



14 March 2019

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

This week we have been celebrating Catholic Education Week in Victoria. The theme of the week is 'Growing Young in Christ'.

Our Director of Students (5-8), Mrs Melinda Muir, staff member Miss Celine Tamburrini and a group of Primary and Secondary students will join over 2,000 other students tomorrow in a Mass to be celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Marymede is first and foremost a Catholic school striving to be true to the Gospel.

### Child Abuse

Most of our families would be aware that the verdict against Cardinal George Pell has been made public. There has been widespread discussion in the media and as a family, you may have chatted about the finding.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the survivors of this and all abuse at the hands of the clergy. I am very sad that these crimes have occurred against children, young men, women and vulnerable adults, many of whom are or were people of faith.

Our challenge is to help young people see the works of Jesus, not the men and women who failed us; to know and understand the joy and hope that Catholics share.

### Lent

During Lent, I encourage all members of our school community to take time to reflect on Jesus spending 40 days in the desert, where he was tempted by the trappings of the devil. It is this self-reflection and questioning that prepared Jesus for the challenges he faced in his ministry.

Let us use the 40 days of Lent to reflect on how ready we are for our ministry. Unfortunately, we cannot retreat from all of life's distractions for 40 days, but perhaps we can find a small space of silence each day to reflect and pray.

### House BBQs

Thank you to those families who were able to join our staff at the House Welcome BBQs over the last fortnight. I hope our parents enjoyed the opportunity to mingle with their children's teachers and other parents in their House.

### Open Day – 31 March

Our Open Day will be held on Sunday 31 March from 11.00am to 2.00pm. It is always a fantastic day as students and staff showcase the magnificent facilities we have at Marymede Catholic College to prospective families.

### Concerns and Complaints

A reminder to all parents that the College has a Complaints Guide for parents with concerns/complaints about College related matters which can be found on the College Website.

I remind parents that respect for all is the basis on which we operate, and it is therefore expected of all who are part of this community. It should also be noted that our staff have many responsibilities and the expectation that there will be an instant response to a concern is unreasonable. Staff will handle concerns based on other competing priorities and it may therefore take up to 48 hours before matters are addressed.

**Mr. Michael Kenny**  
**Principal**

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

### Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews

At the end Term 1 and during the early weeks of Term 2, we will be holding progress interviews for primary and secondary students. The interviews provide an invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's learning, progress, achievements and areas for development. The interviews will be scheduled on:

**4 April from 2.30-8pm (Prep-12)**

**24 April from 4-7pm (Prep -12)**

**1 May from 4-7pm (7-12 only)**

Please note that **students should attend school on April 4;** however, there will be an early finish with classes concluding at 1.30pm to accommodate the extended interviews. Friday April 5 will be a student-free day.

Secondary School Interviews and interviews with Primary Specialist Teachers (eg. Italian) will be held in **The Fitness Centre**. Primary School Interviews with core teachers will be held in **Primary School Classrooms**. A list of room locations will be available on the day of interviews at the Main and Primary Offices as well as on the doors of each Primary House.

15-minute interviews are available with core teachers in primary and 10-minute slots are available with secondary teachers and primary specialists. If there is a need for more time, parents are encouraged to contact teachers to arrange to meet at an alternative time, rather than book multiple slots during the scheduled interview sessions. Similarly, given the limited interview slots available, secondary students who have the same teacher for more than one subject are encouraged to book a single interview slot, rather than multiple slots with the same teacher.

We would strongly encourage students to attend the parent-teacher-student interview, particularly in their upper primary and secondary years in order to part of the conversation. Please note that they are not required to attend in uniform.

**Bookings for Interviews will open on March 21** via PAM (accessible via the College website). Further instructions on how to book interviews will be sent out to families shortly.

