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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome back for Term 2. I trust everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. It is a beautiful time of year and Melbourne is aglow with autumnal colours. The College grounds and ovals are picturesque and I thank our Grounds and Maintenance staff for their hard work in maintaining our outdoor facilities at such a high standard.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

It was pleasing to see many parents and students attend day one of interviews on Tuesday. I trust you found them worthwhile and informative. Our second day of P/T/S Interviews for Secondary parents and students only will take place on Monday April 27 from 4.00pm-7.00pm in the Fitness Centre. Bookings can be made via the College website.

Staff Professional Development Day - April 13

Last Monday, our staff participated in a Spirituality Day led by the charismatic Fr. Richard Leonard. The theme centred round the impact the media has on our young people today and how we respond as Catholic educators. Staff feedback has been very positive about Richard's presentation and we have greater appreciation for the influence that the media has on the young people in our care.

Year 7, 2016 Enrolments

Year 7 offers for 2016 will be posted home next Friday April 24. At the recent interviews, we impressed upon families that Marymede Catholic College is a Christian and Catholic school striving to be true to the Gospel. When families accept a place here, parents sign a form indicating their total support of the College and agree that their child will become fully involved in its life.

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Chisholm Guild on winning the Secondary Guild Athletics Carnival held on the last day of first term, Friday March 27. The Carnival is another College event encouraging a sense of belonging to the College and their own Guild. I was impressed with the way our students represented their Guilds. I was disappointed however that some students were absent on the day. A full commitment from all of our students will help to make Marymede Catholic College a special place to belong.

Year 9 Outdoor Adventure Camp

We wish the Year 9 students and staff participating in the Outdoor Adventure Camp an enjoyable experience over the next two weeks. It will be a challenging experience but one which will give our students a real sense of achievement both individually and in their teams.

Winter Uniform

All students are required to be in their full winter uniform from Monday.

In relation to the striped shirt, please note the item below which was published in the Principal's article in the Newsletter dated March 7, 2014:

Uniform Arrangements for 2015

As Parents are aware, the College Uniform Committee met last year and recommended that a new College shirt be introduced in 2014 for all new students to the College. In 2015 this will be extended to all students in Years 7-11. Year 12 students in 2015 will be able to wear the existing shirt provided it is in good condition and adequately fits the student.

I am willing to give parents a two week grace period to purchase the striped shirt. As such, every student in Years 7-11 will be expected to also be wearing the striped shirt by Monday May 4.

I ask that parents please support the College to ensure the students are wearing their uniform with pride.

Staffing

We welcome the following staff to our College and wish them an enjoyable and successful time:

Jaclyn Danaher – Psychologist
Georgina Naguib – Food Technology/Science Teacher
Suba Nakuladeva – Laboratory Technician P-6
Lina Troiano – Learning Support Officer P-6
Nadia Crisp – Learning Support Officer 7-12
Tracey Quick – Learning Support Officer 7-12

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

FAITH AND MISSION NEWS

“He is risen” (Matthew 28:6)

The sense of the great joy which was ours at Easter continues to remain with us as we listen to gospel readings of Christ’s Resurrection appearances and begin to anticipate the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Among the various people to whom Jesus appears since his Resurrection, with whom do we align ourselves most? Mary Magdalene who instantly recognises Jesus when He utters her name? The disciples who do not believe Mary when she testifies that she has seen the risen Jesus? The two disciples on the road to Emmaus who initially do not recognise Jesus when He walks with them? The disciples who are out fishing when Jesus appears to them? Yet none of them dares to ask him “Who are you?” because they know it is the Lord. Or perhaps the disciple Thomas who will only believe if he puts his finger in the wound in Jesus’ side?

Believing in the Resurrection of Christ is an act of faith inspired by the Holy Spirit. It is an act of courage because we are being challenged to ‘rise again’ with Christ, from the ashes of our former selves. We are being asked to take on a new life with the risen Christ: to be people of love, peace and reconciliation.

We are changed irrevocably by accepting that Jesus Christ is alive.

Risen Christ

Send us forth as disciples of your unwavering love.

