



30 August 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

This Saturday is the start of my favourite time of year, 'Spring' because of the signs of new life around and the hope that comes with that.

For our Year 12s, it is a challenging time with the end of their schooling fast approaching. I urge them to ensure they focus firmly on completing their time at school in the most positive manner possible.

Father's Day

I wish all of our Dads a happy Father's Day on Sunday. We look forward to our Father's Day Breakfast tomorrow in the Primary undercover area. Thank you to the Parents' and Friends Committee for organising this school community event.

There will also be a Prep Father's Day Assembly at 9.15am in the Auditorium tomorrow. It would be great to see a large number of Dads attend this assembly.

Year 7 2020 Interviews

Staff very much enjoyed chatting to families at Marymede last week who are looking to enrol their child in our College for Year 7 in 2020. I am delighted with the record number of enrolment applications we have received to date.

I look forward to meeting our current Marymede Year 5 families next Wednesday 5 September and chatting to them about the learning and teaching program on offer to our senior Primary students.

Mernda Railway Line

The Mernda Railway line is now up and running and it is pleasing to see a number of our students using this public transport system as their way of getting to and from school each day.

We are increasing security around the College and parents will notice in the coming weeks the installation of swipe card gates into the College. More information will be provided in coming Newsletters.

Book Week

Marymede celebrated Book Week with a number of exciting activities last week, the highlight of the week being the Parade, which was held last Friday. Congratulations to Elizabeth Milani, Sue Patterson and other staff who were involved in the organisation of Book Week.

SACCSS Athletics Carnival

We wish the Secondary Athletics Team, Mrs Ann-Marie O'Hare and the coaches involved every success in the upcoming carnival which will be held next Tuesday, 4 September at the Lakeside Stadium in Albert Park.

Tournament of Minds Northern Metro Regional Finals

The Primary Language Literature Team, facilitated by Ms Anna Damigella and the Secondary Arts Team, facilitated by Ms Angie Bedford and Mr. Jeremy Guzman were declared winners of their division at the Northern Metro Regional Finals last weekend. They will now go on to compete in the State Finals, which will be held at La Trobe University on 9 September. This is the first time the College has had multiple teams in the State Finals. We wish the students and staff involved the best of luck for the State Finals.

Prep-Year 10 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Advance notice that the next scheduled Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews will take place for Prep to Year 10 students on Thursday 20 September from 2.00pm to 7.00pm. Interviews will take place in either the Primary Houses or Fitness Centre.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Reviewing 2018 and Planning for 2019

Each year, we review the variety of new Learning & Teaching innovations that have been implemented over the past two years and discuss with staff what is working well and the ways in which these innovations can be further improved. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm of the staff involved in the range of unique programs across the College and the thoughtful and reflective feedback they offer to ensure we continue to offer the best possible opportunities for our students.

Year 3 & 4 Specialisations

What is it?

Year 3 & 4 teachers each 'specialise' in either Design, Media, Digital Technology, Science or Health & Physical Education (Personal, Social & Community Health) and teach each of the classes in their Year Level for 1 period a week.

What's Working Well?

- The Kids love their Specialist Rotations
- They are engaged and interested in the subjects
- It has helped the teachers get to know all the students in the year level (and vice versa)
- It is a good transition into the Grade 5 & 6 Rotations; a manageable step.
- It has provided an opportunity for discussions with secondary colleagues about developing curriculum with a strategic P-12 progression

Even Better If?

In 2019, we will trial scheduling the Year 3 Specialisations once a fortnight and the Year 4 Specialisations once a week to provide a more staged progression that enables the opportunity to gradually develop students' independence

Year 7-8 Enhanced Learning Classes (X-Stream)

What is it?

Core groups in Years 7, 8 & 9 for academically able students in which the curriculum is enhanced to extend students vertically and/or laterally.

What's Working Well?

- Providing challenging learning experiences for academically able students to grow at their own pace
- Fostering creative and divergent thinking
- Diverse opportunities
- Strong relationships between teachers and students in the Enhanced Classes
- Personalised subject counselling for 9X students in planning their pathway into Years 10-12

Even Better If?

In 2019, we will trial offering two single semester 7X-groups in order to give students the opportunity to experience this

enhanced learning, while still experiencing a semester in their House groups where they can make strong connections with the students, staff and House Coordinator in their House. At the end of Year 7, students would have the option to apply to be considered for a place in a single 8X class in 2020.

