



15 February 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Yesterday, our students and staff gathered in their Secondary House Groups and Primary Year Levels for an Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Our foreheads were marked with ashes reminding us of our Lenten task of finding time to reflect on how we can be better people and do more for others.

I regularly ask our students to reflect on how they can do better. As we begin our Lenten journey, it is an appropriate time to stop and ask ourselves – How do we treat others? Do we show everyone the greatest respect, care and support? If not, then what can we change or improve?

Opening School Mass

Our Opening School Mass on Thursday 8 February was a wonderful celebration of welcoming. Our College Chaplain, Fr. Martin Ashe, talked in his homily about our College Theme this year 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you'. He challenged our students to look out for others who are sad or lonely in our school community. We want Marymede to be a place where everyone feels valued.

Thank you to staff members Mrs Melinda Muir and Mr. Sava Djukic for their work in preparing this significant whole school celebration.

Prep Parents Morning Tea – 9 February

Last Friday morning a number of Prep parents attended our welcoming morning tea which was held in the primary shaded area. Thank you to the parents who were in attendance. The staff in attendance enjoyed the opportunity to mingle with many first-time parents to the college.

Induction of Student Leaders

We recently inducted our Primary and Secondary Student Leaders for the 2018 school year. I congratulate the students

in being appointed to lead the student body. The greatest responsibility of our leaders is to serve. This service includes tasks such as providing a listening ear or helping someone feel safe. It also includes the responsibility of making our school a better place for those who will follow.

Year 12 Retreat

Our Year 12 Retreat will take place at Phillip Island in the week beginning Monday 26 February. Students are encouraged to leave behind the everyday issues of study, work and sport to take time to focus on the important relationships in their lives. It is an opportunity of great value to our young people as they begin preparing for life after school. I wish both staff and students a peaceful and enjoyable time away together.

Secondary Swimming Carnival

Our Secondary House Swimming Carnival was held at the Northcote Aquatic Centre last Tuesday 13 February. Congratulations to all students who competed and to Romero House on winning the carnival. I congratulate our Head of Sport, Mrs Ann-Marie O'Hare and House Coordinators for ensuring the carnival was such a success.

The Year So Far

Classes are well and truly under way and our staff and students are getting on with the business of learning. In these early days, our upper primary and secondary students should be organising their studies by doing homework, background reading and forward planning. The level of time commitment varies with the year level, but the valuable skills of time management, organisation and task completion are pertinent to all students.

Morning and Afternoon Drop Off and Pick Up

We are now a school in excess of 1800 students and consequently, morning and afternoon dropping off and picking up of children is often a very busy time, both in the school grounds and in the nearby streets.

I ask for parental support in driving carefully in our school grounds and working with our staff on carpark duty. We have

also received complaints from residents about cars parking across driveways, particularly around the afternoon pick up.

I do appreciate your support in obeying the local council regulations. Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Information Evenings

Thank you to the Year 10 and Year 11 parents who attended our recent VCE/VCAL Information Evening earlier this week. Next Tuesday, the Year 12 Parent Information Evening will be held in the Auditorium from 7pm and will provide parents with key information to assist them to support their sons and daughters through this final – challenging – year of secondary schooling. It would be great to see all Year 12 parents on the night.

We also look forward to seeing our Year 7 parents next Monday in the Fitness Centre from 7pm at our Year 7 Camp and House Parent Evening. During this important evening, the Outdoor Education Group (OEG) will present key information about the upcoming camp – March 21-23 – and House Coordinators are looking forward to touching base with families about the Year 7s' experience in the first few weeks of secondary school.

Required Reading

The benefits of your child establishing a habit of reading regularly cannot be overstated; the capacity to read confidently and fluently is key to learning in all areas of the curriculum and at all levels from Prep to 12 and beyond.

Making reading a shared activity with your child from an early age is a fantastic way to encourage them to read as well. Research suggests that children who read with their parents are more likely to experience academic achievement. Having regular time together with a parent one-on-one as they share a book also has wellbeing benefits for children – and hopefully, for parents too.

Whatever their age, the beginning of the year is a great time to make reading together with your child a habit. Try to read together at least 5 nights a week and along the way, try some of these strategies recommended by the Department of Education:

- Read stories or passages in short sections and encourage your child explain what happened before you continue reading.
- Ask your child questions as you read – 'I wonder why they did that?' or 'how do you think they felt when that happened?' or 'what might have happened if they didn't do that?'
- Relate the events in the book to things that have happened in your child's life – eg. 'Do you remember when we went to the beach?'

