



14 September 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Recently we had eight teams (four Primary and four Secondary) participate in the Tournament of Minds Metro Northern Regional Finals. Our Secondary Science Technology team came first in their division and will now compete in the Victorian State Finals.

The Engineering Mathematics Secondary, Science Technology Primary and Language Literature Secondary teams were awarded Honours in their division.

Congratulations to all students involved and our facilitators, Vinodh Narasimhan, Adam Thompson, Elsie Macellari, Jeremy Guzman, Josette Brancaleone, Elizabeth Batten, Angie Bedford, Beth Cilia, John Milides and Laura Wilcox.

Prep Father's Day Assembly

We had a large gathering of our Prep Fathers on Friday 1 September to celebrate Father's Day. I have no doubt that the Dads in attendance would have been most impressed with how far their children have come in a little over eight months this year.

Prep-Year 10 Parent/Teacher Student Interviews: 21-22 September

A reminder to parents that the Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews will take place for our Prep-Year 10 students on Thursday 21 September from 4.00pm to 7.00pm.

Interviews continue on Friday 22 September for Prep-Year 6 students from 9.00am to 4.00pm and for Years 7-10 students from 11.30am to 4.00pm. Interviews will take place in either the Primary Houses or the Fitness Centre.

Staff Professional Development Day: 9 October

Staff will be involved in a Professional Development day on Monday 9 October. Our facilitator is Jo Prestia and she will be providing strategies to support staff in engaging with our boys in the classroom.

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.

Our Secondary Athletics Team participated in the SACCSS Athletics Carnival which was held at Lakeside Stadium last week. The team finished fifth in Division 1 which has maintained our place in the top division for next year. Thank you to our Head of Sport, Ms Ann-Marie Kane and the coaches for their work with the students in the lead up to the carnival.

Units 3 & 4 Practice Exams: 9-11 October

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

Sports Award Evening: 11 October

We have introduced a Sports Award Evening on Wednesday 11 October for our Years 4-12 students to acknowledge the efforts of our students who have represented the college in sport this year.

The function will start at 6.30pm in the Fitness Centre. Our special guest is Channel 7 media personality, Brian Taylor. I look forward to seeing a large number of our families in attendance on the night.

School Holidays

Classes end next Thursday 21 September at 3.15pm and resume on Tuesday 10 October. Students are expected to wear their summer uniform when they return in Term 4. I ask

our secondary female students in particular to please check the length of their dresses as they may have grown over the last six months.

I wish all staff and students a relaxing holiday.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

ACTING DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY

Term 3 Conclusion

As we approach the last few weeks of term 3, I wish to take the opportunity to thank all parents for continuing to support the school community in all that it does to help foster a love of learning and develop a positive approach to learning in their children. It can sometimes be challenging to keep students engaged when the cold, rainy weather persists and seems to dampen our energy a little, but we do appreciate your vigilance in getting your children to school on time, ensuring that they wear correct uniform and supporting them in being appropriately groomed.

One of the best things about my role is having the opportunity to do classroom visits where I have the opportunity to engage with classes and individual students. The children enjoy talking to others about their discoveries, and I find myself feeling excited about all the engaging and creative learning and teaching that is happening around the school.

One of the highlights for me has been watching students grow in their confidence as they present prayers, reflections and discoveries in front of an audience. This was the case at the Father's Day Assemblies held by Prep and Year 1 and the Primary School Assembly celebrated earlier this term.

Messages to Students During Class Time

The office staff are currently being contacted during lunch and period 5 with requests from a number of parents to pass on messages to their children in regards to pick up arrangements after school. We cannot guarantee that these messages can be delivered to the students for a number of reasons:

- Teachers, including specialist teachers are in the act of teaching in period 5 and do not check emails until after school, well after the students have left the classroom.
- CRT teachers do not always have access to email.
- Classes may be at sport or in another area of the school and it is difficult to reach them or contact them.
- Teachers set their phones on 'Do Not Disturb' during class time and do not retrieve phone calls until after school.

The office and administration staff are not always able to leave their work stations to hand deliver messages to students. The exception to this would be if there was an emergency or urgent message.

We strongly urge you to make these pick up arrangements the night before, or before school and ensure your child/children know where they are to be picked up and by whom. You could possibly record the pick-up plan in their student planner if they have one. Alternatively, for the older students who have phones you can send them a text which they can retrieve after school, as per our school rules relating to the use of mobile phones.

If your child forgets where to meet you or becomes confused or anxious, instruct them to come to the Primary office and a member of staff can assist them.

