



17 May 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Our Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students sat their NAPLAN tests this week. Data from the results allow students to compare their achievements against national standards. A big part of the NAPLAN testing for our College is the use of such data to influence curriculum and assessment strategies. Thank you to Ms Julia Wake, Mrs Rosemary Bennett and Mrs Narelle Collins for their work in coordinating the testing.

2019 Enrolments

I can confirm that as a result of the very strong demand for Year 7 places at Marymede, we will again be running seven classes in 2019.

We have also been delighted with the number of 2019 Prep enrolment applications the College has received. Interviews will take place on Thursday 31 May in the Primary School Houses.

Years 9-11 Examinations

Semester 1 Examinations for Years 9-11 students are only three weeks away. Students should ensure that they are well prepared so they can achieve their best. Examinations give students valuable opportunities to refine revision skills and to develop examination techniques.

No Marymede parent with children in Year 4 upwards should accept a claim by their child that they have no study to do at home. As a parent, change your question from "Do you have any homework tonight?" to "What are you going to study tonight?". The Resource Centre is open daily and extra help with subjects is available at school.

Xanadu

Our Senior Musical Production 'Xanadu' will be performed at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre South Morang from Thursday 24 May to Saturday 26 May. The students have

been rehearsing for the past four months and are very much looking forward to showcasing their talents on the big stage.

We wish the students, Ms Angie Bedford, Mrs Judita Kafetzis, Mr Sava Djukic and other support staff every success with the upcoming production.

Temporary College Carpark

I have been delighted with the number of parents who have been making use of our temporary carpark across from the Primary School on Williamsons Road each morning and afternoon.

We recently had contact from the gentleman who owns the joinery business asking that parents please refrain from parking in the area he has sectioned off with orange bollards for his staff. It is important that we work together to ensure a good outcome for both parties. I thank you for your anticipated support.

Principal's Formative Appraisal

I am now in the fourth year of my Principal's contract at Marymede Catholic College and at the end of this month (30 and 31 May) a Formative Appraisal will take place. Ms Victoria Myers (Catholic Education Melbourne Consultant) will chair the panel.

All staff have the opportunity to complete a survey and a number of staff, students, parents and Board Chair Mrs Jo-Anne Mazzeo will be interviewed by the panel. Correspondence from Victoria Myers is included below.

I look forward to the upcoming appraisal as an opportunity to receive feedback from the Marymede Community on my leadership thus far and to reset goals going forward.

Review of Principal of Marymede Catholic College, Mr Michael Kenny

On 30 and 31 May 2018, a Formative Review of Mr. Michael Kenny in his role as Principal of Marymede Catholic College will take place. The purpose of the review is in accordance with the contract under which Mr. Kenny is employed which states that "...this formative appraisal is intended to be a time of

professional learning for the Principal, providing an opportunity for synthesised reflection on the early years of the contract, validated by peers.” (Clause 8.6.1)

Clause 8.5.3 states that the review provides “a non-threatening opportunity for both Principal and Church Authority to verify their perceptions of performance with those of the wider College community.”

Marymede Catholic College is currently engaged in the Catholic Education Melbourne School Improvement Framework process. The five spheres that are the focus of this process are:

- Education in Faith
- Learning and Teaching
- Student and Staff Wellbeing
- Leadership and Management
- School Community

These areas, along with working with the Canonical Administrators and the College Board, will form the focus for Mr. Kenny’s Formative Review.

