

22 August 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Last Wednesday saw a magnificent celebration of our Marymede Feast Day. The day began with the whole school gathering for Mass in the refurbished Fitness Centre.

The Mass was celebrated by our College Chaplain Father Maurie Cooney, our Choir and Musicians led by Mr Michael Chesser and our Head of Music, Mr Kevin Carville.

After Mass the students enjoyed a variety of activities including the visit of farm animals for the Primary students, some jealous Secondary students and even a visit from the Principal reliving his childhood days. This was followed by a range of activities in the Secondary School culminating in Marymede Has Talent overseen by Mr Gavin Van Arkadie.

It reminded all of us that we belong to a special unique community and that we need times to recognise this and to celebrate it.

School Improvement Parent Survey

As part of our quest to drive continual improvement in the College parents have been sent a survey regarding parental satisfaction concerning the School Improvement Framework. I would encourage as many parents as possible to fill out the questionnaire in order to give feedback for the College.

As part of this process all staff and a selection of different student Year Levels have also filled out the survey. The results of the survey will be returned to the College in mid-October.

Staff News

After some discussion and consultation it has been decided that the vacant role of Head of Student Welfare P-12 will be divided for the rest of this year, as follows:

- Mrs Moira Christie, Head of English, will take over responsibilities for the organisation of Student Services Years 7-12 including the holding of PSG meetings and supporting staff that work with students who have special needs.
- Mrs Alison Besselaar will continue in her role P-6 and will be assisted by Mrs Laura Gazeas in the Primary School.
- Mr Stephen Meade, one of our College Psychologists, will oversee the liaison with the various services both within the College and with external providers.

In consultation with the incoming Principal Mr Michael Kenny, new arrangements will be made for the provision of Student Services next year. I want to reassure parents that this will not see any down grading of services for our funded students and those who need extra assistance across the College.

Letters will go out to parents at a later date giving details of how these changes will take place across the College.

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate those students who participated in the Tournament of Minds last weekend. The team listed below did an excellent job with the problem given to them. Thank you to Team Facilitator Mr Vin Narasimham, Ms Angie Bedford, Mr Christopher Carter and Mr Vincent Doherty who assisted in supporting and preparing the students so well.

Louis Xuereb (Year 7)
Hannah Falzon (Year 7)
James Manoussakis (Year 8)
Ajay Jay (Year 8)
Aaron D'Souza (Year 9)
Jeremy Santinon (Year 9)
Jordyn Cullen (Year 9)



Congratulations to the students who assisted Mr Ronan Kennedy and Mr Vincent Doherty in constructing Prayer Tables for the Secondary classrooms. They have done themselves proud in this lasting contribution to the prayer life of the College.

Official Opening of the VCE Building

On Tuesday September 16, His Grace Archbishop Denis Hart will officially Bless and Open our new VCE Centre. The ceremony will commence at 2.30pm and students in the Secondary School will be dismissed at lunchtime that day. Students who wish to do so will be able to do private study in the Resource Centre until the normal dismissal time. We will be inviting a number of special guests to join us for this significant event in the life of our College.

Grade 5 Visitors to Marymede

This week we also welcomed Grade 5 students from our feeder Schools St Mary's in Whittlesea and St Joseph's in Mernda. They were able to experience a range of activities using the facilities that are available to our Years 7 and 8 students at the College. We were also pleased to welcome staff from those schools that accompanied the students.

From all reports the students greatly enjoyed their experience of Secondary School at Marymede Catholic College. We look forward to seeing many of the students with their parents at our Open Day on Sunday August 31 from 11.00am to 3.00pm.

Paul D'Astoli
Principal

FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

“Let it be done according to your word” (Luke 1:38)

Mary said “Yes”. What are we saying Yes to in our daily life?

With the Feast of the Assumption of Mary celebrated on August 15 and the Nativity of our Blessed Mother to come (September 8), it is a good time as a school formed In the Way of Mary to ponder the impact of Mary's “Yes” which changed world history for all believers.

Last Saturday I was privileged to attend the Mary Full of Grace Retreat, an initiative of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, at Genazzano College along with Mrs Julia Wake. I thought of sharing some of the insights given to us by Bishop Robert Morneau from Wisconsin, USA and Dr Suzanne Mulligan from Mayo Ireland about the many areas of our life are we called to say yes? Bishop Morneau cites 12 areas worth pondering:

physical	social	intellectual	economic
moral	psychological	cultural	technological
political	ecological	historical	spiritual

Mary said “yes” in the context of her psychological fears and anxieties as a young girl growing in an honour-shame culture where women led highly sheltered lives and their movements were greatly restricted before marriage.

