



1 March 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

In the week beginning Sunday 11 March, all Catholic schools in Victoria will be celebrating Catholic Education Week. The theme of the week will be 'Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy'.

Our Director of Faith and Mission P-12, Mrs Melinda Muir, our Primary Religious Education Coordinator, Ms Laetitia Malusu and a group of our students will take part in the celebration held in the city next Friday, which will include Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

At Marymede Catholic College, we take seriously our primary purpose of nurturing our students' faith. Christian teaching is central to our work and the challenge for us is to continually ensure they are included in all we do.

Lent

During Lent, I ask all members of our school community to take time to reflect on Jesus spending 40 days in the desert, where he was tempted by the trappings of the devil. It is this self-reflection and questioning that prepared Jesus for the challenges he faced in his ministry.

Let us use the 40 days of Lent to reflect on how ready we are for our ministry. Unfortunately, we cannot retreat from all of life's distractions for 40 days, but perhaps we can find a small space of silence each day to reflect and pray.

Year 12 Retreat

I attended the Year 12 Retreat on Monday and was impressed with the way our students embraced their time away together. The opportunity to escape the rush and urgency of every day experience does not come often enough, yet the need to give time to our inner selves and nurture our spiritual dimension is important. I hope the memories of these days will prove valuable to our Year 12s as they face the remaining months of the year.

Primary Bridge Inn Swimming

Congratulations to the Primary Swimming Team and their coach, Mr. Gerard Large, on winning the Bridge Inn Swimming Carnival which was held recently.

SAC Season

Our senior students who are studying VCE subjects have recently commenced their School Assessed Coursework (SACs) which in Units 3 and 4 form part of their final study scores. I encourage parents to talk with their sons or daughters about how they are managing their first SACs. Rather than leaving them to cope on their own, encourage and support them. The Year 12 journey should be travelled together for the whole year, rather than the last few weeks.

House Welcome BBQs – 6 and 14 March

A reminder that our House welcoming BBQs are coming up in the next fortnight. It is a great opportunity for our Marymede families and staff to come together as a school community. I look forward to meeting our new families and chatting with our existing ones.

Staff News

We welcome our new Psychologist, Ms Morgan Cree to the college next Monday and wish her an enjoyable and rewarding time with us.

As mentioned in a previous Newsletter, we have a number of new staff this year. I am pleased to report that they have all settled quickly into our college and are making strong connections with your children. The upcoming House BBQs will give parents a good opportunity to say hello.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Year 9 Project Based Learning

This year, the Year 9's have the opportunity to engage in a new learning program that encourages the development of their critical thinking, creativity, communication and collaboration skills through participating in a series of unique projects.

The fantastic team of teachers working alongside the students in Project Based Learning have developed a challenging and compelling program for the year with a series of projects that encourage students to increasingly embrace opportunities to engage with one another, with the school community and, eventually, with the local and wider community to develop innovative responses to problems.

In their first project, students are presented with the following scenario:

As world populations continue to grow, you are part of a group that has made a new artificial island to ease overcrowding and to promote new connections between countries which have previously been separate. A plan has been developed and countries are being paired to settle there. Your team will lead the way. Your proposed settlement will be the first of many, so it must be attractive to potential immigrants.

Students select the two countries they will pair (from a list of possibilities), they consider the five key features of their new settlement (such as language, cultural aspects, icons, new flag etc) and they need to put together a promotional presentation about their new settlement.

It has been great to see the Year 9's embracing the challenges of this new program and we look forward to seeing the collection of promotional presentations they come up with!



Prep Information Night

It was wonderful to see so many of our Prep parents at Monday night's Prep Information Evening. I am sure all the parents left the evening with new ideas about supporting their child's Mathematics learning and key information about the PAIR reading program. The PAIR reading books are now being sent home with the Prep students and are an invaluable opportunity to build the strong reading foundations essential to your child's literacy development. Remember to read the books with your child each night and then return them on Mondays to receive the next book in the program; while it may seem unusual at first to read the same reader repeatedly, by using the questions and prompts, your child will have the opportunity to develop deeper comprehension and literacy skills that benefit long-term. If any parents were unable to attend the information evening, please feel free to contact your child's teacher by email to arrange a time to meet or to ask any questions.

