



1 December 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*Loving God,
As we journey through Advent may we look ahead with hope.
We give thanks for our learning community
and we ask God's blessing on those who are leaving us at the
end of this year.
As we wait for the celebration of the birth of Christ
may we look to how we can realise God's love in our
community.
Amen*

Commencement Program

Congratulations to our Year 10 and 11 students for the manner in which they have engaged with the Commencement Program. I encourage students to plan their timeline for completing their holiday homework so that they come back well prepared for their 2023 studies.

End of year

Best wishes for students as they conclude classes for 2022 over the course of the next fortnight. I will be sending out a separate end-of-year letter shortly to parents to conclude this year and to also provide further information about the 2023 school year.

Grade 6 Graduation

Best wishes to Year 6 students for their Graduation next Tuesday evening. I am really looking forward to this special celebration!

Year 6 Camp

Congratulations to Year 6 students for the spirit at Year 6 Camp this week. I look forward to visting the students later this afternoon.

Secondary Awards Evening

Thank you to those who attended the Secondary Awards Evening last night. It was a very positive event! We will publish a list of award recipients in the next fortnight.

College Directions Project

Thank you to community members who have offered feedback on the draft documentation regarding the College Directions Project. I expect to be able to publish the final version before the end of the year.

Best wishes to all students for their learning across the next fortnight.

Timothy Newcomb
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL WELLBEING AND OPERATIONS PREP – YEAR 12

Key Dates for the End of 2022

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| Friday 2 December | Final day for Year 10 & 11 |
| Monday 5 December | Final day for Year 7 – 9 |
| Tuesday 6 December | Year 6 Graduation Dinner & Mass |
| Wednesday 7 December | Semester Two reports released via PAM from 12.00pm |
| Friday 9 December | Final Day for Prep – Year 6 |
| Monday 12 December | Final Day for contacting teaching staff |
| Tuesday 13 December | Main Reception & Finance office closed from 11.30am |

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| Tuesday 20 December | Main Reception final day for 2022 |
| Thursday 22 December | Finance Office, IT Helpdesk & Maintenance final day for 2022 (12.00pm close) |

Key Dates for the Start of 2023

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| Wednesday 4 January | Finance office re-opens for 2023 |
| Wednesday 18 January | Main Reception re-opens for 2023 |
| Friday 27 January | Staff return for 2023 |
| Wednesday 1 February | Year 7 & 12 students return; Year 1 – 6 testing Day; Prep 'Meet the teacher' day |
| Thursday 2 February | Year 1 – 6 & Year 8 – 11 students return; Prep first day (half-day) |
| Thursday 9 February | Year 7 Welcome BBQ & Information Evening |
| Monday 13 February | College Photos Day & Family photos evening |

Medical Management Policy changes

As noted in the previous newsletter, in order to comply with the new MACS and Victorian Government policies regarding medical management, staff (including First Aid staff) are no longer be able to distribute Panadol nor any medication that is not authorised by a registered health practitioner. This state-wide policy requires that a **Medication Authority Form** be completed by the student's doctor or health practitioner and that any medication must have first been administered at home: a child must never have a medication for the first time at school. Parental permission is no longer sufficient for dispensing any form of medication.



This policy applies to all over-the counter medication as well (e.g. Panadol, Naprogesic, Zyrtec, etc). The school is no longer permitted to keep a store of its own medication for to dispense any prescribed nor over-the-counter medications without a Medical Authority Form signed by a doctor or registered health practitioner. All parents will soon receive communication regarding the need to update each child's PAM Medical details in light of these changes.

For details of these policies, please see:

- Medication (Victorian Government Department of Education & Training)
- MACS Marymede Medical Management Policy

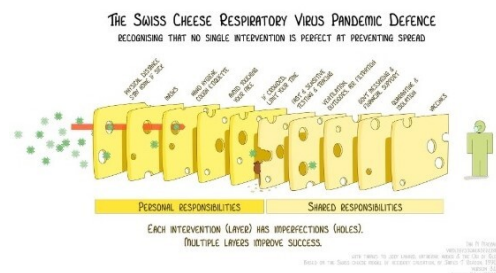
COVIDsafe settings for Term 4: maintaining vigilance

COVID cases in this latest wave continue to rise and are expected to peak next week, hence the need to maintain

vigilance and certain safety measures. Most particularly, symptomatic students and staff should continue to isolate at home until they are symptom-free (even with a clear RAT test).