Interestingly, no one speaks of the moment when Mary could have refused. However, she listened and she loved; listened to God's request through her love for God. We know that Mary was committed to her decision-making. Her “Yes” was freely and consciously given. Not even God could force this decision. As the poet Denise Levertov says “Even God had to wait for Mary's yes”.

Like Mary we face the Annunciations of our life through the strength of our faith in God's promise “Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

Let us find great comfort from those words of Christ and let us pray the Angelus, a prayer about the story of the Annunciation, the story of Mary's yes and how we became people of God through her world changing encounter with God's messenger.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with Thee;

Blessed art thou among women,

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners,

Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Marymede Day Mass

A joyful celebration of our feast day beginning with Mass celebrated by Father Maurie Cooney whose message was simple and encouraging: Mary was a person of hope of faith and of action. We are called to be the same, in the ordinariness of our daily life. Our Primary and Secondary students undertook their various ministries with great dignity and awareness of the occasion whilst the Choir under the direction of Mr Michael Chesser and Mr Kevin Carville raised our engagement at Mass to a very high level, through their leading of soul-stirring singing.



Spiritual Life Events

- **McAuley Guild Mass: Tuesday 26 August at 11.30am**
- **Year 11 Mass: Wednesday August 27 at 2.00pm**

Parents are most welcome to attend.

Inspirational Catholic Speakers Program

Student Voice

Father Bob was a truly enthralling speaker. He provided a fresh and intriguing perspective on the theme of Conflict and it was remarkable to see the heart-warming response from the students. Father Bob captured our attention with a brief history

of the Ottoman Empire and promptly told us young people to "google it", highlighting his fun-filled and charismatic nature and his amazing link to the youth of today.

Father Bob's visit was a wonderful experience and the Mass that followed was mesmerising. Never had the class of 2014 encountered spirituality and faith in the direction Father Bob took it from and soon we found ourselves lining up to take "selfies" with the great man.

It was an amazing experience to be present and involved in a Mass presided over by one so inspirational and experienced in his field, cracking jokes all the while and really reinforcing what Mass is meant to be, a time to get closer to us all and build a community with one another.

It was great to have Father Bob come out and contribute to the Marymede Catholic College community and I hope I have another chance to meet with such an amazing character.

Calin Sinclair
College Captain



Judeline Wadwahni
Head of Faith and Mission (P-12)

HEAD OF SECONDARY

August – The Month of Mary

With Mary as our Guide, how do we 'trace the spirit' of justice and tenderness in the joys and sorrows of our life?

Our College has celebrated Mary in the month of August. Our Student Leaders stepped up with commitment and dedication, in the way of Mary, in leading the student activities on Marymede Day. I would also like to include here my message to students the day after:

Dear Students and Staff,

Please indulge me; I need to get this out of my head....!

Today showcased the talents of our Student Leaders, the willingness of teachers to get wet, compete and perform; the courage of young people to perform...

It is the latter that I am most moved to speak about - when somebody performs the person is at their most vulnerable. Mostly there is a desire to express themselves, bring joy and have an audience respond. There was such courage shown throughout Marymede's Got Talent and we, as a community, are blessed to have such a positive and responsive audience. You all gave each other the space to be vulnerable; such a precious gift. So, we are proud - proud of the performers letting their light shine and proud of the audience for responding so positively. Do not be afraid, you CAN be the person you want to be and showcase the talents that you have, that is the Marymede way.

Congratulations

To Tanisha De Silva (Year 8) who won a Gold Medal in her division for the Oceania Competition in Tae Kwon Do. She also came home with a Bronze Medal in the open section. Well done on such recognition at such an elite level.

To the Tournament of Minds Team who competed so professionally at their competition on the weekend. I am sure there will be more about this later in the Newsletter. The photos that Mr Guzman took highlighted their intent and commitment to the problem solving tasks.

Prayer Table Construction 2014

Congratulations to Mr Ronan Kennedy, Mr Vincent Doherty and the following students for their dedicated work in constructing a Prayer Table for each Tutor Group: Joel Crocitti, Georgia Sovereign Smith, Adrian Chiodo, Junior Ueese, Dan Millar, Taylor Panuccio, Quinn Roberts, Erik Hall, Julian Forte, Jamie Perta, Juliette Tutin, Charlotte Salisbury, Chiara Xerri, Ryan Vesetas, Morgan Fogarty, Matt Di Stefano, Travis Holmberg, Jeremy Santinon, Nick Poblete-Katsouris, Harry Bugden, Mitchell Walker, Joel Grace, Lucas Fragale, Kyle Popovski, Oliver Potter, Ethan Wallinson, Jason Pannam, Nick Roscoe, Jacob Tyrrell.

Guests at Marymede

We have had a sensational guest list through Marymede over the past weeks – we are privileged:

- David Vincent Nyuol – 'Lost boy of Sudan';
- Father Bob Maguire;
- Australian Shakespeare Company;
- 'I CAN' mentors.



