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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

The last few weeks have seen a number of memorable events in the life of the College. Our Year 12 students, the Class of 2014, have now officially concluded their studies and have commenced their study leave to prepare for their VCE Exams which begin next Wednesday. We wish them well at this important time of their lives.

Last Tuesday saw the last full School Assembly where the official handover was made from the College Leaders of 2014 to the Leaders of 2015. It was an impressive ceremony that saw speeches from our 2014 College Captains, Calin Sinclair and Jaya Sharma and our 2015 College Captains, Michael Manoussakis and Marisa Bellina.

On Tuesday evening the Year 12 Graduation evening was held in the presence of their proud parents, grandparents and siblings. It was an opportunity to recognise the contribution made by the Class of 2014 to the life of Marymede Catholic College.

On Wednesday morning Father Maurie Cooney celebrated Mass for the Year 12 students and staff. It was also an opportunity for the students to express their thanks to Father Cooney as Chaplain of the College for the whole time many of these students were at Marymede.

Finally on Thursday, the now traditional breakfast was prepared by our staff and the parade in front of the whole School took place, much to the delight of our Primary students.

I would like to congratulate the Class of 2014 for the way that they conducted themselves over those last days. It was a credit to them and to Mrs Julia Wake, Head of Secondary and Mrs Hill-Thompson, VCE Coordinator who worked so hard to ensure that everything ran smoothly during those days.

### Another Significant Honour for Marymede

Last Monday evening a ceremony was held at Melbourne University to honour ten Year 11 students from across the State as Young Junior Tall Poppies. This program is designed to encourage students to pursue their interest and studies in Science. Peter McGarvey, one of our Year 11 students, was one of only two students from Catholic Schools in the State to be honoured. I congratulate Peter on his selection and also recognise the work of Mrs Moira Christie who oversees our Enrichment Program and Mr David Adamson who is our Careers Coordinator and is also Peter's VCE Physics Teacher.

Under this program not only will Peter have the opportunity to take part in a Science program at the University but Marymede Catholic College will be allocated a Scientist who will visit the College and work with students who are studying Science across the School.

It is interesting to note that only one student in that group was from a selective entry High School. It shows that dedicated Marymede students can match it with the best students from across the State.

### End of Year Exams

In the coming weeks, our Year 11 students will conclude classes and commence their VCE exams. This will be followed by students sitting exams in Year 10 and later Year 9. As we know, this is a very important time of the year. It gives students the opportunity to show what they have learned over the year. It also rewards the hard work over the year being done by many students.

We wish all students undertaking exams the best as they tackle the challenges presented by the exams.

**Paul D'Astoli**  
**Principal**

## FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

***"We cannot do always do great things, only small things with great love." St (Mother) Teresa of Kolkata***

Tomorrow (1 November) the Church traditionally celebrates All Saints Day. It is a day to remember the lives of hundreds of everyday people who rose to greatness in their love of God, through their love of humankind, in the spirit of humility and compassion. We as the Body of Christ remember all the great saints, the more popular saints like St Francis of Assisi, St Anthony of Padova, St Don Bosco, St Teresa of Avila. Alongside these people there are also the lesser known saints like Maximillian Kolbe who gave his life so that another might live, in the concentration camp at Auschwitz and many others.

Saints are people who make the living Christ visible to us in a special way. Some saints have given their lives in the service of Christ and his Church; others have spoken and written words that keep nurturing us; some have lived heroically in difficult situations; others have remained hidden in quiet lives of prayer and meditation; some were prophetic voices calling for renewal; others were spiritual strategists setting up large organizations or networks of people; some were healthy and strong; others were quite sick, and often anxious and insecure. All of them in their own way lived in ways to find the courage to make Jesus Christ the centre of their lives and through their lives, to be the face of Christ to all.' (Ref: Henri Nouwen Society)

## ***“To all God’s beloved who are called to be saints” St Paul in his letter to the Romans.***

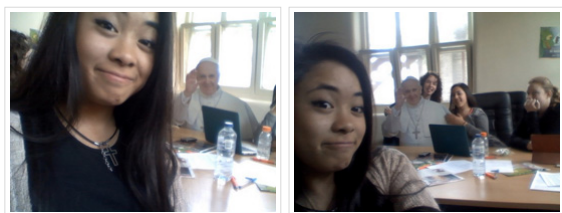
We remember contemporary saints like Mahatma Gandhi, Dr Martin Luther King Jr., St (Mother) Teresa of Kolkata, Nelson Mandela, St John Paul II and our very own first Australian saint Mary MacKillop. I would like to offer Edward (Weary) Dunlop and Fred Hollows as everyday “Australian” saints who gave so much of themselves that others might live and live to the full. We acknowledge all the Aboriginal saints who did the same for the pioneer farming and herding communities in our country, helping them acclimatize to the sometimes harsh landscape and climate which greeted them on arrival. Worthy of mention are the unnamed, everyday saints who work with the “forgotten people” on the streets of Melbourne and elsewhere in the world, to give them a life of dignity.

So as we commemorate All Saints Day tomorrow, let us remember that each of us is called to be a saint, because sainthood is about doing what each of us is called to do in the ebb and flow of our daily life, doing it to the best of our ability and doing it in the spirit of love and compassion.

### **Student Voice**

Student Voice features Nanette Mangoba our Year 10 student who also successfully completed a week-long internship at Australian Catholics Magazine. We are very proud that 2 of our students this year were selected for this prestigious experience. Well done Nanette.

