



28 April 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

It is hard to believe that the third week of term is almost over. Study routines should now be developed and the coming weeks should be a time for quality focused study. In the senior years, this will be vital in preparation for important assessment tasks and the mid-year exams. However, students at all year levels should now be settling into a regular study pattern. In my experience, those who do not adopt good study habits this term quickly fall behind.

ANZAC Day

It was pleasing to see all of our students pay close attention to our ANZAC Day liturgies held last week. I also hope that at some stage last Monday our students reflected on the sacrifices that have been made in wars since the landing in Gallipoli in 1915. It is not pure chance but sacrifice which has made us the fortunate country we are today and ANZAC Day is a day to remember this.

Year 6 Confirmation

It was a wonderful sight to see so many parents and family members attend the Year 6 Confirmation held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 17 April. I hope all who attended found the Confirmation to be an enriching spiritual experience. Thank you to Archbishop Denis Hart, our College Chaplain Fr. Martin Ashe and to our Acting Director of Faith and Mission (P-12) Mrs Melinda Muir for the many hours she spent preparing for this special event. I also thank the many staff who supported Melinda on the day. What a wonderful Marymede community celebration.

Secondary P/T/S Interviews

It was pleasing to see so many parents and students attend the second day of P/T/S Interviews on Monday 18 April. This again confirms to me that our parents see the interviews as a priority

in their children's education. I trust you found them worthwhile and informative.

NAPLAN Testing

Our Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be sitting NAPLAN tests from May 10-12. The national tests provide a measurement of ability, however, the results are just one of several pieces of information giving us an understanding of how a student is performing in terms of literacy and numeracy.

Year 7 2017 Interviews

Last Friday we posted out offers for Year 7 2017. We ask that families intending to take up our offer to please return the completed acceptance form without delay. In conversations with parents about Marymede Catholic College over the past 16 months, I indicate that first and foremost Marymede is a Catholic school trying to be true to the gospel.

Uniform Matters

Thank you to all parents for supporting the College's Uniform Policy and ensuring your children are wearing the winter uniform correctly. I have constantly reminded our students that there should never be a time that Marymede students look untidy in their school uniforms. A reminder to our secondary students that the blazer is to be worn to and from school.

Staffing

Congratulations to Ms Andrea Zappulla on her appointment to the position of Domain Head of Health and Physical Education. Andrea replaces Mr Derek McConn who after four years in the role has decided to step down for the remainder of the 2016 school year. I thank Derek for the great work he has done in promoting PE/Health throughout the secondary school.

Sporting Results

Congratulations to our Year 10 Boys Soccer Team on winning the SACCSS Premier League Grand Final recently. This is our first boys' soccer premiership. A big thank you to the coach, Mr Derek McConn for his commitment to the team over the past four years.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit the NAPLAN tests on May 10-12. The NAPLAN results offer a valuable resource both to the school and families; they have the potential to shed interesting light on students' learning at a given point in time, and offer valuable information about what needs to be done next to improve literacy and numeracy achievement. However, NAPLAN is just one source of data teachers will use to measure student achievement and it is essential that these tests do not become a source of anxiety for students.

As a school, Marymede does not aim to prepare students for NAPLAN specifically. We aim to provide students with a targeted and rigorous literacy and numeracy program that reflects the Victorian Curriculum priorities. For younger students, we spend a small amount of time familiarizing them with the format and experience of the tests to ensure that the experience is not overwhelming or difficult. This also ensures that the unfamiliar format of the tests does not prevent them demonstrating what they can do and result in accurate data.

If you have any concerns about the upcoming NAPLAN tests, please contact your child's pastoral teacher or myself.

Examinations

Examinations are stressful, there's no getting around it. The "Holmes and Rahe Scale", which ranks the experiences that cause people stress, indicates that 'sitting an important examination' sits just below 'serious family illness' and just above 'moving to a different city'.

From June 6 to 9, our Year 9 - 12 students will undertake their Semester One examinations and, while stressful, starting to study well in advance will assist in feeling confident and prepared to perform at their best. Student in Years 9-12 this week received their examination timetable and key information about semester examinations to assist them in starting to study and prepare for these upcoming assessments.

