

College Bulletin: Term 4 - 2014

Term 4 has now concluded and we look forward to the 2015 school year with great enthusiasm. Below are some important updates regarding matters at Marrymede Catholic College.

Communication

2014 saw a number of exciting new communication methods introduced into the College.

During Term 4 we introduced both Care Monkey and our Parent Access Module (PAM) into the College Community.

Care Monkey allows families to manage their child's health, wellbeing, medical and emergency details online whilst sharing them with the College to ensure that each record remains valid and up-to-date. Care Monkey was well received by the Parent Community and we look forward to its continued use throughout 2015.

The Parent Access Module (also known as PAM), provides each family with unique login details allowing Parents to log in to the Module and access important information relating to each of their children's education. Timetables, upcoming events, daily messages, learning areas, attendance data and Academic reports can all be accessed via PAM. Most recently, all students Semester 2 Academic reports were released through PAM, however, families can also access previous year reports as well.

Additionally we continued to use a number of communication methods such as emails, posted letters, telephone calls, SMS messaging, the College website and the College Facebook page to ensure all communication between the College and its families remains effective and efficient on a day-to-day basis. In most cases, email remains the preferred method of communication, and therefore we advise families to check their emails on a regular basis to keep up to date with correspondence from the College. Those without a valid email address submitted, will risk missing out on valuable news and information.

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. Maintaining current contact details is essential to ensure that communication to and from the College remains possible and efficient.

Facilities Update

Term 4 saw the completed renovation and upgrade to all Primary School Courtyard bathroom blocks. Each bathroom was fitting out with new basins, toilets and hand-dryers, as well as an upgrade to doors and the general design of each bathroom.

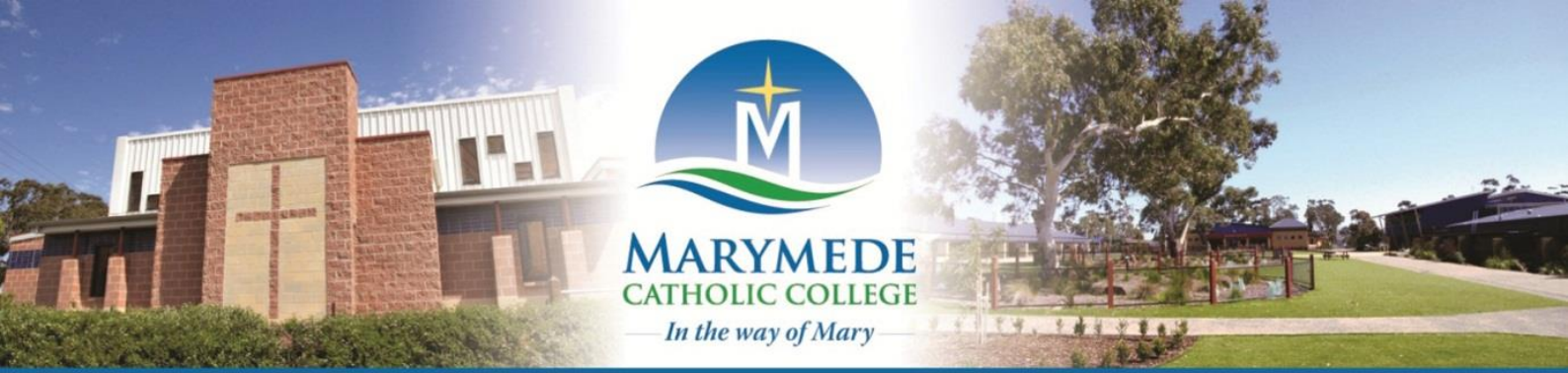
Throughout January 2015, works will commence on the re-surfacing of the decking area surrounding the Primary School courtyard, which is anticipated to be completed by the commencement of Term 1, 2015. Over the summer holidays the College will also install a new relocatable classroom block which will be used to house further Design & Technology classroom spaces.

Additionally, development of the new College Master Plan commenced during December 2014. The College anticipates the new Master Plan to be completed by the conclusion of Term 1, 2015. We look forward to welcoming student, staff and parent input into the new Master Plan as we endeavor to ensure that all students continue to be provided with a complete education in the best educational environment possible.

2015 Starting Dates

The 2015 starting dates can be viewed at: <http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/news/startingdates2015>





Catholic Identity:

The 2014 School year ended on as strong a note of faith as it started. The Year 12 Graduation Liturgy and Ceremony were followed by Year level Masses in Years 7-9, at which Fr Maurie Cooney our chaplain gave the students memorable homilies around the theme of God's strong and constant love, and of doing their best with courage and faith. VCE Advent Liturgies brought to a close each of the VCE Orientation programmes for students in Years 11 and 12 in 2015.

Our Student Leadership Formation Day took place in early December and provided a wonderful opportunity for our 2015 leaders to reflect on a wide range of topics such as being responsible stewards of creation and believing in themselves to make a positive within the community around them.