### **Work Experience At Jesuit Communications**



I was in my Media class where I was informed about a competition to work with Jesuit Communications as an intern for a week, so I thought why not apply even when I did have some self-doubt about being selected.

I did not receive the internship in the first-round offer. However, I was fortunate enough for Jesuit Communications to offer me something different, a shared work experience placement which was a once in a lifetime experience for myself.

During the second week of the Term 3 holidays, I made my way down to Jesuit Communications, not knowing what to expect. I remember arriving an hour early on the first day and being welcomed by Fr. Andrew Hamilton. I instantly felt comfortable in the work place as I met the other three chosen work experience employees; Brenna, Nikola, Meaghan and also the Australian Catholics editor, Michael McVeigh.

It’s safe to say that my knowledge about journalism has increased throughout the period of my time at this work experience. From the week spent there, I had the chance to edit one of the editions of the Australian Catholics Magazine, gain knowledge on the different types of writing we can do, meet an author/journalist and receive an opportunity to create an

article for the future edition of Australian Catholics Magazine based upon the theme ‘War and Peace’.

I would like to thank Ms. Wadhwani and Mr. Guzman for guiding and supporting me through the process of the application and also Fr. Andrew and Michael for giving me such a wonderful experience at Jesuit Communications.

**Nanette Mangoba**  
**Year 10 Student**

### **What’s Happening In Faith And Mission**

- Year 8 Mass – November 7 – 11.25am (Chapel)
- Year 7 Mass – November 21 – 11.25am (Chapel)
- Year 7 – 9 – December 4 – 9:00a.m. Advent Liturgy 9.00am (Fitness Centre)

Parents warmly welcome if you are able to attend.

**Judeline Wadhwani**  
**Head of Faith & Mission (P-12)**

## **HEAD OF SECONDARY**

### **Final College Captain’s Address to Secondary School October 21, 2014**

Good Morning, Mr D’Astoli, Members of the College Leadership Team, students and staff.

Calin and I have some bad news and some good news. The bad news is that this is the final College Captain’s address that you will receive from Calin and I. It is the final time you will receive Calin’s charismatic flair or endure my really bad jokes. This will be one of the final times the Graduating Class of 2014 will be presented before you, before they embark on a new journey, away from the School structure of 13 years prior, and it is the final time that we wish you all the best and good luck for the exciting future ahead.

It seems just days ago when most of us first arrived here at Marymede, where Wurun Common was the car park and everything in between the Middle School Courtyard and the Fitness Centre was grass and rocks. On behalf of the Class of 2014, we would sincerely thank all our Teachers for the tremendous effort they have put in throughout the years to ensure we have received the best education, and we admire your dedication to our learning. We would like to offer a wholehearted thank you for sacrificing your time and attention to help us achieve our best. A Tibetan proverb states that “A child without education is like a bird without wings”, and it is through the work of these fabulous Teachers that we have become who we are today, and once again thank you.

This year we must farewell our respected Principal Mr. Paul D’Astoli, who has overseen the growth of both our cohort and the School to which we all belong and are a part of. It is through the efforts of those like Mr. D’Astoli, that we have the opportunity to attend a School with the facilities and environment of Marymede Catholic College. Thank you Mr D’Astoli, and we wish you well for whatever the future may hold.

Speaking of the future, we would be remiss if we didn’t recognize the outstanding involvement of the Student Leadership Team of 2014 and praise the work you all have

done throughout the year, as we all know full well that many College events would not run half as smoothly were they to be held without you all. Saying this, we are nevertheless eager to pass on the reins of leadership over to the next generation of students at Marymede, and hope that they achieve even bigger and better things and progress even further than their predecessors in their roles as ambassadors for the College and paragons of leadership.

Today I would like to conclude with a quote from Albert Einstein, who once said that “A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.” So please, continue to try new things those of our peers who finish and embark on the next stage of life beyond School and those of you who continue growing and learning at Marymede.

**Calin Sinclair and Jaya Sharma, College Captains 2014.**



## 2014 K-Club Appeal – Fundraising for Shadrack Kimalel School in Kenya

- K Club is a small charity group that we had commenced last year and is continuing this year for the Year 3 Global Fundraising Project.
- K Club's one and only intention is to help the less fortunate School Shadrack Kimalel Primary based in Kenya because they do not have facilities to be educated properly or to be taken care of properly.
- The School motto of Shadrack Kimalel is to “Aim High” so with all the help we could possibly do we are trying to help Shadrack Kimalel lean towards a better education.
- Last year the Year 6 class had ran laps around the soccer oval every afternoon during Term 4 and had donated a gold coin donation for every lap that was completed.

And now K Club is back on but this time we are asking for your help.

Shadrack Kimalel is widely known for their incredible sport talent so we are kindly requesting you all to wear your P.E uniform on Wednesday November 12, 2014.

We will be giving updates about the event via email and SIMON.

Please bring a gold coin donation and hand it in to your tutor teacher and we will collect it from there.

**Thank you Sheryl, Marian & Emily.**

## Diary Claimers 2015

**February 2** 6.30pm – 7.30pm, Upper VCE Wing: Supporting VCE Students in their Studies, with guest presenters, for VCE Parents

**February 5** 2.00pm, Fitness Centre: Student Leadership Induction Assembly.

6.30pm Fitness Centre: – Year 7 ICT and Curriculum Evening, with guest Presenter, for all Year 7's and their parents.

