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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ACTING PRINCIPAL REPORT

I have been delighted to notice all through the campus a vibrant and energetic spirit amongst students, staff and parents. Our students have returned with a renewed focus on their studies.

Staff Professional Learning Day – July 13

Our nurses Meaghan Voumard and Kate Harland arranged staff Anaphylaxis Training on Monday July 13. I also acknowledge Stavroula Tsembras, Nicole Pegler and Andrea Agnew for organising ICT Workshops and the various staff who presented on the day.

Years 5 and 10 Linkage

The Linkage Program involves Year 10 RE and Year 5 Inquiry Learning students working together during Term 3 to deepen their awareness and knowledge about Aboriginal Spirituality and Reconciliation. Staff at both year levels have been planning since the commencement of the school year. I am sure these students will benefit from the opportunities to share and deepen their beliefs through this program.

Community Mass

Our recent Community Mass demonstrated again the deep spiritual connections within our Marymede Community. Families, students and staff from across the College joined together to celebrate God's love for us through the Holy Eucharist. One mum commented to me, "What a gentle and calm way to start the day; my day looks so much brighter now".

We have been fortunate to obtain support from Fr. John Murphy, a Salesian priest currently Rector of Don Bosco Hostel in Fitzroy, for a Mass each week on alternate Wednesdays and Fridays during the school term from 8.00am-8.30am in the Chapel. All future dates will be published in our College Calendar.

Year 11 2016 VCE/VCAL Pathways

Andrea Agnew, David DeSilva, David Adamson and Laura Thompson presented a Parent Information Evening in the first week of term for our current Year 10 students, supported by the Heads of Domain and Secondary School staff. Both parents and students were deep in conversation about the possible subjects and pathways available to them. It is an exciting and sometimes overwhelming time, but our team of presenters and Heads of Domain were able to reassure students and their parents that our support and guidance will enable them to

make informed choices as they enter into their final years of Secondary education.

As we move through this process, 2015 has seen the partnership between families and school reach a new level as parents and students work with staff on the subject selection process and future pathways. It was encouraging to see parents engaging with their son/daughter along with College staff providing guidance and support to students embarking on the VCE/VCAL journey.

Term 3 School Events

The Secondary School Assembly took place last week and we can be proud of our continual growth and success for our students who contribute and participate in the various programs offered to enrich the educational experience of the students.

The Prep to Year 5 students have been involved with Mathematics Inquiry over the last few weeks culminating in entries for the Maths Talent Quest hosted by the Mathematics Association of Victoria. You can read about the great evening of activities held for parents in the report by Kaylene Wright, Head of Numeracy in the Primary School.

Our Year 7 students spent Wednesday off campus on their Reflection Day, reflecting on their time as members of the Marymede Faith Community. The program focused on the changes and challenges Year 7 students face as part of their transition to the Secondary School. Students were also presented with opportunities to deepen their faith through prayer, service and relationships. Simone McGill organised and delivered this excellent program.

VCE/VCAL Parent/Student/Interviews

It was wonderful to see parents, students and staff engaged in purposeful conversations exploring strategies and ideas for continued growth across the students' chosen subject areas. As Year 12 students move towards final exams, motivation, self-belief and a sense of purpose are key components for ensuring success in future pathways. The Year 11s also require direction, motivation and support as they look towards their final exams and their transition into Year 12. We pray for our Year 12s and their families as they approach their final weeks at Marymede.

Parents' and Friends Gala Night

The Marymede Catholic College community will again be holding the Annual Gala Night at 'Ballara Receptions' on Saturday August 1. We are looking forward to a sensational night. My sincere thanks to the committee members for their dedicated work in organising this event.

Ms Robyn Roberts
Acting Principal

FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

"Never see a need without doing something about it." St Mary of the Cross (Mackillop)

As we approach the feast of Australia's first saint, St. Mary of the Cross (Mackillop) on August 8, it is worth reflecting on a fortnight including the feast days of a number of saints - Joachim and Anne (parents of Mary, mother of Jesus), St. Martha and St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order and one of the earliest pioneers restoring the courage and confidence of the Catholic Church after the Reformation, five centuries ago.

