



6 October 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome back everyone. I hope our students had an enjoyable holiday and have returned ready to give of their best this term.

For our Year 12 students, the end is near and their focus should be on completing their time at school in the most positive manner possible. This means ensuring all work is completed and for our VCE students, the process of revision and exam preparation is well under way. My thoughts and prayers are with all of our Year 12 students. We will hold a College Assembly to farewell them in the Fitness Centre on Tuesday 18 October at 10.00am.

Year 12 Graduation – 19/10

The Year 12 Graduation Liturgy will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mill Park on Wednesday 19 October at 5.30pm. We look forward to this spiritual celebration to mark the end of our Year 12s' schooling which will be followed by the alcohol free Valedictory Dinner at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre.

2017 Re-Enrolment Forms

A reminder to our parents that the date for the return of the Re-Enrolment Forms has passed. I ask parents yet to complete the form to please do so as we have students on waiting lists in some year levels.

2017 Prep Parents Information Evening – 12/10

A reminder to the parents of our 2017 Prep children that an Information Evening will take place next Wednesday 12 October in the Upper VCE Building commencing at 7.00pm. I look forward to welcoming our new parents into our College Community.

Awards Evenings

A 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 – 7.00pm

Primary Celebration of Learning (Prep-2): Monday 5 December – 6.00pm

Primary Celebration of Learning (Years 3-4): Monday 5 December – 7.30pm

Year 6 Graduation and Years 5 & 6 Awards – Wednesday 7 December – 7.00pm

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

Term 4

This term promises to be an exciting and busy one at Marymede Catholic College. I encourage parents to regularly check the College Calendar to ensure that you don't miss any wonderful opportunities to share in your child's school experience.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Educational research is increasingly telling us that resilience rather than intelligence is a greater predictor of success – in school and life. When we talk about resilience in children, we talk about their ability to deal with stumbling blocks, disappointments and challenges in their life and recover emotional wellbeing.

Professor Helen McGrath offers fantastic advice to parents and teachers on how to build the resilience of young people including warning against falling into the 'happiness trap'. That is, she recommends that parents and teachers avoid over focusing on trying to ensure a child feels happy all the time. Instead, she argues, the focus should always be on their development, including their capacity to deal with difficulties, change, failure and rejection. She encourages parents not to solve their children's problems for them but allow them to take ownership of their own problems and intervene only when a problem is particularly serious. This communicates with the child that you believe they are capable of handling the problem themselves and has the capacity to foster greater confidence and self-belief. Supporting them by discussing with them how they might solve the problem and conveying a sense of optimism and confidence in them that they can manage the situation is often more beneficial than stepping in to solve the problem for them.

Former US First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt famously once said 'Happiness is not a goal, it is a by-product'. Children who have confidence in their ability to face and overcome life's obstacles, who experience and achievement and empowerment of taking control and managing problems, and who experience the growth and learning that comes through facing challenge are more likely to experience happiness.

2017 Class Groups

Planning for 2017 Year 1-9 class groups will soon begin, and there will be a great deal of work put into constructing class groups that allow students the best opportunities to learn, the chance to feel secure and valued and the opportunity to make new connections with their peers and teachers.

Creating balanced and effective class groups is a complex process and there are many reasons why students are placed in a particular group. As such, it is important to note that we cannot take requests for students to be placed with particular friends or receive requests to change class lists after they are finalized.

By this stage in the year, please feel confident that the teachers know your child well and will make informed recommendations about where they should be placed. For some students, changing their class group and the prospect of being in a group with unfamiliar students may be daunting. It may be beneficial to begin a conversation over the next few weeks with your child about viewing these changes optimistically and conveying your sense of confidence that they will be able to manage this change.

Year 12 Examinations and 'Swat Vac'

Year 12 students begin their final examinations in just under three weeks. Having completed trial examinations over the Term 3 holidays, parents of Year 12 students will receive a transcript of their trial examination results in the next week. Alongside this transcript, we will also send out a schedule of revision workshops that will be offered to students to assist their preparations. We would encourage students to attend these workshops to complement their study at home. They should attend these workshops in school uniform as with any other

time they are on campus up until the conclusion of their final examination.