**February 17** 7.00pm, Fitness Centre: Marymede VCE and VCAL Evening for all VCE & VCAL students and parents

**February 23 -25:** Year 12 Residential Retreat, Phillip Island. Compulsory for all Year 12 Students.

**February 24** 7.00pm, Upper VCE Wing: Year 6 2015 Transition into Secondary School Information Night.

**March 16 -20** Year 7 Camp and Activities Week, Marysville. Compulsory for all Year 7 students.

**March 23** 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Upper VCE Wing: Year 9 Challenge Camp Parent Information Evening.

**April 20 -22** Year 9 Challenge Camp 1, Eildon. Compulsory for all Year 9 Students (1/2 Cohort).

**April 27 -29:** Year 9 Challenge Camp 2, Eildon. Compulsory for all Year 9 Students (1/2 Cohort).

## Wind Beneath Our Wings

Our Year 12's finished classes last week with a positive and energetic end to their Secondary Schooling. Acknowledgements to Parents, family members, Teachers, support Staff – all those individuals who support our young people to be their best. It is a team effort and not one of our young people operate in isolation. Rosemary Bennett summed it up beautifully when she finished her speech with ‘*know you are loved.*’ For all of us involved in the lives of our young people at Marymede Catholic College it was a poignant moment, the truth of her words resonated with all present at the Graduation Liturgy and Ceremony. Please access the College Facebook page for photos of a wonderful Graduation week.

**Julia Wake**

**Head of Secondary School**

## HEAD OF SECONDARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In this fortnights newsletter I take the opportunity to share some wise words with you published in the *Life, Marriage and Family Centre's* recent publication about *family*.

## Pope Francis On The Christian Family

Pope Francis has spoken of the importance of the Christian family and of its witnessing role as a *community of life*. He reminded us that “*the Good News*’ of the family is a very important part of evangelization, which Christians can communicate to all, by the witness of their lives;...this is evident in secularized societies: **truly Christian families are known by**

***their fidelity, their patience, their openness to life, and by their respect for the elderly."***

Here are some key ways we can serve life as a family:

? Teach our children through example how to respect equally the vulnerable in our society. Consider inviting children to come with us on visits to the elderly in aged care, befriend families of children with a disability, help out at soup kitchens for the homeless.

- Include a brief prayer for the protection of life in our daily family prayers.
- Explain the love we felt for our child even before they were born. Affirm the truth that the life of a child begins at conception. *"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."* (Jer 1:5)
- Affirm the life-giving purpose of human sexuality in the education we give our children. Teach them about the beauty of sexuality within marriage and the great privilege which comes with the capacity to create new life.
- Encourage our children to have a close relationship with their grandparents and elderly relatives, so they can see the beauty of growing older and how love and care are given and returned through each generation and stage of life.

## menALIVE Ministry News

As a partner school of MenALIVE Ministry, I encourage fathers and guardians within the Marymede Catholic College community to consider attending the following event:

A new initiative from menALIVE is *"menALIVE In The City"* held regularly from 6.15 until 7.45pm in the St Francis' Pastoral Centre (adjacent to St Francis Catholic Church, Lonsdale Street, Melbourne). Next event is on **Thursday 20 November 2014** with the topic: TAKE CONTROL! Make life-giving choices in a pornified culture. This is a great opportunity for men to get together and explore the things that matter. For further information contact menALIVE on 3367 1402 or [mail@menalive.org.au](mailto:mail@menalive.org.au)

**God Bless,  
Riccardo Iuele.**

## SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

### Year 9 City Experience 2014

In Week 2 of Term 4, 110 Year 9 students set off on a 3 day adventure to the city centre to learn about what our city has to offer, how to navigate around our maze of lanes and streets using public transport and a lot of shoe leather and how to work cooperatively and collaboratively on a range of educational activities. Prepared for four seasons in one day, we certainly experienced sun, rain and windy conditions but the weather didn't dampen the spirits of these enthusiastic students. Here are some of their blogs.

"City Experience was very enjoyable and was the highlight of my year. I enjoyed all 3 days. Day 1 was great as the bike riding

was fun and challenging and the Shrine of Remembrance was very good. I learnt a lot about the Shrine and about Australian soldiers and past wars. The Eureka Skydeck was very good as I finally experienced going out onto the edge. Day 2 was also enjoyable with DreamWorks being the highlight of the day. I got to go back and experience my favorite childhood movies for a period of time. We also held a Race around Melbourne which was lots of fun."

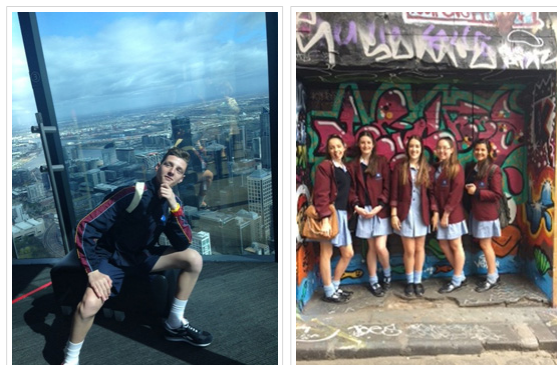
**Harry Cavus  
Year 9 Student**

"We went to the Shrine of Remembrance first and we got to see the light hit the plaque inside the Shrine. We then went to Eureka Tower and got to go out on the edge. The view was amazing but scary to be so high!"

**Jordyn Cullen  
Year 9 Student**

"Overall my City Experience was a good one. I enjoyed the activities but did get lost quite a bit but thankfully we found our way back in the end. I also enjoyed learning how the different types of transport are used which was very handy for the near future."