Currently, for in the final year of VCE, the October-November examinations make up 50% of a students' final score in a subject and exerts some influence over their marks in school-assessed assessments, too. Becoming successful at sitting examinations is a skill and, like any skill, one that is developed and refined over time. As a result, it is very important for students to hone their examination skills in Years 9-11, to

ensure that they reach Year 12 with strong study skills and a successful approach to exams.

General Achievement Test (GAT)

All students completing a Unit 3 & 4 Subject - whether they are in Year 12 or a Year 11 completing an accelerated study – must sit the 3-hour VCAA General Achievement Test (GAT) on June 7 from 10am-1pm.

The GAT is a test of general knowledge and skills in written communication, mathematics, science and technology, and humanities, the arts and social sciences. While there is no specific study or preparation that students can do to prepare for the GAT, it is recommended that students familiarize themselves with the format and types of questions on the GAT to ensure they know what to expect. Past GAT question booklets are available at the following link.

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/gat/gat.aspx>

While the GAT does not directly contribute to Year 12's final ATAR, it is a very important assessment for a number of the following reasons.

- It is an 'insurance policy' for students who experience significant illness during the final examinations and are unable to sit an examination. VCAA will use the student's GAT score to calculate a 'derived score' for their studies.
- It is used in the moderation of students' school-based assessment results; in other words, it influences whether the marks students receive throughout the year are raised or lowered in ensuring equity between schools.
- It is used to check the accuracy of examination results and in the ranking of students with similar results in a study.

In a nutshell, the higher your GAT score, the more likely it is that the GAT will help you; so students are encouraged to approach the task determined to do their best.

Learning and Teaching Initiatives

With all this talk about tests and examinations, this week's highlighted initiative outlines the strengthening of the subject selection processes for current Year 10 & 11 students, which will see Semester 1 examination scores play a more significant role in influencing subject choices for 2017.

Initiative 5: Given that examinations in Year 12 exert an enormous influence over students' final results, the need for students to approach the Year 10 & 11 examinations as an opportunity to hone their study and response skills is essential. In approving subjects for students in VCE, the school takes very seriously the need for students to enrol in studies in which they have the greatest opportunity for success and have demonstrated the foundational knowledge required to manage the demands of a VCE study.

As such, as students in Year 10 & 11 commence their subject selection next term, they will only be guaranteed approval in their selected studies in 2017 if they have achieved a minimum

of 60% in the examination of the related study or studies in Semester 1 2016. Students should also be aware that they must achieve a minimum of 50% in both their English and Religious Education examinations in order to be approved to commence or continue in VCE.

Students who struggle to achieve a satisfactory result will have the opportunity to resit examinations after school on Tuesday June 21 – Thursday June 23 and, while the original mark will appear on semester reports, the resit mark will be considered in the subject selection process.

It is our hope that these measures both ensure students are motivated to strive to achieve to their best in the Year 10 & 11 examinations and that they commence a program of study in VCE in 2017 in which they can feel confident and are positioned to succeed.

Ms Tracey Kift
Deputy Principal Learning And Teaching Prep – Year 12

HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION PREP – YEAR 12

Project Compassion

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia’s annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal which brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

During Term 1 the students of Marymede Catholic College joined together to support this cause.

It is with great excitement and thanks that I announce the total raised by our community of **\$5,552.35**. Well done Marymede.

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Sunday April 17 the Year 6 students participated in the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Patrick’s Cathedral. The Cathedral was filled with students, families, friends and Marymede Staff who celebrated together.

We congratulate the Confirmation Candidates who celebrated their final step of initiation into the Catholic faith. We pray that the Holy Spirit guides these students on their life journey.

Many thanks to all the families who attended this occasion and the teachers who assisted this event, in particular the Year 6 teachers Anna Damigella, Paul Grech, Anthony Amerena, Ina Wels and Maj O’Neill.



Chanel Feast Day Celebrations

Feast Days are a great opportunity to build College spirit and develop a deeper understanding of their House Patron.

Chanel House celebrated its Feast Day on Tuesday April 26. They celebrated Mass with College Chaplain Fr Martin Ashe. Fr Ashe presented a homily which spoke about the qualities of St Peter Chanel and inspired the students to live out his qualities.

Following Mass students shared in a special lunch with lunchtime activities and the annual piñata in the Fitness Centre.

It was a day of fun had by all staff and students in Chanel House P-12.