Student Management

Uniform

We are monitoring uniform and grooming daily. Hair should be neatly tied back, skirt length on the knee, no make-up or excess jewellery etc. All uniform regulations are in our Student Diary and so that we are instilling pride in appearance we ask that all students and parents support the uniform code. **Year 12s may wear their Year 12 jacket as their outer garment, but must retain and wear their Blazer to formal College events.**

Traffic Management And Walkways

- All students should use the painted crossings to cross to the oval or soccer pitch; no students should be walking amidst vehicles.
- All traffic should adhere to the direction arrows and use the Yellow zones to pick up/drop off students. Do not double park in the car park or across the walkways.
- Speed of vehicles should be walking pace throughout the College grounds and drivers always observant of little and big children.

Careers

Please encourage attendance at Open Days for students in Years 10-12. Being armed with knowledge of pathways assists in decision making. Mr David Adamson emails a Careers Newsletter to all students regularly and this is available on the College Website.

Extended Detention Friday 29 August 1.45pm-4.00pm

This is for all students who have not attended a significant College event and have not provided a valid reason and who have missed an Academic Detention. Letters will be posted home to the students concerned.

Upcoming Events

August 25 – An Evening of Music and the Arts: 6.00pm-8.00pm

August 26 – McAuley Feast Day and Mass

August 27 – Year 11 Mass: 2.00pm

August 29 – Early Dismissal: 1.23pm all students, with the exception of those on detention.

Julia Wake
Head of Secondary

HEAD OF SECONDARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

menALIVE Growing Good Men

Thank you to those parents who have already registered for our upcoming menALIVE Growing Good Men father/son weekend. I would like to remind all parents who are interested in registering for the weekend, that you are still able to do so. Please ensure that payment is also accompanied with the registration form (flyer attached).

The relationship between a father and his son is one of the primary and most critical relationships a man will have, particularly in the teenage years. The impact that a father has on his son is profound and defining.

“Every boy needs a male in his life, to help him ‘download the software’ of how to be a man. This is the greatest privilege given to a father and the greatest gift that a father gives to his son. There is a special bond between fathers and sons and joy for a boy in being approved of by his father. Testing his strength against dad and learning about life from this figure is a boy’s best protection from life’s worst scenarios.” Ian Grant - Growing Great Boys

I encourage as many of our fathers as possible to register for this weekend event with your son as it will be a defining weekend experience in your life as much as your sons.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience if you have any queries about the weekend.

God Bless,

Riccardo Iuele
Head of Secondary Religious Education

SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

LOTE News

Ciao a tutti,

Last Monday night six of our Italian exchange students - Leonardo Benatti, Alberto Benatti, Francesco Botti, Anna Laura Manfredi, Alessia Listo, Laura Guerzoni and their teacher Ms Marina Marchi returned to Italy after a five week stay at Marymede. The students were farewelled at a party held at the College the night before with all twelve exchange students, host families and staff.

Amongst thank you speeches (a lovely one delivered by Italian exchange student Francesco Botti in English), lovely food shared and dancing, it was amazing to reflect that five weeks ago the Italian exchange students and our College students and families who hosted them were strangers living on opposite sides of the world. The strong rapport built with the students and families was very evident from the laughter and warm embraces. I would like to sincerely thank students Daniel, Joseph, Adrian, John, Laura, Sarah and Georgia and their families, (Icaro, Bianco, Chiodo, Grasso, Castles, Einsiedel and Sovereign-Smith) who put themselves forward to become part of the 2014 Italian exchange by offering their home, life and love to the Italian students. Without the students committing to the program and their families opening their homes and lives, our whole school community would not benefit from the richness that the exchange brings to our students. I am always “blown away” with the generosity demonstrated by our families during the exchanges and this year was no exception. I would also like to thank the Coppola family who so generously offered to provide the music and DJ equipment for our farewell party and the Gualano family who assisted on the night.

Our host “parents” and students will talk about their experiences in participating in the exchange in coming events so that other students and families at the College may also offer to host in the future.

Six of our exchange students remain - Melany Prandini, Giorgia Diazzi, Andreas Shoen, Alice Vallet, Lisa Fini and Nisha Thakur. They continue to immerse themselves into our College life and will do so until their exchange comes to end at the end of this term.

This week we also welcomed a Japanese Language Assistant to help students with their oral and written work in Japanese classes as well as build on our Japanese resources. We thank Mrs Andrea Agnew, Head of Learning and Teaching 7-12 who so kindly offered to host and Ms Allison Lemar who put in

an application to receive an assistant to enrich our students' experience with the language.

Students attending the 2014 Japanese Study Tour are advised to look out for meeting schedules regarding the trip which will now become frequent as we near our time of departure. Letters will be sent out shortly to parents inviting them to a meeting on last minute details regarding the trip.