Ms Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep – Year 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui Excursion

On August 31, the Year 10, 11 and 12 Drama students embarked on an excursion to witness the play of "The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui". The play was a mash-up of American gangster movies and Richard III, offering a tale about Adolf Hitler's rise to power through the perspective of the city of Chicago. This play encompassed many aspects that are present in today's mainstream society, dealing with issues from the past related to Adolf Hitler and comparing him to that of the US presidential candidate Donald Trump. The play presented these issues in an interesting and invigorating way, through the use of humour and Brecht Style theatre. It consistently captivated the audience and allowed us to immerse ourselves in the performance.

Mr Benjamin Cole

Year 10 Student

Top Acts Performing Arts Concert Permission

Planning is well underway for the Top Acts Performing Arts Concert. Students in Dance Club (Years 5 & 6) and the Sessional Dance classes are reminded that their permission form is now due. Confirmation of your participation will assist us in making final arrangements for costumes and catering. Please see Ms Bedford urgently to confirm your participation.

Ms Angie Bedford

Head of Performing Arts

Marymede Chook The Envy Of All At The Royal Melbourne Show

We have two fabulously dressed up chooks that were on display at the Royal Melbourne Show as part of the Yarn Barn display.

The design brief was to "yarnbomb" an animal for the "yarn barn". Only wool could be used as it is a sustainable resource and encourages the use of a natural material produced in Australia.

A number of Year 8 students in Ms Anne Luttick's Design and Technologies: Textiles classes contributed their ideas and expertise to produce a chook's outfit that is the envy of all the hens in the hen house. The colours and the clever use of pom poms made the hens turn their heads and wish that they could look so classy.



Ms Robin Panousieris
Technology Coordinator

Book Week

Book Week was celebrated from Monday August 22 to Friday August 26 across the primary and secondary schools. Lunchtime and after school activities were organised enjoyed by secondary students, including a special presentation from author and refugee activist David Nyuol Vincent, public speaking competitions and the hugely popular Staff vs Student debate, where students had a convincing win, arguing the negative on the topic “Teachers should receive a bonus if their students score an A+”. Our Year 8 students visited the Year 2 classrooms for some storytelling and to share the poetry they had been working on in class. Lots of fun was had by all students involved.



Our annual Writer’s Prize winners were also announced. Congratulations to the following students:

- Year 7-9 Winner:** Monique Misquitta
- Year 10-12 Special Commendation:** Morgan Brand
- Year 10-12 Winner:** Olivia Hughes
- Overall Winner:** Chloe Falzon

This students will be officially recognised and awarded their prizes at our next secondary school assembly.



Thank you to all students and staff involved in the week.

Mrs Rochelle Coyle
Head of English

Visit from Melbourne Victory

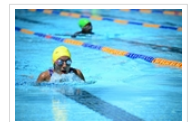


On Friday September 9, the players of the Marymede Soccer Academy (MSA) got an experience of a lifetime. This experience came from a visit from two key Melbourne Victory players who are well known to most. Scott Galloway and Marco Rojas came to the school to deliver a training session with the boys, but it was interrupted by terrible weather. Still nothing stood in the way and we improvised with a Q and A session where we asked important questions and received answers that can help better our mentality on the game of soccer. The answers given were brilliant leaving most of the boys with smiles on their faces. After this we headed into the fitness centre where we were able to ask more questions, receive photos and have a kick with both players getting a chance to show some of our skills. This experience was surely something to remember as we were able to both interact and have one on one conversations with players, who are professionals of the game. Many boys left with a smile and took a lot out of the session.

Mr James Tsafkas
MSA Player

Swimming Training Term 4

Term 4 sees the start of our swim training program to get the students ready for the 2017 swim season. All students from Year 6 to Year 11 are invited to attend the training sessions. Sessions will be held at Mill Park YMCA. For more information and to sign up your child please email vanessa.clifford@marymede.vic.edu.au. I look forward to seeing your child in the pool this term.



Ms Natalie Savage
Head of Secondary Sport

Debating News Update

It is wonderful news that Kamaria Brancato Year 10 has been awarded a prestigious Swannie Award as the best speaker in her Debating grade in the Watsonia region of schools. Since

Year 7, Kamaria has grown into a fiercely confident debater who speaks in contests with conviction and passion. It is wonderful that this has been recognised by the adjudicators of the Debating Association of Victoria. Congratulations to Kamaria for attaining this award and placing Marymede Catholic College up there.

