



23 May 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

May is traditionally the month dedicated by the Church to Mary and as this Newsletter is the last one for May, I wanted to share with you a few of my thoughts on Mary our Blessed Mother.

Through the gospels, we came to know of Mary, of her love for God and her desire to do His will in accepting to become the Mother of Jesus our Saviour. She was a strong woman who had faith in what God wanted of her, a perfect example of motherhood and the first of the disciples of Jesus.

I encourage all members of our Marymede Community to ask Mary to intercede when we find ourselves in need of consolation and to follow her example of trust and love of God.

Return of Weekend Mass to Marymede

Our Director of Faith & Mission P-12, Ms Julia Wake and I recently met with Fr. Anthony Girolami (Parish Priest of St. Francis of Assisi Mill Park) and he has agreed to our request to have a Mass on a Sunday morning once a month in our College Chapel.

This is in response to a number of staff and parents who have asked for this to happen. I am delighted that Fr. Anthony is very happy to make himself available to be one of our celebrants.

Families will be surveyed in due course, as we are keen to determine what timeslot on a Sunday morning best suits our Marymede Community. It is anticipated that our first Sunday Mass will take place early in Term 3.

Prep 2020 Enrolment Applications: 24 May

A final reminder that Prep Enrolment Applications for next year close tomorrow, 24 May. I have been delighted with the number of applications we have received and as a result, applications received after tomorrow will go on the waiting list.

Crunch Time

It is now nearing the end of Week 15 of the semester, which some may call crunch time with our Years 9-11 students sitting their end of semester exams in a little over a fortnight. It is also a time when major pieces of assessment are due from our Units 3 & 4 students.

Students will reap the rewards of their dedicated study as they work through this peak time without too much stress and hassle. I encourage students to plan carefully and seek their teachers' help when problems arise.

Staff News

Congratulations to our Registrar, Mr. Matthew Luczek, and his wife Melinda on recently becoming parents. Mum and daughter Charlotte are in good health and Matthew is one very proud Dad!

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Semester Two

On June 18, Semester 2 will begin for all students from Prep – 12. This means that any student currently studying a semester-long subject will move into their second semester subjects from the last two weeks of Term 2. These single semester subjects include:

- Prep to 4 students in Visual Arts and Performing Arts;
- Year 7 students in Languages, Visual Arts and Drama;
- Year 8 students in the Digital Technology, Food Technology, Visual Arts and Dance;
- Year 9 students' elective studies; and

- Year 10 students' studies in Humanities, Science, Health & Physical Education, Visual Arts, Technology, Performing Arts.

Students' Semester 2 timetables will be available in the week prior to this change.

General Achievement Test (GAT)

On June 12, all students enrolled in one or more Unit 3 VCE or VET 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.

The GAT acts as an 'insurance policy' for students. In situations where students are impacted by significant illness or serious personal circumstances at the time of a VCE external assessment and the result they achieve is not a fair reflection of their learning and achievement in the study, they may apply for a Derived Examination Score. Their GAT result is a key measure used in calculating a derived score and, as such, the students benefit from performing as well as possible on the GAT in terms of the derived score they will receive if things go wrong.

The GAT is also used as a moderation tool when the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) allocate 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 examines the general knowledge and skills that students gain throughout their schooling. It is not something students need to specifically study for; however, students may benefit from being familiar with the types of questions and tasks they will encounter on the GAT and with the overall structure of the test.

It is mandatory that all students enrolled in one or more scored Unit 3 study (ie. a Year 12 subject) attend the General Assessment Test (GAT) as scheduled on June 12. If any student encounters 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:

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/GAT/2019GATBrochure.pdf>

Previous GAT Question Books and Answers can be located at:

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

Semester One Examinations

Year 9-11 should be in full swing preparing for the Semester One examinations from June 12-15.

As we tell our students each year, it is very important that students take the opportunity in Years 9-11 to develop their examination skills in preparation for VCE. In VCE, 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 2020.

