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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Our Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students sat NAPLAN tests last week. Data from their results allow schools to compare their student achievements against national standards. A big part of NAPLAN testing is the use of such data to influence curriculum and assessment strategies. Thank you to our Campus Coordinator, Ms Julia Wake, Director of Primary, Mrs Nicole Pegler and Primary Numeracy Coordinator, Mrs Narelle Collins.

2018 Enrolments

Families intending to take up 2018 Year 7 enrolment offers should now have returned their acceptance form to the college. Parents who have not done so are asked to please return their acceptance form without delay to ensure a place for their child next year. I can now officially confirm that we will be adding an additional stream at Year 7 in 2018.

We have also been delighted with the number of 2018 Prep enrolment applications the college has received. Interviews will take place on Wednesday 24 May in the Primary School Houses.

Seussical Jr.

Our Middle School Musical Production 'Seussical Jr.' will be performed at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre South Morang from Thursday 25 May to Saturday 27 May. The students have been rehearsing for the past four months and are very much looking forward to showcasing their talents on the big stage.

We wish the students, Ms Angie Bedford, Ms Judita Turco and Mr Sava Djukic every success with the upcoming production.

Years 9-11 Mid-Year Examinations

Semester 1 Examinations for Years 9-11 students are only three weeks away. Students should ensure they are well

prepared so that they can achieve their best. Examinations give students valuable opportunities to refine revision skills and to develop examination techniques.

No Marymede parent with children in Year 4 upwards should accept a claim by their child that they have no study to do at home. As a parent, change your question from "Do you have any homework tonight?" to "What are you going to study tonight?" The Resource Centre is open daily and extra help with subjects is available at school.

Staffing

We wish Mrs Nicole Pegler and Ms Teagan Hopkins a restful time in the lead-up up to their birth of their babies. Congratulations to Mrs Kate Tornese who gave birth to her second child, Harrison Frank Tornese on 3 May and to Mrs Melinda Muir, who gave birth to her second child, Dane Phillip Muir on 10 May.

Federal Government Funding

Over the past few weeks, there has been a lot of information in the media about the Turnbull Government's *Quality Schools* funding package and its impact on Catholic school fees.

The package proposed by the Government is a 10-year funding model, which will see significant changes to how Catholic schools are funded in the future.

Like the majority of Catholic schools, Marymede Catholic College aims to be open and accessible to all families seeking a Catholic education. That means we aim to be affordable as well.

One of the big impacts of the Turnbull Government's funding package is that Catholic school fees will have to rise.

This won't happen tomorrow, but over the next 10 years, cuts to school funding will mean fees will gradually increase.

Catholic education leaders across Australia have been working hard to make sure the Government and the Opposition understand that our students will be disadvantaged by the funding model.

Everything is being done to make sure the Turnbull Government's funding package does not become law.

That's where the Marymede Catholic College Community comes in. In coming weeks, please keep an eye out in the Newsletter for information about how you can add your voice to help prevent unreasonable fee increases.

We need to step up. Unreasonable fee increases are only a possibility at this stage – not a certainty. Parents in nearly 500 other Catholic schools in Victoria have also been asked to get ready and join the campaign.

With your help, we can make sure our politicians in Canberra are listening to Catholic schools.

Kind Regards,
Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Examinations and Study

Year 9-11 Examinations will take place in a little over 3 weeks and Year 12 Trial Examinations in just over 6 weeks. By now, students should be actively involved in a revision program to prepare themselves. For any students who are yet to start their study program, the following suggestions should assist them in getting started:

1. Create a study timetable

Draw up a schedule for the next month and fill it in with all existing commitments – school, part-time jobs, sport or extra-curricular activities. Factoring in sufficient time for sleep, family time and recreation, highlight the blocks of time available for study in a bright colour. Give each block a particular focus (for example, Thursday May 18 – Revise Maths)

2. Consult with subject teachers

Students should speak to their subject teachers – either in class or individually – to get advice on what topics and types of tasks the examination will cover. Teachers can also provide advice to students on some approaches to preparing and revising in their subject

3. Create study tools that suit you:

Using notes from class, textbooks and the resources provided by teachers, students should create tools to assist them in studying. Finding the right study tools depends on knowing how you learn best.

