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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

This is the start of my favourite time of the year because of the signs of new life all around and the hope that comes with that.

For our Year 12s, it is a challenging time with the end of their schooling fast approaching. I urge them to ensure they focus firmly on completing their time at school in the most positive manner possible.

### Open Day

I was delighted with the number of prospective families (both at Prep and Year 7) who came from far and wide to attend the College's Open Day on Sunday 28 August. There is certainly strong interest out in the community about Marymede Catholic College.

Thank you to our staff and students who gave of their time to either lead tours or present displays and answer parent questions in their classrooms/work areas.

### 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 am sure the children were excited to see their Dads there.

### Prep –Year 10 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews – 3/10

A reminder to parents that the next Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews will take place for Years Prep - 10 students on Monday 3 October, from 10.00am to 8.00pm.

I will be based in the Fitness Centre and look forward to chatting to parents throughout the day.

## Sports Results

Congratulations to the Senior Primary Boys' Soccer Team and Coach, Ms Alison Lappin, on finishing fourth in the State Finals which were played recently. This is a fantastic achievement.

I also congratulate our Secondary School athletes who participated in the SACCSS Athletics Carnival which was held at Lakeside Stadium last week. I commend them on finishing in fourth place in Division 1. Special thanks to our Head of Sport, Mrs Natalie Savage and the coaches for their hard work at training in the lead-up to the carnival.

## Tournament of Minds

Congratulations to the students in the Mathematics and Engineering Secondary Divisions Team who competed in and won the State Finals in the Tournament of Minds competition last Sunday. The students will now represent Victoria in the Australasian Pacific Finals next month. This is a wonderful achievement as there were around 80 teams who participated in the division. Special thanks also to the Team Facilitator (Coach), Mr. Vinodh Narasimhan for his work in preparing the team for the Regional and State Finals.

## Units 3 & 4 Practice Exams – 21-23/9

Our senior students will sit trial exams from Wednesday to Friday of the first week of the upcoming 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.

## 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):** Tuesday 22 November – 7pm
- Primary Celebration of Learning (Prep-2):** Monday 5 December – 6pm
- Primary Celebration of Learning (Years 3-4):** Monday 5 December – 7.30pm

These nights are significant events in the College Calendar and as such, we expect all students from Prep –Year 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.

## School Holidays

Classes end next Friday 16 September at 3.15pm. Classes resume on Tuesday 4 October and students will be expected to wear their summer uniform. I ask our female students to please check the length of their dresses over the holidays.

Kind Regards,

**Mr. Michael Kenny**  
**Principal**

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

### Unit 3 & 4 Trial Examinations

Students completing scored Unit 3 & 4 subjects will have the opportunity to test their preparation and understanding in the upcoming trial examinations from Wednesday September 21 to Friday September 23. Examinations will be held in Upper VCE and students should attend in full school uniform (but may choose between summer or winter uniform).

Students received their trial examination timetable last month and are encouraged to carefully check their individual allocations and the starting and finishing times for their examinations in advance. If they have any clashes or concerns about the timing of any examinations, they should contact me as soon as possible.

Students absent for any of the trial examinations must have a medical certificate certifying their inability to attend due to ill health. However, it is important for students to be aware that if they are ill during the VCAA examinations, a medical certificate will not suffice and they must contact the VCE Coordinator, Mr Rovetto immediately. VCAA require students to attend examinations if at all possible and failure to attend is likely to result in an NA for the final examination. Students who are unwell at the time of the examination and where this is likely to have affected their performance may apply for a Derived Score (with the appropriate evidence of their illness) but they must have attended the examination in order to make such an application.

Between the final day of the trial examinations and the first day of the 'real thing' VCAA examinations, there are just 32 days. As such, it is essential that students approach the trial examinations as they will their final examinations; putting their study plans into action and using the trial examinations as a chance to identify the gaps in their knowledge.

Students completing their VCE unscored are not required to attend the trial examinations.

## Prep - Year 10 Parent Student Teacher Interviews

Semester 2 progress interviews for Primary and Years 7-10 students will be held on **Monday October 3 from 10am-8pm**. Secondary School interviews and interviews with Primary Specialist Teachers (eg. Italian, Art etc) will be held in **The Fitness Centre**. Primary School interviews with core teachers will be held in **Primary School Classrooms**. A list of room locations will be posted at the Main and Primary Offices and on the doors of each Primary House on the day of the interviews.

