



22 April 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome back for Term 2 and I trust everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

Staffing

We wish Jessica De Bono and Jenny Watson a restful next few weeks in the lead up to the birth of their babies. We also wish Kylie Buttigieg a relaxing Long Service Leave break for the first half of the term.

We farewell Amanda Giardina who leaves us to take up a Library Technician position at Mt. Clear College. We also farewell Rachel Pergolini who has completed her Term 1 contract and David Lovatt who has resigned from his position at the College.

We welcome new staff members:

Mary Vranic-Strahan: English
Sonia Finlayson: Information Technology
Liz Wake: Religious Education
Ashlee-Maree Thomas: Primary Intervention
Lin Jia: Mathematics

Student News

I am delighted to inform the Marymede Community that Year 12 student Kaiya Camilleri has been selected to perform in Top Acts which will be held at the Melbourne Recital Centre on Saturday 1 May. The Top Acts concert features 18 performances from VCE Top Class Drama, Theatre Studies, Dance, Sound and Music students across the state of Victoria.

I congratulate Kaiya on being selected to perform at this prestigious concert. I also acknowledge the support provided by her Dance teacher, Emma Kiely.

Parent/Teacher Student Interviews

Thank you to the many parents who attended the online P/T/S Interviews in the last week of Term 1. I trust that you and your child/children found them worthwhile and informative.

Official Opening & Blessing of the Material & Digital Technology Centre

We were finally able to hold the Official Opening & Blessing of the Material & Digital Technology Centre on Wednesday 31 March.

For staff and students, technology has become a key part of how we learn, work and connect with others. Our new building provides much needed space to run engaging programs, cater for storage of materials and provides a training area for staff upskilling in both hardware and software. We are blessed to have an engaging and supportive environment that stimulates, extends and deepens both student and staff learning.

Once again, Bishop Terry Curtin graciously gave his time to conduct the opening and blessing, and he was most impressed with this new state-of-the-art facility.



ANZAC Day: 25 April

Next Sunday, I encourage all members of our Marymede Community to take time to reflect on the sacrifices that have been made in wars since the landing in Gallipoli in 1915. It is not pure chance but sacrifices which have been made in the

fortunate country we are today, and ANZAC Day is a time to remember this.

Thank you to Mary Selar and the group of students who will be representing the College at the Whittlesea ANZAC Day march.

Secondary Athletics Carnival

We look forward to our Secondary Athletics Carnival next Monday 26 April. I am delighted that media personality Brian Taylor will again be commentating at the carnival. I encourage all students to become involved either by competing or supporting their House.

Winter Uniform

All students are expected to be in their full winter uniform from next Tuesday 27 April.

RIP +

Our thoughts and prayers are with Paul and Leah Romanin on the recent passing of their father and grandfather.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen.*

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL STAFF AND OPERATIONS PREP – YEAR 12

Parents & Guardians permitted on campus for drop-off and pick-up

Thanks to the further easing of COVID-19 restrictions, we are grateful to be able to welcome back parents on campus for drop-off and pick-up each day. Under COVIDsafe guidelines, the College is still required to keep a record of anyone on campus for longer than 15 minutes, so we ask all parents and guardians to please exit the property promptly after you have picked up or dropped off your child(ren).

Parents and Guardians are asked to please note the following and to please ensure anyone who will be dropping off or collecting your child is aware of these conditions:

- Pedestrian gates will be open from 8.20 – 9.00am each morning: parents & guardians must exit prior to 9.00am.
- Pedestrian gates will be open from 3.10 – 3.40pm each afternoon.
- Outside of these times, parents must register at Main Reception to be on-campus for any reason.
- Any students arriving after 9.00am must enter via Main Reception and report to Founders Building to sign in (parents & guardians of Prep – Year 3 students may accompany their child to the sign-in).

- Limited on-site parking is available via Gate A: most parents & guardians will need to park at the train station.
- Parents & guardians are asked to please not enter any buildings during drop-off or pickup. Should you wish to speak with a teacher, please email the teacher ahead of time to confirm availability and arrange a meeting point.

We thank all parents and guardians for your understanding and cooperation.

Pick-up for ill students

Due to the Performing Arts extension construction, the parking bays at main reception will not be available for the remainder of 2021. Parents who need to pick up an ill child during the day are advised to park in the train station pick-up bays directly opposite main reception for ease of access.

Vincent Drive construction continuing through to June 2021

The College has been advised by Yarra Valley Water that construction works along Vincent Drive will be further extended until the end of June 2021.

This will mean continuing delays along a section of the road near the secondary vehicle exit gate that will frequently be reduced to a one-direction single lane, controlled by traffic lights or traffic control staff. Parents are advised to allow extra time in travelling to the College via Vincent Drive until the roadworks are completed. The construction works also mean there is no pedestrian access for students via Gate 7.

Please see the details below as provided by Yarra Valley Water:

Key dates for the start of Term 2

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| • Monday 26 April | Secondary House Athletics Carnival (at Marymede) |
| • Mon 3 – Wed 5 May | Year 8 Camp |
| • Tues 4 – Wed 5 May | PFC Mother's Day Stall |
| • Tuesday 4 May | Year 4 Eucharist Family Evening |
| • Wed 5 – Fri 7 May | Year 10 Camp |
| • Tues 11 – Thurs 13 May | NAPLAN testing |

Mr David Broadbent
Deputy Principal Staff & Operations P-12

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING PREP – YEAR 12

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to those that were able to attend our Parent Teacher Interviews last term. These conversations help to strengthen the teacher – student – parent partnership and were an opportunity to discuss your child's progress. If you were unable to secure an appointment, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher via email. Teacher email addresses are accessible via the Parent Access Module. If you have any feedback about the Parent Teacher interviews please send it through to me via email on Jessica.Hall@marymede.vic.edu.au as we continue to review the timing and method of interviews.

