



21 October 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

It is wonderful to have the majority of our students back on campus again this past fortnight. The buildings have come alive once more and new energies and new hope have burst into life in all directions. We very much look forward to seeing our Years 8-10 students return next Monday 26 October.

Easing of COVID-19 Restrictions

Premier Daniel Andrews announced last Sunday that outdoor contact sports competitions for children under 18 will be able to resume from 2 November. This is great news for our students who are involved in community sports over the summer season.

Year 12 Students

Our Year 12 students complete their formal Secondary education next Friday 30 October, with the much-loved parade around the Athletics Track. This year the event will be live streamed so that our students and parents can feel that they are involved in what is one of the highlights each year on our College Calendar.

Our Year 12 students will be formally acknowledged in their House Groups this year. This celebration will take place on the following dates, commencing at 5.00pm and will be live streamed to our parents:

Tuesday 27 October: Marcellin & McAuley

Wednesday 28 October: Romero & McCormack

Thursday 29 October: Chanel & Chisholm

I trust that our students enjoy their final days at school next week.

Changing of the Guard

Our departing 2020 Year 12 Student Leadership Team was farewelled this morning, and our incoming Student Leadership Team was then introduced.

I take this opportunity to thank our outgoing student leaders for the way they have led the student body in the challenging times we have experienced this year.

I congratulate the students listed below on being appointed to a leadership position at the College in 2021:

College Captains

Jarnai Brancaleone & Nuwin Fernando

Faith & Mission Captains

Annrose Gigimon & Cassandra Rukweza

House Captains

Chanel: Christy Dimovski & Megha Das

Chisholm: Jessica Corevski & Corey Thompson

Marcellin: Jayle Cavus & Deon Roumeliotis

McAuley: Britney Zahra & Sahib Singh

McCormack: Kristen Lando & Chideraa Obani

Romero: Ivana Ilic & Hardial Singh

Academic & Sporting Captains

Sports: Grace Wake & Jake Mitkovski

LOTE: Claudia Pironi

Performing Arts: Bridget Camacho

Music: Samuel Vermeulen

Year 7 2022 Enrolments

I am delighted to report that the College has received its largest number of 2022 Year 7 enrolment applications from families wishing to join our Marymede School Community in its 16-year history.

I now ask that current Marymede parents who have children in Year 5 who have yet to return their Year 7 enrolment form to please do so as soon as possible. The College is keen to finalise its enrolment offers because at this stage it is very likely we will have a waiting list for 2022 at this year level.

Book Week

This week the Primary staff and students have celebrated Book Week. A number of activities have taken place throughout the week and we look forward to the Book Week Parade, which will take place in class groups tomorrow. The parade will be filmed and a highlights package will be put together for our parents to view.

Public Holiday: 23 October

A reminder that school will be closed this Friday 23 October as Premier Daniel Andrews declared a public holiday as a thank you to all Victorians.

Melbourne Cup Long Weekend

The College will also be closed on Monday 2 November as part of the Melbourne Cup long weekend. Students will return to school on Wednesday 4 November.

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL STAFF AND OPERATIONS PREP – YEAR 12

Year 8-10 Return to face-to-face learning FAQ

It has been a great joy to have our Prep – Year 7 and Yr 11-12 students back from 12 October, finally returning our campus back into a P-12 (almost!) 'school' for the first time since June. We very much look forward to welcoming back our Year 8-10 students from **Monday 26 October**.

For detailed responses to frequently asked questions about the timeline and conditions of student return to face-to-face learning, please refer to the 'Return for Term 4 FAQ', emailed directly to families and available here via PAM. As these details have not changed since the 12 October return of other students, should the Victorian government or CEM provide amendments to the conditions, parents will receive an email containing a revised FAQ letter.

