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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the last Newsletter for the term. We have much to be thankful for this term with Camps, Excursions, Cultural successes, Sporting successes, The Musical, Music Performances, Naplan Testing and of course much hard work in the area of Learning and Teaching.

We are fortunate to have such a harmonious community at Marymede Catholic College. This does not happen by accident. It is the result of much hard work and effort on the part of staff, students and parents. I encourage you to read of the many events that have taken place since our last Newsletter.

I wish all our families a safe and restful holiday period.

## Student Reports

Student Reports will be sent to parents on Monday June 30, for their information and consideration. I trust that the reports will be read carefully and the recommendations given will be followed up in the Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews next term.

Next term we begin the process in the Secondary School of Subject Selection. The ability of students to choose subjects will be directly related to their academic performance in their current subjects. Therefore it is vital that students continue to strive for academic excellence and keep performing to the very best of their ability.

## Staff News

Our Deputy Principal of Primary Ms Liz Crane will be taking a period of Long Service Leave for the first four weeks of next term. In her absence Mrs Alison Besselaar will be Acting Deputy Principal of Primary, Mr Gerard Large will be Acting Head of Primary and Mrs Laura Gazeas will be Acting Head of Student Services P-6. Ms Crane will return from leave on Monday August 11.

Today we farewell Mrs Ngaire Thomson. Ngaire will be taking Maternity Leave to await the arrival of her second baby and we wish her all the best for the upcoming birth. We welcome Ms Peta Close who will be taking over Ngaire's classes.

We congratulate Ms Laura Hill and Mr Derek McConn on their respective upcoming Weddings which will take place during the holidays. I am sure there will be many events for them and their respective partners leading up to their big days.

Finally I commenced leave on Wednesday June 25 and will return on Thursday July 17. I will be spending a few weeks with my wife Mary in France and England.

Mr Anthony Stockwell will be Acting Principal during the above dates.

## Exchange Student

Below please find a letter of thanks from Mr Klaus Schumann, WEP Community Coordinator regarding Marymede Catholic College's recent exchange student, Laura de Vilder:

*I would like to thank Mr D'Astoli and the whole school community for accepting our exchange student, Laura de Vilder and for making her feel so welcome. May I also thank Andrew and Coral Wehrens and their family for their decision to host Laura and for including her so fully in their lives for the duration of her stay here. Thank you.*

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

## FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

***"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."***  
**(John 6:35)**

We have completed the four most important feast days that make up the close of the Easter season: Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi. Each one of these feasts has been a beautiful reminder of the love, joy, hope and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ alive and aflame in our midst through the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit sent to us as promised at Pentecost, to guide and strengthen, nourish and encourage us to do our best each day and do it well.

As we find ourselves in what the Church calls Ordinary Time, it is important to realise that it is in doing the ordinary things of life extraordinarily well, that we achieve the "fullness of life" promised to us by Jesus Christ (John 10:10).

The spiritual life of Marymede Catholic College has been a robust one again in Term 2, with three Guild Masses (Chanel, McCormack and Marcellin), Year 11 and Year 9 Reflection Days and Mass of the Sacred Heart yesterday. The donations of food and toiletries are testimony to the generosity of spirit within our community, of students wanting to give more in order to be more and responding to Jesus Christ's call to be his eyes, ears, hands and voice for all our needy brothers and sisters.

## Australian Catholic Magazine Internship

Alongside these events, Marymede Catholic College was very proud that one of our Year 10 students Emily Maney was selected among applicants Victoria-wide for an internship with Australian Catholics Magazine. Emily has written about her experience below but first Fr. Andrew Hamilton SJ reviews Emily's week with them as follows:

*We hoped in particular that Emily's reflectiveness, creativity and openness to learn would contribute good leadership in the group, particularly through her listening. Her writing skills were also evidently of a high quality. Our hopes were fully realised. She was generous in taking on work, very helpful with the suggestions she made about the shape of the magazine and the way she responded to the ideas of others, ready to give herself fully to make something of the photographic presentations and her listening skills encouraged the reflective aspects of producing a magazine. Perhaps of all the interns Emily gained most from the experience and we were delighted to see her enthusiasm. Emily was a real gift to this project. We enjoyed her company too and are grateful to the school for encouraging her and us in making possible the internship.*