In accordance with the latest CECV School Operations Guide (17 October), the following measures remain in place for Term 4 to ensure our College remains a safe environment for our students and staff:

- **Reporting positive COVID results:** When a student receives a positive RAT or PCR result, a parent or guardian should report this result to the college via the Marymede COVID Notification Form. **Students should remain at home for a minimum of 5-days** from testing positive and should only return when their symptoms have cleared and their RAT tests are clear.
- **Students who are unwell should stay home:** The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms (and even with a negative RAT or PCR result). Any child who displays symptoms at school will be sent to First Aid to be assessed. The First Aid team will contact parents to take home any symptomatic students.
- **Face Masks & Physical distancing:** Face masks are highly recommended whenever indoors and whenever physical distancing is not possible.



- **Students identified as household contacts:** Students who are identified as Household contacts may continue to attend school under the following conditions:
 - o A parent or guardian should register the student as a Household contact via the Marymede COVID Household Contacts notification form; and
 - o Year 3 – 12 students who are household contacts should wear a mask indoors at all times (also strongly advised for P-2); and
 - o the student should undertake negative rapid tests (RATs) each school day over the seven days (from first exposure to the positive case); and
 - o they must remain asymptomatic.

N.B. Students who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 will not be considered as a Household contact for 28 days after the end of their isolation period.

- **Availability of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) for household contact and/or symptomatic testing:** Families may collect a 5-pack of RAT home-tests (one pack per child) from Main Reception as needed.

Secondary students may also collect a RAT kit from Main Reception after 3.15pm.

If your child receives a positive RAT test result at any time, a parent or guardian should register this result through the Department of Health system via COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form or 1800 675 398 (please also see the point above for informing the college via the Marymede COVID Notification Form).

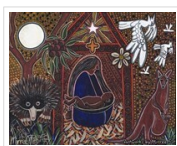
We thank all parents and carers and students for your continuing patience, understanding and cooperation in assisting to keep our community safe.

Office & finance closure from 11.30am on 13 December

Tuesday 13 December marks the final day for teaching staff for 2022. Due to the whole-staff end-of-year celebrations on this day, most staff will be unavailable and the entire College – including the Main Reception and Finance offices – will be closed from 11.30am onwards. Main Reception and the Finance office will re-open from 8am on Wednesday 14 December. Main reception will close for 2022 on Tuesday 20 December, with the Finance Office and IT helpdesk to close at 12.00pm on Thursday 22 December.

A Safe, Happy & Holy Christmas wish

On behalf of all leaders and staff involved in wellbeing and organisation in our College, I wish each member of our community a happy & holy Christmas. As Christians, this a time of unfettered joy at the birth of Our Lord and the gathering of families and parishes to celebrate together. In all your spiritual and familial celebrations, may you be safe and may you know the presence of God both within and watching over you, just as the angels and God watched over the Holy Family at Jesus' birth in the stable.



David Broadbent
Deputy Principal Wellbeing & Operations P-12

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Primary News

We would like to provide an update in relation to 2023 classes to let families know that our 2023 class lists have now been finalised.

Prep - Year 5 students will have the opportunity to meet their 2023 teacher at our Step Up Day on 8 December 2022.

Due to the complex nature of class construction and the balance of a range of factors in setting up classes, changes after this date are not possible. We ask parents to respect the time and care that teachers and Primary Leaders have put into developing class lists and ensuring that each student in our care is well placed for a positive commencement to 2023. Parents and guardians will receive an email following this day, informing them of their child(ren)'s class placement and teacher.

There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and share important information at your child's Start Up Interview early in Term 1, 2023.