All Year 8 and a selected group of Year 7 Italian students have been enrolled in the Swinburne Poetry Competition. The Competition allows students to refine their skills of memorisation and presenting to an audience as well as allowing them to use their Italian language orally. Students have selected a poem which they will deliver to an external judge who will come into the College on September 17 to listen to our students. The Competition is state-wide and will allow our students the opportunity to win certificates indicating to them where their performance ranked amongst the same year levels in the same competition. Students have always been pleased to participate and enrich their learning. An audio and a hard copy of the poem have been given to all students participating and they have been encouraged to download the poem onto their phones, iPads and iPods to assist in the retainment of the poem. We know all parents will also assist in encouraging their child to do their best.



Maria Daniele.
Head of Languages 7-12

Licence to Cook

Congratulations to my Year 8.4/5 classes who received their "Licence to Cook" this week. The licence was awarded to all students who successfully completed the required course of study in Food Safety, Hygiene and Basic Cookery Skills during Terms 1 and 2. Well done again.



Conor Fennell
Food Technology Teacher

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Year 12 Drama Solo Workshop

It is a very exciting time in Year 12 Drama, with the Solo Performance Examination date revealed – October 14.

In preparation for this, the Year 12 Drama class went to the Malthouse Theatre 'Bagging Room'. Working with expert Meg Upton, the students workshoped transformation of prop and character, viewed a past Solo Performance created by a professional actor and created three different Solo Performances. At the end of the day, the Year 12s were filled with confidence about the mammoth task ahead and it was a pleasure to see them develop such sophisticated work.



Year 11 Drama 'Walking into the Bigness'

On Thursday August 14, the Year 11 Drama class went the Mervyn Theatre at the Malthouse to view a performance of 'Walking into the Bigness', the subject of an upcoming SAC and their written examination.

'Walking into the Bigness' was a fantastic support to our recent unit on Indigenous Theatre, exploring key moments in the life of renowned Aboriginal Australian writer and musician Richard Frankland. An ensemble of five took on the role of Frankland in this non-naturalistic performance.

Following the performance, students were treated to a fascinating Q&A with Frankland and the cast where they discussed the use of stagecraft, expressive skills and music to tell the story.

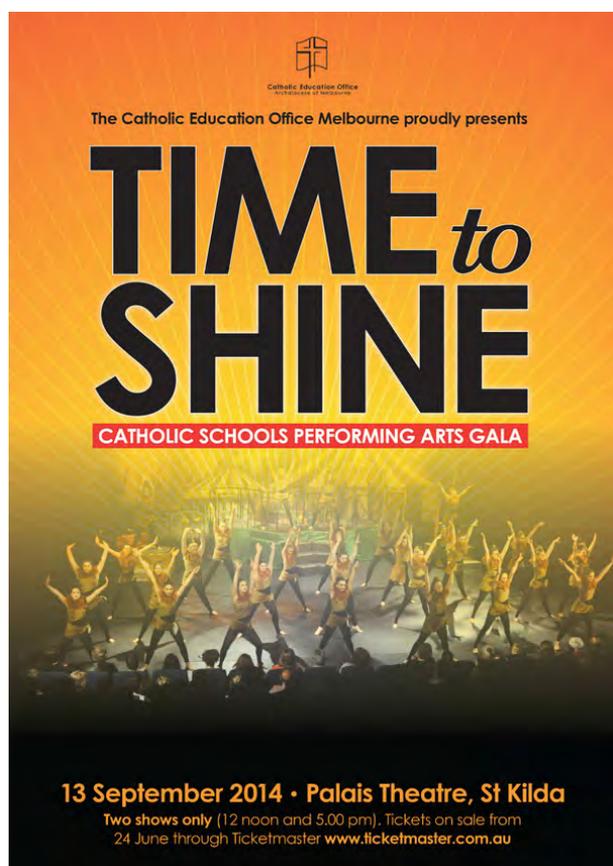
It was also a special experience for the Italian exchange students who were visiting the theatre for the first time.



'Time to Shine' – Catholic Schools Performing Arts Gala

'Time to Shine' is the inaugural Catholic Schools Performing Arts Gala to be held at the Palais Theatre, St Kilda, on Saturday September 13 in two shows staged at 12.00pm and 5.00pm. The extravaganza will showcase the talents of 400 Secondary students in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Marymede students wishing to audition for the Gala next year are especially encouraged to attend this fantastic event. We have a limited number of tickets available for interested students; please see Miss Angie Bedford for more information.



Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts

Marymede Writers' Festival 2014

This year's Writers' Festival lived up to its claim to provide an event for everyone. Our guest speakers included comedians The Nelson Twins from *Australia's Got Talent* fame (Years 9,10 and 11), former child soldier David Vincent (Year 12), storyteller Annie Stewart (Years 7 and 8) and priest and humanitarian Father Bob Maguire (Year 12). There was variety and challenge in all the presentations.

