



30 March 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

The first term holidays are upon us and I encourage all members of the Marymede Community to reflect upon the significance of Easter over the break.

The death and resurrection of Jesus are important for all Christians, bringing hope and meaning to our lives as we reflect on Christ's example of how to live in the light of His sacrifice. Jesus offers forgiveness and the hope of eternal life. It is a time to reconnect to Him and His teachings.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews – 30 & 31 March

These interviews for both the primary and secondary school start today from 4.00pm to 7.00pm and continue tomorrow from 9.00am to 4.00pm.

I urge parents, if you have not already done so, to make a booking to meet with your child's teacher(s). It is important that students attend the interviews with their parents so that they can be involved in discussions regarding their progress.

SACCSS Swimming Carnival

Last Tuesday our Secondary Swimming Team competed in the SACCSS Swimming Carnival which was held at MSAC (state swimming centre). I am delighted to inform the Marymede Community that the team won the Division 2 competition. I congratulate the all students on their efforts and thank our coaches Ms Ann-Marie Kane, Ms Tamara Barton, Mrs Carmel Delzoppo, Ms Elle Clark and Mr. Liam McCormack for their commitment to the weekly training sessions. We now look forward to competing in the Division 1 competition in 2018

Staffing News

Mrs Melinda Muir, Mrs Kate Tornese, Mrs Manuela Rositano and Mrs Andrea Stefanile will be taking Maternity Leave from

the start of Term 2. We wish the staff members a restful time in the lead-up to the birth of their babies.

Winter Uniform

Given our relatively early start to Term 2, I am happy to delay the wearing of the full winter uniform until Wednesday 26 April.

Secondary House Athletics Carnival

Our House Athletics Carnival will take place on Thursday 20 April. I expect that all secondary students will be at school on the day to support their House by either competing or cheering for their House. A full commitment from all of our students will help to make Marymede Catholic College a special place to belong.

Staff Professional Development Day – Tuesday 18 April

All of our staff will be participating in a Professional Development day on Tuesday 18 April. Our facilitator is the very well-known Jesuit Priest, Fr. Richard Leonard who always finds a way to connect with staff. I am very much looking forward to the day.

Term 1

Reflecting back on a busy Term 1, I congratulate staff and many students for the way they have begun the 2017 school year. I trust that all our students are enjoying their time at school and that our upper primary and secondary students in particular have by now established good study patterns at home.

Our Years 11 and 12 students have the opportunity over the holidays to evaluate what has been achieved and if necessary, put in place strategies to improve.

The college will close for the first term holidays tomorrow at 4.30pm. Classes resume on Wednesday 19 April and the next Newsletter will be available in the first week of Term 2.

I wish all members of our Marymede Community an enjoyable vacation.

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

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

VCE/VET/VCAL

On February 3, students and parents enrolled in VCE, VCAL & VCE/VET from Years 10-12 were emailed a copy of the Procedures Handbook. It is essential that all students completing any VCE, VET or VCAL study read and understand these procedures; lack of familiarity with the procedures is not considered as a reasonable defence if or when unintended breaches of the rules occur.

If you no longer have a copy of the Procedures Handbook or have any queries, you can contact VCE Coordinator, Mr Vincenzo Rovetto at vincenzo.rovetto@marymede.vic.edu.au

New in 2017 – 6th Maths Teacher from Year 2 - 6

To support our primary students to develop a strong understanding of Number and Algebra, this year we have allocated an additional teacher to Maths programs for Year's 2-6. Having a 6th teacher for 6 periods a fortnight in each of Years 2-6 provides students with greater opportunity for targeted learning in Number and Algebra.

In some cases, the 6th teacher is being utilised to enable an extension class to run, in some year levels to provide assistance to students who are struggling and in others to enable students to be divided into 6 smaller groups in which they work with students at a similar stage of learning. With our Year 6 teachers taking up this role as a 6th teacher for the lower year levels, the collaboration between primary year levels has been strengthened and has supported fantastic discussion about effective teaching in Mathematics.

School Holiday Activities

While holidays provide a fantastic opportunity for students to rest after a busy term, it is important to encourage your child to keep up their regular reading during the break. Ideally, students should continue to read or be read to every day.