Primary Camp Program

It has been wonderful to see our Year 4, 5 and 6 students participating in the Marymede Camp Program. It was pleasing to see our students stepping out of their comfort zones with their peers while having a wonderful time with their classmates.

Camp programs enable students to:

- further their learning and social skills development as they provide opportunities and experiences that are not available within the classroom setting;
- foster independence;
- challenge them to try new things;
- build relationships;
- learn new skills;
- develop resilience; and
- provide links to learning.

It has been challenging to provide these opportunities for students over the last two years; however, with the amazing support of our Marymede staff we have been able ensure these programs still go ahead. We appreciate them giving up time with their families to support our students on these very memorable experiences.



Thank you

We would like to take this opportunity to offer our thanks to all of the families, parents and guardians, who have shown their support for our work this year.

We are delighted by how much progress we have made in the implementation of our Respectful Relationships curriculum.

We have also made a great deal of progress in the roll out of the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) framework.

We are also grateful to Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools, the Victorian Department of Education & Training, and the College Leadership Team for their support of our team throughout the course of the year.

We wish all families a Merry and Bright Festive Season, inspired by the birth of Christ.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Directors of Students:
Years P-3, Narelle Collins
Years 4-6, Lisa Murray
Years 7-9, Jack Mather
Years 10-12, David Brick

LEARNING DIVERSITY

The Learning Diversity Team would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to families who were involved in Parent Support Groups (PSGs) this year. This has allowed for meaningful collaboration, and we know when this occurs it allows our students to reach their potential through positive learning experiences.

Please feel free to reach out at the beginning of the 2023 school year and contact the relevant Learning Diversity Leader if you have any questions or concerns about any additional learning need your child may have.

Have a safe and restful break.

Learning Diversity Leaders:
Luisa Coppola P-3
Theresa Egglezos 4-6
Libby Audley 7-9
Sharon Bluett 10-12

FAITH & MISSION - SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Sacrament of First Reconciliation Celebrations

“Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God.”
- St John Paul II

This term, we have been blessed to celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation for our Year 3 students.

From the end of Term 3 and the most of Term 4, our learners have engaged in activities that would bring them to an understanding of what reconciliation is and why it is important. After all the weeks of preparation, they were able to receive this sacrament for the first time on Wednesday 9 November, with the help of Fr John and Fr Simeon.

The following Wednesday saw some parents of those who had received this Sacrament join us in rejoicing the wonderful milestone. During the Homily from Fr John, we were all encouraged to seek this healing sacrament on a regular basis. From next year, this will become embedded in our practise at the College on a regular basis where learners across Years 4 – 6 will have opportunities to embrace this sacrament at least once a term. We thank families for attending this celebration and the Family Workshop Night that was held before the sacrament.

We also thank the Year 3 teachers, Andrew McDonough, Fr John Murphy, Fr Simeon Anthony and the Faith and Mission Team that have worked hard to see through the many elements in celebrating this sacrament for our students.

May the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation continue to be a continuous experience in our lives. May it draw us deeper into relationship with God and each other by loving and forgiving each other, just as God does for us.



2023 Sacramental Dates

To enable families to plan ahead for the Sacramental Program for next year, there are some key dates to keep in mind for each Sacrament. These include Presentation of Candidates at your closest Parish, Family Workshop Nights and the dates and times for each Sacrament. In addition to the provided information in this Newsletter, families partaking in each Sacrament will also receive a PAM notification prior to the Sacrament, that will include all the important information in deeper detail. The dates to keep in mind are:

Sacrament of First Eucharist

| Event | Venue | Dates | Time |
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| Presentation of Candidates | St Francis, Mill Park | Sunday 7 May | 10.30am |
| Presentation of Candidates | Christ the Light, Mernda | Sunday 21 May | 10.30am |
| Family Workshop Night | Chapel of Annunciation, Marymede | Tuesday 23 May | 6.30pm |
| Celebration of Sacrament | St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park | Saturday 3 June | 11.00am |
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| | | Sunday 4 June | 1.00pm |

