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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

This week we have been celebrating Catholic Education Week. The theme of the week is 'Moved by the love of Christ'.

Our Director of Faith and Mission, Mrs Melinda Muir and a group of both primary and secondary students will join 2,000 students in a Mass to be celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral tomorrow.

We at Marymede Catholic College 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.

House Welcome BBQs

Thank you to those families who joined our staff at the House Welcome BBQs this week. I hope our parents enjoyed the opportunity to mingle with staff and other parents in their House.

Open Day – 26 March

Our Open Day will be held on Sunday week, 26 March from 11.00am-2.00pm. It is always a fantastic day as the staff and students share the magnificent facilities we have at Marymede Catholic College to prospective families.

SAC Season

Our senior students who are studying VCE subjects have commenced their School Assessed Coursework (SACs) which, in Units 3 and 4, form part of their final study scores. I encourage parents to talk with their sons or daughters about how they are managing their first SACs. Rather than leaving them to cope on their own, please encourage and support them. The Year 12 journey should be travelled together for the whole year, rather than the last few weeks.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews – 30 and 31 March

Progress interviews for primary and secondary students will be held on Thursday 30 March from 4.00pm-7.00pm and on Friday 31 March from 9.00am-4.00pm. The primary interviews will take place in the teacher's classrooms whilst the specialist primary teachers e.g. Italian, Music and the secondary interviews will be held in the Fitness Centre. I urge parents to make a booking to meet with your child's teachers. It is important that students attend the interviews with their parents so that they can be involved in discussions regarding their progress.

Lateness to School

We continue to have some students regularly arriving late to school. Morning traffic generally is worsening in our area and I now ask families to please organise your children to leave home a little earlier in order for them to arrive at the college on time. Your cooperation in regard to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Student Drop Off and Pick Up Areas

Parents are asked to please observe the drop off and pick up protocols when using the college entrances in the mornings and afternoons. These protocols are for traffic to move steadily for the safety of all students.

2016 Yearbook - 'The Magnificat'

I am happy to inform families that our 2016 Yearbook 'The Magnificat' has been delivered to the college late last week and will be sent home with the eldest child of each family this week. The yearbook showcases and highlights what a really good year 2016 was for Marymede. I congratulate Mr. Jeremy Guzman for his organisation and hard work in producing such a high quality publication.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews

Progress interviews for primary and secondary students will be held on March 30 from 4pm -7pm and March 31 from 9am -4pm. There will also be an additional opportunity for interviews for secondary students only, from April 24 from 4pm -7pm. As a result of parent-teacher-student interviews, please note that March 31 will be a student-free day.

Secondary School Interviews and interviews with Primary Specialist Teachers (eg. Italian) will be held in the **Fitness Centre**. Primary School Interviews with core teachers will be held in **Primary School Classrooms**. A list of room locations will be available on the day of interviews at the Main and Primary Offices as well as on the doors of each Primary House.

Fifteen minute interviews are available with core teachers in primary and ten minute slots are available with secondary teachers and primary specialists; if there is a need for more time, parents are encouraged to contact teachers to arrange to meet at an alternative time, rather than book multiple slots during the scheduled interview sessions. Similarly, given the limited interview slots available, secondary students who have the same teacher for more than one subject are encouraged to book a single interview slot, rather than multiple slots with the same teacher.

We would strongly encourage students to attend the parent-teacher-student interview, particularly in their upper primary and secondary years in order to be a part of the conversation about their learning, progress, achievements and areas for development. Please note that they are not required to attend in uniform.

For Secondary school parents, Term 1 Interim Reports will be available via our Parent Access Module (PAM) from Wednesday March 29 at 9am. We would encourage all parents to have read this interim report prior to attending Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews.

Detailed instructions about booking interviews have been sent to all families. Any families experiencing difficulties in booking interviews should contact the College's Main Reception on 9407-9000 or the IT Helpdesk on helpdesk@marymede.vic.edu.au.