Lunchtime competitions were conducted with some competitions hotly contested. It is with pleasure we announce the following winners:

Marymede Spelling Bee:

Junior Champion: Ajay Jay (Year 8)
Senior Champion: Katherine Argyriou (Year 12)

Marymede 'On the Box' Public Speaking:

Junior Champion: Ajay Jay (Year 8)
Senior Champion: Calin Sinclair (Year 12)

Marymede Staff Student Debate:

Winning Team: Calin Sinclair, Jaya Sharma, Katherine Argyriou
Runner up Team: Allison Lemar, Judeline Wadhvani, Gavin Van Arkadie

Marymede Book Hurling:

Under 100 pages Soft Cover: Brock Evans
Over 100 pages Soft Cover: Jacob Franklin
Under 100 pages Hard Cover: Sheldon Chetty
Over 100 pages Hard Cover: Georgia Peel

See you next year for Writers' Festival.



Marymede Writers' Festival display, Upper Founders' Building



Katherine Argyriou and Alex Ferraro, winner and runner-up respectively of the Senior Spelling Bee



Ajay Jay, winner of Junior On the Box Competition, with fellow competitors



Teacher/student Debate victors, Year 12 students Calin Sinclair, Jaya Sharma, and Katherine Argyriou with teacher debater Mr Gavin Van Arkadie



Guest speakers the Nelson Twins



Book-hurling champions Brock Evans, Sheldon Chetty, Jacob Franklin and Georgia Peel



Senior students trying their hand at book-hurling



Father Bob Maguire with Mrs Robyn Roberts



Senior On the Box winner Calin Sinclair, with runners-up Trent Rebeiro and Jaya Sharma

Moira Christie
Head of English

SACCSS Chess Tournament

On Friday August 15 Marymede Catholic College entered teams in the SACCSS Chess Tournament which was held at Emmanuel College. This year we had fantastic numbers regularly attending training sessions conducted by Mr James Paraskeva. Our squad of 21 students from Years 7 to 12 had the opportunity of each playing seven matches over the course of the day. Even though there were some incredibly talented Chess players from other schools, the day was a great success and our students were able to mix and meet many students from other Colleges. We did not win any age group pennants but we are very proud of Aaron D'Souza (Year 9) who won the Bronze Medal for the Intermediate Section. We are looking forward to more Chess news in the future.



Jordan Sorani
AFL Trainee

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL PRIMARY

Thank you for the warm welcome I received on my return to the College last week. I wish to acknowledge and thank my colleague Mrs Alison Besselaar for her work as Acting Deputy Principal Primary in my absence and Mr Gerard Large, Acting Head of Primary and Mrs Laura Gazeas, Acting Head of Primary Student Services.

2014 Marymede Day last Wednesday was a huge success and source of blessing and enjoyment for both staff and students. All members of the College participated in the Marymede Day Mass. A combined Choir of Primary and Secondary students lead the singing, greatly enhancing the celebration. Primary students enjoyed participating in many and varied activities to celebrate the day including visiting the farm animals, talent quests, games, sports activities and disco/dances.

Thank you to the parents of Year 3 students for your attendance at the Reconciliation Family Workshops on Thursday night and to our College Chaplain Father Maurie Cooney who facilitated these workshops. Through their Religious Education Program this term, the students in Year 3 are being prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation to be held on September 3 at 5.00pm and 7.00pm and September 4 at 5.00pm and 7.00pm in the College Chapel. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers.

In the Primary School this term our charitable efforts focus on Shadrack Kimalel Primary School in Kenya. As in past years, Ms Laetitia Malusu is the College contact person with this school in Kenya. The Year 2 staff and students have already planned to raise money as part of their healthy eating breakfast, to donate to help feed children in the school.

2014 Children's Book Week celebrations have been in full swing in the Primary School this week. Students have engaged in a wide variety of activities aimed at promoting an engagement in reading and love of literature. Today we concluded our celebration of Book Week with Book Character Parades. Sincere thanks to Head of Primary Literacy Mrs Maree Mullen and Ms Vicki Bunce our Head of the Calthorpe Resource Centre for their superb work in coordinating all the events and the Primary teaching team and students for participating with such enthusiasm in Book Week.

I draw your attention to the article below from the Head of Primary Literacy detailing the Sunshine On-line Home Reading Resource. As a service to our families, the College has purchased a parent subscription which allows parents and students to log on and enjoy this resource at home. The website provides access to over 550 levelled e-books and 1000 interactive activities and games that focus on phonics, comprehensions, fluency, spelling and writing along with maths stories and activities to help children learn early Mathematics concepts and skills. I would strongly encourage parents to login and use this valuable resource with your child. We would welcome feedback on this new resource.