Sacrament of Confirmation

| Event | Venue | Dates | Time |
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| Presentation of Candidates | Christ the Light, Mernda | Sunday 6 August | 10.30am |
| Presentation of Candidates | St Francis, Mill Park | Sunday 13 August | 10.30am |
| Family Workshop Night | Chapel of Annunciation, Marymede | Tuesday 15 August | 6.30pm |
| Celebration of Sacrament | St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park | Saturday 9 September | 11.00am |
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| | | | 3.00pm |

Sacrament of Reconciliation

| Event | Venue | Dates | Time |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Presentation of Candidates | St Francis, Mill Park | Sunday 15 October | 10.30am |
| Presentation of Candidates | Christ the Light, Mernda | Sunday 22 October | 10.30am |
| Family Workshop Night | Chapel of Annunciation, Marymede | Wednesday 25 October | 6.30pm |
| Celebration of Sacrament | Chapel of Annunciation, Marymede | Tuesday 31 October | 6.30pm |
| | | Wednesday 1 November | 6.30pm |

We look forward to the different journeys ahead for all the students and families involved.

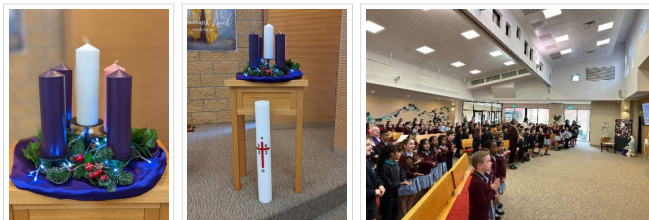
Advent

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Matthew 24:44

The word Advent emerges from the Latin word Adventus which means ‘Coming’. This marks the beginning of a four-week preparation time that leads up to the ‘coming’ or ‘arrival’ of Jesus. During this time, we embrace the themes of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace, which are each represented by the four Advent Candles that are individually lit on the four Sundays leading up to Christmas.

This past Sunday 27 November saw the beginning of the Advent Season as we look forward to celebrating the true meaning of Christmas. Our learning community has been active in preparing and celebrating liturgies to mark this important event with contributions from both staff and students across all the levels of Primary.



As we mark the end of the year and look forward to the Joy of Christmas, may we welcome Christ into our homes and hearts, leading us to meaningful encounters with Christ through transformations in our relationships with God, within ourselves and with each other.

Advent Prayer

*Awaken us, O God,
As we prepare to receive Christ
In our homes and in our hearts.
May the gifts of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace*

*Shine brightly in our lives -
In the way we think of ourselves,
In the way we interact with those who are around us,
In the way we seek to draw closer to You.
May we always be willing
To show Gratitude and Kindness.
And may the Love of Christ
brought to us
through his birth and example on Earth,
Shine brightly from within us
For the whole world to see.
**With Mary we Pray, Let it be done
According to your Word.***

Best wishes to all the extended Marymede Community, for the Christmas Season and the year to come.

Ms Laetitia Malusu
Religious Education Leader, Prep to Year 6

CAREERS

VCE Unit 3 / 4 & ATAR Results

Year 12 students and Year 11s who studied a Unit 3 / 4 subject will receive their VCE Unit 3 / 4 results and ATAR on Monday 12 December. Students can access their results via an app called ‘Results and ATAR’. This app will give students access to their results from 7.00am. Alternatively, students can log into their VTAC accounts later in the day to access results.

Additional information regarding the release of results has been emailed to students via their school email accounts and to parents via PAM. Please refer to these emails as the day approaches.

Good luck to all Year 12 students, I hope your final results meet your career goals and aspirations.