- At the end of the book, encourage your child to tell you the story in their own words.
- Discuss the words that are unfamiliar to your child and show them how to look up the meanings in a dictionary or online.
- As they get older, ask your child to tell you about what is happening in the book as if they were the main character
- Encourage them to think about why particular characters do things – for example, why did boy get knock the book off the table?
- Share the task of reading – particularly with reluctant reader; take it in turns to read a page each or a paragraph each
- Model reading with expression and enthusiasm – use different voices for different characters and change your tone and volume to reflect the character's emotion – and encourage your child to do the same.

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Page_s/p4p171012.aspx

Ms Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching PREP – YEAR 12

HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION

Project Compassion

Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of the Catholic congregation and caring supporters throughout Australia to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Marymede Catholic College is proud to annually support Caritas during Lent.

This year the theme is A JUST FUTURE.

Starting on Ash Wednesday 14 February, students across the College will work on promoting justice and supporting our brothers and sisters around the world who are living in poverty.

Over the next few weeks students will learn more about how to donate to the Project Compassion Project.

2017 Food Drive

Last year the College put on a food drive for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and below is their letter of thanks to our generous community.

Dear Marymede Catholic College community,

Thank you for your generous donation to the ASRC Foodbank. Our Foodbank ensures asylum seeker families without work rights or income support are still able to access groceries. We wouldn't be able to provide that service without donations like yours.

At this stage we are seeing around 520 asylum seekers through the Foodbank each week and have found that 1/3 of these are

relying on us as their sole source of food. This is a staggering amount, but highlights the responsibility we have to our clients to ensure that enough healthy and safe food is in consistent supply until more humane immigration policies are realised by our Government.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Chony and the Foodbank Team
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

Upcoming Faith & Mission Events

- **Year 12 Residential Retreat:** Monday February 26 – Wednesday February 28

Group 1:	Students in Chisholm and McCormack CYC The Island 41-53 Church Street, Cowes, Victoria
Group 2:	Students in Romero and McAuley The Island Accommodation 10-12 Phillip Island Tourist Road, Newhaven, Phillip Island, Victoria
Group 3:	Students in Marcellin and Chanel A Maze'N Things Holiday Park & Motel 1825 Phillip Island Road, Cowes, Victoria

Mrs Melinda Muir
Director of Faith and Mission Prep – Year 12

DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY

First Term of Learning

I am happy to report that our students are well and truly settled into this first term of learning. As I walk

around the classrooms I can see lots of engaging and innovative learning and teaching occurring. In speaking to the students, they can retell all the exciting and interesting things that they are participating in as they become familiar with the expectations and opportunities of their new year level.

Last Thursday, we had the opportunity to participate in the Whole School Opening Mass for students from Years 1 -12. This celebration of the Eucharist reminds us that we are a vibrant and faith filled community that has much to be grateful for. It also allowed us to bless our incoming Student Leaders. We congratulate them all on being elected to these privileged positions within the school and I know that you join with me in wishing them well as they aspire to lead others.

School Rules and Guidelines

It is always a pleasure to see our students wearing our uniform with pride. I would like to take the opportunity to clarify some confusion relating to three uniform and grooming guidelines in particular.

Uniform - Hats

- On days when students wear normal summer uniform, they are to wear the navy slouch hat.
- On days when students have Sport and Physical Education or House Sport they are to wear their house cap.
- On days when students have performing Arts, they are to wear house uniform and house cap.
- On days where there are scheduled house or whole school events where students are advised to wear house uniform, they are to wear their house cap.

I wish all our families a happy week.

Ms Rosemary Bennett
Director of Primary

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Prep Parent Information Evening

Monday 26 February 2018 – 7.00pm – 8.00pm

The parents of our prep students are warmly invited to attend the 2018 Prep Parent Information Evening.

The evening offers a wonderful opportunity for parents to learn more about the Prep Curriculum and Home Learning Program.

We encourage our prep parents to come along to this evening as we embark on our journey together, working in partnership to provide an enriching start to their child's education.

The evening will commence at 7.00pm in the Auditorium. We remind families that due to the nature of the meeting and the limited seating available, students are not required at this meeting.

