



24 June 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Winter has made its presence felt quite strongly this year. The last few weeks have been challenging for some of our families as they lost power whilst trying to work from home and ensure that their children were able to complete the work set by their teachers.

The cold has been a new challenge as we waited for the further easing of restrictions for Victoria. As we approach the end of Term 2 it is important nonetheless to look back with gratitude for all that we have achieved, experienced and shared with family and friends.

Some of the highlights of this term have been:

- Mary Selar and a group of students representing our College at the Whittlesea ANZAC Day march.
- The entire school coming together in the Fitness Centre to celebrate the Mass of the Sacred Heart.
- The Year 5 Maths Family night.
- The number of Years 5-8 students in rehearsals for the upcoming 'Moana Jr.' production.
- The Chanel students celebrating their Feast Day Mass.
- The Year 8 students camp at Marysville.
- The Secondary School House Athletics Carnival. Media personality Brian (BT) Taylor added colour and excitement to the day.
- The way our staff and students adapted to remote learning.
- The enrolments for Prep and Year 7 being at capacity for next year.

Staffing Update

We farewell and thank staff members Jessica Murphy, Daniel Bamford Clark, Helen Vermont and Julia Broadbent and wish them every happiness and success going forward.

2022 Subject Selection

When we return next term, our Year 10 students will begin the process of choosing their subjects for next year. To this end, I encourage students and staff to read the Subject Selection Handbook which will be available early in Term 3.

Semester 1 Reports

Semester 1 reports will be able to be accessed from the Parent Access Module on Friday 25 June. The reports will give parents a clear indication of their children's progress in the first semester. I thank staff for their efforts in preparing the reports.

Staff Professional Day: 25 June

Staff will be involved in a Professional Development day on Friday 25 June. Classes resume to start Term 3 on Monday 12 July.

Advance notice that our Annual Staff Spirituality Day will take place on Tuesday 20 July which will also be a student free day.

In the first Newsletter of next term, I will update staffing changes for Term 3.

Term 2 Holidays

As we move into the holiday break, I hope all students find the time to rest and reinvigorate, ready for the new term. I hope that we can all return ready to support and empower each other.

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL STAFF AND OPERATIONS PREP – YEAR 12

COVID thanks

While we were all hoping to avoid further lockdowns in 2021, it is pleasing to reach the mid-year holiday break with the situation stabilising in Victoria and families able to enjoy being away together or even just being able to catch up friends and relatives in Melbourne. As a College we are grateful for so much in our community during these uncertain times, and particularly to the parents, carers, students and staff in our Marymede Community.

We thank you for the work you have done supporting your children in home learning during lockdowns.

We thank you for the smiles at the gates and the positivity that we will persevere and come through this together

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding when safety has required you to remain outside the school gates.

We thank you for your care and social distancing when inside the school gates.

We thank you for no longer 'soldiering on', instead keeping our community safe by keeping sniffles and coughs at home.

We thank the staff who spent the extra hours creating the best possible remote learning experiences when this was necessary and the ICT staff who helped support both staff and students in these crucial periods.

We thank the teaching and non-teaching staff who cared for the vulnerable children and the children of essential workers during lockdowns, especially through their welcoming smiles at the gate for the few arriving on-campus.

We thank our students for their adaptability and resilience, and for the care they have shown to each other and for their teachers.

We thank our staff for the many ways they have supported students and families both during and in the wake of lockdowns.

We thank our faith and ministry leaders who have ensured our faith and prayer life has remained active no matter what physical or virtual form has been required.

We thank all in our community who have helped support the measures to keep our community safe.



After two terms of interruptions we have rescheduled a number of events and look forward to being able to provide our students with a range of cocurricular opportunities in Term 3, including:

- PFC Family Portrait Day – Saturday 17 July
- Year 6 Sovereign Hill excursion – Wednesday 21 July

- Year 4 First Eucharist – Friday 23 & Saturday 24 July
- Year 5 Sovereign Hill excursion – Tuesday 27 July
- Year 11 Retreat – Thursday 29 & Friday 30 July
- Primary Disco – Friday 6 August
- Dental Van visit – 9-20 August
- Marymede Day – Friday 13 August
- Book Week Fair – 16-20 August
- Book Week (including Parade!) – 23-27 August
- Year 6 Reflection Day – Thursday 26 August
- Year 9 Outdoor Education Bike Ride – Tuesday 7 September
- 2021 Junior Production 'Moana Jr.' – 9-11 September

To keep up-to-date with the changing COVID situation and latest government regulations, please visit:

- www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites
- www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks

Primary carpark gate to close at 8.45am

As the official starting time for all students is 8.45am, all yard duties cease at 8.45am each morning as staff move into classrooms and Tutor Groups to begin the day. For the safety of students, this will mean that all vehicle gates will close at 8.45am each morning. Parents arriving after this time will need to use the drop-off zone on Williamsons Road or the train station. Parents of Prep – Year 3 students are reminded that students arriving after 8.45am are required to be taken to the Founders Building (via Main Reception) to sign in late. Year 4 – 12 students are also reminded to sign in at Founders when arriving after 8.45am.

Mr David Broadbent
Deputy Principal Staff & Operations P-12

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING PREP – YEAR 12

Thank you for your continued support this semester. The first two terms have brought such rich learning both inside and outside the classroom and it's been wonderful that students have once again been able to engage in excursions and various school events were able to occur. More recently our community has continued to work collaboratively through the various COVID challenges and I wish you all a wonderful semester break.

Year 1 Science Show

This term our year 1 students have been learning how to make predictions and scientific observations whilst exploring questions that they have. Students were treated to a Science show by our Secondary Science Domain Leader, Julie Plymin and they were left 'oohing and ahing' with every experiment as they made Elephant's toothpaste, played with Oobleck and witnessed an large egg slide into a small conical flask. Rex – our resident lizard – was also a hit with students as they watched him feast on crickets and bask under the lights. Thank you

to our year 1 teachers and Ms Plymin for providing such and experience.



Student Achievement

We have had some outstanding competition results in our secondary school in both the Australian Geography competition and Big Science Competition.

The Australian Geography Competition is made up of questions testing geographical knowledge and skills and the following students are to be congratulated on their awards:

High Distinction	Distinction	Credit
Grace Wake	Corey Thompson	Ethan Quattrone Briana Portella

The Big Science Competition is a test of scientific knowledge, critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Questions are set in real-life, contemporary contexts, making them relatable and interesting. Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding awards:

High Distinction:	Distinction:
Daniel Falcone	Aidrin Jose
Shayne Manyere	Sukham Aulakh
Ashdeep Singh	Yadeesh Gunawardana
	Pranav Khuller
	Liam Karakatsanis
	Jugaddeep Kaur
	Aaron Varghese

There were also over 30 credits awarded from Years 9-10.

GAT update

The General Achievement Test (GAT) was postponed due to the most recent lockdown and has now been rescheduled to **Thursday 29 July** from **10.00am – 1.15pm**. All students who are completing a Unit 3/4 VCE or VCE/VET subject that has an end of year examination are required to attend. Students have previously attended an information session about the structure and use of the GAT and strategies on how to approach the test. We are aware that this rescheduled date clashes with our Year 11 Retreat which will impact on a number of students who are accelerating into 3/4 studies. The Senior Leadership are working through logistics to ensure students both attend the GAT and benefit from the Year 11 Retreat with their peers.

Mrs Jessica Hall
Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12