If you **tend to remember what you see:**

- Write things down because you will remember them better that way.
- Make study area visually appealing
- Underline the main points of what you read in an arresting colour (eg. neon highlighters)
- Write new vocabulary words on coloured index cards (or write in colour on white index cards) with short

definitions on the back and review them whenever you have spare time

- Use concept maps or mind maps.
- Use clear headings, indents, fonts, spacing, and colour coding to organise your notes in visually appealing ways.

If you **tend to remember what you hear:**

- Study with a friend so that you can talk out loud and hear the information.
- Recite out loud the things you want to remember. Read your notes **aloud** as well
- Make flashcards that you can carry with you and review **aloud**.
- Use mnemonic devices, such as songs, rhymes, acronyms etc to memorizing key information.
- Record the key points you are studying and listen to these recordings whenever possible
- Explain the material you are trying to learn to a family member or study partner.

If you **tend to remember what you do:**

- Write things down because you remember them better that way.
- When memorizing, pace or walk around while reciting to yourself or looking at a note card
- When trying to remember information, close your eyes and "write" the information with your finger in the air or on the desk.
- Keep something in your hand that is malleable. Knead or tap to a rhythm as you study.
- When reading a textbook chapter first skim through the whole thing to get a feel for what it is about, look at the summary and questions after the chapter, then go back and read the chapter carefully.

Primary Maths Night

It was fantastic to see so many families at our Primary Maths Night on Tuesday and such enthusiasm from parents to support their child's Mathematics learning. The presentation by Colleen Monaghan and the wonderful hands-on activities will have given parents plenty of great ideas to use at home to strengthen their child's confidence and understanding of Numeracy.

Another fantastic way to reinforce your child's understanding is numeracy is through the choice of picture books you read with you child at night. Just some of the fantastic books that I can personally recommend sharing with your son or daughter are:

- **Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich last Sunday.** Viorst, J. (1978) – exploring the concept of money
- **The Greedy Triangle.** Burns, M. (1994) – exploring geometry
- **How Big is a Million?** Milbourne, A. (2007) – understanding big number

- **Counting on Frank. Clement, R (1990)** – introducing estimation and mathematical curiosity

This is the smallest tip of the enormous mountain of picture books that explore mathematical concepts. For other suggests, try searching online (a google search for 'Children's Picture Books that teacher Mathematical Concepts' generates over 4 million results).

Ms Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep – Year 12

ACTING HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION

Marymede St Vincent de Paul Food Drive 2017

The focus of Marymede's social justice in term 2 is a food drive for the St Vincent de Paul society. The food we collect will assist people and families in need. Marymede community aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love and dignity and providing all members in our community with opportunities to assist in small ways through a food collection.

Each year level in the Secondary school will be responsible for bringing in certain food items. The flier below indicates this. Your son/daughter will be drop the food item in their House Tub near Founders Building.

All food donations need to be ready for the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart on Tuesday 27th June.

Thank you for your ongoing community support of our social justice programme.

Year 1 Mothers Community Mass

A very big Thank-you to all the Year 1 Mothers who attended community Mass and the Year 1 Mother's Day liturgy in the Chapel on Wednesday. It was fantastic to see the community spirit present within the chapel.



Mrs Marie Bagh

Acting Director of Faith & Mission

CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

Announcing the 2017 Parents and Friends Committee

At the recent Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting, the following parents put themselves forward and were endorsed by the group present:

Congratulations to:

Executive Committee:

President: Michael Flint

Vice-President: Jody Charles

Secretary: Kirsty Freeman

Treasurer: Habib (Bobby) Tawil

General Committee: Mina D'Este, Antoinette Fernando, Sonja Halkidis, Janeta Martin, Belinda Moutsatsos, Marianna Murphy, Melissa Pezzotto, Mia Reidy, Paula Sergakis, Adam Tricarico, Michelle Williams, Sarah Young.