New in 2017 – Enhanced Learning Stream Year 7 & 8

This year we have introduced an enhanced learning stream to provide an opportunity to extend and, where suitable, accelerate the learning of students with high levels of motivation and academic aptitude.

In Year 7, students selected for the Enhanced Stream are drawn from all 6 Houses and come together to study English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities. For the rest of their classes – Religious Education, Health & Physical Education, Languages, Music, Design & Technology, Visual Arts and Drama – they are in their House-based class groups.

In Year 8, students in the Enhanced Stream are grouped together in all of their subjects, enabling them to be extended both laterally (engaging in more complex thinking, problem solving, and learning at a Year 8 level) and vertically (studying some Year 9 content and skills) across the curriculum.

Students in both streams are working with a very dedicated team of teachers to pioneer this program but one of the most observable things about the program is the way in which the students involved collaborate and challenge one another to strive and push their own limits in learning.

We recently asked our Year 8 Enhanced Learning students for feedback on their first 6 weeks in the program; here is just some of the feedback they offered:

"Having many smart classmates allows me to put in more effort and to keep pushing myself further. If someone is better than me at something, I urge myself to get better. The learning is very competitive."

"The class has very good debates on an answer to a math question or a topic in the world today because there are some many different perspectives."

"The learning experience is different because we are allowed more freedom in our studies."

"The teachers use more cool programs to enhance our learning. It is different in a very good way."

"Being in this group lets me learn new strategies and understand how other people think in learning and how they would approach a question. This is a great opportunity because I can learn from other people's techniques and use them to help me with my learning now and in the future."

"I feel like last year in most classes, excluding the intermediate mathematics I was in, that I was able to only put in half of my effort and still be able to keep up. This year however, 50% won't cut it, in order to keep up we all need to put in 100%."

"Being in this class has definitely challenged me in my learning. I have been able to see my strengths and weaknesses and test my abilities. The teachers have been very helpful and I have experienced learning in many different ways."

"I enjoy this experience because I have the teachers and students to support me through my journey."

"I love the support in this group and the communication. I also love been extended in topics and getting more out of the learning."

"I'm really enjoying being in a class where I can be the best version of myself."

Ms Tracey Kift Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep – Year12

DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION

Project Compassion

Fundraising for Project Compassion is in its third week and we thank families for their support thus far. This week we hear the story of Martina and how Project Compassion has supported her. For Martina, Caritas Australia's Protection Program offered far more than just shelter from domestic violence. Watch her story to find out more.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MNafGpnVBE

Remember to always 'Love Your Neighbour.'

2017 Philippines Immersion Trip – Year 11 Family Information Night

In 2016, Marymede Catholic College saw some remarkable Year 11 students and staff embark on our inaugural life changing Immersion Tour to the Philippines. The immersion trip was truly a life changing experience to all those involved.

Some student's thoughts after the trip:

"Each person we met told us different stories about their lives and how they overcame the many struggles they were faced with."

"The experience which particularly influenced me the most was the visit to a rubbish tip which a small community lived, worked and survived off."

"We even met some people who had brought back scraps of food which they would take back to their family and boil for dinner, which would be their only meal of the day."

"Overall these people were some of the happiest and most welcoming people I have ever encountered, they proved to myself and others, that nothing you have, no materialistic items can define you. It is up to you how you choose to view the world and the way they saw it was through the eyes of love and kindness, they were truly happy with all they had. This is a message which I can only imagine will stick with me forever. That our happiness should not and cannot be defined by materialistic items."

"The whole trip was a life changing experience, only when you become a part of the story, is when you will truly understand."

"This will be an experience that will be with you for the rest of your life. You get to meet so many different people. All these people have so little but have such high spirits and will put the biggest smile on your face. Yes going there and seeing how these people have to live may be confronting but it is totally worth going and meeting all these amazing people and listening to their stories."