The Review Panel

The panel that will conduct the Formative Review comprises:

- Mr. Terry Cooney (Principal of Our Lady of the Way Wallan)
- Mr. Mark Murphy (Principal of Marcellin College Bulleen and nominee of the Principal)
- Ms Victoria Myers (Regional Principal Consultant and nominee of the Executive Director of Catholic Education and Panel Chair)

As part of the review process feedback from staff will be sought via interviews and an online survey. Parents may also provide feedback to the Review Panel by:

- Requesting an interview on Wednesday 30 May or Thursday 31 May:
This can be done by sending an email to the Panel Chair, Ms Victoria Myers
vmyers@cem.catholic.edu.au prior to 18 May 2018.
- Parent interviews will take place on 30 and 31 May from 8.45am-9.10am and 30 May from 3.20pm-3.45pm.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

General Achievement Test (GAT)

On June 13, students enrolled in one or more VCE or VET Unit 3 study will sit the General Achievement Test (GAT). While the GAT does not directly contribute to students’ ATAR, it serves two important roles for students in their final year of their secondary studies in VCE.

First, the GAT is an insurance policy for students. In circumstances where students who experience significant illness or other serious personal circumstances at the time of a VCE external assessment and the result they achieve is not a fair indication of their learning or achievement in the study, they may apply for a Derived Examination Score. The GAT is a key tool used in the calculation of a derived score and, in this sense, the better students perform on the GAT, the stronger the derived score they will receive if things go wrong.

Second, the GAT is used as a moderation tool when VCAA are allocating study scores based on students’ results on the final examinations and in their course work. Once again, students benefit from performing as well as possible on the GAT.

The General Achievement Test is a test of general knowledge and skills in

- Written communication
- Mathematics, Science and Technology
- Humanities, the arts and social sciences.

The test aims to examine the general knowledge and skills that students acquire throughout their schooling and is not something students need to specifically study for. However, students benefit from being familiar with the structure of the test and the types of questions and tasks they will encounter on the GAT. Past GAT papers are available online at:

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/gat/gat.aspx>

Given the importance of the GAT, it is mandatory that all students enrolled in one or more scored Unit 3 study (ie. a Year 12 subject) attend; should students encounter emergency circumstances on the day of the GAT, they must contact VCE Coordinator, Mr Vincenzo Rovetto immediately. Students will receive further information by email regarding the arrangements for the GAT, including seating arrangements, marshalling times and other key details.

More information on the GAT can be found at:

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/gat/index.aspx>

Semester One Examinations

Year 9-11 students recently received their examinations timetables via email in preparation for the Semester One examinations from June 12-15.

As outlined in the newsletter on April 19, it is very important that students take the opportunity in Years 9-11 to hone their examination skills in preparation for VCE, where the examination scores account for at least 50% of their final results. As such, students’ results in their Year 10 & 11 mid-year examinations are a key factor in approving their VCE subject choices in 2019. Students will have the opportunity to submit their subject preferences for 2019 next term and will be guaranteed approval in their selected studies for Year 10 & 11 if they have achieved a minimum of 60% in the examination of the related study or studies the upcoming examinations. Students must achieve a minimum of 50% in both their English and Religious Education examinations in order to be approved to commence or continue in VCE.

Students who struggle to achieve a satisfactory result in the semester examination are unlikely to be approved to study related subjects in 2019. However, we aim to give students every opportunity to consolidate their learning and, as such, students who achieve a result below 50% will have the opportunity to re-sit examinations at school on Monday July 2 (the first Monday of the Term 2 holidays) and, while the original mark will appear on semester reports, the re-sit mark will be considered in the subject selection process. Students required to attend a re-sit will be notified as early as possible in the week prior to July 2 to give them the opportunity to seek feedback from their Semester 1 teacher and identify the areas of the examination they need to revise and consolidate prior to the re-sit day.

Trial Examinations

Year 12 VCE students and Year 11 students enrolled in accelerated studies recently received their examinations timetable via email in preparation for the Unit 3 trial examinations from July 2-4. These trial examinations are an important part of their preparations for the end-of-year examinations in October and November this year. The trial examinations are compulsory and any students who encounter emergency circumstances on the day of their examination(s) must contact me by email at tracey.kift@marymede.vic.edu.au

Teachers across P-12

This year, we have expanded the number of teachers who are teaching in both the primary and secondary school; this is an exciting part of being a P-12 college with both the teachers and students benefiting from the collaboration, learning and long-term planning this offers.