Interviews are 15 minutes in duration for core teachers in Primary and 10 minutes for Secondary teachers and Primary specialists; if you require more time, please contact the relevant teacher to arrange to meet at an alternate time. Given that teachers have multiple families to see on Monday October 3, you are asked to avoid booking multiple slots with a particular teacher. Similarly, secondary students who have the same teacher for more than one subject are encouraged to book a single interview slot.

It would be fantastic to see all families attend the Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews. The importance of ongoing communication about students' progress, achievements and areas for development is essential to their continuing learning. Bookings will open on Thursday September 15 at 4pm and detailed instructions about how to book interviews will be sent to all families. Any families experiencing difficulties in booking interviews should contact the College's Main Reception on 9407-9000 or the IT Helpdesk on [helpdesk@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:helpdesk@marymede.vic.edu.au).

A **reminder for Secondary school parents** that Term 3 **Interim Reports** will be available via our Parent Access Module (PAM) from Thursday September 15, 2016.

### Holiday learning

The upcoming term break is a fantastic opportunity for students to recuperate after a busy and cold third term. And while students from Prep to Year 9, as a general rule, are not expected to complete holiday homework, it is encouraged that they continue to read each day, as well as engage in everyday numeracy activities (cooking, comparing prices at the supermarket, calculating and managing time etc) and, for students studying an instrument, continue practising.

A holiday diary can also be a fantastic idea as it not only encourages their writing skills, but can include maps drawn of places they are visiting, diagrams of things they have made or done, drawings and paintings and many other elements that apply their learning to real-life experiences.

And while computers and tablets can be a popular source of recreation for students over the break, Australia's Physical Activity Recommendations advocate that 5-18 year olds have no more than 2 hours of screen time a day for entertainment (excluding educational purposes).

**Ms Tracey Kift**  
**Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep – Year 12**

## ACTING HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION

### Year 11 Christian Leadership Retreat

The Year 11 Christian Leadership Retreat was a successful event for our Year 11 students. It was an opportunity for our students to reflect on the concept of Christian Leadership. Students make connections with those in their lives who model selfless acts and reflected on Jesus as our greatest model of servant leadership, a person who puts the needs of others before his own. The students left with a sense of empowerment about the actions they are required to take and the path they wish to travel throughout their last year of Secondary School and beyond.

Let us hear from a Year 11 student as she reflected on her time away.

On August 23 and 24, the Year 11 students stayed overnight at Holy Cross in Templestowe or Pallotti College in Millgrove. The Year 11 Christian Leadership Retreat was an experience that I found really assisted in my views on how I could assist myself and my community not only during my time at Marymede Catholic College but also in the future. From the time I spent at retreat I found that I learnt not only about servant leadership but also myself. Servant leadership is being a guide to enrich the lives of others. Something that I learnt about myself was the inner determination I had to want to be a leader in the community.

Out of the two days, something I really enjoyed was the discussions I had with my small group. I will always remember the activity where we had to create cocoa beans to learn more about fair trade. Something that stuck in my head was that the reality about those in undeveloped countries where young children are put to work, it really opened my mind to how lucky we are to be living in a country like Australia.

Christian leadership is serving others and being a support for others. I can be a servant leader by being a guide and a sense of support for people in my community.

**Miss Maya Dove**  
**Year 11 Student**



### Term 3 Upcoming Faith and Mission Events

- **Weekly Community Mass:** Wednesday 8am in the Chapel of Annunciation

**Mrs Melinda Muir**  
**Acting Head of Faith and Mission Prep – Year 12)**

### Year 3 Reconciliation Student Report

On Thursday night I had my Reconciliation. I was ready with some things to say to the Priest, to ask for God's forgiveness. Even God and Jesus sometimes made mistakes. I realised that we all sometimes make poor choices, but God's love is there to help us and to forgive us. The most important thing about Reconciliation is not to forget to be loving and caring.

**Miss Kristina Jakovac**  
**Year 3 Student**

On Wednesday at 5 o'clock I had my Reconciliation. I was first a little bit nervous, but once I arrived I felt much better. My stole that I was wearing was awesome. For Reconciliation I learnt that God always forgives you no matter what you do. God is always there for you he can see and hear whatever you do. There were four priests that helped us on the night to make Reconciliation a special moment for all Year 3's.

**Miss Emma Fasciani**  
**Year 3 Student**

## CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

### Year 6 Canberra Camp

Last week I was privileged to attend the first group to Canberra, it was fantastic. We are exposing our Year 6's to Australian history, politics and law, both Indigenous and European. Students and adults who attended got to know each other well and enjoyed each other's company. Our Year 6's represented Marymede beautifully. Well done to Ms Anna Damigella who has co-ordinated the program to run so smoothly.



