

COLLEGE BULLETIN TERM 3 - 2015

A successful Term 3 has concluded with the winter weather now behind us. Below are some important updates regarding the College.

ICT Development:

Term 3 saw several ICT developments in a range of areas around the College. Developments included the upgrading of Fibre Links to all buildings resulting in increased wireless bandwidth; upgrading of our Wireless Network allowing it to cope with an increased number of devices; upgrading to Switching Equipment in all buildings, enabling increased bandwidth for our wireless network; the introduction of cloud technologies for data storage, backup and redundancy; the upgrading of onsite servers and storage to support Teaching and Learning Programs and Administration; the addition of NBN Link as a further backup to our current two internet connections providing further redundancy and the upgrading of Routers for student internet access through the Catholic Education Office Melbourne.

Additionally, the College introduced a further 162 new iPads to be used by students in Prep – Year 2 along with 4 Interactive Whiteboard Tables to be used by students in Years 3 and 4. Installation of 10 Storage Charging Bays was also completed in order to support the 1:1 device program and iPad program for students in Years 5 and 6.

Finally, works took place to upgrade our Library Borrowing System – which involved the establishment of self-borrowing/return kiosks enabling our students to borrow and return their books independently via their student ID Card.

Facilities and Communication Update:

Our new Food Technology Kitchen located in Room SC05 was completed at the beginning of Term 3 with both Primary and Secondary classes making use of the new space which has been extremely popular with the students.

Meanwhile, construction on the new Marymede Trade Skills Centre continued and is currently on schedule for completion by the conclusion of 2015. During Term 3 the foundations were laid, the roofing has been put up along with wall cladding and the commencement of interior fit out. Read more about the current progress and view images and video at <http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/news/skills-centre-september-update>.

Should you have a change in contact details such as home address, phone numbers or email address, please contact the Main Office on 9407-9000 to submit the new information, alternatively you may also wish to email the change to registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au. Additionally, any family who changes their email address via PAM or Care Monkey will also need to contact the Registrar to submit the new address to the College. Maintaining current contact details is essential to ensure that communication to and from the College remains possible and efficient.



Catholic Identity:

Term 3 can rightly be called “The Term of Innovation” at Marymede Catholic College. Two of our students have been selected to represent Marymede Catholic College at World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland. Less than a year to go and preparation for the trip has already begun by the Pilgrimage Office in the Archdiocese.

We launched Mission-Action Day on our College Feast Day. Following a beautiful celebration of Mass by the community, our students and staff across the school came up with creative ways in which to raise as much money as we could within two hours and we raised \$ 10,000.00 for St Vincent De Paul. This success was followed by the inaugural Year 12 Christian Leadership Retreat where students were introduced to the concept of “Servant Leadership” following in the footsteps of Christ and Pope Francis 1. The highlight of the Retreat was the successful construction of a boat demonstrating skills of leadership such as innovation, collaboration, communication and critical thinking. We also celebrated the first P-12 McAuley Guild Mass and were fortunate to have Sr Karon Donnellon, a Mercy nun who spoke to the students and staff about MercyWorks to ensure a healthier, happier life for more people in developing countries around the globe. As an outcome of their Retreat, our Year 11 students helped ‘Youth For Christ’, an external organisation to lead our Year 8 Reflection Day on the theme of Social Justice, an experience that culminated in the celebration of Mass in our Chapel. Two new programs for 2016 were launched in the final two weeks of the Term: the Philippines Immersion Program for the Year 11 students and the REMAR program, for the Year 10 students respectively, of 2016. A Parent Information Evening was held for each of these events. Interviews with Mr. Kenny will follow in Term 4. Then commences the process of preparing students in each of these programs to embrace alongside their learning, an active spirit of service through outreach as they seek to build community locally, nationally and internationally.

Term 3 also saw the Year 3 students prepare and celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in the College’s Chapel of the Annunciation.

Our College Chaplain Fr Martin Ashe was supported by Fr Anthony Girolami, Fr John Murphy, Fr Varghese Kattikatt, Fr Martin Jeramias and Fr Mick McEntee who together heard the confessions of the Penitent’s and in Christ’s name forgave them.

2016 School Fees and Levies:

In Term 3, the College released the full 2016 School Fees and Levies structure. The 2016 School Fees can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#). Additionally, we remind families who have not yet returned the Re-Enrolment form for 2016 to confirm the enrolment of their child or children for 2016. The Re-Enrolment form is also an affirmation of each family’s commitment to support the values and principles of the College as well as to pay the tuition fees and levies in full and by the prescribed dates. Please return this form by Friday 9 October, 2015.

Scholarships:

The 2016 Scholarship Program has now concluded with interviews taking place during Term 3. Successful applicants will be notified early in Term 4. Information regarding the 2017 Scholarship Program will be made available to families in the coming months.