Messengers of your unlimited joy.

Resurrected Christ

May we become ever more convinced.

That your presence lives on

And on and on and on.

Awaken us, awaken us!

(Joyce Rupp)

Ms. Judeline Wadhvani

Head of Faith & Mission (P-12)

Student Voice

Year 10 – Easter Liturgy



From Crib To Cross – the Laying their burdens down theme of our liturgy at the foot of the cross

“I thought the Liturgy was a calm way to tell the Passion story. We were attentive as it went straight to the point. I also liked how the songs were modern and sung by students, but they were relevant to the story. The students acted well...I felt the school enjoyed this type of religious gathering better because it was short and informative.”

Jacinta Costanzo

“The Liturgy was well rehearsed, enacted to a great standard and very enjoyable. It gave the audience a visual representation of the life and death of Christ and related well to the Year 10 RE assessment task. It was a change from our normal liturgies and gave me an insight into what Jesus had gone through and why he is such an important religious figure in Christian society even today.”

Ross Phlorides

Year 11 – Justice Awareness Day



Enjoying cricket in the laneway Still smiling at day’s end with Urban Seed volunteers

Spending the day in the city with Urban Seed, an outreach program, made me realise the importance of what has often gone unnoticed or avoided on the streets of Melbourne’s CBD. Whilst playing cricket in one of the back alley ways of Melbourne, we came to understand that before us people sat in the same alleyway, homeless, and experiencing the consumption of illegal substances that they see is their only option for feeling happy in life.

Joshua Sakoulevas

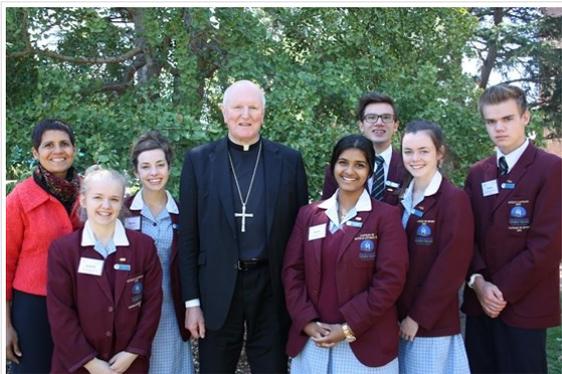
“It was great that we could experience firsthand playing cricket in the same alleyway that people who are substance addicts from all walks of life, from corporate employees to people who live rough, use as a place of safety and security. The church, does not frown upon the unfortunate, they welcome them, even though they may not meet the exact ‘criteria’ for being part of the church...Our facilitator for the day Evan, was non-judgemental. Sharing his story made the experience even more real and I have learned through this a valuable life lesson and that is not to stereotype people because we never know what people are going through.”

Olivia Hughes

Year 12 – Archbishop’s Conversation with Student Leaders

“The higher we go, the better we shall hear the voice of Christ”

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati



Student leaders and Ms Wadhvani with Archbishop Denis Hart

“It was a lovely opportunity to meet new people from other Catholic schools who were also student leaders, and personally meet the Archbishop, Rev. Denis Hart as well as the guest speakers Justine and Brother Dan and listen to their experiences and advice. A quote that stood out for me on the day was “if you always do what you did, you always get what you got”. This quote inspires me to do things differently instead of always being in my comfort zone and not getting any different outcomes. One needs to stand out and go higher in order to achieve great things. I am grateful for being chosen to attend the event as the experience was invaluable.”

Evelin Thomas, Co-Captain Faith & Liturgy

“Archbishop Denis Hart asserted the idea of always caring for others. This inspired me as he urged us all to always go higher in helping the community and others in need. I feel this has assisted me in my leadership role because it enables me to continue working within the community, but to go as high as I possibly can to help those in need, especially those who are less fortunate than us. Guest presenters Justine and Brother Dan described the life of the late Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, an Italian Catholic social activist in the 1920s, again highlighting the notion of helping others through humble doings. Overall, the day was very positive and enabled me to communicate and express my ideas for my leadership role.”