Junior Secondary Debating Program 2016

From Tuesday October 11 to Wednesday November 2, selected students in Years 7 and 8 will be taking part in debating introductory training, skills workshops, rebuttal seminars and demonstration debates. These four weekly sessions will be run by the Debating Association of Victoria and are held in the evening and off campus.

For further information, please contact Mr Montana, debating co-ordinator.

Mr Adrian Montana
Debating Co-ordinator

Professional Inspiration In Studio Arts



Briefing by the Marketing Manager at Heide Museum of Modern Art



Students enjoying the Abbotsford Convent Gallery of Modern Art

Towards the end of term three, the VCE Studio Art students went with Mr Montana to visit Heide Museum of Modern Art in Heidelberg and the Abbotsford Convent Gallery. This was an ideal opportunity for us to learn about the different types of jobs available in the arts and about the complexities of marketing, curating and designing exhibitions. This was also an amazing and worthwhile opportunity to prepare for our final year examination. I loved every minute of this excursion as we travelled to the Heide Museum of Modern Art where we talked about the different types of art spaces and the special funding required. Heide is a public art gallery and the Head of Marketing described the impact of government funding in assisting the gallery, and the different types of laws Heide has to abide by as a publically-funded space. The Education Officer was a highly intelligent woman who knew the answer to every question we threw at her. Whilst at the Heide Museum we also interviewed the Exhibition Designer, and Assistant Director, Curator and Marketing Officer.

We were very excited about visiting our next stop, the Abbotsford Convent Gallery, as this was where the artist Asphyxia, who had been our visiting-artist mentor at Marymede, had her new exhibition. Her artwork was amazing, but what was even more inspiring was to hear of her passion and drive to succeed; this gave me a great sense of motivation. As we selected our favourite artworks, Asphyxia explained the methods, theory and techniques used for each. This was well worth the trip as we are all visual learners, and to see everything

first-hand gave us a massive advantage in preparation for the forthcoming examination.

Miss Taneisha Fredericks
VCE Studio Arts Student

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Primary Sport News

Athletics

Please note as of 12 October 2016, Northern Star Athletics Club will be training at Marymede Athletics track Wednesday afternoons from 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Northern Star Athletics currently run clinics within our Marymede House Sport program and a large percentage of their members are Marymede students. Training is open to all students. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Year 5/6 Basketball

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 Boys Basketball team who were Bridge Inn champions at the recent interschool basketball competition. They progressed to the next division round though were unfortunate to qualify to regionals.

The Girls Basketball team were runners up in the Bridge Inn competition, losing by a couple of points in the Grand Final.



Tennis Clinic

The Year 3 students participated in a 'Hot Shot' Tennis clinic. If you are interested in participating in the 'Hot Shot' Tennis program run before school at Marymede on Wednesday mornings please contact Paul at paul@vassallotennis.com.au

Athletics Clinic

Northern Star Athletics Club held an athletics clinic for all our Prep, Year 1 and Year 6 students. The students were introduced to various events and fun was had by all.



Mr Gerard Large
Head of Primary Sport

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

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

Dakota Scarpetti
Ebony Maillard
Tahlia Bunworth
Tayah Keenan
Silvia Sourbis
George Sourbis

Year 7, 2018 Transition Interviews (Current Year 5 Marymede Students)

Year 7, 2018 Transition Interviews for current Marymede Year 5 students will take place across October 27 and November 10, families will be sent information regarding these interviews in the coming days.

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

Exit Forms

Any family not returning to the College in 2016 is required to complete an Exit Form and return back to the Main Office as soon as possible. To collect an Exit Form please visit the Main Office.

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.

2018 Enrolments

Applications for Year 7 and Prep in 2018 are now open and will close in February and May respectively. Additionally, applications for Year 7 2019 are open now and will close in August 2017. This is a significant change to previous enrolment processes and will affect students who currently attend an external Primary School and are a sibling of a current Secondary student at the College.

Mr Matthew Luczek
Registrar

BUSSINESS OFFICE

Speed Limit On School Grounds

For the Safety of all Students, staff and Visitors to our school, cars entering school grounds should always observe speeds signs and Travel only at 10km per hour.

Carparking – 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