I hope that the next two weeks are filled with sunshine and warmer days for all of us.

Policy Regarding Tutoring

We have had some requests from parents who have privately engaged tutors, for the school to provide specific information and activities to the tutor.

The school is happy to support the work of the tutor by:

- passing on term overviews and to inform tutors of what learning/teaching areas are being focussed on.
- making suggestions for areas of future learning for the student, based on observations and the assessment of class work.
- providing information about what teachers are focussing on in class with the student so that the tutor can offer opportunities for revision and consolidation.
- ensuring that tutors have access to the homework for that particular year level.
- Ensuring that tutors are aware that we use the Victorian Curriculum to plan the curriculum.

Teachers are able to facilitate this communication via telephone or email.

However, teachers are unable to provide copies of tests (either online or written) completed by students. We believe it is the professional responsibility of tutors to conduct their own pre-testing if they require more information about the student they are working with.

Mrs Rosemary Bennett
Acting Director of Primary

CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

Celebrating Father's Day 2017

What an amazing week we had leading up to Father's Day. Our wonderful Parents & Friends Committee prepared the Father's Day Stalls with a great selection of gifts for the special men in our families, the Prep team hosted an enthusiastic assembly for Dads and Granddads and the week culminated in the Celebration Evening in the Fitness Centre. Thank-you to the Parents & Friends who served up a fantastic BBQ dinner and our secondary students who volunteered to run activities. The evening finished with a Silent Auction of a framed and signed Melbourne Victory jumper, a raffle with great prizes and the EJ Whitten Game televised on the BIG Screen.



Inaugural Year 4 - 12 Sports Awards Evening

Our very first Sports Awards Evening will take place on Wednesday October 11, 2017, in our College Fitness Centre from 7.00pm.

Students who have been *involved in representing Marymede* in sporting competitions from Years 4 to 12 and their families are warmly invited to attend. Individual sports and year level champions will be awarded alongside recognising significant team achievements across all our representative competitions.

Special guest, Channel 7 Commentator Brian Taylor, will deliver an occasional address and present major awards.

Please confirm the number of family members attending via rspv@marymede.vic.edu.au by Friday September 22, please include your child's name in the message.

Transition to Year 7 2018

Year 6 students from external feeder primary schools will be at Marymede on Saturday September 16, undertaking Literacy and Numeracy Assessments. Marymede's Year 6 students will be undertaking these in class time over the coming month. Key dates include:

- Year 7 2018 Parent Evening – Thursday November 23 at 7.00pm in the College Auditorium.
- Orientation Day – Tuesday December 12.

Camps in Term 4, 2017

Year 4 Overnight stay at Marymede: Friday November 10.

- Information will be distributed via Caremonkey.

Year 6 Canberra Camp: Monday November 13 to Friday November 17

- Parent information evening will be Monday October 17 at 7.00pm in the College Auditorium.

Year 5 Camp: Wednesday November 29 to Friday December 1

- Parent information evening will be Monday October 30 at 7.00pm in the College Auditorium.

Ms Julia Wake

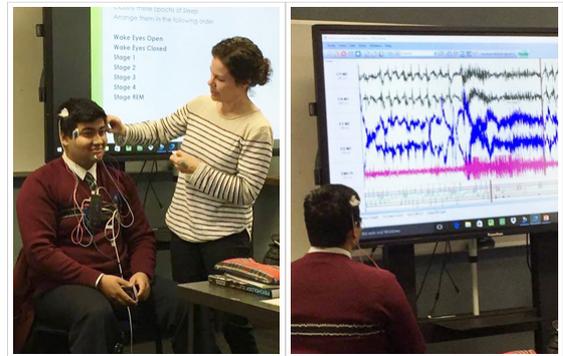
Campus Co-ordinator Prep – Year 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Sleeping for Optimal Performance – Sleep Incursion

Sleep Scientist, Julie Howes visited the Unit 4 Psychology students presenting an interactive, 1½ hour sleep education session. Ebadat (Eddie) Dhillon volunteered to be 'wired up', and we could see the electrical activity of Eddie's brain (EEG), the activity of the muscles controlling his eye movements (EOG), his heart rate (ECG) and the activity of the muscles in his body (EMG) in real time.

This provided students with a hands-on experience to understanding how sleep patterns are interpreted using technology. Julie showed students how these recordings help scientists understand the causes and effects of sleep deprivation, the importance of recovery sleep and how to better manage adolescent sleep patterns for improved personal wellbeing and academic performance.