Students will have the opportunity to submit subject preferences for 2019 in Term 3 and will be guaranteed approval in their selected studies for Year 10 & 11 if they have achieved a minimum of 60% in the examination(s) in related studies. Students must achieve a minimum of 50% in both their English and Religious Education examinations 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 2020. 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 1. For students who are required to re-sit examination, the original mark will appear on semester reports; however, 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 1 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 will complete their Unit 3 trial examinations from July 1-3. 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 VCE Coordinator, Mr Vincenzo Rovetto at vincenzo.rovetto@marymede.vic.edu.au or Ms Tracey Kift by email at tracey.kift@marymede.vic.edu.au in advance of the scheduled examination.

Ms Tracey Kift
Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep - Year 12

DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION

Vinnies Winter Appeal 2019 – Social Justice Group and Mini-Vinnies

Ms Malusu has launched Mini-Vinnies this term and we have our Social Justice Captains, supported by Mary and Emily Selar, leading the Social Justice Group with our focus for this term being on the Vinnies Winter Appeal. The Marymede Community is relied upon by our local St Vincent de Paul Conference for generous donations of the following items:

- Non-perishable food items
- Toiletries

- Clothing – socks, gloves, scarves
- Bedding items – sheets, blankets.

Any student / family can bring in any item from the above categories. **Simply add something into your shopping trolley for Vinnies** over the next few weeks and bring them into school. Donation points include:

- Primary House areas
- Founders Building
- Chapel
- Main Administration

Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2019

Preparations are underway for our First Holy Communion by our Year 4 teachers and support staff. For 2019, the celebration will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on 22 June at 2.00pm, con-celebrated by Fr Martin Ashe and Father John Murphy. In the three weeks leading up to this celebration all Year 4 students and their families are encouraged to attend a Community Mass, 8.00am Wednesday, to give out their prayer cards to the community.

May – The Month of Mary

The month of May is a special time for Catholics to pay their respects to the Blessed Mother Mary. Marian prayers or Marian devotions are acts of praying to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Marian prayer is not worship. It is asking Mary to intercede for you and/or other people, in getting your prayer to Jesus and God. During the month of May we invite all families to take some time to pray and meditate on the Rosary. You are welcome to visit the college Chapel of Annunciation to pray within and visit our Mary prayer space.

Reconciliation Week – Grounded in Truth, walk together with courage – 27 May to 3 June

#NRW2019 Campaign

At the heart of reconciliation is the relationship between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To foster positive race relations, our relationship must be grounded in a foundation of truth.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have long called for a comprehensive process of truth-telling about Australia's colonial history. Our nation's past is reflected in the present and will continue to play out in future unless we heal historical wounds.

Today, 80 per cent of Australians believe it is important to undertake formal truth telling processes, according to the 2018 Australian Reconciliation Barometer. Australians are ready to come to terms with our history as a crucial step towards a unified future, in which we understand value and respect each other.

Whether you're engaging in challenging conversations or unlearning and relearning what you know, this journey requires all of us to walk together with courage. This National Reconciliation Week, we invite Australians from all backgrounds to contribute to our national movement towards a unified future.

'Realtalk' Parent / Caregiver Evening – Tuesday 28 May, 7.00pm

Our Year 8 and 10 Student Reflection Days are next week, whereby we engage 'Realtalk' presenters to facilitate workshops on respectful relationships, identity and sexuality within the context of our Catholic tradition. These workshops are contemporary, age-appropriate and honest. We recommend that parents / guardians of our Year 8 and 10 students in particular, attend the parent evening on the Tuesday evening. It is open to all interested parents. Please see the flyer for further information.

Upcoming Faith & Mission Events

- Year 6 Reflection Day – Social Justice – Monday 27 May
- Sorry Day Commemoration – Council of Whittlesea – Monday 27 May
- Year 10 Reflection Day (RealTalk) – Tuesday 28 May
- 'RealTalk' Parent Evening – Tuesday 28 May, 7.00pm.
- Year 8 Reflection Day (RealTalk) – Wednesday 29 May.
- Marcellin House Feast Day Mass – Monday 3 June.
- First Eucharist Family Evening – Wednesday 12 June.
- Year 4 Reflection Day (Eucharist) – Monday 17 June.
- Sacrament on First Holy Communion – Saturday 22 June.
- Mass of the Sacred Heart – Thursday 27 June.