We are looking forward to the 'College Open Day and Creativity Festival' on Sunday August 31, where staff will be running tours, workshops and providing hospitality to visitors throughout the day. This day provides a great opportunity for parents of Primary students to explore the Secondary facilities and programs. You are warmly welcome to attend.

Sunday September 7 is Father's Day. The Prep students and staff will conduct a special Father's Day Assembly in honour of their fathers/guardians on Friday September 5 in Period 1 in the College Auditorium. Parents of Prep students will receive an invitation to this event. The Parents' and Friends Committee are once again holding Father's Day Stalls for the Primary students to purchase gifts for their father/guardian on Thursday September 4.

Semester 2 Progress Interviews with parents, teachers and students will be conducted on Thursday September 11 between 10.00am and 8.00pm. There will be no Primary class on this day. Letters outlining the process and unique login to our online PTO Online system will be posted to all families next week.

Liz Crane
Deputy Principal Primary

HEAD OF PRIMARY

Student Services

Applications for LNSLN Review, New and Ongoing Funding

All parents of students receiving funding will be receiving an invitation to attend a Parent Support Group (PSG) meeting before the end of Term 3. Some of these PSGs will be held in conjunction with PTOs and others will be held at a later date. PSGs are an integral part of maintaining contact between the school and families of our students. It is a time to share any updates that may include recent specialist reports, Individual Learning Plans and engage in discussion to support and enhance the learning of your child. Documentation of PSGs is essential to support applications for funding to the CEO.

The time leading up to the submission of review, ongoing and new applications is a very busy time and we work very closely with families to ensure that deadlines are met in a timely manner that allows opportunities for close checking and cross checking of documents. We are working towards having all documentation ready for uploading to CEVN by the end of Term 3.

Mrs Toni Cavalieri is providing invaluable clerical assistance for the Student Wellbeing Team and she may be the person who you have phone contact with in regard to the collation of documents, setting up meetings or assisting you with making sure that all information is appropriate to the funding to be supported.

We thank you for your support.

Alison Besselaar.
Head of Student Services P-6

PRIMARY FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

Sacrament Of Reconciliation – Wednesday September 3 and Thursday September 4

Thank you is extended to all those who came along and participated in the family workshops for children making the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year. It was great to see your support for their continuing faith development. Father Maurie never ceases to engage us and help us think deeply about the Sacrament our children are preparing to receive.

The students in Year 3 were very lucky to have a visit from both Father Maurie and Father Joseph last Friday. As the two priests celebrating the sacrament with them, our College Chaplains were able to revise and discuss the meaning of the sacrament to assist the students in developing a greater understanding of 'missing the mark' and forgiveness. They thoroughly enjoyed watching the teachers' role play the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You may even want to ask them about what Father Joseph had in the bag.



When do you 'miss the mark'?

- Why are there so many arrows in this picture?



- Start again ! -
 - Have another go ! -
- See what you can do this time !

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This week children in Year 3 celebrated together in a Pre-Reconciliation Reflection Day. Starting with a short liturgy, the students were involved in a number of activities designed to provide them with opportunities to prepare and reflect further on the concept of forgiveness and reconciliation in a faith context. The teachers and children commented on how great it was to spend time with their peers and praying together.

Students will continue to prepare and practice for the celebration in the coming weeks, leading the actual Sacrament

of Reconciliation over 4 sessions on Wednesday September 3 and Thursday September 4 at 5pm and 7pm each evening.

Nicole Pegler
Head of Faith and Mission Primary

PRIMARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Marymede Day

This was a great day for the school with so many fun events.

The Animal Farm



Art activities



Talent Quest



Cake making



Sporting Activities



along with Drama Contests, Orienteering, Dress-Ups, Discos, Lego Building and Quizzes.

A special thanks to all the teachers for their fantastic activities, the Guild and SRC Student Leaders for their assistance and the Parents' and Friends Committee for the selling the Popcorn and Fairy Floss



Athletics Clinic

A reminder to all Years 1 and 2 students to wear their Guild uniforms on Friday August 29 as they will be taking part in a small Athletics Clinic.

Gerard Large
Head of Primary Guilds and Sport

Junior Girls Hockey

For the first time in our history, Marymede Catholic College entered a team in the SACCSS Hockey tournament, held at the Essendon Hockey Centre.

This team comprised twenty girls from Years 7 to 9 and was expertly coached by Mr David De Silva and assisted by our male Sport Captain, Jordan Ferraro (Year 12).

There was no expectation on the team as many of these girls had never held a hockey stick and up to the day of the tournament we had actually never played a match in any way or form. The girls were keen to learn and attended the training sessions.

