wednesday our Year 6 students will take part in an exciting Transition Day which will allow them more opportunities to become familiar with all that's on offer next year in Year 7 here at the College. Additionally, students will spend some time with their Secondary House Coordinator and meet some of their Secondary House Leaders.

### Email Correspondence – 'Junk' Folder

On average, the College sends out approx. 1-2 emails to all families per fortnight. These emails are often sent from [news@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:news@marymede.vic.edu.au). It is not uncommon for many email providers to assume these emails to be spam and send them directly to your 'Junk' folder. Can I please ask that you check your spam/junk folders regularly and ensure any correspondence sent from the College is moved to your inbox.

### Yarrambat Bus Service – Nearing Capacity

Seats on our Yarrambat chartered bus service which travels through Mernda and Doreen are now reaching capacity. Please be reminded that casual passes are subject to availability only and we cannot guarantee that all casual passes required will be available on any given day. To secure your seat permanently, families will need to purchase a FULL bus pass.

### 2018 Enrolments

Applications for Year 7 2018 are now closed. Enrolment interviews will take place on Wednesday March 8 between 4.00pm – 7.00pm. The College will be sending all applicants formal correspondence in the coming days.

Applications for Prep 2018 are still open and will close on May 1, 2017.

### 2019 Enrolments

Applications for Year 7 2019 are now open and will close on August 25, 2017.

### Open Day 2017

Please be reminded that our 2017 Open Day will take place earlier this year on Sunday March 26 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.

### Family Contact Details

Should you have a change in contact details such as home address, phone numbers or email address, please contact the Main Office on 9407-9000 to submit the new information, alternatively you may also wish to email the change to [registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au).

### Email Addresses

Occasionally, upon sending email correspondence, the College receive some bounce backs as a result of invalid or old email addresses, full inboxes and spam filters. Can I please encourage all families to submit a valid and updated email address to the College. If you have an old email address no longer in use please inform me that I can remove it from our database. If you change your email address in CareMonkey please also contact the College to inform them of this change directly.

### School Bus Service

Any student without a valid, paid in full bus pass or casual pass will not be permitted to travel on the chartered bus service under any circumstances.

**Mr Matthew Luczek**  
**Registrar**

## RESOURCE CENTRE

### Study Resources for Senior Students

The Calthorpe Resource Centre provides a valuable selection of online Lib Guides and research tools designed to assist senior students in their studies. Lib Guides have been developed for all VCE English texts and many other subject areas. These guides offer background information, links to relevant, authoritative web sites and video resources which provide a stimulus for student learning.

Marymede subscribes to several online databases of quality newspaper and periodical articles and video programs. Many of these are full text and available for download. Full bibliographic details are readily available so that these sources can be easily cited in student work. Students are encouraged to make use of these resources which are accessible from both school and home via links from the Calthorpe Resource Centre home page. Resource Centre staff are available to assist students with the

use of any of these resources. Login details are available from the Resource Centre.

Below is a list of the available databases:

**EDs Discovery** searches the Library catalogue, Australia/New Zealand Points of View, Australia/New Zealand Reference Centre Plus, & World Book.

**Gale World History in Context** provides an overview of world history that covers the most-studied events, periods, cultures, civilizations, religions, conflicts, wars, ideologies, cultural movements, and people.

**Gale Issues in Context** ties together authoritative content that empowers students to critically analyze and understand the most important issues of the modern world.

**Echo Online** covers contemporary media issues: understanding, analysing, arguing.

**Clickview** - educational videos and TV documentaries, news and current affairs.

**Edrolo** -VCE subject based video lessons, exam practice, study and planning tools.

**Ms Sue Patterson**  
**Head of Resource Centre**

## RISK AND COMPLIANCE

### Child Safety

The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd along with Marymede Catholic College is committed to ensuring the ongoing safety of children and young people in our care to cultivate safe and inclusive school communities.

The Office of the Children's eSafety Commission is a Commonwealth initiative which provides online education for our children, teachers and parents on Cyberbullying, reporting issues and as well empowering our students to explore the online world safely and positively. Parents also have access to an iParents page that helps build understanding of the digital environment. The link provided outlines all the support provided.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

### Child Safe Schools

Marymede Catholic College strives to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all children and young people in our College's care. We have a universal expectation along with The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) to create a child-safe school environment that involves active participation by the College, families and our community. Attached to this newsletter is a CECV commitment statement to child safety that is upheld at Marymede.

Our doors are always open at Marymede Catholic College, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you need any further support.

**Mrs Michelle Jones**  
**Risk and Compliance**