Maria Esnouf
Careers Coordinator

VCE VOCATIONAL MAJOR PROGRAM

Marymede Catholic College are on the lookout for potential workplace hosts for students in our VCE Vocational Major program. Structured Workplace Learning is a compulsory part of the new Vocational Major and we have several students seeking work placement for 2023. If you have a business or know of somebody who may be able and willing to assist we would love to hear from you. We are looking for placement opportunities in all Trades, Health Industries and Community Services, Early Childhood Education and Care, Beauty Services, Hairdressing, Retail, Business and many more. If you can help out, please contact Mr Gary Hickey on 9407 9000 or Gary.Hickey@marymede.vic.edu.au

WE ARE SEEKING

POTENTIAL WORKPLACE HOSTS



FOR VCE VOCATIONAL MAJOR PROGRAM STUDENTS IN 2023

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WE ARE LOOKING FOR PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN:

- ALL TRADES
- HEALTH INDUSTRIES
- COMMUNITY SERVICES
- EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
- EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE
- BEAUTY SERVICES
- HAIRDRESSING
- RETAIL
- BUSINESS

IF YOU CAN HELP OUT PLEASE CONTACT MR GARY HICKEY

9407 9000

Gary.Hickey@marymede.vic.edu.au

Gary Hickey
VET / SBAT Coordinator

PERFORMING ARTS

Instrumental Music Semester 1 2023

New enrolments for *Instrumental Music Semester 1 2023* are **now open** and will close on **Friday 9 December 2022**. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument either privately or in a shared lesson, please contact Performing Arts Assistant Ellen Lane at ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au for more information and enrolment procedure. Please note there is currently a wait list for some instruments as teachers may be at full capacity with numbers.

Current students enrolled in Instrumental Music this year who no longer wish to continue please submit this request in writing to ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au or simply click **decline** on the PAM online enrolment form. Current students who do not confirm will unfortunately forfeit their place in the program so please accept via the PAM enrolment from asap if you wish to continue in your music studies.

Sessional Dance Semester 1 2023

New enrolments for *Sessional Dance Semester 1 2023* are now open and will close on **Friday 9 December 2022**. If your child is in Yr. 5-10 and is interested in developing their dance talents, please contact Performing Arts Assistant Ellen Lane at ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au for more information and enrolment procedure.

Those students **currently** enrolled in Sessional Dance who no longer wish to continue please submit this request in writing to ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au or simply click **decline** on the PAM online enrolment by no later than **Friday 9 December**

otherwise the College assumes students will be participating under the same agreement for a full year and Semester 1 2023 fees will be payable. The information sheet outlining costs (this will increase slightly next year) terms and conditions can be accessed for those already enrolled via Operoo for reference.

Ellen Lane
Performing Arts and Co-Curricular Assistant

MARYMEDE FLAMES BASKETBALL CLUB

Under 8s Required

Marymede Flames Basketball Club is currently seeking boys and girls who would be interested in joining the Under-8 basketball program playing at Diamond Valley Basketball Association.

To be eligible to play in this age group you cannot turn 8 before 30 June 2023.

Experience is not necessary.

Register your interest using the following link before 9 December 2023:

https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/d67_e

For more information, please contact Ernie Camacho on: president@marymedebasketballclub.com.au or via mobile phone: 0423 021 239

SEEKING UNDER 8 BOYS & GIRLS

Marymede Flames Basketball Club is currently seeking boys and girls who would be interested in joining our U8 basketball program playing at Diamond Valley Basketball Association.

To be eligible to play in this age group you cannot turn 8 before the 30th June 2023.

We foster an engaging and inclusive environment for all players of all skill levels. Experience is not necessary.

Register your interest using the following link before 9th of Dec 2023: https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/d67_e

For more information please contact Ernie Camacho on: president@marymedebasketballclub.com.au

Mobile - 0423 021 239



State Volleyball

Congratulations to the Year 6 Girls Volleyball Team who placed 3rd in the SSV State Volleyball Competition in Dandenong this month. The competition was strong and they lost in the third set in the semi-final.



State Hoop Time Basketball

Marymede had two teams qualify for the Year 3/4 State Hoop Time Basketball Competition. The competition is mixed

consisting of 32 teams from around Victoria who all won in their regional final. While neither team made finals, they had a fun day and are looking forward to more basketball competitions in the following years.



Liz Miles
Primary Sports Assistant

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Save the Date – Colour Run

The Marymede Colour Run will be on again next year on Friday 24 March.

Please see the attached Flyer, with further details to be communicated in the near future.

If you have any further questions or queries please use the P&F email: paf@marymede.vic.edu.au

Parent's and Friend's Association