



20 October 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Our Year 12 students completed their formal Secondary Education last Tuesday with a Year 5-12 College Assembly in the Fitness Centre to acknowledge their contribution to Marymede. From academic pursuits to sport, music, drama, debating, Christian service, leadership and everything in between, there has always been great scope for our students to extend themselves at Marymede. The clear message from the College Captains to the student body is to be proactive in making the most of your individual and shared experiences at Marymede.

The next day, the Year 12 students, their parents and staff gathered for our Graduation Liturgy at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Mill Park. The music, readings and prayers created a wonderful spiritual celebration for the Class of 2016. This was followed by the Valedictory Dinner at Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre. Thank you to Mrs Melinda Muir for preparing the liturgy and to Ms Julia Wake and Ms Nikole Cymbalak for organising the function. I trust everyone enjoyed the celebrations and we wish our departing Year 12s every blessing.

2017 Secondary Student Leadership

With one eye on the end of 2016, we focus on the beginning of 2017. I congratulate the following students who have been elected to form next year's Secondary Student Leadership Team:

College Captains – Angelique Milevski and Allen Puthenkavil Shaji

Faith & Mission Leader – Olivia Capodicasa

Wellbeing Leaders – Kaitlyn Van Amelsvoort and Milly Turner

Environment Leader – Cameron Hughes

Sport Leaders – Connor Fitzgerald and Jacinta

Costanzo

Cultural Leaders – Paulene Roflo (Music), Michael Kyrifidis (Performing Arts) and Jordyn Cullen (Language)

Chanel House Captains – Joel Motley and Madison Delios

Chisholm House Captains – Hayden Cox and Nimrat Kullar

Marcellin House Captains – Steven Azzopardi and Maya Dove

McAuley House Captains – Jack Petrucelle and Chanjutha Nagasanthakumaran

McCormack House Captains – Tyler Wittison-Southern and Patience Kihara

Romero House Captains – Chelsea Ford and Sienna Cater

Setting Term 4 Goals

With Year 12 classes over, our younger students are often tempted to think that the end is in sight and lose focus. Indeed, the opposite is the case and I encourage them to set some significant goals for the remainder of the term. These may include a higher test result, a better assignment, increased involvement in class discussion or completing unfinished work. Now is the time to act.

Students Not Returning to Marymede in 2017

I ask parents to please let the college know if your son or daughter is not returning next year. In some year levels, we have students on our waiting list and their parents are anxiously awaiting a response from us.

Prep 2017

On Wednesday evening 12 October, we held our first meeting with our new 2017 Prep parents. I was delighted with the parental turnout and trust that our staff were able to address any of the questions raised on the night.

Parents' & Friends Association

The Parents' & Friends Association will hold their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 15 November at 7.00pm. It has been recently announced that the President, Mrs Nadia Crisp,

the Vice President, Mrs Carmela Grgas-Bego, Treasurer Mrs Joanne Portella and Secretary Mrs Silvana Aliquo will be finishing up in their positions at the end of the school year. I thank Nadia, Carmela, Joanne and Silvana for their contribution to the Parents' & Friends Association and support of our college.

We will be seeking nominations for the above vacant positions at the Annual General Meeting. I encourage parents to come along and become an active member of this association.

Tournament of Minds

In the first week of September, the Engineering and Mathematics teams from Marymede Catholic College competed in the State Finals for Tournament of Minds. We were thrilled that they were judged to be the best team in their section and were going on to represent Victoria in the Australasian Pacific Finals on the Gold Coast.

Last Saturday evening, the Marymede Team competed against the other state teams. I am delighted to be able to announce that Marymede was declared the winner of the Tournament of Minds Australasian Pacific Finals – Engineering Mathematics Division Secondary. This is an outstanding achievement. I congratulate the following students, Claudia Pironi, Nicholas Melchiorre, Jarnai Brancaleone, Adam Argyros, Daniel Prezioso, Laura Daniele, Ricardo Krstevski, and their coach, Mr. Vinodh Narasimhan for his work in preparing the team. I also thank Mrs Josette Brancaleone for supporting the team on the Gold Coast.



Tournament of Minds Australasian Pacific Champions>

2017 Year 7 Testing – 22/10

A reminder to families who have a son or daughter currently at a Primary School outside of Marymede who are starting Year 7 at our college next year, that we will be holding our Annual Testing day this Saturday morning. Students are expected to arrive by 9.00am at gather in front of the Founders' Building. We anticipate that the testing will be finished by 11.30am.