Prep – Year 12 Choicez Media Parent Engagement Seminar

Raising Teens in a Hyper-Sexualized Society

Date: Wednesday May 4
Time: 7.00pm – 8.15pm
Venue: College Auditorium

This parent night aims to address the intimate questions that parents have while empowering them to be an influential presence in their children’s lives.

We encourage all families to come along across the school and be part of this valuable experience.

Please RSVP to this event on rsvp@marymede.vic.edu.au

Term 2 Upcoming Faith and Mission Events:

- Weekly Community Mass – Wednesday 8am in the Chapel of Annunciation
- P-12 Parent Engagement Seminar run by Your Choicez – Wednesday May 4
- Year 10 Reflection Day – Thursday May 5.
- P-12 McCormack Feast Day – Thursday May 19
- 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 (P-12)

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

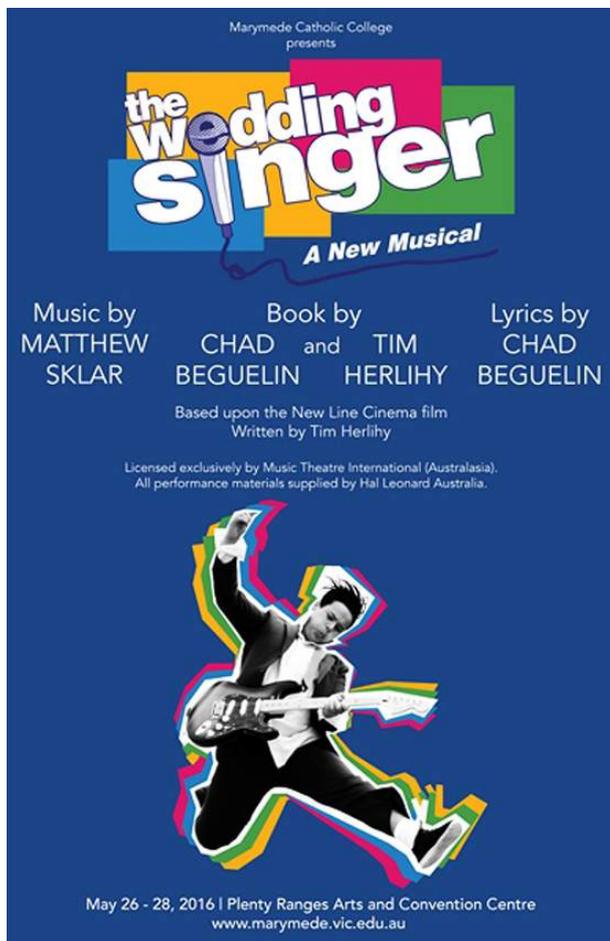
The Wedding Singer Tickets Selling Fast



Ticket bookings for *The Wedding Singer* are now on sale. All bookings must be made via Trybooking. Any unsold tickets will be available cash only at the theatre on the night.

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

There are three performances: Thursday May 26, 7.30pm; Friday May 27, 7.30pm; Saturday May 28, 5pm at Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre, South Morang. We encourage you to book early, as our last show sold out.



7.3 Melodrama Performances

Ms Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts
Director/Producer of The Wedding Singer

VCE Arts and Technology Excursion to Top Designs

On April 19, all of the Media, Visual Communication Design (VCD), Food Technology, Product Design and Technology, and VET Media students, went on an excursion to the Top Designs exhibition at the Melbourne Museum to view the top scoring products and folios created by VCE graduates in 2015. On this excursion we learnt about the enormous time and effort that is required to produce a portfolio that is of a high standard. Seeing the incredible and intricate folios both inspired me and gave me the motivation to do well in my Media and VCD outcomes this year.

After viewing the Top Designs exhibit, the Year 11 and 12 VCD students went to the Grant Day James advertising agency where we got a rare insight into the advertising and graphic design industry. The tour of the studio and hearing about the process involved with producing a print advertisement was informative and it helped us consider a possible career path in this industry. The conversations with the graphic designers and developers gave us inspiration for our own portfolios.

I enjoyed the whole excursion very much; being able to view other people's work really inspired all of us, particularly with the development of ideas within each of our subjects.