These were everyday people who went about their life just like us and did small things consistently well. They acted with love and a belief that they were being called to be faithful in the small things of life, to be hopeful and compassionate, to spread good cheer in the midst of difficult experiences.

Mission-Action for Marymede Day

At Marymede Catholic College, *In the Way of Mary*, we have embraced Mission-Action to celebrate our feast day in two weeks' time by expressing love in action. Our fun-time after the celebration of Mass will be aimed at raising as much money as possible and we know, we can count on our fine parent body and extended community to support us in achieving our goal of raising \$10,000.00. More details about this day can be found in the Head of Secondary's article below.

Let us pray the Mary MacKillop Prayer

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop to live her life
faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.

With confidence in your generous providence
we ask that you grant our request **(Name request)**
we ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy
Spirit,
so that we too like Mary Mackillop may live with courage, trust
and openness.

Ever generous God, hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Ms Judeline Wadhvani
Head of Faith and Mission (P-12)



HEAD OF SECONDARY

Marymede Day 2015 – Truth and Mission-Action Focus

Our Feast Day, '*In the Way of Mary*' on August 14 is a day of community action. We are calling upon our students, families and community to contribute to our fundraising efforts for **St. Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal**, whilst having fun together and empowering our students to develop organisation skills. As per the letter sent home during the holiday break, Years 5 to 12 will be engaged in student-run activities and food stalls from 11.00am-1.00pm.

Fundraising will occur through a ticketing system, with tickets on pre-sale next week. Each activity and food item will be listed so families can prepare and a booking form will be sent/emailed to each family. We welcome donations from local businesses to source vouchers for prizes on the day. All funds raised will go to St. Vincent de Paul.

This is a compulsory College event with all students expected to attend. VCAL students will need to make arrangements with their employers to attend. Students will need to be in full winter uniform for the Whole College Mass, but can change into their Guild PE uniform afterwards if they prefer.

The College thanks you for your support of this mission-action focus and the contributions your family make.

AWEgust for AWEtism Challenge – I CAN 2015

As an I CAN pilot school for The I CAN Network, our Year 9s will be challenged to step outside their comfort zones for August. Chris Varney, Core Enabler of the I CAN network will be speaking with Year 9s on Monday August 3 to pose the challenge. More information can be found at <http://icannetwork.com.au/>. A number of our students continue to be mentored by members of the I CAN network every second Monday afternoon. During this term there will be training for some of these young people to be mentors for children in the Primary School as part of the 'IMAGINATION' program.

Ms Julia Wake
Head of Secondary

HEAD OF SECONDARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thank you to the parents who attended our 'Challenge of Parenthood Today – Parent Seminar Series – Part 1' held on June 10.

If you registered for Part 1 and 2 of this event and were unable to attend Part 1, you are most welcome to attend Part 2 of our Seminar to be held on August 12. In Part 2, our guest presenter Robert Falzon will address the following:

- What your son/daughter is learning from you.
- The essentials that a son/daughter needs from his/her father and mother.
- Some of the rules for dads of sons/daughters.
- Some of the essentials that should be on your parenting checklist.

- How you can help your son/daughter achieve authentic maturity and how to recognise this in him/her.
- How you are teaching your child how to live.

If you would like to learn more about the importance of parenting teenagers or children on the cusp of adolescence, then I strongly encourage you to attend Part 2 of our seminar series on offer by the College in collaboration with menALIVE Ministry:

The Challenge of Parenthood Today – A Two-Part Seminar Series for Parents of Students in Years 5-10

Please refer to the details on the flyer attached for information on how to register at your earliest convenience. Thank you to those parents who have already registered their attendance and I look forward to seeing as many of you on August 12 as possible.