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Secondary School House Athletics Carnival

Week 2 of term two saw the 2019 House Athletics Carnival take place. Students represented all six houses with enthusiasm and passion. The day started at 830am with the 1500m event. The early start 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, there were novelty events to increase participation and house competition. These events included; egg and spoon race, a sack race and tug-of-war. Across the day students represented their Houses with great pride. With additional events and new scoring systems to encourage every student to represent their House the results were as follows;

- 1st Chisholm – 1288 points
- 2nd McCormack – 1250 points
- 3rd Chanel – 1230 points
- 4th Marcellin – 1202 points
- 5th McAuley – 1188 points
- 6th Romero – 1161 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.

Ms Ann-Marie O'Hare
Head of Sport

Picnic at Hanging Rock

This year for the first time, Marymede Catholic College are presenting a school play. This dramatic production is being performed by students in years 10-12 and features a cast of very hard working and engaging students.

The play, *Picnic at Hanging Rock*, tells the story of a school picnic on Valentine's Day in 1900 when, on a school excursion three senior students and their maths teacher mysteriously disappear on Hanging Rock. The aftermath leaves the remaining characters to deal with suspicion, lies and intrigue as the mystery is investigated.

Picnic at Hanging Rock will be performed in the school auditorium in the Performing Arts complex on Thursday May 23 and Friday May 24 at 7pm. Tickets are available through trybooking

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



Mr Jeremy Ives
Head of Performing Arts

Rostrum Voice of Youth Speaking Competition

On Sunday 19 May two nervous yet very well-prepared Year 7 students, Ashna Sajeev and Elissa Dimoski, competed in the Rostrum Voice of Youth Speaking Competition at St. Monica's College in Epping. The girls chose from a range of topics to prepare a 6 minutes speech, with Ashna choosing 'Generosity of strangers' and Elissa choosing 'Be part of the discussion'. Hours were spent prior to the competition penning the perfect speech which captured the girls' passion and writing ability. Once the speeches were finalised, the girls spent time rehearsing to ensure they conveyed the appropriate tone, volume and eye contact. Both girls performed extremely well, with the Chief Adjudicator commenting on the 'above standard' speeches in this round. Elissa went on to compete in the Semi-Finals, whereby she was required to write and deliver a speech with 15 minutes preparation on an unknown topic – no mean feat! Unfortunately, Marymede Catholic College did not advance to the State Final, however, the talent both Ashna and Elissa showed competing against Year 8 and 9 students indicates we will be the ones to watch in 2020.



Miss Corinne Niall
McCormack House Co-ordinator
Religious Education Teacher

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

2019 Instrumental Music Semester 2

Just a reminder that enrolments for Instrumental Music Semester 2 close on Friday, May 31. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument either privately or in a pair please contact Ellen Lane ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au by Monday, May 27, for an information sheet and enrolment procedure. Please note there is currently a wait list for some instruments as teachers may be at capacity with numbers. Those students already enrolled in Semester 1 Instrumental Music who no longer wish to continue please submit this request in writing to Ellen Lane by no later than Friday, May 31, otherwise the College assumes students will participating for a full year under the same agreement and the next full semester fees will be payable. The information sheet outlining costs, terms and conditions can be accessed for those already enrolled via Caremonkey for reference.

2019 Sessional Dance Semester 2

Just a reminder that enrolments for Sessional Dance Semester 2 close on Friday, May 31. If your child is interested in developing their dance talents, please contact Ellen Lane ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au by Monday, May 27, for an information sheet and enrolment procedure. Those students already enrolled in Semester 1 Sessional Dance who no longer wish to continue please submit this request in writing to Ellen Lane by no later than Friday, May 31, otherwise the College assumes students will participating under the same agreement for a full year and the next full semester fees will be payable. The information sheet outlining costs, terms and conditions can be accessed for those already enrolled via Caremonkey for reference.

Ms Ellen Lane
Performing Arts and Co-Curricular Assistant

eBooks & eMagazines from the Resource Centre

The Calthorpe Resource Centre has a great supply of eBooks through Sora & World Book, and online magazines via Press Reader. Students can log in to read these at any time on most devices.