### Early Dismissal for Year 11's Friday September 9 – Year 11 Formal

Year 11's will be dismissed at 1.30pm on Friday to enable preparations for their Formal. This will be held at Manor on High, Epping and will be a lovely evening of dancing and dinner.

### Transition 2017 – Prep and Year 7

The College is currently obtaining transition information from both kinder and feeder Primary schools, as well as our current Year 6 teachers. This will inform class composition and individual student transition programs for 2017 in Term 4. Key dates to note:

**Prep 2017 Parent Information Evening:** Wednesday  
October 12, 7.00pm Upper VCE

**Year 7 2017 Parent Information Evening:** Thursday  
November 24, 7.00pm Auditorium

## August – The Month of Mary

Our College has celebrated Mary in the month of August. Our student leaders from Year 4 to 12 stepped up with commitment and dedication, *in the way of Mary*, in leading the student activities on Marymede Mission Action Day. Well supported by staff, teaching and non-teaching, our community had a great day of being of service to each other and supported with great generosity our House Charities. Congratulations.

Representatives from our House Charities attended House Assemblies this week to receive funds raised from the Walkathon and Mission Action Day. Each Charity received in excess of \$2000. Our House Charities are:

**Chanel:** Catholic Mission

**Chisholm:** Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project

**McAuley:** Mercy Works

**McCormack:** Catholic Care

**Marcellin:** Marist Solidarity

**Romero:** St Mary's House of Welcome

Thankyou to all those students who pursued fundraising so well.

## Upcoming Events

Year 8 Reflection Day is on Friday September 9. This is a compulsory school day for all our Year 8's. If unwell, a medical certificate will need to be provided.

Please continue to check PAM to access calendar events.

## Year 12 – Graduation 2016

All the details of the events pertaining to Year 12 Students will be placed on Caremonkey this week. Please check the College Calendar for events and times now, to begin family preparations. Ms Kift and Mr Rovetto have gone through the practice exam expectations and highlighted the following points for planning:

- Any absence from a practice exam needs to be supported by a medical certificate;
- Any change of dates / times for an examination need to be negotiated with Mr Rovetto and only for an exceptional reason;

Key dates for Graduation Week include:

### Monday October 17

- House Farewells – extended Tutor time;
- Rehearsal for Graduation Mass, Liturgy and Ceremony during usual assembly time (Period 1, 9.15 – 10.00am)

### Tuesday October 18

- Year 12 Mass – 9:00am
- Farewell Assembly and Leadership handover – 10.00 – 11.00am.

## Wednesday October 19

- Year 12 Breakfast and Parade – 7.30am Fitness Centre
- Graduation Liturgy – 5:30pm St Francis of Assisi Mill Park Parish (5.00pm gather).
- Valedictory Dinner – 7:00pm Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre.

**Ms Julia Wake**

**Campus Co-ordinator Prep - Year 12**

## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Year 10 Father's Day Breakfast

Dear Parents and Guardians

I trust all fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers and uncles enjoyed a very special Father's Day. The Father's Day Breakfast hosted at the College last Thursday morning for Year 10 students and their fathers was a great success and our keynote speaker, Peter Gabauer from menALIVE ministry spoke to fathers about the important role that they play in the lives of their children.

Peter reminded all who were present about the need for love and forgiveness between fathers and their children. That children need to forgive their dads when they fall short and that dads need to express their appreciation for their children and not leave things unsaid. He also spoke about the power of a fathers words on the life of a young person; words need to be encouraging wherever possible. Peter also mentioned the importance of being present and wasting time with your kids in order to build strong relationships with them.

I am very grateful to our College Principal, Mr Kenny, College Business Manager, Mr Paul Romanin, Heads of House, Staff and Year 12 student leaders for their support and presence on the day. Our Year 12 student leaders were exemplary on the morning in modelling what servant leadership looks like here at Marymede Catholic College.

Thank you to Year 12 student leader, Christian Petralia, for taking the following photos on the morning:



God Bless,

**Mr Riccardo luele**

**Head of Religious Education Secondary**

### VET Sport and Recreation

On Thursday August 11 and again on Thursday September, some of our VET Sport and Recreation students were involved in assisting to run Primary School Athletics days. The first was for St Mary's Greensborough and the second was the regional finals where eight local primary schools competed against each other.

Jeremy Santonin, Connor Fitzgerald, Joel Grace, Shehzaad Kakh, Joel Motley, Sabrina Drummond, Mary-Grace Nicolazzo, Jack Petrucelle, Nathan Phillips and Kaitlyn Van Amsevoort are in the process of completing the Certificate 3 in Sport and Recreation.