God Bless,

Mr Riccardo Iuele
Head of Secondary Religious Education

SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

9 Drama CEOM Student Wellbeing Drama Festival

On June 22, Year 9 Drama students participated in the CEOM Student Wellbeing Festival at the Whitehorse Centre. Year 901 Drama opened the show with 'Warped?', their creative performance focusing on bullying, while Year 902 closing the night on a high with their spin on TV talk shows 'Now and Then', discussing the impacts of stereotypes. Congratulations to Year 901 for receiving an award for 'Celebrating Inclusion' and Year 902 for 'Exploring a relevant message.' Thank you to all staff and students involved.

Miss Emma Kiely
Secondary Drama Teacher



901 students rehearsing 'Warped?' at the Whitehorse Centre



Students from 902 rehearsing their performance 'Now and Then'

11 Drama Mini Solo Performances

Year 11 Drama students worked hard over the holidays preparing their first solo performances. Using the song 'Waltzing Matilda' as stimulus, the students developed a central character, 'The Patriot' and created a two minute non-naturalistic performance. It was wonderful to see such a variety of well-developed performances.



Miss Angie Bedford
Head of Secondary Performing Arts

Margoneet Correctional Centre Excursion – Year 11 Legal Studies

On July 14, the Year 11 Legal Studies class visited Margoneet Correctional Centre in Lara. Upon arrival at 12.00pm, we were greeted by two correctional officers who led us into the centre. Before speaking with the prisoners, we had a briefing where the roles of correctional officers were explained the training required for the role and how each officer came to work at Margoneet. After that, we had to pass through security, similar to security procedures at the airport and then we were led outside where an officer explained the differences in the severity of prisons, comparing Margoneet to Barwon, the high-security prison located next to the centre.

We went to the Visitor's Centre, where we had the opportunity to chat in a safe environment with the inmates and were able to ask questions regarding their opinions on the justice system and prison life in general. At the end of the day, the class collectively agreed that the experience was eye-opening and highlighted the importance of morals, with one student even commenting that he was able to learn some valuable life lessons. It was a great day and we would like to thank Ms Esposito and staff who made this possible.

Miss Chloe Coniglio
Year 11 Legal Studies Student

Student Profile

My name is Drew Roberts and I have been given the privilege of being Sports Captain at the College, which is a position I am extremely happy to hold. I love having the opportunity to work with the rest of the Senior Leadership team in organising upcoming events and also the extra responsibilities which comes with the role of Sports Captain, such as holding training sessions after school to enhance performance of our SACCSS teams. In terms of what I am passionate about, I would say Athletics and the Carlton Football Club. I am excited to make the most of the rest of 2015, both educationally and in my leadership role.

Mr Drew Roberts
Sports Captain

Marcellin Feast Day

On Thursday June 18, Marcellin Guild celebrated the feast of our patron, Saint Marcellin Champagnat. Fr. Brendan Lane, closely associated with the College during its initial planning stages, was pleased to be invited back to celebrate the Marcellin Feast Day Mass. We also welcomed Br. Doug Walsh, who gave a beautiful homily speaking about the life of Marcellin Champagnat and interlinking this with some of the social justice campaigns he is involved with around Melbourne and internationally.

Pupils developed Prayers of the Faithful in their Tutor Groups with the assistance of their Tutor Teachers and Sandra Kirolos also developed a beautiful Guild Prayer which pupils took home in the form of a bookmark. Clarissa Polifroni created a painting of Marcellin Champagnat that now proudly hangs on display in each Marcellin Tutor Room. The day finished with great food and games of giant Jenga.

We thank Ms Wadhvani for organising the Mass and a special thanks to Fr. Lane and Br. Doug for taking the time to spend the day with us. Finally, our thanks must go to our wonderful Tutor Teachers, Ms Buttigieg, Ms Morriss, Ms Kane, Ms Vlahusic and Mr. Toohey for their patience and diligence in organising the Prayers of the Faithful and for all the students who had a part to play in the day.

Mr Vinny Doherty
Head of Marcellin Guild

Senior Football

The Marymede Catholic College Senior Football team made history by qualifying for its first Grand Final which was held at Craigieburn Oval against Antonine College. This was a fiercely contested match and in the last quarter the game was in the balance. Fortunately, Marymede Catholic College prevailed with an 8-point win. Congratulations to the entire squad for an excellent victory and an outstanding season; the future is bright for Marymede footy. Thank you to Mrs Savage and Rebecca for their support.