As a College, we see the value and opportunity this experience offers the students and support it whole heartedly. It is with great pleasure that we invite our current Year 11 families to join with us in an information evening about the upcoming 2017 Marymede Immersion Trip. As a family you will have the opportunity to hear firsthand the experience from our students, see how this is a truly life giving experience, find out more about the activities the students will be involved in and most importantly ask questions.

> Date: Monday March 20 Venue: College Auditorium Time: 7pm – 8pm

We are looking forward to seeing you on the night. Please rsvp to rsvp@marymede.vic.edu.au.

Mrs Melinda Muir Director of Faith and Mission Prep – Year 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

'English SOS' – A new approach to English support at Marymede

Since the inception of the AIM (Academic Improvement at Marymede) program some years ago, staff have been making themselves consistently available to offer additional support to students across a variety of subjects. This year, the English Domain are offering a more specific and targeted approach to after-school support. Introducing English SOS – a collaborative and supportive learning environment where students will have access to assistance from a variety of English teachers.

All students are welcome to attend English SOS on any occasion for English assistance. The below program for Term 1 and 2 has been designed to better assist students plan their attendance and access to support for specific topics and upcoming assessments. All sessions are held in the Calthorpe Resource Centre from 3:30-4:30pm. In addition, students are also strongly recommended to seek support and feedback from their individual class teacher throughout the course of the year.

We hope to see many students take advantage of English SOS throughout the year.

Mrs Rochelle Coyle Head of English

	English SOS	
Where: Calthorpe Resource Centre When: 3:30 – 4:30pm		
Wednesday, March 22 nd	Year 9/10 Analysing Argument	Mrs Coyle
	Unit 1/3 Creative Writing	Miss Richardson
		Mr Robinson
Wednesday, March 29 th	Unit 1/3 Creative Writing	Mrs Coyle
		Miss Richardson
	Term 1 Holidays	
Wednesday, April 26 th	Unit 3 Creative Writing	Mrs Coyle
		Miss Richardson
Wednesday, May 3 rd	Year 10 Analytical Text Response	Mrs Coyle
	Unit 3 Analysing Argument	Miss Richardson
		Mr Robinson
Vednesday, May 10th	Year 8/9/10 Analytical Text Response	Mrs Coyle
wednesday, May 10 ⁻⁴	Unit 1/3 Analysing Argument	Miss Richardson
	Onit 1/3 Analysing Argument	Mrs Di Francesco
		Mr Robinson
		Ms Torcasio
Wednesday, May 17 th	Year 8/9/10 Analytical Text Response	Miss Richardson
	Unit 1/3 Analysing Argument	Mrs Di Francesco
	Onit 1/3 Analysing Argument	Mr Robinson
		Ms Torcasio
Wednesday, May 24 th	Year 7 TEEL Writing	Mrs Coyle
	Year 8/9 Analytical Text Response	Miss Richardson
	Year 10 Creative Writing	Mrs Di Francesco
	Unit 1/3 Analysing Argument	Mr Robinson
	One 1/3 Analysing Argument	Ms Torcasio
Wednesday, May 31 st	Year 7 TEEL Writing	Mrs Covle
	Year 8 Analytical Text Response	Miss Richardson
	Year 10 Creative Writing	Mrs Di Francesco
		Mr Robinson
		Ms Torcasio
Wednesday, June 7 th	Year 9/10/11 Exam Revision	Mrs Coyle
		Miss Richardson
		Mr Robinson
Wednesday, June 14 th	Unit 3 Trial Exam Preparation	Miss Richardson
Wednesday, June 21st	Unit 3 Trial Exam Preparation	Miss Richardson
Vednesday, June 28th	Unit 3 Trial Exam Preparation	Miss Richardson
	Term 2 Holidays	

Year 10 REMAR Red Caravel Day

On Friday March 3, Marymede Catholic College hosted our very first REMAR Red Caravel Day. Along with the REMAR Ministry team, Assumption College Kilmore, Penola Catholic College, Marist Bendigo and Notre Dame College the 'rowers' (students' caravel group), enjoyed a day of activities which aimed to strengthen the caravel, with a focus on Christian leadership, Christian community, and social justice issues that exist, both on a global and local level. The Year 10 REMAR students (the Sailors as they have named themselves), are now focusing on their ministry and preparing for their Leadership camp.