In addition to the fantastic team of secondary teachers involved in the Grade 5 & 6 Rotations, the primary school is enjoying having secondary staff teaching across P-4: with Angie Bedford, Head of Performing Arts and VCE Drama teacher, teaching Performing Arts in Prep; Liam McCormack, Chanel House Coordinator and VCE Visual Arts teacher, teaching Visual Arts in Grade 2; Tegan Hopkins, senior Visual Arts teacher, teaching Visual Arts in Grade 1; VCE Italian teacher, Anna Liggieri teaching Italian in Grade 6 and VCE Music teacher, Matthew Carpenter teaching Grade 6 Music.

This year, we have also been able to offer our Grade 5 & 6 teachers the opportunity to teach a class in the secondary school – and the diversity of subjects they are teaching reflects the broad talents amongst our senior primary team. This year we have Celine Tamburrini teaching Year 8 Food, Ylenia Useli teaching Year 8 Italian, Stephanie Tonietto teaching Year 9 Dance, Anthony Amerena and James Ferguson teaching Year 7 Humanities, Robert Grande and Alex Timms teaching Year 7 and Year 9 Physical Education respectively – alongside Primary Sport Coordinator, Gerard Large - and Michelle Gurry, Anna Williams and Margie Hough teaching in the Year 7 & 8 Skills Program. Not only are the secondary students benefitting from their experience and expertise, but the Grade 5 & 6 students are too – with the teachers bringing back new insights into how best to prepare our senior primary students for their secondary schooling. Here is just some of the feedback from the teachers about their experiences this year:

“It’s been a wonderful experience being able to teach in secondary, in an area I feel so passionate about. The students are engaged, and are eager to challenge themselves every lesson.” - **Stephanie Tonietto**

“As their previous Year 6 teacher I have enjoyed seeing the students grow, develop and take on a more independent approach to their learning. I have enjoyed working collaboratively with secondary teachers and building new relationships.” - **Anthony Amerena**

“Having so many staff teaching primary and secondary subjects builds a much stronger sense of school community and helps students see less of a division between the two schools.” – **Alexander Timms**

CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

Crossing Safety:

Could all drivers be vigilant in slowing down at all pedestrian crossings. If there is a student or staff member on the crossing please wait until they have completed the crossing before driving across. We have had at least two instances where a driver has driven onto the crossing with a person still on it. Police will be notified.

Temporary Carpark:

This has been quite successful. Please ensure you don't park in the cordoned off area for the workshop vehicles. This is still an active workspace for Smitty's and the business requires the parking section marked out for no parent parking.

To reduce congestion:

1. Park and walk – park your vehicle further away from the College and walk with your children. Be prepared with umbrellas in your vehicle in case of wet weather.
2. Drive through the drop-off /pick-up zone to the end, following the directions of staff. This enables traffic to flow from Williamsons Road more readily. Be prompt with disembarkation.

Keep Marymede Tidy Campaign:

In an effort to reduce our litter getting caught in garden beds and drains, we are allocating each class group from P – 12 an area to keep tidy. This will improve the appearance of our grounds and encourage students to use our many bins correctly.

Julia Wake

Campus Co-ordinator P - 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Secondary School House Athletics Carnival

Week 1 of term 2 saw the 2018 House Athletics Carnival take place. Students represented all six houses with enthusiasm and passion. The day started at 8:30am with the 1500m event. The early start and fog did not hamper participation with students representing their house with pride. With media personality

Brian Taylor commentating the events, students stepped up and gave it their all. In what was a jam-packed program, students had the opportunity to compete across 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, shot put, discus, long jump and high jump. In addition to the athletics program the 2018 VCAL and VET Sport and Recreation students organised novelty events to increase participation and House competition. These events included; egg and spoon race, a sack race and tug-of-war. Thank you to the VCAL and VET teachers and students for organising these great activities for the day.