Kind Regards,

Mr Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Primary Curriculum Changes 2017

This Monday, our Primary and Secondary staff attended a presentation about some exciting changes planned for our primary curriculum next year. With the proposed changes receiving an overwhelmingly positive response from the staff, we are now looking forward to sharing these plans with parents on **November 2**, when we will be hosting an **Information Evening from 7pm**.

Further information, including RSVP details for this evening will be emailed to our primary school families in the coming days. With many of the most significant changes planned for Year 5 and 6, we would encourage families of current Year 4 and 5 students in particular to attend.

In reviewing our primary curriculum for 2017, we have developed three distinct phases for student learning in their primary years that we believe will give them the best possible learning opportunities:

In P-2 the focus is on 'laying the foundations'. We aim to give students a secure, stable transition to school in which they establish confident relationships with their core teachers and a strong foundation of knowledge, skills and learning behaviours

In Years 3-4 the focus is on 'deepening the learning' across the curriculum and in particular in areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) and in Physical, Social and Emotional Learning.

In Years 5 & 6, the focus is on 'expanding deep learning' with students in the upper primary years benefitting from their ready access to secondary school facilities and expertise to introduce the best of secondary experiences to the final years of primary.

2017 Learning Extension and Acceleration Program

Also in 2017, we will be introducing an extension and acceleration program for students beginning their secondary school studies. Initially introduced in Year 7 in 2017, the program will expand to Year 8 in 2018 and Year 9 in 2019.

This program is designed to cater for students who have demonstrated both the aptitude and the motivation to challenge and extend themselves in their studies and will aim to give the students the opportunity to extend and accelerate their learning in English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities.

The Year 6 students are currently completing assessments in Literacy and Numeracy and new enrolments to the College will complete these assessments on Saturday October 22. These tests will be reviewed, along with feedback from the current Year 6 teachers, to identify students well suited to this program and letters will be sent out to families of these students later this term inviting them to participate.

Examinations

With a little under a week before the Year 12s begin their examinations, 3½ weeks until Year 10 and 11 examinations and just over 5 weeks until Year 9 examinations, Year 9-12 students should now be building regular study into their weekly schedule.

Late last week, an examination guide was distributed to all Year 9 students and parents to assist them with their preparations and to provide a range of useful resources to begin to develop the study strategies they will need for the next few years to manage the demands of examinations. We would encourage all Year 9 families to look through this guide with their son or daughter and begin setting aside dedicated time – ideally, screen-free time - throughout the week to work through the recommended revision strategies.

For Year 10 & 11 students, the upcoming examinations are not only an important practice for Year 12 but, for many students, will also be considered in confirming their subjects for 2017. As such, early preparation is essential to achieving the best possible results. For any students who struggle to achieve a satisfactory result in their examinations, Year 10 & 11 examination resits will be held on December 1.

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

ACTING HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION

Sacrament of First Eucharist

On Sunday October 16, the Year 4 students celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Through receiving the body of Christ our students have strengthened their relationship with God. This significant day was made special with the love and support of our Marymede community, extended families and friends, who packed out the Cathedral.

At Marymede Catholic College we are looking forward to continuing to support our students on their faith journey.

Our sincere thanks to our dedicated College Chaplain Fr Martin Ashe and Fr John Murphy who con-celebrated the Mass. Thank you also to the Year 4 teachers and staff who supported the students on their journey.

Term 4 Upcoming Faith and Mission Events

- Weekly Community Mass

Mrs Melinda Muir
Acting Head of Faith and Mission (P-12)

ACTING DIRECTOR OF STUDENT WELLBEING (7-12)

2016 PHILIPPINES SOLIDARITY IMMERSION PROGRAMME

This programme launched early in 2015 is nearly upon us. After nearly 18 months of planning and preparation, the team of 8

Year 11 students and 2 teachers is almost ready to embark on what can only be a life-changing experience in the Philippines, leaving on 2 December.

On October 7 Miss Hack and I accompanied the students on the Immersion Preparation Retreat facilitated by Br Mark Fordyce, a Marist brother and Marist Volunteers Australia Co-ordinator at Ocean Grove. Br Mark gave the group a deeper understanding of what it means to be a pilgrim and not a tourist on this Immersion. He guided the team towards an opening up to awareness of the challenges that are faced by people in the Philippines and the deepening of the idea of our solidarity with people whose life involves a daily struggle for existence.