Volunteers: There are many more parents who have indicated a willingness to support various events through the year also. These include: Renee Iozzo, Rachael Dwyer, Kavitha Viknesveran, Naomi Robertson, Michelle Giuliano, Regina Aparo, Lisa McBain, Levonne Ready, Vesna Emsovski, Megan Geddes, Patricia Khoury, Michele Camacho, Lara Fraumano, Natalie Grech, Sarah Connor, Priscilla Robertson, Tina Daniele, Maria Caruana, Maria Deakin, Malina Triantafylidis, Krystal Tsandefskis, Mary Tawil and Kim Yankos.

This list is by no means exhaustive and has been taken from the survey sent out earlier in the year. We appreciate all who contribute their time to the College Community. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 13, where events and dates will be confirmed for the remainder of the year.

Mother's Day Stall 2017

A big thankyou to Mina D'Este who stepped in as acting President for the P&F and co-ordinated with Renee Iozzo and Leanne Easdon, the recent Mother's Day Stall. Personally, I am thankful for the bracelet, key-ring and photo frame which were chosen with love! It was a busy week in the lead up to Mother's Day with NAPLAN occurring, so all the volunteers did a great job on Monday and Jenny Priest in the office continued to sell items throughout the week.



NAPLAN 2017

There was minimal absence from Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 last week, as students undertook the NAPLAN assessments. This will provide a snapshot of data to parents and to the College on student achievement. Students responded very well to the tasks across the Year groups, with Year 9 experiencing an examination-like set-up to prepare them for mid-year examinations. Thank you to all staff, teaching and administration who supported the co-ordination of such a large event.

Co-Curricular Program 2017

Afterschool and lunchtime activities are well and truly underway this term across the academic, cultural and sporting domains. Students have been emailed a handbook and we encourage all students to participate in at least one co-curricular activity to

broaden their experience within the College. Our staff (teaching and non-teaching) are dedicated to offering a breadth of experiences to our students from Prep – Year 12.

Ms Julia Wake

Campus Co-ordinator Prep – Year 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Legal Studies Excursion Kareenga Prison

“Crime prevention is everyone’s business.” – Harry Hall

The Year 11 and 12 students in Legal Studies embarked on a life-changing experience, and that was to visit Kareenga Prison. As part of Unit 1 and Unit 4 that deals with crime and the criminal procedure, the visit to a prison was the key to understanding how the legal system operates in response to crimes against the community.

We spoke with a panel of prisoners in regards to their crime, their family, their victims, the court system (in particular the trial process) and their experience in prison. The Correctional Centre’s point of view was very interesting as we broadened our knowledge of modern correctional issues.

As a collective, along with Ms Esposito and Ms Hack, we definitely learnt a great deal about the justice system and how the system operates to ensure the safety of the community. We all agreed that this was a once in a lifetime experience that we will never forget. It was fascinating to see how a criminal understands and interacts with the world through their eyes.

A huge thank you to Ms Esposito from the Year 12 Legal studies students for allowing us the opportunity to join your class on this trip.



Miss Eliana Abi-Yaghi

Year 12 Legal Studies Student

Do You Want to Build a Snowman

On May 2, a mobile education hub from the Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) visited Marymede to present to Digital Technologies and Media students from Years 9-12 about the game and film industries, and the impact developments in computer technology have had on the creative process. The students also learnt about the different types of career opportunities in game development, animation, and visual effects in film.

The caravan was a bit like the TARDIS from ‘Doctor Who’; inside it were rows of computers, TV screens, and neon lights. The students participated in an interactive demonstration of the software used for coding and 3D modelling by professionals in the industry. This gave them an insight into the type of work a game programmer or visual effects artist is able to do.

Below are a few photos of the Year 11 Media class using a program called Maya to build a 3D snowman.



I would like to thank Carol Fisher, our Careers Co-ordinator, for organising the visit from AIE. It was an invaluable experience for our students.