Students in 8X participated in a junior version of this sleep incursion. In their session, Samuel Vermeulen was 'wired up' so students could see how technology can help improve our understanding of the inner workings of the human body. As Samuel moved his eyes from side to side, the EOG reading altered on the screen showing his rapid eye movements.

When he lay down in the next room (to try to sleep), students actively watched the monitors in our room recording his movements, breathing, heart rate, and brain activity. They could analyse the patterns on the screen to make judgements about what Samuel was doing. Julie discussed the basics of sleep architecture and sleep disorders with the Year 8 students, as well as strategies for improving sleep in adolescence.



Ms Nikole Cymbalak
Secondary Teacher

An Evening of Music

Last Thursday September 7, was our 'An Evening of Music' concert. This was an excellent evening of entertainment provided by our leading musicians in both primary and secondary. Ranging from individual performances to large ensembles, our students certainly demonstrated their talents by performing a range of different works in a high class forum. Morgan Brand, Sarah Mizzi and Laura Daniele emceed the evening with all instruments taught at Marymede Catholic College showcased on the night. Well done to all students that performed, it was a fantastic night of celebration.



Mr Sava Djukic
Music Coordinator Year 7-12

Top Acts Performing Arts Concert:

On Thursday November 7, the Marymede Catholic College Performing Arts Domain will present the annual "Top Acts Performing Arts Concert" to be held, for the first time, at Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre. This evening will feature top performing students of Dance, Drama and Music from curricular and co-curricular programs. The set list is being developed and selected students will receive invitation letters in the coming weeks.

Ms Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts Prep – Year 12

Morning Tea with Br. Doug Walsh and Marcellin House

On August 8 during extended tutor, the students of Marcellin house joined each other for a morning tea with Brother Doug Walsh who is now a regular visitor to our school and Marcellin House. The purpose of the morning tea was to celebrate the great success of Marcellin House students in both the Swimming and Athletics Carnival of this year, to enjoy each other's company and gather as a collective to focus on ways in which we could fundraise for those in the community who are less fortunate. The students and teachers all shared mini muffins, cookies, fruit and hot drinks.



This was also a time for students and teachers from different tutor groups to mingle and chat and to share their journey of the school year thus far. The atmosphere in House 7 was buzzing and it flowed into Brother Doug's presentation. Brother

Doug spoke mainly about Marist Solidarity and the good work they are currently conducting in the Philippines and Papa New Guinea. He spoke about his recent trip to Bougainville in Papa New Guinea where he spent time with the students of St. Josephs College, Mabiri. He explained what all our fundraising was used for such as new school uniforms, books and fees. This allows disadvantaged students to access education which they previously could not. Everybody listened intently and were in a state of awe when he finished his presentation. As a House, we hope to continue to support the brilliant work that Marist Solidarity is doing.



Ms Grace Wake, Ms Mary-Grace Nicolazzo and Ms Gabriella Agosta
Marcellin 3 and 4 House Leaders

Year 11 Media Excursion to 'Family Feud'

On August 22, the Year 11 Media class visited the set of the television game show, 'Family Feud', to be in the audience for a live taping.

As part of the area of study called 'Media industry production', students are required to demonstrate their understanding of the stages and specialist roles associated with the construction of a television program. This unique opportunity gave the Year 11 students an invaluable insight into the Australian television industry by experiencing it first-hand.

The two episodes that we participated in will air on Channel 10 on September 25 and 26.



On the set of 'Family Feud' Grant Denyer takes a selfie with Joseph D'Souza

Mr Jeremy Guzman
Head of Visual Arts

SACCSS Division 1 Athletics

On Tuesday September 5, the Marymede Secondary Athletics team braved the wind and rain to compete in the SACCSS Division 1 Athletics Carnival. In what can only be described as wintery conditions the Marymede team made last minute team changes at Lakeside Stadium to put out the strongest possible team.

On the day Marymede came away with 59 individual place getters of which, 15 were first place, 19 second place and 25

third place. Congratulations to all students who were ribbon winners on the day, and commiserations to the 25 athletes who just missed out on a ribbon placing fourth on the day.

Indiana Bodley (Year 9) and Reuben Hayes (Year 10) also performed very well on the day placing second in the overall 15 year old girls and 16 year old boys respectively. In the team events the junior girls placed second overall missing out on the top spot by just 6 points, while the senior boys missed out on the top spot by 14 points.