Our Year 6 students celebrated their Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday November 16 surrounded by family and friends at St. Patrick's Cathedral and their final year of Primary School concluded with a Graduation Mass and Ceremony taking place on Wednesday December 10.

The Years 7-9 Advent Liturgy provided a good opportunity to reflect on the Nativity theme "God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son, so that believing in him, we might have eternal life" (John 3"16), whilst the academic year was brought to a grand finale with events such as the Year 7 2015 Orientation Day (culminating in the Closing Liturgy), our New Staff Induction Day with a session on Teaching in a Catholic School, and the Staff End of Year.

Information Technology at Marymede Catholic College

During Term 4, the College Board approved a new 3 year Information Technology Plan, which will see further developments in IT resources to ensure that Marymede maintains the leading edge when it comes to technology.

During Term 1, 2015, students in Years 7, 10 and 11 will be provided with new devices, whilst all classes from prep to Year 2 will also be introduced to new devices that will be used in class on a daily basis. This is an exciting development at the College and one we look forward to with great enthusiasm.

Carols by Candlelight

On the evening of Thursday December 4, 2014, Marymede Catholic College hosted our inaugural 'Carols by Candlelight' in the College's Fitness Centre.

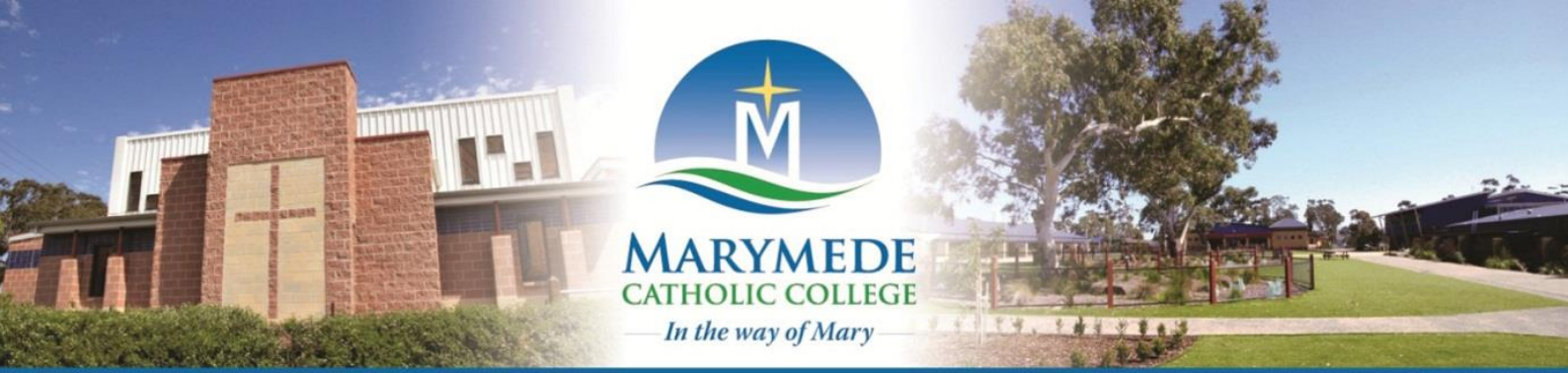
Planning for this evening's celebration began way back in June of this year and the success of the evening and the pleasure it brought to the students and audience can be attributed to the many members of staff who assisted in many different ways; a real group effort from dedicated staff, passionate about student involvement and the celebration of Advent.

The evening brought together 137 students from across the Prep-12 College to participate in a celebration of Advent and the excitement and anticipation of the season of Christmas.

Semester 2 Academic Reports

Semester 2 Academic Reports have been released and can be obtained by visiting <https://pam.marymede.vic.edu.au/> and logging in with your Parent Access Module login details which were provided to families during the Term 3 holidays.





School Times in 2015

Marymede Catholic College wishes to advise all families that school times in 2015 will remain the same as 2014 and can be found below:

Primary School:

8.48am: School Commences
9.00am: Period 1
10.00am: Period 2
11.00am: Recess
11.25am: Period 3
12.25pm: Period 4
1.25pm: Lunchtime
2.15pm: Period 5
3.15pm: School Concludes

Secondary School:

8.40am: Tutor Group
8.57am: Period 1
10.00am: Period 2
11.00am: Recess
11.20am: Period 3
12.23pm: Period 4
1.23pm: Lunchtime
2.03pm: Period 5
3.03pm: School Concludes
3.06pm: Period 6 (where applicable)

Enrolments

Year 7 2016 applications are now open and will close on February 27, 2015. Prep 2016 applications are also open and will close on May 15, 2015. The demand for places at Marymede is both strong and growing with a significant number of new families seeking enrolment in 2015. Marymede continues to be a leading provider of education in the northern suburbs. Our College adheres to enrolment policies set out by the Catholic Education Office Melbourne.

School Bus

Marymede Catholic College will continue running 3 charter Bus routes on a daily basis in 2015. During Term 4, families were asked to register their expressions of interest in using the 2015 service via our College website at

<http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/schoolbus2015>

In 2015, the cost of a full Semester Bus Pass will be \$600 per child. The cost of a one way Semester Bus Pass will be \$350 per child. Casual passes will still be available subject to availability at a cost of \$4 each way. For further information regarding the School Bus service please contact the College on 9407-9000.