Mr Jeremy Guzman

Head of Visual Arts

Debating News

Marymede teams have made a successful start to Term 2 in interschool debating. Currently, our Year 11 A Grade team (Ajay Jay, Chirag Charan Singh, Kamaria Brancato, Ricardo Krstevski and Laura Daniele) are undefeated, with convincing wins over Assumption College in Rounds 2 and 3. Congratulations to Ajay Jay and Chirag Charan Singh who were awarded best speaker in these rounds.

In Round 2, our B Grade team took on the challenging topic of “We regret the sharing economy”. Although we were defeated, Morgan Brand, Hannah Falzon and Gabriella Agosta presented a well-prepared case.

In Round 3 our C Grade team participated in their first secret topic debate. With only one hour to prepare, Chloe Falzon, Verity Colosimo and Jackson McDonald argued that “We should impose a tax on meat consumption”. The students spoke very well and were narrowly defeated by Parade College.

Our D Grade team features many first-time debaters this year. In Round 2, Nuwin Fernando, Inuka Bopage and Nicholas Melchior presented a very persuasive case on “Why children should not play professional sports”. They spoke confidently, yet were unlucky to be defeated by Catholic Ladies College.

Nevertheless, in Round 3, arguing for the development of Antarctica, Nuwin Fernando, Regen Cairns and Nicholas Melchior, supported in preparation by Evelin Kunwar and Inuka Bopage, presented a very convincing case, defeating Mill

Park Secondary College. Nicholas in only his second debate was awarded best speaker.

Congratulations to all students and best of luck for future rounds.



The winning D Grade debating team

Languages News

Language Assistant

The Languages department is very excited to welcome Marta Scagnoli from Rome who will join us as a Language Assistant until December this year. Marta has started working with Italian classes across primary and secondary school and is really enjoying her time at Marymede. Marta has a Masters degree in Languages and is not only very fluent in English, she can also speak Spanish and Russian. We look forward to Marta sharing her passion for, and knowledge of languages with our College Community.

Italian Exchange Students

On May 24, we will welcome Gloria Codamo from our sister school Liceo Pico. Gloria will be studying at Marymede until the end of Term 2. My sincere thanks to the Chiodo Family for hosting Gloria during this time.

In Term 3 Beatrice Bortolotti will also complete exchange at Marymede from 13 July-8 August. We are seeking expressions of interest from families across the primary and secondary school who may be able to assist with hosting for a 2 or 4-week period. Hosting an exchange student is a rewarding experience and is a great way for host siblings to practise their Italian and learn about Italian culture.

Please contact Allison Lemar (Head of Languages) via email, allison.lemar@marymede.vic.edu.au or phone the College if you are interested in applying to be a host family.

Education Perfect World Championships 15 – 25 May

All language students Year 7-12 are encouraged to log on and practice languages to earn points for our school but also for individual prizes.

Ms Allison Lemar
Head of Debating and LOTE

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Mother's Day Assembly

Thank you to the mothers and special friends that attended the Prep Mother's Day Assembly last Friday

The preps were very excited to share their learning and spend this special time together.



Ms Elizabeth Batten
Prep Year Level Coordinator

Primary Sport News

Year 6 House Sport

Year 6 students have been participating in a range of activities this term in House Sport. They have completed a 4 week football clinic run by AFL Victoria. They have been scheduled in the theatre for dance classes and competed in a basketball round robin tournament. They have also completed skills sessions in basketball and volleyball. We look forward to the next few weeks where they will be introduced to ten pin bowling and orienteering.



Year 6 House Sport

The Home and Away Season for Netball and Football kicked off last Friday. Marymede played against The Lakes Primary School. Results are as follows:

AFL Football - Marymede won 84 to 0
Netball A - Marymede won 40-5
Netball B - Marymede won 12-0



Primary House Assembly/Photo Day

Reminder: House Assembly/Photo Day is on Thursday 25 May. Can all Primary students please wear their House Sport uniform for the annual House photo.