Ms Christie Ramaekers
Prep Transition Coordinator

Easter Extravaganza

On March 28 the Primary Students will participate in the Easter Extravaganza. The Year 2-6 students will participate in some fun Easter games such as Easter Egg hunt, Egg and Spoon, Bunny Hop just to name a few.

The Prep and Year 1 students will participate in the Easter Bonnet Parade. Parents are asked to make a simple Easter hat with their child at home. The parade will be held in the Fitness Centre between 9.15am to 10.00am. Parents are welcome to attend.



Bridge Inn Swimming

The Bridge Inn Swimming Carnival is on Monday February 15 at Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre. All students who have been selected for the team need to be at school at 8.25

as the bus will depart at 8.30. Parents are welcome to attend. Thankyou to all the students who have attended early morning training.

Tennis @Marymede

If your child would like to participate in tennis lesson at Marymede please email Paul Vassallo for all the details: paul@vassallotennis.com.au

Soccer @ Marymede

Football Star Academy are offering a 1-hour free soccer clinic on Wednesday February 21 for any Prep to Year 3 student. If you would like to attend, please fill in the form attached and return to the Primary Office by Monday February 19.

If you have an enquires about soccer lessons at Marymede please email Gabor vic34coach.football@sportstaracademy.com

Coles Sports for Schools

Marymede is participating in the Coles Sport for Schools Program. We would love everyone to get on board as they provide great equipment for the school.

How does it work?

For every \$10 spent at Coles, you will receive one Sports for Schools voucher.

You then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided in the Primary Office or alternatively there will be a bin at Coles in The Lakes labelled Marymede.

Every voucher you donate to your school can be redeemed for leading brand sports equipment

For every \$10 spent online, a digital voucher will be sent to Marymede.

Ms Liz Miles
Primary Sport Assistant

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Careers Newsletter

I email my **Careers Newsletter** out every Monday to all staff, Year 9,10,11 and Year 12 students and their parents. Next week articles will include the following. If you are not a parent of a student in the above classes but would like to receive a copy, then please email me and I can include you in my email list.

- Medicine at Monash University
- ADF GAP Year
- Career as an Air Traffic Controller
- News from ANU
- New Pathways to study at ANU
- Bachelor of Health Science
- Bond University College
- What is an Entrepreneur?
- Accounting Degrees at Victorian Universities

School Based Apprenticeships or Traineeships can be part of a student's VCE or VCAL program. This year we have 18 students enrolled in a school based apprenticeship. These students should consider applying for the Victorian School Based Apprentice of the Year. Students have the opportunity to win \$5,000 and represent Victoria at the Australian Training Awards. More information can be found at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/awards/Pages/vta.aspx?Redirect=1>

Marymede Careers Website. All the information you need is there from forms for work experience and structured work place learning to dates for open days at Universities. There is a link on SIMON or PAM.

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

Mrs Carol Fisher
Careers Coordinator
Carol.fisher@marymede.vic.edu.au

REGISTRAR NEWS

Safely Responsibly Respectfully

We wish to remind all families to please act safely, responsibly and respectfully around all areas of the College grounds and wider neighbourhood during drop-off and pick-up times.

We understand and acknowledge that with the growth of the College comes an increase in traffic each morning and afternoon.

It is important however, that all members of the Marymede Community respect our neighbours around the College grounds and in surrounding streets and areas such as Old Plenty Road.

We thank you for your support and co-operation.

Mr Matthew Luczek
Registrar

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to the Library for 2018

As students start to borrow resources now is a timely reminder of how many books students can borrow and the policy regarding overdue items.

Students in Prep – 3 can borrow up to 3 items each library lesson as long as three items have been returned.

Students in Years 4 – 9 can borrow up to 4 items each library lesson as long as four items have been returned.

Students in Years 10 – 12 can borrow up to 6 items each.

Students are able to borrow during recess and lunchtime during their designated days and after school.

Library resources are considered overdue after 2 weeks and overdue notices are sent accordingly. Students in Prep – 3 who have overdue books will have an email sent to parents. Students in grades 4 – 6 will have an email sent to the student.

Secondary students are emailed as their resources become overdue. If you have any queries about any overdue resources please contact the library.

Amanda Giardina
Library Technician
Calthorpe Resource Centre

School Banking

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Marymede Catholic College is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

School Banking will commence on Monday February 12 and will continue each Monday throughout the year.

Mr Suresh Gangadharan
Finance Manager

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