

11 September 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Term 3

In reviewing Term 3 what stood out to me was the number of very successful whole school events which have taken place. These included Marymede Day, Open Day, the Men Alive Parent Series, the McAuley P-12 Guild Mass and fortnightly Community Masses, the Father's Day celebration, and finally our External Review which involved staff, students and parents. It is my intention to continue to promote school events involving all members of our College Community.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Thank you to the many parents who attended the recent P-10 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews. I trust that parents were able to engage in discussions with their child's teachers about the progress made by their son/daughter since the first Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews held early in Term 2.

Awards Evenings

An early reminder about our Primary and Secondary Awards Evenings which will be held in the Fitness Centre, as follows:

- Secondary Students (Years 7-11): Thursday November 12 at 7.00pm
- Primary Celebration of Learning (Prep-2): Monday December 7 at 6.00pm
- Primary Celebration of Learning (Years 3 and 4): Monday December 7 at 7.30pm
- Year 6 Graduation Mass and Years 5 and 6 Awards: Wednesday December 9 at 7.00pm

These nights are significant events in the College Calendar and, as such, we expect all students from Years Prep-11 to attend. The nights promise to be a real celebration of excellence in all areas of school life. By attending, parents will be expressing their support for all that is done on behalf of their children at Marymede.

Units 3 and 4 Practice Exams

Our senior students will sit trial exams in the first week of the holidays. The exams are designed to focus students' minds on what is required to be successful in the final exams. I urge our senior students to prepare for the upcoming exams because, at this time of the year, every opportunity counts.

Prep Father's Day

It was great to see so many dads in attendance at the Prep Father's Day Celebration last week. I thank these fathers for organising their time around other commitments to be in attendance; I'm sure the children were excited to see you there.

SACCSS Athletics Carnival

I congratulate our athletes who were involved in the SACCSS Athletics Carnival which was held last week at Lakeside Stadium and commend them on finishing in 4th place in Division 1. Special thanks to our coaches, Mrs Natalie Savage, Ms Anmarie Kane, Mr Sava Djukic and Mr James Paraskeva.

Term 3 Holidays

Classes end next Friday September 18 at 3.15pm. Classes resume on Monday October 5 and students will be expected to wear their summer uniform. I ask our female students over the holidays to please check the length of their dresses.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal



From the Office of the Principal

Monday September 8, 2015.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in joining REMAR. REMAR is a movement within Marist Youth Ministry that has been running in Marist schools throughout Australia for 25 years. The program focuses on personal and spiritual development, leadership training, community experience and social justice education and action. The theme for Years 9/10 is 'Sailing away from Mediocrity'. Students are encouraged to discover who they are and the type of person they wish to be. This is achieved through the four spokes of REMAR:

1. **Community:** The formation of a strong sense of group identity (through camps, fortnightly meetings and group ministry activities).
2. **Leadership:** The development of individual leadership skills.
3. **Ministry:** Involvement in service and ministry to the community.
4. **Faith Development:** Exploration of the Christian faith and how this might influence our call to be people of justice.

Parent Information Evening

You are invited to attend a Parent Information Evening as follows:

Venue: College Auditorium
Date: Wednesday September 16
Time: 7.00pm-8.30 pm (includes question time)

The evening will cover such issues as:

- Explanation of the REMAR Program
- Criteria to complete the Red Crossing
- Red Embarkation Camp in October 2015
- Student safety and supervision
- Costs

Red Embarkation Camp

The Red Embarkation Camp aims to provide students with the basic knowledge necessary to undertake their first year in Remar. The objectives are to:

- Discuss the outline of the REMAR program.
- Begin the process of coming to know oneself and each other.
- Focus on personal development and community formation.