It was with great surprise then that the team went on to win their first game of the day, 2-0 against CRC North Keilor. What this team did possess was incredible enthusiasm and a desire to listen and learn and created some guns - by the names of Sidney, Nim and Georgia (abbreviation: "SNG"). Nim and Hannah scored in this game and Sidney was the "Great Wall of Armstrong".

Our poor goalie Olivia could have gone for a tea break and it would not have mattered. Game 2 saw us up against a dangerous looking Penola team and even though it was a tighter game, Ash and Sidney were able to score for a final 2-0 result.

Game 3 was against the highly fancied St. Monica's but the "SNG" factor kicked in again and with Nim and Sidney converting from the short corner and a great goal from Georgia, the game against our "arch-rival" was complete and we secured a spot in the Grand Final.

To give more credit to our girls we have to note that weather wise, it was "one of those Melbourne days - sunshine, rain, sleet, fog and snow???"

Our opponent in the Grand Final was to be Penola and our girls lifted once again with terrific running and a far more confident approach towards using the player in the best position. Sidney finished off like she had started - full of run - and with incredible power and stick control she converted two goals to secure the game and our first Premiership in Hockey.

Congratulations to coach De Silva and the girls. This was a fantastic effort and we look forward to next year.

Jordan Sorani
AFL Trainee

Healthy Me Healthy You

In Term 3 the Year 2 students are learning about Health in their Inquiry Unit, 'Healthy Me Healthy You'. On Monday and Wednesday each week, the students, along with their teachers are participating in 10-15 minutes of physical activity. Mrs Rita Casonato is facilitating the sessions and so far the students have enjoyed participating in aerobics, yoga, dancing, running and interval training. In addition to this, the students have been making some extra healthy food choices during our 'Wellbeing Wednesdays' by swapping unhealthy foods for healthier options. Here are some photos from a few of our sessions.



We were running around the school with Mrs Casonato. It was so cold that morning, but we were so happy. All of the Year 2s joined in. It was such a long run.



On a Monday and Wednesday the Year 2 students do exercise. This is a picture of the them doing some push ups. They were so hard, but so much fun.



In this picture we are doing some boxing. We did punches and uppercuts. The teachers were joining in too. We are enjoying learning about how to stay healthy through food and exercise.



We were trying to a star jumps in this picture. We were having so much fun.

Year 2 Team

Sunshine On-Line Home Reading Resource - Home Access

As part of our Literacy Program we have subscribed to a fabulous reading resource called 'Sunshine On-Line.' Earlier this year, teachers had the opportunity to trial the program for several weeks in their classrooms and have found it a valuable resource. The students have really enjoyed reading the on-line books with the teachers and in small groups.

Having access to Sunshine On-Line provides us with more opportunities to expose children to a range of multimodal texts across a growing range of contexts. Multimodal texts combine language with other means of communication such as visual images and soundtrack.

Sunshine On-Line offers our students animated and interactive learning in Literacy and makes reading fun and engaging for all our students from Prep to Year 6.

I am pleased to let you know that we also have a parent subscription which allows parents and students to log on and enjoy this resource at home.

The website provides access to:

- Over 550 levelled e-books and 1000 interactive activities and games that focus on phonics, comprehensions, fluency, spelling and writing.
- Maths stories and activities to help children learn early Mathematics concepts and skills.

You have probably heard your children talking about the books. Now you can go onto the website site via the link below and use it with your children and also find out further details about how the website works.

Parent Login from Home:

www.sunshineonline.com.au

Username: homereading

Password: homereading

Let me know what you think I would appreciate any feedback. Have lots of fun together.

Maree Mullen
Head of Literacy Primary

Using Digital Recourses for Learning In Year 6

Adayah Mazzotta – Year 7

Monday morning can often be the worst part of the week and students and parents alike are often not operating at 100%, but yesterday morning was a bit different for some Year 6 students. They took their first steps in becoming stars of the *Big Screen*.

The classes devised interview questions for each other about topical, school and personal issues. With their personal recording devices they recorded answers while keeping cool heads as there was some tricky questioning by the interviewers.

Everyone one involved thrived in the lesson and learned a lot of questioning and oral language skills. The end videos looked great and we all agreed that Monday morning wasn't so bad after all. Watch out Ray Martin and Eddie McGuire.