The house results finished as;

- 1st** Chisholm – 457 points
- 2nd** Romero – 451 points
- 3rd** Marcellin – 449 points
- 4th** McAuley – 437 points
- 5th** McCormack – 400 points
- 6th** Chanel – 373 points

Congratulations to Mr Mather, staff and students of Chisholm House for winning the Athletics Carnival this year

A special thanks to the HPE staff for officiating on the day.



Ann-Marie O'Hare
Head of Sport

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Year 6 Confirmation

This Term, our Year 6 students celebrated their Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday April 29. Laetitia Malusu and the Year 6 teachers Robert Grande, Anthony Amerena, Stephanie Tonietto, Margie Hough and Alex Timms, worked with our students who were well prepared for the Sacrament and carried themselves with grace and decorum during the Mass. Fr John Murphy was also instrumental in leading liturgies before and after the Sacrament. This important milestone would not have been possible without the support of the parents.

Our Candidates were Confirmed by Archbishop Dennis Hart supported by Fr Martin Ashe. We look forward to seeing the manifestation of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in our students, through their thoughts, words and actions.

We thank all those involved in the wonderful occasion.



KidsView Incursion

On Monday April 30, Year 6 students had an opportunity to be immersed in our annual Social Justice incursion, presented by KidsView.

Through various workshops and activities, students were exposed to the challenges experienced by people around the world in relation to basic needs such as food, shelter, health and education. This revealed how fortunate we are to have many of the resources that we enjoy in our lives. Most of our students were able to display an understanding of how important it is to sustain our earth's resources and the need to share with others.

Our visitors from the Philippines Michael and Arnel finished with a wonderful presentation that showcased some of their challenges as well as their visions for the future.

We are thankful to the Ms Clare Scerri and her team for this educative and empowering learning experience. It is our hope that our students will continue to be inspired to become change makers for a socially just world.



Laetitia Malusu
Religious Education Coordinator P-6

MAPPEN – 'Think Global, Act Local'

In 6.1 we have been working on weather stations. We had multiple choices and we chose an anemometer. An anemometer gets pushed by the wind and spins around in a circle. This helps you see how fast the wind is going. We used six cups, one push pin, one single hole puncher, one pencil and two straws to make the anemometer. It took us half an hour to make this and it was a fun project to make.



**Matthew Dibella and Derin Roy
Year 6 Students**

Primary Sport

Last week all the Year 3 students participated in a basketball clinic held by Matt Stewart a senior coach from Diamond Valley Basketball Association. If your child is interested in playing basketball you can find out more information about joining a club at:

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



Bridge Inn Cross Country

We had a tremendously successful day at the Bridge Inn Cross Country. Marymede won all individual age groups and were Overall Champions. Thirty-nine of our students progressed to the 2nd round by coming in the top ten for their race.

Our Year 4 students were sensational. We had 9 in the top ten from both boys and girls!

Individual winners on the day were;

10-Year-old: Cruz Fraumano & Abbey Mueller

12-Year-old girls: Olivia Sheens

The 2nd round is at Bundoora Park on May 30.



Tee Ball

Congratulations to the Boys Tee Ball Team who were the winners at the Division Competition last week. They will progress to the regional finals on August 21. The girls Tee Ball team also competed competitively on the day and finished runners up.

**Gerard Large
Head of Primary Sport**

WHOLE SCHOOL

2018 Melbourne School Futsal Championships

On May 1 & 3, Marymede had their U/16 Boys and Girls Futsal teams representing the College in the Melbourne School Futsal Championships. Both teams excelled and dominated in the competition and were crowned Melbourne School Champions winning themselves a qualification spot in the 2018 Australasian Futsal Finals to be hosted in Brisbane later this year.