### Emily Writes

*During the week of May 19 to 23, I was fortunate enough to be part of the Australian Catholics Magazine Internship Program. Along with five other students in Years 10 and 11 from across Victoria, I was part of the editorial team of the magazine for the whole week.*

*On our first day, we began brainstorming with the editor, Michael McVeigh. We discussed what makes a good magazine and used those ideas to come up with stories and ideas for the next issue, based around the theme 'be brave'. We planned out all thirty four pages, together with Michael's guidance, which involved three pages for our own stories each, plus two group projects.*

*The rest of the week was filled with guest speakers who are experienced journalists. They gave us an insight into the career we long to have along with plenty of tips for breaking into the industry as well as their contacts which we learnt are handy things to have in journalism. Michael himself even gave us a very helpful presentation on different forms of article writing.*

*In the short week, I became good friends with the other students as we worked together in what was one of the most memorable experiences of our Secondary school lives. I learnt so much about journalism and writing and even about myself. From this experience, I know that journalism is, without a doubt, what I want to do in my years beyond Marymede.*

**Emily Maney**  
**Year 10**

### Year 12 Retreat

A highlight of this term has been the inaugural Year 12 Retreat at Rutherford Park Country Retreat in Blampied, near Daylesford. The 2-day and 2-night residential retreat gave our students and staff the opportunity to make a stop after a semester of dedicated work and reflect on a shared as well as individual journey of reflecting on what our College Theme

means to each of us: "Everything is possible for the person who has faith" (Mark 9:23). The Parent Affirmation Letter activity was an outstanding success which brought many tears of joy and I thank all Year 12 parents for responding so promptly in writing beautiful letters to your daughter/son.

My heartfelt thanks to the "Staff Dream Team" of Miss Simone McGill, Miss Kathy Vlahusic, Mr Ronan Kennedy, Mr Michael Chessser, Mr Lindsay Cooper and Miss Laura Hill without whose splendid support this Retreat would not have been the outstanding success it turned out to be.



### Student Voice

*The retreat was one of the best experiences of my time at Marymede. We all had such a great time, spending time with our close friends and bonding with others who we may not usually speak to. Not only were we the first Year 12s lucky enough to go on a retreat, we were also lucky enough to be able to decorate a tile with a word describing our time at Marymede. The tiles will then be displayed at our graduation and also put up at the College forever. It was great knowing that our legacy will last even after we finish in October. It was definitely a highlight of our time away.* **Annie Sprague**

*Looking back on our Year 12 Retreat, I can honestly say that it was a success. It was a time full of laughter, jokes, late night talks (with the exception of almost having to stand out in the cold because we were too loud), creepy clown masks and over all, just a really good time. I was able to spend time with my closest friends as well as develop relationships with some of those who I may not have spoken to before. One of the most enjoyable activities for me was when we got together in class groups and had a Riff Off, replicating the one you see in "Pitch Perfect", which was taken very seriously by some. It was amazing seeing just how much closer our year level has become and I am proud to be a part of such an awesome cohort. Our Year 12 Retreat is something I will forever remember when looking back at my final year here at Marymede.* **Kiana Rigney**

*The retreat was a welcome break from our studies and it was the perfect way to strengthen the relationships we had with our fellow Year 12s. We discovered completely new aspects of ourselves and our peers as we participated in team building activities and it was a fulfilling experience. The expression of our thoughts and values provided fresh eyes on the meaning of faith and spirituality and those of a non-Catholic background were able to link to the prayers as well as those who we, many of these thoughts and reflections being deeply personal. Another plus was the ample food provided and the smiles on everyone's faces was truly uplifting.* **Jaya Sharma**

## And Staff Said

*It was an absolute pleasure to experience so many mature young adults demonstrating the highest levels of integrity, intelligence and concern for others during three days of intensive and challenging learning experiences.*

*Some had to take a significant step forward in terms of engaging in the challenges as mature adults and have emerged with far more empathy for others (and understanding of themselves) as a result of the fantastic program.*

*It was equally pleasing to share leadership for the retreat with very dedicated, skilled and passionate colleagues. The qualities of the program, organisation, venue and staff leadership all amounted to an outstanding experience for all of our students.*

### **Mr Lindsay Cooper** **Head of Mathematics**

*A big thank you to the Year 12s for their involvement, positivity and openness on the Year 12 Retreat. It was a privilege to experience such a great three days with a fantastic group of young people.*

