



14 June 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

The highlight of the past fortnight was the Year 8 Reflection Day which focused on the importance of respectful relationships and the impact of social media for our young people as they move through their adolescent years.

I congratulate the students for the positive way they approached the day and to Mrs Melinda Muir and the staff who engaged with the students in their small group discussions.

Semester 1 Reports

Our teaching staff are busily finalising their Semester 1 Reports which will be able to be accessed by parents on our College Website from Friday 29 June.

The reports will give parents a clear indication of their children's progress in the first semester and from Year 5 and upwards, their contribution to the co-curricular program.

This week, students received their Semester 2 Timetable, which begins on Monday 18 June.

Marymede Early Learning Centre Open Day

I have been delighted by the positive feedback I have received from the parents of children who have recently started in the Early Learning Centre.

This Sunday 17 June, the Early Learning Centre will be open from 12.00pm-2.00pm for prospective and current parents to tour our wonderful centre and talk to the staff.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to the Year 3 students who have recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It has been wonderful to see a number of the students and their parents attend our Wednesday morning Community Mass.

Thank you to Mrs Melinda Muir, Ms Laetitia Malusu and the Year 3 staff for helping the students prepare for this special celebration.

Term 2 Sports Association of Catholic Coeducational Secondary Schools

Thank you to all the secondary students and their coaches who have been involved in SACCSS this term. I am pleased to report that I have noticed a stronger commitment from our students to our SACCSS Competition.

A full report of our results will be made available in the final Newsletter of this term.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Examinations

Congratulations to our Year 9-11 students on their exemplary conduct in the examinations so far, this week. Results of the examinations will be available on SIMON from June 21 and students in Years 10 and 11 who are required to resit any examinations will be notified by email by Monday June 25. The resits will take place on July 2 in Upper Founders. Students who are asked to resit an examination are strongly encouraged to see their Semester 1 teacher for feedback and assistance in the final week of the term.

Adjusted Primary School Timetable

In the final two weeks of the term, there will be changes to the schedule for primary school classes to allow each of the year levels a planning day. Classroom teachers will communicate the changes affecting their classes for the fortnight. Thankyou in advance to the Primary Specialist Teachers and the Leadership Team for helping to release each of the teams for this valuable planning time.

Students with Disability Funding

As mentioned in the last newsletter, there will be changes this year to the process for funding of students with disabilities in Catholic Schools, with the National Consistent Collection of Data Survey (NCCD) being used as the basis of allocating funds to schools to support students with additional needs. For more information about the NCCD and the new approach to funding, please read through the fact sheet, or contact our Secondary Learning Enhancement Coordinator, Ms Maureen O'Hara or Primary Learning Enhancement Coordinator, Mrs Sue Kift.

Ms Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep – Year 12

HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION

2018 Winter Warmers Appeal

We are 2 weeks into our Winter Warmers Appeal and I am so pleased and thankful to our Marymede community for all the donations that have come to the College.

We still have 2 weeks to go so I would ask that we continue to work on donating items to support our local St Vincent de Paul Society giving a 'hand up' to those doing it tough.

We are collecting donation of food, toiletries items, socks, gloves, beanies, scarves and blankets.

Please see the attached advertisement for what each Primary year level and Secondary House group are asked to bring.

A message from Pope Francis: Welcome the needy

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DBU4kj51rxQ>

Upcoming McCormack Feast Day

McCormack House will be celebrating its **Feast Day on Monday 18 June.**

McCormack House is excited to be celebrating its Feast Day as it is an opportunity for students across the College to come together as a community, honouring their Patron, Irene McCormack, build House Spirit and get to know one another.

To promote House spirit and identity, we ask that all students in McCormack students wear their red house top and sports uniform on this day.

Students in McCormack House will celebrate Mass in the Chapel of Annunciation with our College Chaplain Fr John Murphy.

During lunchtime the students in McCormack House will gather to enjoy a meal and lunchtime activities together. A pizza lunch and juice box will be provided by the College.

