



15 July 2021

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome back everyone. I hope the holidays were enjoyable and gave families more time together to reinvigorate their relationships. As we embark upon the all-important second half of the year, I trust that our students have returned to their best efforts regarding their studies.

### Staff News

A special welcome is extended to the following new staff members:

Anna Nanni (Teacher Librarian)

Rachel Pergolini (Counsellor)

Daniela Overton (Year 1 Teacher)

Anna Zurzolo (Library Assistant)

Joanne Samouris (Learning Support Officer)

Congratulations to Ainsley Dean on her appointment to the position of Primary Learning & Teaching Coordinator. We farewell and thank Debra Molloy for her time with us at Marymede.

### VCE, VCAL & VET Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Our online P/T/S Interviews have been scheduled for Thursday 22 July from 4.00pm to 9.00pm. I strongly encourage parents to make a booking to talk with your child's teachers. Bookings are currently open via PAM and will close at 5pm on Friday 16 July.

### First Eucharist Celebrations: 23 & 24 July

The Year 4 students will be celebrating their First Eucharist on Friday 23 July at 7.00pm and Saturday 24 July at 11.00am and 2.00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Mill Park. A big thank you to staff members Laetitia Malusu, Mary Selar,

Sheryl Varghese and the Year 4 teachers for their work with the students in the lead-up to this very special occasion.

### Return of the Marymede Community Mass: 25 July

I am delighted to announce that our first Marymede Community Mass in 2021 will be celebrated in the College's Chapel of the Annunciation at 10.30am on Sunday 25 July. All members of our Marymede Community are most welcome to attend.

### The Term Ahead

Term 3 in the Secondary School is an essential time for preparation. For Year 12 students, it is the last full term in their lives which can sometimes be a scary thought. It is undoubtedly a time for Year 12 students to work hard and start to prepare for the end of year exams.

For our Years 9, 10 and 11 students, the focus is upon subject selection for next year and with this, a focus upon future career choices. As a College, we will provide as much information as we can to ensure that all our students are making uniformed choices with regard to their subject selections.

### Staff Spirituality Day

Our Staff Spirituality Day scheduled for next Tuesday 20 July has been postponed as our facilitators are both based in Sydney and currently are not able to enter into Melbourne. We are hoping to run this day later in the term.

School will now operate as normal next Tuesday 20 July.

**Mr. Michael Kenny**  
**Principal**

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL STAFF AND OPERATIONS PREP – YEAR 12

### Update to COVID-safe measures

We are pleased to welcome back parents on-campus for the start of this term and pray that Victoria's current COVIDsafe measures keep us open and safe. In accordance with the

latest School Operations Guide (released 9 July), the following measures are in place to protect our College and Community:

- All visitors (including parents) who enter a building must register at Main Reception or Finance using the QR code. A COVID-Check-in Marshall is required to verify the completion of the QR-code check-in.
- All staff, Secondary students, and visitors (including parents) who enter a building must wear a face mask (unless they have a lawful exemption). Staff may remove their masks when in the act of teaching.
- Spectators are not permitted at interschool sporting events.
- All students using public transport are required to check-in using the QR code; all Secondary school students are also required to wear a face mask when using any school bus or public transport.
- Secondary students attending any off-site activities (e.g., excursion, work placement or external VET studies) must wear a face mask at the external venue.
- A density limit of 1 person per 2m<sup>2</sup> will be observed in all areas accessed by visitors. This includes Community Mass in the Chapel.
- Parents and carers are reminded that if the 1.5m social distancing cannot be maintained when outdoors they should be wearing a face mask.

The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms. As noted in a recent article in *The Age*, the symptoms for the Delta strain of COVID-19 differ from previous strains:

- *The most common signs for those fully and partially vaccinated included a headache, runny nose, and sneezing, followed by a sore throat. For those not vaccinated, it also included fever.*
- *Burnet Institute epidemiologist Michael Toole said ... "In winter, we're all used to having a runny nose, a cold. But now, people should all be aware that a runny nose may not be the common cold; it may be COVID"*

Parents and carers eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine are also urged to follow the lead of the many Marymede staff who have received either the AstraZeneca or the Pfizer vaccine.