### **Simone McGill** **Secondary Teacher**

*I would like to thank all the Year 12s for their honesty in activities and positive attitude throughout the retreat. Thank you all for this experience.*

### **Ronan Kennedy** **Head of Chisholm Guild**

*Since commencing at Marymede Catholic College in 2010, I have been blessed to watch the then Year 8s grow academically, spiritually and personally to the fine Year 12s that they are today. The days were packed with wonderful, invigorating activities; this enabled both staff and students to connect and for a few days let go of the pressures that face us each day. Thank you one and all.*

### **Kathy Vlahusic** **Secondary Teacher**

*It was a pleasure nurturing the spiritual and aspiring young minds of our Year 12 students. To be doing so alongside passionate, ambitious and experienced colleagues was inspirational. All students gained a sense of enlightenment from the experience and were able to develop friendships and take a more meaningful view into their life journey and the community around them.*

### **Michael Chesser** **Secondary Teacher**

*Mrs Wadhwani has spoken previously about sections of the Marymede community working together as "one heartbeat". The retreat offered students and staff an opportunity put aside their differences and fear of the unknown and to unite to support each other, emotionally, spiritually and yes, at times physically. Students and staff were indeed "one heartbeat" during those very rewarding three days.*

### **Laura Hill** **Head of VCE**

## And Parents Reflected

*"Thank you for the opportunity for my son to be involved in the Year 12 Retreat. He was really happy to talk about it. So thank you very much. It was awesome."*

*"I would like to forward my sincerest thank you to Marymede and the staff for their time and opportunity to take away the Year 12s on a retreat. What a great idea. I personally can advise that my son had a wonderful time and wished he was still there. I do hope all the staff involved had a great time as much as my son did."*

*"All in all, it was great that the students were given this opportunity and I know that Amy really enjoyed it and appreciated it."*

*"The only complaint I heard was prior to the retreat with regard to VCAL students not having their teachers around, but it really didn't appear to be an issue in the end as my daughter had a marvellous time. A most rewarding, bonding experience for my child and others."*

*"We thought the retreat was an excellent way for the students to reflect on their journey so far and to start thinking about the future. My son thoroughly enjoyed the retreat, especially the opportunity to go away to a place away from school and to have some "down" time. He also enjoyed spending time with students in VCE. He came back with many funny anecdotes and stories. It was a moving and reflective time to write to him and it was equally moving to receive a letter from him. Our little boy has somehow turned into an adult, of whom we are very proud."*

*"I would like to thank yourself and the other staff members who attended/organised the Year 12 Retreat."*

*"My daughter is still every day talking about how wonderful it was and what a terrific time she had and what a lovely memory of Year 12 this was for her. She also seems to be a lot closer with the staff who attended and I really believe that when the students are treated as adults as they were on the retreat they have so much more respect for their teachers and actually get along so much better. She really feels a stronger bond with the staff and loved all the teachers who attended and continually talks about how much fun they were and how much fun you all had together."*

*"I truly believe this was a wonderful experience for Year 12 students and also a great distraction for a few days away from all the homework and stress of school life. It was great quality time with new friendship bonds and wonderful teachers."*

### **Judeline Wadhwani** **Head of Faith and Mission P-12**

## HEAD OF SECONDARY

*'None of us comes into this world fully formed. We would not know how to think, or walk, or speak, or behave as human beings unless we learned it from other human beings. We need other human beings in order to be human. I am because other people are.' Archbishop Desmond Tutu.*

*These are poignant words to ponder, particularly in a school. Our efforts shape our young people and we are also shaped*



by them. Each interaction is important, each word and action of love, challenge, forgiveness and opportunity for growth and development. Our young people are formed by family, friends, teachers, workplaces. As we come to the middle of the year, we have all worked hard in forming young people in the Marymede way, 'In the way of Mary,' as thoughtful, vibrant and committed young people. This doesn't stop. Below are some examples of opportunities that may contribute to the formation of our students:

- Volunteering for Habitat for Humanity – Mr Ronan Kennedy, Miss Simond McGill and a number of Chisholm students built a fence on the weekend for a fire affected property. They are suitably proud of themselves. More on this in the next Newsletter.
- Dante Alighieri Competition – We have student finalists to compete in the next round next term.
- Rostrum Youth Voice – One of our Year 12 students has made it to the state final! Mrs Moira Christie, Mrs Laura Wilcox and Mrs Robyn Roberts all witnessed her efforts on the weekend too.
- 'I Can' schools pilot launched with our students with ASD last Friday and their families Tuesday evening.