Both teams secured their place in the finals winning 5-3, 17-0 and 9-3 in the group stages, they then won 7-0 in the semi-finals before taking home the championship in the grand final.

The girls dominated their competition too, winning convincingly in the final 7-1.

Congratulations to the boys and their coach David O'Connor and to Mr Lipiarski and the girls and winning the 16-year-old Melbourne Championship double.





Ann-Marie O'Hare
Head of Sport

SACCSS Cross country 2018

Early in term 2, students across Year 7-12 participated in the SACCSS Cross Country Carnival at Brimbank Park.

In what turned out to be a beautiful day, students from Marymede represented the College with pride securing multiple top 10 finishes and great team results. In the Junior Girls event, Marymede girls finished in second position overall while the Junior Boys finished in first place resulting in the Junior aggregate being awarded second place.

Placing well for Marymede in these races were; Stephanie Camacho 6th place, Isabelle Spiteri 8th place in the 13-year-old girls with Taylah Scrimizzi 4th in the 14-year-old girls. For the boys Matthew Sabatino placed 4th while Brodie Scrimizzi was 10th in the 13-year-old boys and in the 14-year-old race, Daniel Cincotta was 3rd place, Damien Trenevski 4th place, and Oliver Petlevski 6th place.

In the intermediate events the boys placed 4th overall with Jake Mitovski placing 7th. The intermediate girls stepped up to run in the senior girl's event so that Marymede could field a stronger team. This late gamble paid off as the girls team finished in second place with top 10 finishes for Victoria Kyriazis in 5th.

In the Senior Boys 4km race Kyel McMillan crossed the line first for Marymede in 12th place and the Senior team finished 5th overall.

Many thanks to all the students who competed for Marymede, to Mr Large and Drew Roberts for coaching the teams and to all staff who helped marshall on the day and prepare students for their races.



Ms Ann-Marie O'Hare
Head of Sport

'Xanadu' Home Stretch:

The Cast and Crew of 'Xanadu' recently received The Home Stretch Information Pack.

This pack is also located in SIMON Work Desk Home > Learning Areas > Home > College Production > Class Resources > General Documents.

Here is the detailed outline of the key dates and times that you are required for final rehearsals:

Saturday rehearsal and Sitz Probe Marymede	Saturday 19th May All cast required 10am – 5pm All crew required 10am-1pm Final dress run and Sitz Probe
Bump In PRACC	Monday 21st May All crew and skaters required 2pm-4pm Students (crew only) will walk to venue escorted by staff at 1.30pm Please bring own cold/lunch snacks. Students will be dismissed at the venue at 4pm
Dress Rehearsals PRACC	Tuesday 22nd May All Secondary cast and crew required 9.30am-9.30pm <u>Do not go to school</u> – meet at PRACC at 9.30am Please bring own cold/lunch snacks/water bottle for <u>lunch and dinner</u> . Please bring any personal costume/makeup items. Wear your P.E uniform + <i>Xanadu</i> tee shirt if you own one
School Preview Performance PRACC	Wednesday 23rd May All Secondary cast and crew required 9.30am-3.30pm <u>Do not go to school</u> – meet at PRACC at 9.30am Please bring own cold/lunch snacks/water bottle with pop top Wear your P.E uniform + <i>Xanadu</i> tee shirt if you own one
Show 1 PRACC	Thursday 24th May All Secondary cast and crew required 5.30pm-conclusion of show School as usual
Show 2 PRACC	Friday 25th May All Secondary cast and crew required 5.30pm-conclusion of show School as usual
Show 3 & Bump Out PRACC	Saturday 26th May All Secondary cast and crew required 2.30pm-conclusion of show/pack up. Crew will be required until at least 9pm.

Students are not permitted to leave the Theatre until dismissed by Stage Manager at the STAGE DOOR ONLY. No Parents are allowed in the Theatre – please wait at the Stage Door.

