



26 May 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Monday 6 June is the feast day of St. Marcellin Champagnat – founder of the Marist Brothers Order. Marcellin House will be celebrating this special day on 16 June with a Mass and shared lunch for the students and staff. It is important for us to acknowledge Marcellin's great contribution to Catholic education and that the values expressed by Marcellin of humility, simplicity, modesty and love of work are as valuable in our students today as ever.

Prep 2017 Enrolment Interviews

Thank you to the many parents who attended our Prep Interviews yesterday, May 25. The College has received more enrolment applications than we have places available and unfortunately, not all families will be offered a position for next year.

We do ask that parents please return the acceptance form as soon as possible to help the college finalise our Prep enrolment offers for next year.

Crunch Time

It is a now week 15 of the semester which some may call 'crunch time' with our Years 9-12 students sitting their end of semester examinations next week. It is also a time where major pieces of assessment are due from our senior students. Students will reap the rewards of their dedicated study as they work through this peak time without too much stress and hassle.

For some who find this time difficult, it usually stems from a lack of organisation. I encourage students to plan carefully and break the many study or assessment tasks into manageable segments so that time and effort is put into work rather than students being overwhelmed.

College Musical Production "The Wedding Singer"

"The Wedding Singer" will be performed at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre over the next three nights. The students have been rehearsing for months and it promises to be an entertaining show, not to be missed. Tickets can be purchased online via Try Booking.

Report Writing Day – June 10

Advance notice to our parents that Friday June 10, is a report writing day for both Primary and Secondary staff and consequently, no school classes will be running on this day.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Marymede Clubs

This term, a wide range of lunchtime and afterschool clubs and activities are on offer for students looking to learn new skills or build on existing ones. Just some of the clubs currently running include:

Juggling Club – lunchtime on Mondays

For students in Years 5-12, the juggling club meet in SS010 to learn to juggle balls in a range of juggling patterns, improving eye-hand coordination, concentration and confidence.

Book Club – Lunchtime of Mondays (Day 6)

The Book Club meets in House 3 and is a chance for Primary Students to enjoy the chance to read their favourite book or current novel in a relaxed and quiet space.

Dance Club – Lunchtime on Wednesdays

Open to Primary students, the Dance Club meets in the Auditorium to give students a chance to get moving. For all levels of experience and interest.

Lego Club – Lunchtime on Wednesdays

Open to students from Prep to 6, the Lego Club meets in House 2 and gives students a chance for some great creative play.

Science Club – lunchtime on Wednesdays

For students from years 3-6 that Science Club will be running in the Junior Science Lab MP01 and gives students to opportunity to participate in a range of practical science activities.

Wellbeing Club – Lunchtimes on Friday

For primary students who are looking for a chance to relax and have fun at the same time, the Wellbeing Club meet in House 1 and participate in movement, meditation, mindfulness and other fun wellbeing activities.

Marymede Film School – After School Wednesdays

Held in SS02/SS03, The Marymede Film School is a filmmaking workshop for students from Years 6-12 to collaborate on the creation of a short film. Students form small production teams and specialise in scriptwriting, directing and cinematography, or editing. At the end of the year, they will walk the red carpet for the premiere of their short films at the annual Iris Film Festival.

I would encourage all students to consider getting involved in these activities or the many other activities on offer in the extensive co-curricular program. There are significant benefits to getting involved including the opportunity to meet people with similar interests, discover hidden talents or interests, and be able to make a contribution to the vibrant life of the College.

Premier's Spirit of ANZAC Prize

Students in Year 9 and 10 have the fantastic opportunity to enter the 2016-17 Spirit of ANZAC Prize and compete to be one of 22 students selected to participate in an overseas study tour to Lemnos, Gallipoli and the Western Front.

To enter, students need to submit an essay, poem, short story, audio or video Presentation, song, web page or art work that addresses one of the two set topics:

Topic 1:

'.....the angel of death had been abroad throughout the land: we had almost heard the beating of his wings. We were the generation whose fathers, uncles, and sometimes elder brothers were either dead, or 'returned'. Patsy Adam-Smith in The ANZACS, p. 2.

What would it have been like to grow up in a family which had been affected in this way? What was the impact on women, on the community and most of all on the expectations and responsibilities of young people your age?

Topic 2:

What do sources of evidence (including visual art and monuments) suggest about the experiences of the ANZACs during World War I?

Applications need to be submitted by 10am on Friday September 23. For more details, students should see the Head of Humanities, Mrs Jane Darrou.