A large component of this requires students to do practical placement. While this fulfilled the requirements for the course, the most pleasing aspect was the feedback that I received from several people on both days, including parents, teachers and administrators.

The overriding theme was that Marymede Catholic College students are polite, friendly and willing to help. It's great to get positive feedback and proves that Marymede is being recognised for the values that we endeavour to instil in our students. Well Done.

**Mr Gary Hickey**  
**VET/SBAT Co-ordinator**

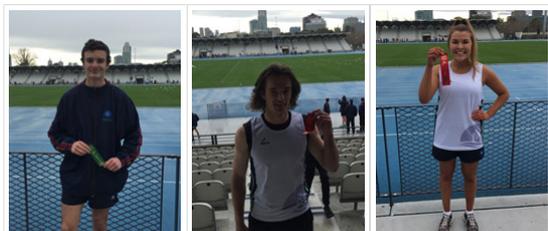
### SACCSS Athletics

On August 31, 100 of Marymede's athletes travelled to Lakeside stadium in Albert Park to compete in the 2016 SACCSS Athletics Carnival.

Firstly, I would like to thank all those involved with the SACCSS Athletics Carnival 2016 and to congratulate all who participated. It was yet again a great result for Marymede as we came in 4th overall in Division 1, behind Mackillop College, St Monica's College and Salesian College. I'm proud of every one of our students for getting involved and giving their all.

Special congratulations to the 14 students who came in the top 10 athletes for their age group. A great achievement for you all. We also had 4 students excel on the day coming in the top 3 for their age group. Rueben Hayes, coming 1st overall, James Traianou coming 2nd for the 15 y/o males, Claudia Forte coming 3rd overall for the 14y/o females, and Grace Wake coming 3rd overall as well, for the 13y/o females.

I know that Marymede is going from strength to strength as we compete in Division 1 for the fourth year in a row next year.



**Mr James Henderson**  
**Year 12 Student**

### SACCSS Junior and Intermediate Tennis

This week Marymede's Junior and Intermediate Tennis team travelled to Melbourne Park to compete in the SACCSS Tennis competition. The team have been training hard all term to make sure they were ready to take on the challenge of the other 13 schools in the SACCSS competition. All teams competed extremely well on the day with the Intermediate girls A doubles and Intermediate girls B doubles winning their division taking home the 2016 Title.

Well done to Brooke McCormack, Tara Johnson, Hirstina Malinova and Kamaria Brancato on this outstanding achievement. I would like to thank Mrs Dalgleish for working with the team every Wednesday and look forward to tennis getting stronger and stronger at the College.



**Ms Natalie Savage**  
**Head of Sport**

### Snow Program

On August 19, Marymede took a group of 33 very excited students on the College's second Co-curricular Snow Program to Mt Hotham Alpine Resort. At the start of the year, students were able to apply to be considered for this exciting opportunity, with a strong work ethic and community involvement criteria for selection.

Students and staff spent the weekend practising and refining skiing and snowboarding skills in chilly conditions and the evenings bonding over the thrills and spills of the day. Fifteen students also took up the opportunity to participate in night skiing.

I would like to thank the following staff for their contribution and invaluable help in the facilitation of a fantastic program, Ms Natalie Savage, Ms Annmarie Kane and Mr Vincent Doherty. Students wanting to participate in this program in 2017 are encouraged to continue working hard in their studies and watch for applications to open in early 2017.



**Miss Andrea Zappulla**  
**Head of Health and Physical Education**

### Tournament of Minds Reflection

On Sunday September 4, the Engineering Mathematics team from Marymede Catholic College travelled to La Trobe University to take part in the state finals for Tournament of Minds. We had already competed in the regionals and placed first. We were so excited to have made it so far in the competition.

The tournament began at 8:45am. We were placed in rooms for 3 hours and 10 minutes to complete our long term challenge and our spontaneous challenge. We were given a box of materials to create our props and our device/solution for the problem.

At a random time during the 3hours and 10minutes, three judges entered our room and we completed our spontaneous challenge. The spontaneous challenge lasted for ten minutes. During the allocated time, we planned our presentation, wrote the script, made the machine, rehearsed and finalised our solution. It was stressful, but we enjoyed it.

It's not like there wasn't any disagreements or fights - there were plenty. But in the end, we managed to work together as a team and pull off a great performance. Then, after our 3hours and 10 minutes were up, we were so relieved, yet nervous. We were first to present. Our 8½ minute presentation went smoothly, but our team doubted our chances. With every presentation, our hope deteriorated a little.