You are required to organise your own transport to/from the venue. Carpooling is encouraged! Pick up and drop off is strictly from the STAGE DOOR only (around the side, NOT the main audience entrance).

'Xanadu' Tickets- Tickets close on Friday 18 May:

'Xanadu' follows the journey of a magical and beautiful Greek muse, Kira, who descends from the heavens of Mount Olympus to Venice Beach, California. in 1980 on a quest to inspire a struggling artist, Sonny, to achieve the greatest artistic creation of all time – the first ROLLER DISCO! (Hey, it's 1980!) But, when Kira falls into forbidden love with the mortal Sonny, her jealous sisters take advantage of the situation, and chaos abounds.

The score retains the hits from the film and also includes new arrangements by Eric Stern of "I'm Alive," "Magic," "Suddenly," and "Dancin"

Tickets are now on sale via TryBooking through the link below until Friday the 18th of May.

<https://www.trybooking.com/TVZH>

Remaining tickets will be sold at the door if available.

Marymede Catholic College proudly presents

May 24 - 26 2018

Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre

Book your tickets to the roller disco!
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XANADU

Book by **Douglas Carter Beane** Music and Lyrics by **Jeff Lynne & John Farrar**

Based on the Universal Pictures Film Screenplay by Richard Danus & Marc Rubel

Originally produced on Broadway by Robert Ahrens, Dan Vickery, Tara Smith/B. Swibel, Sara Murchison/Dale Smith & Carl Smulyan

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australia)
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

Sessional Dance Semester 2:

Marymede Catholic College is keen to develop a thriving dance program. Students will be taught by professional dancers as well as dedicated and experienced teachers. Marymede is well equipped to provide every student with outstanding opportunities to develop their dance talents.

The Sessional Dance program looks at a range of styles including: Hip-Hop, Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Contemporary and Lyrical Dance.

Those students interested in doing Sessional Dance in Semester 2 please contact Mr. Jai Cameron prior to Friday 1 June 2018.

More information can be found on the 2018 Sessional Dance Enrolment Form.

Any further questions please email Mr. Jai Cameron at jai.cameron@marymede.vic.edu.au

Year 12 Drama Ensemble Performance: 'Lost'

On Monday April 30, the Year 12 Drama class presented their major performance for Unit 3, an ensemble performance called 'Lost'. Presented in the style of Australian Gothic, the performance was the culmination of months of research and devising. Thank you to Mr Jeremy Guzman for the attached pictures.



Ms. Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts P-12

Casual Nurses/First Aid Level 2 Staff Required - Sick Bay

We are currently looking at increasing our Nurse Bank with Registered Nurses (Division 1 or 2) and First Aid Level 2 Trained staff. We occasionally require staff to fill in at the busy sick bay at short notice to assist with the basic first aid of students. Hours are negotiable but ideally 8:30am- 3:30pm. Staff are also required to complete an online ASCIA Anaphylactic e-training component and be verified by the school nurses before completing their first casual shift. Please forward resumes with appropriate qualifications and a current Working With Children's Check to: www.nurse@marymede.vic.edu.au

FINANCE OFFICE

School Banking

A School Banking Specialist, Joanne Hutchinson from the Commonwealth Bank will be here on Wednesday 23 May at 8:30am to help those who would like to know more about School Banking, and to assist those who would like to open a new account. Joanne will be in the Primary School courtyard near the Primary School office.

PARENT'S AND FRIENDS

Parents & Friends Mother's Day Stalls and Movie night

Our P&F continue to be amazingly active across the College. Following on from the amazing Colour Run, there have been teams who have planned and prepared the Mother's Day Stalls – I love my pink shower cap – and fully booked out one of the cinemas at Village Cinemas at Westfield Plenty Valley for the Tuesday Movie Night.

Behind the scenes work is also occurring for the Marymede Fete, to be held on Saturday 10th November. If you would like to assist in anyway, please email paf@marymede.vic.edu.au.

COMMUNITY MASS