Ms Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal Learning And Teaching Prep – Year 12

CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

Year Level Assemblies May 17, 2016

Marymede was host to a number of guests last week, coinciding with Humanities Week, who presented rich and engaging topics for our students across all Secondary year levels.

Year 7: A group of Ancient Historians illustrated life in Ancient Greek and Roman times.

Year 8: Our Wellbeing team generated conversation and skill development around positive peer relationships and attitudes.

Year 9: Andrew Giles MP, Federal Member for Scullin presented a new Torres Strait Islander Flag and discussed civics and citizenship in the local area.

Year 10: Experienced a motivational 'I CAN' talk by two men on the Autism Spectrum, Paul Micallef and Max Williams, reinforcing that difference is good.

Year 11 and 12: Br Mark Fordyce fms highlighted the significance of ministry and solidarity and options for young people to volunteer in developing communities.

Our student leaders were gracious hosts and extended our Marian hospitality beautifully.

We look forward to a number of guests from our Indigenous community to recognise National Reconciliation Week on May 31, presenting to each of our Houses.



Parents and Friends Trivia Night

Thank you to all the parents, friends and staff of Marymede who attended the Trivia on Friday May 13. It was a great night with 12 tables of competing trivia buffs, dancers and paper-plane makers! The P&F Committee sourced fantastic prizes for the night and everybody enjoyed a good laugh. Please check the calendar for upcoming committee meetings and do not hesitate to contact the College should you be interested in participating.

All funds that are raised by the Parents and Friends Committee contribute to enhancing facilities for our children.

The Wedding Singer – Saturday May 21, Rehearsal

On Saturday May 21, the College was abuzz with dress rehearsal and finalising props for the Wedding Singer. They were coming to the end of a rigorous rehearsal schedule which has involved many after-hours and weekend sessions. By the time you read this, the performances will be underway at Plenty Ranges Art and Convention Centre. Dedicated staff have been nurturing the on-stage and off-stage talents of over 100 students and the energy, enthusiasm and independence of the young people involved is outstanding.



2017 Scholarship Update

Alongside Wedding Singer rehearsal and Saturday basketball, the College also hosted 24 Year 6 Students from Marymede and other local Primary Schools undertaking scholarship testing for Year 7, 2017. This is one part of the scholarship application process, to be followed up with interviews of selected candidates. It was wonderful to see such eager students applying themselves so positively.

Ms Julia Wake

Campus Co-ordinator Prep - Year 12

ACTING HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION PREP – YEAR 12

McCormack Feast Day Celebrations

The McCormack Feast Day was a great opportunity for students to build College spirit and develop a deeper understanding of their House Patron Irene McCormack.

McCormack House celebrated its Feast Day on Thursday May 19. They celebrated Mass with College Chaplain Fr Martin Ashe and shared in a special lunch with lunchtime activities.

A few words from a senior student...

'It feels like yesterday I was frightened to walk into the school grounds for my first day, not knowing what to expect. Now I'm honestly scared to walk out of the school grounds for the last time because I again don't know what to expect. I will never forget the things McCormack House has taught me, to show courage and to give everything a go, it is these qualities that I have implemented into my life and will use every day after I leave school. Thank you McCormack House for all you have taught me.' Joshua Sakoulevas Year 12.



St Vincent de Paul Winter Food Appeal

In this year of Mercy, Pope Francis has called us to be merciful like our Father and through our actions be of service to others.

It is with this message in mind that we are delighted to launch the College's annual Vinnies Winter Food Appeal. All students are asked to come together in support of our local community and give a 'hand up' to those doing it tougher than ourselves by donating food and toiletries items.

Please see the attached advertisement for what each year level is asked to bring.

National Reconciliation Week: Friday May 27 – Friday June 3

Theme: 'Our History, Our Story, Our Future'

National Reconciliation Week is an annual celebration and is a time for all Australians to reflect on our shared histories, and on the contributions and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The week is framed by two key events in Australia's history that provide strong symbols of the aspirations for reconciliation.

May 27 marks the anniversary of Australia's most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation's history. The 1967 Referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and recognise them in the national census.

June 3 is Mabo Day – On this day in 1992, the High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which overturned the notion of 'terra nullius' and legally recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' connection to their country, a connection that existed prior to colonisation and continues today. This recognition paved the way for the Native Title system.

Throughout the week students at Marymede will use the Theme **'Our History, Our Story, Our Future'** to reflect on our nation's history.