Venue: Pallotti College Retreat Centre
80 McNamara Road, Millgrove VIC 3799
Date: Wednesday October 28-Friday October 30, 2015
Cost: To be confirmed based on final student numbers

The camp will be led by members of the Marymede Catholic College staff. We will be departing the College at 8.50am on Wednesday morning and returning at 3.10pm on Friday afternoon. Separate accommodation for boys and girls will be provided. After this camp, students will be asked to decide if they wish continue REMAR in 2016. There is no obligation to continue.

If you provide permission for your son/daughter to attend the 'Red Embarkation Camp', please fill in the permission slip below.

Applications

Application forms have been given to interested students on Thursday September 10 at the end of the REMAR Information session. Students wishing to take up this wonderful opportunity need to submit their completed application to Mrs Angie Dalgleish in the Founders' Building Reception by Friday October 9, 2015.

If you have any further enquiries regarding the Red Embarkation Camp, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Wadhvani at the College on 9407 9000 or at: judeline.wadhvani@marymede.vic.edu.au

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

REMAR Red Embarkation Camp

I give permission for my son/daughter _____
to attend the REMAR Red Embarkation Camp from October 28-30, 2015.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

'When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch." "Master," Simon replied "we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will put out the nets." And when they had done this, they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear...

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, "Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man." For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made...But Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch." Then bringing their boats back to land, **they left everything and followed him.**' (Luke 5:4-11)

YEAR 11 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP RETREAT 2015



This new initiative in 2015 was aimed at giving Year 11 students an understanding of what it means to be leaders in a Catholic school and to enable them reflect on active service of the local, national and global communities as developing 21st century citizens. Students had the opportunity to hear from Mr Kenny about Christian leadership as servant leadership modelled by Jesus Christ and Pope Francis. We also listened to Mr Mark Clarke, Executive Officer, Office of Justice and Peace, Archdiocese of Melbourne, who highlighted the importance of being aware of the difference between justice and equality as future leaders.

Our Year 11 students reflected on their relationship with God:

"I was more open to prayer and realised that a relationship with God can be had in many different ways."

"I learned that God created us for a reason and each person is loved and special."

"Mark Clarke showed us interesting links between our relationship with God and our daily life experiences."

And on insights gained about Christian leadership and their perceived leadership styles:

"I learned that it takes more to lead people than having confidence."

"Leadership is not just about directing people or having a badge, it is also about leading by example and treating others how you want to be treated."

"A servant leader 'walks' among those who follow them."

Thank you to the staff who led sessions: Mr Luele, Mrs Muir, Mr Carville, Mrs Carlile, Miss Lemar, Mr McCormack, Miss Esposito, Mr Komiazkyk, Mr Guzman, Miss Barton, Miss Bedford and Mr Toohey. A special thank you to Miss McGill for her support with the organisation of the retreat.

Ms Judeline Wadhvani
Head of Faith & Mission P-12

SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Year 7 Vaccinations

A reminder to all parents/guardians that Whittlesea Council will be visiting the school on Wednesday October 7 to immunise Year 7 students with their last dose of HPV and the Chicken Pox vaccination. You would have received the consent card for the Chicken Pox vaccine in the mail last week. Please ensure that this card is returned to the College no later than Thursday September 17. All consent cards need to be returned even if your child is not receiving the Chicken Pox vaccine. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the College Nurses on 9407 9000.

Mrs Meaghan Voumard
Nurse

Year 11 Drama Excursion: The Lion King

On Wednesday September 2, the Year 11 Drama Class went to a performance of 'The Lion King' at the Regent Theatre, Melbourne. The students thoroughly enjoyed the musical and look forward to unpacking its conventions in class for an upcoming SAC and examination.



Performing Arts Week

Next Monday September 14 marks the beginning of the inaugural Marymede Catholic College Performing Arts Week.

Students in Drama in Year 7-12 will experience a range of incursions such as Puppetry and Shakespeare workshops. All

students and staff can get involved with the 'Dramatic Selfie' competition and a variety of lunchtime activities including making your own puppet and dancing up a storm on the last day of term. Please see the daily notices for full details.

