



25 March 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

The first term holidays are only a week away and I encourage all members of our Marymede Community to reflect upon the significance of the upcoming Easter season.

The death and resurrection of Jesus are important for all Christians, bringing hope and meaning to our lives as we reflect on Christ's example of how to live in the light of His sacrifice. Jesus offers forgiveness and hope of eternal life.

First Eucharist Celebrations

It was wonderful that our Year 5 students were able to receive their First Eucharist last weekend. A big thank you to Ms Laetitia Malusu, Mrs Mary Selar and Miss Sheryl Varghese for their work in coordinating the five masses and to the other staff members and senior students who were in attendance at such a special celebration for our children.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews: 30 March & 1 April

The P/T/S Interviews will take place next Tuesday 30 March from 4.00pm to 7.00pm and Thursday 1 April from 2.00pm to 7.00pm.

I urge parents to book an online meeting with your child(ren)'s teachers. It is important that students attend the interviews so that they can be involved in discussions regarding their progress.

SACCSS Swimming Carnival: 30 March

Next Tuesday our Secondary Swimming Team will compete in the SACCSS Swimming Carnival which will be held at MSAC (State Swimming Centre). I wish them well and look forward to seeing our students compete on the day.

Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 Camp is currently taking place at Camp Marysville. I attended the camp this morning and was pleased to see the students participating in the various activities and enjoying the chance to establish new friendships.

Open Day: 14 March

Last Sunday the College held its annual Open Day. I was delighted that we had over 250 families in attendance. A big thank you to our staff and our over 100 students who acted as tour guides. I am anticipating that there will be very strong enrolments for Prep in 2022 and Year 7 in 2023.

Student Grooming

During the holidays, some students may choose to experiment with hair colours and styles. I ask parents to please ensure that your children return next term with their hair meeting the grooming standards which were outlined in my first Newsletter of the year. I thank you for your support.

Winter Uniform

Given the early finish to Term 1 and the Secondary Athletics Carnival on Monday 26 April, I am happy to delay the wearing of the full winter uniform until Tuesday 27 April.

Term 1

Reflecting back on a busy Term 1, I congratulate staff and many of our students for the way they have begun the 2021 school year.

I trust that all our students have enjoyed their time at school and that our Years 5-12 students in particular have by now established good study patterns at home.

Our senior students have the opportunity over the holidays to evaluate what has been achieved and in some cases, put in strategies to improve.

Classes conclude for all students next Thursday 1 April at 1.00pm. Classes resume for Term 2 on Tuesday 20 April at 8.45am.

I wish all members of our Marymede Community an enjoyable break.

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL STAFF AND OPERATIONS PREP – YEAR 12

Stay Safe – Stay Home & Current Face Mask Requirements

Victoria finds itself in the fortunate position of having recently passed the mark of 28 days without a locally transmitted COVID case, for which we are all grateful as it helps us to ease more restrictions in our society. Importantly though, Victoria has reached this landmark before and we know that continued vigilance is required to maintain a greater sense of normality in our lives.

If your child has any possible COVID-19 symptoms (cough, fever, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, loss of taste) please do not send them to school: please seek a COVID-19 test and email the COVID-negative result to the College absentee email absentees@marymede.vic.edu.au before your child returns to campus. Should the result be positive please phone the college immediately.



We remind all parents and students that there are still certain requirements for all secondary students and adults regarding facemasks:

- Secondary school students and all adults are required by government regulations to carry a face mask with them at all times.
- Face Masks are still required on all school buses and public transport: this includes excursions, travel to sports matches and camps. Students may be prevented from boarding school buses – even for sports and excursions – if they do not have a face mask (or a known lawful exemption).

Early finish last day of Term 1

To accommodate the Parent Teacher interviews on the final day of term, students will be dismissed early:

- Thursday 1 April 1.00pm dismissal

Parents will be able to book Camp Australia supervision for the additional hours on these dates.

Key dates for the start of Term 2

- **Monday 19 April** Student-free day / Staff Professional Practice Day
- **Tuesday 20 April** All students commence Term 2 classes
- **Monday 26 April** Secondary House Athletics Carnival (at Marymede)
- **Mon 3 – Wed 5 May** Year 8 Camp
- **Tues 4 – Wed 5 May** PFC Mother's Day Stall
- **Tuesday 4 May** Year 4 Eucharist Family Evening
- **Wed 5 – Fri 7 May** Year 10 Camp
- **Tues 11 – Thurs 13 May** NAPLAN testing

Mr David Broadbent
Deputy Principal Staff & Operations P-12

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING PREP – YEAR 12

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parents/carers and students can now access their Mid-Semester Reports for Term 1 via PAM. These reports provide a summary of how each student is progressing in relation to learning dispositions and work habits. Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be taking place online via Zoom on Tuesday 30 March 4.00pm – 7.00pm and Thursday 1 April 2.00pm – 7.00pm. Bookings are now open through the Parent Access Module (PAM). If you are unable to secure your chosen booking, please make contact with the relevant teacher via email and an alternative time can be scheduled.