Over the next few weeks, we will review other programs including **Year 9 Project Based Learning**, and the **Year 10 Mentor program**, both introduced this year and I will keep you updated on the outcomes of these reviews.

Ms Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep – Year 12

DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY

Traffic Management

Thank you to all the parents for their support of the traffic management measures we have put in place to ensure the safety of the students. I also wish to thank the many students who are continuing to make good choices about following the directions of the teachers in the drop off and pedestrian crossing areas.

EARLY ARRIVAL OF PRIMARY STUDENTS

We currently have a number of Primary students arriving to school quite early, some before 8.00 am. I wish to remind parents that active supervision by teachers for Primary students commences at 8.20 am. If you need to drop off children before this time, consider enrolling them at OSHC (before school care). For Child Safety reasons, all Primary students who continue to arrive before 8.20 will need to go to the Primary courtyard.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS AFTER SCHOOL

Over the last few weeks some students coming to the office after school informing us that they cannot find their parents or siblings after school. I ask that you ensure that your children are aware of the pick-up arrangements after school. If there is a change, you will need to contact the college as soon as possible so that we can get messages to the children. We cannot guarantee that messages can be passed on during period 5.

Further to this, I wish to remind parents that adventure playgrounds are 'out of bounds' before and after school for students and for their younger siblings. Ensure that, once picked up, students are fully supervised by you in and around car park areas.

I look forward to continuing to work with staff and parents in the next 4 weeks to ensure that we are encouraging students to be optimistic, positive and resilient – even though the winter seems to be dragging on and the holidays are on the way.

Mrs Rosemary Bennett

Director of Primary

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Current 2018 Prep Families

On Wednesday 10 October 2018, we will be holding Orientation for our incoming 2019 Prep students.

Please be aware that on Wednesday 10 October 2018, our current Prep students do not attend school, as this will allow the College to continue the transition process for our 2019 Preps.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Christie Ramaekers
Prep Transition Coordinator
Classroom Teacher Prep 2

Book Week Parade

What a wonderful experience for the Prep – Year 6 Marymede community. The Parade was embraced by all and the costumes were spectacular along with the enthusiasm.

I would like to thank parents and students for all the terrific efforts that went into the design and preparation of the costumes.

Jackie French was our special guest at our Parade. She spoke to the children about her journey as a well acclaimed author. For many parents and staff, her visit to Marymede will become a treasured memory.

Book Week Writing Competition

I would like to congratulate the winners of the Prep – Year 6 Book Week Writing Competition.

P-2: Aila McMackin

3-4: Janelle Kauseni

5-6: Alka Pratheesh

It was wonderful to see that many students took up the invitation to submit an entry into the competition. Everyone who participated is to be congratulated for their entries.

I would like to thank all students for their participation in the Book Week activities. Once again, thank you for your wonderful support in celebrating Book Week at Marymede.



Mrs Elizabeth Milani
Literacy Co-ordinator

Book Week Celebrations in the Resource Centre

The Calthorpe Resource Centre was a hive of activity during Book Week celebrations. On Monday local graphic artist and performer Bernard Caleo conducted a lunch time workshop for

some keen fans of comics. This hands-on session produced some exciting student artwork and provided an opportunity for lively conversations for those with a passionate interest in graphic novels.

A wide range of activities kept students busy at Recess and Lunch times. Indigenous puzzles, story making cards and treasure themed colouring and activity sheets were popular all week. A throng of eager students participated earnestly in Pirate Masks and Treasure Chest making sessions, happily taking home the fruits of their efforts.



The Find Your Treasure Scavenger Hunt attracted many determined participants who scoured the Resource Centre for hidden gems of information in the quest to secure a prize for successfully locating all items. Pin the Treasure also attracted a constant stream of students keen to demonstrate their treasure hunting skills.

Every day a queue of very keen students signed up for the lunch time Book Themed Window Decorating activity. Some very creative designs were drawn each day making the selection of the daily winners a difficult choice.



Those seeking quieter activities could participate in DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) or attend an entertaining story-telling, while others accepted the challenge of entering the Spelling Bee or Have Your Say public speaking competition.

Many entries were received for our two main competitions Guess the Number of Books in the Resource Centre and the Treasure Quest Guess. Congratulations to the respective winners, Sachi Peiris, 1.5 and Amal George, Year 12.

Ms Sue Patterson
Head of Resource Centre

Please Donate your Coles Mini Shop Collectables

We are asking families to please donate any spare Coles mini shop collectables to our Foundation Numeracy Program. Given the interest in them, they are a great tool to use in the Maths classroom (grouping, sorting, counting, adding, money).