Miss Emma Wardell
VCE Media and Visual Communication Design Student

The Wedding Singer Cast Rehearsals

Please find attached the latest rehearsal schedule for The Wedding Singer. Cast members are reminded to carefully check the rehearsal schedule which they received via email and note the dates/times in their diaries. Unfortunately there is not enough time to reteach music, choreography and blocking so it is essential students are present. On the rare occasion of a known absence, students should email Simone.McGill@marymede.vic.edu.au with as much notice as possible.

Year 7 Melodrama

This term, the Year 7 Drama Students have been creating Melodramas in response to the prompt 'Time Running Out'. Ms Turco and Ms Bedford have been treated to lots of suspenseful stories brought to life by our very own Villains and Heroes.



Premier League

This week saw the commencement of the Year 7 Premier League competition. Marymede competed against CRC North Keilor with many close matches and great sportsmanship displayed. The dedication and commitment to training paid off with Marymede claiming victory in the girls and boys Volleyball, boys AFL, boys Soccer and girls Basketball. Well done to all teams and thank you to those parents who came out to support the students. Good luck next match.

Fixture, venue and results can be found at the following link.

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

2105 Sports Captain GIFT Champion



It is with great excitement that I am able to share some fantastic news from our 2015 Sports Captain, Keely Henderson. Keely has always been well known at Marymede for her outstanding Athletic achievements at SACCSS meets with several individual overall wins' year after year. This year Keely achieved one of her dreams at took out the 2015 Stonnington gift, in Prahran. Once Keely's' Year 12 exams were over she put her head down and trained 6 days a week to give herself the best chance to be in contention.

The Stonnington Gift is one of the biggest races of the season and with only 3 months of training under her belt Keely had the equal fastest time from the heats out of all the women and was in a good position and held a positive frame of mind.

Keely's' start in the final was much quicker than any of the other girls and she pushed to maintain strong form all the way through winning by half a metre.

Congratulations on your outstanding achievement in the Athletics world and we wish you the best of luck for your next race.

You can access the Stonnington gift Womens 100m final on the links below.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1PE25WuHOY>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kd1-q6fOtos>



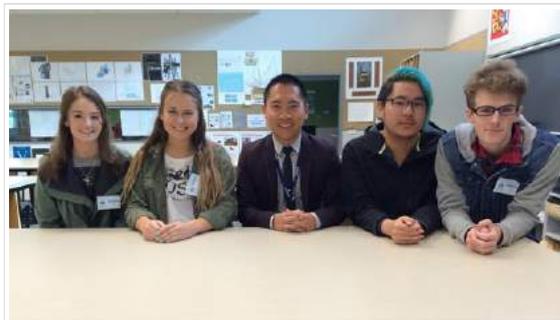
Ms Natalie Savage
Head of Sport

Media Masterclass 2016

On April 22, the Year 12 Media students participated in a Masterclass and Q&A with the following students from the Class of 2015: Stephanie Camilleri, Tayla Defazio, Jack Peerman and Daniel Sim.

As preparation for their SAT, the Masterclass provided the Year 12's with an insight into how some of last year's top filmmakers and photographers at Marymede successfully created their media products. They also had the opportunity to talk about their own ideas and seek advice from the panel of experts.

Stephanie, Tayla, Jack and Daniel are all undertaking further education in Media and Film at La Trobe University, Swinburne University of Technology and JMC Academy.



The Masterclass Panel. L-R: Tayla Defazio, Stephanie Camilleri, Mr Guzman, Daniel Sim, Jack Peerman.

Mr Jeremy Guzman
Head of Visual Arts

Indonesian Study Tour

Over the recent April holidays seven Year 11 and 12 Indonesian students, Ms McGill, Mr Djukic and one parent travelled to the Indonesian city of Yogyakarta! After an exciting two flights and an eventful bus ride, where we were immediately introduced to the 'no rules' driving rule, we finally reached the homestay where we stayed for the duration of our trip. During our first few days in Yogyakarta we spent a lot of time studying at a nearby university; attending language classes with Indonesian teachers and one-on-one tutorial lessons. We completed exams and gave an oral presentation using our newly polished language skills and data we had collected from Indonesian locals which we had interviewed.