During the holidays, our local libraries can not only give your child an opportunity to stock up on books to read for pleasure but host a huge variety of holiday programs that can keep their minds active and introduce them to some new and interesting opportunities to discover hidden talents and interests.

Just some of the programs on offer at your local library include craft and MakerSpace, Science clubs, Gardening activities, gaming and media programs. A full program of the activities on throughout the Yarra Plenty Local Libraries is available at:

http://filestore.yprl.vic.gov.au/EventsBrochures/SHPApril17_final.pdf

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

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES PREP – Year 12

Parent Support

Baseline in conjunction with ParentZone presents – “Raising Resilient Teenagers: an information session for parents and carers”. Wednesday 26th April, 2017, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, at Edge Services for Young People Shop MM1, Westfield Plenty Valley. Bookings are essential, please contact Sally at Baseline on 9404 8800 or via email: baseline@whittlesea.vic.gov.au.

Keep your Teens entertained these holidays

Baseline - Whittlesea are again offering \$20 grab bags for the school holidays for teens 12-17 years old living in City of Whittlesea and attending school. These bags include movie tickets, bowling passes, mini golf, go carting and more including assorted discounts and vouchers. Drop into our Counselling Team at the College to collect a brochure or contact Baseline for more information 9404 8800, baseline@whittlesea.vic.gov.au.

YMCA – free youth gym membership for 13-18 year olds (new members only). For more details regarding this offer, please contact YMCA Leisure City located at 41-53 Miller Street, Epping, via phone 9401 2222 or email: leisurecity@ymca.org.au.

Epping's Reading Cinema's celebrate 'World Autism Acceptance Month', with a special sensory screening of “Smurfs: The Lost Village” for children with Autism and their families. The screening is on Saturday April 8 from 9:30am. To buy tickets visit:

<http://www.readingcinemas.com.au/comingsoon>

**Ms Sasha Preece
Director of Student Services P – Year 12**

CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

P-12 House Welcome BBQ's

I was in the privileged position of being teacher and parent at two of our House BBQ's last week. We had an increased turnout of Secondary families and certainly many more Primary families. There was close to 500 people each evening, enjoying each other's company and the hospitality of our House teams. These gatherings were animated, friendly and welcoming.

Our maintenance, administration and teaching staff exemplified hospitality which is a very Marian quality. As mum, it was great to have dinner all organised for a night! Many thanks to all who attended, for being the pioneers of greater House Spirit from P to 12, and a big shout out in appreciation to those parents who offered their time to assist with preparation and clean up.

Parents & Friends Committee – Annual General Meeting – Thursday May 4 at 7.00pm.

As our College Community grows and develops we rely more and more on the magnificent efforts of our Parents and Friends Committee who provide for resources and community events

which add to the life of the College and the positive experience of our children. Please do not hesitate to join this group. Please refer to the details in the attached flyer for the role our P&F plays and the details of the upcoming AGM. If you would like to nominate for a position on the executive, please email your intention to do so to julia.wake@marymede.vic.edu.au

College Sibling Photos Survey

Student photos will arrive next term, there has been a technical set-back with one of the printers used by Arthur Reed Photographers (ARP).

In the meantime, we would like your feedback to appropriately plan for Sibling Photos, if there is a demand for them. Please click on the survey link below to indicate your preferences for a Sibling Photo opportunity. The College in conjunction with ARP will determine the feasibility of offering these in Term 2 or Term 3. Students will be expected to be in Full Winter Uniform and groomed correctly as per official school photos.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MarymedeSiblingPhoto>

Ms Julia Wake

Campus Co-ordinator P - Year 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Year 7 Ancient Day Incursion

On February 27, I was involved in the Year 7 Ancient Day Incursion for Humanities. Everyone was extremely excited to be a part of such an interactive day. The activities included learning about the Olympic Games, Gladiator Training, Ancient Warfare and information on the daily lives of people who existed in the Ancient Era.