At 6pm on Monday September 14, the Year 12 Drama students will present their Solo Performances and on Thursday September 17 at 7pm, performers from Years 7-12 will showcase ensemble and solo works created throughout the year. All are welcome to both events in the Marymede Catholic College Theatre.

Ms Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts

Weekend Co-Curricular Snow Weekend

Marymede students in Years 8-12 were given their first ever opportunity to participate in a snow weekend at Falls Creek. Departing the College after an exciting Marymede Day on August 14, 25 students and staff set off to our chalet in Bright and were eager to get on the slopes for predicted perfect skiing conditions. The program involved two days downhill skiing and snowboarding at Falls Creek. Students spent time in lessons on both days to refine and practise new skills.

The program was a great success, with all students showing tremendous progression of skills and perseverance. Students who acknowledged their agreement in attending Monday's classes are to be commended in their efforts. I would like to personally thank Mr Baldwin and Mr Doherty for willingly giving up their weekend to facilitate this program and Mr Kenny for his support for this exciting initiative at the College.



Ms Andrea Zappulla
Head of Chanel

SENIOR SACCSS BOYS SOCCER GRAND FINAL

This year, the senior boys' soccer made history by being the first team to represent Marymede in a SACCSS senior boys' soccer Grand Final. On Monday August 17, with excitement and a touch of nerves, the boys headed to the Epping Soccer Stadium. After a brief warm up led their coach Mr David O'Connor in the relentless rain, the boys assembled under the main stadium roof-stands for the formal introductions and National Anthem. Captain Shane Singh took part and represented the team and College with pride.

Then the boys were back on the pitch to face their tough opponents, Penola. After losing 7-2 to Penola a few weeks before, Marymede knew what they needed to do to have a chance at taking home the title. Penola kicked the first three goals but then Harry Cavus kicked Marymede's first goal giving the boys a little hope. Unfortunately, though, Penola continued to be the stronger side. To their credit, the boys did not give up. Particular mentions go to Akhil for his relentless defence, Josh for continuing to play hard despite boot troubles and to Ross for

his goal from near the halfway line that went over the Keeper's head. The final score ended at 8-2 to Penola. Even so, the boys came off the pitch with smiles and optimism for the following year, confidently saying "next year we will win this!" A big thanks to Mr O'Connor for his commitment and hard work. Better luck next year!

Miss Tamara Barton
Team Manager

SACCSS Athletics Carnival

On September 1, 89 of our best athletes made their way to Albert Park to compete in Division 1 SACCSS Athletics Competition. The first day of spring produced great conditions for our athletes to compete to the best of their ability. In what was a successful day for Marymede as a team, we had two athletes win Best Athlete for their respected age division: Keely Henderson in 17-20 year old Female and Reuben Hayes in Under 14 Male. We had many of our athletes finish in the top ten for their age division - a major achievement in itself. Overall, the College placed fourth for the Carnival, our best result to date for Athletics. With a lot of perseverance and a strong presence in every event, it was a fantastic day for our athletes to demonstrate the Marymede spirit. Thank you to the enthusiastic coaches: our Sports Captain, Drew Roberts, Ms Annmarie Kane, Ms Sava Djukic and Mr James Paraskeva, who led the team to their best performance to date.

Rebecca Stellini
AFL Trainee & PE Assistant

Visual Arts On Display

The Marymede Open Day was a great opportunity for the Visual Arts and Design Technology domain to showcase its facilities and exciting curriculum. Parents and potential students alike enjoyed this community event and displayed delight towards the visual art displays, food and wood demonstrations and other fun activities including the making of mandalas and zen-tangles.

In other breaking news, Marymede has debuted its online Art and Design gallery which presents a selection of the fabulous work of our young artists, designers and media makers at the College. It is the intention, over the coming months, to include a wide range of work including examples from our primary school students.