Support for parents and your Year 8-10 child in transitioning back to face-to-face learning

For the vast majority of Year 8 – 10 students, it has been 4 months since they were last on-campus. In order to assist parents with managing your child(ren)'s transition back to face-to-face learning, Catholic Education Melbourne has provided the following resource, specific to Secondary students:

In addition, well-known child psychologist Dr Andrew Fuller has also provided the following advice to assist in the transition from a 'screen life' back into more 'real life'.

Aimed at supporting parents in your journey through 2020, the Thomastown Neighbourhood House and ParentZone offer the online interactive session '**Topping up your tank: Parenting during a pandemic**':

Key Dates for end of 2020 & start of 2021

The Senior Leadership Team has recently confirmed some of the important dates for early 2021, which you find below along with key dates for the conclusion of 2020:

2020 dates

Friday 30 October	Final day for Year 12 students
Wednesday 2 December	Final day for Year 10 & 11 students
Friday 4 December	Final day for Year 7 – 9 students
Friday 11 December	Final day for Prep – Year 6 students
Friday 18 December	College Office closes for 2020
Wednesday 30 December	Release of VCE, VCAL & ATAR results

2021 dates

Monday 18 January	College Office re-opens for 2021
Friday 29 January	First day for Year 7 & 12 (& Unit 3 Yr 11) students
	First day of Year 1 & 2 testing
Monday 1 February	First day for Year 3 – 11 students
Tuesday 2 February	All students in attendance

Restricted Entry & Procedures For Students On-campus

Under the continuing advice of the Chief Health Officer, parents and community members are advised that entry and exit points to the campus continue to be limited as a further measure for protecting the health of our staff and students. This is likely to continue until at least the end of 2020.

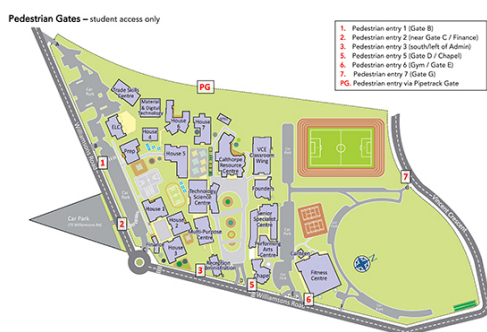
All parent access to the campus remains restricted and all parent involvement with activities on-campus is cancelled for the foreseeable future. While the drop-off / pick-up zones will be open for limited times via Gates B, E & F, parents may not park on-campus and **must not exit their vehicle when on-campus**. Unfortunately, this week some parents have been exiting their vehicles. Should this continue, we may be forced to close the Secondary drop-off / pick-up zone.

We are grateful for the cooperation of the overwhelming majority parents and guardians in these procedures throughout most of 2020 and look forward to continuing to work together for the health and safety of all members of our community.

Similarly, while parents may also walk their child(ren) to the student pedestrian access gates (as noted below) you must farewell your child outside the gate: only students may enter the property.

- pedestrian entry 1 (Gate B – Primary School)
- pedestrian entry 2 (near Gate C / Finance – Primary School)
- pedestrian entry 3 (south / left of Admin – Bus stop)

- pedestrian entry 5 (Gate D / chapel)
- pedestrian entry 6 (Gym / Gate E)
- pedestrian entry 7 (Gate G)
- pipe track gate (behind House 7)



Mr David Broadbent
Deputy Principal Staff & Operations P-12

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING PREP – YEAR 12

Book Week

There is tremendous excitement building among students and staff for tomorrow's annual Book Week parade. There has been plenty of creativity in the running of the events this week due to given COVID restrictions and I'd like to extend my thanks to the staff and parents for their work in bringing this community event to life in even the most trying conditions. Thursday will provide the culmination of many activities throughout the week with virtual author visits, classroom activities and lunchtime reading in the yard. Thank you to Elizabeth Milani, our Literacy Co-Ordinator for her commitment and careful planning of the week.

Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT)

Progressive Achievement Tests are a series of tests designed to provide objective, norm-referenced information to teachers about their students' skills and understandings in a range of key areas. Over the coming weeks students in Prep – Year 10 will undertake testing in the areas of Reading and Maths. This data will enable us to assess student learning growth over the last 3 terms and be used to assist teachers in targeting their teaching for the remainder of the year. Students are familiar with this testing and will be guided by their teacher throughout the session.