During our first session, our group got the chance to learn about how people played in the Olympic Games and afterwards, we moved on to the gladiator training; this was one of my favourite activities because everyone had a lot of fun being involved in staged matches against each other. Gladiators used armour made of brass and had weapons made of iron. In other groups, some of the Year 7's got the chance to dress up in the same clothing as commoners from the past but one of the most informative subjects was the session on Ancient Warfare; our presenter had plenty of gruesome stories to tell.

Lastly, we competed in a Gladiator Competition with all the students from our year level. We fought against each other using the special training we received earlier in the day. It was definitely one of the most entertaining parts of Ancient Day and I had a lot of fun learning.



Miss Naomi Ordano
Year 7 student



"It helped us understand what people did for a living and how they dressed up"

Miss Aishleen Kaur
Year 7 Student



"We all got to see the armour worn by soldiers, I got to wear one and it was very heavy"

Mr Joshua Anil
Year 7 Student

Congratulations to all the teachers involved on the day – Mrs. Di Francesco (for organising the facilitators) Mr. Leon Travers, Miss Amanda Da Riva, Ms. Carla Esposito, Mrs. Laura Wilcox, Ms. Sue Kift and Ms. Jane Darrou for all their hard work with the students - before the Incursion, and on the day. The overwhelming student response was that it was a worthwhile activity which has become a genuine tradition for Humanities at Marymede Catholic College.



Ms Sharon Bluett
Humanities Teacher

Media Masterclass 2017

On March 22, 2016 Alumni, Tonia Ciccone, Emily Maney, Nanette Mangoba, Gemma Parsons and Emma Wardell, came back to Marymede to be on the panel for a Masterclass/Q&A session with the Year 12 Media students.

The aim of the Masterclass was to assist the Year 12's with their upcoming SAT by giving them the opportunity to seek advice from last year's highest-achieving VCE Media students. They were also able to hear about the panel's creative processes and the triumphs and tribulations that they experienced while studying Media.

Here are some enlightening moments that the Year 12's remembered from the Masterclass, which could apply to any student who is completing a folio this year:

"The main thing that stood out for me was that leaving things to the last minute is ineffective."

"Backup all of your work, and have a backup of the backup! Things can go wrong and it's important to regularly save your work."

"If you're confused or don't know exactly what you want to do in the pre-production stage, it's okay to develop your idea further as you make your product. At the end of the day, the most important thing is to be proud of yourself. Time management is also critical; always try to stay ahead of time and have a plan B."

"Networking with other artists in the community is helpful as it can lead to creative opportunities."

"Do not stress so much about your score; it doesn't define you. It won't control you."

"Don't do things to please others, just make sure you are happy with what you create."

Mr Jeremy Guzman
Head of Visual Arts



The Masterclass Panel. L-R: Gemma Parsons, Nanette Mangoba, Mr Guzman, Emily Maney, Emma Wardell, Tonia Ciccone.

We – Jordyn, Paulene, and Michael – are the 2017 Cultural Leaders and this is The Culture Report: a snapshot of the cultural life of the College.



From Jordyn:

There are a lot of new initiatives that are being planned in preparation for next term in the area of Languages. These include movie screenings at lunchtimes in the Auditorium, as well as big competitions and games with fun prizes up for grabs!

Also, early next term, planning for the 2018 Italian and Japanese trips will begin. As someone who went on the Indonesian trip last year, I can tell you that one of the best ways for you to improve your language skills is through immersing yourself into the culture, whilst having an experience that you will remember for the rest of your life, so listen out for more information soon regarding the trips!

From Paulene:

Many exciting things have occurred in the Music department this term. This includes the Drum Concert, which was held on February 24, as well as the beginning of the Senior Brass and Wind Ensemble.

VCE Music students are busy preparing for their upcoming VCE Music performances and the Concert Band is currently learning new repertoire.

We also have many exciting things coming up. The Vocal Concert is fast approaching, and will be held on March 29. All are welcome to come along. The Liturgical Choir are also preparing for the Confirmation Mass on April 23.

As you can see, there is always something happening in the Music department.