To discover more, follow this link:

<http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/marymede-art-gallery>

Miss Elise Chan
Visual Arts Captain

HEAD OF PRIMARY

Grandparents Day - A Date for Your Calendar

We would like to extend a very warm invitation to the grandparents of your children to attend a picnic at Marymede Catholic College, in the Primary School grounds on Friday October 30. The purpose of the event is for students to enjoy a shared picnic with their grandparents in the grounds of the school and with our Primary School community.

If students do not have grandparents who are able to attend, I ask that you consider a special family friend who could take part instead.

Further information will be available in the next newsletter.

Prep-6 Term 3 Assembly

A reminder to parents that 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 welcome to attend.

Ms Alison Besselaar
Head of Primary

PRIMARY FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

KidsView Justice Awareness Conference

On August 11, 2015, all the Primary School Student Leaders, Primary Guild Leaders, Year 9 Guild Leaders, Mrs Muir and Miss McGill went to the KidsView Conference to raise social justice awareness.

This conference was held at Braemar College in Woodend and it was organised by an organisation called Bahay Tuluyan. Bahay Tuluyan helps Filipino kids learn about children's rights and gives an opportunity to Australians to make a change in the world.

At this conference, we met two young Filipinos named Madel, aged 18, and Lorenzo, aged 21. They told us their story and how Bahay Tuluyan helped them.

We also participated in a lot of activities and played games that showed us that we were really rich compared to others. We are rich because we have running water, access to sanitary supplies, we have food, shelter, an education and the internet.

After this justice awareness conference we feel like we should make a change in our world and this meeting really taught us a lot of things we never knew. If we want something to change it needs to start with us.

Miss Nandana Nair and Mr Jarrod Taylor
Primary School Captains

PRIMARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Maths Talent Quest

2015 was Marymede Primary School's inaugural entry into the Maths Talent Quest run by the Maths Association of Victoria.

Projects, completed by whole classes, small groups and individuals, arrived for the competition from across the State ranging from Prep through to Year 12. We sent in 38 projects from which our Prep-Year 5 students had completed many of which had been available to view at the recent Family Maths Night.

The topics included investigations such as recycling, measuring the melting time of solids, investigating the use of toys in the courtyard, hatching chickens and exploring different aspects of the very hungry caterpillar.

Our entries looked spectacular and our results included two High Distinctions, eight Distinctions, and twenty eight Credits.

Well done teachers and students for the amount of work you put into the projects and for the level of mathematical exploration you undertook.



Ms Kaylene Wright
Numeracy Coordinator

Primary Sports Report

Last week, 50 Year 5 and 6 students participated in the McDonalds Hoop Time Basketball Competition. The students had a fantastic day competing against all the other schools in our district.

Our A grade girls and B girls were in different pools for the heats and ended up playing each other in the Grand Final! It was great to see both teams compete so successfully all day and ultimately, the A grade girls were victorious.

Our A grade boys played off against St Marys Whittlesea in the Grand Final and, after only beating them by one point in the heats, Marymede won in a close game winning by two points.

Our mixed team had a great day and even though they did not make finals they had a lot of fun and enjoyed the experience.

We wish the A grade boys and girls all the best as they progress through to the next round.



On Friday September 4, our Year 6 students participated in a clinic run by Basketball Victoria. They were coached by Jermaine Williams, an American import who plays for Whittlesea Pacers Big V. The students learnt a lot of new drills and competed in some fun games.



Mr Gerard Large
Guild Coordinator

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Information Communication Technology Update

It has been another dynamic term at College in ICT matters. We have seen the implementation of our iPad Program in Years Prep-2. Students are enjoying the use of iPads to enhance their learning. The iPads have a range of Apps preloaded on them via the College network.

Some of the Apps that students will be using during the year are:

- Bet of ABC Splash - Overdrive – ebooks
- Mathletics Student - Dragon Dictation
- Skoolbo - Fountas and Pennell Levelled Literacy Levelled
- Sunshine Classics - Intervention Reading Record
- SpellingCity - iBooks and iMovie
- Prezi - Explain Everything

The iPads further complement the Interactive Whiteboards and pods of computers which are technologies currently available to all in Prep-2.