Year 10 and Unit 1 and 2 Examinations

The examination revision guides have been distributed to parents and students and should be used to assist in the preparation for the upcoming examinations. Teachers will be working closely with students to provide structured, guided revision and continue to build their study strategies and revision techniques. The examination timetable can be found within the revision guide and students are only required to attend the College when they have an examination scheduled.

Unit 3 and 4 Trial Examinations

All students undertaking Unit 3 and 4 examinations completed their trial papers last week. Students are to be commended for the way in which they engaged in the examinations, arriving promptly and using their time to complete as much of the paper as they could. This additional practice serves as an important preparation for our students and really informs them where they are currently at and what they need to do between now and the official VCAA examination period to ensure they achieve to the very best of their ability. My thanks to the teachers for their work in marking the examinations and providing feedback to students on the areas they should be focussing their revision on. There is still time for students to show vast improvement so I would ask that parents continue to push and challenge their child to work as hard as they can in preparing for their exams.



Mrs Jessica Hall
Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12

DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION

FRG Ministry Mass – Moved to Sunday 22 November, 10.00am

Fr Rob himself and the FRG team were very apologetic for what were unusual audio issues on Sunday 10 October and have rescheduled our students for Sunday 22 November. We hope you can join us again on this day. You can access the mass via here **at 10.00am on Sunday.**

<http://www.frgministry.com/mass>

Sacraments Update

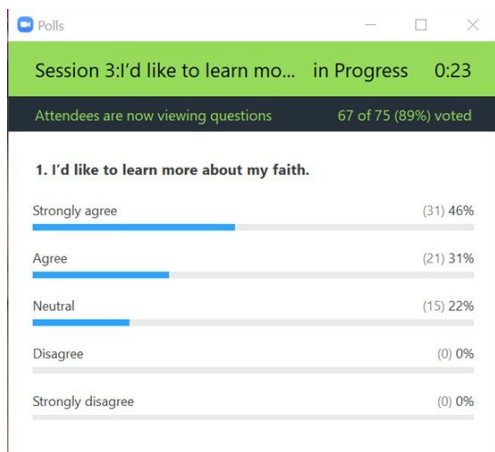
Year 3 Reconciliation will take place in class groups in November.

Our celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for 2020 Year 6's has been scheduled for the weekend of **20-21 February 2021** across 4 - 6 Liturgies in our Chapel of the Annunciation. All current Year 6 candidates will be invited to participate, including those heading to another Secondary School, and families will select a Liturgy time. Numbers will be capped for each Liturgy. Details will be sent out to Year 6 families in the coming week and will take into account anticipated COVID circumstances. The Year 6 reflection day for this Sacrament will be on Monday 23 November 2020.

Our celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion for 2020 Year 4's has been scheduled for the weekend of **20-21 March 2021** across 4 Masses in our Chapel of the Annunciation. Numbers will be capped for each Mass. Details will be sent out to Year 4 families by the end of Term and will take into account anticipated COVID circumstances. The Year 4 reflection day for this Sacrament will be in Term 1, 2021.

Gamechangers La Valla on-line Leadership Experience

Last weekend, a number of our Year 10 Gamechangers, supported by Ms Gaff, Mr Correya and Youth Minister Sheryl Varghese attended an on-line 'camp' with 120 other students from 10 Marist schools in VIC, NSW and QLD. It was extraordinary! Young people discussed Community, Service and Faith openly and honestly and enjoyed getting to know each other from across the borders. We'll have more in the next Newsletter regarding this experience and the expansion of Gamechangers into 2021. As a discussion point of interest, I've included responses to a Poll question about the importance of faith to these 15-16 year olds.



Upcoming Faith & Mission Events:

Community Mass every Wednesday during term, 8.00am via Marymede Facebook.