The above is but a snapshot. We are a College rich in diverse opportunities for our young people to find, form, shape themselves and how they approach the world.

First day of classes in Term 3 is Monday July 14. Please ensure Winter Uniform is worn correctly and that students have their books for Day 1 classes.

God bless you all over the Winter break. Be rested and re-energised for a busy Term 3.



**Julia Wake**  
**Head of Secondary**

## SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

### Knit-A-Square Is Back For 2014

The Square Knit Circle is extremely excited to be regrouping for 2014 to carry on the tremendous work we have been conducting since 2011.

In November last year, our 700+ knitted squares were packed into water-tight shipping envelopes, sent to Kascare's branch in South Africa and stitched into lovely blankets. The Marymede community contributed enough squares to warm children in the South Africa who would otherwise have been freezing. We feel extremely proud that our small contribution will become wonderful blankets, used to keep orphaned, abandoned or children with AIDS, warm.



### Where To From Here

From Monday June 23, we hope to regroup bigger and better. Students are currently being sought to learn to knit or crochet 20cm squares that will be sent Zimbabwe, officially the poorest country in the

World and Kascare's expanding branch.

With nearly 1,000,000 orphans alive in 2009, Zimbabwe has the highest number of orphans, in proportion to its population, than any other country in the world, according to UNICEF. As many as one in four children in Zimbabwe are orphaned as a result of parents dying from AIDS.

### How Can You Help

You can become involved in two very important ways.

1. If you have the skills to knit or crochet a 20cm by 20cm square, please call Miss Andrea Zappulla at the school or via email: [Andrea.Zappulla@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:Andrea.Zappulla@marymede.vic.edu.au), start knitting immediately or attend regular lunchtime session to learn how.
2. Alternatively, we are welcoming all wool donations of any colour, size or type, with the drop off of wool or squares to be made at the Main Reception area.



For more information log on to <http://www.knit-a-square.com/> or call the school and request to speak with Miss Andrea Zappulla.

**Andrea Zappulla**  
**Head of Chanel Guild / PE Domain**

### Chisholm Guild Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Excursion

On Saturday June 21, eight members of the Chisholm Guild went to Yea along with Mr Ronan Kennedy and Ms Simone McGill. Habitat for Humanity has bought a site in Yea Heights to accommodate 24 new houses for those families affected by the black Saturday fires. We had a very productive day up in Yea and managed to complete a whole backyard fence for one

of the houses. The students worked extremely hard throughout the day with a positive attitude.

The chief volunteer of Habitat for Humanity was delighted with the Marymede student's efforts. He said "It is excellent to see young volunteers like yourselves giving up your Saturday for this cause. Often we get volunteers who don't put much effort in but you guys have been fantastic."

The Chisholm students went home tired but had a strong sense of achievement from their efforts for the day. We look forward to another day working with the Habitat crew in the near future.



**Ronan Kennedy**  
**Head of Chisholm Guild**

### **Muffin Break Westfield South Morang Donate Muffins to Raise Money for the McGrath Foundation**



**Alex Ferraro Year 12 VCAL and Lisa from Muffin Break, Westfield, South Morang**

On Monday June 9, the Year 12 VCAL class held a muffin sale in front of the Resource Centre at lunch time. The muffins were donated by Muffin Break at Westfield, Plenty Valley. They donated 36 muffins and all 36 muffins were sold. The Year 12 VCAL class are very thankful to Muffin Break for kindly going out of their way to donate the muffins. All the money that was raised on Monday is going to the McGrath Foundation in help of breast cancer studies. **Jordan Ferraro, Year 12 VCAL**



**Michelle Dros-Carlile**  
**Health and Human Development / Psychology / VCAL**

## **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL PRIMARY**

### **Incident Reports**

From time to time incidents involving suspicious people in and around suburban schools are brought to our attention. Fortunately, we have not been in a position at Marymede Catholic College where we have needed to report any such incidents in or around our school. Our school grounds are secured by security fencing and perimeter gates are locked during school times to ensure that any visitors must report through an office. If students in the Primary School need to leave their classroom at any time, they only do so with another student. Staff are especially vigilant to ensure the safety of all students in their care at all times and this includes when they are in the school grounds supervising students before and after school and during lunch and recess breaks.