Dara Blake
Primary Teacher

Reading Stars

50 Nights

Katia Alipan, Luke D'Agostino, Jovia Joseph Jeyasinghe, Gemma MacDonald, Mollie MacDonald, Ava Petrides, Manas Regi, Donna Roy, Umairan Thievanesan, Ria Valder, Mattia Ieraci, Sasha Bajric, Samuel D'Agostino, Alex Indichandy, Domenic Grillo, Joshua Scrimizzi

100 Nights

Sahib Khangura, Sidhaarth Shukla, Natalie Zdunic, Derin Roy, Georgia Collis, Siena Ristevska, Joshua Marturano, Dylan Mazzeo, Olivia Sheens, Abbey Quirk, Luciana Pastrana Martinez, Noah Alberty, Matthew Elkomos

Fiona Polifroni, Joshua Sadza, Max Trajkovski, Marcus Vinci, Alex Yousif

Lara Flammea, Pranav Sudheesh, Lauren Aliquo, Joshua Nicolaou, Jyothis Joshy, Olivia Simiane, Brandon Ebrall, Ruby Parsakia, Briana Polifroni

Isaac Szeremeta

150 Nights

Michael Molinaro, Michael Sabatino, Jovinna Lee

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

Marymede would like to welcome and acknowledge the new students and families who recently commenced with us in Term 3:

Open Day and Creativity Festival 2014

The countdown to this year's Open Day and Creativity Festival is well and truly underway with just two weeks remaining until this fun and exciting event.

Marymede's Open Day and Creativity Festival 2014 will be held on Sunday August 31. We anticipate this year's Open Day to be even bigger and better than last year whilst our Creativity Festival gives children an opportunity to learn new concepts, have fun and be as creative as possible through a range of interesting displays and *free* interactive workshops. We encourage all families to visit the College on Open Day. Further details regarding the Open Day and Creativity Festival including the list of free workshops can be found by visiting www.marymede.vic.edu.au/news/openday2014.

Year 5 Feeder School Visits

This past week Marymede Catholic College was fortunate enough to host Year 5 students from St. Joseph's Primary School in Mernda and St. Mary's Primary School in Whittlesea. Students visited our College and were able to meet some Secondary School Teachers and take part in some fun Secondary School activities throughout the day. We look forward to welcoming many of these students into Year 7 at Marymede Catholic College in the coming years.

New College Website

A mobile device version of the new College website is now live and can be viewed by visiting www.marymede.vic.edu.au from any mobile device.

Prep 2015

It is a legal requirement for parents to provide an Immunisation Status Certificate when enrolling their child in 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.

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.

Enrolments

Applications for Prep have since closed with acceptances having been submitted to the College. We look forward to welcoming a new cohort of students into Prep in 2015. Details regarding the Orientation and Transition Program will be sent to families in the coming weeks.

Applications for Year 7 2016 are now open and will close on February 27, 2015. Year 5 Intention Forms are due back to the Main Office by October.

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 Secondary School in 2015.

College Facebook Page

To keep up with exciting news and events at the College, be sure to 'like' the official Marymede Catholic College Facebook page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/marymedecatholiccollege>

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.

School Bus Service

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

CANTEEN NEWS

A reminder follows for anyone that may be uncertain as to how lunch orders are placed. Lunch orders are to be processed via Flexi-schools.com.au. Orders can be accepted up to 9.00pm the night before. This service is also available to our Secondary Students.

Parents of both Primary (4-6) and Secondary are able to register Student ID cards through Flexi-schools and purchase items from the Canteen, (provided the account has been topped up via Flexi-schools). This avoids the necessity of students carrying cash.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our new volunteers that have helped us this term - Coral, Geraldine and Carol. If you have any free time and you would like to assist us in the Canteen, we would be extremely grateful. The Canteen is a busy hub of activity, especially towards the end of the week. Any free time you may have to assist would be appreciated.

If there any questions you may have in regards to any Canteen issues, please feel free to contact us via email: canteen@marymede.vic.edu.au or 9407-9000.

Kate and Connie
Canteen Co-Supervisors

OSHC NEWS

Going to the basketball court is an exciting time for the children. The children have an enjoyable time practicing different skills.

Rose wrote "AT OSHC we enjoy going outside playing soccer and racing games. We also make cooking. Racing was lots of fun. Actually the other day we did racing and every child in aftercare beat Marie because we are all faster than her".

This term we are going to do a fundraiser for the Smith Family to help the disadvantaged children to have a better education. The children showed interest to hold a party to help this cause.

If you would like to share your children's information, please let us know so we can arrange a time that suit your needs.

Health and Safety

For the safety of the children, we are encouraging the children to use the toilet at 3.30pm when we have a group run and 4.00pm and 5.00pm so the children can be supervised at all time.

Bookings and cancellations: For booking and cancellation please call Head Office on:1300 105 343, or use the online service: www.campaustralia.com.au.

If your child is not attending the program on the day or are away from school, please call the OSHC direct number on: 0401054844 and leave a message so staff will be aware of the child's absence.

The OSHC Team

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Store Trading Hours

Tuesdays 12pm to 4pm

Thursdays 12pm to 4pm

The next Saturday trade will be:

Saturday the 6th September 9.30am to 12.30pm