**Olivia Capodicasa  
Year 9 Student**



### Year 9 Exams

Year 9 students will have their second experience of formal Exams in Week 8 this Term. Students will sit Exams in all subjects and they will be 60 minutes in length. In class, subject teachers will prepare their classes for this exam, revising the content that must be studied and assisting students with how to study in their subject area.

All exams will take place in Upper Founders Building and students will be required to follow the same exam room rules as Year 10 and 11 students.

More information will be emailed to students and posted home.

Year 9 Exam Timetable			
Day	9.10 – 10.15am	11.50 – 12.55pm	1.55 – 3.00pm
Tues Nov 25	English	Elective Line 1	HPE
Wed Nov 26	Science	Elective Line 3	Humanities

### Year 9 Exam Timetable

<b>Thurs Nov 27</b>	Maths	Elective Line 2	Religion
<b>Friday Nov 28</b>	LOTE	Normal Classes	Normal Classes

## VCE Commencement and Orientation

All Year 10 and 11 VCE and VCAL students will commence their 2015 studies before the end of the year. This week is a valuable and compulsory experience. Year 11 students begin their Year 12 studies as soon as their exams have finished from Monday 17th November until Friday 21st November. Year 10 students will be introduced to their VCE Year 11 subjects the following week, from Monday November 24 until Friday November 28.

These classes are vital as the students will, where possible, meet their 2015 Teachers, receive a course overview and information, begin work on their first topic and be given their holiday homework so that all return in 2015 well prepared for their studies.

Students will receive a timetable for the week via email which includes a farewell liturgy and a Year level meeting to review VCE rules and expectations.

**Andrea Agnew**

**Head of Learning and Teaching**

## Junior Secondary Debating Program

Our Junior Debaters have been working solidly on preparing and presenting their debates for this season's Junior Secondary Debating Program run by the Debating Association of Victoria. The two teams competed on Thursday October 9 and Thursday October 16 at Parade College, Bundoora. All students were excited and also quite nervous about these debates. They performed extremely well, with Marymede Catholic College 1 winning all three rounds and Marymede Catholic College 2 winning their final debate.

### Results

#### Thursday October 9

Topic: *"That we should ban the use of animals in sport."*

Marymede Catholic College 1 (215) V Loyola College 1 (214)

**Best Speaker:** Samantha Gaunder

Catholic Ladies College 2 (225) V Marymede Catholic College 2 (223)

#### Thursday 16 October 16

Topic: *"That Australia should increase its reliance on solar power."*

Marymede Catholic College 1 (227) V Mill Park Secondary College 1 (225)

Marymede Catholic College 2 (228) V Loyola College 1 (227)

Congratulations to all students involved for their hard work, dedication and willingness to be involved in the Junior Secondary Debating Program for 2014. I am hoping this was just the first of many debating experiences for them throughout their years at Marymede Catholic College. Many thanks to Ms.

Kathy Vlahusic for her expert coaching and to Ms. Moira Christie and all parents for their continued support.



**Corinne Niall**

**Debating Co-ordinator**

## Knitting Ready To Send To Africa

The Square Knit Circle is pleased to announce that our community of knitters has produced over 500 squares and knitted goods that will be sent to Africa on our annual **packing day in Week 8**. The squares will be sent to Zimbabwe, where they will be stitched together to form beautiful handcrafted blankets that will keep orphan and sick children warm at night.

To have your products you wish to be included in our shipment in late November, please drop off squares to main reception addressed to Andrea Zappulla. Students who have taken part in the program are invited to help pack the squares and share in a special cake to send the products on their way. The day will be announced through the daily messages and via email.

For more information log on to <http://www.knit-a-square.com/> or call the School and request to speak with Andrea Zappulla ( [andrea.zappulla@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:andrea.zappulla@marymede.vic.edu.au) )

**Andrea Zappulla**

**Head of Chanel**

## Growing 'Junior' Tall Poppies Award

On Monday October 20, Peter McGarvey received a Growing 'Junior' Tall Poppies in Science and Maths Award at the University of Melbourne Bio 21 Facility. Peter attended this ceremony with his parents, Mrs Joan and Mr Michael McGarvey, Marymede Catholic College Principal, Mr Paul D'Astoli, Marymede Catholic College Careers Counsellor, Mr David Adamson and Marymede Catholic College Head of Enrichment, Mrs Moira Christie. Ten 'Junior' Tall Poppies student winners were selected from Victorian Schools from among an enormous field of applicants.

Marymede is very proud to have a student amongst this elite group. His proud parents were delighted that his academic achievements were recognised in this way.

Among other scientific opportunities Peter is looking forward to being assigned for the duration of 2015 is a scientist mentor network of outstanding young research scientists who will be paired with him. Marymede Catholic College is looking forward to becoming part of the science curriculum and community associated with the Growing Tall Poppy Awards.

Well done Peter. We are delighted with your success.



**Junior Tall Poppies 1: "Peter McGarvey and Marymede Catholic College principal Mr Paul D'Astoli, at the Growing 'Junior' Tall Poppies Award, University of Melbourne"**



**Junior Tall Poppies 2: "Peter McGarvey with his parents Mr Michael and Mrs Joan McGarvey, and Mr David Adamson, Careers Co-ordinator, at the Growing 'Junior' Tall Poppies Award, University of Melbourne"**

## City of Whittlesea Student Recognition Awards 2014

On Wednesday October 23, the City of Whittlesea recognised student achievement in local Schools within the city. Michael Manoussakis was awarded a Student Recognition Award after he was nominated by Marymede Catholic College for his significant academic achievement and community involvement.