The area outside the school grounds is a public area and many of our local community members enjoy some leisure activities outside our school. If we all remain vigilant and observant and make any necessary reports, then as a school community we can work together to maintain a safe environment for our students. If at any time, teachers, students, parents or carers notice any person acting suspiciously in or around the school grounds they are to report their observations to the College Reception area and necessary action will be taken.

**Alison Besselaar**  
**Acting Deputy Principal Primary**

## **HEAD OF PRIMARY**

### **End of Term 2**

As the term comes to an end it is time to reflect on the wonderful achievements and learning experiences that students have been involved in. Year 6 classes moved into their new building, Year 3 students enjoyed a 'Dinner and Activities evening', Year 6 have been attending an educational tour to Canberra, many Primary students participated in 'Annie', students competed very successfully in a range of sporting events and many families participated in our regular 'Walk to School' day.

Year 2 enjoyed watching a performance of Possum Magic and they were also fortunate to have an incursion that brought some very interesting animals into their classrooms. Year 1 went to Werribee Park free range zoo and Year 6 shared activities with their Year 7 buddies as part of their transition program. Class visits and Prep performances for Mother's Day were enjoyed by all and these were followed by a delicious morning tea provided by the Parents' and Friends Committee. Our Student Leaders, Anugi and Nicholas represented Marymede Catholic College at the Whittlesea RSL parade on ANZAC Day. Years 3 and 5 students undertook NAPLAN assessments. Year 5 had an excursion to Ceres to learn about fair trading in food and Year 4 held an Expo to share the outcomes of their inquiry about Australian History.

Our second P-6 assembly showcased the varied talents of our students from leading us in prayer, reporting on excursion experiences, demonstrating their athleticism and singing, to

reporting on sporting achievements. The assembly was very capably emceed by Nicholas Vermeulen.

It has been a very exciting term and there are many things that are not included in the list of activities mentioned above. Thank you to our wonderful, dedicated and enthusiastic staff who provide the students with such engaging learning experiences.

**Alison Besselaar**  
**Head of Primary**

**What Is Resilience?**

Resilience is the ability to cope or ‘bounce back’ after encountering negative events, difficult situations or adversity and to return to almost the same level of emotional wellbeing. Resilience helps young people navigate through life and is an important aspect of development. It is more than just coping.

**Some Key Messages to Communicate to Your Child to Help Them Become More Resilient**

- Life is mainly good but every now and then everyone has a difficult or an unhappy time. That’s a normal part of life.
- Things nearly always get better even though sometimes they might take a little longer to improve than you would hope.
- No-one is perfect and we all make mistakes.

**Other Approaches You Can Take to Develop Resilience in Your Child**

- Don’t overprotect your child from the normal challenges that young people have at different ages.
- Encourage your child to talk about what is troubling them and help them find solutions.
- Don’t fight all your child’s battles for them. They need to experience some difficult times and deal with them so they can learn how to bounce back.
- Let your child see and hear you using positive tracking, showing appreciation to others for the support they give them, saying ‘things will get better soon’ and expecting that good outcomes are possible.

**Laura Gazeas**  
**Acting Head of Student Services P-6**

**PRIMARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS**

**Year 2 Excursion “Wombat Stew”**

On Friday May 30, the Year 2 students enjoyed a walk to our local Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre to watch a live performance based on the well-known picture book, “Wombat Stew”. Students enjoyed the performance, which involved singing, dancing and lots of laughter. This linked with our Inquiry unit “Australia” and helped develop an appreciation for Performing Arts and storytelling. A big thank you to our parent helpers who helped us cross the roads safely.



**The Year 2 Team**

**Guild News**

**Current Guild Ladder at the end of Term 2:**

1st Marcellin - 273	2nd Chisolm - 256	3rd Romero - 247
4th Chanel - 240	5th McCormack - 232	6th McAuley - 216

**Guild Events Term 3 Students to wear their Guild Uniform**

**Walk to School Day/Assembly:** Friday August 1  
**Marymede Day:** Wednesday August 13

**Regular Guild Days for Each Year Level**

Preps all Day 5s	Friday Dates; 18/7, 1/8, 15/8, 29/8, 12/9
Year 1s all Day 4s	Thursday Dates; 17/7, 31/7, 14/8, 28/8, 11/9
Year 2s all Day 9s	Thursday Dates; 24/7, 7/7, 21/7, 4/9, 18/9
Year 3s all Day 1s	Monday Dates; 14/7, 28/7, 11/8, 25/8, 8/9
Year 4s all Day 7s	Tuesday Dates; 22/7, 5/8, 19/8, 2/9, 16/9
Year 5s	Every Tuesday
Year 6s	Every Friday