College Uniform:

During Term 3 the College finalized changes to the female school socks which form part of the College uniform. Short, plain blue socks for female students and short navy/striped socks for male students will be phased in commencing in the coming weeks with students encouraged to purchase the socks for Term 4. Alternatively, all students will be required to wear the new socks at the commencement of the 2016 School year.

During Term 4, students will be expected to wear their summer uniform. However, there will be a transition period where they will be permitted to wear their full winter uniform if the weather is cool.

Community Mass:

College Community Masses continue to take place and are growing increasingly popular with the Marymede Community. For a list of dates please visit: <http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/news/fortnightlymass2015>

Enrolments:

During Term 3 the College held transition days for current Year 5 students moving into Secondary School in 2017, in addition to students from our feeder Schools in Mernda and Whittlesea. We also provided our 'Prep 2016 T-Shirts' to all new Prep families that will commence at Marymede next year.

Applications for Year 7, 2017 are now open and will close on February 26, 2016. Applications for Prep 2017 are also open and will close on May 2, 2016.

College Canteen:

The College is regularly seeking volunteers to assist in the Canteen on a daily basis. As an incentive, our volunteers' children enjoy a complimentary lunch order the day they are rostered on. Any parents interested in volunteering at the Canteen in Term 4 please email canteen@marymede.vic.edu.au.

Facebook Page:

The College Facebook page continues to be a strong source of communication to parents, students and the wider community regarding up-to-date news and events occurring on a daily basis at the College. During Term 3 the Facebook page was used to promote our student achievements and College events, whilst also keeping parents informed of camp updates and photos. Please note that a Facebook account is not required to view the page. We encourage all parents to visit and 'like' the Facebook page however the page is not to be used as an open forum on school related matters. Marymede reserves the right to remove any comments that are deemed to be inappropriate from the page.

The Marymede Fete:

Planning and preparation continues for our upcoming Marymede Fete which will take place on Saturday November 21 from 10.00am to 4.00pm. We thank the Parents & Friends Committee for their continued work and commitment and look forward to this exciting community event. For further information regarding the Marymede Fete please contact The Parents & Friends Committee via paf@marymede.vic.edu.au



Term 4, 2015 commences for all students on Monday October 5. Students to wear full College Summer uniform.

Term 4 Important Dates:

(For more dates along with a full College Calendar please visit our website at www.marymede.vic.edu.au)

Monday October 5:	- P-12 Students Commence Term 4
Tuesday October 6:	- P&F Committee Christmas Card Sale
Wednesday October 7:	- Year 7 Immunisations
Thursday October 8:	- Year 12 VCAL Students Conclude (Normal finishing time)
	- Sacrament of Eucharist Family Workshops – 5.00pm & 7.00pm
Wednesday October 14:	- Year 7 2016 Robert Allwell Placement Testing – (Marymede Students)
Friday October 16:	- Primary School Guild Walk to School Day
Saturday October 17:	- Year 7 2016 Robert Allwell Placement Testing – (External Students)
Monday October 19 - 21:	- Graduation Week
Tuesday October 20:	- Year 12 Graduation Mass
Wednesday October 21:	- Year 12 Breakfast/Parade & Liturgy/Graduation Ceremony
Friday October 23:	- Prep 2016 Orientation Day (STUDENT FREE DAY FOR PREP 2015)
Tuesday October 27:	- Afternoon Tea with the Principal – 2.10pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday October 28:	- VCAA Examinations Commence
	- Year 7, 2017 Transition Interviews – 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Friday October 30:	- Primary School Grandparents & Special Friends Picnic
Monday November 2:	- P-12 STUDENT FREE DAY
Tuesday November 3:	- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (P-12 STUDENT FREE DAY)
Wednesday November 4 - 6:	- Year 5 Camp
Sunday November 8:	- Sacrament of Eucharist – 2.30pm
Monday November 16 - 20:	- Years 10 & 11 Examinations Commence
Wednesday November 18:	- Years 3-5 Guild Swimming Carnival
	- Year 7, 2017 Transition Interviews – 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday November 19:	- Year 12, 2016 VCAL Orientation
Saturday November 21:	- The Marymede Fete – 10.00am – 4.00pm
Monday November 23:	- IRIS Annual Media Showcase
	- VCE 2016 Orientation & Commencement
Wednesday November 25:	- Year 9 Examinations
Thursday November 26:	- Prep 2016 Twilight Orientation Session – 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday November 27:	- Years 10-11 Students Conclude Term 4 (Normal finishing time)
Thursday December 3:	- Carols by Candlelight
Friday December 4:	- Years 7-9 Students Conclude Term 4 (Normal finishing time)
Monday December 7:	- Year 7, 2016 Orientation Day
Friday December 11:	- Primary School Guild Shield and Marymede Gift
	- Prep – Year 6 Students Conclude Term 4 (Normal finishing times)