Exam Countdown

Examinations can seem like a long way off when you're a few weeks into Term 1. However, the benefits of regular revision program cannot be overstated. Not only does regular revision assist in moving the ideas gained in the classroom from short term memory to long-term understanding, but it can take the stress out of the examination period if students feel well-prepared and walk into examinations feeling that they have done everything they can to be ready.

For Year 9-11 students, their first examinations are scheduled just 12 school weeks from now. The Year 12 trial examinations – their first real test of their preparedness for the final exams in October – are in 14 school week's time.

Encourage your child, in the calmness of the first half of Term 1, to get themselves organised for study:

- to create a study schedule;
- to identify a system to compile their revision notes (in hard copy or online);
- to identify the environment in which they study best (on their own or with people? In silence or with music? In the morning or at night?); and
- to develop the habits of regularly revising the key ideas, skills or understandings learned in their classes that week.

In 12-14 weeks' time, they will be thanking themselves for being proactive and giving themselves the best opportunity to achieve the results of which they are capable.

Ms Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep – Year 12

HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION

Upcoming CHISHOLM Feast Day:

Chisholm House will be celebrating its Feast Day on Tuesday March 6.

Chisholm 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, Caroline Chisholm, build House Spirit and get to know one another.

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

Students in Chisholm House will celebrate Mass in the Chapel of Annunciation with our College Chaplain Fr Martin Ashe.

During lunchtime the students in Chisholm House will gather to enjoy a meal and lunchtime activities together.

A pizza lunch and cookie will be provided by the College.

Year 12 Residential Retreat

Monday February 26 through to Wednesday February 28 our Year 12 students embarked on a three day retreat to Phillip Island. The focus of the retreat was around 'Relationships,'

those we share with our friends, parents, family, teachers and God. The retreat was an opportunity for the students to reflect on their goals and dreams for the future and reinforce that good relationships can help you on your journey. The students were spoilt with intimate talks from guest speakers; Mr Michael Kenny who shared the story of his best friend who chased his dreams to become a famous opera singer and Fr Rob Galea who shared his story of how he embraced the negative and turned it into a positive and the importance of his relationship with God.

Upcoming Faith & Mission Events

- **Chisholm Feast Day** – Tuesday March 6

Mrs Melinda Muir

Director of Faith and Mission Prep – Year 12

DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY

Punctuality

Thank you to all our families who are ensuring that their students are punctual every morning. Being on time is important as it allows students to prepare for the day.

I remind you that there is no active teacher supervision before 8.20am in the mornings. In the interests of safety, we encourage you to use Before School Care if you need to drop students off well before this time.

Uniform Clarification

I would like to clarify the expectations regarding hair accessories -

- All hair accessories must be in the College colours of either ink blue or maroon.
- Accessories are available for sale at the uniform shop.
- On days when students are wearing house or sport uniform, hair accessories must still be in the College colours of ink blue or maroon. NO HOUSE COLOURS
- Items which are currently being purchased outside of the uniform shop need to be plain and small, in the school uniform colours of ink blue or maroon and be in a similar style to those available at the uniform shop.

After School Program – Bricks4kids

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer for a new initiative which the school is undertaking in the area of Science and Technology. BRICKS4KIDZ is an after-school program for students from Prep to Year 6 to use Lego to explore concepts and to participate in creative thinking and problem-solving activities with a trained facilitator.

More information, including contact details can be found on the flyer.

Mrs Rosemary Bennett
Director of Primary

STUDENT WELLBEING

The Learning Curve Positive Education and Wellbeing Program

Your wellbeing is made up of the following six *equally* important elements and no one of them on its own shows how healthy your state of wellbeing is. The elements are:

Relationships and Optimism – living optimistically and believing you and other people matter.

Positive Engagement - building your connection with yourself and the present moment.

Strengths and Emotions – being self-aware of and in charge of your emotions using your strengths.

Skills and Achievement – developing your brain's capabilities to strive, thrive and flourish.

Exercise and Health – having a healthy body, healthy mind and caring heart.

Meaning and Purpose – having passion for something bigger than yourself.

Marymede has adopted the Learning Curve Positive Education Program. You may have notice the student planners in Years 4-12 include the positive learning program and teachers will use the material and tools to support students in developing their wellbeing skill set. We strongly encourage you to interact with your child/ren using the content from both the upper Primary and Secondary Planners. Whilst the topic of the week is the same in both versions, the substance varies as it targets specific levels.