*With Br Mark Fordyce
Immersion Retreat Co-ordinator*



*Group at Ocean
Grove Beach*

“On the second day of the bonding retreat we were given the time to go to the beach and have some free time. This was a great way for all of us to have a break from the sessions we were partaking in and having a bit of fun in the water and sand. Next we were given the challenge to cook dinner. We had to come up with a menu, buy all the food trying to keep the meals as basic as possible and then prepare and cook dinner for 11 people. This was a wonderful bonding exercise because everyone had to work together in order to make it a joyful evening.” Mary-Grace Nicolazzo, Jayde Rohr and Kait Van Amelsvoort

“During the selection process for the Immersion Programme, I felt that I was being considered for a new opportunity, a new challenge and a new way of life. The recent retreat at Ocean Grove gave me a glimpse of what is to come as it provided new friendships and chance to talk about what might in fact change the rest of my life.” Michael Kyrifidis

Ms Judeline Wadhvani
Director of Student Wellbeing (7-12)

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

2016 VCE Visual Arts and Design Exhibition

This year's VCE Visual Arts and Design Exhibition will be held from November 7 to 11 in a brand new gallery space (the Calthorpe Resource Centre Foyer). The official opening will take place on November 8 from 3.30pm. Be sure to mark these dates in your calendars.

Stay tuned for more details.

Mr Jeremy Guzman and Ms Robin Panousieris
Head of Visual Arts and Head of Technology



Poster design by Jesse Azzopardi Year 11

Marymede Winning at the Royal Melbourne Show

Congratulations to Year 8 Romero student, Jessie Turner who received the Best in Show, in addition to First Prize, in the Applique and Patchwork category for her beautifully designed, high quality "Fabric Illustration Cushion".

She received her enviable prize of a fabulous new Toyota Sewing Machine, along with certificates and a whopping big ribbon. These were presented at the school assembly in Week One.

This is the first time Marymede entered student work in the Royal Melbourne Show hence we only put in 9 entries and were stunned to find that 6 prizes were awarded.

Other notable certificate winners include:

Hannah Healy, Leah Vasiliadis, Grace Dove, Holly Faulkner and Tegan Woods

Ms Anne Luttick
Textiles and Art Teacher

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Family Maths Night for Families of Prep and Years 1, 2 and 3 Students

An Invitation

Family Maths Night offers an opportunity for you to experience a variety of hands-on maths activities with your child in a cooperative and fun environment. There will be a variety of maths games and activities to work through as a family and tips for helping your child at home.

You will come away with simple games and ideas to do at home to help support or extend the learning of Mathematics for your child.

Show your child you value their mathematical learning by coming along to this night and joining in with the games and activities.

Hope to see you there.

House 1
Marymede Catholic College (Primary School)
Enter via Gate B
25 October 2016
6.30pm – 8.00pm

RSVP by Friday 21 October.

Email rsvp@marymede.vic.edu.au to let us know how many of you will be attending.

For information, contact Numeracy Coordinator P-6, Narelle Collins via telephone or email narelle.collins@marymede.vic.edu.au

About the Presenter

With over 30 years of experience in education, Colleen Monaghan has facilitated numerous family Maths nights, Mathematics games days and parent workshops, attempting to support children in their learning of Mathematics by building strong home school links. Colleen has taught in Catholic Schools across Melbourne, worked in partnership with ACU and Catholic Education Melbourne. Colleen consults to schools and works tirelessly to improve Mathematics education within the Catholic education community. We are delighted to have Colleen's expertise in facilitating our Family Maths Night at Marymede.

Ms Narelle Collins
Numeracy Coordinator

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

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

Abdul Haider – Year 9

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, bookings are now open via PAM.

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

BUSINESS OFFICE

New Booklist Supplier – OfficeMax

During 2016 the college investigated various options for the supply Booklist items to Parents in 2017. Therefore the college has decided to use OfficeMax online from next year, we are positive this change will help parents make more informed selections and financially beneficial.

About Our New Supplier

OfficeMax Australia are proud the partner with Marymede Catholic College to provide all of your child's high school requirements for 2017.

OfficeMax has a strong heritage in the education market; our links to Australian schools date back over 100 years. Our team has significant experience in the provision of curriculum resources to Australian schools. We have over 50 dedicated School Client Executives who provide personalised support to our schools. Marymede Catholic Colleges representative has been working with Marymede Catholic College for over several years and will be supported by our expert schools team which includes Education, Textbook and Technology Specialists with decades of experience in this industry. Free home delivery is offer for all families who place their orders prior to 10pm 4 December, 2016.

Delivery

OfficeMax will deliver all orders direct to parents. All orders can be tracked online through the Australia Post e-parcel network.

Delivery Timing

OfficeMax is committed to working with Marymede Catholic College to ensure that all students and teachers are prepared with all they need to start the new school year. Orders are posted direct to parents as soon as orders are completed.

Back Orders – Covered

In the unlikely event that a product is put on backorder parents are immediately notified. Once the product is back in stock it is posted directly to parents; there is no delivery cost for backorders.

Mr Paul Romanin
Business Manager