The Sailors

Reflection by Shannel, Maria and Marian:

Other than all the amazing activities my favourite thing about our Red Caravel Day would probably have to be meeting all the other school and socialising. At first it seemed really scary as there were so many of us from different schools and none of us really wanted to make the first move but after stepping out of our comfort zones, we made some amazing friends which I know we will have for the rest of our journey and even longer. It was a really good experience for everyone that attended. We talked a lot and had an opening to problems facing the world and how many people they were really affecting. We learnt about leadership and what a leader was.

Mrs Kathy Di Francesco RED Helms person

Success for Marymede Artists

The 2017 Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) Visual Arts Exhibition started on Tuesday March 14 and will run until Sunday March 19. Two students from Marymede's 2016 alumni, Tonia Ciccone and Renee Hall, along with current Year 12 student, Olivia Mack, will have their work judged and exhibited at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne as part of Catholic Education Week. Congratulations to Tonia, Renee, and Olivia for having their work chosen by the CEM to be showcased amongst a diverse selection of visual artworks from Catholic primary and secondary schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

If you are in the area this weekend, please do visit the exhibition to see the excellent film and artworks that were created by some of Marymede's most gifted artists.

The selected works from Marymede Catholic College are:

• 'The Birth of Wonder' by Tonia



- Ciccone;
- 'The Illusion of Life' by Tonia Ciccone;
- 'Sea Life' by Olivia Mack (pictured below);
- 'The Puzzling Wild' by Renee Hall.



Mr Jeremy Guzman Head of Visual Arts

SACCSS Senior Day – March 8 2017

On Wednesday March 8, students from Years 10-12 represented Marymede Catholic College in Tennis, Basketball and Volleyball for SACCSS Senior Day. Students travelled to Melbourne Park for the tennis tournament.

Congratulations to Brooke McCormack (Y10) who won the Senior Girls Singles title. Narrowly missing the finals based on percentage score difference, were mixed doubles Jaymee Robertson and Reece Colosimo and girl's doubles Tara Johnson and Kamaria Brancato.

Meanwhile across the city at MSAC the senior boys and girls basketball teams were involved in many close games. Unfortunately although neither team made finals, the boys team managed to secure their Division 1 place for 2018.

At the State Netball and Hockey Centre the boys and girls volleyball teams played in very closely contested games. In the final round the boys suffered a close loss resulting in them missing finals by 1% score difference.

Overall Marymede had a successful Senior Day with teams playing well for their school. Thanks to all students who played on the day.

Ms Ann-Marie Kane Head of Sport

Year 9 Outdoor Ed – Surf & Snorkel Camp

On February 23, twenty one Year 9 students accompanied by Mr Mather and Ms Barton met bright and early out the front of the school for the Outdoor Ed Surf and Snorkel Camp. We travelled down the highway to Queenscliff where we got into proceedings straight away with a boat trip out to sea to view dolphins, seals, birds and fish.

After stopping for lunch we were straight back into it in the afternoon with a surfing lesson at Ocean Grove with many students mastering the skills of surfing in no time. That evening we enjoyed a BBQ dinner in Ocean Grove after pitching our tents for the night.

On Friday February 24, we were up, packed and on the bus by 9am ready to go to our last surf session. In colder conditions, we were able to put the skills we had learnt the day before to the test with great success.

We finished our time in Ocean Grove with a fish and chip lunch provided by Sea All Tours. This camp was a great success and our students worked well as a team to learn a variety of new skills!

Mr Jack Mather HPE and Science Teacher

VCE Drama Excursion – Top Class Drama

On Thursday March 2, the VCE Drama Class went to the VCAA Top Class Drama Performance Evening which featured top scoring Drama solos from 2016.

Watching Top Class was a great opportunity to see the best performances from the previous Year 12's, and to get ideas from them to use in our own performances in the exams to come.