The goal of the program is for students, parents and teachers to become their best possible selves by doing some or all of the weekly activities to experience positive emotions to be socially and emotionally resilient. All of these strategies and activities are underpinned by evidence-based research, so we know they work. To create wellbeing, each week one of the elements is focused on to develop a little; from little things, big things grow.

This link opens a short video about the program:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f210QWN78Aw>

Each fortnight, an article will be published in the College Newsletter to help families understand the material and engage in discussions and activities to develop a growth mindset.

To begin the program, discuss the concept of "Healthy Body, Healthy Mind" (Upper Primary planner pg 132, Secondary Planner pg 145) Assess the routines and patterns your family has and decide on ways to improve physical and mental health.

Ms Nicole Pegler **Mr Anthony Montemurro**
Student Wellbeing **Head of Student Wellbeing**

CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

Year 7 Immunisations

The first round of immunisations is on Friday, March 2. Details have been sent home by our nursing staff. Please ensure you have returned the immunisation card by Friday.

Prep – 12 House Welcome BBQ's 2018

Invitations have been sent out for our Community House BBQ's, hosted by Marymede on the following dates from 5.30 – 7.00pm:

Tuesday, March 6: McAuley (Blue), McCormack (Red) and Romero (Purple)

Wednesday, March 14: Chanel (Orange), Chisholm (Green) and Marcellin (Yellow).

These will be opportunities for families and teachers to come together in an informal environment and get to know each other better. As per the email sent out, please 'Save the date' for your family's House. The BBQ's will take place in the around the Primary Oval, Shelter and Courtyard outside House. Our Year 7 Students will be presented with their Year 7 badge on these evenings.

College Photo Day 2018

Monday, March 5 is our photo day. All students from Prep – 12 are to be groomed according to College expectations and wearing their full summer uniform. They may need to bring their PE uniform to change into – teachers will instruct them in this.

Due to the Bridge-Inn swimming carnival and the need to reduce disruptions to the Year 5 and 6 learning time, class photos for these Year levels will be composite – a collection of the individual portrait photos which we use for Student ID Cards. This reflects the group photos available to Year 7 – 11. There will be an absentee session for those absent on Monday with date and time yet to be confirmed.

Assembly Day Timetable

In our 10 day timetable we have an 'Assembly Day' scheduled, rotating through different days of the cycle across the year. What this means is that when an assembly day is scheduled we have 6 periods in the day instead of 5, ensuring that subjects/classes are not missed on the day due to the assembly period. This applies P – 12 and provides for our House Masses, House Assemblies, Year Level Assemblies and other opportunities for students from P – 12 to gather without missing class time. Each period of the day is shortened to accommodate the assembly time, there is no change to the start and end times of the day.

Ms Julia Wake

Campus Co-ordinator Prep - Year 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Study Resources for Senior Students

The Calthorpe Resource Centre provides a valuable selection of online Lib Guides and research tools designed to assist senior students in their studies. Lib Guides have been developed for all VCE English texts and many other subject areas. These guides offer background information, links to relevant, authoritative web sites and video resources which provide a stimulus for student learning.

Marymede subscribes to several online databases of quality newspaper and periodical articles and video programs. Many of these are full text and available for download. Full bibliographic

details are readily available so that these sources can be easily cited in student work. Students are encouraged to make use of these resources which are accessible from both school and home via links from the Calthorpe Resource Centre home page. Resource Centre staff are available to assist students with the use of any of these resources. Login details are available from the Resource Centre.

Below is a list of the available databases:

EDs Discovery searches the Library catalogue, Australia/New Zealand Points of View, Australia/New Zealand Reference Centre Plus, & World Book.

Gale World History in Context provides an overview of world history that covers the most-studied events, periods, cultures, civilizations, religions, conflicts, wars, ideologies, cultural movements, and people.

Gale Issues in Context ties together authoritative content that empowers students to critically analyze and understand the most important issues of the modern world.

Echo Online covers contemporary media issues: understanding, analysing, arguing.

Clickview - educational videos and TV documentaries, news and current affairs.

Edrolo - VCE subject based video lessons, exam practice, study and planning tools.

The Replica Age Newspaper - Commencing in January 2017 this digital collection of The Age allows students to search, download and print articles.