## Sport Results

### Cross Country

Well done to all students who represented the school at the Whittlesea/Woodlands Cross Country. A record nine students have progressed to the Northern Metropolitan Region next Wednesday. Jisele Brancalone 1st Louisa Folino 7th Isabelle Spiteri 9th from 10 Year Old Girls, Luke Lo Valvo 2nd 10 YO Boys, Miceala Bianco 7th 11 YO Girls, Daniel Sabatino 6th, Jake Mitovski 9th 11 YO Boys, Indiana Bodley 2nd 12 YO Girls and Matt Lo Valvo 3rd 12 YO Boys.



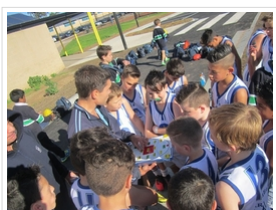
### Netball

Well done to the both Netball Teams Premier and Participation on their wins in the Grand Final against Whittlesea Primary. Thanks to Miss Nicole Pegler and Miss Emily Duggan on coaching the girls. A special thanks also to parents Mrs Lisa McBain and Mrs Kylie Menta for working with the Girls in our Guild Program in Term 1



### Football

Our boys tried valiantly but went down in a close match against Morang South. We were lead brilliantly by our Captain Douglas Andonovski but fell short against a determined opposition. Well done boys on making the Grand Final.



## Sport Events Term 3

**Jnr Basketball:** Friday July 25

**Athletics Bridge Inn:** Thursday August 28

**Snr Basketball:** Friday September 5

**Whittlesea/Woodlands:** Tuesday September 9

## Whittlesea/Woodlands Sport Play-offs Dates

Soccer: Monday  
July 21

T-Ball Girls: Tuesday  
July 22

Netball: Wednesday  
July 23

## Rebel Seasons Pass

Please go down to Rebel at Westfield and sign up for their Seasons Pass. It offers discounts, but most importantly if you link it to our school account, the school receives 5% of any purchases made. If we all sign up it can add up to a substantial amount, meaning that more equipment can be bought for our students to use.



## Marymede Day Trash 'N' Treasure

The Trash 'N' Treasure Store is back by popular demand. If you no longer want any of the following items, please drop them off to the Primary School Office and we will try and find them new homes at our Marymede Day Stall: Old books, DVDs, toys (please no soft toys).

**Gerard Large**  
**Primary Guild Coordinator**

## Reading Stars

### 50 NIGHTS

Yolanda Cirillo, Bianca Cramond, Emily Eldose, Joshua Gravina, Sebastian Markovski, Isabella Rocca, Julia Stefanile, Kyarni Mills, Rocki Fraumano, Reyne Fraumano, Ayan Bakshi, Shewon Perera, Alla Bourke, Ethan Fung, Jyothis Joshy, Marc Lando, Chloe Montagnese, Aidan Wright, Chloe Dias, Lauren Aliquo, Cayla Roumeliotis, Michael De Nittis, Christian Nicolaou, Logan Humphrey, Isabelle McCabe, Tyler Sepecan, Olivia Simiane, Jean-Paul, Sukovski, Jordan Tarpko, Aaliyah Dancel, Christian De Nittis, Talissa Papas, Jackson Scott, Nikhita Spiteri, Lauren Taylor

### 100 NIGHTS

Fraser Armstrong, Marcus Cutajar, Emma Fasciani, Ashleigh Popovski, Eliana Cavar, Martin Krstevski, Maria Veronica Leon- Vizcaino, Yeshine Agampodi, Matthew White, Jovinna Lee, Mackenzie Newport, Stephen Cetrola

## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

### Student Wellbeing

We would like to ask for your cooperation in an important matter.

One of the children at our school is receiving medical treatment, which puts them at risk if they develop chicken pox and measles. The risk for this child can be reduced by receiving a special injection as soon as possible after coming into contact with these illnesses.