When we made our way to the Union Hall to go to the Award Ceremony, the excitement was fizzing up inside us. Luckily, the judges presented our category first. While they were presenting the honours, they didn't say our name. We didn't know what to think. Then, they announced our school to be the winners of the State Finals, who have the right to represent Victoria in the Australasian National Competition. As we walked up onstage to receive our medallions, we could see our teared up, proud parents and the teacher who made this all possible, Mr Vin. We thank Mr. Vin for giving us this extraordinary opportunity. We couldn't have done it without you. Wish us luck on our way to Gold Coast, where the Australasian National Competition is being held.



**The TOM Engineering Mathematics Team**

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Book Week

The enthusiasm and participation by all was quite evident on Friday August 26 at the Prep – Year 6 Book Week Parade. Upon arrival to school, I was greeted by many book characters like Dr Seuss, Where's Wally, Dorothy and Mary Poppins. The buzz was amazing.

We had a rainbow of colour, glitter and face paint. It was wonderful to see that all students embraced the celebration and arrived to school prepared to share in the fun.

I would like to thank all parents for dressing up their child for the parade. A lot of effort was put into preparing the costumes for the day.

I would like to congratulate the winners of the P-6 Book Week Writing Competition.

**Prep -2:** Zoe Kouts

**Year 3 -4:** Tommy Vrkic

**Year 5-6:** Olivia Foreman

All students who entered the Competition need to be congratulated for their entries.

Please click on the link below to read our winners stories.

Once again, thank you for your wonderful support.

**Mrs Elizabeth Milani**  
**Literacy Co-ordinator**

### State Soccer

On Wednesday August 31, the Primary Soccer Team competed in the School Sports Victoria State Competition. They competed against 8 schools including some from Ballarat, Bendigo and Shepparton.

The boys missed the final on a count back and finished 3rd - 4th top teams in the state. Their commitment to training and the way they played as a team was outstanding.

The substantial time and effort Ms Lappin put into the preparation of the team should be commended.



## Walk To School Day

The next walk to school day is Friday October 14. Please meet at the corner of Williamson Road and Great Eastern way at 8.00am. All students are permitted to wear House Sport uniform.

**Mr Gerard Large**  
**Head of Primary Houses and Sport**

## BUSINESS MANAGER

### Car Parking – Drop-off & Pickup Areas

We are very concerned at the increasingly dangerous driving practices around the School at drop off and pick up times.

We know the start and end of the school day can be hectic for parents and finding parking can be a challenge but it has become apparent that the community is no longer prepared to tolerate unsafe and illegal traffic behaviour. We have implemented various measures to try and reduce congestion in local streets and at the same time ensure the safety of our students. We are working with the Whittlesea City Council with regards to increase supervision in this area.

The College is constantly informed by Parents that Drivers are:

- Double Parking on Williamsons Road
- Blocking Pedestrian crossings
- Speeding in Drop off/Pickup zone
- Parking in the Drop off/Pickup zone
- Exiting from Exit Only gates
- Blocking Entry Gates

This was particularly dangerous for Cars trying to park at the College and pedestrians and students who were trying to cross the road to reach the School.

We share the concern of our community and urge you to consider your child's safety and the safety of others when you are dropping off and picking up from the school. Please also bear in mind that as a parent of Marymede Catholic College you represent the school; we do not want our good name tarnished by the thoughtlessness of some members of our community.

We thank you for your cooperation and support in this important matter.

**Mr Paul Romanin**  
**Business Manager**

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS

### Father's Day Evening –August 31

Congratulations to the Parents and Friends Committee for a wonderful week of events in the lead up to Father's Day. The Father's Day stalls ensured that Dad's received a small gift chosen by their child and the Father's Day Evening enabled children and their Dad's / Grandad's to share in activities and hospitality. These evenings are vital to our growing community. If you have any feedback or suggestions for the future please email me [julia.wake@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:julia.wake@marymede.vic.edu.au).

**Ms Julia Wake**  
**Campus Co-ordinator Prep – Year 12**

## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop school holiday trading hours will be

Tuesday September 27, 10am to 4pm  
 Wednesday September 28, 10am to 4pm  
 Thursday September 29, 10am to 4pm  
 Saturday October 1. 9.30am to 12.30pm  
 Monday October 3, 10am to 4pm

Also we will have new shop trading hours starting Tuesday the 4th of October 2016

Mondays 8am to 12pm  
 Tuesdays 12pm to 5pm  
 Wednesday 8am to 12pm  
 Thursdays 12pm to 5pm

First Saturday of every month  
 9.30am – 12.30pm