Congratulations to all athletes involved in the SACCSS athletics carnival and a huge thanks to coaches Mr Large, Drew Roberts and Mr Djukic for their efforts in training and preparing the team.



Ms Ann-Marie Kane
Head of Sport



Mr Scott Byrne
Year 1 Level Co-ordinator

Primary Sport News

State Soccer

Congratulations to the boys Primary Soccer Team who competed in the School Sports Victoria State Soccer Competition. This tournament consisted of the top 8 school soccer teams in the state. Marymede won their first game against Kennington Primary School Bendigo 2-0 and then had a good win against Pleasant St Primary School Ballarat 5-0.

Unfortunately they lost to Kardinia International Primary School 2-0 who then qualified to the Grand Final and won. Marymede were ranked fourth. The students have been committed to training since October last year and huge thanks to Ms Lappin who has been so committed to the team and worked hard to get the boys to this elite level.



Primary Basketball

Well done to the Primary Boys Basketball Team winning the Bridge Inn District Grand Final against St Mary's 24-4. They were undefeated all day and now progress to the next round at Mill Park Stadium on September 18. The girl's team were also undefeated all day though lost in the Grand Final by two points against Hazelglen.



Hoop Time Basketball

On Monday September 4, forty Year 6 students participated in the Hoop Time Competition at Mill Park Basketball Stadium. We entered 4 teams across different grades and our Boys All Star

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Market Fresh

The Year 1 students were recently involved in a Market Fresh incursion where they got to learn about the process of fruits from farm to table. They got to appreciate and try a variety of beautiful, colourful and fresh fruits we have in our world. Parent helpers assisted in cutting up the fruits and preparing them for our yummy morning tea. We also learnt some helpful tips of how to store our fruits.



Year 1 Father's Day event

Year 1 Dads and Grandads were invited to work with their child / grandchild on a futuristic mode of transport using recyclable materials. Some great designs and models were constructed as a part of their STEM investigation. A big thank-you to all in attendance.

team and the Marymede mixed team made finals though were unfortunately defeated. A fun day was had by all.



Division Athletics

The SSV Division Athletics were held at Meadowglen Athletics Stadium this week where 38 Primary Students participated across various track and field events. The students represented the college very well against strong opposition from 4 other districts.

- 1st place** – Tyler Sepecan – 800m
- 1st place** – Tobenna Obani – 100m, Triple jump
- 1st place** – Brodie Scrimizzi – 1500m
- 1st Place** – Jensen Miles – High Jump
- 1st Place** – Relay 12/13 years boys



Mr Gerard Large
Head of Primary Sport and House Co-ordinator

PATHWAYS

Structured Work Place Learning

With school holidays approaching it is a great time for students who are doing a VET subject to think about getting industry experience related to their VET study in the school holidays. Students need to have an employer willing to take them and get the structured work place learning form filled out and signed by the employer, a parent and the student. It must have the dates and the times the student will be at the work place. Only VET students and VCAL students can use the structured work place learning form.

Work Experience

Students who have turned 15 years of age can do work experience in the school holidays. They need an employer willing to give them placement and need to get the work experience form filled out by the employer and signed by a parent, student and the employer. Students must also attach a copy of their "Safe at Work Certificate" and "Industry Specific" safe at work certificate to the work experience form. Students can do these safe at work certificates at the following web site.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/students/beyond/Pages/quiz.aspx>

The final date that forms for work experience or structured work place learning will be accepted for placement in the next school holidays is **Monday 20 September**. No student will be covered for work cover if their forms are not into the Pathways team by this date as we need time to have the Principal approve, as well as process the forms to the employer and student once approved.

Subject Selection

It has been a busy time assisting students with subject selection in years 9 to 11. Students have been advised to pick subjects they like and enjoy, as this usually results in favourable results. It is also important that students use the VTAC site to see what prerequisites may be needed for courses they may like to do at University. Students were informed that dropping maths can limit their options.

Year 12 students

Students are busy studying and picking University degrees they aspire to get into in 2018. Some looking to TAFE, apprenticeships, traineeships or jobs. Some Year 12 students received emails with early offers to ACU for 2018. These students now need to work extremely hard to make sure they meet the prerequisites for those courses. If students or parents need any assistance with their VTAC, SEAS or Scholarship application they can make a time to meet with me using the link on SIMON or PAM. Please note that timely applications for VTAC close on **September 28**. SEAS applications close on **October 10** and Scholarship applications on VTAC close on **October 13**.

Ms Carol Fisher
Careers Co-ordinator

COMMUNITY MASS