Walk to School Day

Thanks to all students who participated in Walk to School day. Congratulations to Marcellin House who had the highest participation rate and were awarded points for their House. Next Walk to School day is Friday September 15.

Hot Shot Tennis Clinic

The year one students are currently participating in the Hot Shot tennis Program run by Paul Vassallo. The students have a one hour session focusing on the fundamental skills of the game. If your child is interested in having tennis lessons at Marymede please contact Paul on:

Phone: 0413 274 964

Email: paul@vassallotennis.com.au

Website: www.vassallotennis.com.au



Mr Gerard Large
Sport and House Coordinator

PATHWAYS

We have had a busy time in Careers. Currently I am meeting with all Year 12 students. The students have been asked to use the link below to make a time to meet with me. I am very pleased to say many of the Year 12 students have made appointments. There are still some Year 12 students who have not made the effort to make a careers meeting. Can you please speak to your child if they are in Year 12 and make sure they have made a time to meet with me?

<https://calendly.com/carol-fisher-1>

Year 12 students had a presentation from ATAR Notes that was well received. University students who did very well with their ATAR spoke to Year 12 students about best practice and how to make the most of their VCE experience.

On Tuesday May 16, all of the Year 12 students went to La Trobe University for a presentation on tertiary information. It also gave them the opportunity to speak to representatives from other Universities, TAFEs and relevant organisations.

Year 10 students have also had guest speakers who have presented various topics to them in their Tuesday careers lesson. Students and parents can use the link below to make an appointment with the Careers Practitioner. Links to the Careers Website can be found on SIMON and PAM. Here you can find all the careers newsletters we send out every Monday. Loaded with all the up to date information.

<http://www.marymedecareers.com/>

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Remember, "Unplanned events and chance occurrences more often determine life and career choices than all the careful planning we do. We must love and live happily with life's surprises. That adaptation to the unexpected, the willingness to risk, and the resilience after failure are at the core of every successful career." (Howard Figler)

Ms Carol Fisher
Careers Coordinator

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

'Seussical Jr.' tickets are selling out!

With a cast of over 70, and students from Year 5-9 *Seussical Jr.* plays for three shows only at Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre, South Morang on Thursday May 25 at 7:30pm, Friday May 26 at 7:30pm and Saturday 27 May at 5:00pm

Get in quick as Friday and Saturday are almost sold out! Best availability is on Thursday night.

Ticket booking information can be found at:

<http://www.pracc.com.au/theatre/upcoming-shows/2017-marymede-catholic-college>

Seussical Jr. Production Week Schedule for Cast and Crew:

Here is a snap shot of the Production Week for cast and crew at Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre.

- **Tuesday May 23** - 9.00am - 4.30pm (Dress Rehearsals)
- **Wednesday May 24** - 9.00am-3.30pm (Primary School Performance and Final Rehearsals)
- **Thursday May 25** - 5pm - until conclusion of the show (Opening Night / Show 1)
- **Friday May 26** - 5pm - until conclusion of the show (Show 2)
- **Saturday May 27** - 2pm - until conclusion of the show (this night will be slightly later as cast and crew

will need to assist with some packing up, and there are presentations on stage immediately after the show) (Closing Night / Show 3)

Students are required to organise their own transport to/from the venue. Carpooling is encouraged! Pick up and drop off is strictly from the STAGE DOOR only (around the side, NOT the main audience entrance).



Please refer to the *Seussical Jr.* Important Final Messages document for more information.

VCE Drama Excursions

This month, the VCE Drama class have experienced a number of theatregoing opportunities. As part of their assessment they viewed *Melbourne Talam* at the Melbourne Theatre Company, and *Coranderrk* at Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre. These productions explored the journeys of Indian Australian migrants and the Indigenous Australian people affected by Coranderrk in Victoria, respectively.

As part of a new program this year, Ms Bedford selected a number of plays as extension viewing opportunities. The first of these was *Away* at the Malthouse Theatre. It was pleasing that so many senior students gave up their evening to explore contemporary theatre.