Marisa Bellina, College Captain

HEAD OF SECONDARY

Attendance Processes in the Secondary School

In March 2014, new School Attendance Policy and Laws came into effect in Victoria. Marymede Catholic College has reviewed and revised its attendance policy and processes for the Secondary School. Please note the following excerpts:

- Schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 – 17 years unless an exemption from attendance or enrolment has been granted. Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don’t fall behind both socially and

developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

- Marymede Catholic College records student attendance to scheduled time throughout the day and individual attendance data is available through the online parent portal. Attendance trends are annually reported via the My School website.
- As a Catholic School, the College places significant importance on liturgical events – retreats, reflection days and masses – and formal College gatherings – assemblies, Guild events. Authorised absences from these events will be granted where there is a medical certificate, statutory declaration or professional note provided by parent/guardian. Absence or lateness to scheduled time, including College events, which are either unjustified or unauthorised, will be made up out of class hours, including afternoon and/or Saturday detentions.
- Early Leave Passes are granted by Heads of Guild each morning when provided with a sound reason for leaving in writing from parents/guardians – for example, for specialist appointments. Early Leave Passes will not be granted for appointments which can be made outside of school time or in school holidays.
- The College has an absentee line (9407 9090) for parents/guardians to ring on the day of absence and a written explanation must be provided to the Tutor Teacher upon return to school.
- Students who are ill or injured report to the College sick bay. The attendance officers communicate with parents/guardians regarding the circumstances and grant early leave pass when appropriate.

For further information for parents on student attendance at school please go to:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx>

Ms Julia Wake

Head of Secondary School

SECONDARY LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

The **Year 12 Drama** students have been hard at work developing their ensemble performances. This year’s prescribed structure requires students to research The Salem Witch Trials and explore various aspects of this event through two different non-naturalistic performance styles: Bertolt Brecht’s Epic Theatre and Antonin Artaud’s Theatre of Cruelty.

Over the school holidays, the students were hard at work painting sets and rehearsing their performances. Audiences (recommended for Secondary age and above) are welcome to

attend the performances on Wednesday April 22 at 5pm in the Theatre.



Miss Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts

Romero Feast Day

The Romero Guild celebrated the Feast Day of our Guild Patron, Oscar Romero on Wednesday March 25. We celebrated with a special Mass and enjoyed a shared lunch for Romero staff and students.

We launched our Romero Prayer written by 2015 Romero Guild Captain Taylah Metaxas. It highlights the qualities of Oscar Romero and a copy was given to each member of the Guild.

Dear Lord,

We thank you for the life of our founder Oscar Romero,

And pray that we can continue his life's work, uniting in the battle against repression.

To possess enough courage, to ensure that we never stop raising our voice against injustice despite troubling circumstances. **As he did.**

To not submit when we are coaxed into giving up our efforts to ensure a just world for all people, and to persevere against all odds. **As he did.**

To strive to help those less fortunate and subjected to mistreatment in an effort to assist them to reach their full potential. **As he did.**

We pray that our Guild shield will remind all members of Romero Guild of the importance of remaining faithful to family, friends and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Together as the Guild of Romero we pray that we may live out the qualities that Oscar Romero displayed throughout his life and that his message remains stamped in our minds and is reflected through our actions.

Let it be done, **according to your word.**

Mary our good mother, **pray for us.**

And let us always remember to, **pray for one another.**

On behalf of the Romero Guild, we thank Taylah for writing such a beautiful prayer.

Thank you to all staff and students who worked to make Romero Feast Day a huge success.



Ms Carla Esposito
Head of Romero Guild

Year 9 Guild Sports

During Term 1, Year 9s competed in Guild Sports competitions, with the girls contesting Netball and the boys Cricket.

There were many closely contested games during the season. The Finals culminated with Romero and McCormack playing off in the Cricket Grand Final while McCormack and Marcellin were in the Netball Grand Final. Congratulations to Romero Boys and McCormack Girls who won these Grand Finals.

The final standings were as follows:

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

Trophies will be presented to the Guild Captains in an upcoming assembly.