Mrs Melinda Muir

Director of Faith and Mission Prep – Year 12

DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY

Year 4 Camp

Congratulations to the Year 4 students who participated in the Year 4 camp on Friday June 1.

They were exemplary in their behaviour and engaged respectfully and energetically in all activities. A huge thank you to the Year 4 team and all the support staff that gave so generously of their time to make this event a success.

Below are some reflections by the students in Year 4.3.

"We saw Astro, the therapy dog, on the "red carpet". I felt like a movie star! Mrs Freeman was handing out the movie tickets and then we handed them to Miss Fazzolari to enter the 'gold class cinema'. We watched "The Greatest Showman" (Shangeh Ahmadi 4.3)

"The boys slept in the Year 2 House. A funny thing that happened while we were sleeping was that Mr Byrne's was walking around like a security guard" (Naithan Thomas 4.3)

"In the morning we got to have breakfast in the staffroom. I had toast and chocolate flavoured milk. It was super yummy." (Tahnee Doulos 4.3)

"It was the best fun I've ever had and the Year 4's next year are going to have the time of their life." (Jack Payne 4.3)

"Bouncing, laughter, chattering was all I heard for the rest of the night" (Bianca Cramond 4.3)

"I loved the 2018 Year 4 Sleepover. It was amazing. It definitely prepared me for camp. My favourite part was at Latitude, climbing up the wall and sitting at the top." (Rebecca Kouts 4.3)

Bricks for Kids – Term 3 Program

We are pleased to be able to support the Bricks4Kids program again next term. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information.

Ms Rosemary Bennett

Director of Primary

STUDENT WELLBEING

Wellbeing Element: Strengths and Emotions

Wellbeing Builder: Speaking Confidently

Speaking Assertively

Pre-adolescence is a time in students' lives where risk taking is starting to become an issue where students need to learn how to say no if they don't want to participate. Working against them having the strength to say no is their overwhelming need to stay socially connected to their group of peers and friends. Many students often much prefer loyalty to the group over what they know is the safe and right thing to do. They may be timid in standing up to group and perhaps worried by members of the group who use aggressive language to encourage doing the activity.

A way to address this predicament, is to teach students how to use their strengths to speak assertively, to say what they want

to happen in a clear, firm and respectful way, so others are in no doubt of what they mean. The following is a guide of how to use confident language:

- say what concerns you – “I think someone could get hurt doing this.”
- say how you feel – “I feel very unsafe being involved in this.”
- say what you want to happen – “I am not doing this and don’t want any of you to do it either.”

There are several other types of language which are not effective in getting your message across. Use your strengths to avoid speaking in the following ways

Aggressive – you speak in a threatening and non-respectful way

Timid – you really don’t make any sort of effort or are indirect

Texting – you text to avoid personal contact.

Character Strength; Honesty

Honesty falls under the virtue category of Courage. Courage describes strengths that deal with overcoming fear. These strengths can manifest themselves inwardly or outwardly as they are composed of cognitions, emotions, motivations and decisions.

This strength involves accurately representing your internal states, intentions, and commitments, both publicly and privately. The strength of honesty is often linked to self-concordance- the extent to which your goals accurately represent your implicit interests and values. Honesty allows people to take responsibility for their feelings and behaviours, owning them, and reaping benefits by doing so.

Home Task

You speak confidently when you need to be understood clearly: including, feeling peer pressure, bullying situations and risk-taking behaviours

To speak confidently:

- say what concerns you, how you feel and what you want to happen
- for example, I don’t think this is a safe way to go home, I feel unsafe, we will go our normal way.
- practise speaking confidently for different situations.

When you speak confidently, you say what you want to say in a firm, clear and respectful way. Others are in no doubt about what you think, how you feel and what you want to happen.