Term 2 Upcoming Faith and Mission Events:

- Weekly Community Mass – Wednesday 8am in the Chapel of Annunciation
- Year 11 Justice Awareness Day – Tuesday June 14 (Off campus as various locations)
- P-12 Marcellin Feast Day – Thursday June 16
- P-12 Mass of the Sacred Heart – Thursday June 23

Mrs Melinda Muir

Acting Head of Faith and Mission Prep – Year 12

HEAD OF SECONDARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Archbishop's Catholic Man Breakfast Series – April 21

Nine young men were chosen and invited to attend the Catholic Man Breakfast Series hosted by Archbishop Denis Hart on April 21. Students heard Shane Healey former leading radio executive tell his story 'Radio, Rex and Religion'. Shane Healey shared his fascinating path to the top of the highly competitive and cut-throat radio industry in Australia. He brought a dose of humility to his observations about leadership and culture and the way he explained how he has connected with high profile performers such as Brian Naylor, Neil Mitchell and Rex Hunt. Our young men were fascinated to hear that at the peak of his career in radio, he put that all aside to join the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne in January 2015 as Director of Media and Communications. This breakfast was a great opportunity for our young men to represent the College and was a unique opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith.

I share the following reflection by one of the young men who was in attendance at the breakfast with you:

Reflecting on the breakfast over the past few days, I've been able to garner personal thoughts and key messages from Shane Healy's speech. His speech was very engaging and it held our attention for its entire duration, which allowed for us to take in his stories and messages. From Shane's speech, I've been able to consider how religion can affect and be a part of a person's life even if their life doesn't revolve around faith, as he shared his experiences prior to working in his current role. More personally, Shane has demonstrated how someone can achieve their dream occupation no matter how accessible or common the job is, which has helped to inspire me to continue working towards my dream occupation. I've really valued this opportunity as it's something I hadn't experienced before, and has taught me valuable lessons about my faith and role as a Catholic man in society. Thank you for the opportunity to attend this breakfast.

Steven Azzopardi – Tutor Leader Marcellin 6

A huge thank you to all the Year 11 students' parents who dropped their sons off at South Morang station at the very early hour of 5:30am. Without your commitment and dedication, this experience would not have been possible for your sons. The manner in which each of the young men represented

themselves, their families and the College must be commended.



God Bless,

Riccardo Iuele

Head of Religious Education – Secondary

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

The Wedding Singer Opens This Thursday!

After months of hard work, over 120 students are currently getting ready to present The Wedding Singer at Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre, South Morang. It has been an absolute pleasure seeing the show come together, and I look forward to seeing the Marymede community support the show this week.

There are three performances: Thursday May 26, 7.30pm; Friday May 27, 7.30pm and Saturday May 28, 5pm. We encourage you to book early, as our last show sold out. All bookings must be made via Trybooking: link below. Any unsold tickets will be available cash only at the theatre on the night.

<http://www.trybooking.com/KSHN>

Marymede Catholic College presents

the Wedding Singer

A New Musical

Music by MATTHEW SKLAR Book by CHAD BEGUELIN and TIM HERLIHY Lyrics by CHAD BEGUELIN

Based upon the New Line Cinema film
Written by Tim Herlihy

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

May 26 - 28, 2016 | Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre
www.marymede.vic.edu.au

11 Drama Ensembles

The Year 11 Drama class recently presented their first non-naturalistic ensemble performances based on the topic 'When I Grow Up'. They worked with a variety of stimuli, including three songs from the musical *Matilda*.

Congratulations to Olivia Capodicasa, Maya Dove, Madalyn Egan, Rebecca Hancy, Tristan Hristovski, Kundai Katsidzira, Michael Kyrididis and Aleigha Walters on their performances.

Ms Angie Bedford

Head of Performing Arts

Director/Producer of *The Wedding Singer*

Year 10 Issues in Running the Country Excursion to the Victorian Parliament and Courts