Ms Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts

Digital Technologies at Marymede

In 2017 Marymede introduced Digital Technologies as a subject for students in Primary School - Years 5 and 6 and in Secondary School - Years 8 to 10.

Currently many young people using computers, are participating as consumers of technologies, rather than creators of technologies. Students can quickly and easily navigate a graphic user interface and access apps and games

very efficiently. At Marymede the inclusion of "coding" – begins a shift away from the focus on instructing children how to use computers, applications and programs towards teaching them about how computers are built, how they work, and how to program them to instruct their function and behaviour.

Marymede's Digital Technologies course addresses the most effective ways to teach computing and supports our student's development as computational thinkers who can take a complex problem, understand what the problem is, then develop solutions using decomposition, pattern recognition, abstraction and algorithms.

By learning coding from an early age, students will acquire the skills necessary to create, design and adapt technology to meet future requirements and fill the "skills gap" that exists between the growing number of technology jobs available and those qualified to fill them. Digital proficiency is becoming a vital "foundational skill" in which students are learning "the literacy of the 21st century" that will drive Australia's future economy.

While not everyone will wish to become computer scientists or software developers, it is agreed that coding skills and digital literacy has benefits for everyone in a world in which technology features so profoundly in everyday life.



Ms Kylie Buttigieg
Digital Technologies/Computing Teacher Year 5 -12

Music Department

On Tuesday May 9, we had our Woodwind and Brass Concert in the College's Auditorium. It was a wonderful evening, and for some of our younger students, it was the first time that they had performed on stage.

Congratulations to Mr Ford and Ms Laird on a successful evening celebrating student achievement in music. Here are some photos from the evening.



Here are some of the upcoming music events for this term...

- **Thursday 8 June 2017:** VCE Music Performance Evening (College Auditorium 6:30pm)
- **Thursday 15 June 2017:** Drum Concert (College Auditorium 6:00pm)
- **Tuesday 20 June 2017:** An Evening of Music (College Auditorium 6:30pm)
- **Thursday 22 June 2017:** Piano & Violin Concert (College Auditorium 6:30pm)

- **Wednesday 28 June 2017:** Vocal Concert (6:00pm)

Private Instrumental Music Lessons 2017

Please note that we are currently accepting applications for students wishing to enrol in the College's Private Instrumental Music Program from Semester 2. Information regarding the program and the process of enrolment can be found on our college website under Application Forms.

Mr Kevin Carville
Head of Music

Knit-A-Square Is Back For 2017

The Square Knit Circle is extremely excited to be regrouping for 2017 to carry on the tremendous work we have been conducting since 2011.

In November last year, our 500+ knitted squares were packed into water-tight shipping envelopes, sent to Kascare's branch in South Africa and stitched into lovely blankets. The Marymede community contributed enough squares to warm children in the South Africa who would otherwise have been freezing. We feel extremely proud that our small contribution will become wonderful blankets, used to keep orphaned, abandoned or children with AIDS, warm.



Where To From Here

From Thursday 25 May, we hope to regroup bigger and better. Students are currently being sought to learn to knit or crochet 20cm squares that will be sent Zimbabwe, officially the poorest country in theWorld and Kascare's expanding branch.

With nearly 1,000,000 orphans alive in 2009, Zimbabwe has the highest number of orphans, in proportion to its population, than any other country in the world, according to UNICEF. As many as one in four children in Zimbabwe are orphaned as a result of parents dying from AIDS.

How Can You Help

You can become involved in two very important ways.

If you have the skills to knit or crochet a 20cm by 20cm square, please call Mrs Jenny Priest at the College, or via email: jenny.priest@marymede.vic.edu.au

Alternatively, we are welcoming all wool or knitting needles donations of any colour, size or type, with the drop off of wool or squares to be made at the Primary Reception area.

<http://www.knit-a-square.com/>

Mrs Jenny Priest
Primary Office

COMMUNITY MASS