Describe a time you have spoken confidently

This activity is also in the Student Planner (Upper Primary on page 136, Secondary on page 137)

Parent Wellbeing

A skill of social-emotional resilience is seeking help when you need it by reaching out to the right people. Describe a time you have done this and how you could do it more often

Quote for the week

“Think what you say and say what you think” Mick Walsh

Ms Nicole Pegler
Wellbeing Coordinator
Prep – Year 6

Mr Anthony Montemurro
Director of Secondary

CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

Mernda Rail Access Update:

Access between Old Plenty Road and Williamsons Rd will be closed over the school holidays to finish the underpass. The underpass should be fully operational by the time Term 3 begins on Monday July 16.

Temporary Carpark & ‘Kiss and Go’:

A reminder to park in the designated areas only and enter and exit in a clockwise direction. The ‘Kiss and Go’ sections across the road can be utilised also, there is often spaces available to drop children off. Any trucks that need to by-pass the queue will be supported by John Holland traffic management, please do not duck in behind a truck if they are overtaking.

Keep Marymede Tidy Campaign:

This was launched last week and got off to a great start by our Preps, who collected and sorted litter that they found across the grounds. The photos tell the story – a great deal of our litter is snap-lock bags and snack packets – please encourage your children to bring these home or place in the bins. Congratulations to our Preps, who get the points for last week!



Pat Cronin Foundation

Marymede is proud to host the Pat Cronin Foundation documentary on Monday 25th June in the Fitness Centre at 7.00pm. Local NFNL junior football clubs have been invited to attend and Pat’s parents will share their story and message. Please see the attached flyer for further details or email julia.wake@marymede.vic.edu.au.

Ms Julia Wake
Campus Co-ordinator Prep – Year 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

‘Xanadu’ Catch up- Friday 22 June

The Performing Arts team are recognising the cast and crew of ‘Xanadu’ on Friday June 22 from 3.30pm-5.30pm. We kindly remind Parent/Guardians that invitations have been sent via CareMonkey and to RSVP their child to this event for catering purposes. This event will feature popcorn,



fairfloss, a slideshow and lots of memories! We would love to see as many cast and crew as possible at this event.

Any further questions please email Mr. Jai Cameron at jai.cameron@marymede.vic.edu.au

Year 12 Drama Excursion- Solo Workshop

On Wednesday 6 June, the Year 12 Drama class visited the Melbourne Theatre Company's headquarters in Southbank to participate in a Solo Examination Workshop. Under the guidance of Meg Upton and professional actor Sahil Suluja, the students worked on key skills such as transformation and created three solo performances.



Ms. Angie Bedford
Head of Performing Arts Prep – Year 12

Hosting opportunities 2018

This year as our Sister School Program grows we are expecting the largest Japanese student exchange in Marymede's history with a total of 18 students and their teachers coming to Marymede on two different occasions. We are expanding our search for host families to take care of our guests for either of the periods listed below. Applications are now open.

July homestay (up to 7 host families still required)

- 10 Japanese exchange students (approximately 14-16 years old-boys (2) and girls (8) from Takakura High School
- Approximately two weeks from Sunday 22 July – Saturday 4 August
- They are from the town in Japan Takakura where our students will complete a homestay on the Japan Tour

October homestay

- Monday 22 October- Saturday 28 October
- Approx 7 students
- Students who haven't had an opportunity to host who meet all other conditions of exchange would be given preference to host. Preference will be given to students currently studying Japanese but others are welcome to apply)

Please fill in the application form and return via email to ashleighklar@marymede.vic.edu.au or in person **ASAP**

Host families are asked to provide all meals including lunches during their stay. We will advise of any dietary requirements. Sleeping arrangements could be a shared room with sibling of

same gender and age or their own room if available. Saturday night and Sunday the Japanese student spends with host family, sightseeing and getting to know family members. Monday – Friday, students attend school with buddies. Please note there is a pupil free day within the two-week hosting period in July where students can spend the day as they please with their buddy.

Having hosted university students from Japan previously this is a very rewarding and exciting experience.