Australian Government

We are making some simple steps to **help stop the spread.**



PHYSICAL DISTANCING



SAFE HYGIENE



INDUSTRY CLEAN



CONTACTLESS PAY



CAPACITY LIMITS



QR-code SIGN-IN

**BE COVIDSAFE**

For more information about Coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)



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

<http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites>

<http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks>

We thank parents and carers for your continuing support and understanding of the measures taken to protect all community members.

## Primary carpark gate to close at 8.45am

As the official starting time for all students is 8.45am, all yard duties must 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

### Reports

A reminder that Semester 1 reports were published on Friday 25 June and can be accessed via the Parent Access Module (PAM). If you have any questions about your child's results or progression please contact the relevant teacher. A reminder that assessment results for Years 7-12 throughout the semester can be accessed by parents in real time on PAM. Parents are encouraged to regularly log in to access information about upcoming assessments and results after their submission.

## Primary Inquiry Term 3

Our concept for inquiry this term is Discovery. Students will immerse themselves in scientific thinking with our junior primary students investigating uses of different materials and considering light and shadow using puppets.

Our Year 3 and 4 students will explore forces, whilst Year 5 and 6's experiment with states of matter, circuits and our solar system. Inquiry is designed to challenge student thinking and promote curiosity in their learning as they explore other learning areas. Students are fortunate to have access to both our Digi Tech space and Science labs which we are sure will enrich their learning throughout this term.

## VCE/VET/VCAL Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews for students in VCE, VET and VCAL will be held virtually on Thursday 22 July. These important conversations provide an opportunity to reflect on the past semester and discuss strategies and goals for the upcoming term to ensure that your son or daughter are working to their potential. Bookings are now open via PAM and will close at 5pm on Friday 16 July to allow teachers adequate time to prepare for the interviews.

## Subject Selection Information

The Subject Selection process is an annual event that involves students across Years 7 to 11. Throughout the process, students are required to consider their academic pathways and areas of interest in order to select suitable subjects for 2022. Parents/carers are encouraged to have constructive conversations with their sons and daughters about subject selection and the pathways that they are interested in pursuing.

The Subject Selection parent information session will take place on Tuesday 27 July from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. This session will be held virtually. Further information about the Subject Selection process, the subject information guide, accessing the event, and the schedule for the evening will be communicated to parents/carers and students next week.

**Mrs Jessica Hall**

**Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12**

## PRIMARY WELLBEING

### START Up Week in the Primary School

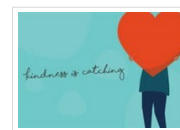


Kindness has been the theme throughout START Up Week in Term Three.

Marymede students and teachers have been working together to ensure a smooth transition back to school through kind words, actions, and thoughts. Students have been encouraged to undertake small actions of kindness that will help make Marymede a safe, caring, and respectful environment for all. You may like to continue this theme in your family at home by asking each other to undertake small acts of kindness such as:

- Do someone else's chores
- Say 'please' and 'thank you'
- Give a compliment
- Play a game with your sibling
- Let your family members select a game to play
- Write a thank you note

After the success of our cross-age activities in Term Two START Up, the primary classes will again team up and complete a range of activities with Kindness to celebrate START Up Week. Research tells us that when students frequently experience positive and respectful relationships throughout the school environment, this discourages bullying and promotes inclusion, especially on the playground (Stanley, 2005). Therefore, it is important that students make positive connections across year levels to help us provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.



**Lisa Murray**

**Student Wellbeing P-6**

# PRIMARY LITERACY

## Book Week @ Marymede 2021

Book Week @ Marymede P - 6 will be celebrated during the week beginning Monday 23 to Friday 27 August.

Book Week is the longest-running children's festival throughout Australia.

The theme this year is "Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds". The theme invites us to escape into books set in past times or old cultures, realistic stories set now or in the future and all types of fantasy books. Book Week is about encouraging students to read; to learn about new books and to share favourite books.

Our Book Week celebration will also include dress up day. This will take place on Friday 27th August. Children are encouraged to dress up as a book character of their choice on this day.

Due to the changing nature of COVID restrictions and density requirements, at this stage we are unable to provide details regarding parent attendance. Parents will be emailed in the week prior to the parade with details of possible attendance and any government-mandated limitations.

I look forward to celebrating Book Week with you all.

**Elizabeth Milani**

**Literacy Co-Ordinator (P-4)**