Ms Sue Patterson

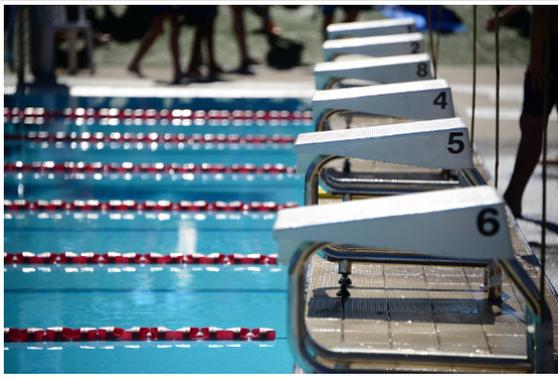
Head of Resource Centre

Secondary House Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday the 13th February, the House Swimming Carnival was held in Northcote Aquatic Centre. With the weather on our side the day started with the House point swim. The program of races shortly followed with students representing each house in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly events to try and earn points for their house team. While students raced in the pool many others encouraged and cheered from the sideline.

Prior to the relays at the end of the day all students had the opportunity to take to the pool for a second time in a second point swim. It was fantastic to see so many students willing to represent their house on the day. Although every single student who competed gave it their best, there could only be one winner. Romero came out as champions knocking Marcellin off the top spot.

On behalf of the sports department we congratulate each and every swimmer and supporter for their participation. A special thank you to the VET Sport and Recreation students who assisted with the running of the day.



The overall results were;

- 1st** Romero – 300 points
- 2nd** Marcellin – 277 points
- 3rd** McAuley & McCormack – 271 points
- 5th** Chanel – 261 points
- 6th** Chisholm – 240 points

Mrs Ann-Marie O'Hare
Head of Sport

Year 12 Drama Picnic at Hanging Rock and Good Muslim Boy Excursion

The Year 12 Drama class recently attended *Picnic at Hanging Rock* and *Good Muslim Boy* at the Malthouse Theatre, Melbourne.

Both plays are being studied by the Year 12 Drama Class. *Picnic at Hanging Rock* is being used as a stimulus in creating a devised ensemble work. *Good Muslim Boy* is on the 2018 VCE Drama Playlist that the Year 12 class will study on their written examination.

Year 12 is a great opportunity to study and experience Australian plays.



Mr Paul Nicolaidis
Year 12 Drama Student

Xanadu Tickets on Sale Soon

Xanadu follows the journey of a magical and beautiful Greek muse, Clio, who descends from the heavens of Mount Olympus to Venice Beach, California. In 1980 on a quest to inspire a struggling artist, Sonny, to achieve the greatest artistic creation of all time – the first ROLLER DISCO! (Hey, it's 1980!) But, when Clio, now called Kira, falls into forbidden love with the mortal Sonny, her jealous sisters take advantage of the situation, and chaos abounds.

Tickets for our senior musical go on sale on Tuesday the 13th of March at 9am. Tickets can be purchased via TryBooking at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/TVZH>

Xanadu Cast Announcement

Congratulations to the following students on being cast in Xanadu. The audition panel were highly impressed by the calibre of talent Marymede Catholic College has to offer. We were so impressed by the level of preparation and enthusiasm by all auditionees.

Rehearsals have commenced and we remind Students/Parents and Guardians to regularly check the rehearsal schedule to see when they are required.

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

Mt Hotham Ski Weekend 2018

The College is excited to announce that we are offering students from year 7-12 the opportunity to attend an extra-curricular, ski weekend at Mt Hotham this winter. To be considered to take part in this exciting program, students must display responsibility and endeavour in their studies and a history of involvement and participation in the full life of the College. Students who attended this program in 2017 will also need to have attended school on the Monday as agreed upon at selection.

The program includes

- 30 paying students, 3 complimentary supervising staff/adults
 - Return coach transfers: Marymede Catholic College
 - Mt Hotham
 - 2 nights' accommodation at The Snowbird Inn, Mt

Hotham

- 2 hearty cooked skiers and boarders breakfasts
- 2 evening meals including a main and dessert
- 2 day unlimited lift passes
- 2 group lessons for students
- 2 day ski or board hire, including helmets

Successful applicants will be notified via email and payment details will be made available at this time.

To register your interest for this program, student should obtain an expression of interest form via email or the secondary school office. At the bottom of this form, parents should complete the slip attached and return to the Mr Baldwin House 6 by Monday 12 March, 2018

WHEN: Friday 17 August 2018 and concluding Sunday 19 August

Departing at 2:00pm on Friday and returning back to the college around 9:00pm

WHERE: Snowbird Inn at Mt Hotham Alpine Resort

COST: \$695.00

If your child is offered a place on this program, our accounts team will invoice families to collect a 50% deposit.