The ceremony was attended by his proud parents, Mrs Joanne and Mr John Manoussakis, Marymede Catholic College Head of Secondary School, Mrs Julia Wake and Marymede Catholic College Student Enrichment Team Members, Mrs Moira Christie and Mrs Laura Wilcox. Michael received a framed certificate of recognition and a prize of \$150 towards his education. It was a pleasure to see his inspiring achievements recognised by this award.



**Laura Wilcox  
Secondary Teacher**

## Year 10 Music

Our Year 10 Music Students have recently been working on group performances, with many now ready to present and record their work. Congratulations to the following Year 10 Music Students for their successful recording of 'She Will Be Loved' by Maroon 5.

Jordan Conte (Electric Guitar)  
Daniel James Paul (Keys)  
Nanette Mangoba (Vocals)  
Marcus Pereira (Drum Kit)  
Jordan Woolnough (Bass Guitar)

## Year 11 Music

Our Year 11 Music Students have recently been working on their SAC4 Composition Task. It has been such a joy listening to the creative talents of our young musicians. Composition is a real strength for many in the group. Below is a recording of Connor Nelson's Original Composition. I have included the lyrics also for you to read as you listen:

*Draggin' down the lane  
Always stays the same  
Makin' messed up claims  
When you're the one to blame  
  
And when you followed through  
I'd just wear a plastic smile for you  
  
And you're tellin' lies again  
How far can you extend  
You try to break and bend  
Becoming hard to mend  
  
And when you worked it out  
I could hardly see a sign of doubt  
  
Well I guess now it's the end  
A fond farewell to a friend  
One who could depend  
One with time to spend  
  
But I didn't see an end  
And you walked away again  
As if you're not my friend  
Well I guess we'll make amends*

## Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

On Tuesday October 21 we celebrated the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony. It was such a wonderful occasion and we congratulate all students involved. In particular, we thank the many talented singers and musicians from our Concert Band who enriched the celebration with their gift of music.



## Important Information: Instrumental Music Lessons

All students currently enrolled in the College Instrumental Music Program must RE-ENROL for 2015.

If you would like to enrol or are re-enrolling in the College Instrumental Music Program, you can find all the relevant documentation and forms on our College Website. All forms need to be completed, signed and returned to the College's Main Reception no later than **Monday November 10, 2014**.

Parents of students currently enrolled in the College's Private Instrumental Music Program should read the following important information.

The Victorian Music Teachers Association has notified us of an increase in the cost of Instrumental Tuition and in order to keep the cost of Instrumental Tuition to a minimum for parents, we are implementing the following in 2015:

- Students enrolled in the College Instrumental Music Program will receive a minimum of 15 lessons per semester
- Students enrolled in the College Instrumental Music Program are committed to a full semester of lessons

The cost of Instrumental Music Lessons in 2015 (per semester / 15 lessons) is as follows:

- Individual/Private = \$525:00
- Shared = \$337:50

Fees are invoiced by the College on a semester basis and will appear on your College Account Statement.

The College currently offers private instrumental music lessons for students wishing to learn: Voice, Piano, Keyboard, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion / Drum Kit, Guitar and Bass Guitar.

**Kevin Carville**  
**Head of Music**

## Careers

Congratulations to Isabella Ivanovski, Peter McGarvey, Cindy Do, Stephanie Camilleri and Madeline Bonello who have been accepted to undertake the VCE Plus program at La Trobe University in the areas of Engineering, Biomedical, and Law. This program allows Year 12 VCE students to complete two first-year University subjects and have them recognised as part of their VCE. VCE Plus also gives these students the chance to

get a taste of University life, gain University credit towards an Undergraduate Degree, and possibly receive an early University offer with guaranteed entry into a La Trobe course. VCE Plus is a challenging program, and completing this program is also an impressive addition to students resume.

**David Adamson**  
**Head of Careers**

## Achievement Certificate

Mr D'Astoli presenting an Achievement Certificate to Chrysela Gracias for being selected in the Under 15's Victorian State Table Tennis team. The team went on to win gold for Victoria, Congratulations from all at Marymede on this fantastic achievement.



**Jordan Sorani**  
**AFL Trainee**

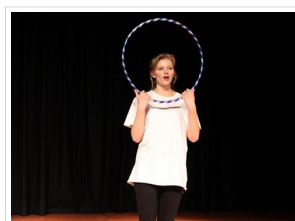
## Performing Arts News

### Year 12 Drama Solo Performance Evening

On Tuesday October 28, the Year 11 Drama class presented their solo performances in the Theatre. We were treated to a range of Australian characters:

- Matthew Ellul and Scarlet Aylward as 'The Tourist', inspired by Australian 'Big Icons'
- Elise Chan and Jack Peerman as 'The Detective', based on an article exploring the mysterious Somerton Man case of 1949
- Gemma Crotty and Joshua Newton as 'The Household Appliance' based on an article exploring the evolution of appliances in Australian homes
- Emily Strauss as 'Mr Moon', the personification of Luna Park, based on key facts of its 100 year history.

The drama solo is a complex task that requires students to conduct thorough research regarding their character and stimuli, and using a variety of playmaking devices to shape this into a sophisticated performance. They are to be commended on meeting the challenge.



## Year 7 Drama Incursion – ‘Impro Zone’

A reminder to all Year 7 students that we are privileged to have professional actors from Impro Melbourne presenting to you this Friday during period 5. It is essential that all Year 7s are lined up outside the Theatre at 1.55pm to ensure we finish on time at 3.03pm. You do not need to bring anything with you.