Mr James Paraskeva and Mr David DeSilva
Co-Coaches

'Spirit of ANZAC' Study Tour to Canberra

During the July school holidays, I took part in a Canberra study trip as a regional finalist in the Victorian Premier's Spirit of ANZAC Prize. I had the opportunity to visit many of the country's cultural institutions such as Parliament, the National Archives of Australia and the Australian Institute of Sport where I was able to see where the elite athletes, gymnasts, swimmers and cyclists train. At the National Gallery of Australia, I saw various collections of Australian, Indigenous and Asian art and I also got to visit the National Museum of Australia and the National Portrait Gallery.

I had lunch at the Mount Ainslie Lookout, which offered a spectacular view of Canberra. I found visiting the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier, located in the memorial's Hall of Memory and representing all of the nameless armed services heroes who lost their lives in wars throughout the world, very moving. I was also fortunate enough to be involved in the

Wreath Laying Ceremony conducted during the Last Post Ceremony.



Adrian Pieri at the Australian War Memorial'

Congratulations to Adrian Pieri, who was a fine ambassador in 2015 for Marymede in this prestigious competition.

State Finals Rostrum 'Voice of Youth' Public Speaking

The May 29 Newsletter detailed the excellent achievements of Ajay Jay (Year 9) and Olivia Hughes (Year 11) in the Rostrum 'Voice of Youth' Public Speaking Competition. Both students spoke very well at the State Finals and Marymede is delighted to announce that Ajay Jay was declared the Victorian State Winner for 2015. As winner, he received the Victorian State Trophy, his name engraved on the Rostrum 'Voice of Youth' Shield, a two hundred dollar cheque and an all-expenses paid trip to Sydney on July 24-26 to compete in the Rostrum 'Voice of Youth' National Final.

Ajay was one of 14 selected from 1650 students from across Australia to participate in the National Finals on Saturday July 25. He presented at the NSW Parliament in Sydney with a prepared six-minute speech on the set topic 'People Power' and an impromptu three-minute speech on 'Break down the Barriers'. Ajay presented with style and clarity in front of a large audience including his proud father in very impressive surroundings.

While the winner in the Junior section was from Sydney Grammar School, Ajay acquitted himself admirably in this national competition and we congratulate him on this achievement.



Miss Moira Christie and Miss Laura Wilcox
Secondary Enrichment Team

Debating News

This week, debating students and teachers will be celebrating their tremendous involvement in this year's senior secondary season. These students have taken on the challenge of standing and delivering thoughtful and well-argued debates crafted with the intention of knocking-off any debating opponent they might encounter.

Congratulations go to the following teachers and their teams

A Grade: Cindy Do, Nakita Costanzo, Olivia Hughes, Alana Baldacchino, Gemma Parsons, Joshua Newton and Gemma Crotty with Ms Lemar

C Grade: Samantha Gaunder, Kamaria Brancato, Laura Daniele with Ms Klar.

Noel Augustine, Ajay Jay, Rick Krstevski with Ms Coyle

D Grade: Simran Rainu, Gabriella Agosta, Elizabeth Naguib, Sophie Temelkovska with Ms Piovesan

We hope to hear more from these teams in the coming year.

Watch this Space.

The Marymede online Art Gallery is coming! This new initiative will initially showcase top student work in the Secondary School with the intention of Primary student artwork joining in the future. This site will be an opportunity for the Marymede community and beyond, to see the fantastic work that students spend hours in the making. People will be surprised at the commitment and dedication that comes through in each piece. The Marymede online Art Gallery will be an opportunity to reward excellence and a place for students to aspire to show their work.



Year 10 painting "Day and Night" by Olivia Mack

Mr Adrian Montana
Debating Co-ordinator

HEAD OF PRIMARY

Prep-6 End of Term 3 Assembly – A Date for Your Calendar

On Thursday September 17 the Primary School will be holding a P-6 Assembly in the Fitness Centre commencing at 10.00am (Period 2) and families are warmly welcomed to attend. The assembly will be led by our Primary School Captains and is a time to reflect on and celebrate the achievements of the term. Students will present a variety of items including reports on excursions and camps, sporting achievements and musical items.