Miss Rebecca Stellini
AFL Trainee & PE Assistant

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Music Department

On Friday March 6, Year 6 students enjoyed a music lesson as part of their Transition Day. The students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to 'have a go' at playing Ukuleles, Guitars, Drums and Keyboard. Congratulations to Joel Motley, Caleb Mcelroy-Manzie and Paulene Roflo (Year 10s) for their expert advice and for assisting the Year 6s with the instruments.



On Monday March 16, Marymede Catholic College hosted its inaugural Musical Futures Australia Professional Development Day. During the day, professional music teachers from surrounding schools were able to participate in multiple music workshopping activities led by Musical Futures Experts. The

day was a huge success and we hope to host more in the future. Congratulations to the following students who assisted with various roles on the day. A particular congratulations must go to Nanette Mangoba (Music Captain, 2015) for her generous contributions both as a host and for participating as a musician on the day.

Adam Argyros, Alexander Kosmas, Betsey Rasia, Chris Xerri, Daniel Prezioso, Deepal Singh, Gabriella Agosta, Grace Sibanda, Hannah Falzon, Joel Motley, Kamaria Brancato, Laura Daniele, Matthew Distefano, Melvin Mangoba, Nanette Mangoba, Nicholas Cretchley, Paul Nicolaidis, Sarah Mizzi, Sheryl Varghese, Steven Azzopardi, Teah Asling-Hough



<http://1drv.ms/1DHkwLO>

Mr. Kevin Carville
Head of Music

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

Marymede Catholic College welcomes the following new students who commenced this past week and their families to the College:

Elisa Maliokas – Year 9
Jake Kenovski – Year 3
Lauren Kenovski – Year 1
Scarlett Makin – Prep

2016 Enrolments

Formal letters of offer for Year 7 2016 will be posted home on April 24, 2015.

This past Thursday the College held a Prep 2016 Enrolment Information evening. We remind all families that applications for Prep 2016 are closing on May 15, 2015.

School Tours

Our next scheduled School Tour will take place on Wednesday April 22 commencing at 9.30am.

Email Addresses

During late Term 1, the College sent out Progress Interview Information, along with the Term 1 College Bulletin via email. Please ensure your family has supplied the College with a valid and current email address to avoid missing out on valuable information regarding news and events. To submit an email

address or check your existing email address, please contact the College or email registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au.

School Bus Service

In Term 2, the cost of a full Bus Pass (Term 2 ONLY) will be \$400 per child. The cost of a one way Bus Pass (Term 2 ONLY) will be \$235 per child. Casual passes will still be available subject to availability at a cost of \$4 each way. Any student without a valid paid in full bus pass (either full or casual) will not be permitted onto the bus under any circumstances. For further information regarding the School Bus service please contact the College on 9407-9000.

Scholarships

Late in Term 1, the College released information regarding the 2016 Scholarship program. In 2016, Marymede Catholic College will offer the following Scholarships:

- **Academic Excellence Scholarship** - Available to students entering Year 5, Year 7 and Year 9
- **General Excellence Scholarship** - Available to students entering Year 7
- **Music Scholarship** - Available to students entering Year 7 and Year 9

Please visit <http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/enrolment/scholarships> for more information.

Matthew Luczek
Registrar

CANTEEN NEWS

We hope you had a Happy Easter with your loved ones and are looking forward to the new term ahead.

Firstly, a reminder that if you would like to place a lunch order for either Primary or Secondary students, this is done online at www.flexischools.com.au. Orders are accepted until 9pm the night prior to your order. For parents of Secondary students, this enables your child to have a sandwich/wrap that may not be available during Counter Service. We are happy to assist with any queries relating to this information.

Secondly, we take this opportunity to thank Michelle Nardozzo and Melissa Picciani, our new Canteen volunteers this year. We also thank our return volunteers: Anna Chiodo, Carol La Porta, Coral De Fazio, Effie Gvero, Geraldine Castelo-Tanti, Laura Collela, Mary Pini, Maria Presti-Cook, Lorraine Collins and Mel Scrimizzi. We are deeply appreciative of the hard work and the time these women put into the Canteen. We are always looking for new volunteers. Any spare time you may have assists us greatly and does not necessarily have to be a full day. If you think you may be able to assist in any way, please contact us via email on canteen@marymede.vic.edu.au. Thank you.