To read eBooks you will need the **Sora by Overdrive App** which is available free from all major App stores.

To download the App, the device will need an Internet connection. Once downloaded,



install the App and log in with your usual school username & password, and enjoy.

To help you get started we have a guide here. You will need to be logged in.

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If you create a personal account, you can bookmark a page and make notes as you read. These will be saved once you log out of the App. Here are the instructions for setting up a personal account in World Book.

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We hope you enjoy reading anytime, anywhere.

Marie O'Brien
Head of the Calthorpe Resource Centre

PATHWAYS

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I attended the Careers Practitioners Seminar at Victoria University and was impressed with the way their new Block Mode is engaging students. I emailed a copy of the VU Undergraduate Course Guide to all Year 12 students along with information on the VU Block Mode. I also emailed to student in Year 12,11,10 and 9 the "Guide to Medicine 2020" for those hoping to become Doctors one day. See attachments. Please enjoy the attached Career Newsletters.

Items in the Career News include -

- UNSW Co-op Program 2019
- Bachelor of Business Administration at Monash University
- Bachelor of Design (Digital Technologies) at Deakin University
- Bachelor of Arts (Textile Design) at RMIT University
- Cybersecurity Courses at Holmesglen Institute
- Diploma of Paramedical Science at Victoria University
- What is a Barrister?
- Travel & Tourism Courses in Victoria
- Snapshot of Victoria University (VU) in 2019
- News from Deakin University
- DeakInspire 2019
- Arts and Education Information Sessions & Events

- News from Swinburne University
- Bachelor of Innovation and Design
- Studying Neuroscience at Swinburne
- Bachelor of Engineering Practice (Honours)
- Business Degrees in Victoria
- Commerce Degrees in Victoria
- Snapshot of the University of Tasmania in 2019

Ms Carol Fisher
Careers Coordinator

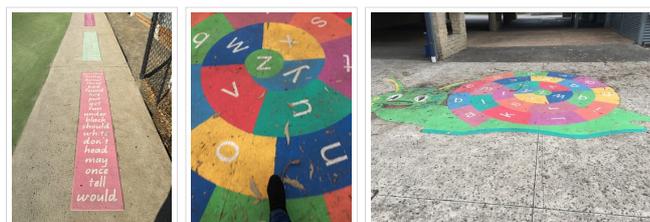
PARENTS AND FRIENDS

The Parents and Friends Committee would like to thank all the children who bought Mother's Day gifts and to all the parents who supported this great fundraiser.

The Mother's Day Movie night was held on the 15th May at the Plenty Valley Village Cinemas. It was great to see a room full of Mums, Grandmothers, Teachers, Aunts and friends who attended the night. Well done to all parents who won the raffle prizes, and a big thank you to Hair House Warehouse Plenty Valley and to Plus Fitness South Morang for their kind donations toward our raffle. A big thanks to Christine Oslic, for making our special Mother's Day Cookies and to Janeta Marton for putting all of the (31) raffle prizes together. We hope all the mums had a wonderful Mother's Day.



Thank you to all the members of the P&F committee for their continuous support, without these parents none of these fundraisers would be possible. These parents put countless hours and effort into these fundraisers and as a result of these events; we give back to the school with many different items such as the playground markings that have just recently been placed on the grounds of the School. This is one of many that the P&F have given back to the school.



The members of the 2019 P&F Committee are as follows:

President: Michelle Williams
Vice President: Sarah Young
Treasurer: Habib (Bobby) Tawil
Secretary: Melissa Pezzotto

General Committee Members:

Adam Tricarico, Christine Oslic, Ingrid Ennis, Janeta Marton, Jo Nand, Jody Charles, Kaylene Mueller, Margaret Harris, Marianna Murphy, Mia Reidy, Mina D’Este, Paula Sergakis, Sarah Bree, Sarah Connor, Sarah Flint, Sonja Halkidis, and Tracey Jones.

If you would like to contact the P&F please email. paf@marymede.vic.edu.au



(2018 Fete sponsors)

Ms Michelle Williams
President

COMMUNITY MASS