- Year 3 Reflection Day: **Wednesday 4 November**
- FRG Ministry Mass on YouTube with Marymede Musicians: **Sunday 22 November, 10.00am.**

<http://www.frgministry.com/mass>

- Year 6 Reflection Day: **Monday 23 November**
- Student Leaders Gathering online: **Monday 23 – Tuesday 24 November**
- Year 7 Reflection Day: **Friday 27 November**
- Year 9 Reflection Day: **Wednesday 2 December**
- House Charity Christmas Appeal – Term 4

Ms Julia Wake

Director of Faith & Mission P-12

MATHS @ MARYMEDE DAY

Celebrating Numeracy (Prep to Year 6) - Wednesday October 28

October 15 is recognised Globally as "World Math Day" for 2020. To celebrate the recent passing of this day and that Numeracy is fun, worthwhile and for everyone, we will be celebrating with **Maths @Marymede Day on Wednesday October 28.**

This event does not require dress-ups after such a fun week of Book Week! All it does require is student attendance, participation and curiosity to work with math on the day.

Numeracy, in short, is the ability to recognise and apply mathematics to the world around us. To celebrate students will participate in a range of Numeracy sessions over the period of the day with their class teachers. Highlights of the day will include:

- **Prep:** Maths Through Stories (Special guest storyteller) via Zoom
- **Year 1:** Maths walk and locational activities
- **Year 2:** Digital technology – Robotics and location
- **Year 3 – 6:** 'The Maths Show' streamed live to classrooms and Math Games
- **Year Prep – 2:** Estimation 'Lollies in the jar' with a Math prize at each level

The day will involve your child working with their class and classroom teacher. Highlights of the day will be shared after the day's completion.

Linda Minahan

Numeracy Coordinator (Prep – Year 6)

STUDENT WELLBEING

Welcome Back Everyone START Up Term Four!

The playgrounds have been still, classrooms quiet and untouched during this very unusual year. Throughout last week, this was replaced with colour, movement and chatter as the Primary Students reinvigorated our Marymede Campus. There were a few tears in the eyes of teachers as they were reunited with their students.



Lisa Murray

Student Wellbeing P-6

CALTHORPE RESOURCE CENTRE

The Book Week Book Fair has gone virtual.

This year, our Book Fair sponsors have given Marymede the option of holding our primary school Book Week Book Fair online.

It will be open on the Lamont Books website between October 19 – 30, when you can select from a wide range of popular primary school level books.

The following flyer provides more information and includes a link to the Book Fair website.

Orders will be delivered to the school in early November and Resource Centre staff will ensure that they are passed on to the students who order them.



Marie O'Brien
Head of Resource Centre

FINANCE OFFICE

Camps, Sports and Excursion Funding by Victorian State Government

The Department of Education has made changes to the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) to provide more support for families in need.

These changes include the extension of the deadline for CSEF applications to eligible students until Monday 5 October 2020. This will mean that families with new valid concession cards or temporary foster parents can apply for the CSEF. Payments to eligible students will be made at 50 percent of the annual student rate.

Therefore, if you have a valid concession cards or temporary foster parents and have not previously submitted this to the College earlier in 2020, please complete the attached form.

attachments/2020CSEF.pdf

UNIFORM SHOP

<http://www.bobstewart.com.au/products/marymede-catholic-college>

MARYMEDE UNIFORM SHOP IS MOVING!

BOB STEWART IS OPENING IN UNI HILL!
Address: Shop 25 / 5 Janefield Drive, Bundoora

KEY DATES
WED 24TH SEPT - Web Orders available for postage
MON 19TH OCT - Web Orders available for Click n Collect
MON 26th OCT - **Uni Hill New Store Opens!**

STORE TRADING HOURS
MONDAY - THURSDAY 9 - 5
SATURDAY 9.30 - 12.30
Email: unihill@bobstewart.com.au
PH: 03 9036 7385

NOTE: All nominated dates are subject to government directives & restrictions