**Ms Tracey Kift**

**Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching Prep – Year 12**

## DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION

### Project Compassion 2019 – House Donation Pages – Launch of Social Justice Captains

It gives me great pleasure to announce our Social Justice Captains for 2019, commissioned by Archbishop Peter Comensoli at last week's Project Compassion Launch:

**Year 11** – Chloe Falzon

**Year 10** – Nuwin Fernando

**Year 7** – Cael Dawson

**Year 6** – Angelina Khoury and William Van Krieken



These students will be promoting activities along with House Captains to raise funds for Project Compassion and linked in with each week's theme. For Week 1, the theme is 100% Determination and for Week 2, it is 100% Hope. Your family can

contribute by either coins to participate in lunchtime activities like the 'Water Bucket Challenge', popping a few coins in the classroom box or by accessing the links below:

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/marymedecc>

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/marymede-chanel>

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/marymede-chisholm>

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/marymede-marcellin>

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/marymede-mcauley>

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/marymede-mccormack>

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/marymede-romero>

### Catholic Education Week 2019 – Growing Young in Christ

In our Marymede Community we are the reflection of Christ - our mission to live the Gospel within and beyond our community. What does this look like for students, parents, staff & families?

- Care in our relationships with each other.
- Getting to know each other.
- Inclusion - welcome each other and embrace differences.
- Challenging attitudes which bring others down.
- Promote and act for peace and justice.

Do these things and we will have the Kingdom of God amidst us every day.

### Upcoming Faith & Mission Events

- Chisholm Feast Day – 14 March
- Catholic Education Week – 10 – 15 March
- St Patricks Day School's Mass at the Cathedral – 15 March
- Preparation for Reconciliation – Family Workshops 21 March, 5.00pm & 7.00pm.
- Harmony Day – Thursday 21 March

**Ms Julia Wake**

**Director of Faith and Mission**

## DIRECTORS OF STUDENTS

### Mernda Rail

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Mernda Rail have informed the College that students are not tapping on and off, jumping barricades and not always demonstrating rail etiquette when using the service. Therefore, in addition to the College staff members who are on duty at the train station, Metro have informed us that there will be inspectors both in and out of uniform who will be patrolling the train line in the future. Students found to be breaking the law by not paying for travel will be fined.

Please have a conversation with your child about the appropriate behaviour expected on the transport service we

now have available to us and students are to be respectful and following procedures by tapping on and off to pay for travel. We thank the many students who are using the train appropriately and please know that your actions are not unnoticed.

Thank you.

### **Directors of Students**

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Secondary House Cross Country**

Friday 1 March 2019, saw students in the secondary school participate in the House Cross Country. Although the weather was incredibly warm, the course was modified, and students had the opportunity to represent their House with pride. As the day warmed up races were combined to allow all students the opportunity to run and score points for their House Teams. Congratulations to all students who represented their House.

### **Results**

#### **Year 7 Girls**

- 1st Grace Villella (Marcellin)
- 2nd Olivia Sheens (McAuley)
- 3rd Rhianna Bennett (Chisholm)
- 4th Alannah Hoffman (Chisholm)

#### **Year 7 Boys**

- 1st Benji Quattrone (Chanel)
- 2nd Krishansh Kachroo (Chanel)
- 3rd Jack Burke (Romero)
- 4th Lucas Markoski (McCormack)

#### **Year 8 Girls**

- 1st Sienna Murphy (Romero)
- 2nd Stephanie Camacho (Chisholm)
- 3rd Bianca Bothma (McAuley)
- 4th Madison Stojkovska (McCormack)

#### **Year 8 Boys**

- 1st Matthew Sabatino (Romero)
- 2nd Tobenna Obani (McCormack)
- 3rd Akshansh Srivastava (Chanel)
- 4th Stephen Sibanda (McAuley)

#### **Year 9 Girls**

- 1st Isabelle Spiteri (Chanel)
- 2nd Taylah Scrimizzi (Marcellin)
- 3rd Caitlyn Mitkovski (Romero)
- 4th Chloe Males (McAuley)

#### **Year 9 Boys**

- 1st Damian Trenevski (Chisholm)
- 2nd Jed Tyrrell (Marcellin)
- 3rd Adrian Alessandrino (Romero)
- 4th Jonathon Sevas (Marcellin)

#### **Year 10 Girls**

- 1st Grace Wake (Marcellin)

#### **Year 10 Boys**

- 1st Jake Mitkovski (Romero)
- 2nd Daniel Cincotta (Chisholm)
- 3rd Oliver Petlevski (McCormack)
- 4th Mohammed Al Noobi (Chisholm)