Year 1 Maths Night

Thank you to our families that were able to come along to our Year 1 Family Maths night on Monday 22 March. This evening provided an opportunity for students and their parents to engage in a range of hands-on maths activities, strengthening their engagement and understanding that maths is all around us. My thanks to Linda Minahan for her coordination of the event and the teachers who attend to offer their support. We look forward to continuing to find opportunities to engage with the community with learning events such as this one.

VCE Top Class

It was an absolute privilege to attend Top Class with Ms Kiely and our Dance students to watch Kaiya Camilleri (current Year 12 Marymede student) perform her A+ achieving contemporary dance solo. Top Class presents 11 concerts by outstanding VCE performing arts students who have completed VCE Music Performance, Music Investigation, Music Style and Composition, VCE VET Music Industry, VCE Dance, VCE VET Dance, VCE Drama and Theatre Studies. It is an absolute

honour to be selected and is an outstanding achievement by Kaiya.



Mrs Jessica Hall
Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12

FAITH & MISSION

This term has been eventful in relation to the faith and mission aspect of our college, with a team of diligent staff working collaboratively.

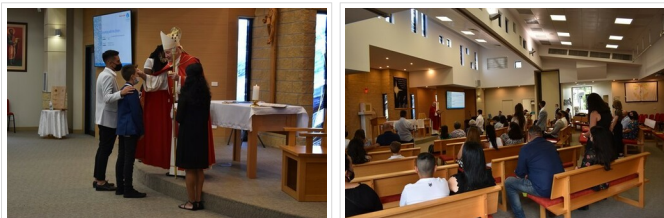
We have been fortunate enough to be able to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion for our current Year 7 and 5 students over two massive weekends, which had been postponed from 2020 due to the COVID-19 crisis last year.

In working with the families and candidates to prepare for these two Sacraments, it is our hope that we have been able to create a deeper understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit within us, as well as exploring how the Eucharist nourishes us spiritually.

The Chapel of The Annunciation at the College offered a lovely space for us to gather in smaller numbers, making the celebrations more intimate for the candidates and their families. We thank families for their support and reverence in ensuring that these celebrations ran smoothly.

We could not have achieved this wonderful feat without the support of Bishop Terry Curtin, Fr John Murphy, Fr Anthony Girolami and Fr Martin Ashe. We thank them for their time and dedication in marking multiple celebrations for our students. We also acknowledge and thank the staff involved in the preparation of the students.

We look forward to seeing the faith growth in our students as they continue in their life journeys. May the Holy Spirit and the gift of the Body of Christ always lead them in the paths that God has designed for them. May they be true missionaries in the way they relate to all those they encounter.



Laetitia Malusu
Religious Education Leader – Primary

SPORT – SECONDARY

House Swimming Carnival

The House Swimming Carnival was enjoyed by all Year 7 students and a selection of Year 8-10 swimmers at Whittlesea Pool on Friday 12 March. Chisholm House retained their title off the back of some strong individual efforts and a large participation rate.

Congratulations to the following Year Level Champions:

Year 7: Alec D'este and Tahlia Trenevka

Year 8: Julian Spiteri, Alexis Madin and Leah Crisp

Year 9: Christian Petlevski and Caitlin Venhardt

Year 10: Harley Fraumano and Kaitlyn Moss

Year 10 Premier League

We have continued to have strong results in Year 10 Premier League with the following teams being in contention for a Grand Final berth in the last week of school:

- Boys Basketball (A & B)
- Netball
- Boys Soccer

Our Senior Netball team are also in Grand Final contention.

SACCS Senior Sports Day

Select Secondary Students competed in Mixed Netball, Volleyball and Tennis on Wednesday 17 March against students from 14 other Catholic schools. Highlights of the day included a Runner-up in the Girls Volleyball with Jarnai Brancaleone being awarded the player of the Grand Final by the umpire. Francesco Zaccari won the Senior Boys Tennis competition and our Mixed Netball team made it to the Semi-Finals.

Gerard Large
Head of Secondary Sport

PRIMARY WELLBEING

National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence

At Marymede Catholic College we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone. On Friday, 19 March, we participated in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

As a community we are working together to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone. Students participated in discussions and activities that explored how we can Take a Stand Together to stamp out Bullying.



Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm.

It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening. Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).



Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records).

Single incidents and a conflict or fight between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Parents know their children best and know the best way to tailor communication to their needs. Adapt these tips to what works for you and your child.

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying. No Way! website for parents.

Important Links:

- esafety Kids <https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids>
- esafety Guide <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>
- Kids Helpline <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>
- esafety Report <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>
- Bullying No Way <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

Lisa Murray
Student Wellbeing P-6

YEAR 9 ENGINEERING

It's a new year and our Year 9 engineering students are off to a flying start at the Marymede Trade Skills Centre. Our Term 1 cohort of new Year 9 students have been busily completing their Pacman keychain and sheet metal tool caddy projects.