Throughout this semester, the key areas of study for Issues in Running the Country (IRC) were the Australian government and law. In order to consolidate the information which the class had acquired throughout the two terms, an excursion to the city was arranged. On May 10, the Yr. 10 IRC class, accompanied by Ms. Esposito and Mr. Ndanema, travelled to the city to view the three major courts of Victoria as well as the Victorian Parliament House. Commencing our journey from South Morang Station, we disembarked at Flagstaff Station. From there, it was a short stroll to the three courts, which were located around the intersection of Lonsdale St and William St. In the Victorian court hierarchy, the lowest court is the Magistrates' court, the next highest is the County court and the one at the pinnacle is the Supreme Court. It was quite astonishing to learn that all three courts were adjacent to each other. The architecture of the three distinct courts was also significant since the County and Magistrates' court reflected contemporary designs in comparison to the Supreme Court, which showed more of a resemblance to 19th century styles. Following our exploration of the courts, we once again got onto a train and travelled to Parliament station. From here, we walked past the Old Treasury building and finally arrived at the Parliament House. After entering the House, we were taken on a tour. Throughout the tour, we were mesmerised by the history of the Parliament House in Melbourne and how it came to be developed. We learned about the functions of various ministers and the symbols associated with the parliament. Overall, the excursion was magnificent and helped the students to solidify their knowledge of the Australian Government and law.



Mr Ajay Jay

Year 10 Student

Year 10 Textiles Costume Designs for The Wedding Singer

Year 10 students have been extremely busy designing, redesigning and producing costumes for *The Wedding Singer* production coming up on May 26 – 28. We are excited to

see our costumes on stage, showcased by extremely talented students.

The eccentric era of the 1980's was our theme. A time of vibrant fluoro colours, large shoulder pads, and puffy hair. We enjoyed exploring the fashion trends of the 80's and loved applying what we discovered to our costumes. Every student came up with their own unique design depicting the 1980's.

Jesse Coates made an amazing two piece costume, with a deep red base and paper flowers. In contrast Emma Beel made a Princess Diana wedding dress, featuring puffy sleeves and frills.

Cyndi Lauper and Boy George inspired Gabriella Agosta to create a fluoro pink tulle skirt with a royal blue top.

Madonna inspired Kamaria Brancato to produce a blue sequined skirt with a sequined baby pink long-sleeved top.

This is just a small snap shot of the talent in our Year 10 Costume Design Team.

Thanks to Ms. Conti, we learnt new techniques and were pushed to our limits in order to create the best possible costumes.



Year 10 Textiles: Costume Design Team for School Production The Wedding Singer.



Year 10 Textiles student: Gabriella Agosta with her costume for the character of Holly in The Wedding Singer.

My thanks to all the teachers who assisted in organising this event.

Support our Marymede community by coming to the production, it will be night full of singing, dancing and of course, extravagant costume designs.

Miss Naomi Kelada

Year 10 Romero

Ancient Day Incursion

On Tuesday May 17, the Year 7 cohort and teachers participated in an Ancient Day Incursion. It was a very engaging day, going back in time learning about the way of life during the Ancient civilisations. The activities included warriors and warfare, gladiators, sports and status, Ancient China and rulers and subjects. The feedback from the presenters (Medieval Education) was positive and our students showed a genuine interest in the various topics. They were impressed with our students' overall behaviour and engagement. A teacher feedback comment was, 'Students enjoyed the Sports & Status session, and the activities helped them understand the content of the lesson; Ancient China was great'.

A student reflection of the day:

On Tuesday, as part of Ancient week the Year 7's participated in Ancient Day. We were visited by Medieval Education Group, who imparted their knowledge a range of ancient subjects.

Through the activities we learnt about range of historical happenings. First we investigated trading in Ancient China. Then, built up a civilisation step by step, learning about how it began, with the accidental discovery of farming. Later that day we played strategy games of Paper-Scissors-Rock in order to strategize for battle.

Afterwards we put to armed Gladiators together and for our pleasure one would live, and the other would die. Then to finish off we had some Ancient Olympic Games and discovered, that the international games evolve from war.

We would all like to thank everyone involved in putting together this amazing day for us to enjoy.

Mr Jarryd Cairns
Year 7 Student

Thank you to all staff who assisted with the day, especially the Year 7 Humanities teachers, your time, support and dedication to the day is appreciated.

Ms Kathy Vlahusic
Secondary Teacher

Medieval Day Incursion

On Wednesday May 18, the Year 8 cohort and teachers participated in a Medieval Incursion. It was a very engaging day, going back in time learning about the way of life during the Medieval Era. The feedback from the presenters (Medieval Education) was positive and our students showed a genuine interest in the various topics.

They were impressed with our students' overall behaviour and engagement. A teacher feedback comment was, 'Weapons & Armour was a great activity to warm up and great interaction with students; students loved the physicality of the tournament and were enthusiastic, humour in Crime & Punishment enjoyed, good explanations'.

Please feel free to log onto PAM and view the array of photos under the 'Medieval Day Photos' in the Humanities subject area.