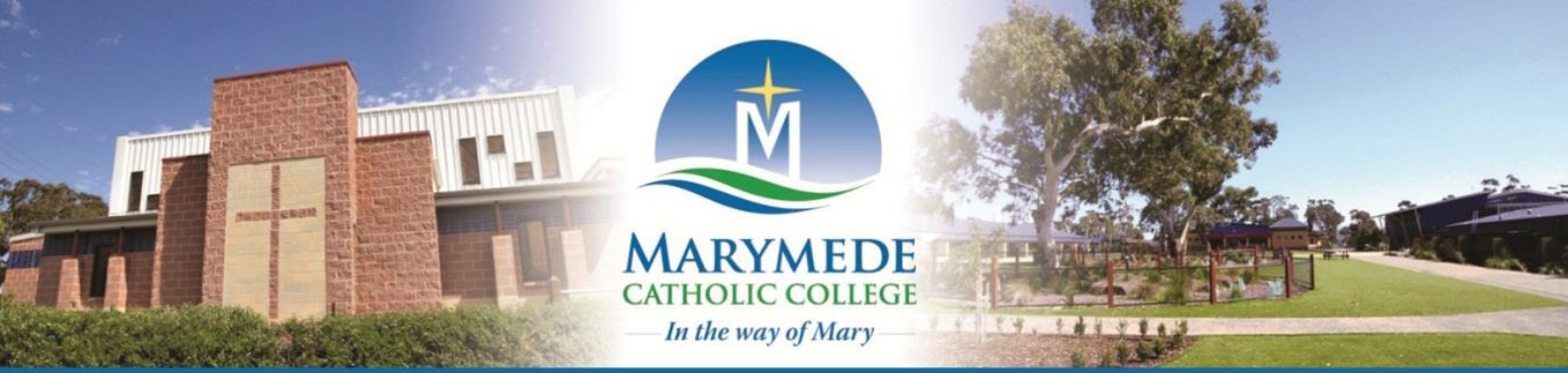
College Canteen

The College Canteen would like to thank and acknowledge the large number of parent volunteers who assisted in the Canteen in 2014. To view a current and up-to-date Canteen menu please visit: www.marymede.vic.edu.au/quick/canteen. Any changes made to the Canteen Menu for 2015 will be communicated to Parents prior to the beginning of the 2015 school year. Any new families to Marymede Catholic College in 2015 can register for the Canteen online ordering service by visiting www.flexischools.com.au. Any parents interested in volunteering at the Canteen in 2015 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 here at our College. Throughout 2015 the College Facebook page continued to increase in popularity and has now reach in excess of 1,200 subscribers. It is great to see so many members of our College Community actively engage with the page. 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.





Marymede Catholic College would like to wish all its families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!

Term 1, 2015 starting dates can be found below (students to wear full College **Summer** uniform)

Term 1 Important Dates

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

Phone: 9407 9000 **Fax:** 9407 9010

Website: www.marymede.vic.edu.au **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/marymedecatholiccollege

- Monday January 5: - Main Office Re-opens for 2015.
- Wednesday January 28: - Teaching Staff Return
- Friday January 30: - Prep 2015 'Meet the Teacher' sessions by appointment.
 - Years 1-6 Literacy & Numeracy Pre-Testing by appointment.
 - Years 7, 11 & 12 Commence.
- Monday February 2: - Prep 2015 'Meet the Teacher' sessions by appointment.
 - Years 8, 9 & 10 Commence.
 - Years 1-6 Literacy & Numeracy Pre-Testing by appointment.
- Tuesday February 3: - Prep Students A-K Commence.
 - Years 1-6 Commence.
- Wednesday February 4: - Prep Students L-Z Commence.
- Thursday February 5: - Parents and Friends Committee: Prep 2015 Parents Welcome Morning Tea.
- Tuesday February 10: - Secondary School Guild Swimming Carnival.
- Friday February 13: - Primary Guild Walk to School Day.
- Tuesday February 17: - VCE/VCAL Parent Information Evening – 7.00pm.
- Wednesday February 18: - Ash Wednesday.
- Tuesday March 3: - Prep to Year 6 Curriculum Workshop/Parent Information Evening.
- Wednesday March 4: - Year 7 2016 Enrolment Interviews (External Applicants).
- Monday March 9: - Labour Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Tuesday March 10: - Year 7 2015 Parent Information/Guild Family Evening – 7.00pm.
- Monday March 16: - Year 7 Camp (Group 1) Depart.
- Tuesday March 17: - Year 6 Confirmation Family Workshops – 5.00pm & 7.00pm.
- Wednesday March 18: - Year 7 Camp (Group 2) Depart.
- Friday March 20: - Year 4 Overnight Stay
- Friday March 27: - Primary School Easter Extravaganza
 - Term 1 Concludes (All Students – Regular finishing time).