## Performing Arts Captain Update

Congratulations to Scarlet Aylward who has been appointed as Performing Arts Captain for 2015. We were fortunate to be presented with a number of exceptional candidates, and the domain is in safe hands with Scarlet at the helm. On behalf of the Performing Arts team, I'd like to thank Kaitlyn Lea for her service as Performing Arts Captain this year, and wish her well with future endeavours.

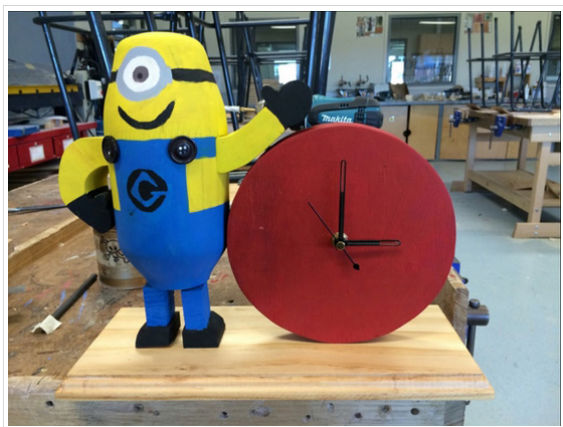
**Angie Bedford**  
**Head of Performing Arts**

## High Hopes For Whittlesea Show

Approximately 180 art and design pieces have been submitted by Marymede Catholic College students into this year's Whittlesea Show. The Show is held on November 1 to 2, from 9am to 5pm at the Whittlesea Showgrounds. Staff and students realise the importance of the annual Whittlesea Show as it provides an opportunity where independent judging of their work takes place. This year there are several thousand education entries from Schools across our region so it is a great honour to receive a prize or recommendation from the judges. Our Visual Arts and Design Technology teachers have submitted students work in a wide range of mediums including painting, printmaking, drawing, textiles, photography, wood, metal and plastics.

I would like to thank our dedicated staff for their superb work with all students during the year. A special mention goes to Teacher, Mrs. Anne Luttick, and Technician, Mrs. Angie Dalglish for organising and co-ordinating our submission. Award winners will be announced in the next School newsletter.

We wish all students the best of luck with their entries.



*Mikalya Di Mauro Year 10 'Despicable Me' themed clock*

**Adrian Montana**  
**Head of Visual Arts and Design Technology.**

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL PRIMARY

Term 4 is well underway and progressing at a rapid pace. Along with the learning and teaching happening in the classrooms, we have many upcoming primary activities and events. Please note the details below.

## Year 4 Overnight Stay

Recently the Year 4 students participated in an Overnight Stay on campus. By all accounts, it was a very enjoyable and successful event. Sincere thanks and appreciation to Ms. Aisling Gormley, the Year 4 Teaching Team and all Primary Staff for who participated in this event and contributed to its success.

## Whittlesea Show Art Works

Student artworks will be on display at the Whittlesea Show on the weekend of Saturday November 1 and Sunday November 2. From Monday November 10, winning entries will then be displayed in the College Auditorium foyer as part of the Visual Arts and Technology Exhibition.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

This Term the Year 6 students are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be held on Sunday November 16 at 2.30pm at St Patricks Cathedral with Archbishop Denis J. Hart. Our College Chaplain Fr. Maurie Cooney will concelebrate the mass with Archbishop Hart. All those attending need to be seated by 2.00pm. This is a very significant milestone in the faith development of these young people and we ask that you keep them and their families in your prayers.

## 2015 Prep Orientation Sessions

Last week, it was with great pleasure that we welcomed the 2015 Prep students for their first Orientation sessions. The second orientation session for all 2015 Prep students will be held on Wednesday November 26 from 4.00pm - 5.00pm in the Prep House.

## Carols by Candlelight.

An evening of Carols by Candlelight will be held in the College Fitness Centre on Thursday December 4. Full details are available on the College Website.

## Primary Guild Athletics Carnival

The 2014 Primary Guild Athletics Carnival will be held on-campus on Friday December 5. Parents of Primary students are more than welcome to attend.

## Celebrations of Learning and Awards Nights

The Celebrations of Learning and Awards Night for Prep to Year 2 students and their families will be held in the Fitness Centre on Monday December 8 from 6.00pm - 7.00pm and for Year 3 and 4 students and families on Monday December 8, from 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

## Year 6 to Year 7 Transition and Orientation

The classroom based program for Year 6 students transitioning into Year 7 continues this Term with visits to Secondary

classrooms on Tuesday 25 Nov along with Year 7 Orientation Day on Tuesday December 9.

## 2015 Years 1 to 6 Student Orientation

2015 Orientation for current and newly enrolled students in Years 1 to 6 will be held on Tuesday December 9, from 9.30am - 10.30am in the Primary Houses.

## Graduation Mass and Years 5 and 6 Awards Night

Parents and families of students in Years 5 and 6 are invited to participate in the Graduation Mass and Years 5 and 6 Awards Night on Wednesday December 10, at 7.00pm in the College Fitness Centre

**Liz Crane**  
**Deputy Principal Primary**

## HEAD OF PRIMARY

### School Uniform

It is wonderful to note the pride in which the majority of Primary students are wearing their summer uniform. As noted in the Student Diary the uniform is important for a number of reasons:

- It is a symbol of the College and a public declaration of its values, standards and beliefs.
- It creates a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the School
- It is a symbol of equality among students
- It demonstrates mutual respect

Some students are wearing 'skins' that are visible under their shorts. As 'skins' are not part of the School uniform can you please ensure that if your children wear them that they are not visible.