Families who are selected to host will receive a more detailed information pack. For more information please contact ashleighklar@marymede.vic.edu.au

Ms Ashleigh Klar
Head of Languages

Social Justice Network Day

The 'Social Justice Excursion' at the 'Australian Catholic University' on Monday 28 May was a unique 'Caritas experience. Some of the BLUE REMAR students along with Mrs Di Francesco attended and we were able to listen to inspirational guest speakers from multiple organisations who discussed world issues and the difference between justice and charity.

There was an opportunity to network with other students and learn about how they promote social justice in their schools. The event also included workshops which combined group discussions and activities as well as informative presentations.

The workshops I attended were 'The Beneson Society' and 'Australia', both organisations discussed their history, goals, objectives and how they make a difference in this world and how we as young people can make an even bigger difference, through bringing awareness to people and being actively involved in communities. The speakers discussed the importance of dignity, the Catholic teachings and building self-sufficient communities to help end world poverty.

Overall the day included great activities and truly inspirational speakers who have made a huge impact on all the students who attended, this has encouraged us as young people to bring awareness to the injustices of the world and make a difference.



Miss Kolarra Moody
Year 11 BLUE REMAR

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Primary Sport

Walk to school Day

The next walk to school day is Friday June 29. Please meet at the corner of Williamson Road and Great Eastern Way. All students can wear House uniform.

Auskick

We have just wrapped up another season of Auskick at Marymede. It's great to see the improvement in the students throughout the sessions. Auskick is an annual event in Term 2 at Marymede. We also offer In2Cricket and NetsetGo Netball in Term 4 for students in Year Prep to Year 3. Registrations open in Term 3.



Division Cross Country

The Division Cross Country Competition was held on Wednesday May 30 at Bundoora Park. Thirty-Nine Marymede students qualified for the event and 11 students progressed to Regionals. Marymede had the highest number of qualifiers amongst all the schools.

Congratulations to the following students who will compete at Regionals on June 20:

Abby Mueller, Tiana Greech, Naithan Thomas, Cruz Fraumano, Joshua Gravina, Alla Bourke, Jordan Tarpkos, Lucas Keferevski, Ashton Smith-Godfrey, Ravindu Wendakoon, Rhianna Bennett

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Mr Gerard Large
Head of Primary Sport

PATHWAYS

This Fortnight the Careers Newsletter Contains

- Group of Eight (Go8) Universities
- Trades in the Army
- The STEM Hub
- News from RMIT University
 - Elite Athlete Entrance Program (EAEP)
 - Property vs. Construction: What is the Difference?
- Career in Real Estate
- Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) at La Trobe University
- Agriculture Degrees in Victoria
- Snapshot of Australian Catholic University in 2018

- News from Deakin University
 - Reminder: DeakInspire 2018
 - Upcoming Information Sessions
 - Faculty of Arts and Education - Teaching Sessions
 - Faculty of Health Information Sessions
- Monash University: Change the World with Engineering and IT
- News from the University of Melbourne
 - A Day in Melbourne - Year 11 & 12 Students
 - Study at Melbourne Webinars
- Bachelor of Business (Logistics Supply Chain Management) at RMIT
- Nutrition at ACU
- Career in Human Resources
- Animation & Gaming Courses in Victoria
- Snapshot of Monash University in 2018

Ms Carol Fisher
Careers Coordinator

PARENT'S AND FRIENDS

Colour Run Success

Children received their prizes from raising funds for the Colour Run held earlier in the term last week with our P&F volunteers spending a morning sorting and packing! Students and families raised a total of \$30,467.30 of which 56% is given to the College Parents and Friends Committee. These funds will contribute to numeracy artworks and games being placed around the grounds and provide seed-funding for what is going to be a huge fete in November.

Behind the scenes work is also occurring for the Marymede Fete, to be held on Saturday, November 10. If you would like to assist in anyway please email paf@marymede.vic.edu.au.



Ms Julia Wake
Campus Co-ordinator Prep – Year 12

COMMUNITY MASS