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be participating in NAPLAN testing from Tuesday 11 May – Friday 14 May in the areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. Further information about NAPLAN, including the timetable, will be distributed to parents via Operoo. Please indicate your consent or intent to withdraw your son or daughter upon receipt of the Operoo notification. Parents requesting withdrawal from NAPLAN will be contacted by the College and are required to complete the official VCAA documentation.

Year 5 – Year 8 Curriculum Review: parent survey

The College strategic plan 2020-2023 outlines curriculum innovation as a priority. As such, this year we'll be reviewing the Year 5 – 8 curriculum. We would like to gather parental feedback across all year levels and would ask that you please take some time to complete the survey [HERE](#) by Friday 30 April.

Mrs Jessica Hall
Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12

STUDENT ABSENCE PROCEDURES

When your child is going to be absent from school, is arriving late or leaving early, parents/guardians are reminded of the following process:

- Ring the absentee line on 9407 9090 and leave a clear voicemail with your child's full name, year level and House, together with the reason for the absence. Parents/guardians can also send an email to absentees@marymede.vic.edu.au with your child's name, date of absence and the reason for the absence. If you are having difficulties leaving a message on the absentee line and can't email, please contact Main Reception on 9407 9000.
- If your child is going to be late for school, please re-iterate to your child that they **MUST SIGN IN** at the Founders Building Reception area.
- If your child is leaving school early, parents/guardians are to write a note and your child will be required to obtain an early leave pass from their Tutor Teacher or

House Leader. Students **MUST SIGN OUT** when leaving early and present the early leave pass to staff at the Founders Building Reception area for recording purposes.

Please note that communication of your child's absence/late arrival **must be received no later than 9.30am** on the day of the absence/late arrival. **If you do not communicate your child's absence/late arrival by 9.30am and your child does not sign in upon late arrival, you will receive an SMS message advising that your child is absent and requesting you to contact the College to confirm the absence/late arrival.**

Mrs Mandy Sloan
Student Attendance Officer

SPORT

What a finish to the term!

Our SACCSS Swimming scored the most points in Division 2 to earn a promotion to Division 1 in 2022. We won the Junior Girls, Intermediate Girls and Boys and Overall Intermediate. We also had success with the following students winning individual Age Group Champions:

- Multi Class – Molly Wright
- U15 – Tie between Caitlin Venhardt and Alexis Madin
- U16 – Bianca Bothma.

Thank you to Mrs O'Connor for her fantastic work and early morning sessions.

Our Girls Senior Netball team went into the Final against the undefeated St Monica's as underdogs. But a determined effort from all team members saw us prevail in a close game. This result also earns us promotion to Division 1 in 2022. Grace Wake was awarded the player of the match. Well done to the entire squad and Coach Ms Yanna Jephson who has dreamt about success for a whole year after the season was cut short in 2020 whilst the Girls Senior Netball team was undefeated.



Our Boys Year 10 Premier League Soccer Grand Final has been postponed until 29 April.

Mr Gerard Large
Head of Secondary Sport

MARYMEDE FILM & TV SCHOOL

Discover how television is made! Film & TV School is a filmmaking and television production workshop where students from Years 6-12 collaborate on the creation of a short film and the **Marymede News** program.

Students will form small production teams and will gain experience in a variety of roles, such as scriptwriting, presenting to camera, cinematography, sound recording and editing. The filmmakers will walk the red carpet for the premiere of their short films at **Iris: The Annual Media Showcase**. Each episode of Marymede News will be streamed online and broadcast to the College Community.

REGULAR MEETING DAY & TIME: Wednesday, 3.30-4.15pm

ROOM: SS08

connected to their school, they also feel valued and safe and are less likely to bully or be bullied (Stanley, 2005).

We will keep you informed of the lovely friendships that are developing between the youngest and oldest students in the Primary school!



Lisa Murray
Student Wellbeing P-6



Inside the Film & TV School Behind-the-scenes of Marymede studio *News*

Mr Jeremy Guzman
Head of Visual Arts (P-12)

PRIMARY WELLBEING

START Up

It is START Up Week in Primary School!

Marymede students and teachers will be working together to ensure a smooth transition back to school. At Marymede we believe that it is important that our students feel connected, safe, and supported both in the classrooms and on the playground. To enable this, students will be participating in cross age activities on Friday during the START Up assembly.

Each class will be buddied up with another class from a different level, so students and teachers have an opportunity to connect with each other. These activities are designed to build community, develop relationships, and break down barriers between year levels.



Year 6 and Prep Buddies

We have reintroduced the Buddies program in Year Prep and Year 6. While having fun together and building a special relationship, Buddies can create a connection between older and younger students, enabling them to bond more closely with their schooling and increase the likelihood of positive social behaviour. Research suggests that when students feel

St Mary's Primary School Car Show

Our feeder school St Mary's Primary School Whittlesea is holding a Car Show this Friday 23rd April. All members of the Marymede community are invited to attend, details in the image below.