It is very important therefore, that you let us know immediately if your child develops chicken pox or measles, so that the child at risk receives the protective injection at the earliest opportunity. This protection lasts for weeks only and must be repeated every time they come into contact with these illnesses.

Your child is at no risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of one of his/her classmates does depend on your help and cooperation.

**Maria Stathakis**  
**School Nurse**

### Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Our school has been selected to participate in the 2014 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This national Data Collection is taking place in schools across Australia and will provide information about the number of students with disability in schools, where they are located and the adjustments they receive.

The information provided by this new data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources. This will assist students with disability in government and non-government schools across Australia to complete school and go on to further education or find employment.

Inclusion in the Data Collection is voluntary. If you wish your child to be excluded from this, you can choose to opt-out of the data collection by informing us in writing.

For further information about the Data Collection, please contact the Principal or visit Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC) website:

<http://www.schooldisabilitydatapla.edu.au/>

## REGISTRAR NEWS

### New Students

With Semester 1 now concluded, Marymede would like to welcome and acknowledge the new students and families who commenced with us during Term 2 and are now part of the Marymede Community:

Madison Ackland - Year 3, Fynnlæ McMillan - Year 8, Kyel McMillan - Year 8, Allen Puthenkavil Shaji - Year 9, Joe Muranda - Year 4, Tatenda Muranda - Year 8, Lucy Aspros - Prep, Chloe Edwards-Lunn - Year 8, Elizabeth Naguib - Year 8, Nicholas Hyatt - Year 7, Angelique Thomson - Year 8, Zara Andonovski - Year 8

### Open Day 2014

Open Day 2014 will be held on Sunday August 31. We anticipate this year's Open Day to be even bigger and better than last year with interesting displays and even some interactive workshops for students to take part in. We encourage all families to visit the College on Open Day. Further details regarding the event will be sent to families in the early weeks of Term 3.

### New College Website

Our new College website is now live and can be accessed via [www.marymede.vic.edu.au](http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au).

The increased functionality on the new website enhances the experience of users and will allow us to upload regular news, photos and events with ease, along with a full College Calendar which will be of large benefit to our families. We encourage all members of the Marymede Community to visit the new website, which will currently be best viewed on a laptop or desktop device; however we anticipate a mobile device version of the website to be up and running in the coming months.

### 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

The final date for acceptances and deposits for Prep 2015 to be submitted to the College is Friday July 4, 2014. We look forward to welcoming many new families into the Marymede community in 2015.

Applications for Year 7 2016 are now open and will close on February 27, 2015. In the coming months, current Year 6 students will be sent home an Intention Form which will need to be completed and returned to the College. The Intention Form is different to the 'Application for Enrolment' form. Current Year 6 families will only be required to fill in the Intention Form. Information regarding Year 7 2016 will be available at the Year 7 2016 Information Evening on Wednesday July 23.

We will be in contact with families shortly regarding the transition process for Year 7 2015, which will take place in the coming months. We look forward to welcoming a new cohort of families into the Secondary School in 2015.

### College Facebook Page

Be sure to 'like' the official Marymede Catholic College Facebook page 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 following link: [www.facebook.com/marymedecatholiccollege](http://www.facebook.com/marymedecatholiccollege)



## 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

## School Bus Service

Marymede Catholic College is now taking bookings for our chartered Bus service in Semester 2. In Semester 1 we ran three chartered buses to and from the College each day. It is anticipated that this will continue in Semester 2 (subject to numbers). Bus passes are available at a cost of \$575.00 (Semester 2 daily AM and PM run), or \$330.00 (Semester 2 daily AM **or** PM run). These will be allocated to students on a first come, first serve basis. Additionally, casual passes will be available subject to availability at \$4.00 each way. Bus timetables and routes can be found on our College Website. For further information regarding the School Bus service please contact the College on 9407-9000.

**Matthew Luczek**  
**Registrar**

## UNIFORM SHOP

### School Holiday Opening Hours

**Thursday July 10** – 10am to 4pm  
**Saturday July 12** – 9.30am to 12.30pm

### The Uniform Shop Trading Hours - Term 3

First week back of Term 3 the Uniform Shop trading hours will be,

Monday July 14 8am to 12pm  
Tuesday July 15 12pm to 4pm  
Thursday July 17 12pm to 4pm

As of the second week of Term 3 the Uniform Shop trading hours will be,

Tuesdays 12pm to 4pm  
Thursdays 12pm to 4pm