Reserved Parking Spaces for People With disabilities

Please note there are reserved parking spaces for people with disabilities in the Primary School carpark. It would be greatly appreciated if people without disabilities demonstrate due consideration by not using these spaces and left these spaces free for people who truly need them.

Mrs Alison Besselaar
Head of Primary

PRIMARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Oral Language Program-Resources Required

We are setting up an Oral Language Program in the Prep House and would love some extra resources for the following learning centres:

Dramatic Play Area:	Clothing, hats, handbags, wallets, hard hats, pieces of material, scarves
Corner Shop or Restaurant:	Old telephones, calendars, recipe books, utensils
Collage Centre:	Buttons, beads, ribbon, sequins, paper plates, wool

We have set up some plastic tubs in the Prep House for any resources you could provide. Please note we do not require food items such as macaroni or rice. Please contact me if you have any suggestions or if you have some time to make play-doh for a sensory area. Your assistance would be much appreciated.

Ms Maree Mullen
Head of Primary Literacy

Primary Family Maths Night

Thank you to those who came along to our 2015 Primary Family Maths Night. It was great to see parents learning with and from their children. Prep to Year 5 students have been involved with Mathematics Inquiry over the last few weeks culminating in entries for the Maths Talent Quest hosted by the Mathematics Association of Victoria. Parents who came along on Tuesday evening were able to see and share in these investigations with their children and participated in a range of fun maths games and activities throughout the evening in each of the Houses.

The evening went well with a constant flow of visitors for most year levels. Parents and students participated enthusiastically and were able to experience mathematics activities which could easily be continued at home.

Thank you for your involvement.



Ms Kaylene Wright
Head of Primary Numeracy

Primary Sport Report

We had a great turnout to **Walk to School** day last Friday. Every child who walks to school gets a point for their Guild and our congratulations goes to Romero for winning the most points for this event.



Currently the **Guild Ladder** is as follows:

1st place:	Chanel
2nd place:	Chisholm
3rd place:	Romero
4th place:	Marcellin
5th place:	McCormack
6th place:	McAuley

Keep up the great effort!

Soccer News

Our A-grade girls and boys participated in the District Soccer Tournament last Monday. The boys won their first Final (16-0) but unfortunately, both teams lost their Grand Finals. Thank you to Ms Alison Lappin and Ms Sinead Fitzpatrick for their continued commitment to training over the last five months.

Hoop time

On Friday, 50 Year 3 and 4 students participated in the McDonald's Hoop Time Basketball Competition. The students participated against eight schools in our division. Both our A-grade teams, boys and girls, made the Grand Final. The girls lost by just one point but the boys won convincingly and have made it through to the next round.



Congratulations to all students for their recent great effort in sports.

Mr Gerald Large
Primary Guild Coordinator

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Woolworths Earn and Learn 2015



This year, Marymede will be participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday July 15 to Tuesday September 8, we are collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers. You will get one sticker for every \$10.00 spent). Place the Earn and Learn Sticker onto a sticker sheet and then place the completed sheet into the collection box in the Primary school office or the Marymede College box at your local Woolworths. At the end of the promotion, we will be able to get some great new equipment which will benefit the children in our school; for example, 1799 points gains a junior games pack consisting of seven games in a tub.

For their Maths Talent Quest project, our Year 2 students have been conducting an investigation to find out what activities children like to play at recess and lunch time. They then gathered some toys and resources so that children had some of these materials available for all year levels to use.



Students in Year 2 will assist with the collection and counting of the Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers to supplement their project. They will also help in selecting our rewards and providing equipment that benefits all students in our school. The more stickers we earn the more rewards we can get, so start earning stickers now.

Miss Nicole Pegler
Head of Learning and Teaching (P-6)

BUSINESS MANAGER

Arilla Village Building Works

Please be advised that Arilla Village is undergoing building works and residents will need to exit the Village via Vincent Drive over the next six months. Speed limits along this section of road have been reduced and will need to be respected.