We saw very emotional performances filled with pathos like "Liberty" performed by a past student from Aquinas College in Ringwood, we saw scary performances that made the audience shake in their seats like "Oiwa" performed by a past student from Canterbury and we saw hilarious performances that made the audience burst into uncontrollable laughter like the two equally entertaining solo performances of "Louis De Rougemont".

My personal favourite was the "Louis De Rougemont" solo performed by a past student from Northcote High School because of the excellent use of rhyme and rhythm as Louis De Rougemont takes us through his journey of survival.



Helsen Cross Year 11 Drama Student

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Family Maths Night - Save the date!

This year we're inviting families of students in Years 3 to 6 to join us for an evening of interesting, fun maths activities that also show parents how they can support their child's learning and engagement in maths.

Tuesday May 16 2017 - 6.30pm until 8.00pm

Facilitated by mathematics education expert Ms Colleen Monaghan.

Please put this date in your calendar more details will follow.

Ms Narelle Collins Numeracy Co-Ordinator

Easter Extravaganza

On Thursday March 30, Marymede's Primary Students will participate in the 'Easter Extravaganza'. The Year 2-6 students will participate in some fun Easter games such as Easter Egg hunt, Egg and Spoon, Bunny Hop just to name a few.

The Prep and Year 1 students will participate in the Easter Bonnet Parade. Parents are asked to make a simple Easter hat with their child at home and they will wear them to the Parade which will be held in the College Fitness Centre on Thursday March 30 at 9.15am to 10.00am. Parents are welcome to attend.



Walk to School Day

Walk to School Day will be held on Friday March 24. Please meet at the corner of Williamson Road and Great Eastern Way at 8.00am. All students are required to wear their House uniform. We will also be taking House photos on this day. All students who walk to school will get points for their House.

Interschool Sports Results

Friday March 3 - Marymede vs Al Siraat

Soccer Girls DRAW Soccer Boys Marymede won 7-0 Cricket Girls Marymede won 114 to 52 Cricket Boys Marymede won 102 to 26

Friday March 10 - Marymede vs St Mary's

Soccer Girls Marymede won 7-0 Soccer Boys Marymede won 11-0 Cricket Girls Marymede won 89-79 Cricket Boys Marymede lost 92 to 63



Division Swimming

Marymede competed at the second stage of the School Sports Victoria Swimming Carnival. Marymede had 24 students who participated in various individual and team relays events. The students performed extremely well and qualified in all 6 freestyle relays, both medley relays and 6 individual events .We wish them well as they compete at the Regional Finals on Wednesday March 15.



Hockey News

Greensborough Hockey Club who are great supporters of Marymede Catholic College are holding their registration day on March 18 from 10am-3pm at Plenty Park, Memorial Drive, Plenty. If your child has shown interest from the clinics that they run at our school please go along. All age groups and levels are welcome. See attached flyer for more details



Erika Newbegin 0419 888 050 juniors@greensboroughhockeyclub.com.au James Dunell 0437 081 584 james.dunell@greensboroughhockeyclub.com.au

Mr Gerard Large Primary House Coordinator

PATHWAYS

Every week there is a Careers Newsletters that goes out to Year 10, 11 and 12 students. We have also started emailing it to parents. If you have missed any copies they are can all be found on our Careers Website.

http://www.marymedecareers.com/

The Careers office receives lots of information and the best way we can share this with students is via their email. It only takes seconds for students to check if the email contains information that they would find useful. Year 10 students have a careers lesson every Wednesday in period 5. We have planned to end the year with a portfolio for each student that they can keep updating each year ready for interviews for work or further study. Any student who is studying a VET subject that lends itself to structured work place learning should seek to organise a 5 day placement in the school holidays linked to their VET course. There is a great portal where students can look for placements.

http://www.workplacements.education.vic.gov.au/search/

Forms for work experience and structured work place learning can be found on the Careers website.