Engineering studies teach key concepts such as occupational health & safety, measuring, marking, use of machinery, and higher order thinking skills such as digital design and digital manufacturing. If parents or students wish to learn more about engineering or would like a tour of our facilities, please reach out to Mr Aaron Powter or Mr Andrew Bannister.



Daniel Savino demonstrates how to operate the hydraulic panbrake.



Kieran Chetty proudly displaying his completed aluminium Pacman keychain.



Matilda Brereton letting John Bourke spot the sparks fly on the spot welder.



welding his tool caddy.

Mr Aaron Powter
Engineering Teacher

PREP & YEAR 1 EASTER BONNET PARADE

We are inviting all Prep and Year 1 students to take part in our 2021 Easter Bonnet Parade.

Date: Wednesday March 31, 2021.

Time: 11.30am-12.30pm. Doors open at 11.15am

Venue: Marymede Fitness Centre

Please make a simple Easter Bonnet hat with your child.



PARENTS OF PREP AND YEAR 1 STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Parents **must** pre-register online by using the QR code or the link listed below



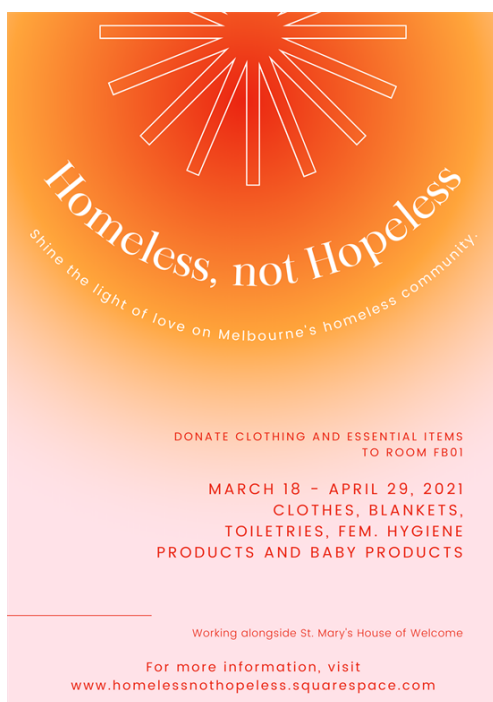
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Please note that due to COVID restrictions this event is strictly limited to 200 parents/guardians in total (children under 12 do not count in this limit). Parents/guardians who attend on the day but have not pre-registered will be unable to view the parade.

Due to this limit only **two parents/guardians per family** may pre-register for this event.

HOMELESS, NOT HOPELESS

As a partnered initiative of Romero house and Year 12 VCAL, we are running a fundraiser for St. Mary's House of Welcome. We are collecting second-hand jumpers, blankets, scarves, and other items that will help the homeless have a warmer winter. This fundraiser began on the 18th of March and will run until the 29th of April. Tubs will be located at FB01 for you to place your donations in. All contributions are welcome, and we thank you in advance for your donations.



Dallin, Grace, Thomas and Felicity
Year 12 Students

Knit-A-Square Is Back For 2021

The Square Knit Circle is extremely excited to be regrouping for 2021 to carry on the tremendous work we have been conducting since 2011.

In November last year, our 700+ 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 southern 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 Thursday lunch time in FB00 Founders Building, we hope to regroup bigger and better. Students are currently being taught 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 over 1.6 million orphans in 2020, 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

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 Main Reception area.

For more information log on to

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



Mrs Jenny Priest
Secondary Administration

CAREERS

As a parent or student, you may be wondering what tools are available that could help you with your career development or family discussions about career development.

For parents and students from Prep-Year 9

Myfuture (www.myfuture.edu.au) is a government endorsed website that provides information about career development for students, teachers and parents. As a parent, you may want to watch the webinar "Supporting your child's career development: tips and tools from myfuture" available at:

<https://myfuture.edu.au/assist-others/webinars>

For parents and students in years 9-12.

As a family, it is worth attending "The VCE and Careers Expo". With a series of exhibitors and seminars, there will be something for everyone. Their focus is on career choices, which includes tertiary, apprenticeships, gap years, direct employment and training opportunities.

Date: Thursday 29th April through to Sunday 2nd May.

Location: Caulfield Racecourse.

Cost: \$12 per person (contact the careers department if you require help with this cost).

To book and further information:
www.vceandcareers.com.au

This is a COVID Safe Event.

In this week's Careers Newsletter, you will:

- **Read** about how to find apprenticeships.
- **Find** a guide to ALL University courses in Victoria broken up into career fields.
- **Learn** how to apply for employment in the Australian Defence Course (applications open)
- Deakin University is having **campus tours** the April holidays.
- Victoria University is having **webinars** for different courses.

You will find the careers newsletters at the link below:

<http://www.marymedecareers.com/>

Patricia Weinberg
Careers Co-ordinator