Mr Paul Romanin
Business Manager

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

Marymede Catholic College welcomes the following new student, who commenced this past week and her family to the College:

Adelaide Chitambo – Year 9

Open Day

We strongly encourage all current families to attend our upcoming Open Day which will take place on Sunday August 30, between 11.00am–2.00pm. Open Day is a great opportunity to immerse yourself within the Marymede Community. There will be plenty of activities for children to take part in on the day, along with a free sausage sizzle lunch in Wurun Common. For more information please visit

<http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/openday2015>

Mr Matthew Luczek
Registrar

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop trading hours for Term 3:

Mondays – 8.00am to 12.00pm
 Tuesdays – 12.00pm to 5.00pm
 Thursdays – 12.00pm to 5.00pm

Our next Saturday trade:
 Saturday August 1 - 9.30am to 12.30pm

Upcoming Events

This a snapshot of upcoming events across the College for the next few weeks to aid in your planning and organisation at home.

Week 4	
3 - 7/ 08/ 2015	Marymede Catholic College Writers' Festival
3 - 7/ 08/ 2015	Year 11 Outdoor & Environmental Students Snow Camp (TBC)
3 - 4/ 08/ 2015	Auditions for Marymede's Got Talent (lunchtime)
3/08/ 2015	Year 9 Assembly
4/08/ 2015	Year 9 Premier League R3, v Salesian, Home Writers Festival Guest Speaker - Year 9
5/08/ 2015	SACCSS Junior Hockey and Senior Girls Soccer Year 11 Biology Excursion, Barwon Heads/ Queenscliff Writers Festival Guest Speaker - Year 11 and Year 10 AIM - Academic Improvement at Marymede, 3.15pm-4.15pm, Resource Centre
6/08/ 2015	Writers Festival Guest Speaker - Year 8
7/08/ 2015	Bridge Inn Volleyball/Rounders Writers Festival Guest Speaker - Year 7
Week 5	
10/08/ 2015	SACCSS Snr Hockey Year 5, 2015 Feeder School Student Visit Year 12 Inspirational Catholic Speakers Program - Bishop Hilton Deakin, P2 Year 10 Macbeth Incursion, Auditorium
11/08/ 2015	Robert Allwell Placement Test (Year 8) UNSW ICAS Maths Competition Year 9 Premier League R4, v Penola , Away

	Reconciliation Family Workshops, 5.00pm and 7.00pm, Chapel
	VTAC Parent Information Evening, 7.00pm-8.30pm, VCE Centre
12/08/2015	AIM - Academic Improvement at Marymede, 3.15pm-4.15pm, Resource Centre
	MenAlive Ministry- The Challenge of Parenthood Today (Seminar Part 2), Auditorium
13/08/2015	AIM - Academic Improvement at Marymede, 3.15-4.15pm, Resource Centre
14/08/2015	Marymede Day
	Marymede Day Mass, 9.30am, Fitness Centre
Week 6	
	National Science Week
17/08/2015	SACCSS Senior Boys Soccer
	Year 10 Outdoor Ed Cross Country Skiing Excursion, Lake Mountain
18/08/2015	Robert Allwell Absentees Placement (Year 8)
	Year 9 Premier League R5, v CRC Nth Keilor, Away
	Pre-Reconciliation student Reflection Day, Chapel
	Year 10.1 and Year 10.5 Excursion, 8.30am-3.30pm, Melbourne CBD
19/08/2015	Year 11 Holocaust Excursion
	Year 12 Drama Workshop, lunchtime - evening, Loyola College
	Afternoon Tea with the Principal, 2.10pm-3.30pm
	AIM - Academic Improvement at Marymede, 3.15pm-4.15pm, Resource Centre
20/08/2015	Year 11 Christian Leadership Retreat, 9.00am-4.00pm (21 Aug)
	SACCSS Chess
	AIM - Academic Improvement at Marymede, 3.15pm-4.15pm, Resource Centre