Ms Carol Fisher Careers Coordinator

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Student Supervision Before & After School

The safety and wellbeing of our students at Marymede is very important to us. We are very fortunate at Marymede Catholic College to have an on-site provider of Before and After School Care provided by Camp Australia.

This service provided by and administered enables parents/ guardians to access care for their primary school aged child/ ren in the mornings and afternoons outside of the times that teachers are on supervision duty in the College grounds.

Before School Care provided by Camp Australia runs from 6:30am – 8:45am, Monday to Friday and After School Care runs from 3:15pm – 6:00pm, Monday to Friday. Before and

after these times, there is no supervision provided by the College on the College grounds.

The teachers commence their yard duty supervision in the playground at 8:20am and it concludes at 3:40pm. Unless a student is attending Before School Care and/or After School Care, no students should be on the College campus before 8:20am or after 3:40pm.

Any primary student who is on the College campus before 8:20am will be taken to Before School care where they will be supervised until 8:45am. Camp Australia will charge parents for supervision of their child/ren.

The same applies to any students who are not collected from the College campus by 3:40pm. They will be taken to After School care, where they will be supervised until they are collected by a parent/guardian. Camp Australia will charge parents for supervision.

Primary students are unable to use the College Library as a before or after hours supervision area, unless they are supervised by a Parent or Guardian. Primary students with Secondary school siblings are unable to be supervised by their Secondary school sibling in the library and would also need to abide by the above.

For further information about Camp Australia services please visit their website below.

http://www.campaustralia.com.au/

Mr Paul Romanin Business Manger

Clean Up Australia - School's Day

Clean-up efforts for the College were co-ordinated on Friday March 3. Marymede has participated in this initiative since 2013 and whilst there is noticeably less litter on the College Grounds, many snap-lock bags, food wrappers and pieces of gladwrap were found amidst our garden beds. One person alone picked up 83 pieces of litter which would have ended up in our waterways.

'4 Corners - Oceans of Plastic' was shown in the Auditorium at lunchtime to give a context for where our waste ends up – hopefully we are not eating it via our seafood!

Thankyou to a number of Year 7 and 10 students who cleaned up under the garden beds and around the grounds.

Immunisation – Year 7

The first round of immunisation for our Year 7's is scheduled for Wednesday March 22. Thank you to all students who have brought in their immunisation card to the College Nurses. This round includes HPV1, Boostrix and Chicken Pox (1st Dose). We have a great team from the Whittlesea Council who conduct the immunisations.

Student Leaders and Volunteers – Open Day – March 26

Our students from Years 5 – 12 do a fantastic job of showcasing our wonderful College. Students who assist on the day will have lunch and drinks provided and we thank you for your support in enabling them to attend this very important day.

Ms Julia Wake Campus Co-ordinator Prep – Year 12

Seussical Jr. 2017

Rehearsals are well underway for *Seussical Jr.* Parents/ guardians were emailed important information last week regarding student responsibilities and accessing key information. Cast members are reminded to check their emails and SIMON Learning Areas daily.

As we are in the process of set design, we are still finalising our crew needs. Information regarding backstage crew needs will be published via SIMON as soon as we know.

This week, parents/guardians of students in Years 5-9 will be contacted as we are seeking volunteers for backstage supervision during production week. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

Lastly, all cast members have the option of purchasing *Seussical Jr*. tee shirt for \$25.The tee shirt may be worn to rehearsals (we estimate they will be ready for the start of Term 2) and to school with the PE uniform through the production week 22 - 27 May. The tee shirt is not a compulsory item. To purchase a tee shirt, please visit the link below before Friday March 17 at 3:30pm.

https://www.trybooking.com/PBIX

If you have any questions regarding *Seussical Jr.*, please email jai.Cameron@marymede.vic.edu.au.



Ms Angie Bedford Head of Performing Arts

Student Attendance

When your child is absent from school please contact the College by phoning the absentees line on 9407 9090 or email absentees@marymede.vic.edu.au. This will avoid any unexplained absences on your child's profile.

Mrs Angie Dalgleish Student Attendance Officer