If you are able to donate, please send them along with your child to pass on to their teacher or drop them in to Leanne at our Primary school office.

Thank you in anticipation

Ms Narelle Collins
Numeracy Coordinator and the Foundation Team

Hoop Time Basketball

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 Boys and Girls "A" Basketball Teams who have progressed to the Division Finals in Basketball on September 14 at Mill Park Basketball Stadium.

We also had three mixed teams participate on the day with two teams playing off in the final. It is great to see the strength we have in basketball across these year levels.



Regional Tee Ball

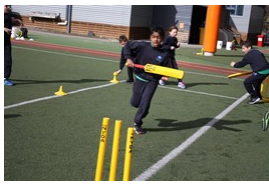
The Year 5/6 Boys Tee Ball Team competed in the School Sports Victoria Regional Tee Ball competition last week at Mill Park Softball Diamonds. They played 4 x 50-minute games and were undefeated qualifying them to the State Finals on September 12 at Jells Park, Wheelers Hill. We wish them all the best.



Year 4 Cricket

The Year 4 students have completed a 4-week cricket clinic run by Cricket Australia.

This Cricket Australia program is made up of practical cricket activities that focus on fun and using game sense activities to aid in skill development and the development of Physical Literacy. The students will look forward to a fun round robin tournament held in Term 4.



Mr Gerard Large
Head of Primary Sport

PATHWAYS

Career Development

Starting career development early does not mean forcing students to choose a career from a young age or restricting their future options. It involves exposing them to a wide range of occupations before they have to make any binding decisions and gradually building their capacity to make effective career decisions, a skill which they will need to draw on throughout their life as their interests and circumstances change. We may not be able to predict the jobs of the future, but we are able to impart to students the skills and confidence they need to successfully manage their career. Career development is an ongoing process that develops individuals' skills and knowledge to make decisions about their education, work and career throughout their lifespan. Secondary school is a pivotal time when students make choices about their direction following school.

(Parliament of Victoria-Economic, Education, Jobs and Skills Committee Inquiry into career advice activities in Victorian schools August 2018)

At the moment I am meeting with many Year 12 students helping them to finalise their VTAC accounts, SEAS, Scholarship applications and applications for course preference. Students and parents can use the link on SIMON or PAM to book a time to meet with me. In the attached career newsletter you will find the following information

News from Deakin University

- Deakin Accelerate Information Evening
- Faculty of Art & Education Information Sessions
- Creative Arts & Design Folio Sessions
- Teaching Information Session
- Step on Campus Tours
- Diploma of Teacher Education Preparation

News from Monash University

- Student Experience Day - Arts, Design & Architecture
- Upcoming 'Inside Monash' Seminars
- VCE Revision Lectures - September School Holidays
- Media & Journalism Degrees in Victoria
- CASPer Webinar
- Monash Extension Information Evening
- Studying Medicine at Bond University
- The Bachelor of Pre-Medicine, Science and Health at the University of Wollongong
- Career as a Firefighter
- Vantage Automotive Automotive Apprenticeship Program
- Medical Radiations Career Open Day 2018
- Medical Imaging Courses in Victoria

School Based Traineeship

Marymede Catholic College is offering the opportunity to a Marymede Secondary College Student to do a School Based Traineeship with our Early Learning Centre in 2019. Attached is a general position description and information on School Based Apprenticeship. This would be a paid Traineeship one day per week.

Applications for this position close on Friday 14 September. Students wishing to apply should supply their current resume and a letter of application addressed to Ms Rigney – Director of Early Learning Centre. Applications can be left at reception Founders Building.

Ms Carol Fisher
Head of Careers

WHOLE SCHOOL

Marymede's Got Talent

Congratulations, and thank you to the large number of students who participated in the Year 3/4 and the Year 5-12 Marymede's Got Talent competitions. It was wonderful to see such an exciting mix of talented acts take to the stage.

A big thank you to Ms Natalie Oman for her work organising the Year 3/4 competition, and thank you to Ms Angie Bedford, Mr Jai Cameron and Mr Sava Djukic for assisting with the organisation of the Years 5-12 competition. A big thank you to Ms Nikole Cymbalak, Mr. Aaron Syrjanen, our judges Mr Ricky Frost, Ms Margie Hough and Mr Vinodh Narasimhan, our Cultural leaders Laura Daniele (Stage Manager) and Helsen Cross (host) as well as Benjamin Cole (host) for their assistance on the day.