Mr Jeremy Baldwin
Secondary Science Teacher

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Introducing MAPPEN

As part of our efforts to ensure that your child gets the best possible education, we are excited to announce that we will be delivering the MAPPEN Curriculum (getmappen.com). The MAPPEN curriculum represents approximately three hours of teaching time each week. Including logical integrations of literacy and numeracy, it covers the content and skills from the following areas of the curriculum:

- Science
- History
- Geography
- Civics and Citizenship
- Economics and Business
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Personal, Social and Community Health
- Design and Technologies

MAPPEN provides opportunities for students to explore content and skills through real world examples. Each term, we will deliver an eight-week learning sequence which is designed around one of the following concepts:

- Community
- Sustainability
- Social Justice
- Creativity
- Identity

- Change
- Discovery
- Connections

Over 8 terms (2 years), your child will investigate each of the concepts once. A single concept is investigated across the school simultaneously, with age appropriate content and skills being investigated at each year level. MAPPEN promotes rich conversations at the dinner table and encourages your child to ask meaningful questions about their world.

MAPPEN has a strong focus on building your child's capacity to develop questions and to plan and conduct their own inquiry. It aligns with our belief that alongside the core literacy and numeracy skills, students in the 21st Century need to have opportunities to question, wonder and create.

We encourage you to use MAPPEN units as topics for shared conversations with your child/children; precipitating meaningful questions and discussions about their world. I've attached further details of what your child will be exploring through their Guided Inquiry unit this term.

If you would like to find out more about MAPPEN you can visit the website below or talk to our MAPPEN Coordinator, Deb Molloy

<https://getmappen.com/info/>

Ms Deb Molloy
Prep – Year 6 Learning & Teaching Coordinator

Bridge Inn Swimming

Congratulations to the Marymede Primary Swim team who were crowned the overall Bridge Inn Champions at the District competition last week. Marymede won the 11 years and 12/13 years age group and came runners up by only 2 points in the 10 years. Twenty-two students have progressed to the Division Finals on March 5 at Northcote Aquatic Centre.



Primary Interschool Sport

This term the Year 5 and 6 students are participating in soccer and cricket for the weekly interschool sport program.

The Soccer Boys and Girls A Teams and the Cricket Boys A Team are currently undefeated.

This Friday we have the A Teams playing at Home against Al Siraat and the B Teams playing away at Home Harvest.



Walkathon

The Years 4 and 5 students have just participated in the annual walkathon. The results are as follows:

Year 4 - 1st place: Draw between Chisholm and Chanel

Year 5 - 1st place: McCormack



Cross Country

The Year 4 and 5 students have also competed in the House Cross Country. The results are as follows:

Year 4 - 1st Place: McAuley

Year 5 - 1st Place: McCormack

Other year level will compete in the next few weeks.



Easter Extravaganza Reminder

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

Coles Sports for Schools

Marymede is participating in the Coles Sport for Schools Program.

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 is 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 when you select the school. Please support Marymede in this fantastic promotion.

Ms Liz Miles

Primary Sport Assistant

PATHWAYS

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. In Monday 26 February edition:

- Bachelor of Health Science (Nutritional Medicine) at the Southern School of Natural Therapies
- Career as a Podiatrist
- Student Exchange Programs
- Business Degrees in Victoria
- Snapshot of Swinburne University in 2018

The University of Melbourne

Last Thursday, February 15 Year 9 students Evelyn Kunwar, Kristen Lando and Carly Pizzato went off to the University of Melbourne to learn about coding. From all reports the girls had a wonderful time and learnt something. Thank you to Mrs Pizzato for giving up her time to take the girls into Melbourne for this valuable experience.

Mrs Carol Fisher

Careers Coordinator

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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COMMUNITY MASS

MARYMEDE CATHOLIC COLLEGE
In the Heart of Mercy

COMMUNITY MASS

Marymede Catholic College celebrates Community Mass each Wednesday morning commencing at 8:00am in our beautiful Chapel of the Annunciation. This is a wonderful opportunity for all members of the Marymede Community (students, staff, family and friends) to join together in praise, reflection and worship.