Ms. Kate Quinn and Mrs. Connie Ibrahim
Canteen Managers

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 2	
20/04/ 2015	Yr 8 incursions with Andrew Fuller
	Andrew Fuller Parent Seminar, 7.00pm-8.30pm
	Year 9 Challenge Camp 1 (20-22 April)
21/04/ 2015	Vis Com & Design excursion - Top Designs, Melbourne Museum
	Student Leadership Council (SLC), 8.20am-8.55am
	Yr 9 Humanities Excursion, Melbourne Museum
22/04/ 2015	Year 7 Premier League R1, BYE
	School Tour, 9.30am-10.30am, Auditorium Foyer
	Yr 12 Drama Ensemble Performance Evening, 5.00pm-6.30pm
23/04/ 2015	Yr 10 Reflection Day, Eltham
	PS Guild Walkathon/Cross Country
24/04/ 2015	Confirmation Rehearsal, 10.00am, St Patrick's Cathedral
	Yr 12 Drama excursion, "I Call My Brothers", Southbank Theatre
	PS ANZAC Assemblies, Chapel
	SS ANZAC Assembly, Period 3, Fitness Centre
25/04/ 2015	ANZAC Day
26/04/ 2015	Sacrament of Confirmation, 2.30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral

Week 3	
27/04/ 2015	SACCSS Snr Netball & AFL
	Year 9 Challenge Camp 2 (27-29 April)
	Secondary PTO Interviews, 4.00pm-7.00pm
28/04/ 2015	Yr 9 Humanities Excursion, Melbourne Museum
	Post-Confirmation reflection Liturgy and presentation, 9.00am-11.00am, Chapel
	Yr 6 Camp Parent information evening, 7.00pm-7.45pm, Auditorium
29/04/ 2015	Yr 12 Media Excursion, ACMI
	Year 7 Premier League R2, v Penola, Home
	Robert Allwell testing, Year 10 & Careers
30/04/ 2015	VCAL Docklands Sports Experience Excursion
1/05/ 2015	PS Bridge Inn Football/Netball Rd 1
	VCE Visual Arts Excursion to Top-Arts, Heide Art Gallery/NGV

Week 3	
	Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Navigation and Obstacle Course, Clifford Park, Wonga Park

Week 4	
	Family Week
	Visual Arts Week
4/05/ 2015	Yr 12 Inspirational Catholic Speakers Program with Fr Bob Maguire
	Yr 9 Science Excursion (9.4 & 9.6) - La Trobe Outreach Program, La Trobe University
5/05/ 2015	SACCSS Cross Country
	Student Leadership Council, 8.20am-8.55am, R004
	Yr 9 Science Excursion (9.7 & 9.8) - La Trobe Outreach Program, La Trobe University
6/05/ 2015	P & F Mother's Day Stall
	Year 7 Premier League R3, v St Monica's, Away
	PS Carlton FC Player Visit
	Yr 12 Chemistry Excursion, La Trobe University
	Yr 9 Science Excursion (9.1 & 9.5) - La Trobe Outreach Program, La Trobe University
7/05/ 2015	P&F Mother's Day Movie Night
	Yr 10 Age Careers Expo, Caulfield Raceway
	School Tour, 9.30am-10.30am, Auditorium Foyer
8/05/ 2015	PS Bridge Inn Football/Netball Rd 2
	Robert Allwell Absentees Placement Year 10
	Mother's Day Morning Tea
	Yr 10 Japanese excursion, JLTAV Why Learn Japanese Forum, Monash University
	Yr 9 Science Excursion (9.2 & 9.3) - La Trobe Outreach Program, La Trobe University
	Yr 7 Mother's Day Liturgy, Period 1
Prep Mothers Day Assembly, 9.00am, Auditorium	
	Primary Open Classrooms for Mother's Day, 9.00am
10/ 05/ 2015	Mother's Day