There have been a number of infrastructure upgrades that commenced during the term holidays to support the use of technology in Learning and Teaching with our 1:1 device program Year 5-12 and the increase on the overall number of devices that are on the College network. The work undertaken includes:

- Student internet bandwidth increased from 50Mb to 400MB
- Upgrade of Wireless network
- Upgrade of network switches in order to improve performance of network
- Upgrade of on-site servers

It is wonderful to see our College Community embracing our Parent Portal (PAM) with most parents accessing it to view student Semester Reports and to make bookings for Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews.

Ms Stavroula Tsembas
Director of ICT

Music Department

On Monday August 31, the Music Department celebrated an 'Evening of Music'. It was a spectacular evening with a vast array of talent on display from Years 2-12. The following students are commended for their outstanding performances:

Adam Argyros Y8, Xander Barbosa Y6, Morgan Brand Y9, Laura Daniele Y9, Nerissa Diaz Y4, Emily Dove Y9, Hannah Falzon Y8, Chloe Falzon Y7, Marian Fernando Y8, Emil George Y8, Arabella Green Y5, Hugo Gu Y5, Maya Perez-Guerra Y6, Njuguna Kamau Y5, Sam McDonald Y9, Nicholas Melchiorre Y6, Alexandra Metz Y7, Sarah Mizzi Y9, Aagaash Murugathas Y8, Paul Nicolaidis Y8, Cassandra Panozzo Y7, Brianna Parisi Y4, Larissa Parisi Y2, Laurence Portella Y6, Briana Portella Y3, Daniel Preziuso Y8, John Roflo Y6, Paul Roflo Y4, Daniel Sabatino Y7, Courtney Spencer Y7, Jazmyn Tuazon Y5, Sheryl Varghese Y8, Destiny Withers Y9, Aberdeen Withers Y7, Ela Zabde Y5.

This term, our Year 7 students were invited to create soundscapes raising awareness of Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si*. Mr Djukic and I had the very difficult task of choosing three groups to be included in the final recording. The following recording will be presented at two workshops at the Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne in September and November this year. We are very proud of the work our students produced and, in particular, the work of the following 15 students whose composition was chosen for the final recording:

Evania Barber, Indiana Bodley, Kayla Catalano, Jacob Coates, Jack Dove, Samuel Edwards, Jesse Loschiavo, Yara Nazaryan, Robert Pintimalli, Ashwin Pratheesh, Thomas Riding, Daniel Tsafkas, Madison Tsoukalas, Alastair Vathakos, Alex Verri.

<http://vimeo.com/138819161>

Year 7 Soundscape: Laudato Si

Mr Kevin Carville
Head of Music

Library Snippet

As part of the Book Week celebrations, the illustrator Serena Geddes spent a week with the Primary students talking about her art, her books and her past life as a Disney animator. Serena is the illustrator of the popular *Lulu Bell* series and is currently working on a new US series called *Misty Inn*. Serena visited the Resource Centre during lunch on Friday September 11 to autographs students' copies of *Lulu Bell* and for general conversation.

We were also visited by Andrew McDonough, author and illustrator of *Cecil the lost sheep*, *Echidnas on Everest*, and loads of other books based on the parables. Andrew spent

time with each class, telling stories, sharing drawing tips and showing how to start with an idea and end up with a book. Andrew's books are available for purchase at www.lostsheep.com.au for as low as \$7.00. If you mention you're from Marymede Catholic College, Andrew will sign your book and maybe even draw a picture.

Students in Year 6 spent a Wednesday afternoon with author of the *Grimstones* series, entertainer, inspirational speaker, storyteller and performer, Asphyxia. During her presentation, Asphyxia showcased some of her art journals, describing the process she uses to express her daily experiences on the page. She explained to the students and teachers the steps involved in creating their own unique art journal from found papers and recycled materials.