Students in their traditional dress for the opening ceremony

We also visited an Islamic high school that had a beautiful mosque which everyone was captivated by. We completed various activities silver making and cooking and explored many different sites in Yogyakarta and nearby Solo. Some of the

highlights were Prambanan and Borobudur Temple and a jeep tour at the world's most active volcano. The VCE Indonesian class would like to thank the school for allowing us to have this amazing opportunity and thank Mr Djukic and Miss McGill for accompanying the students on the journey.



The Ramayana Ballet Performers and students



Mr Jordyn Cullen
Year 11 Student

Year 7 Design and Technology – Wood



A modest portable is the room that is currently used as the Design and Technology – wood space. Many parents would look inside and smile to themselves, quietly thinking that nothing has changed since they were at school as the tools, benches and wood are the same but a major shift has happened and it is about the way the subject is taught that makes the difference.

Creative and innovative ideas the outcome, an open container to hold something like kitchen utensils, writing implements or tools, turns into products that, given the opportunity would be willing purchased in shop. I know that if I had these products

at home my friends would be impressed and admire my great taste in design.

Ms Robin Panousieris
Faculty Coordinator Technology
Design and Technology Teacher

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Year 3 Caritas Kitchen

In term one we had an event called Caritas Kitchen. When we got in to our groups we ate some fruit with our parents. After that we read some information about the different Caritas charities, we had to answer some different questions on our sheet. We learnt a lot about why so many children are living in poor communities. The day was a great way opportunity for Year 3's to learn about these charities. Thank-you to all Year 3 teachers and parents that helped us to raise \$510.00 on the day.

Mr Adrian Calcagno
Year 3.1 Student

On Tuesday March 22, the Year 3 students had an event called Caritas Kitchen. We did Caritas Kitchen to help raise funds for Caritas Australia, and to raise awareness about what they do. We each brought in a gold coin donation. Each student was given a placemat that had information on it about the help that Caritas gives to people in poor countries.

First, we found our parents and went into our groups. We were in groups based on our house colours. Each group was given different pieces of paper that had information about the ways Caritas help women, men and children that are poor and don't have access to things like clean water and proper education. We also ate the fruits and veggies that our parents brought for us.

At the end, our parents went home and we went back inside. Everybody had lots of fun at our special event.

Miss Aaliyah Barbosa
Year 3.1 Student



Prep Mother's Day Assembly Reminder

Dear Mums, Grandmothers or Aunties of Prep students,
You are invited to the Prep Mother's Day Assembly.

When: Friday May 6, 9:15am – 10:15 am (approximately)
Where: Auditorium (located near the College Chapel)

We hope you can celebrate this very special morning with us.

Ms Rita Casonato
Prep 1 Pastoral Teacher & Year Level Coordinator

Primary Sports News

Primary Walkathon

On Monday May 2, Marymede will be hosting their annual House walkathon. This walkathon is aimed at raising money for various charities that Marymede Catholic College supports.

Students are asked to bring in a note donation for their House Charity. Students may wish to seek sponsors for their efforts that will contribute to the donation. A note will be sent home to all students with more information.

The charities that each House are fundraising for are:

Chisholm: The Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project
McAuley: Mercy Works Programs
McCormack: CatholicCare
Chanel: Catholic Mission
Marcellin: Australian Marist Solidarity
Romero: St Mary's House of Welcome

We will also be recording laps and House points will be awarded.

Timetable:

Prep Year and 1 Year 2 – 11.30am -12.00pm - Soccer pitch
Year 3 and Year 4 12.00pm - 12.40pm
Year 5 and Year 6 12.40pm - 1.20pm

All Primary students are to wear their House Sports uniform. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

Hockey

If your child is between 5 and 10 years of age and is interested in playing hockey or attending Hockey clinics please email juniors@greensboroughhockeyclub.com.au or ring Erika on 0419888050

	
NDHL 2016	Northern District Hockey League
WHO:	Children aged 5 - 10, beginners or with experience
WHEN:	6-7pm on Monday nights from 18 th April * Runs for 8 weeks in terms 2 & 3 – join anytime <small>* No sessions on Anzac Day 25th April or Queen's Birthday 13th June</small>
WHERE:	Greensborough Hockey Club, Plenty Park Memorial Drive, Plenty 3090 (Melways Map 11 D5)
REGISTER:	Please feel free to turn up on any Monday night. To pre-register your child/ren or for more information, please contact Erika Newbegin on 0419 888 050 or at juniors@greensboroughhockeyclub.com.au

Walk to School

It was great to see so many students participate in walk to school day last Friday. A total of 474 students and members of our community walked to school though their can only be one winner and this term Marcellin had the highest number

of participants. Well done Marcellin and they will now get top points for their House.