### Hairstyles

The College expects students to be well groomed in appearance at all times whilst wearing the College uniform. Hair, in general terms, must be clean, neatly styled and tied back off the face. Accessories must be in College colours of either ink blue or maroon. Hairstyles which are outside of the following guidelines are unacceptable:

- Hair which is shoulder length or longer must be tied back at all times so that the hair does not touch the collar
- No hair should be allowed to fall across the face
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. This includes dreadlocks, shaved hair less than a number 2 blade, severe variations in hair length and/or colour
- Hair must be natural in colour in the student's natural tonal range. Unnatural hair colours are never permitted. Tips and streaks that are different from the natural colour are not permitted.
- All fringes must be above the eyebrows and away from the face.

Please refer to the page 11 of the Student Diary for more information in regard to uniforms

## Grandparents Picnic

On Tuesday October 28, we held our first Grandparents Picnic event. It was an overwhelming success with a very large number of Grandparents and Special Friends attending. Picnics were made wherever there was a space, with some inside and some outside regardless of the weather. The atmosphere was amazing with great excitement from all our visitors and students. The photos below are examples of the joy that sharing a special event with family and close friends can bring. Parents, can you please thank the grandparents and special friends who attended who contributed such vibrance and enthusiasm to our School day. They have 'made our day'.



## PRIMARY FAITH AND MISSION

### Confirmation 2014

Thank you to all families who attended the family workshops with their child. It was great to see a mix of parents and sponsors there to support our young people on their Faith journey.

Please continue to keep Marymede students in year 6 in your prayers over the coming weeks as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on

**Sunday November 16 at 2.30pm** (please arrive and be seated by 2pm)

Families will have the opportunity to have photos taken by the professional photographer; John Travers photography prior to the Mass (from 12.30pm) Order information was given out on the family workshop night.

We ask for your cooperation in reminding your guests to respect the seating arrangements that were communicated, to ensure all parents of children receiving the Sacrament are seated in the centre aisle.

We advise you to seek suitable travel arrangements prior to the day to avoid being late. There is limited parking in the street but you may be best pre-booking a parking bay online at the Park Hyatt opposite. (google 'book a bay' park hyatt)

**Nicole Pegler**  
**Head Of Primary Religious Education**

# HEAD OF PRIMARY STUDENT WELLBEING

## Helpful Ways Of Supporting Children's Emotional Development

Children's feelings are very different to adults'. Children have different responses to feelings depending on their temperament.

Parents and carers can support children's emotional development by tuning into feelings, assisting children to understand feelings, and helping them to work out ways to cope with feelings effectively.

The following suggestions may be helpful.

- Tune into children's feelings and try to understand things from their point of view. This allows you to help them identify their feelings and the ways that feelings work.
- Show that you accept and respect children's feelings. Accepting feelings is necessary before working out a way to manage them.
- Remember that it's not always easy for children to know what is bothering them, and they may not always want to talk about it.
- Show children how you manage your own feelings effectively. If you act calmly it will help to reassure children that they can manage even difficult feelings.
- Acknowledge children's efforts to manage feelings. This helps them see their progress and motivates them to use the helpful strategies they are developing in other situations.

**Laura Gazeas**

**Head of Primary Student Wellbeing**

## PRIMARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

### Primary Sport News

We had tremendous Athletics success at the Northern Metropolitan Region Athletics Carnival. This competition is made up of all Schools in the NMR and each child has had to win through from the previous 2 stages to make this round.

Congratulations to Amisha Murugathas won her Discus event and is now off to contest the State Titles. Tobenna Obani 3rd 200m, Chideraa Obani 3rd 200m, Micaela Bianco 3rd 800m also won medals and just missed out on qualifying for the State Titles (1st and 2nd qualifies).

Our 10 Year old Boys relay made up of Tobenna Obani, Essa Al Noobi, Nick Storer and Daniel Cincotta and 11 Year old Girls made up of Chideraa Obani, Christy Dimovski, Lauren Chan and Micaela Bianco both came 3rd winning a medal whilst just failing to qualify for the State Titles.

Well done to all who represented the College in Athletics this year. Hard work and dedication pays off.



On Monday October 20, the Whittlesea/Woodland Volleyball Competition took place. Congratulations to the Girl's team who had some fantastic results, winning the first game and then winning the Grand Final with a tie breaker to move on to State Competition. The boys put up a great effort, winning their first game by 2 sets but unfortunately just lost in the Grand Final.

Well done to all involved for putting in outstanding efforts.

The next game will take place on Monday November 17, at School.

On October 16 and 17, a tennis clinic took place at our School. It worked really well and all students enjoyed their time learning the game of tennis.

A massive thankyou to Paul Vassallo from the Hot Shots Program for running the successful clinic.

The next Junior Hootime Basketball Competition will take place on Monday November 10, note will be handed out to students in the coming days..



### Primary School T20 Blast Competition

On Friday Marymede hosted the Bridge Inn Cricket 8's Tournament. Nearly 250 students from over the District played numerous games of fast-paced Cricket 8's. It was a great day enjoyed by all with 1 Boy team, 3 Girls' teams and a Mixed Team representing our School.

Our Boys team lost a close Semi-Final and our Girls went through undefeated to win the tournament. Thanks to Mr Pahoff for training the students.

Any student interested in playing regular T20 Cricket should look up the nearest venue and start dates on [Playcricket.com.au](http://Playcricket.com.au) . South Morang Cricket Club is the nearest

venue to the School to host this style of Cricket with the season starting in early November on Sunday mornings.