Students' reflection of the day:

On May 18, 2016 we had the honour of experiencing the wonders of medieval times. Throughout the day the Year 8 students rotated through a series of activities which included crime and punishment, dancing and games, fashion and dress, weapons and armour, and tournament.

All the instructors were dressed in a medieval attire. We learnt about the dress of medieval citizens. Everyone joined in a game of dancing and laughed at each other attempting to dance.

It was fun, but the most excitement we had was when we came to the tournament. In tournament we learnt about knights and how they would fight. We all had a turn to hit the instructor as he wore heavy metal armour. He protected himself with a shield as we tried to hit him, but failed when he would block with the shield. It was fun as we used swords and axes that were made of wood.

Overall it was a like an adrenalin rush, filled with excitement. I would love to experience this again and I know other people would too.

Miss Makayla Simpson
Year 8 Student

On Wednesday, the Year 8 cohort enjoyed a fun and interactive day looking into medieval history. We split into classes and rotated between 5 different activities. First, Year 8.4 started off with dancing. We learnt the traditional folk dances and the exercises that tested the health of the villagers. Then, we had tournament. This was a favourite of the class as we got to use shields and swords to fight the activity instructor, who was wearing a full suit of armour. We got to take free hits at him as well as test out the weapons on a metal pole. After that we moved onto crime and punishment. We got to pretend to be criminals, and learnt about the gruesome punishments of them. Everybody was squirming as we learnt about being hanged, drawn and quartered, a punishment that involved getting your intestines ripped out and burnt in front of you. Then we had a session where we learnt about the armour of medieval knights, and even got to try on helmets and metal plates, which were very heavy. Finally, we had a session on clothing. We got to dress up in a variety of poor and wealthy medieval clothes, such as peasant, lady of the manor and slave clothing, and then got to put the outfits in order of richest to poorest. Altogether, medieval day was a fun day that got us to learn about medieval history in an entertaining and interactive way that everybody loved. Chloe Falzon 8.4

Thank you to all staff who assisted with the day, especially the year 8 humanities teachers, your time, support and dedication to the day is appreciated.

Ms Corinne Niall
Secondary Teacher

Debating Update - Round Two

A Grade - That we should open all International borders. Marymede Catholic College 225 lost to Viewbank College 226.

B Grade - That Australia should dramatically increase its refugee intake. Marymede Catholic College 224 defeated Viewbank College 222.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Year 1 Excursion

On Friday May 6, students from Year 1 attended an excursion to the Edendale Community Environment Farm in Eltham.

We arrived at 9.30 am and proceeded to take part in various activities throughout the day that linked in with our inquiry unit 'Farm to Table'.

We developed an understanding of looking after our environment by recycling. We also learnt what items we could and couldn't recycle. Did you know you have to take the caps of bottles before recycling? We found out how worms help with composting and why that is good for the plants in our gardens. On our farm tour, we had an opportunity to visit the farm animals which included a calf, a donkey, hens, a turkey, sheep, goats and even ducks. We also tried to identify some plants that grow on the farm.

We then got to design our own special bags using natural materials. We got some flowers and leaves of different plants and learnt how to use them to make prints by hammering them onto the fabric. Some of us gave the bags we made to our mums on Mother's Day.

Finally, we planted bean seeds and took them with us. We can't wait to watch them grow over time and learn more about their life cycle and what is needed to help them grow.

We had a fantastic time at Edendale Farm and learnt a lot. We look forward to returning there again.



Ms Laetitia Malusu Year Level Co-ordinator Year 1

Primary Cross Country

The Bridge Inn Cross country competition is scheduled for Tuesday May 24 at Bundoora Park

The team of 60 students have been training for over 10 weeks during lunch breaks, before and after school and on holidays to build up their endurance for the competition.

It was great to see Staff, Primary and Secondary students from Marymede participate in a local community fun run as a warm up to the cross country competition.



C Grade - That professional sports should have separate leagues that permit the use of performance enhancing drugs. Marymede Catholic College 227 defeated Parade College 226. Our student, Kamaria Brancato received "Best Speaker."

D Grade - That schools should provide free meals for their students. Marymede Catholic College 226 defeated Parade College 225.

Congratulations to all debating teams and debating teachers.

Mr Adrian Montana Debating Co-ordinator 2016

Artist In School Program 2016

Asphyxia is the name of an artist, storywriter and performer who worked closely with the VCE Studio Arts students over three sessions in Terms One and Two. Asphyxia is deaf and because of this, she instructed the class using Auslan sign language and her interpreter. Her visit was also supported by the sub-school, St. Mary's School for the Hearing Impaired, from which one student has chosen to do VCE Studio Arts. Asphyxia had an impact on all the students, using new techniques and materials. This impact is evident in the following report.