From Michael:

It has been an exciting term so far in Dance and Drama. Rehearsals have begun for our first ever Junior Musical, 'Seussical Junior'. I was impressed that students from Years 5–9 took the opportunity to show their friends, teachers, and family that they are brave. I sometimes believe that people think being brave means not being afraid, but really, it means moving past your fears and putting yourself out there. I am proud of all the auditionees for giving it a go. I remember the

first time I participated in the Musical, and I can honestly say I never pictured myself in high-heels covered in makeup, let alone wearing a dress.

Being in production provides you with a supportive team who are there for you even when you might need to do something crazy that is outside of your comfort zone. At rehearsals, I've seen some great work, particularly from Ivana Illic in Year 8 who is an amazing singer; she is a standout example of someone who is getting out there and revealing their talents to the community. The ensemble have also demonstrated some incredible moves and dedication.

For the first time ever, Year 8, 9 and VET Dance classes are running at Marymede. It's been great to see the Year 8's rehearsing their hip hop routine to artists, Drake and Chris Brown. The world can be a complicated place, and there's a lot of division between people, although, the Performing Arts tend to unify people in a way that nothing else does. That is why it's special, and we look forward to seeing the program continue to grow at Marymede Catholic College.

Recently in the Visual Arts, two students from Marymede's 2016 alumni, Tonia Ciccone and Renee Hall, along with current Year 12 Studio Arts student, Olivia Mack, had their films and artworks showcased at the CEM Visual Arts Exhibition as part of Catholic Education Week. Just last week, the Year 12 Media class were visited by some of last year's highest-achieving VCE Media students and together they participated in a masterclass/Q&A forum to assist them with their upcoming SATs.

The new Primary Visual Arts Program has been abuzz with excitement and creativity: the Year 5's have been learning about Pop Art with Mr Grech and making ceramic donuts, and the Year 6's have been telling stories through portrait photography and podcasts with Ms Hopkins.

The Visual Communication Design, Media, and Textiles classes are looking forward to going on an excursion to Top Designs early next term, where they will be able to view the best VCE products and folios from last year.

As Jordyn mentioned, Term 2 will also see the launch of a foreign film festival, which we can't wait to bring to you, so stay tuned!

Mr Jordyn Cullen, Miss Paulene Roflo, and Mr Michael Kyrifidis
Cultural Leaders



L-R: Michael Kyrifidis, Paulene Roflo, and Jordyn Cullen.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Marymede Auskick

The Marymede Auskick Program is on again for 2017 starting Term 2 for any Boy or Girl in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2. The session will run for 6 weeks and cost of the program will be \$65. It will be held Friday nights after school from 3.30pm-4.30pm on the main soccer pitch.

Parents are encouraged to assist to help make the sessions run smoothly.

To register please log in to the link below and search Marymede. All payments and registration details must be completed online to ensure the students receive their Auskick participation pack.

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

Session dates:

Friday April 28
Friday May 5
Friday May 12
Friday May 19 – NO SESSION
Friday May 26
Friday June 2
Friday June 9



Interschool Sports

Congratulations to the Primary Boys and Girls Soccer teams who were undefeated in the Bridge Inn home and away season. Both teams have now qualified to the Division Competition which will be on Monday July 24. We thank Alison Lappin for all the time she has spent coaching and training both teams.



Walk to School

It was great to see so many students participate in the Walk to School Day last Friday. 588 students across the 6 Houses were in attendance. Congratulations Marcellino who were the winners for Term 1.

Overall Primary House Cross Country Results

Year 4 Winners - McCormack

Year 5 Winners - McCormack

Year 6 winners - McAuley

Overall

1st Place - McCormack

2nd place - McAuley

3rd place - Chisholm

4th place - Chanel

5th place - Marcellin

6th place - Romero



Carlton Football Club Visit

On Thursday March 16 all of the Year 2 students were treated to a special visit from some players from the Carlton Football Club.

Matthew Kreuzer, Liam Sumnar, Patrick Kerr and Sam Petrevski-Seton spent a few hours running a football clinic with the students. The students were so excited to have a kick with the players and learn some new skills. We thank the Carlton Football Club and Carla Esposito for organising the event.