**Gerard Large**  
**Head of Primary Sport**

## Reading Stars

### 50 Nights

Jose Padilla Tuala, Neil Hove, Ava Petrides, Mattia Ieraci

### 100 Nights

Divinia Kihara, Aleena Thomas, Shewon Perera, Jessica Speziari, Dyalan Gualano, Aidan Wright, Marc Lando, Christian Melchiorre, Katia Alipan, Gemma MacDonald, Mollie MacDonald, Jovia Joseph Jeyasinghe, Fiona Polifroni, Joshua Sadza, Lara Flammea, Donna Roy, Manas Regi, Ria Valder, Luke D'Agostino, Umairan Thievanesan, Sasha Bajric

### 150 Nights

Christian Nicolaou, Gemma Bzdel, Joshua Nicolaou, Nicholas Bahen, Natalie Barylka, Allegra Kalona, Luciana Pastrana Martinez, Marcus Vinci, Max Trajkovski, Matthew Elkomos, Noah Alberti

### 200 Nights

Joshua Marturano, Olivia Sheens, Siena Ristevska, Chloe Montagnese, Martin Krstevski, Emma Fasciani, Fraser Armstrong, Alex Yousif

## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

### Carols By Candlelight

#### Tickets Are Selling Fast

Family Tickets (includes 2 Adults and 2 Children) are priced at \$10 and are now available from:

<http://www.trybooking.com/GDKF> or <http://www.trybooking.com/107749>

The Marymede Catholic College's inaugural 'Carols by Candlelight' is being celebrated at the College on Thursday December 4, in the College's Fitness Centre.

'Carols by Candlelight' is a tradition in Australia, and by bringing this event to Marymede Catholic College we provide an opportunity for the whole Marymede Catholic College Community to come together to celebrate the Liturgical Season of Advent, to acknowledge this most special time of the year and to celebrate the coming of our Saviour. 'Carols by Candlelight' will bring students from Prep to 12 together to celebrate the Nativity through scripture, song and drama. There will also be lots of prizes and fun; including a very special guest... yes... our very own SANTA CLAUS will be making an appearance so this one is not to be missed!

Tickets are limited so get in fast.

**Kevin Carville**  
**Head of Music**

## Headlice

We write to inform you that we have received a number of reported cases of head lice in the Junior School. As a precautionary measure, I urge all parents to check your child's hair. Please ensure that if your child has head lice they are treated and all eggs are removed. If the eggs haven't been removed they will continue to hatch. Advice and assistance on head lice is available from the City of Whittlesea Council's Public Health Section on 9217 2277. Additionally, "Treating and Controlling Head Lice" pamphlets can be ordered from the Department of Human Services or accessed on their website at [www.health.vic.gov.au](http://www.health.vic.gov.au)

**Maria Stathakis and Meaghan Voumard**  
**College Nurses**

## REGISTRAR NEWS

### New Students

Marymede Catholic College wishes to welcome the following students and their families who commenced with us this past fortnight:

- Mellinda Chirisa – Year 9

### Exit Forms

Any student who is not returning to Marymede Catholic College in 2015 will be required to collect an Exit Form from the Main Office. ALL Exit Forms are expected to be returned to the Main Office by no later than Friday October 31.

### Prep 2015

It is a legal requirement for parents to provide an immunisation status certificate when enrolling their child at Primary School. Could parents of Prep 2015 students please ensure that your child's certificate has been submitted to the College. If you are uncertain whether or not the College has a copy of your child's certificate please phone 9407-9000 or email [registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au)

### Family Contact Details

Should you have a change in contact details such as home address, phone numbers or email address, please contact the Main Office on 9407-9000 to submit the new information, alternatively you may also wish to email the change to [registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au).

### Enrolments

Applications for Year 7 2016 are now open and will close on February 27, 2015.

Year 7, 2016 Enrolment Interviews for current Year 5 families will take place on Tuesday November 11, 2014 between the hours of 3.45pm and 6.00pm. Only families who have returned their intention form will be invited to the interviews. Letters containing details on how to book interviews have been posted home this week.

The Prep 2015 Twilight Orientation Session will take place on Wednesday November 26 commencing at 4.00pm.

## College Facebook Page

Be sure to 'like' the official Marymede Catholic College Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/marymedecatholiccollege](http://www.facebook.com/marymedecatholiccollege) to keep up with exciting news and events at the College. The page is updated regularly and is a great form of communication between the College and community. Please be reminded that it is NOT a requirement for a parent to have their own Facebook account in order to view the College page. Information and news can be read by simply visiting the above link.

## Email Addresses

Our College uses email as a major form of communication to families. Please ensure that your family has supplied the College with a valid and current email address to avoid missing out on valuable information regarding news and events. It is a College requirement for all families to have a minimum of one valid, working email address. To submit an email address or check your existing email address, please contact the College or email [registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au).

## School Bus Service

Important information relating to the 2015 School Bus service will be sent to families in the coming weeks. For all further enquiries regarding the Marymede School Bus service please contact the Registrar's Office on 9407-9000.

**Matthew Luczek**  
**Registrar**

## UNIFORM SHOP

### Uniform Shop Trading Hours For Term 4

Mondays 8am to 2pm

Tuesdays 12pm to 5pm

Wednesdays as of November 5, 8am to 11am then 2pm to 5pm

Thursdays 12pm to 5pm

Our next Saturday trade will be Saturday November 8.

The uniform shop will not trade on Monday November 3 (Cup weekend).