Coming into Year 12, I struggled with the reality of the year ahead and I worried what Year 12 would make of me. Will my creativity fail? Will I succeed, or will I suppress all my stress into a 0% at the end of the year exams? Due to the stress of VCE that I put onto myself I was at a loss of what makes me who I am. When meeting Asphyxia, I didn't know what I was headed for, if she would impact me at all or leave me with more questions than when I started.

Well, my doubts were proven wrong. Thanks to Mr Montana, we met the most inspiring artist that was able to understand where we all were emotionally. She was the hero of the classroom, she inspired us all creatively and spirituality. Her stories and work inspired the entire art group and our best days became the days we spent in the art room for the entire day with her, improving our techniques and recognising what made us the artist we all were. I could not appreciate this activity more! A big thanks to everyone involved.



Asphyxia working with
Chantelle



Student artwork

Miss Taneisha Fredericks Year 12 Studio Arts

Marymede Primary Walkathon

It was great to see so many students being active at our annual Marymede Walkathon. We appreciate all the support in fundraising for the various charities that each House supports.

We congratulate McAuley who were crowned the Primary Walkathon Champions for 2016.



Auskick

The 6 week Auskick program at Marymede concluded on Friday and it has been great to see the student's skills improve over the sessions. Their enthusiasm as they learn a wide range of new skills was fantastic.

Thankyou to the parents who are assisting during the sessions. We look forward to making Auskick at Marymede an annual event.



Weekly Interschool Sport

Football results

Marymede 90 vs Hazelglen 0
Marymede 52 vs Morang Sth 2

Netball results

A Team Marymede 6 vs Hazelglen 23
B Team Marymede 10 vs Hazelglen 16
A Team Marymede 14 vs Morang South 1
B Team Marymede 19 vs Morang South 1

Year 4 House Sport

This term all Year 4 students have been introduced to dance where the students have been participating in hip hop classes for House Sports.



Marymede Flames Basketball Club

Marymede Flames Basketball Club are looking for girls aged between 6-10 years and 14-16 years who are interested in joining a basketball team for the Summer 2016 season which starts in July. They cater for all different skill levels from beginners to A grade. If you are interested or would like further information about the club please email registrations@marymedebasketballclub.com.au or register online at

<http://www.marymedebasketballclub.com.au>

Mr Gerard Large
House Coordinator

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

Marymede Catholic College welcomes the following new students who commenced this fortnight and their families to the College:

Tom Dinoop – Year 1
Toby Dinoop – Year 4
Aidrin Jose – Year 2

2017 Enrolments

Application Interviews for Prep 2017 took place this past Wednesday. We are anticipating that first round offers will be posted home to families in the coming week.

2018 Enrolments

Applications for Year 7 and Prep in 2018 are also now open and will close in February and May respectively. Additionally, applications for Year 7 2019 are open now and will close in August 2017. This is a significant change to previous enrolment processes and will affect students who currently attend an external Primary School and are a sibling of a current Secondary student at the College.

Current Year 4 and 5 students at Marymede Catholic College will be advised of the re-enrolment processes for Year 7 in the coming months.

Mr Matthew Luczek
Registrar

St Mary's College for the Hearing Impaired

Brendan Tresckitta's Fight Against Epilepsy-Go Fund Me

Brendan Tresckitta is a part of the Marymede community. He suffers from a severe form of epilepsy, which has seen his physical condition deteriorate rapidly over the last 7 months.

Brendan is your typical teenage boy who enjoys hanging out with his mates and playing PlayStation. He likes attending school, however, the medications he takes can have side effects which see him missing school for days and being house bound. Unfortunately Brendan is no longer able to do many everyday activities, and can become extremely fatigued. Brendan is also anaphylactic and has a hearing loss.

Brendan's form of epilepsy is rare, his body constantly shakes similar to a mild case of Parkinsons disease. Within a 10 minute period, Brendan can have up to 40 mini seizures, some which have been extremely severe. Unfortunately, thus far, medical treatment in Australia has not improved his condition. For this reason, Brendan and his family are seeking medical treatment in America. Medical treatment overseas is very expensive,

therefore, Brendan's friends have set up a 'Go Fund Me' page to try and raise some funds for Brendan. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. If you would like any more information please contact Rachel Wilson on (03) 94079074.

Ms Rachel Wilson
Team Leader