Kelli Sports

In term 2 all Prep and Year 1 students will be participating in a Kelli Sports program. They will be learning a range of hitting and catching skills which they will then use in mini games such as T-Ball. It's great to see the kids have fun whilst learning new skills.



Football and Netball

Friday April 22 was our first game of our interschool football and netball competition. We were up against The Lakes Primary school and it was great to see the two schools have a fun and competitive game.

The results are as follows:

Girls Netball A - Marymede won 27-0
Girls Netball B - Marymede won 17-0
Boys Football - Marymede won 67-0

The next game will be on April 29 against Whittlesea Primary School. Games start approx. 9.20 am



Mr Gerard Large
House Coordinator

Cool Crosses



The significance of Easter and the Confirmation of our Year 6 students has been celebrated in many different ways throughout the school but in Design and Technology the students have completed original and creative handmade crosses.

An eye for the well-balanced use of shape and colour coupled with the technical skills to make the cross out of wood indicates talents that many parents may not have anticipated in their children, these talents will be extended throughout the year. There are so many ways at Marymede that we as teachers are able to tap into the students interests and give them confidence in their abilities.

Ms Robin Panousieris
Faculty Coordinator Technology
Design and Technology Teacher

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Information Communication Technology Update Warranty, Damages of Devices

While students are natural users of technology, they also have to be responsible citizens and members of the school community. As such, students are primarily responsible for the care, security, proper use and proper functioning of their computer. We would also ask that parents play a role in monitoring these aspects of the Computer Program. Students are expected to use their computer during 2016 in all of their classes. This will be further supported by ebooks for all core subjects in 2016 in Years 7-10. The computer is the property of Marymede Catholic College. At the end of 2016 Year 9 and Year 12 students will need to return their computers to the College. These devices will be returned to the Lease Company. They must be in good working order and physical condition.

Please refer to the attached document on the side bar about process and costs to be incurred for damages to devices. If the Notebook is lost, stolen or damaged, you must report this to the IT Helpdesk immediately. An **Incident Report Form** is to be completed and submitted to the Helpdesk.

Accidental Damage and Non Accidental Damage

There are two types of damage as defined by the College: Accidental Damage (which covers matters of general wear and

tear) and Non-Accidental Damage (as outlined in attached document).

Accidental Damage is covered by a \$100 excess for each claim and Non-Accidental Damage is covered by a \$300 excess.

Theft or Loss of Charger and or Stylus

- Damage, theft or loss of AC adaptor
- Damage, theft or loss of stylus

In these circumstances the full costs of repairs will be charged to families. These costs are less than \$100. Chargers must be purchased via the College as they have to be original Toshiba chargers (no third party chargers are accepted) in order to ensure that warranty is not void.

Ms Stavroula Tsembas
Director of ICT

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

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

Tadi Mutusva – Year 3
Chloe Vann – Year 9

2017 Enrolments

Letters of offer for Year 7, 2017 have now been posted home to families. The final date for acceptance of offers made is Friday May 6, 2016. The College currently has several families on a Waiting List for second round offers.

Applications for Prep 2017 are still open but will close on May 2, 2016. Prep 2017 Application interviews are scheduled to take place on Wednesday May 25, 2016.

Morning Tea with the Principal – Term 2

Our Term 2 Morning Tea with the Principal will take place on Tuesday May 18 at 9.00am.

School Bus Service

Term 2 Bus passes are available to families at a cost of \$415 for a FULL pass and \$250 for a ONE-WAY pass. Casual passes will still be available subject to availability at a cost of \$4 each way. Any student without a valid paid in full bus pass (either full or casual) will not be permitted onto the bus under any circumstances. For further information regarding the School Bus service please contact the College on 9407-9000.

Mr Matthew Luczek
Registrar

UNIFORM SHOP

Mondays 8am to 2pm
Tuesdays 12pm to 5pm
Thursdays 12pm to 5pm

Next Saturday trade:
Saturday the 7th May 9.30am to 12.30pm