Primary Sport Part B - Soccer Holiday Clinics

Football Star Academy are running soccer clinics for students aged between 8-16 years in the upcoming school holidays. If you are interested please call 1300 372 300. See attached flyer.

Mr Gerard Large
House Coordinator

CAREERS

Parents of Year 11 and 12 students should have received the weekly 'Careers Newsletter' that is sent to the students on a Monday. This newsletter is always available via the school's Careers website. If you would like the Careers Newsletter emailed to you or you are not receiving it, please contact Carol Fisher, Careers Co-ordinator or Angie Dalglish, Pathways Assistant to have your email address added to or deleted from our mailing list.

There is new information coming to the Careers department every day. The most efficient way to pass this information onto the students is via email. It only takes a moment for students to review the information to see if it interests them, and if it doesn't they can just delete it. I ask parents to encourage your

child to look at the Careers Newsletter when it arrives in their email inbox. I encourage students to use the school holidays to investigate work experience opportunities or for those doing a VET subject or studying VCAL, structured work place learning for the next school holidays. Any student 15 years or older can take up the opportunity, however it is extremely important that the correct forms have been filled out and processed before any student starts with an employer. There forms can be found on our Careers website.

<http://www.marymedecareers.com/?page=required-documents>

They require the student, the employer and parents to complete this form. Finally it should be returned to the Pathways Team so it can be approved by College Principal, Mr. Kenny. A copy of this finalized form is then sent to students and their employer. Without this form completed before placement the student will not be covered for Work Cover during their placement.

Students should allow up to 2 weeks for approval of this form, so students need to return it to the Pathways Team at least 2 weeks before their start date to allow time for processing.

Learning is not something we just do at school. Sometimes the best experiences and skills are learnt elsewhere. We hope to educate students to be lifelong learners and life time career planners as these skills are needed into retirement.

Ms Carol Fisher
Careers Coordinator

IT HELPDESK UPDATE

Helpdesk Operating Hours

During the school holidays the Helpdesk will be open from 8:00am – 4:00pm each day. If your child requires any assistance with their device during this time they can bring it to the Helpdesk. Contact details are as follows

Email: Helpdesk@marymede.vic.edu.au **Phone:** 9407 9020

eResources/Booklists

Please ensure that if you haven't paid for the following e-resources required for your child/ren, that this is done by April 7. If payments for e-resources have not been received by this date, this may result in your child losing access to the following resources.

Primary School: Mathletics, Spelladrome, Reading Eggs

Secondary School: E-resource Levy for Yr 7 -10 jacPlus, KWL, Mathspace, Education Perfect.

If you need to refer to the booklists they are available in PAM Portal.

If you require any further information please contact me:
stavroula.tsembas@marymede.vic.edu.au.

Ms Stavroula Tsembas
Director of ICT

UNIFORM SHOP

HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS

Tuesday 11th April 10am - 4pm

Wednesday 12th April 10am - 4pm

Thursday 13th April 10am - 4pm

Saturday 22nd April 9.30am - 12.30pm

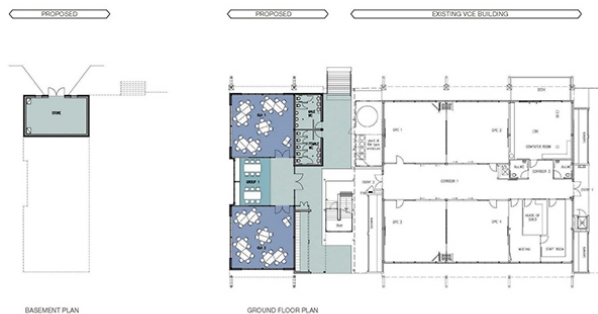
Normal trading hours resume: Tuesday 18th April 12pm to 5pm

Ms Maryann Howard
School Uniform Shop

New Building works starting April 2017

The College will commence construction of 2 Science Classrooms, 4 General Classrooms and External Toilets during April 2017, we anticipate this will be completed by the end of 2017, in readiness for the 2018 school year.

The project will cost approximately \$3.37m which will be funded from a Federal Government Capital Grant of \$2m and a loan from the Catholic Development Fund for \$1.37m.



Mr Paul Romanin
Business Manager