#### **Year 11 Girls**

- 1st Monique Stojanovski (Chanel)

#### **Year 11 Boys**

- 1st Raphael Liwanag (Romero)
- 2nd Jack Bowlen (Chanel)
- 3rd Jack Twomey (McAuley)
- 4th Jack Dove (Marcellin)

#### **Year 12 Girls**

- 1st Alanna Mardegan (McCormack)
- 2nd Brooke McCormack (McCormack)
- 3rd Julia Milevski (Chanel)
- 4th Bridget Ranalli (McCormack)

#### **Year 12 Boys**

- 1st Samuel Indian (McCormack)
- 2nd Jackson Mansell (McAuley)
- 3rd Reuben Hayes (Marcellin)



**Ms Ann-Marie O'Hare**  
**Head of Sport**

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Primary Sport**

#### **Division Swimming**

Congratulations to 4 students who have progressed to the SSV Regional Swimming Championships. Alexis Madin came first in her 50m backstroke and Alla Bourke, Alana Stojanoski, Marama McGinty and Alexis Madin won their 50m freestyle relay. We wish them the best of luck as they represent Marymede on March 19 at Watermarc Aquatic Centre.

**Ms Liz Miles**  
**Primary Sport Assistant**



## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

### Student Absentee Housekeeping

When your child is going to be absent from school, is arriving late or leaving early, parents/guardians are reminded of the following process:

- Ring the absentee line on 9407 9090 and leave a clear voicemail with your child's full name, year level and House, together with the reason for the absence. Parents/guardians can also send an email to [absentees@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:absentees@marymede.vic.edu.au) with your child's name, date of absence and the reason for the absence.
- If your child is going to be late for school, please re-iterate to your child that they **must sign in** at Student Reception where Mrs Jenny Priest and Mrs Leanne Easdon are located.
- If your child is leaving school early, parents/guardians are to write a note and your child will be required to obtain an early leave pass from their Tutor Teacher or House Coordinator. Students **must sign out** when leaving early and present the early leave pass to Mrs Priest or Mrs Easdon for recording purposes.

Please note that communication of your child's absence/late arrival **must be received no later than 9.30am** on the day of the absence/late arrival. If you do not communicate your child's absence/late arrival by 9.30am and your child does not sign in upon his/her arrival you will receive an SMS message advising that your child is absent and requesting you to call the school to confirm the absence/late arrival.

**Mrs Mandy Sloan**  
**Attendance Officer**

### Knit-A-Square Is Back For 2019

The Square Knit Circle is extremely excited to be regrouping for 2019 to carry on the tremendous work we have been conducting since 2011.

In November last year, our 800+ knitted squares were packed into water-tight shipping envelopes, sent to Kascare's branch in South Africa and stitched into lovely blankets. The Marymede community contributed enough squares to warm children in the South Africa who would otherwise have been freezing. We feel extremely proud that our small contribution will become wonderful blankets, used to keep orphaned, abandoned or children with AIDS, warm.



### Where To From Here

Knitting club is every Wednesday lunch time, we hope to regroup bigger and better. Students are currently being sought to learn to knit or crochet 20cm squares that will be sent Zimbabwe, officially the poorest country in the World and Kascare's expanding branch.

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

### How Can You Help

You can become involved in two very important ways.

If you have the skills to knit or crochet a 20cm by 20cm square, please call Mrs Jenny Priest at the school or via email: [Jenny.priest@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:Jenny.priest@marymede.vic.edu.au),



Alternatively, we are welcoming all wool or knitting needles donations of any colour, size or type, with the drop off of wool or squares to be made at the Student Reception area.

<http://www.knit-a-square.com/>

**Mrs Jenny Priest**  
**Student Reception**

## PARENT'S AND FRIENDS'

The AGM for this year will be held Tuesday 26 March at 7pm in college staff room. Please fill in the attached nomination form for any position that you may want to hold on committee whether it be an executive position or become a general committee member. Please have completed forms into P and F no later than the 22 March.

If you have any questions please contact P and F by email [paf@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:paf@marymede.vic.edu.au) and we will respond to your queries.

**The P and F Committee**

# COMMUNITY MASS