Ms Vicki Bunce
Head of Library

REGISTRAR NEWS

Year 7 2017 Intention Forms

A reminder to all current Year 5 families that intention forms for Year 7, 2017 are due back to the Main Office by no later than Friday September 25, 2015.

2017 Enrolment Applications

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.

For more information regarding the application and enrolment process, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Open Day

We'd like to thank all those in attendance at our 2015 Open Day a fortnight ago. It was a pleasure to welcome so many families, both new and currently enrolled into the College to share in a great day with the Marymede Community.

Email Addresses

There has been several important College emails sent out over the past fortnight. This may be a good time to confirm or update your email details with the College. To submit an email address or check your existing email address, please contact the College or email registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au.

Mr Matthew Luczek
Registrar

UNIFORM SHOP

Marymede Uniform Store School Holiday Trading Hours:

Tuesday 29 September 10am to 4pm
Wednesday 30 September 10am to 4pm
Thursday 1 October 10am to 4pm
Saturday 3 October 9.30am to 12.30pm

Term 4 trading hours resume Monday 5 of October

Upcoming Events

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

Week 10	
	Performing Arts Week
	Yr 12 Drama Solo rehearsals and performance evening, 6-7.30pm, Auditorium
15/09/2015	PS Whittlesea/Woodlands Athletics
	Year 9 Premier League Grand Final
	Student Leadership Council, 8-8.40am
16/09/2015	Youth Engaging the World Forum, 8am-4pm, St Michael's Uniting Church, Melbourne
	School Community Mass, 8am, Chapel
	Ministry Team meeting, 3.30-4.45pm, FB03
	AIM - Academic Improvement at Marymede, 3.15-4.15pm, Resource Centre
	Sacrament of Reconciliation, 5pm & 7pm, Chapel
	Yr 9 Parent Information Evening - REMAR, (TBC)
17/09/2015	Year 8 Premier League R1, v Kolbe, Away
	College Footy Day
	AIM - Academic Improvement at Marymede, 3.15-4.15pm, Resource Centre
	Marymede Top Acts Rehearsals, Periods 3-5, Auditorium
	P-6 Assembly, 10-11am, Fitness Centre
	P & F Committee Meeting
	Marymede Top Arts Performing Arts Concert, 7pm, Auditorium
	Sacrament of Reconciliation, 5pm & 7pm, Chapel
18/09/2015	Post-Reconciliation reflection liturgy & certificate presentation, 9-11am, Chapel
	SS Guild Clean Up, Period 5

Term 3 holidays	P-12 Students Conclude (normal finishing times)
21/09 – 2/10/ 2015	Camp Australia Holiday Program, on campus
21/09 – 25/9/ 2015	Yr 12 VCAA Practice Exams, on campus
1/10/ 2015	Italian/Art International Cultural Study Tour arrives back in Melbourne
Week 1	
5/10/ 2015	Term 4 Commences, P-12
6/10/ 2015	P&F Christmas Cards Sale
	Year 12 VCAA Drama Solo exam
	Yr 5 Camp Parent Info Evening, 7-7.30pm, Auditorium
7/10/ 2015	Year 7 Immunisations, 9am
	AIM - Academic Improvement at Marymede, 3.15pm-4.15pm, Resource Centre
	Yr 7 2016 Parent Information Night, 7-8.30pm, Auditorium
8/10/ 2015	Year 8 Premier League R2, v Salesian, Home
	Yr 11 Holocaust excursion
	School Tour, 9.30am-10.30am, Auditorium Foyer
	Yr 12 VCAL students conclude (normal finishing time)
	First Eucharist Family Workshops, 5pm & 7pm, Chapel
	AIM - Academic Improvement at Marymede, 3.15pm-4.15pm, Resource Centre
9/10/ 2015	School Community Mass, 8am, Chapel
	Yr 9 Commerce excursion
10/10/ 2015	Yr 12 VCD Exam Revision Seminar, 2-3.30pm, Swinburne University