Please find below the placings for the 2018 Marymede's Got Talent Competitions:

Years 3/4

- 1st Place:** Sasha Bajric (4.5) and Zac Cangialosi (4.3)
- 2nd Place:** Rocki Fraumano (4.1) and Reyne Fraumano (4.3)
- 3rd Place (tie):** Luca Sabol (4.2) and Vaika Joe (4.5)
- Highly Commended:** Sienna Klein (4.5)
- Commended:** Luciana Pastrana Martinez (4.2) and Abby Mueller (4.3)
- Audience Award:** Makayla Mounsey (3.4)

Years 5-12

- 1st Place (tie):** The Silencer (9) and Lukas Opasinov (12)
- 2nd Place:** Morgan Brand (12) & Paul Nicolaidis (11)
- 3rd Place:** Shannel Kamusasa (11), Madeline Markovski (11), Adam Argyros (11) and Daniel Preziuso (11)

Congratulations to all our wonderful performers and to all students who auditioned.

Success at Schools in Sync

On Tuesday 21 August the VET Dance and Group C Sessional Dance competed in a fun and exciting dance competition for performers that allows everyone to have their chance to shine!

We are very proud of the following students on their excellent achievements and results:

- 1st place:** Sessional Dance Jazz Troupe
- 2nd place:** VET Dance Lyrical Troupe
- 3rd place:** VET Dance Jazz Troupe

Solo Awards

- 1st place:** Aneka Roberts (Lyrical), Erica Paglianiti (Contemporary)
- 2nd place:** Jessica Palumbieri (Jazz), Emily Beckett (Lyrical), Jessica Corevski (Open), Aneka Roberts (Contemporary) and Courtney Johnson (Jazz & Contemporary)
- 3rd place:** Savannah Shamon (Jazz), Emily Beckett (Open), Mariem Ismail (Jazz), Courtney Johnson (Lyrical) and Olivia Roberts (Contemporary)

Honourable Mentions: Erica Paglianiti (Jazz), Jessica Palumbieri (Lyrical), Olivia Roberts (Lyrical), Mariem Ismail (Lyrical & Contemporary) and Jennifer Roussos (Contemporary).

Shining Star Award: Jennifer Roussos (Jazz)

We would like to thank Mrs. Judita Kafetzis for her hard work and commitment in organising this excursion. Please see some photos from the day below:



Top Acts Rehearsals

A reminder to the following students who are participating in *Top Acts Performing Arts Concert* on the following rehearsals.

Monday 3 September 3.30-5.00pm (PA13) – Dance rehearsals for VET Dance, Music Theatre, Hip Hop, Group A, B and C Sessional Dance.

Wednesday 5 September 3.30pm-4.30pm (SS10) – Tournament of Minds Arts Team, selected Year 10 Drama students and selected Year 9 Drama students.

Please contact Mr. Jai Cameron at jai.cameron@marymede.vic.edu.au if you have any further questions.

Marymede Catholic College Top Acts Performing Arts Concert- Tickets Almost Sold Out

Marymede Catholic College will hold the fourth annual Top Acts Performing Arts Concert on Friday the 14th September at 7.00pm. This event will celebrate top performances developed by Marymede Catholic College Drama, Dance and Music students. The Top Acts Performing Arts Concert will be held at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre, South Morang.

Performers include Primary Choir, Sessional Dance, VET Dance, Drum Line, Year 9 Drama, Year 10 Drama Soloists, DJs and more.

Tickets are almost sold out via TryBooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/TVZR>

Book now to avoid disappointment.



Ms. Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts Prep – Year 12

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

BUSINESS MANAGER

Term 4 Change in Gates Opening/Closing Times and Gate D Reception

The College is continually striving to achieve the highest standards of Child Safety and Occupational Health and Safety within the College. In line with this, the College is upgrading the system of gates around the campus at entry and exits points.

In the coming weeks the new College carpark will be completed and all car access gates will be automated to open and close. Also, the College main reception at Gate D will have a fence installed internally to direct all Parents, Visitors and contractors to a single access point to the campus. This will help the College to provide better assistance to parents, Visitors and contractors, as well as continuing to ensure the highest levels of safety for our students and staff.

From Term 4, the College will be accessible to parents and students from 8am via pedestrian and carpark gates, with active supervision of students from 8.20am.

Mr Paul Romanin
Business Manager

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